



The Motor Mouth

Packin' Off to PACCAR

Big beauties capture the attention of PSEBers



Puget Sound Early Birders are ready to check out the exceptional Kenworth and Peterbilt trucks on display at PACCAR's once-a-year, one-day open house at their testing facility.



It was a day of shiny chrome, bright, polished colors, beautiful interiors, sleek lines -- yes, and then there were the trucks! Meeting at Smokey Point rest area, where our vintage autos turned more than a few

heads, our merry band of Little Birds caravanned to the outskirts of Mount Vernon where a guard motioned us into PACCAR's testing facility. Weaving through cones, we sashayed by the Corvettes to take our place with other vintage vehicles in a grand display of restored machines.

Several members recognized other vehicles and friends as well: Phil and Cheryl McCurdy were drawn instantly to several Cords across the way, and Der and Judy Roupe spied some friends as well.

Also in our group were our hosts for the day, Bob and Martha Callard, Bob and Judy Lowe, Al and Karen Fantz and grandson Casey, Bill Hummel and

son John, Ted and Charline Austin, Gordon and Judy Thorne, Duane and Nancy Niemi, and Mike Talbot who, driving his Brand X from Olympia, won the long-distance award (Sandi was in L.A.).

Once inside the facility, we were able to climb inside beautifully appointed, absolutely posh trucks, some with all the amenities of a very small condo. There were antique trucks as well, and state-of-the-art fire trucks and tow trucks. It was a glimpse at a life few of us will ever know. Thank you, Bob and Martha, for a great experience!

It's Oyster Shuck 'n' Five May 4!

Hundreds of tasty Hood Canal bivalves await us at Michael and Christine Perry's Belfair home. Potluck barbecue! See page 7 for details.

Blue vs. Gray

-- step back in history for a Civil War reenactment in Port Gamble, plus a barbecue at the **Harris's** home. Save the date: **June 21.**





AS THE TIRES TURN

What a glorious day of Saturday spring sun we had for the April 12 one-day-a-year event at PACCAR's testing facility near Mount Vernon. Weather-wise, it was hands down the nicest and warmest day of the year. The event -- and the sunshine -- brought out couples and singles in 10 cars -- seven Little Birds, a retro Bird and two Brand Xs.

After meeting at the Smokey Point rest area and having a short meeting, we were on our way, led by Bob and Martha Callard. It's always a thrill to me to see a long unbroken line of colorful Little Birds under way. Thank you, Bob and Martha for planning this event!

We were surprised -- and delighted -- to see PSEBers Archie and Barbara Matthew, who came to the open house on their own.

Thank you to all who submitted slogan entries for PSEB's new business card. And congratulations to Gretchen Liebenberg, who won with "Good Times. Good Friends. Great Cars!"



May begins with a bang-up weekend of fun car events, starting this Friday, May 2, at West Sound Technical Center in Bremerton. Consider joining the Thornes, Lowes, Liebenbergs, Niemis, Gilchrists and Perrys in going to this worthwhile and fun open house, with its display of some great cars and a luncheon.

Then on Sunday, May 4, we'll have a grand oyster feed with all the trimmings -- which we'll all supply in potluck style -- at Michael and Christine Perry's waterfront home on Hood Canal. (See page 7 for details.) Bring a bucket, gloves, an oyster

knife (if you have one) and your appetite, because this promises to be a great day -- for us, that is, not for the oysters. I hope you'll join me in helping to decrease the surplus oyster population.

Let's hear it for spring, for it has sprung! And for sunshine always, as Joni Bayler says. And for getting the Birds out for a romp to join friends at fun events.

-- Gordon Thorne, President.

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MORE PACCAR PIX



Thank you, Bob and Martha, for arranging a great day with the Big Rigs!



'Ear ye, 'Ear ye!
Who's the fashion-
conscious PSEB
lady pictured 'ere?



Judy Roupe is
resplendent in
her T-Bird Tee!





THE ROAD AHEAD 2008



Date	Event	Hosts
<i>May 4</i>	<i>Oyster Shuck 'n' Five 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>May 2</i>	<i>Car Show for automotive tech students</i>	<i>Call Mark Franklin, 360/473-0577</i>
<i>May 23-25</i>	<i>Kelowna, B.C., Show & Shine and optional three-day B.C. driving tour</i>	<i>Okanagan T-Bird Club Call 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 Call Ted Austin, 360/394-2297</i>



SWAP MEETS AND CAR SHOWS

Call before you go!

