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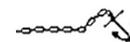
Cdr Larry Warren, AP

As time races ever so fast towards the Holidays, it always reminds me of those days of my youth, early in December when the talk of Christmas was all a buzz in the house. With six kids that's a lot of talking and wondering. All of us thinking about the same thing, just what was old Santa going to bring. Oh, sure your thoughts on what you want are reaching the moon, but from the past, you know your wishes may not come true. You don't think about Santa fulfilling so many hopes in one house, no it's every kid for themselves. Meanwhile, the decorations are going up, and baking has started, and the anxiousness is building in the house with every day that goes by. My Mother loved Christmas and tried very hard to make everything special for us all. My Father wasn't a big fan. Looking back I can see why with six kids and a wife to buy gifts for. But he loved my Mom and us so, that he would put up with all the hoopla of the season. But I digress, of course, my parents would ask us all what we wanted

Santa to bring, and remember any of us writing to Santa we wanted. So, you better think hard getting what they wanted for you. Of course you could hope. The day the tree came into day itself. My Dad would put it up and had a bare spot, he would merely drill and insert it into the hole. This process enough. He would put the lights on. Ok, this is where it was hard for all of take a few days to apply the tinsel to down every branch and sub-branch on with the ornaments, but under strict kind of decoration on the same ment, anticipation and of course, the Big day would never get here. It did finally come of course, and I still remember one very special Christmas (they were all special) when all of us kids ran out into the living room to find a row of bikes of all sizes and one trike surrounding our tree. My Father and Mother had stayed up almost the whole night to assemble them all. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukka, Feliz Navidad to you all and have a HappyNew Year!



that was your big chance because I can't or going to see him and let him know what about what you wanted or run the risk of course, that happened anyway, but you the house was almost as special as the big make all the adjustments. Like if the tree a hole and whittle down another branch would continue until he felt it looked good next and hand over the tree to my Mom. us kids, as my Mother would sometimes the tree, meticulously draping each piece the tree. When she finished, we could help supervision, you could not put the same branch. Those days were full of excitement—that's when days seemed like weeks and



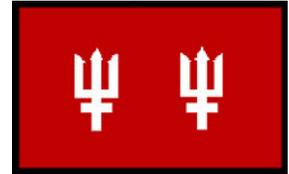
**Call to Meeting
Christmas Brunch
(in place of General Meeting)
December 3rd, 2017 (11:00 A.M.)
At Tacoma Yacht Club

Executive Board Meeting
December 12th, 2017 (1900 - 2100)
9515 198th Ave. E.
Bonney Lake, WA 98391**

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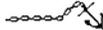
Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

So, Thanksgiving is only days away and Christmas is only a few weeks later. Whiter weather is already in vast abundance. If you enjoy winter boating, be aware that storms and squalls can materialize at a moment's notice. So be mindful of all the debris floating on top and below the water just waiting for a boat to run into. As far as I know, they still have not invented a radar system to detect such hazards.

We haven't had our boat out since Labor Day weekend, but I know it is time for some winter maintenance: changing engine motor oil, topping off the fuel tanks, checking all hoses and

tightening all the hose clamps, just to mention a few.

Don't forget to post your calendar for two special events. First is the Tacoma Power Squadron's Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 3rd at Tacoma Yacht Club, and second is our annual Cruise-In at Point Ruston on Saturday, January 20th, 2018. This year's event will take place at the Century Apartment's Party Room. See details below.



Century Apartments at Point Ruston Cruise-In

January 20th, 2018

P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

The Century Apartments Cruise-In will be happening On January 20th, 2018. The party room at Century Apartments is reserved from 1430 until 2100 with a great full kitchen. Because there is limited seating, you might want to bring a folding chair. We'll start out with appetizers until our meal at 1800. The theme for our dinner will be soups, stews, and chilies, along with salads, bread, and desserts. The Squadron will provide bowls, plates, utensils, cups, and coffee. Please decide what you would like to bring and email or call Jackie Mattox or Cindy Warren. If you come early take a stroll along the Water Walk Esplanade, visit the Asarco Copper Smelter Museum, or take in a movie. There are also numerous restaurants such as Two Town Café, Wild Fin, Stack 571 Burger and Whiskey Bar, The Jewel Box, Dulce Si Italian Bakery and Café, and Farrelli's Pizza.

When you arrive please call Jackie's cell phone 253-732-2264 so we can let you in.

If you are planning to attend, please call or e-mail Cindy & Larry Warren, 360-897-8692, c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com or Jackie & Richard Mattox, 253-581-1732, or ricgeezers@comcast.net.



