



# The Motor Mouth

## PSEB Heart-Health Diet

*Red wine and chocolate lure intrepid Birders*



While most of Western Washington remained under sodden Saturday skies, a small but enthusiastic contingent of PSEBers basked in the warm sunshine of the Olympic Mountains' rain shadow as they sampled fine wines and decadent chocolates at four North Sound wineries. Thanks to outstanding planning by hosts Fred and Helen Gilchrist, the Feb. 9 tour was perfectly timed, giving us plenty of opportunities to sip and savor the heart-healthy offerings.

The day began in Port Gamble where Duane and Nancy Niemi, Judy Roupe and friend Deloris Van Wyck, and Gordon and Judy Thorne met at the General Store. Shortly after 9 a.m., the we saddled up and made the trek across the Hood Canal floating bridge to Sequim

Bay where we were joined by the Gilchrists.

First stop was the John Wayne Marina for a restroom break and a chance to watch the fog lift and sun take over. Then it was off on the back roads to Port Angeles through beautiful rolling hills, quaint little lanes and wide open farmland, including a field filled with swans.

Our first tasting was at the Harbinger Winery where we each bought our \$15 wine glass -- our admission to all the tastings of the day. Chocolate samples were paired with particular wines for added enjoyment.

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### Here comes de judge!

**Our March 8 event will get you -- and your Bird -- in shape for competition at the CTCI international convention in July at Portland.**

Find out how T-Birds are judged and how you can improve your car's chances. Details on page 5.

### PACCAR open house and tour.

It's an amazing bit of truck heaven and only one day a year. Save the date:

**April 12.**





## Cruising and Musing

**A little of this, a little of that ---**

By now you all should have received your new 2008 Puget Sound Early Birds membership directory in its new format. It's easy to read, has additional information and looks great! Our thanks to Judy Roupe who took on the task before she realized how time-consuming it would be trying new formats with a computer that rejected most of her efforts. But Judy prevailed and produced a fine document.

Deepest thanks to Fred and Helen Gilchrist, who did a wonderful job of organizing the February Red Wine and Chocolate Tour in Port Angeles and Sequim. Those who stayed home missed a good time -- the wines were plentiful and delicious, the chocolates decadent and the lunch setting superb. We even got to tour a whacky antique/collectibles store with an insanely eclectic variety of items. Thank you Fred and Helen for even arranging blue skies and sunshine, while it rained on all the folk who stayed home. We hope to see more of you at



the McCurdys' on March 8 for the mini-concours and potluck.

This last week found yr olde prez registering for the May 23-25 delightful big and little Bird regional event in Kelowna. We went several years ago and enjoyed it greatly. On the way there, we'll be mapping out the route for the North Cascades September three-night loop tour, checking out hotels, wineries and lunch stops. Join us and help be a decision maker.

At the January meeting, the members elected to send a check to Rose City Thunderbird Club to help with expenses for the CTCI convention. We sent \$200.80, a whimsical way of highlighting 2008.

Lastly, you're receiving this March issue early because Judy Thorne, the editor and lady I share room and board with, is going into St. Joseph's for a delayed Christmas present of two new knees on Feb. 25, and will be a paying guest there for several fun-filled days of red Jello, mystery meat and forced exercise. Yippie-do.

**--Gordon Thorne, President.**

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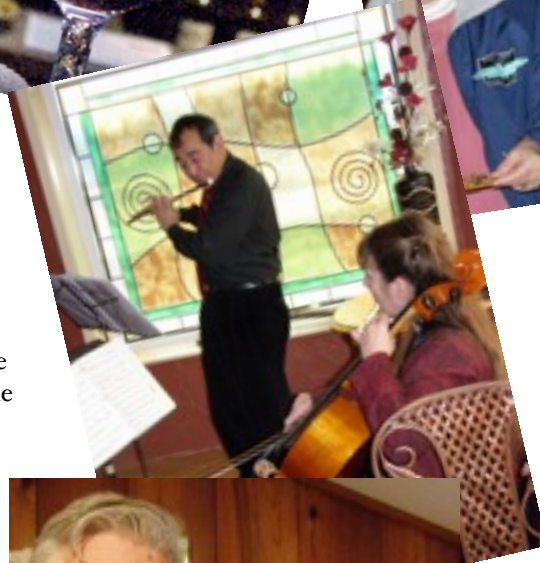
In addition, we were welcomed to a table of fresh hors d'oeuvres and comfortable furniture for sittin' and sippin'.

