

# Carrville Couple Revisit Pacific Paradise — Spend 1972 Holiday On Island Of Maui, Hawaii

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The familiar, scented trade winds — bringing a temperature of 74 degrees with a gentle, balmy rain — enveloped us as we descended from Pan American Flight 319 January 22 at the Honolulu Airport, Hawaii. It was nearly midnight, so we decided to spend the night at the Airport Holiday Inn and catch an early flight to the Island of Maui, our final destination, on Sunday.

Incidentally, the inn provides free transportation to and from the airport. This is an appreciated convenience as the terminal is in a state of expansion, but looks more like a disaster area to the casual eye.

Next morning, 20 minutes after taking off in Aloha Airlines' bright orange and flowered "Fun Bird", we landed at Kahului Airport, Maui. The terminal there is a very modern, open-walled rotunda with a huge banyan tree dominating the centre of the structure, and growing to its natural height through the roof of the building. A friendly tourist bureau greets passengers inquiring at their booth with an orchid and information on any detail of the lovely island.

From the west side of the airport a fabulous view of West Maui Mountains fills your eyes. By turning around you can view the hills of the windward coast in the distant lush landscape. Our first mistake was in not renting a car at the airport. As Maui has no public transportation we had to return to the airport later in the day.

On arriving at our holiday abode, Hale Pau Hana, we were happy with our choice, which, in Hawaiian, means "House of NO Work". The three buildings of Hale Pau Hana are right on the oceanfront at Kihei beach on the leeward side of the island.

The view from the lanai (balcony or porch) of our lovely third floor suite was of beautifully kept tropical gardens, a palm-lined beach and the blue Pacific stretching forever in our memory. The islands of Lanai and Kahoolawe nestled directly in front of us about 20 miles out in the ocean.

A swimming pool and shuffleboard court is in the garden and a restaurant, The Cove, is on the grounds. Lunch and dinners are served on the terrace by the water or you may dine inside in exotic decor. There are laundry facilities, car park-

ing space and an elevator for the main seven storey building.

We began each morning by watching the sun rise as we hiked, barefoot, along the white sand beaches before breakfast. This is where we made new friends and combed the beach for coral and shells. Some of the shells and coral are still bleaching-out on the table in the sun on our lanai.

Our first outing was to Lahaina, the oldest whaling port in the Pacific. The movie, Hawaii, was made here and a replica of the ship Carthaginian, used in the movie, may be seen in the harbor. The oldest missionary home, The Baldwin House, can be visited in the town. Used in the eighteenth century it is kept in repair by the state, as a museum.

The ocean to the west of Lahaina is called the Lahaina Road. This is the breeding grounds of the sperm whales which return every January to the area. We saw schools of the huge mammals frolicking with their young just beyond camera range. We could see the whales from Hale Pau Hana, too, as they made their way east past the island of Lanai and back to the open sea, starting in the first week of February.

There is excellent shopping along the waterfront at Lahaina. The Cost Less Shop has exciting wood carvings from all over the South Pacific at better prices than in Honolulu. There is a modern plaza and post office just back of the main street which we used often.

New condominiums are being built in the picturesque area of Lahaina. We talked to many folks who are finding it has the most ideal climate. These suites are all completely furnished and are reasonably priced for a retirement in paradise.

Driving back the 17 miles to our Kihei beach we reflected on how beautiful the old town of Lahaina was, nestled in thousands of acres of pineapple that run up to the mountains framing the landscape to our left, while the wild surf rushed onto the beach on our right.

An interesting short jaunt is to the factory, Marty's Coral Shack, near Kahului Airport. Here, black and pink coral is fashioned into exquisite jewellery. Visitors are welcome and the prices are sometimes half what you would pay from the retailers.

The most thrilling trip we had was to view the crater of Maui's dormant volcano,

Haleakala, in the Haleakala National Park.

The volcano dominates the whole island and is 21 miles in circumference. The park covers 23,000 acres. The lower levels have lush vegetation which becomes desert and scrub as you climb higher on the mountain road.

We followed good advice and left at 8 am and carried warm sweaters as the summit is over 10,000 feet. Clouds are usually formed by afternoon and can spoil the full view of the crater and obscure some fabulous scenes of West Maui. Kihei Beach, on the windward side from the five to eight thousand foot level. On a clear day, which is most of the time in the early morning, with its snow capped peaks, can be seen from the top.

