

Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings!

Greetings from our island paradise, everyone! We hope you had a great year. We sure did.



In March, when it was cold and dreary in Michigan, the Coast Guard sent Bob on an international assignment to Barbados. (Yeah, tough work, but someone has to do it.) This was the view from his office. Unfortunately, Sue couldn't go too, so we had to stay in touch via video chat. But hey, that's almost like being there, isn't it?



We spent a lot of time working on the domicile again, this year. We finally got the sun porch all finished and have been enjoying it a lot.



As you can see, we have lots of help from all of the top experts.



We had some family folks over, including Bob's sisters, and we got everybody to sit still long enough to get a picture.



In the back row: Sue, our niece, Ashley Diersch, Sister Sue Carson, Shah's sons, Hameed and Naveed. In the front row: Sister Nancy, her fiancé, Shah Kahn, Bob and nephew, Matt Carson. Nancy and Shah announced their engagement just before the Holidays, on the same day Shah was awarded his PhD in Physics from Wayne State University.

This was a year of reunions. This year, Bob had his 40th high school reunion and the Shafer clan gathered in Rosendale.



In November, we accompanied Sue's Dad, Chet, to his WWII Troop Carrier reunion. He's 91 and still going strong! Of course, we went to the big airplane party at Oshkosh, too. Bob gave his usual talks for the Coast Guard and this year our plane was featured in "Warbirds in Review".



Last December, nephew, Matt Lowlor, earned his pilot certificate and has been flying with Uncle Bob.



In August, we went to Arizona for a Coast Guard Auxiliary Conference. While we were out there, we took some time to visit the Grand Canyon.



Pretty, eh? The Canyon is nice, too.

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It's been a great year, and we're looking forward to the next. We're already planning fun adventures and interesting domestic projects. We wish you a most joyous Holiday season and a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



Sue, Bob, Booger and **Tootsie**