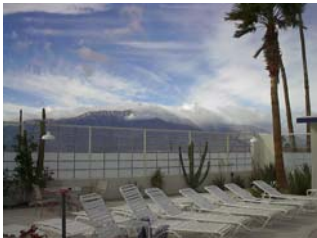




## 2008 – Treading the Waters

This year was pretty normal with us working on client's jobs as well as continuing our remodeling. But, we did manage to get a little traveling in.

In February, Jerry, with Sharon's assistance, was co-chair of manufacturing again at the Western Winter Blast fireworks convention in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. He also made another assortment of long-stemmed rockets which worked quite well.



On the way home we stopped at Living Waters Spa in Desert Hot Springs, CA for a couple of days of relaxing in their hot spring after 14 hour days at the convention.

For our 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April we spent the day at Mercy Hot springs not too far from home (sorry, no pictures).

In June, we released a new version of our lighting controller; this is the third major update since we started selling them in 1999. If you watch network TV, odds are you've seen one of these in use. The desktop CNC milling machine we purchased last year makes building these a lot easier and makes them look more professional.



In July, Jerry was on the barge again for the Pittsburg, CA fireworks show. It's been a quiet year for us as far as fireworks go.

In July and August, we canned several dozen quarts of apricots and peaches. After all that work we decided to purchase a large power dehydrator to add some variety. So far we've only run a test batch and it seems to work quite well.

We're looking forward to getting a lot of use out of it next season.

We had planned a trip to New Mexico in September, but at the last minute were informed that the condo was undergoing major remodeling. Instead we spent a quiet week at Villa Mykonos in Cathedral City, CA with a stop at Living Waters Spa. The picture is us cooling off at a waterfall in Tahquitz Canyon while on a hike in the hot desert sun.

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

**Jerry & Sharon**

