



The Motor Mouth

We Love a Parade!

*PSEB is *star* of Vashon Strawberry Festival*



Some people have all their ducks in a row, but we had our Birds in a row, as we rolled along the Strawberry Festival parade route through town on Vashon Island in July..

“The T-Birds are looking hot today.” That’s how the announcer – the Voice of Vashon radio – described our cars as we passed the reviewing stand July 13 during the Vashon Island Strawberry Festival collector-car parade.

With more than 100 vehicles entered in the parade, we T-Birds were the largest group of similar cars, and we were thumbs-upped, saluted, cheered and photographed at every turn.

Once again, the weather gods were with PSEB. The sun shone brightly on the Southworth Ferry dock as one by one, Little Birds rolled into Lane 1 for the 10 a.m. sailing. The Niemis were the first to

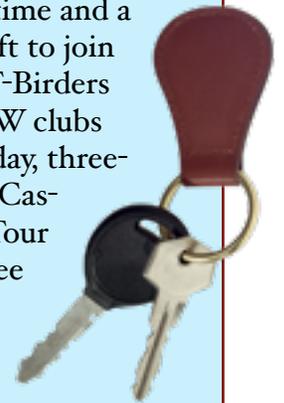


Calling ALL T-Birds

August 17 is the All T-Bird Picnic in Eatonville. We’ll join the birders from Olympic Classic Thunderbird Club for lots of looking and eating! Ted and Charline Austin are the PSEB hosts. Details on page 7.

If it’s September, it must be time for an overnight tour!

There’s still time and a few rooms left to join your fellow T-Birders from six PNW clubs for the four-day, three-night Grand Cascades Loop Tour Sept. 12-15. See details on page 9.



arrive, followed quickly by the Thornes and Stan Liebenberg (Gordon and Stan were co-hosts), who had caravanned from Gig Harbor, the Weilers, the Perrys and the Vingos. Our timing was perfect.

When we arrived on Vashon, Stan led us on a beautiful 20-minute rural route along a curving road through deep woods to the parade staging area in town. Once there, we formed up with Martha and Bob Callard, who had reached Vashon

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AS THE TIRES TURN

Strawberries, collector cars and sunshine – lots of the latter two – were the order of the day at Vashon Island’s annual Strawberry Festival. Our Birds dazzled onlookers — or maybe it was the sunshine. In any case, our Birds showed up in force and going out as a group, made quite a show. My thanks to fellow co-host Stan Liebenberg for leading us on such scenic side roads into the parade staging area. It was a nice taste of this rural island, especially for those PSEB folk who had never gone to this bastion of other-worldly weirdness and charm.

Hard to believe, but the Portland CTCI convention is almost upon us, and it appears that PSEB will have at least seven couples motoring south to take part. For those of us who have never been to an international T-Bird convention, this promises to be hectic, exciting, and a lot of fun. Plus, thanks to Tanya Johnson, we’ll get to wear our brand-new PSEB logo polo shirts.

Thanks again to Judy Roupe, who has arranged for another order of our PSEB car antenna flags. Several

newer members have asked about them, so here’s your chance. They will sell for about \$15-\$18. She has ordered only 10 antenna flags, so if you’re interested, contact Judy as soon as possible.



The Aug. 17 All T-Bird Picnic will be our first joint event with the Olympic Classic club in many years. We are looking forward to this as I’ve felt for a long time that we should try to do more events with our sister club on the other side of Puget Sound, and invited them to join us on some of our events. Since this is a joint event, it’s fitting that Ted and Charline Austin, members of both clubs, will be our hosts. Let’s have a good turnout.

Lastly, time is short for you to join members of PSEB, Rose City, Olympic Classic, and Totem, Okanagan and Island Vintage Thunderbirds of B.C. for our Sept. 12-15 Cascade Mountains Loop tour. Judy and I look forward to leading you through this stunning, spectacular scenery.

--- *Gordon Thorne, President*

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via the Fauntleroy Ferry, and Tony and Eve Dilores, who joined us from the Olympic Classic T-Bird Club. The Callards had a guest, their neighbor, Bryce Groen, 8, who loves Little Birds and whose birthday present was to ride with them in the parade.

While parade officials completed their organizational details, we clustered across the road from our “hot” T-Birds, seeking shade from the 80-degree heat and catching up with one another. Eventually, it was “Gentlemen, start your engines,” and we fell into line as the parade began.

The circuitous route through town took us down rural roads where residents sat at the ends of their driveways – some on lawn chairs, others on the tailgates of their pickups -- to watch us pass. Little kids waved American flags and we waved back – the Pageant Wave, of course. As we neared the main town intersection, the crowd grew and by the time we were there, hundreds of spectators were cheek-by-jowl applauding the beauty of our Birds.