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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN
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*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
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The Seamanship Class got underway at Tacoma Yacht Club starting October 19th with 12 students in attendance, a number of which are T.Y.C. members. Tacoma Yacht Club's Commodore Jim Martinek kicked things off by instructing the first chapter of the course, and did a great job! Stf/C Jim Harden instructed chapter 2, yours truly SEO -Otto did 3, P/C Mitch Carrol and Sandi covered 4, P/C Andy Temple did #5, and Jim Harden, Otto and Andy Temple will complete the course instruction and review. The exam will be on December 14th. We miss P/C Lance Williamson doing the Seamanship Class, but work commitments that you get paid for come first. The Tacoma Yacht Club meeting room has worked well for instructing the class. I look forward to using this facility in the future.

We are looking at a Weather Class starting in late January of 2018 by Lt/C Stan Wolfe. The exact date and location will be announced as soon as we can get all our ducks in a row with the students, facilities, and Stan.

We could use some volunteers willing to go out with skippers that are desirous for on the water demonstration of various aspects of boat handling. We are getting requests for this activity. If you would be willing to help out, please let me know so we can assist these skippers. I can fill you in on the details.

Following the holidays we will have the Seattle Boat Show, which is always a good time to plan an ABC Basic Class, as well as setting up courses our members are interested in taking. I keep track of requests from members for various subjects they would like to study. Please let me know your interests, so we can put some classes together.

Happy Holidays and good cheer to all, Otto & Sandi ph-253-537-3838 hm 253-921-3839 cell
email otto@ottorasmussen.com
(NOTE! NEW email ADDRESS for Otto)



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Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment: One Death Reported

Kidde plastic handle fire extinguishers

Name of product:

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles

Hazard:

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

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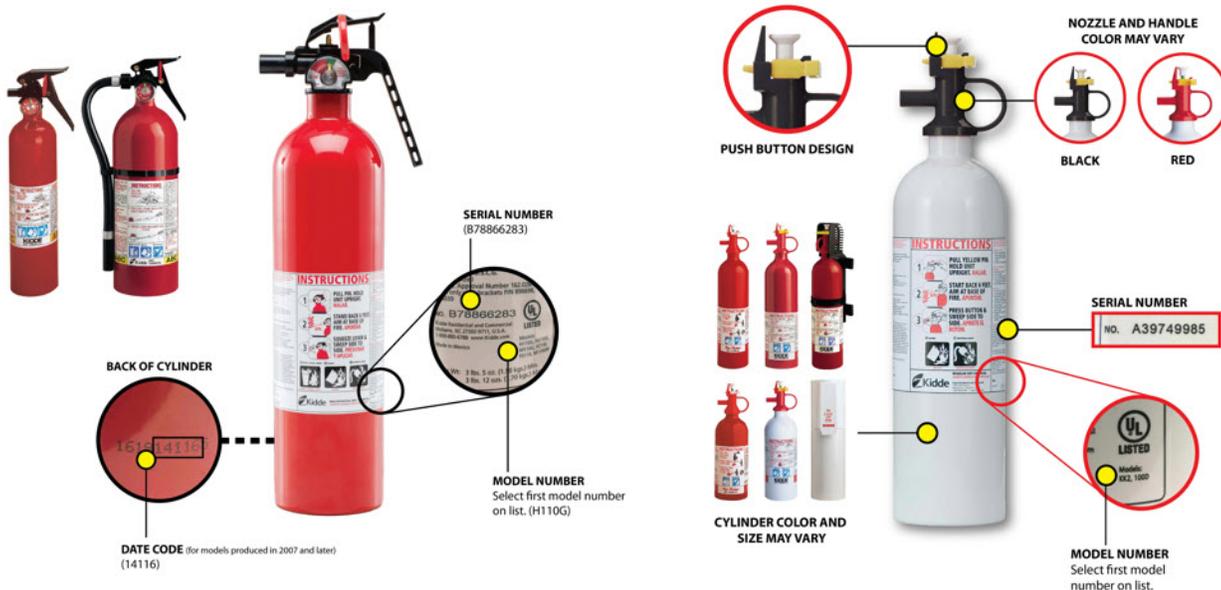
November 2, 2017

Recall number:

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Consumer Contact:

Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more info





Volunteer Bell Ringing



The Salvation Army is one of the most trusted and well known nonprofit organizations in the world. Our work is funded through kettle donations, philanthropic support, corporate contributions, and the sale of goods donated to our Salvation Army Thrift Stores.

Funds stay in the community they're collected to provide critical services to those in need.

