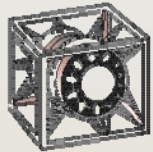
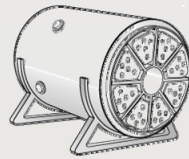


Quails in the Cosmos (and other history)

26 Feb 1979: Commander Lyakhov and Flight Engineer Ryumin bring quail eggs aboard Soyuz-32 for incubation on Salyut 6. These are the first avian embryos in space.



25 Sept 1979: Quail eggs are launched on Kosmos 1129 (biosatellite) in Inkubator-1.



6 Dec 1989: Kvant-2 docks onto Mir with Inkubator-2 (IM) among other experimental equipment.



13 Mar 1989: NASA launches chicken embryos on Discovery STS-29. The "Chix in Space" hardware was designed by a student and sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

22 Mar 1990: The first quails hatch on Mir, making Commander Solovyov and Flight Engineer Balandin the first ever cosmo-aviculturists.

3 Aug 1990: Adult quails arrived on Mir via Soyuz TM-9. One had laid an egg on the shuttle ride.



28 Feb 1999: The surviving 10 quail chicks hatched on Mir descend to Earth aboard Soyuz TM-28 with Lt. Col. Bella and Commander Padalka. They land just south of Kiyma, Kazakhstan with 3 chicks who survive descent.

7 Jul 1995: Quail embryos fixed by Dr. Thagard are returned to NASA laboratories via Atlantis STS-71 for post-flight study. This is the first participation of Americans in the quails in space effort.

1979 1981 1983 1985 1987 1989 1991 1993 1995 1997 1999

17 Nov 1989: The Velvet Revolution begins.

29 Mar 1990: Czechoslovakia becomes the Czechoslovak Federal Republic, and the SSR is no longer socialist. Days later, after a brief "Dash War," the Czechoslovak Federal Republic becomes the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (ČSFR)

19-21 Aug 1991: The August Coup attempt takes place whilst President Gorbachev is on holiday on the Black Sea.

31 Dec 1992: In what became known as the Velvet Divorce, Czechoslovakia agrees to dissolution into separate Czech and Slovak republics.

16 Dec 1991: Kazakhstan, the location of the launch site of all quail flights, Baikonur Cosmodrome, declares independence from U.S.S.R.

26 Dec 1991: The U.S.S.R. dissolves.

17 Aug 1998: The "Ruble Crisis" strikes. Russia defaults on debt and devalues the ruble.

The Slovak Socialist Republic (SSR) is part of what is officially the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (ČSSR) and has been since 1960. ČSSR has been an Eastern Bloc satellite of Soviet Union since the Warsaw Pact invasion following Prague Spring in 1968.