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LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

When you become commander (or any officer) of a squadron or district, there are at least EIGHT leadership qualities that you should try to follow:

1. ·**Patience** – tolerate delays or problems without getting angry or upset.
2. ·**Kindness** – be friendly, generous, considerate, and give attention, appreciation, and encouragement to others.
3. ·**Humility** – have a modest view of your own importance and be authentic without pretense or arrogance.
4. ·**Respectfulness** – be courteous and treat others as important people.
5. ·**Selflessness** – have concern more with the needs and wishes of others than with your own.
6. ·**Forgiveness** – let go of resentment and anger for an act that has hurt or offended you.
7. ·**Honesty** – have integrity and be free from deception.
8. ·**Commitment** – stick to your choices.

The above qualities are certainly not always easy to follow, but they are the “**Cardinal Points**” for a happy and successful leadership experience. Indeed, for all inter-personal relationships.

Based on material from the USPS Leadership Development Committee



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September always seems like a new year or a new beginning to me. Like a school kid who's had a summer off and is ready to start a new year of learning. Ready to see old friends and brag about the experiences they've had during the summer break. For me, it just feels like I need to get back in the groove to do my small part in making the Squadron a more vital, more appealing place that people want to join, belong and contribute to the mission of the United States Power Squadron's, AKA, America's Boating Club. It's a

tall order that has yet to be elusive to get ahold of; even for our National headquarters, retaining members is struggling. Part of this has to do with the age of the overall group that we all belong to. I only have a few more merit marks before I receive my 25th MM.

Many before me have already crossed that milestone, leaving a hole in the strained budget of National, Districts and squadrons alike. It's bad enough that we lose members due to a lack of interest, stopped boating, or a million other reasons. Still, from a monetary standpoint, we also lose members' contributions to funding the squadrons, District, and National. Even if they remain loyal members! So quite a difficulty we've gotten ourselves into!

Of course, the only logical thing to do is "We need to recruit new members" I do believe it's been said many times it should be "Job One"! Well, as far as that goes, yes, it's essential to bring in new members; we'll always have that need because there's the fact that we will all cross that bar someday, and then there are those reasons mentioned before. But no matter the reason for needing new blood to run things, we also have a great need to retain those members who may have just joined, transferred from another squadron, or have been loyal members for many years.

It seems more challenging to arouse interest in some people to want to join a team and be involved. But suppose we were able to get them to enter. In that case, we "Must" give them what they need to succeed in their endeavors to be better seamen and navigators or become a licensed Capt.

Anyway, I digress! To get back on track, it takes money to keep an organization up and running.

Our Squadron has always been steady in the finances department, not gaining by much but enough to sponsor dinners, picnics, and special events during the year. But in the last couple years slowly losing ground. That most likely has occurred because of a need to have a storage facility for training aids, banners, portable canopies, teaching supplies etc. that we never had before. These things were always in someone's garage or basement, well besides things being spread all over, making it very difficult to keep track of and a real inconvenience for the people who volunteered to store them; thus, the need was there for a storage unit. This leaves us, like others, in a tight spot, so to speak.

Well, there's always the easy way out – raise the dues so all, meaning Squadron, District, and National, get a little more each. Or we could ask those who have achieved their 25 MM status to continue paying, say, half of their regular dues. This is something our Squadron has tossed around for some time now. It's time to see how those affected by this change would feel about such an idea to keep us all going for many years.



DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER JIM WEST

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Greetings District 16

Ah, Summer in the Pacific Northwest. I hope you have been enjoying this run of beautiful sunny days and temperate nights, though I'll be honest with you, I am not a fan of warm nights. But that's just me. And clearly we have better weather than a large percentage of the country. And we certainly have the kind of weather that is ideal for boating, whether it's on Puget Sound or any of our smaller lakes. I was in fact on Lake Union this past week in one of the electric boats that ply the waters, dodging the sea planes and admiring the boat houses along the shore line.

