



Christmas, 2020

Back in the USSR, You Don't Know How Lucky You Are, Boys, To Be Back, Back, Back in the USSR

Looking over past events, we have both realized that many events in our lives were reflections of the future. At the time these events may not have seemed important, but now looking back on them we can see how they led to where we are now. Given that, what sort of vision could we have looking back on future events.

We made the following notes in March 2020, just before the virus panic really got going...

It appears that the future will see us having to make decisions on a moment's notice and implementing complex plans. For many years, if not decades, we've often found ourselves "hitting the ground running", whether it's customers who needed to start their job weeks ago for a presentation tomorrow or a panic call to do an emergency food bank pickup and distribution from a grocery store that just had a refrigerator fail. We seem to have become pretty good at getting the panic jobs done.

We'll also be working in yet new areas of technology...not just electronics and computers but a wider definition of technology involving...well...we'll have to see as we are both versed in many fields. The one thing that's obvious is we will be doing this together, we've always made a very good team. When we work together on a project the result is much better than either of us could have achieved, if we could have done it at all. So, looking at our past, what sort of things could be in the future? It seems at this point like it might be something beyond simple machines to more of a merging between man and nature.

Looking back: Sharon's a cartographer, Jerry's a simplifier. We are standing on the edge of reality...gazing into the future to try to see what will have become.

Now, here we are at the beginning of December, 2020, stuck on the wrong side of the closed Russian border in an economically failed country full of tyrannical idiots, with our customers out of work, our business closed, our old house sold and our new house almost ready for us to move into but no way to get there. We will also have to vacate our old house in California soon so the new owners can prepare to move in.

Here we sit in a muddle,
How to cross the puddle?
The spirit is ready,
But the disease is called deadly.
Oh, but to own a shuttle!

So, where will all this be taking us? Back when we were helping out the Cousteau team on the Alcyone's voyage down the California coast, we noticed a bumper sticker on one of their trucks. We asked where they got it and soon after we had a few of our own...



...well, we guess that about sums it up.

See you in the future!!!

Hope you have the best holidays you can!!!

Jerry & Sharon

Photos of our house construction are available here, newest at the bottom:

https://durandinterstellar.com/photos/Our_New_Home/

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We both have Russian phone numbers, we got them in 2018 as you pretty much can't do anything there without one. Jerry has WhatsApp and Signal and we both have Telegram and VK so if anyone wants that contact info, just let us know.