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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **22 Mar 1990**: The first quails hatch on Mir, making Commander Soloyov and Flight Engineer Balandin the first ever cosmos-aviculturists.
- **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.
- **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)
- **16 Dec 1991**: Kazakhstan, the location of the launch site of all quail flights, Baikonur Cosmodrome, declares independence from U.S.S.R.
- **17 Nov 1989**: The Velvet Revolution begins.
- **22 Mar 1990**: The Rs. The Velvet Divorce begins.
- **2002**: 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.

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.