

Finally, winter gave way to a lovely spring and summer, and we tried to spend as much time at the farm as possible.



Bob moves his new yacht to the pond.



Aren't we cute?



Sue's in charge on her Gator!



We flew some Coast Guard missions.



Bob was given a big award, and then was promoted to a new job as an Assistant National Commodore. It's a pretty big deal, and he's really stoked about it.



In the fall, we did some work at the farm, improving the driveway, adding a circle drive in the front and better access to the barn. This will mean a less muddy spring, we hope!

Of course, those are just the highlights of our year. You can see more photos at rshafer.zenfolio.com or just go to www.rshafer.net and follow the links. We invite you to follow our adventures on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/robert.shafer and/or www.facebook.com/susan.t.shafer.

We wish you a most joyous Holiday season and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Sue & Bob, & Tootsie

Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings!

Greetings from our island paradise & from our rural paradise, everyone! We hope you had a great year!

Last year's letter featured photos of our farmhouse renovation. The year 2013 ended with our first Christmas celebration at the farm, ever. A bunch of the clan came up to participate! Family and friends are the best home accessories, so it was the best kind of home improvement!



Winter hit with a vengeance, giving us snow, cold, more snow, frozen pipes, snow blown through every crack in the garage or barn doors, sub-zero cold, ice storms, high winds and more snow. Just about every week included some snow plowing at the farm. We had so much, we were running out of places to put it! Finally, spring sprung and as the snow melted, we were left with a huge spring clean up. The ice storms did a good job of pruning the trees, but they left the clean up to us. Sue liked our new wood chipper. I'd better behave, lest she get all Fargo on me!



January gave us a dose of melancholy when our little buddy, Booger, passed over the Rainbow Bridge. He left us with big holes in our hearts and lots of wonderful memories.



Tootsie has been doing her best to fill the void caused by Booger's passing. She has blossomed in the role of "only cat" and works extra hard to fill our lives with extra silly.

