

BETWEEN US!

How I (Groan!) Spent My Birthday!

Man, was I looking forward to my birthday this year! I guess I kind of always look forward to birthdays because they are such special occasions.

But this year was going to be such fun. You see I'd just gotten back from my European vacation—which was totally fantastic, as I told you in my last two columns. And I was kind of trying to get back into the routine of working and doing interviews, having recording sessions and writing some songs.

I was really getting into working again, although I did occasionally wish I was still back wandering around Europe. But then one of my managers, Jim Flood of Aarons Management asked me if I'd like to join him and his wife for a few days up at their cabin in the snow at Mammoth for some skiing. Would I?! I'd discovered skiing on my vacation and loved it, and almost a whole week of it sounded absolutely fantastic.

And the fact that it just happened to be the week of my 22nd birthday made it even nicer. So I threw together all the ski stuff I'd acquired and took off with Jim and his wife.

I can't tell you what a great feeling skiing is. It's like the closest thing to flying! It's so smooth and fast and clean. I love it.



So anyway, we got up to the cabin and I immediately headed for the slopes. But I didn't even get in one day of skiing—because I started to feel a little lousy almost as soon as I arrived! So I went to bed early, but when I woke up the next day I felt even worse. It didn't take too long to figure out that I had some sort of stomach flu. Boy, is that a rotten way to spend a vacation—and a birthday.

Would you believe I spent my entire birthday in bed sick? Yyeck!

The only nice thing about it was that it gave me a chance to catch up on reading my fan mail. There were so many nice cards and letters to read—and they really did cheer me up. It still amazes me to get so much mail from people I haven't even had a chance to meet—yet.

Lying there reading your letters made me appreciate once more just how fantastic you are—and just how lucky I am.

So it wasn't the greatest birthday I ever spent—but I did get a chance to read some of the thoughts and messages you've sent me—and that made it all worthwhile.

I'll be talking to you next month.

Love! David

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