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## July 4th Parade in Poultney

So we had plans to leave the house at 8:30am to be in Poultney by 9am to watch the parade. Yeah, those plans flew out the window - who were we kidding?

So our Boston friends and us managed to pile out of the house and hit the road at about 9:30am. We reached Downtown Poultney and made it in time to see the parade. This is where the parade ends. Normally we watch the parade where it begins and then drive down to downtown Poultney after the parade ends. I kinda liked seeing the parade in downtown Poultney, that way I don't have to leave the house so freakin' early in the morning. Sleep is the name of my game :-)

Well, when the parade started going, wouldn't you know it...clouds came out from nowhere and decided to laugh in our faces and pour the biggest rain drops that I ever saw!! So we all huddled under a maple tree to protect us from the killer rain drops. You should have seen us. It looked ridiculous. You would have thought we were keeping safe from a typhoon or something. We were determined to ride out the storm under that maple tree. God Bless that Maple Tree.

After the parade we went shopping at the Original Vermont Store. Of course I spent more money than I had budgeted, but I just love the great stuff at that store. They have a charming room decorated in the Christmas theme...a year round Holiday shopping treat for sure. While I was doing my browsing and shopping, the girls played in the room with all of the stuffed animals. When we had to leave they did exactly as I requested and put all of the animals back on the shelves. They made me such a proud mommy shopper!! Way to go girlies!!

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