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HAWAII RETROSPECTIVE, 1977-2021 (AI-ENHANCED CONTENT)

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This post was written as a collaborative effort between Anna and one of the OpenAI large language models (GPT-3.5 Turbo), which used various posts and other write-ups as knowledge-base input to a RAG (retrieval-augmented generation) programming process.

My summary appears at the top, and the AI model's at the bottom. I was quite pleased with the results.

While this post is active we're going to display two slideshows of favorite photos from our Hawaii trips.

Anna's summary

The Livengoods' upcoming trip to Hawaii in April motivated me to do a post and slideshow summarizing the many times we've been there, both on our own and with family or friends.

Our first trip, in 1977, was on the Big Island, and it featured a peek at the Kilauea volcano.



In the early years, we usually went with just our immediate family. Here is the family in 1986 at Spouting Horn, and Gillian and I in 1991 hiking at Waimea Canyon. Both trips were to the island of Kauai.



In 1995 we were again on Kauai for a very special event: Ellen and Rick's wedding.



After Dick and I left our full-time jobs and began consulting, we often did “service-learning” trips, usually with Road Scholar (originally known as Elderhostel). Dick did three of those in Hawaii (2011, 2014, and 2017) at Pearl Harbor, on the Battleship Missouri. I joined him in 2014 for a trip featuring the December 7 memorial service.



In 2015 we went to Kauai with our extended family, including the grandkids. Everyone participated in the Plantation Days 5K.



For the 2021 family trip we all wore special tee-shirts, courtesy of Gillian. Here we are at Brenneke's on Poipu Beach, Kauai.



AI-generated summary

I asked the AI model to “take a look” at the same Hawaii-themed posts I used myself as memory-refreshers, and to write a short summary of our Hawaii experiences through the years. It figured out all the years we were in Hawaii, except for two not mentioned in the source material. It listed them in chronological order, along with a focus activity for each. It then returned the following summary.

“The documents provide insights into various trips and family gatherings in Hawaii over the years. They detail activities such as visiting botanical gardens, enjoying beach outings, fishing, dining at local restaurants, and participating in events like the Plantation Days 5K.

“The experiences include watching fireworks, attending luaus, kayaking, snorkeling, and exploring different parts of Hawaii like Waimea Canyon and the Na Pali Coast. The narratives also mention specific locations such as Poipu Beach, Kauai, and Oahu, highlighting activities like swimming, hiking, and enjoying local cuisine.

“Family dynamics, travel arrangements, and memorable moments like watching the Rose Bowl game or encountering wildlife are shared. The documents reflect a deep connection with Hawaii, showcasing a love for the islands through various experiences and interactions with the local culture and environment.”

Good job, GPT!

- ◀ 2025
- ◀ BATTLESHIP MISSOURI
- ◀ BIG ISLAND
- ◀ BRENEKE'S
- ◀ ELDERHOSTEL
- ◀ GPT-3.5 TURBO
- ◀ HAWAII
- ◀ HILO
- ◀ HONOLULU
- ◀ KAUAI
- ◀ KILAUEA
- ◀ KONA COAST
- ◀ MAUI
- ◀ NA PALI COAST
- ◀ OAHU
- ◀ OPENAI
- ◀ PEARL HARBOR
- ◀ PLANTATION DAYS
- ◀ POIPU BEACH
- ◀ RAG (RETRIEVAL-AUGMENTED GENERATION)
- ◀ ROAD SCHOLAR
- ◀ SPOUTING HORN
- ◀ USS MISSOURI
- ◀ WAIMEA CANYON