On the final leg of the parade, we drove down the main street, with vendors and pedestrians close by on either side. It made for cautious driving as we passed within inches of moms with strollers, kids on bikes, and others who didn’t seem to worry about getting up close and personal with our cars. The combination of the slow parade pace and hot temperatures put the Birds’ cooling systems to the ultimate test. While most of us agreed the temperature gauge needle was way on the high side, no one actually boiled over. Whew!

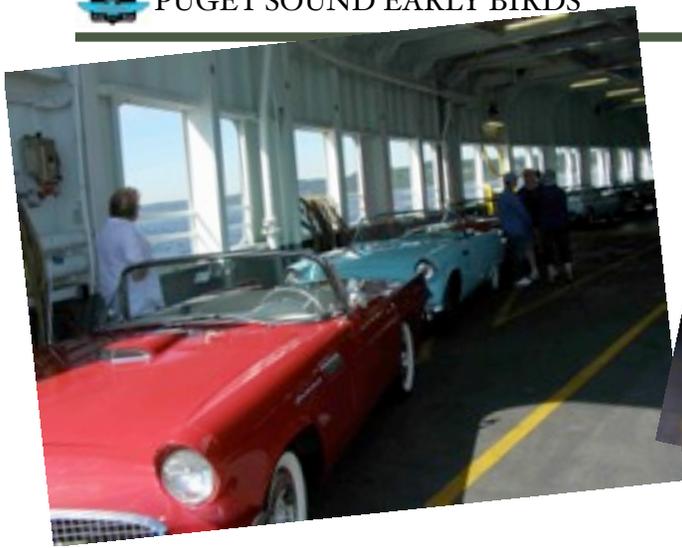
At the end, we pulled into a grocery store parking lot for the Show ‘n’ Shine. There we were, in all our glory with some pretty heady company – a fantastic Ford woodie, a ’60 Impala convertible (Judy sighed, recalling her red one), a De Tomaso, a DeLorean, muscle cars galore, and the all-time attention-getter, a 1927 Cadillac seven-seater touring car, which was on its first outing since full restoration.



Striking off on our own, we wandered amongst the vendors, ate some good grub, indulged in strawberry shortcake, and tried to find shade – not only were our T-Birds hot, but we were too!



Being independent souls, but often of a common mind, most of us decided to call it a day about 2-ish and rejoined one another on the ferry holding area for a 3-ish sailing. It was a perfect time to share stories of an island getaway with our Little Birds.





Many, many thanks to our Strawberry Festival co-hosts, Stan Liebenberg and Gordon Thorne, for a great day of fun in the sun with our Little Birds.



Along the parade route, a parked car bore the slogan, **“Keep Vashon Weird.”** After seeing some of the festival-goers, we thought it probably wouldn't be a problem.

----Hidden Camera photos/
Gordon Thorne





THE ROAD AHEAD 2008



Date	Event	Hosts
<i>July 28-Aug. 3</i>	<i>CTCI International Convention Portland</i>	<i>Rose City T-Bird Club</i>
<i>August 17</i>	<i>All T-Bird Picnic, Eatonville Joint event with Olympic Classic Club</i>	<i>Ted and Charline Austin</i>
<i>September 12-15</i>	<i>Three-night North Cascades Loop Tour</i>	<i>Gordon and Judy Thorne</i>
<i>October TBA</i>	<i>Gig Harbor to Indianola Auto Rallye</i>	<i>Niemis and Thornes</i>
<i>November 8</i>	<i>Great Chefs of the Northwest</i>	<i>Ed and Tanya Johnson</i>
<i>December TBA</i>	<i>Christmas Party and Gift Exchange</i>	<i>TBA</i>

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

<i>August 13-17</i>	<i>VTCI Northwest Regional Convention Edmonton, Canada Registration deadline: August 1</i>	<i>Edmonton T-Bird Club 780/467-6841 or conventionregistration2008@shaw.ca</i>
<i>August 24</i>	<i>12th Annual Cruisin' Sunday/Cruise for Food Drive, 1780 S.E. Lincoln, Port Orchard. Registration 7-10 a.m.; awards at 3 p.m. Entry Fee: a bag of food</i>	<i>Info: 360/876-5595</i>



ALL T-BIRD PICNIC

Sunday, August 17

Glacier View Park

Eatonville

**An all-day joint event
with the**

Olympic Classic T-Bird Club

**RSVP by August 15 to our PSEB hosts,
Ted and Charline Austin, 360/394-2297 or tcaustin@wavecable.com**

Here's a great opportunity to mix and mingle with our T-Bird friends from across the "pond," see some fine Thunderbirds, pay tribute to retired soldiers who fought for our country, and dine on some delicious potluck dishes. It's guaranteed to be a good day!

The Austins have planned a caravan to meet the Olympic Club cars in Buckley, including a "rolling rendezvous" in Purdy!