The crater is an awesome sight. Red, black and greenish grey hills with odd shaped lava plugs and tubes roll out for miles before your eyes. Trails going down inside the crater can be seen, where more adventurous tourists hire horses or mules to inspect the fauna and lava formations at close range. There are conducted hiking trails deep into the moonlike surfaces of blacks and greens.

By writing the National Park Service of Hawaii, three months ahead, you can reserve space in cabins deep in the crater for a three-day-only stay. Everything is provided except your personal things and food. The cost is a small camping fee. The cabins hold a dozen people and the ranger told us it is a truly worthwhile experience. A ranger is in constant attendance to inform guests on all areas of the crater to be explored.

Goats, wild boar and mongooses are among the inhabitants of Haleakala Park. Pheasants, grouse and doves are seen right up to the 8,000 foot level. We saw our first sandalwood trees that the crafty sea captains bartered from the Hawaiians. They are seen singly now, not in the wild groves of the 17th and 18th centuries.

The temperature at the summit was 37 degrees with a strong wind. We were glad of the glassed-in shelters to take advantage of the views and talk with the park officer who showed slides and gave informative lectures on the area. Here we learned that Haleakala means, "House of the Sun", and was the home of Pele (PayLay) the ancient Hawaiian Goddess of Fire. A little further up the summit is the

world renowned Science City and observatories for the study of volcanos and earthquakes, and a tracking station for the U.S.A. space flights.

One of the strange plants which flourishes only in this crater is the Silverswood. This plant grows to 20 inches in height and has rapier-like leaves that flash silver in the sun. The plant might bloom from the age of seven to 40 years, flowers once and dies. The flowers growing from the centre of the bush resemble our hollyhock and can be pink to red in color.

Driving back we lunched at Kula Lodge at the 2,500 foot level. The food was excellent, served by Hawaiian girls who are always anxious to please. The surroundings were old English, with a pub, cosy chairs by the fireplace, and a marvelous view from the dining area where we saw huge cactus plants in the foliage outside our window.

Outside Kula Lodge we got slides of a 15 foot tree, called the Angel's Trumpet. It was covered in 10-inch blooms, resembling our Easter lilies but hanging upside down, in profusion.

Wherever we drove we saw flowers growing like weeds, such as orchids on bushes, poinsettias, carnations in fields, poinciana trees like huge pink or red umbrellas, and bougainvillea bushes in shades of purple, pink or yellow.

Another day we took the road to Hana along the windward coast of Maui. This 40 mile, four-hour drive is advised only after two dry days with sunshine. It is a twisting, curving, switchback, narrow highway in the sky — one minute hanging on the side of a 2,000 foot cliff with the surf crashing below, and then down through another valley of breathtaking lush tropical rain forests.

This is wild free old Hawaii, of palm trees, bamboo

forests, huge vines which leaves a yard square, tulip trees of every color, breadfruit trees, a thousand shades and varieties of greenery and a different flower at every scary turn. Several look-outs gave us some excellent shots for slides from the cliffs. Kauahana Park on the route has camping and heavenly picnic sights overlooking the crashing wild surf below.

We understood now why mud slides can wash out the road in one day's downpour. In these mountains the irrigation system that provides water for the pineapples on leeward Maui, has its origin.

Hana is old Hawaii — one main hotel and a few shops. From Hana, about 10 miles further along the road, are the Seven Sacred Pools. You can swim in the waters now, once the privilege of Hawaiian royalty only did. There are many stories from the lore of Hawaii's legendary little people concerning this part

of Hana and how the pools were built.

In Kihei Beach we dined several times at the Maui Lu resort, built and run by a Canadian couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Gibson of Vancouver Island. The couple bought the property first, as their own home site in 1956. They built a home called Fort Vancouver, with a swimming pool soon added. Friends began to visit in droves, and by 1971, they had changed their original 25-acre homestead into a truly Hawaiian paradise with 100 units to rent for a memorable, Maui vacation. Their home is now further along the beach from the resort.

Maui Lu has an Olympic-size pool built in the shape of the island of Maui. The pool is decorated as a map routes and tourist attractions on the island. The walk around the pool has directions from Maui Lu to many famous cities in the world with mileage charts done in the mosaic patterns.

There is dining and dancing under the stars in this Japanese inspired paradise with its own fruit trees, fabulous gardens, five hole practice golf course and shuffleboard. This is where we would advise anyone to spend their first vacation on Maui. We can still feel the balmy night air and remember the gay holiday spirit of our visits to this resort, see the lanterns on the Lanais that lit up the Japanese decor of the suites at night.