As we finish out the summer boating activities, I want to remind everyone that we have two more D16 sponsored seminars coming up. These are free, two-hour, Web-Based presentations, to give the boating public more information about topics related to safe boating. The next seminar will be presented at 6:30 pm (1830 for your mariners) on August 22nd. The topic will be Using GPS and AIS Navigations Systems, and yours truly will be the presenters. I currently have 38 people registered to attend, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone online. From the USPS Web-site:

Know where you are and where you are going using GPS. Learn how to use GPS, select and use GPS devices, and apply GPS to your navigational needs.

Boaters need the most reliable location and position information available, which makes getting the most out of your Global Positioning System pretty important. Learn how to use waypoints, build and execute routes, and monitor progress. Learn to interpret location information and tracking data, and get an overview of how GPS integrates with your boat's electronic systems. Explore what features you need and how to arrange your display. Also get tips on connecting your GPS to your VHF marine radio, which opens up a new world of digital hailing and distress signaling.

If you are interested in joining us, there is a broadcast invitation from our webmaster, Jim Haglund, with registration details, or you can send an E-Mail directly to me at phnx789@msn.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sept. 19: Boat Handling, Rob Hamilton, Point Wilson is the lead for this hybrid class to be held at John Wayne Marina in Sequim. Contact Jim West at phnx789@msn.com to register for this instructor led/online class.

The final seminar for this year will be Boat Handling in Close Quarters. This will be a hybrid presentation, both in-person and on ZOOM, will be presented by Rob Hamilton, SEO for the Point Willson Squadron. We will be challenging the ZOOM technology to its limits with this seminar, and I hope you all will be available to attend. Again you can register thru the information sent out by the D16 Webmaster, or by sending me an email.

As we look forward to opening the Education season, I would like to remind everyone again that you are our best ambassadors and salespeople for the USPS/America's Boating Club. When you are out on the water, proudly display your Power Squadron Ensign and Squadron burgee, and be prepared to answer questions and provide information on our services and educational offerings. Find out what your club is doing, and volunteer if you have the time, because I know that you all have the knowledge and skills. And check with your SEO to see what classes your squadron may offering this fall and winter. Until next time, stay calm and stay cool. I hope to see you all out on the water.



DISTRICT SECRETARY BARBARA ERICKSON

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Here it is mid-August and September is looming with two big items – Labor Day and the Pittsburgh Governing Board meeting. Labor Day, a federal holiday which allows us a three-day weekend along with celebrating the laborers of this country. We share this holiday with our Canadian friends, their Labour Day is also celebrated on the first Monday of September. Speaking of our Canadian friends, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons / Escadrilles canadiennes de plaisance (CPS-ECP) is now officially branded as CanBoat / NautiSavoir. And while I am sharing this news, I've just learned that our Board of Directors voted "America's Boating Club / United States Power Squadrons" as our brand name.

The annual Fall Governing Board meeting is taking place in Pittsburgh, PA from September 23 – 28 with the mainstay of the meeting from Wednesday through Saturday. Have you ever had a fleeting thought about attending a national meeting? I urge you to go. It is not only a trip to another city – maybe somewhere where you have wanted to go, but also a time to meet members from across the country, share experiences, and learn what is working or not working with other squadrons.

LEARN | ENGAGE | CONNECT.

Besides doing my job with the National Meetings Committee, I plan on attending one of the three iMIS information sessions being offered by Yvonne Hill, Publications Director at Headquarters. Conversion to this new system is occurring as I write, and the hope is for enhancements and connections for the members across the country.

The Educational Department has opened its doors with both committee meetings and seminars galore. I am hoping someone attending from District 16 will sit in on some of these meetings and report back.

I am contemplating sitting in on the session that will share ideas about how to recruit new members as well as retain members. This has been a challenge, especially post-Covid, and I'm hoping to get some tips to share. There is also an interesting session providing tips and practical ways to turn our ABC3 students into members. Our own P/D/C Annette Ferguson is also presenting a seminar called "Outside The Box... Partnering with University Students for Local Marketing Strategies".

And last but not least, Steve Erickson has been asked to share techniques on taking photographs that will include phone cameras, so I will be in the audience for that.

