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## THINGS I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN

We are presently spending a few days in the rain at Long Beach, Washington. Isolation brings about philosophy, and most of the time that brings on no good!

One has to wonder why a town cannot be just a good old town? Why must a town always be known for something? Here in Long Beach, they are known for having the longest beach, and the longest boardwalk. They also want to be known for their annual kite flying festival, but no, not for being windy enough to have it!

We spent part of a day going to the town of Ilwaco, WA which is known for its weekly open market, held at the Port of Ilwaco.

We finally packed up and pointed the rig towards Seattle, to visit our friends, the Andersons, in Bothell.

Driving up the picturesque coastline we passed thru Raymond, WA. It is a quaint little town but it is known for the 200 or so metal sculptures that are sprinkled around town. These sculptures are designed by local artists and depict the area's history, commerce, people, wildlife, animals, and recreational opportunities.

They are scattered around downtown, and along the highway entrances to the city.

There is a restored theater, the Raymond Theater that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It features a vintage Wurlitzer pipe organ.



We moved on to Seattle, which sadly is becoming known for traffic gridlock, and thence to Bothell for a couple of days.

It soon becomes evident that I have nothing much to write about, but it will get better as we head for Alaska!

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