Christmas Parade

On a surprisingly nice November Sunday, unlike the previous couple of years, the Olympia Downtown Association Christmas Parade was held. Although it was a bit crisp, there was not a cloud in the sky and the sun was shining as bright as it does in August. So aside from the mittens, mufflers, heavy coats, and hot chocolate there was little difference from any summer parade in Olympia. In fact with the downpour that happened at the Lakefair Parade this last summer, the weather was much better for the Christmas parade. Do you think they should consider switching them? Probably not, it would be difficult to imagine Santa in cargo shorts and a Hawaiian print shirt with sunglasses.

Meeting at the Swantown Marina at 2 PM for the 3 PM parade were Brian & Betsy, Lee C, Denny & Josette, Lee S., Frank & his wife, Tom, Dick & Sharon, Jim & Jane, and myself. Jon, presently without a Corvette, picked up our registration number before hand and we were to be lucky number 13. So with the tops down and Santa hats protecting our thinning hair we journeyed the two blocks to our staging spot and waited for the commencement of activities. Precisely at 10 minutes after the scheduled parade start time, we were under way and made the left turn onto the parade route, traveling south on Capital Boulevard. The number of spectators was about the same as last year, despite the weather difference. Just as many people were there to welcome Santa to Olympia as last year, this year they were dressed a little different though. No rain slickers, foul weather parkas, So'westers, or umbrellas. This year was Eddy Bauer down coats, wool socks and caps, and Birkenstocks.

Since the sun was so nice and bright, the cars were especially shining and showed that Santa's elves had been tending to them nicely. Now I have to explain how difficult it was to break up the color scheme of the cars since there were only three cars out of the nine that weren't red. The only way to break up the sequence was to designate between the different shades of red. Then sprinkle in the blue, yellow, and black cars and hope for the best. None of the spectators complained, not at least that I heard. Instead there were the usual "Nice Cars" and "I want that one!" The parade ended at Sylvester Park in downtown Olympia and the official tree lighting was to follow the parade. We continued on since Santa had not come to ask one of our "red nosed" Corvettes to "help him guide his sleigh tonight". Although we could! Would have been one of the fastest trips he had made and more fun! *Randy*

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