A very full schedule that includes some great meals as well as opportunities to meet new friends and renew old friendships. There is so much more to attending a national meeting... beyond the cost of travel and hotel stays. Please contact one of the bridge members if you ever decide to turn that fleeting thought into an action. We would love to have you be a part of our District 16 delegation!



PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER ANNETTE FERGUSON

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I LED 3 LIVES

Some of us in District 16 can remember the TV drama program that aired from October 1953 to January 1956. Although I was young and we only had three TV stations, I remember my father watching the drama unfold as the series told the "loose" history of the life of Herbert Philbrick as he led three lives which included being a spy on behalf of the FBI.

Although my life is not as exciting or dangerous, it feels like three lives as a family member, a nurse practitioner, and a member of the United States Power Squadrons. I like many in our district have roles on squadron, district, and national levels... there is that three lives again.

I would like to briefly share some thoughts on two of those lives, district and national. District involvement and leadership, like squadron involvement and leadership, is comprised of people like each of you reading this article. There is a commitment to the organization and a belief in our purpose of educating recreational boaters. It takes time to serve your district or squadron, but you are not alone you are part of a team. Team was apparent at our District 16 Rendezvous. Although the folks that were visible were Administrative Officer Larry Warren; Commander Tom Dalglish; photographer, Steve Erickson; SEO, Jim West, and P/D/C Craig Brown many others were behind the scenes throughout the year doing tasks to organize the rendezvous. It was a team effort! It was doable because many people came together to make it happen.

The District Rendezvous has been an annual event for many years. It has historically been a time that all squadrons can come together to play and share stories... not to mention eat! The number of boats and attendees has dropped over the years as many of our members age out of boating. The planning for 2025 has begun. If there are things you would like to see change, let Larry Warren know. This event is for YOU...

My national life as Staff Commander for Squadron Support and Development has been the quieter of my three lives. The committee of Squadron Support and Development is just what it says... to help, support and develop squadrons. The committee members are ready and willing to help. A recent national survey completed by squadron commanders indicated a need for many forms of information and support. This committee is available... just ask.

One item that I view as a priority is to help the squadrons navigate the iMIS system. At the Fall Conference in Pittsburgh, Barbara Erickson and I will attend as many workshops on IMIS as we can. We hope to get a better handle on the system and its implementation and present that information at our District 16 Fall Conference in October. Additionally, meetings are planned with the Rear Commander of Membership and our National Administrative Officer. I will attend those meetings and share relevant information.

I foresee my 3rd life getting busier. I hope squadrons will reach out for help. We as an organization need to work together to weather the changes that have to be made. Enjoy the rest of the summer and fall. See you at the District Fall Conference.



Saturday
October 12 2024
9 a.m.—12 p.m.

DISTRICT 16 FALL CONFERENCE!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 2024
9 a.m. to Noon

From the comfort of your home—computer or laptop...
participation via Zoom

Sharing information to benefit everyone

- Highlights from Pittsburgh Governing Board Meeting
 - iMIS information
 - Marketing with FaceBook
 - Other late-breaking news
- Adoption of 2025 Budget
- Nominating Committee Report for 2025-2026 Officers
- Looking for a First Aid for Boaters seminar? Coming soon...
- What's On Your Mind? "Round Table" Squadron Discussion

Questions?

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“MISSION ACCOMPLISHED”

By Linda Martin, Everett

That's what Bellevue Power Squadron member, Barbara Erickson, said when we were packing up after teaching for four hours at the **Mill Creek Town Center Boating Safety 4 Kids** event. One hundred kids walked by our booth and 61 of them came in and learned about life jackets, cold water and man overboard. Not one of the parents owned a power or sail boat but we know that the kids and their parents are smarter when it comes to buying a life jacket that will save their lives.

Yes, it would have been nice to tell power or sail boaters about all the classes we teach. About the rendezvous that our boaters go on each summer. About the great speakers we have at our gatherings. But that is not the audience we had on July 27 in Mill Creek. We had kids with parents and grandparents who heard Joellyn Jackson tell them about the many reasons to wear the perfect life jacket. They saw Steve Erickson and Claire Greer demonstrate the rescue line toss to save a person who falls overboard. Both Barbara Erickson and Jim West encouraged them to reach into 46-degree water (the temperature of Puget Sound) and buckle a life jacket buckle.

