

The year 2006

As mentioned in *the year 2005* we celebrated the New Year evening 2005/2006 in Denmark so we could make some fireworks. We have often been talking about how beautiful it would be to pass over Denmark in a clear New Year evening around midnight. The sky is completely enlightened by all the fireworks.

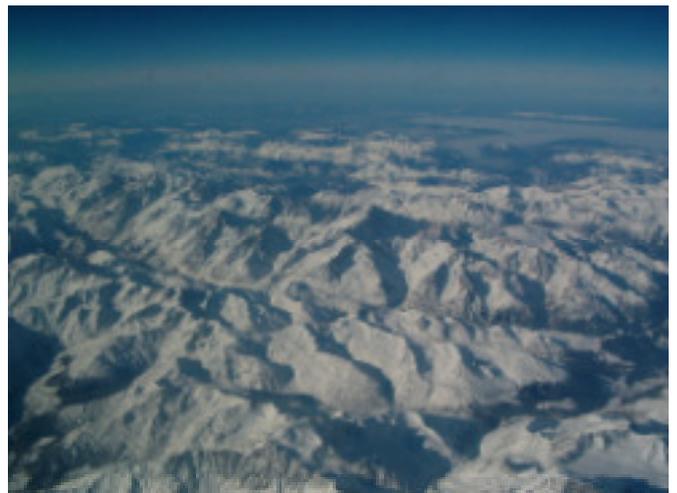
January 2 we flew to Barcelona and had a smooth drive from Barcelona to Saint Martin Lys in our rented Renault Modus. The year before Claus lost his purse and most of our credit cards in Barcelona.

We were happy not going through that this year.

As usually there were some nice, sunny and pretty warm days in Saint Martin Lys. Nevertheless we kept our promise from last year and were this time doing some downhill skiing. But our Spanish car gave us some problems because it had only summer tires. So the first day we tried to drive up to the ski resort we had to turn around and go very very slowly back down the narrow and very icy road. It was simply impossible to go up the last 5 km.

So we went down to buy some snow chain. The next days it was no problem going up to the ski resort.

We had some wonderful days skiing in a sunny and warm weather. The weather was so nice that we most of the time didn't need gloves and cap.



On our flight back we had an unforgettable nice trip over the Alps. It was so clear that we could see the ski resorts places even from a latitude at 10 km. So we were at least 6 km over the tops of mountains.

In the top of the picture one can see the Geneva Lake.

This year we have not been doing any major construction work at our french houses. So in fact we had had the time for exploring our region of France and even some of North Spain. We have had

a hard time with the language in our region of France because everybody is talking Catalane which is very different from the French we have learned. But now it's getting better and even with the side effect that we more or less can understand the people in North Spain. They are also talking a Catalane dialect.



At one of our trips to North Spain we visited the very old monastery Monserat where there is a copy of the Black Madonna. In North Spain and South France the Black Madonna is a great and worshipped saint. Monserat is located in a very beautiful landscape close to Barcelona.



In September 2006 Lars and Päivi (Cecilia's parents in law) stayed one week with us in Saint Martin Lys. We had a nice week together with some nice trips and dinners. They flew directly from Helsinki to Barcelona and drove the 275 km up to Saint Martin Lys.

In the end of July we had some nice days together with Cecilia and Teemu in their new apartment in Säkylä. The apartment is quite close to Teemu's work. So close that Teemu can walk to his job. We also visited Teemu's parents (Lars & Päivi) in Riihimäki a little north of Helsinki. It's nice to see some of Finland. If Cecilia hadn't moved to Finland we are quite sure that we had never visited Finland. And that would have been a shame – because Finland is a nice country.



Lars and Päivi at our photo location close to Saint Martin Lys.



Visiting Lars and Päivi in Riihimäki.

Unfortunately we don't have any pictures from Cecilia and Teemu's new apartment or their nice little poppy – Bella – which they had picked up just a few days before we arrived.

Next time we must remember to take some pictures.

Now we can almost say – no year without a wedding – so also in 2006 we could celebrate a wedding.

December 15 Jette and Jonas were married at the city hall in Kalundborg. We two couple of parents had a nice time with the newlyweds at a nice diner at a nice restaurant.

Once more - congratulation from us and may you have a happy life in your new house in Kalundborg.



It's a nice tradition with a wedding every year – So now we are curious to see if Klaus and Mette are following up the tradition in 2007 ☺

The year 2006 was also the year where Marianne's father could celebrate his 80th birthday. The birthday was celebrated at Carsten and Mette (a grandson). We had a nice day and would like to congratulate once more.

The year 2006 was also the year where Klaus turned 30 year. Once more congratulation from us and thanks you for a nice party.

This is just a little of our the things happening in **The Year 2006**, where

Mette	January 11	turned 27
Marianne	April 17	could celebrate her birthday
Cecilia	May 1	turned 27
Klaus	May 28	turned 30
We	June 13	could celebrate our wedding day.
Jette	June 19	turned 22
Isabella	June 22	turned 1
Nikolas	July 3	turned 3
Teemu	July 28	turned 28
Heidi	September 8	turned 29
Jonas	September 16	turned 25
Henrik	November 23	turned 28
Claus	November 27	turned 54 (and once more one year older than Marianne)
Jette og Jonas	December 15	could celebrate their wedding

