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# **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



## **Life & Times of the Rebels of '69**

### **A Year-End Reflection on Friendship**

by **Dave Dickinson** (California)

Fishing has always been an obsession of mine, and I found the same holds true of Denny Walton. In 2016, I spent four amazing days at Denny's home just outside of Ogden, Utah—fishing, reminiscing, laughing, smoking cigars, and more fishing. All of it so good that Denny and I made plans for Utah Trip #2. So this past June 2017, I flew to Salt Lake City once again.

Denny picked me up at the airport and took me on a sightseeing trip of a lifetime. For those of you who have never been to that area of the country, Utah is absolutely spectacular. Beautiful lakes, majestic snow-

capped mountains, and outstanding weather.

All that being said, the fact that I was able to stay in contact with a fellow TFS Rebel and friend was priceless. We fished, we talked of the good old days, we kidded and laughed at each other, and, yes, smoked some more cigars.

I like to think that time spent with old friends gets added to one's life clock. So, as we reflect back on the past year and look forward to 2018, I want to take this opportunity to strongly suggest that you, too, reach out to old friends and plan those special trips. I'm sure you will be a happier person for it.

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