

Mountain Appears in Front of Terrified Pilot, and Other Amazing 1996 Events

It was a quite a year. Bombs exploded, planes crashed, nations crumbled, but the Chattanooga Lings emerged unscathed from every incident, probably because they were always someplace else.

- 👍 Annie finished the Marine Corps Marathon (yup, that's 26.2 long miles) in Washington, DC in October.
- 👍 Annie continued to win recognition as a Systems Analyst at Erlanger Hospital.
- 👍 Rodger left UTC and went to work at the Tennessee Aquarium, where he spends his days (and some weekends) designing web pages, writing publications, and teaching.
- 👍 Contrary to his own predictions, Rodger survived a three-day backpack trip into the Grand Canyon and went on to win ten dollars in Las Vegas, spend a night in a motel where Clint Eastwood once slept, and hike the absolutely incredible Narrows of Zion National Park.
- 👍 Rodger, who this year finally became an aircraft owner (well, a hang glider is an aircraft of sorts) spends all other days attempting to fly it. Actual conversation after one of his last flights:
 Rodger: "It just came out of nowhere!"
 Instructor: "The mountain."
 Rodger: "Yes."

👎 The reliable Cave Pinto III, tired from carrying hang gliders and pilots up Lookout Mountain, required a tuneup (after 100,000 miles without one) and a new rear end.

👍 For their 11th Anniversary in September, Rodger and Annie returned to Freeport, Bahamas for three days of SCUBA. One of the high points: a deep dive to Theo's Wreck, where a hammerhead shark was allegedly sighted.

👍 Annie and Rodger also went jetskiing and parasailing in Freeport.



- 👍 Negotiations are underway for a 5 acre bluff lot on Lookout Mountain, which coincidentally is just a few minutes from the Flight Park. The deal should close in February.
- 👍 CECA Ling, once a kitten herself living at the Ringgold Road McDonalds, gave birth to three beautiful children in July.
- 👎 Both Erlanger and the Aquarium are cutting budgets, Erlanger because of the impact of managed health care and the Aquarium because of a severe drop in visitation during the Olympics.



- 👍 Station R, the official Ling Family Website, was renovated and returned to service at a new address: www.cdc.net/~rling/home.htm.

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Photos (clockwise from center)

The Family Web Page
 Annie does a marathon
 Rodger at the Narrows in Zion
 Gabe rescues Rodger