Next we popped into Camaraderie Cellars -- an appropriate name because we were really enjoying the PSEB camaraderie -- for more tastes. Again they paired specific wines and chocolates. The fireplace provided a warm setting for sampling.

Before going to lunch, we stopped at a shop filled with gift items, antiques and collectibles for indoors and outdoors. Our lunch stop at Cafe Garden was delightful. We had a banquet table in a back room and ordered a varied array of beautifully prepared dishes, everything from soups and salads to sandwiches and full entrees. Everything was delicious -- no wonder this is an award-winning eatery.

Now, having gotten our second wind, we were off to the third winery, Olympic Cellars, a women-owned business where the owners were serving behind the tasting bar. This popular spot also had musicians to accompany the tasting.

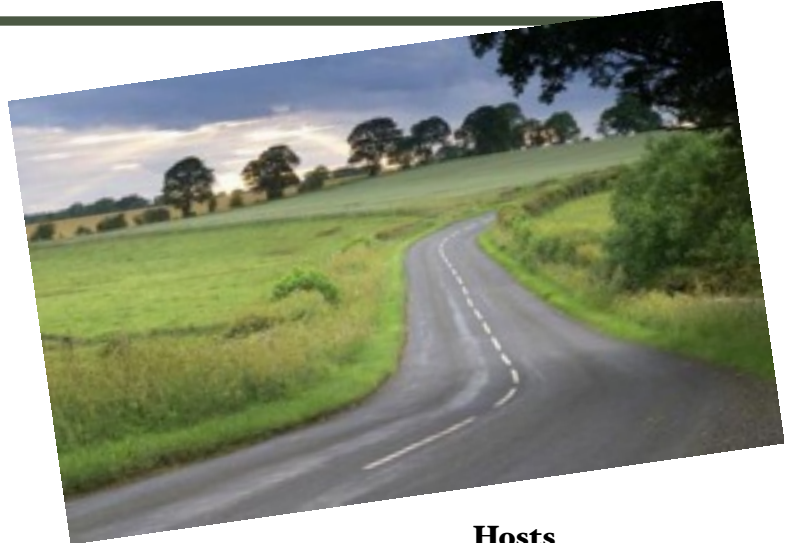
Our final stop was the Lost Mountain Winery in the hills above the snow line, where we enjoyed the most generous wine and chocolate samples of the day. After that, it was time to trundle out of the rain shadow and back to the soggy side of the mountains.



***Our thanks to Fred and Helen for this lovely tour and fun day in the sun.***



# THE ROAD AHEAD 2008



Date	Event	Hosts
<i>March 8</i>	<i>Mini Concours/ How the judges judge and potluck lunch</i>	<i>Phil and Cheryl McCurdy</i>
<i>April 12</i>	<i>PACCAR open house Mount Vernon</i>	<i>Bob and Martha Callard</i>
<i>May 4</i>	<i>Oyster Shuck 'n' Jive Harvest/oyster feed/take home</i>	<i>Michael and Christine Perry</i>
<i>June 21-22</i>	<i>Port Gamble Civil War Reenactment Potluck barbecue at Harris's</i>	<i>Tom and Susan Harris</i>
<i>July 13</i>	<i>Vashon Island Strawberry Festival</i>	<i>Gordon and Judy Thorne</i>
<i>July 28-August 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 14</i>	<i>Christmas Party and Gift Exchange</i>	<i>Pat and Judy Howard</i>

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

<i>April 15-16</i>	<i>Tour to private Elma daffodil farm and optional Ocean Shores overnight</i>	<i>Olympic Vintage Auto Club Contact: Ted Austin, 360/394-2297</i>
<i>May 23-25</i>	<i>Kelowna, B.C., Show &amp; Shine and optional three-day B.C. driving tour</i>	<i>Okanagan T-Bird Club Contact: Ken Carr, 250/766-1503</i>
<i>July 4-6</i>	<i>North Idaho Golden Anniversary Tour Day tours from Moscow, Idaho</i>	<i>Crankers Club Contact: Ted Austin, 360/394-2297</i>





# PSEB Mini Concours

**Saturday, March 8**

**11 a.m. at the McCurdys' in Poulsbo**

**RSVP no later than March 4**

***This is an unprecedented opportunity to see how your car might fare in an official T-Bird competition -- think CTCI convention in July!***

**Veteran judge/competitor and restorer extraordinaire Phil McCurdy and multi-award-winner Cheryl McCurdy have invited us to experience concours judging firsthand.**

**Judging will be in two classes** based on modified

CTCI Touring Class Judging Rules and Procedures: **Hoods Closed** and **Hoods Open**. You decide in which

class you wish to show your car. **NOTE:** Except for the Hoods Open class, cars will be judged with everything closed and windows up.