May 3 -- Lynden Swap Meet and Tractor Pull, Bertusen Park, 360/966-3884.

May 4 -- Puyallup Model Car Show/Swap Meet, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 253/627-1005.

May 4 -- Snohomish Rendezvous and All-Ford Picnic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Bickford Ford, 425/481-4243, ext. 108.

May 8 -- Lakewood Clover Park Technical College Car & Bike Show, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 253/589-5608.

May 10 -- Shelton Yesteryear Car Club Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., McKenzie Farm, 5465 E. Agate Rd. 360/426-0048.

May 17 -- Tacoma Lucky Silver Tavern Cruisin' Car Show, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 2605 S. Tacoma Way; 253/472-0380.

May 17-18 -- Monroe Swap Meet, Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 800/645-4997 or www.efv8psrg.org.

May 18 -- Issaquah XXX season opener. 425/392-1265.

May 18 -- Olympia Antique Fly-In/Drive-In/Pancake Breakfast/Tour, 9-11 a.m., Olympia Airport, \$5 admission. 253/589-0911.

May 25 -- Bellingham Boulevard Park Antique Car Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; 360/734-1777.

May 25-26 -- Everett Cruzin to Colby, Fri. controlled cruise; Sat car show; 425/337-9335.

May Celebrations Best wishes to . . .

Birthdays

14 Carol Weiler
16 Karen Frantz
21 Ted Austin
24 Pat Cooper
28 Bob Callard

Anniversaries

9 -- Ed and Tanya Johnson
12 -- Dennis and Pat Hasard
27 -- Gordon and Judy Thorne
29 -- Bob and Martha Callard



Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the beautiful plant sent on your behalf from our amenities chairman, Carol Weiler. It arrived before I went to the hospital and has been enjoyed throughout my surgery and now the recovery period. I also very much appreciate your e-mails, cards and calls! They have been encouraging and most thoughtful. I shall always remember your kindness.

Love and God Bless You. -- Judy H.



AW, SHUCKS!!

*Time to do the Hood
Canal Shuck 'n' Jive*

9:30 a.m., Sunday, May 4

**Michael and Christine
Perry's home in Belfair**

••RSVP by May 2 at 360/275-3481••

Low tide will be at 10 a.m., and Michael advises that arriving early will give us plenty of time to pick as many oysters as we want -- both to eat there and to take home.

With incredible shuck and awe, Chef Michael will prepare a variety of oyster dishes for lunch -- Angels on Horseback (roasted oysters wrapped in bacon), barbecued oysters and of course, oysters on the half shell. He promises that the latter will be plentiful because he's a veritable shucking machine.

What to bring: We'll all help round out the menu with potluck side dishes and desserts, and the Thornes are bringing a bucket of chicken, so even those who are not wild about oysters can eat well and enjoy the day. Please bring a dish to share according to your last name:

A-G: appetizer or side dish

H-M: dessert

N-W: salad

The Perrys will provide wine, beer and sodas, but if you have a favorite beverage, be sure to bring it.

For oystering: Bring work gloves, an oyster knife if you plan to shuck (Michael has two), buckets to haul them tasty critters off the beach or to take home, and a large appetite.

Directions: From south, take Hwy. 3 south exit to Belfair/Shelton (go 0.4 miles). Turn slight right onto Hwy. 16 (go 0.1 miles). Turn left onto Hwy. 3 (go 7.7 miles) to Clifton Lane. **From north,** take Hwy. 3 south to Belfair/Shelton turnoff. (go 7.7 miles) to Clifton Lane. **From all directions,** turn right onto N.E. Clifton Lane (go 0.2 miles). Clifton becomes Hwy. 300 (go 3.1 miles). Hwy. 300 becomes N.E. Shore Rd. (go 8.2 miles). End at 12741 N.E. North Shore Rd., Belfair 98528. Questions? 360.275.3481.



Tasty treats -- Angels on Horseback, above, oysters on the half shell, right, barbecued, below. Take home a bucketful!

