

Steve Chamberlain
Honeywell
Vanpooler



Steve Chamberlain has been vanpooling for the last 6 years. His roundtrip is 80-90 miles a day. He initially got interested in the vanpool because he was tired of sitting in traffic. He had been commuting a long distance since 1980, and he was ready to take action.

Steve's vanpool was originally a Safeco vanpool. When Safeco transitioned out of Redmond into Seattle, Steve had to scramble to save the van. He's now the primary driver, and he's kept the vanpool going by bringing Microsoft and Puget Sound Energy employees into the van along with more Honeywell employees.

After the first year in the vanpool, Steve who owned two vehicles, sold his commuter car. He estimates savings of \$400 to \$500 a month in insurance, monthly car payment, and gas savings.

Steve says everyone in the vanpool gets along very well. He says some days half the riders are sleeping, and some days everyone's chatting with one another. To people currently driving alone to work, Steve says, "Save the price of gas with prices what they are today, and leave the driving to someone else. Just sit back and relax."

Steve says he prefers being the primary driver. "My stress level is reduced even though I'm still driving. The difference now is I have company." Steve's dedication takes several cars off the road for 80-90 miles each day and that makes Steve a Commute Champion.