Last year, The Salvation Army, in King County provided:

- Care to 120,997 men, women and children
- 136,950 nights of lodging in shelters
- 282,053 meals and bags of groceries
- Prevented 101 households from having their utilities shut off
- Graduated 76 people from our adult rehabilitation center



Bell Ringing is a fun way for friends, colleagues and family to join together to help raise money for a great cause! It's an opportunity to:

- Be part of The Salvation Army's efforts to "Do The Most Good."
- Promote your organization as compassionate and caring.
- Connect with your community.



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How it works:

- (1) Your organization adopts a location for a day.
- (2) Groups of 2 to 4 people ring bells in 2-hour shifts from 10am - 6pm.
- (3) The Salvation Army delivers the kettle, bells and aprons to the store and picks them up.

Volunteers simply arrive with holiday cheer!



Show Your Holiday Spirit!

- (a) We'll provide a sign with your organization's logo and attach to the kettle promoting your participation.
- (b) Dress with your organization's name/logo.
- (c) Display a sandwich-style board next to the kettle promoting your organization.
- (d) Play Christmas music, sing Christmas Carols, wear Santa hats, Reindeer Antlers or "Ugly" Sweaters and

A great way to connect!

Promote your involvement and encourage colleagues, family and friends to stop by and donate.

We'll supply templates for letters, emails and social media suggestions and we'll also print postcards you can mail to notify your fans when and where you'll be ringing!

Sign-up your group today! Please contact:

Lisa Borders
206-217-1267

Donations raised through the red kettle support Salvation Army programs throughout the year transforming lives and giving hope. These programs address homelessness, emergency assistance (rent, utilities, food), domestic violence shelters, disaster relief, substance abuse recovery, low-income senior housing, human trafficking shelters, military assistance, holiday dinners, educational programs/tutoring for youth and adults, sports programs and more. Donations stay within the community received.

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DOING THE MOST GOOD

(We are/I am) involved in a wonderful partnership between our Home Ownership Industry and The Salvation Army.

(We will/I will) be ringing a bell at (Location) on Wednesday (date) from 10 to 6 and would love to see you there. Please drop by and help us do good.

(Personal Note Here)

Name _____
Company _____
Location _____
etc _____

COME SEE ME




(Article provided by Cdr Larry Warren, AP)



United States Power Squadrons®

Tacoma Power Squadron Annual Christmas Brunch

Please Join us for Tacoma Power Squadron's annual Christmas Brunch held at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Enjoy good food, friends and the beautiful views from the warmth of Tacoma Yacht Club's Ballroom. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren along to meet Santa (he'll have goodies).

Sunday December 3., 2017 @ 11:00 am

Tacoma Yacht Club - 5401 North Waterfront drive

\$21.50 per person – Children 10 and under \$10.50

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a girl or boy ages 3 -18.

Gifts will be donated to "Bridges" a center for grieving children.

Menu:

Assorted muffins, pastries and petite croissants -

Seasonal fruit display – Bacon and link sausage -

Hash brown potatoes – Scrambled eggs with cheese -

Waffles with fruit toppings and whipped cream -

Chilled juices – Coffee and herbal tea



Please return your reservation form by Nov. 27, 2017

To: Cdr Larry Warren

26516 154th Street East

Buckley, WA 98321

Name _____

Phone # _____

Number of adults _____ Number of children 10 and under _____

Names of children who wish to see Santa: _____

Please make checks payable to the Tacoma Power Squadron

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____



Tacoma Power Squadron



WATCH the CHANGES

9 - 11 March 2018

USPS® District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch

Come join the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron as we host YOUR District 16 **Spring Conference** and celebrate the **Change of Watch**.

Nestled where the Salish Sea surrounds high cliffs, rocky beaches, lush green fields, and majestic pine and hemlock forests is the town of **Oak Harbor** on **Whidbey Island**, protected by the Naval Air Station, home to honored service men and women, and where hospitality is unsurpassed.

This two-day event is on 9 and 10 March, 2018. Activities will be at our world-class Whidbey Golf and Country Club and at Best Western Plus conference center, which is also offering accommodations at a special rate. Both are in Oak Harbor.

On Friday, 9 March, come early and enjoy one of three tours being offered to show you a bit of our lovely Whidbey Island surrounding areas.

- Wineries and Distillery Tour
- Penn Cove Shellfish Farm
- Shopping Spree—at Anacortes, across the northern end bridges, on Fidalgo Island. (Quilting, knitting, antiques, and fashion shops. (Also a marine hardware store, boat builder, and West Marine.)

Gourmet offerings begin Friday evening at the Reception and continue through the Banquet on Saturday evening, both at the Whidbey Golf and Country Club, an easy 3.2 miles from the Best Western Plus Hotel. Map and driving instructions will be available during registration at the Best Western Plus Hotel Friday evening.