Friendly Danny Daniels gave each child a passport; when they visited each station a sticker was put on it. Once they visited each station and returned the passport to Danny, he gave them a PFD Puzzle Storybook and crayons (and a Boat Club Rack Card).

Of course, I was there dressed as PFD Seagull to attract attention, show the children where to go, and talk to the parents.

We also brought the Robotic Jet Ski and Seagull, he did run this time, but only backwards. **BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD.** Would anyone like to help us figure out what's wrong with the Robotic Jet Ski? Seems to be in the running gear now.

The next event is on **September 28 at Fishermen's Terminal in Seattle**. Last year we had 82 kids come through our booth. It's from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. we have seven helpers signed up from Everett, Tacoma and Bremerton Squadrons/Clubs. We could use a couple more helpers, so that we can do two shifts.

Are you interested?

If so, contact Linda Martin RIGHT NOW, at 425-422-4721 or PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com.

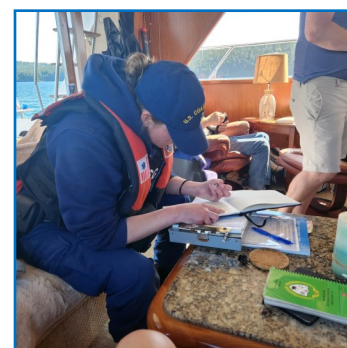
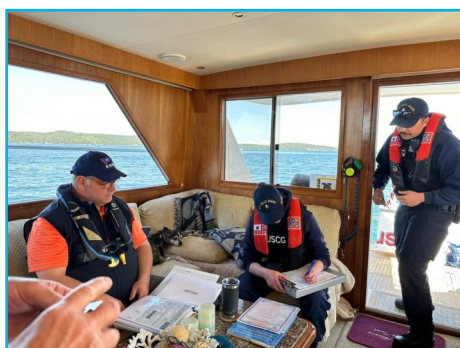


The Training Wheels Are Off!

By Steve Antush, Bellevue

m/v Wet Tush can be called an international yacht traveler. I made my first tour to the Canadian waters in July. For the past three years I have traveled up/down the Salish Sea from Olympia to Roche Harbor and throughout the Lake Washington and Lake Union waters. Never have I gone North of Roche/Friday Harbor. This year, I was awarded a month long sabbatical from my employer, Bank of America and I was going to north to British Columbia.

With a crew of seven which included two high school friends and spouses, we set sail June 30th. We made stops in Port Ludlow, Fisherman's Bank, Friday Harbor, Garrison Bay and Roche Harbor before crossing the international borders. Friday Harbor was particularly memorable, as we were boarded by the US Coast Guard for a routine vessel safety check. The first year I did not get a Vessel Safety Check by America's Boating Club of Bellevue! We passed without incident and now have a 6 month get out of jail free card. I was a little apprehensive at first, but as they asked their questions, I was well prepared with life jackets, fire extinguishers and new electronic flairs. My paperwork was in order and within a half later the armed officers and loaded 50MM cannons of US CG cutter were on their way. Day three of my 36 day adventure, what next?



As luck would have it, my water maker valve broke unexpectedly. My friends knew what to do and with a \$3 part from Roche Harbor solved the problem and off we go to Poets Cove in Bedwell Harbour. Nervous, that I am was only one allowed off the dock, I made my way up the ramp to the phones to call to speak to the Canadian Customs with passports in hand. It was somewhat of a non-event, as I received by clearance number, but did ask if I was over in my 20,000ML (5.25 gallons) liquor cabinet? I was told I had too much, but given I was going to be gone for a month, it was ok, whew!

