

# 2011 X.R.A.Y.

## Xmas Readiness Alternative survey

### WHO I AM

- In case you all forgot my name, date of birth, country of origin, current address and any other relevant statistical details, here's what you need to know: [Keven L. Lewis, 02/09/1960, 711 N Harrison Rd, East Lansing MI 48823-3018.](#)
- The person who knows me better than most that can answer gift-giving questions about me: [Joan Lewis.](#)  
The best way to contact them is: [Cell: 517-927-6078, or email lewisjoa@sbcglobal.net.](#)
- My favorites: [Back into model trains.](#) New York Central, mid 1950s. HO scale, DCC (digital control) engines.
- Due to stress/lack of stress/inactivity/activity/some combination of these, I'm currently wearing these sizes: [36 waist / 37.5 inseam pants; XL top, XXXXXL socks.](#)
- To blow off steam, I like to: [watch movies and/or DVDs.](#)
- While surfing the internet, I tend to gravitate to these sites: [eBay](#)  
What my surfing habits say about my personality: [Need to set better priorities.](#)

### WHAT I DID THIS YEAR

- A few things that happened this year that I expected: [Took 3 month vacation out west!](#)
- A few things that happened this year that I didn't expect: [Not allowed to return to Financial Analysis. Job requirements change monthly.](#)
- In my travels this year, I made it as far as: [North: Mt. Pleasant, MI; South: Orlando, FL; East: Williamsburg, VA, West: Sacramento, California](#)  
As a result, I learned to appreciate: [Driving barefoot – oddly, the slight change of angle extends my driving time.](#)
- This year my coworkers/colleagues/classmates at [Michigan State University.](#)  
...have taught me how much I enjoy (and desire): [Honest people.](#)  
...have taught me how much I dislike (and want no part of): [Michigan State University.](#)
- Projects/repairs...  
...I worked on this year: [Painting House, Replacement Windows](#)  
...I should have worked on: [Remodeling attic.](#)
- My spare time was filled up with: [tracking down train components.](#)

### WHAT I EAT

- Foods I have to avoid because of medication/distaste/diet: [wheat, corn, potato, soy, baking yeast, eggs, dairy.](#)
- Foods I can not only eat, but also enjoy: [Coconut milk / ice cream; millet / rice / flax bread.](#)
- I'd be really excited if someone made me: [homemade chocolate chip cookies.](#) [Joan has a great recipe that avoids my allergies, but never has time to make 'em.](#)
- I've now become obsessed with cooking/making/consuming the following food(s): [Baked goods.](#) [Hard to find 'em without wheat. Joan made me tons for Thanksgiving!](#)
- When I don't cook, I like these people/places to cook for me: [Joan. Outback. Sushi & Middle East restaurants generally cook w/o allergens \(the soy sauce is on the side, unlike Chinese restaurants\).](#)

### WHAT I WANT

- As far as clothing and accessories go...  
...I'd love to receive: [Land's End 36w/37.5i pleated chino pants. Socks.](#)
- I've read/watched/heard about these books/movies that I would love have my own copy of:  
In this format: [Several train books I'm interested in <http://amzn.com/w/3LKZTHPDYAJ76>; most beyond the \\$30 range. ☺](#)
- Seeing the Christmas advertisements, a few items I'd like to own but would never buy myself are: [iPad ☺](#)
- While at the local Goodwill/antique store/resale shop, I'm always on the lookout for: [Robbie, to make sure he doesn't knock over a stack of something. ☺](#)
- One of the coolest things I'd like to find in a dumpster/have found in a dumpster/have looked for in a dumpster this year: [HO NYC T-3 electric engine.](#)
- Hobbyish things I want:
  - [HO scale figures. Preiser and Marklin are the best; Woodland Scenics are locally available \(but pricey. ~ \\$15/set\)\), life-like and "made in China" are minimally detailed, but good for the inside of train cars \(seated position are good\). Get something that will make me think of you. You can frequently get good deals on ebay.](#)

- Really cheap train landscaping supplies at <http://suntekstore.com/category-360-b0-Trains.html>. It'll be after Christmas before they're delivered, but prices are a few bucks and include shipping.

#### **THE FUTURE (REAL OR IMAGINARY)**

- What I'm looking forward to in the future year: [Remodeling attic and building train layout](#).
- What I'm not looking forward to in the year to come: [Demotions at work](#).
- Next year I plan to: [Try to let go of my old job](#). Again.