



## DAN WITHERS

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After graduation I worked for my Dad that summer on the farm doing the typical equipment operation and truck driving. In September ('63) I enlisted in the US Navy and served three years active duty in schools and aboard two different ships. One full year was spent in Electronics School. That enlistment provided four years of college VA assistance. I then graduated from Oregon Tech ('70) in Electrical Engineering. From there I was off and running with a career in computer based electronic switching systems (Sunnyvale, CA) and wireless data systems (Bellevue, WA). In 1975 the entrepreneurial bug bit me and with another guy we started a minicomputer time sharing business, that expanded into a computer sales and service company in El Segundo, CA.

Those were exciting times in the exploding computer industry. After that I returned to the Puget Sound area and continued in other computer related industries until the opportunity to start a computer repair company appeared. After 18 years with that (Bellevue, WA) and a buyer in place I sold the business to a national repair company.



That led to early work with several successful '90's wireless startup companies. In 2008 the economy had dragged to a halt, so I retired and continued the restoration of my 1944 83' Coast Guard Cutter project, CG-83527. ([www.cg83527.org](http://www.cg83527.org))

I have enjoyed working on my various car, boat and ham radio projects with my amazing wife Roxane (UC Santa Barbara, '74, BA Economics) of 36 years. We had the ability to work together daily on software and hardware projects for 28 of those years. In 1990 we got to build our dream house overlooking the north Puget Sound from Port Ludlow. Though still working from home she has a huge gardening project to keep up with along with the endless quilting projects in the queue. No kids in the mix, just cats around here.