**Judging criteria:** body fit, condition of paint and trim, cleanliness, condition of tires and hub caps or wire wheels. Judges will inspect the interior by looking through the glass. Chrome will be judged for condition and cleanliness. Special items to be judged are lights, high/low beams, brake lights, parking lights, turn signals and horns. Engine compartments will be judged for condition and cleanliness. No authenticity will be judged, but Phil can discuss specific items with club members. Cheryl's CTCI Concours-winning senior T-Bird will be on display as well as Phil's almost-completed '57. Both can be viewed for authenticity.

Because Chief Judge Phil can't judge each car individually and still man the barbecue, he's inviting anyone interested in judging to let him know at least a week in advance. Otherwise, he'll appoint judges from among the participants. Please let the McCurdys know which class your car will be shown in so they can ensure they do not have you judging your own car.

After the judging, the McCurdys will host a potluck. They're providing hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, beer and soft drinks (if you want a different beverage, please bring your own). **When you call to RSVP, please indicate whether you are bringing an appetizer, a salad or a dessert. Deadline is March 4.** Please call Phil's shop: 360/394-4426 (also rings in the house).

**Here are directions to McCurdys, 6061 N.E. Gunderson Rd., Poulsbo.**

**From the Kingston Ferry:** Head west on Hwy. 104 for several miles to the THIRD traffic signal at Gunderson and Stottlemeyer roads. Turn LEFT at the signal and drive EAST on Gunderson for about 2 miles. See below.

**From Hwy. 3, both north and south:** Take the Hwy. 305 exit for Poulsbo/Bainbridge Island. At the THIRD traffic signal, turn LEFT onto BOND Rd. Drive for 2-plus miles to the FIRST traffic signal, which is Gunderson Rd. Turn RIGHT at the signal and drive EAST on Gunderson for about 2 miles. See below.

**Final instructions:** Watch for the open, flat field on your right, and the orange warning triangle on the mailbox post. Turn RIGHT at the orange sign and park.





**March Celebrations**  
*Best wishes to . . .*

**Birthdays**  
14 Dick Daugherty  
15 Leona Schlie  
17 Cheryl McCurdy  
28 Adrienne Daugherty

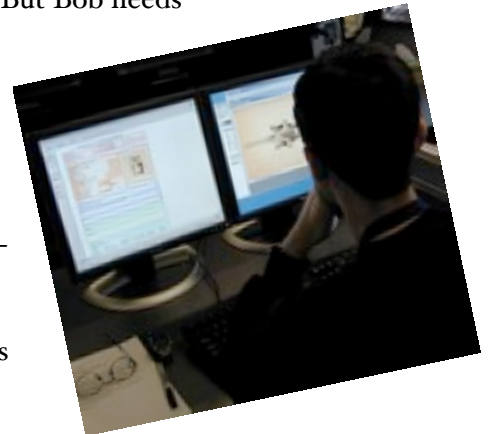
**Anniversary**  
25 Phil and Cheryl McCurdy (1972)

## Picture your T-Bird on the PSEB Web site

Bob Callard is hard at work on our new Web site -- we now have our own domain and construction is going well. But Bob needs your help!

He wants to feature photos of members' cars. Please send your favorite photo to him by e-mail so he can begin developing a gallery of gorgeous Baby Birds.

Send to:  
[recallard@yahoo.com](mailto:recallard@yahoo.com).



Our thanks to Bob for the time and effort he's putting into this project. When it's done, we'll have a Web site that will showcase our activities, our cars and our members. We'll view it with pride.



*2008 Birds & Roses*

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Please indicate number attending each event even if there is no charge so we can plan accordingly.

Thank You

Event schedule table with columns: Date, Time, Description, Cost/Prsn, Number, Total. Lists events from Monday July 28 to Sunday August 3, including tours, meetings, and dinners.

Make checks payable to: Rose City Thunderbirds Convention Acct. Call Hotel for Reservations. Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach. 909 N Hayden Island Dr. Portland, OR 97217

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