

# Honey Letter 2004

We started the bee season off with enthusiasm, installing 3 packages of bees from a new supplier. Two immediately did well and seemed to thrive all summer long, but did not gather enough surplus honey for a harvest. The weak package dwindled along despite efforts to help it with large volumes of sugar water. By the fall, it was clearly vacated of bees. Inside we found about a dozen very fat furry mice that evidently had enjoyed the diet of honey and bees until Tom unceremoniously dumped them on the ground as we took the hive away. The mice had the last laugh as a phantom tickle inside Tom's shirt frightened him into dropping the large stack of frames he carried. 2004 was a bust for our honey making, but a wonderful year for our boys.



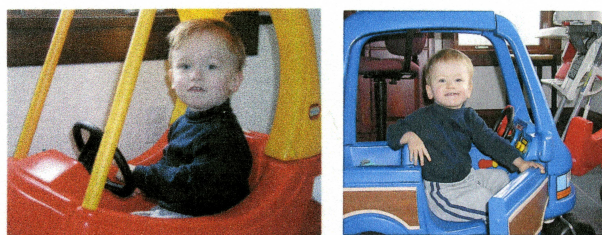
After first haircut July 04



Bunnies for Halloween



Christening in Florida May 04



In their cousins old cozy cars Dec. 04

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year**

**Aubrey, Beau, Lyse and Tom**