

CK and Katherina have been scheming up this plan for about a year. This idea of getting the Hettmer-Tillman clan [Helene, William, Joshua, and K] over to Seattle and Lopez is absolutely going to hatch in July 2022. CK and KH-T have been texting and emailing furiously as they try to imagine and prepare for every contingency and contretemps. Joshua makes a special request to visit the Olympic Peninsula. I know that we are in the final phases of this when automobile booster seats for the kids are purchased from Amazon. We're going to need them since we'll be road tripping in a 6 seat van for a few days.



The booster seats arrive in a cardboard carton. They have been designed to ship in deconstructed form to make a lower profile object for shipping. This means that we spend a couple of hours figuring out how to re-assemble them. The Chinese-authored instructions aren't clear so there's a good deal of experimentation going on. We make progress until we realize that some velcro tape is required to make it work properly. These things almost always need a bit of corrective engineering.

We're shifting to Seattle the day before we meet the H-T clan. We are collecting the rented van in Burlington so we have to depart the island on foot, not wanting to leave our car unattended for 4 days. The booster seats must come with us. We lash them to CK's rolling hand truck with straps and bungee cords. Our friend, Kristin Rehder, scoops us up at our house and taxis us and all our luggage to the Lopez Ferry. On the Anacortes side, a real taxi takes us to our rental car. We suspect the driver of being an