GATHER: For those from the North, meet at the Silverdale Sears parking lot, departing no later than **9 a.m.**

For those from the South: the Rolling Rendezvous will meet us at the Truck Scale pull-off on Hwy. 16, just west of Purdy. Departing no later than **9:25 a.m.**

For those in Everett, Seattle or Olympia: Plan on meeting us at Wally's Drive-In in Buckley -- see below.

ROUTE: Hwy. 16 (**remember toll over Narrows Bridge is \$4/return is free**) to I-5 and then exiting at Puyallup River Rd., to Hwys. 167 and 410.

We will meet up with the Olympic folks at Wally's Drive-In at 282 Hwy. 410 in Buckley, departing at **10:30 a.m.**

CARAVAN: The route will take us through the back roads from Buckley to Orting for a **11-11:30 a.m.** stop at the Washington Soldiers Home, 19373 162nd St., Orting. We'll continue on to Eatonville's Glacier View Park, arriving about **noon.**

POTLUCK PICNIC: Bring your own table service and a dish, salad or dessert to share. There are a lot of picnic tables, electrical services and accommodations to keep food warm or cold. There will be sodas, bottled water and coffee; if you have collapsible chairs, bring them, too.

RSVP by AUGUST 15: Don't delay! It's critical this time so that Ted and Charline know whom to meet where, and so we can let the Olympic organizers know as well.



**Let's
Celebrate
August Milestones**

Birthdays

3 Helen Gilchrist
16 Ray Vingo
21 Barbara Matthew
23 Phil McCurdy
29 Joni Bayler

Anniversaries

11 Der & Judy Roupe
20 Pat & Beverly Cooper
25 Tom & Joni Bayler
26 Al & Karen Fantz
29 Michael & Christine Perry

Congratulations to all!

SWAP MEETS AND CAR SHOWS

Always Call Before You Go

August 2-10 -- Reno's Hot August Nights, info@hotaugustnights.net.

August 10 -- Mount Si Festival Classic Car Show, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on the grass at 411 Main St., North Bend. 206/763-1314.

August 10 -- Auburn Good Ol' Days Show & Shine, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., downtown. 253/939-3389.

August 16 -- Free Classic Ford & Mustangs Roundup, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Bowen Scarff Ford, Kent. www.bowenscarff.com or 253/852-1480.

August 16 -- Port Townsend Kiwanis Classic Car Show, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Memorial Field. 360/385-0706.

August 17 -- Shelton Valley Christian Show & Shine, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Shelton Valley Christian School. 360/426-2474.

August 23 -- Skykomish Show & Shine, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., downtown. 360/677-1237.

August 24 -- Sumner Classy Chassis, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., downtown. 253/720-9846.

August 29-31 -- Elma "Un-finished" Nationals, Fri 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Grays Harbor County Fair Grounds. 425/347-0645.

August 31 -- Bothell Fall Car Show, noon-4 p.m., Country Village, Fly By Night Cruisers. 425/483-2250.

September 1 -- Annual Fall Ford Fest, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Pierce County Fairgrounds, Graham. Cascade Regional Group Early Ford V-8 Club. 253/852-9344.

September 6 -- Edmonds Hot Autumn Nights Car Show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Greater Edmonds Chamber of Commerce. 425/776-6711.



September Loop Trip Ready to Roll

*If you still have a bankerin' to git to
wild 'n' wooly Winthrop*

*...or drive zee classick car to zee
tiny "willage" of Leavenworth for
sauerbrauten and weinerschnitzel,
there may be room at the inn!*

Just this week, we had one more couple sign up from the Okanagan T-Bird Club in Canada. And they were able to get rooms. There are 14 cars from six clubs signed up now and the fun will soon begin.

FORTHOSE JOINING US:

- Note: You need to go to the Winthrop Web site, www.winthropwashington.com to register for the Auto Rallye (parade) and Show & Shine. Click on Events, then go to Major Events and Auto Rallye: \$25 if you register by Aug. 31; \$30 thereafter.
- In mid-August, you will receive an information packet from hosts Gordon and Judy Thorne. If you sign up now, be sure to let the Thornes know so you'll be on the list to receive one.



Western-themed Winthrop main street.



Bavarian-themed Leavenworth main street.

New PSEB Shirts Are Here

Members who ordered the new turquoise PSEB logo shirts should now have received an invoice from Tanya Johnson, whose company, Geiger & Co., did the shirts for us. Please send your remittance -- payable to PSEB -- at your earliest convenience to treasurer Duane Niemi so we can complete the order.

Tanya is bringing shirts to Portland for those who are attending the CTCI convention next week. The rest of the shirts will be available for pickup at upcoming PSEB events.

Antenna Flags

Proclaim your PSEB Pride by attaching an attractive identifying flag to your radio antenna. Cost will be approximately \$15-18.

Supplies are limited, so contact Judy Roupe to place your order now: 360/638-2571 or jroupe@centurytel.net.