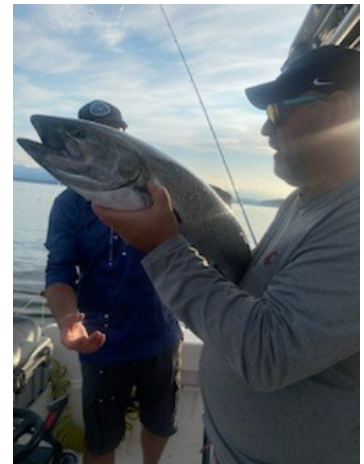
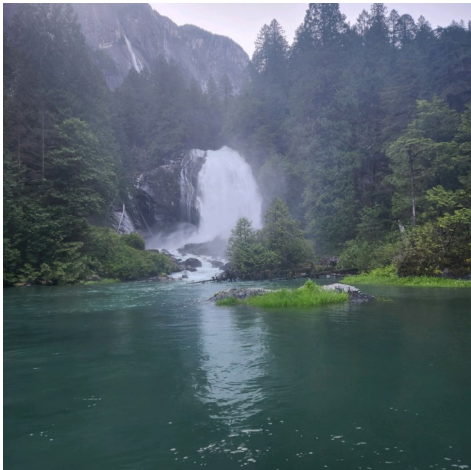
Next stop Ganges—you have to go to Ganges everyone said. Ok, I will go. My trusted retired captain Mike was at the helm as I took a break. I had set the course earlier so he was just following my planned route. Around the Wallace Point Corner, heading north up the Swanson Channel. Seemed straight forward at the time, until the Canadian Coast Guard calls out your boat name out over the VHF radio. What now? We were in the middle of Killer Whale Restriction Zone (from June 1 to Nov 30). We made an immediate 90° turn and left the area promptly. (Later I would receive a warning letter of a potential fine of \$250-\$250,000 for being in this area). A good reason to read your charts

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carefully and not to solely rely on the Navionics route planning tool.

We continue on to Salt Springs, Smugglers Cove, Halkett Bay Marine Park, Princess Louisa, Powell River, Lund (for gas), Okeover Bay, Isabel Bay, Prideaux Haven, East East Cove, Penderell Sound, Brem Bay, Walsh Cove, Francis Bay, Whiterock Passage, Quartz Bank, Carrington Bay, Whaletown Bay, Uganda Passage, Gorge Harbour, Mansons Landing, Cortez Bay, Refuge Cove, Squirrell Cove, Yuculta/Dent Rapids, Phillips Arm, Shoal Bay, Moulds Bay, Heart of Bay, Campbell River, Dodds Narrows, Nanoose Harbour, Victoria and back to Roche Harbor. We were in/out of 35 bay/harbours during our trip, and logged in over 900 nautical miles on the trip. Prideaux Haven with its 75° water and Princess Louisa and Chatterbox Falls are definitely a must see on a Desolation Sound trip.

We saw orcas, killer whales, porpoises, and lots of sea lions. I was able to fish in Campbell River with my college friend, Mark, where we caught coho, chinooks, pinks and ling cods. The ling cod made for the best fish and chips. I did have to throw back a 90cm (80cm is the limit) coho that was too big! We didn't see much wildlife, but the scenery was beautiful and we couldn't have asked for better weather with only two days of cloudy weather and a short sprinkler of rain.



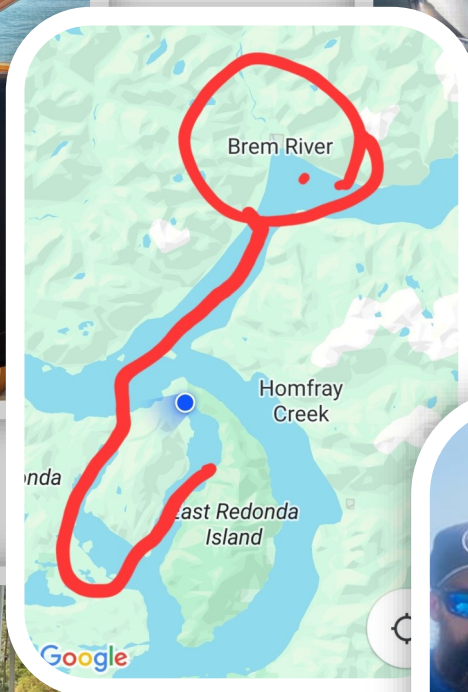
The trip did have our rough moments, as our trusted Navigator Diego did not do well in the rough waters in Straights of Georgia as he was a victim to sea sickness as was part of the crew. We hit swells of 5-7 feet with head winds that made for an uncomfortable ride from Campbell River. Dishes and food were flying everywhere before we zipped tied the doors shut. We had a glass candy dish that didn't survive! I would say my rough moment was trying to get on a paddle board for the first time.



