



Alive! Around the World Contest!



Great Winners for a Great Feature!

Last October, in honor of the fifth anniversary of one of *Alive!*'s most popular features – *Alive! Around the World* – we offered a little contest. Who can take a picture with *Alive!* the farthest distance from Los Angeles?

And boy did you have fun with it. Here are the results.



Winner:
Richard Denton, DWP

DESTINATION: Tasmania (Hobart). 8,191 miles
PUBLISHED: This month

Richard wins \$100 in gift cards!



Second Place:
Reita Dillard, Retired, Airports, and Kimberly Matson, Retired, LAPD
DESTINATION: Giza, Egypt (Cairo). 7,600 miles
PUBLISHED: December 2009



Third Place: A tie!
Pablo Ninofranco (left), Retired, Harbor, and Ronald Lau (right), Public Works/Engineering (pictured with his wife)
DESTINATION: Amman/Petra, Jordan. 7,566 miles.
PUBLISHED: November and December 2009



Fourth Place:
John Gale, Rec and Parks (pictured with his wife Barbara)
DESTINATION: Meteora, Greece. 7,099 miles.
PUBLISHED: December 2009

Honorable Mention:

Our good Club friend, Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP, put up a great argument for winning the contest – he traveled an astounding 19,225 miles! Unfortunately, Richard, it was a farthest distance, not a cumulative mileage contest, so your longest trip, to Munich (6,250 miles) fell a little short. But you win the prize for most creative argument!

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Italy



Vatican Square, Rome.

"My wife, Jennifer, and I took a long awaited cruise to Spain, Italy and France. We went to La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona; Malta; Vatican City; and the Coliseum in Rome; the ruins in Pompeii; Florence; the Leaning Tower of Pisa; and the beach in Cannes."

– **Capt. Kerry DeMatos, Port Pilot, Harbor**

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Mexico



"My wife, Grace, and I spent the Thanksgiving week in Cancun, Mexico, and visited the world famous pre-Columbian city of Chichen Itza, about 120 miles west of Cancun."

– **Jimmy C. Liao**

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Greece

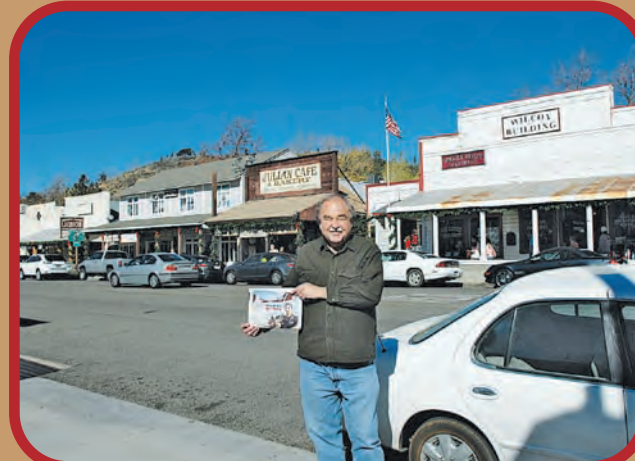


"My husband, Mike, and I took a trip to New York and Greece. The islands we visited were Mykonos, Santorini and Athens. The picture is taken in the City of Santorini, Greece."

– **Diane Gilmartin, Airports, Ontario**

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California



"Here I am in Julian, Calif. Julian is a former gold-mining town in San Diego County that is now famous for apples and apple pie. There are lots of little shops to visit there, too. It is a nice day trip from LA."

– **Gary Kotas, LAPD**

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Mexico



"Here is a picture of **PSR Illis Sarah Farell and Jennifer Lindstrom [LAPD Valley Communications Div.]** in Ensenada, Mexico, taking a three-day cruise in September."

– **Sarah Farell, LAPD**

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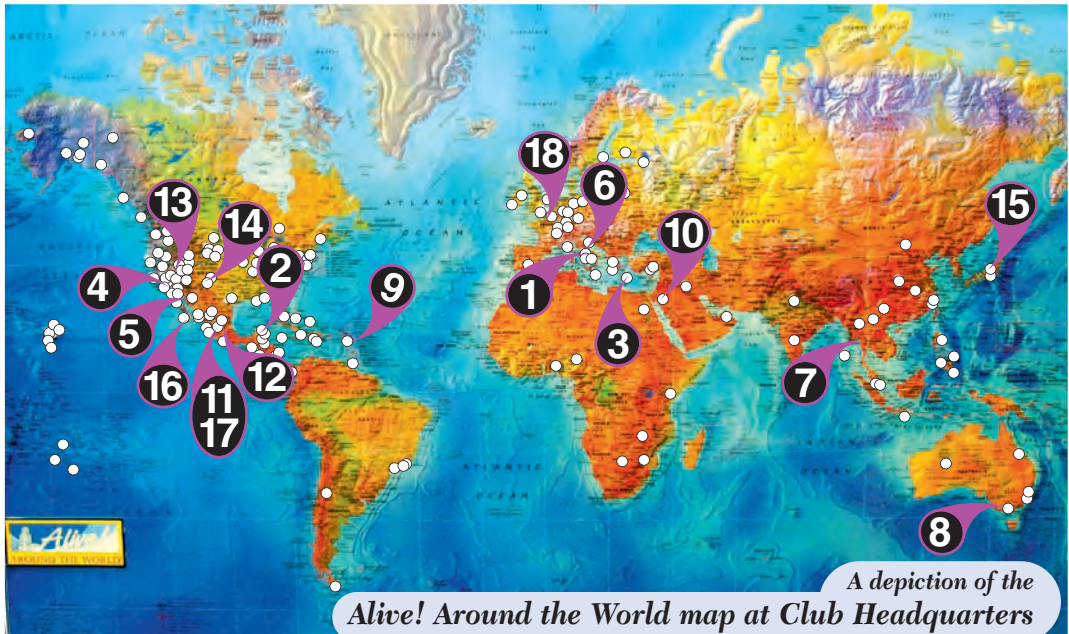
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Italy



