



2009 – A Fowl Year

The economic slowdown has prevented us from traveling this year, so we didn't attend Western Winter Blast in February and didn't make it to any hot springs. We spent most of the year working on the house and making improvements to our lighting control products.

We've started making plans and gathering materials to redo our kitchen counters which really need it. We found tiles and a new sink at very good prices.

Our last dove died the previous year and we wanted some more feathered pets. In February we purchased three Rhode Island Red pullet chicks and started converting a shed into a coop as well as constructing a predator proof run for them. Unlike most pets, they have the advantages of weeding, debugging, and fertilizing the garden, and providing us with eggs.

In April we finished the coop after being delayed by heavy spring rain. The chickens moved in and happily adopted this as their new home.

Over the summer Sharon built a marble-topped kneading table that she'd wanted for a long time. The marble was purchased years ago at a sale and Sharon had been using it on a counter top but the table is at a better height for her and very sturdy.

All three chickens started laying eggs in early July and we were getting 3 eggs per day until they started slowing for the winter in October.

In July we worked on two fireworks shows in San Mateo and San Pablo. They were both hand fired shows. In September we worked on a very small fireworks display for a car show in San Jose.

A pleasurable Thanksgiving dinner was spent with friends we hadn't seen for a long time.

As always, our pictures are at www.interstellar.com/photos/.

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

Jerry & Sharon



Jerry and Sharon at a fireworks show in July



Six days old



Coop, Sweet Coop



Almost full grown