Early Bird Discount Deadline:

Meals and Activities if you sign up by February 9.

Hotel reservation by January 25.

You won't want to miss the changing of the guard and the great opportunity to visit old Squadron friends, or meet new acquaintances who can turn into life-long friends.

Talk boating



Talk safety
Come join us.

Talk fun.





HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

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by JANUARY 26, 2018

Best Western Plus in Oak Harbor is located at 33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.
Call the Hotel at 360-679-4567 to reserve your room. Please call as soon as possible, but before 26 January 2018, to ensure a room at the Squadron rate.

Reservations received by the Hotel after 26 January 2018 will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.

Fifteen (15) standard SINGLE KING rooms have been reserved at \$115.99 (plus prevailing city and state taxes) and thirty-five (35) standard DOUBLE QUEEN rooms at \$125.99 (plus prevailing city and state taxes). Currently, taxes total 10.7%.

The room rates INCLUDE A COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

The Registration Form is available on the District Website (www.uspsd16.org) as well as included in this information.
Please send the completed Registration Form along with your check
Made payable to: Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPSPS)

Mail to: Leah Hofer 850-490-7930
447 Koontz Road
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Early Bird prices apply ONLY to checks RECEIVED by 9 February. Please ensure you get the best price possible and mail early.

We hope to see you at this action-packed event and that you'll take the opportunity to come early, see the sites, and spend some time getting to know this area of our great State of WA.

Tacoma Power Squadron



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REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: _____ Spouse/Guest name: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____
 E-mail Address for confirmation of registration and payment: _____
 Attending the Conference without meals? Yes ___ Is this your first District Conference? Yes ___

	Activity	Early Bird before February	After 9th Feb- ruary	No. of People	Total Cost
Friday Afternoon- Special Events	Tour of the Penn CoveShellfish Farm (Maximum 25 people)	FREE	FREE		-----
	Winery and Distillery visit	\$25	\$25		
	Shopping tour in Anacortes (on your own)	-----	-----		-----
Friday Evening	Registration – 1600 – 1800	@ Best Western Plus Hotel			
Friday Night	No Host Bar – 1800 - 2030 Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres@ Whidbey Golf Club	\$25	\$30		
Saturday a.m.	Breakfast is on your own	(included with Best Western Plus Room reservation)			
Saturday Lunch	Lunch 1200 - 1300				
Box Lunches	Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad	\$20	\$25		
	Italian Focaccia Sandwich	\$20	\$25		
	Thai Vegetable Wrap	\$20	\$25		
	Seafood Louie Salad	\$20	\$25		
*also select ONE option of a side	* Fresh Fruit				-----
	* Potato Chips				-----
	*Hummus w/Pita				-----
	*Smoked Salmon Chowder				-----
	(all lunches include a Lemon Berry		Crumb Bar)		
Saturday Evening Social	No Host Bar 1800 – 1900Banquet 1800 - 2100				
Dinner - Your Choice	Roasted Half Chicken	\$30	\$35		
	Prime Rib Au Jus	\$40	\$45		
	Portabella Mushroom Ravioli	\$30	\$35		
Optional Dessert(circle One)	Whidbey Ice Cream Sundaes Lemon Cake	\$5	\$7		
Totals					\$

Mail with your check (in US funds) made to Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPS) to:
 Leah Hofer, 447 Koontz Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
 Questions? Contact Karen Nelson 360-320-3803 or Knelson2007@gmail.com



Whidbey Charm

USPS® District 16

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Arrive early on Friday, 9 March, and select one of the three tours available for your enjoyment, or tour on your own to explore Oak Harbor's streets lined with Garry Oaks and see adorable old town on Pioneer Street next to the water, on beautiful Oak Harbor, or head further south to historic Coupeville, Fort Casey State Park, quaint Langley, or all the way to the tip of the island at Clinton. Or head just north to the State's most often visited State Park...Deception Pass State Park and the Deception Pass bridges. We have a lot to see, and it's all wonderful!

Organized Tours:

- 1) Wineries and Distilleries of Whidbey Island: Take a mini-bus to visit 3 wineries and 1 distillery. The selected wineries produce popular wines and have received 5 stars ranking by the TripAdvisor site. The distillery is a family-owned facility that uses local berries to make liqueurs. The distillery is a recognized producer of some of the finest spirits in the world. Their Blackberry Liqueur holds a 98 rating by the Beverage Testing Institute making it the highest rated spirit of any kind produced in North America.