"The picture here was taken in Bergamo, in the historic upper town, or Bergamo Alta, at the arcade adjoining the Palazzo della Ragione. The Colleoni Chapel is behind the camera, and the cathedral is out of frame to the right. I am standing on the meridiana, a monumental instrument that was installed in the pavement in 1798 and restored in 1982. It still works and marks the date with high precision at local noon each day with the projected image of the sun.

- Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory, Rec and Parks



A depiction of the Alive! Around the World map at Club Headquarters

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Thailand



"Wanda Barnett and I, Michelle Grundy, went to Bangkok, Thailand, in September/October of this year. It was a very pleasurable trip. Here we are at the Grand Palace in Thailand.

- Michelle Grundy and Wanda Barnett, DWP

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Australia



"I just returned from another visit Down Under. Here I am, looking out over the Yarra River, flowing through the heart of Melbourne, from the observation deck of the Rialto Tower."

"Take care, and keep up the great work!"

- Richard Denton, DWP

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West Indies



Before returning to our cruise ship, *The Adventures of the Seas*, we stopped by the shoreside village at the dock and snapped this photo of us with the city of Roseau in the background."

- Vincent E. Murray, Airports/LAX

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Jordan



"My wife and I just returned from our travels to Egypt and Jordan. This is our first visit to Jordan. We were awed by the sheer beauty of this country. We are in front of the monastery in Petra, Jordan.

- Ronald Lau, Public Works/Engineering

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Mexico



"I was recently in Puerto Vallarta and decided to rent a golf cart to see the sights. On my way up the dirt road to the *Predator* movie set, I managed to get the cart stuck in my search for the perfect picture for the paper."

- **Everett Bennett, Public Works/Contract Admin.**

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Mexico



Los Angeles Public Library's City Librarian Martin Gómez proudly displays his *Alive!* issue in front of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Guadalajara in Jalisco, Mexico. Martin was in town representing the City as an invited guest and featured speaker of the prestigious Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL).

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California



"This is a photo taken during a recent quick trip to Sacramento. It is the side entrance of the State Capitol Building at 11th and N Streets."

- **James Littleton, Public Works/Contract Admin.**

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New Mexico



"My wife and I visited the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, NM, this fall while on an RV trip of the western United States."

- **George Stigile, retired, Rec and Parks**

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Japan



"This photo was taken Nov. 3 at the resort town of Ginza Onsen in Yamagata Prefecture, Japan. It had snowed the night before and the air temperature was in the 40s. There were lots of one-to-two-pound trout in the local streams."

- **Rodney Haraga, retired and living in Mililani, Hawaii**

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Mexico

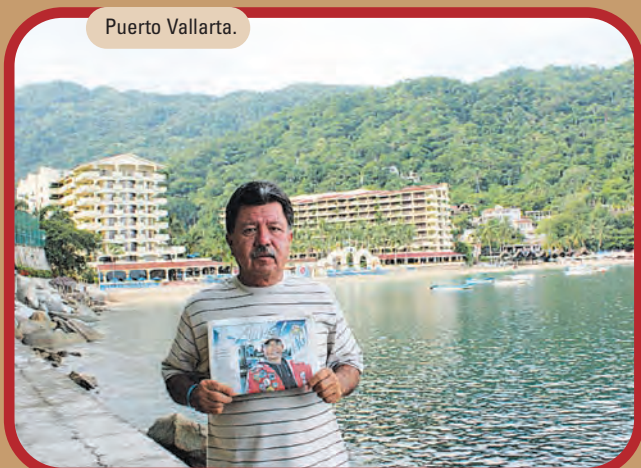


"My son, Gabriel, shows off his catch: a 100-pound sailfish. Co-worker Jorge Melara shows off his prize catch, a 450-pound marlin."

- **Alex Lopez, LAPD**

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Mexico



Puerto Vallarta.

"Our 2009 summer vacation. We traveled to Canada, Alaska, Arizona, Puerto Rico, Puerto Vallarta, Cancun and several of my grandsons' baseball tournaments in Las Vegas, Arizona and San Diego. I did not know retired life was going to be this good, but I still miss everyone from the City."

- **Mike De Leon, retired**

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France



"France: This is the American cemetery at Omaha Beach. 6,000 miles."

- **Richard Radmacher, retired, DWP**