

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Gieras' Family



This year **Janina** was busy with renovation of our house in Connecticut supervising handy men. We started renovation and alterations last year and probably will not finish until 2012. We have also cut down over 20 leafy trees to replace them with pines and spruces. Felling a tree with about 1-m trunk diameter is very spectacular.



In August, **Izabella** and **Kris** moved from New York City to California. Kris has established in Pasadena a branch of his high-tech company. In November and December he participated in scientific expedition to South Pole.



Karolina and **Steven** run successfully their own business in Connecticut. Their son **Alex** turned 3 in September. Alex visits us every Tuesday and Wednesday. He loves to stay in the house of his grandparents.



Michael is a second year student of the University of Connecticut. He commutes 12 miles by car every day from home to UCon campus in West Hartford. This year he must make important decision: to study Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering or Civil Engineering. Studying Engineering means switching to campus in Storrs, which is about 26 miles away from his home. He prefers commuting to living in a dormitory.



Jacek visited Poland three times this year: two business trips and attending a funeral of his mother, who died in Lodz at the age of 92. He is now busy with the second edition of his book entitled "Linear Synchronous Motors: Transportation and Automation Systems", Taylor & Francis.