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A special thank you to Robert Cooper for providing me the tools to navigate these water for the first time. Everything he taught during his Boat Handling, Seamanship and Piloting were used on this trip. Also thank you to Carl Lang and Nick Rich. Their courses on engine maintenance and advance piloting helped keep my boat running smoothly and navigated the Canadian tides and currents without incident. While we didn't always following the prepared float plan, we were able to keep closely to a planned route and family friends well informed.

The training wheels are off, and I am no longer a rookie, thank you LD and the America's Boating Club of Bellevue for providing me the tools to sail the Pacific NW Salish Seas safely.



District 32's Rendezvous Cruise

By Barbara Erickson

Thursday August 15 2024, Travel and Rest Day

The Boat and Blanche (the RV and tow car) are ready to go and Steve, Gloria the cat, and I are ready to make our way to St. Helens for the District 32 Rendezvous. We haven't been to one of their rendezvous for years, so the time is right! We are also buoyed by the fact that fellow RVers:

- Norma and Mark Covey, America's Boating Club of Snohomish County
- Jill and Larry Warren, America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound

will be joining us at the Bayport RV Park and Campground in Warren, Oregon. Steve's friend, Max and his black pug, Gumbo, also spent time with us. It was a wonderfully cozy park recommended by Jerry and Diana Brown, members of Fort Vancouver S&PS who also stayed there!



Friday August 16 2024, Co-Operative Charting, Meet and Greet, and Appetizers

As always, I had data sheets for a few geodetic markers we would search for during our outing. Steve and I were very fortunate on this trip as we were able to locate them all! And this is indeed a feat as we were in the territory of Jerry and Diana Brown, top echelon leaders in the country when it comes to geodetic marker recoveries!

The only thing that marred this Carnival Extravaganza was the fact that we were limited to space only on the City Docks. The nearby waterfront park, which is where the carnival was to take place was under construction – Phase I of their River Walk plans. But being flexible as boaters are, District 32 adapted!



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So just a note of warning. The appetizers scheduled for the Meet and Greet were listed as “Polish sausage, brats, (chicken sausages too), chips, ice cream sundaes or root beer floats.” I was thinking “grazing” and wondering about bite sized pieces of sausages but focusing on the ice cream.

Imagine the surprise when we arrive to find D/C Ron Burgmann grilling and the table set with everything one needs to enjoy a meal!

We had a wonderful time with “appetizers” and reacquainting friendships with D32 members we haven’t seen in ages...



Saturday August 17 2024, Lazy Day, Thunderstorms, and Dinner

The weather forecast warned of thunderstorms, but the day began as another beautiful day in Paradise! Time to enjoy the games and activities scheduled before the main event—Dinner in the Park albeit the Park had to be the dock—scheduled for 5p.m.

Neal Smith's Sea Scouts aboard the SSS Déjà vu, came in late Friday night after completing some night maneuvers and joined us for dinner. As the weather was turning foul, we believe Beaufort ratings of 4 or 5, cruisers came into the docks. The Scouts donned their PDFs and went into action.



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It was decided to move the games up and have the caterers, Plymouth Pub, begin serving the meal at 3 vs 5p.m. The caterers did just that and a fine meal of either the thickest rarest Prime Rib one would want, or Salmon served with rolls, broccoli, wild rice, two different salads, mashed potatoes and gravy! Everyone chowed down and the dinner and the awards were completed by 5:30p.m. and we all hurried back to our rigs. It was a good thing as the skies opened up and the thunder, lightning, and rains greeted us.



Sunday August 18 2024, Breakfast at Cozy Corner

The culmination of the Carnival Extravaganza ended with breakfast. We opted to get ready to head home, but I did hear everyone had a great breakfast and enjoyed each other's company! All in all it was a wonderful weekend in St. Helens OR!

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Dixie Ferguson at the D16 Poulsbo Rendezvous