The cost of the tour is \$25 per person to cover the cost of transportation. Some of the wineries charge a fee for wine tasting, averaging from \$6 - \$10; however, often they apply that cost to any wine purchased. Check at each winery for their policy. The tour bus will depart the Hotel at 1300.

Minimum participation required is 25 persons.

- 2) Penn Cove Shellfish Farm: For a tour, drive or car pool to Coupeville (south on Route 20, left **at the traffic light** into town, to Front Street. **Turn right** to the historic Warf and join others to take a boat ride on one of the farm's work boats to the floats and manufacturing vessel. The visit will be guided by a Farm staff supervisor. A maximum of 25 people can be accommodated. The boat will leave the Coupeville Wharf Dock at 1400.

- 3) Shopping trip: Drive North, crossing the Deception Pass bridges to Anacortes (you'll head north on Route 20, turning left where 20 makes a T). Join members of the DPSPS in a shopping spree of knitting, quilting, antique, and fashion shops.



MEAL SELECTIONS:



- **Friday Evening: Hot and Cold Hor d'oeuvres** – Cocktail meatballs, Battered shrimp, Mini quiche Lorraine, Caprese Bruschetta, Deli Wraps and assorted beverages.

- **Saturday Breakfast:** On your own OR if staying at the Best Western Plus Hotel – complimentary breakfast included.

- **Saturday Lunch (box lunches)**

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad –
(Romaine/Caesar Dressing/Grilled Chicken/Croutons □ □ /Lemon/Parmesan)

Italian Focaccia Sandwich –
(Salami/Roasted Turkey/Prosciutto/Provolone/Lettuce/Sundried Tomato/Aioli/Peppers/Balsamic)

Thai Vegetable Wrap –
(Cabbage/Lettuce/Carrot/Onion/Edamame/Cucumber/Red Peppers/Cilantro/Peanut Soy Vinaigrette)

Seafood Louie Salad –
(Shrimp/Dungeness Crab/Egg/Black Olive/Tomato/Red Onion/Cucumber/Lemon/Fresh Greens/
Thousand Island Dressing)

Includes a choice of 1 selection: Fresh fruit – Potato chips – Hummus w/Pita – or
Smoked Salmon Chowder

** All boxed lunches include a Lemon Berry Crumb Bar **

- **Saturday Dinner:**

Roasted Chicken –
(Roasted half lemon garlic herb Chicken – classic dish done superbly, Mushroom Risotto, Salad)

Prime Rib Au Jus –
(Slow-roasted 10 oz. slice of seasoned goodness)

Portabella Mushroom Ravioli –
(With Sundried tomato cream sauce, caramelized onions, peas, and Smoked Gouda)

Dessert optional – Whidbey Island Ice Cream Sundae or Lemon Cake



Tacoma Power Squadron 2018 Rendezvous Schedule

January 20	Century Apartments Cruise-In Point Ruston	Jackie & Richard Mattox 253-732-2264 Cindy & Larry Warren 360-897-8692
February 23-25	Arabellas 253-851-1793 Call Marina to make reservation	Stan & Debbie Wolfe (8 boats)
March 16-18	Dock Street 253-272-4352 Call Marina to make reservation	Need Hosts (8 boats)
April 6-8	Longbranch	Need Hosts
June 22-24	Poulsbo	(See registration form in future Wake Astern)

Come to Arabellas!

Attend the first boating activity of the new year arriving Friday, February 23rd and departing Sunday the 25th. Bring your boat or your land yacht, either way let your hosts Stan and Debbie Wolfe know. Give them a call at 253-948-6101 or send e-mail to wolfesd@comcast.net. If attending by boat, call to make your reservation directly with the marina at 253-851-1793. There are spaces for eight boats so make those calls soon.

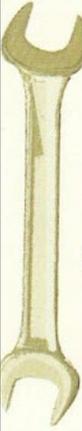
What to do in Gig Harbor? Beside attending the TPS activities listed below, there are lots of antique shops, consignment clothing stores, and a couple of adult beverage shops in the harbor area. A quick bus ride can move you uptown to more traditional shopping.

TPS Activities:

- Friday: 1:00 PM Check-in; dinner on your own.
- Saturday: 8:30 – 10:30 AM Waffle breakfast compliments of your hosts in the net shed;
- 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM Jig saw puzzles, coffee, chit chat;
- 5:30 – 8:30 PM Pot luck dinner in the net shed;

Any Marina with a phone # means you must call the marina and the host or fleet captain to reserve for the weekend. Please call host if attending a rendezvous for planning purposes. Please consider hosting a rendezvous or helping to host.

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December 2017



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January 2018



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