

## 2007 - Catching the rays

We didn't travel a lot this year, so there isn't a lot to say or many pictures to share.

In February we again attended the Western Winter Blast fireworks convention in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. This time Jerry was co-chair of manufacturing with Sharon providing much needed assistance. The convention went well without thunder storms and with a happy ATF inspector.

We started replacing our almost 20-year old solar/gas hot water and house heating system in April. Due to age, wear, and building code changes we had to replace pretty much everything and are almost finished...finally. All the standard solar controllers on the market either didn't do what we needed, or were very expensive. Since we design this sort of thing for our clients, we decided to make our own. We mentioned this to the company we bought our solar panels from and they said they'd love to be able to sell something like that, so we're now designing a version for them to sell. The picture is the one we built for our house taken during installation.



We both worked on the Monte Rio fireworks show again and Jerry also worked on the Pittsburg barge show, both in California. All went well, everything blew up that was supposed to and nothing that wasn't. The picture is Jerry on the barge crossing the San Francisco Bay.



This year we had a bumper crop of peaches from our two trees and spent the end of July drying, freezing, and canning them. Now the kiwis are almost ready to pick and store. It's a good thing we like fruit.

We decided to take a vacation where we didn't do any work, so we spent a week at Avila Beach, California doing a lot of nothing. We hiked the parks, browsed the local towns, and soaked in the hot springs.

We wish you all the happiness of the Season and the best for the New Year.

Jerry & Sharon

