Parade, concert, fireworks all part of city’s July 4 celebration

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Sitting under a red umbrella on a sunny June afternoon with a view of Cap San Diego and Fidalgo Bay, Jay Ham looked serious as he turned the knobs on the radio in front of him. He moved past the static involved for almost four hours of hoping to contact someone.

A voice called through the scratchy noise, “208 Delta Fox,” before another — a clearer voice announced he was in West Virginia. Ham wrote down his call sign and responded.

“It was a very special moment,” Ham said of the event next year will cost around $1.5 million. The Mermaid of Anacortes showed off their film, the Anacortes library brought waves and jellyfish to celebrate their “Oceans of Possibilities” reading program, classic cars cruised down the road, and various community groups decked out their floats, cars and trucks planned for the parade.

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