

# Wallace World

*Just a few stories to share from this year ... 2009*

## 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- Snow Angels ???
- No cha ching in Vegas - \$
- Huntington Park is swinging !
- Jamaica no fun maan :(
- Not back to Iraq :|
- Labor Day Beach Bums :)
- Wonder Woman meets Jon Gosselin - WT?
- World's longest Corn Hole :o
- Christmas tree hunt /\

## JAB TO JAW

We met in March, got engaged in April, and we married in May! Ha! That would be all over a span of 5 wonderful years together.

Jody Ann Brinkman (JAB) and Jason Allen Wallace (JAW) took the plunge into matrimony and merged initials into one. Some might say that's ironic, for many reasons!

We were married on Smather's Beach in Key West, Florida on May 18th, 2009. Our honeymoon was full of events similar to when we met in 2004; on a cruise, in the Caribbean.

We enjoyed every minute of our cruise, except for the last day when they delivered our bill! Ouch!

It was definitely worth it though! Key West was wonderful of course as it was our wedding day. Although it was just us, we did not feel alone as so many people were wishing us well as the "couple getting married" walked around the island so blissfully!

The white beaches of Grand Cayman were amazing. It was election day on the islands, very interesting! No drinking and no school (boy did they lose some revenue that day with 8 cruise lines visiting the island)!

Zip lining through the rainforest in Jamaica was thrilling! However, Jamaica was probably one of the scariest places



*Key West, May 2009*

ever as we were basically chased back onto the boat! All because we wouldn't support their Jamaican recreation! They wanted us to buy drugs, get caught, thrown in jail, and then they make tons of money because of our bail! Well, it didn't happen and we were back on the boat by noon! How dare we!?!? ;)

## HARDLY HOMELESS

We decided to "test the housing market" - 6 weeks later we were given 30 days before we would end up homeless! That was until our good friends allowed us to pitch a tent in their back yard for a few months. Seriously, we stayed with two wonderful friends for a couple of months and had a great

time! (even converted them to Busch Light!) Thanks guys!

During this time we made several offers on different houses but short sales take forever! When we finally had an offer accepted we closed 12 days later! Even the lender couldn't believe it!

We found an awesome house in the Pinnacle Greens and continue to get settled in. We have access to a pool, workout facility and a club house now.

Next summer, we would love to welcome all of you pool side tanners to join us as we become regular guests there!



*Our New House*

## WHEN DOGS FLY

Abby had an exciting and eventful year as well!

Abby endured her first flight ever! She decided to fly along with mommy and daddy for a weekend trip to the sunshine state. Her accommodations were first class! Not! She flew in style in her plush pet carrier while overdosing on doggie drugs! At least she wasn't part of the baggage claim, she had a special place under the seat in front of us. It was quite a trip!

We discovered that she is not a fan of the beach like her parents after all...how odd!

She was terrified of the ocean and tried to chomp each of the foamy waves as they dissipated on the beach.

After recovering from traveling and moving, a tumor was discovered in her mouth. The tumor as well as two teeth were removed and luckily she is cancer free. What a relief!

Now that she has settled into her new home, she's claimed every room to be her own and she is hoping 2010 is not as "ruff" as 2009!



*Abby helping decorate... herself!*

*"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."  
- 7-year-old named Bobby*

## JODY'S CAREER CHANGES / JASON'S STATUS QUO

(One of) Our careers has also been an element of all this year's madness.

After exploring career options other than teaching, Jody has been led back into the classroom. Leaving education was the best move she believes she could have ever made. She now has a greater appreciation for this role in education and feels this is exactly where she is meant to be... for now!

While wandering off of the path, she did discover a love of photography and has made this a part of her career as well. ([www.itsallaboutmephography.com](http://www.itsallaboutmephography.com))

Jason on the other hand, has remained content in his current role at Nationwide and is actually loving being the HMFIC, even having given up his military association.

He has made numerous trips to Des

Moines, Iowa because that is where half of his application support team is located. This year his team was responsible for saving the corporation over \$1.3 million dollars annually and have received numerous accolades of recognition.

Now that both of us are on a stable path, we look forward to 2010 with hopes that life continues to hand out lemons, so we can eat them and make funny faces!



*Merry Tahoe Christmas*

## WARM WISHES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

With all of the changes in our lives this year and some hectic schedules, we still found time to develop this amazing holiday newsletter! Ho Ho Ho...

To give explanations to a few of the highlights...

Yes, we did create snow angels in our bathing suits - while wet - we jumped back

into the hot tub! For Halloween we went as Wonder Woman and Jon Gosselin (pretty silly). While playing cornhole one day we witnessed what we think is the world's record - over 80 feet! (Guinness, put that in the book!)

At the end of last year, I ended my military career, and

it was a good thing as I would be in Iraq again right now. Best of luck to my former fellow soldiers!

We want to wish each of you the best holiday season ever and a glorious new year! Santa, if you are reading this, please bring a big game win to the Buckeyes, we like the smell of roses! Go Buckeyes!