The towns of Kahului and Wailuku are twin cities about five miles from Kihei. Through the main street of Wailuku you bear right and drive into Iao State Park. The Iao Needle dominates the wide valleys and gorges with its height of 2,250 feet of lush greenery. From lookouts there you get some magnificent views of the rushing mountain streams, hiking trails and picnic sites. Driving west from Lahaina

along the Kaanapali and Napili shores we visited the luxury hotel complex where the Sheraton Maui, the Royal Lahaina, Maui Hilton and Kaanapali Beach offer gourmet dining and shopping to excite any taste. Golf courses and white sand beaches are open to the public in this modern part of West Maui.

Maui is well named the Valley Isle. An island of deep contrasts from desert-like leeward side to the rain forests of the windward coast. Our two weeks were over, we flew back to Honolulu and spent five days in Waikiki seeing the familiar sights. We sat out a typhoon that hit the island of Kauai and the windward coast of Oahu and did some shopping. Then, it really was time to say Mahale (thank you in Hawaiian) to the great spirit for our stay in such a heaven.


So, reluctantly, we said "Aloha" and left behind the Hawaiian dream.

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Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
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### 15 Local Air Cadets Take Familiarization Flights At CFB Downsview

Help! Snow, nothing but snow! We got ourselves snowbound at Turnhill Manor this week and still haven't dug our way out. The chateleine of this country estate has been most hospitable but we sure would like to get back to civilization. Don't know whether the runners have reached home base or not. Anyway here are some random notes for your information.

The social evening was well attended Friday of last week. Everyone "had themselves a ball," at least as far as we could see. While attending at ye old Legion we dropped by the club-room to see what was cooking. No ladies, no recipes this time — just a mild form of speech.

Don't know what our Legionnaires are or have been doing to themselves but for a time we seemed to be in the emergency ward of a hospital. Every time we looked around there was another member with a broken limb. Ray Dennis with a busted ankle, Don Franklin with a broken leg, Larry Allison with his arm in a sling, others with less serious injuries. Come on lads, we know winter has been here for quite a spell but this is no way to make it go away.

To escape this scene of carnage, we returned to the lounge and joined in the fun there. During the evening, Miss Darlene Mills drew the ticket of the mystery winner. Lucky winner was Jack Heppell (No. 35). Congratulations.

Help Wanted: For next four weeks "Smiley" George Dice-man would like bowlers for the playoffs for the Legion Mixed Bowling League. Every Wednesday at 6:45 (18:45 hours) in the ABC Lanes. For further information you may contact George at 832-8760 between 6 pm and 7 pm. Won't some of you nice people help out?

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It was sure a busy day all round on Saturday of last week. Starting the day off right, 15 air cadets of 778 Squadron attended CFB Downsview to take part in familiarization flights. Single engine Otter aircraft were used with capable hands of pilots from 400 Squadron at the controls. Accompanying the air cadets

and may you all make the most of it. Another year, another tournament. Our congratulations to Gord Mills for a tournament well run.

Are you still with us? Just a reminder that it is still March 4. Time is 2100 hours and the dance is just getting under way. Music was provided by Disc Jockey Gord Barber. He did a fabulous job spinning the platters and kept those that attended on the dance floor most of the night. Loads of fun and enjoyable company. A perfect conclusion to a busy day.

To all the members, both male) that pitched in and helped wherever needed and to the members of the ladies auxiliary that did likewise — we would just like to say a very fervent "Thank You" for just being there. It sure is appreciated.

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The District Mixed Darts Tournament Saturday of last week had Branch 375 as host. Sure will be something to watch. In the evening there will be a dance with music provided by a group from Aurora. Tickets will be available at the door.

Don't forget Monday is general meeting at the Legion Hall at 2000 hours sharp. St. Patrick's Day is Friday and there will be a social evening at the Legion. But the next night, Saturday, there will be a big St. Patrick's Dance in the Legion Hall. Guess there will be plenty wearing the green that night. Tickets will be available at the door.

Where were we? Oh yes, at March. Now we come to one of the most exciting times. International Hockey Week. From March 20 to March 26 inclusive we all get a chance to see some of the best hockey talent available. Minor hockey at its best. Why not come out some part of each day during this time and support these youngsters. They merit every bit of help that we can give them. How about it? To close out the month of March in proper style don't forget the ladies auxiliary annual Pub Nite on March 30.

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