

Annual BBQ and Swap Meet

Thanks to those who brought their big smiles and cheerful attitudes. Our BBQ burgers, corn and hotdogs tasted just as delicious in the rain. Actually, it just sprinkled on us. We owe a special thanks to our soon-to-become famous grill kings, Cliff Cunningham, Warren Franklin and Richard Funnell who provided lots of action in the BBQ pit. It was also a good place to huddle and keep warm around the fire. ☺

While we enjoyed our lunch buffet filled with a variety of salads, veggies, treats and one gigantic carrot cake, we exchanged summer boating stories. We moved inside the yacht club and continued the fun. Speaking of the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club, we do want to acknowledge their outstanding hospitality and we are fortunate to be able to work together with such a great group of people. Our Commander John Hudson made an appreciative presentation to Paul Shaw of the SNSYC. It was well received.

Following lunch John also made a special tribute about Cliff Cunningham and his well-earned instructor trophy. Well-deserved Cliff! Members brought interesting items to sell, buy, trade and — well — auction. Yes auction. Toward the end of the day our auctioneer Bill Miller did a fine job auctioning off several items that were donated by squadron veterans Joyce and Ray Berry, our Environmental Officer Warren Franklin and others. This allowed us to raise some funds for squadron events. We were even able to auction off remaining supplies from the day to cover expenses. People got some great deals, so you can imagine what we're thinking of doing next year. Think auction! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it; thanks for making it so entertaining Bill!

I do want to mention that Carolyn Hole's homemade cookies were a big hit again this year! Also, notable thanks goes to Anne McKinnell for her event web mastery and Laura Parker for the supplies and communications, and of course Ralph Hodd for keeping our event finances intact.

We would love to see even more members turn out for our events; we put these on for you! Stay tuned for new upcoming notices for our annual December Holiday Party. You can look forward to many unexpected joys, new programming and lots of holiday cheer. Here's some pictures from this year's BBQ/Swap Meet. Enjoy.

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A special thank you to our volunteer BBQ/Swap Meet team in alphabetical order:
Cliff Cunningham, Norah Franklin, Warren Franklin, Richard Funnell, Ralph Hodd, Carolyn Hole, John Hudson, Isobel McCready, Anne McKinnell, Gay Miller, Bill Miller, Laura Parker and Kathy Philips