

The Motor Mouth

Foote-in-Mouth

We saw red -- wines that is -- at E.B. Foote tasting



A small but dedicated band of birders bellied up to the bar at Burien's E.B. Foote Winery for tantalizing tastes and sumptuous sips of some remarkable red wines, ranging from a lightish blend to a full-bodied cabernet.


In addition, we nibbled on barbecued pork, brie cheese and for those who believe in eating dessert first, chocolate truffles, chocolate-covered raisins and M&Ms.



This event was all courtesy of Bob and Martha Callard, who purchased the free wine-tasting event at a charity auction. Among the imbibers were Ed and Tanya Johnson, Ray and Margaret Vingo, Gordon and Judy Thorne, Duane and Nancy Niemi, Bill and Doris Hummel from PSEB; Chuck and Julie Birch and Frank and Cathy Stubbs of the Olympic Classic Thunderbird Club; and several of the Callards' West Seattle neighbors.

Budget stretched?
Short on cash?
Need a little capitol?
PSEB can help!
Join our tour of the state capitol
May 9
See page 5 for details.

That Dam Tour!
Our June event is a joint gathering with Olympic Classic T-Bird Club
June 13-15
See page 8 for details.



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Spring Fling

Spring . . . is it finally here? We'll find out when we take the "Birds" down to Olympia on May 9 for a state capitol tour and visit to the Farmers' Market.

We'll begin the day with brunch at the Talbots' home and then caravan to the capitol tour and Farmers' Market. They have a full day planned for us, so put this one on your calendar. See page 5 for details

And a note about RSVPs for our events. We have generally been very slow to respond to these requests. The hosts need to plan for our needs (usually food & drink!), so please make every effort to assist them with a timely RSVP before the due date. In this computer age, how tough is it to address an e-mail and type "yes" or "no?"

On April 25 we motored to the little winery in Burien to sip and sup. The Callards hosted the



PSEB and OCTC members and some of their neighbors to an enjoyable afternoon of wine tasting. Then we journeyed to their nearby home for a barbecue of cheeseburgers, sausages and salads, topped off by some great desserts. A big thank you to Bob and Martha for a great afternoon.

Another major April event was the debut of the new, redesigned PSEB Web site. Bob Callard put many hours of effort into this. It includes a lot of good information, past newsletters and club history. Check it out at www.pugetsoundearlybirds.org. Thanks, Bob, for your good work.

And take note of the added event on the Road Ahead calendar: On June 20, the Clearbrook Inn, Silverdale, is hosting a Father's Day car show and barbecue that many of us have attended in past years. More info on this next month.

-- *Ray Vingo, President.*

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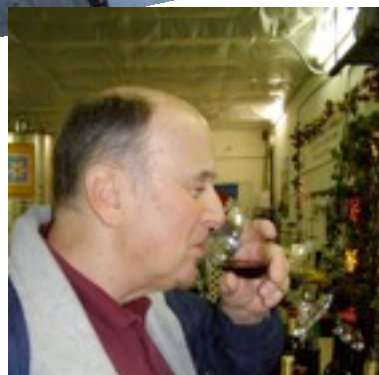
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Once we'd sipped our way through the lovely array of wines, we queued up for a short caravan to the Callards' multi-level Fauntleroy-area home with its great views of Puget Sound and parklike back yard with a huge rhody in full bloom. While the air was cool, the off-and-on sunbreaks provided a perfect spring afternoon for more sipping of the grape and a fabulous barbecue.

Bob manned the grill, serving up a bounty of burgers and brats. Martha set the table with chips, potato salad, coleslaw, broccoli salad, and Bob's famous tomato sauce, which was great on the brats.

While we dined we learned that Seattle's finest were in the midst of a standoff with a gun-toting resident several blocks away. It was national news as Cathy Stubbs' son, Kyle, confirmed from his post at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut. Just a little excitement for PSEBers, and one that was resolved without injury.

The afternoon concluded with sumptuous desserts, including a magnificent chocolate delight from Cathy. Our thanks to Bob and Martha for sharing their wine tasting with us, and for providing such a fabulous feast for Bird lovers.





Thank you, Bob and Martha for an exceptional experience -- sipping, supping and enjoying one another's company. It was a perfect day of fine cars, fine wines, fine food and fine friendship.



PSEB in Olympia . . . what a capitol idea! Saturday, May 9

Our hosts, Mike and Sandi Talbot, who always win the long-distance award at PSEB events, are giving us a chance to get one, too. They've planned a full day of noshing, touring and shopping in Olympia.

We'll have brunch at their home, enjoy a guided tour of the state capitol building, and conclude the day at Olympia's renowned Farmers' Market. That's where we can grab some lunch, buy some fresh produce and seafood, pick a potted plant, wander to the wooden boat show at adjacent Percival Landing or catch the car show in town!

RSVP by May 5

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Those who wish to drive back roads to the event will meet at the Little Creek Casino near Shelton; Mike will then lead a caravan to his home. Those who choose I-5 will go directly to the Talbots'.

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 a.m. Back roaders meet at Little Creek Casino (see below).
- 10 Caravan to Talbots' home.
- 10:15-ish I-5ers arrive at Talbots'.
- 10:30 Brunch is served!
- 11:30 Caravan to parking lot at Farmers' Market.
- 12:30 p.m. Meet at front of Farmers' Market for capitol shuttle.
- 1 Tour capitol as a group with guide.
- 2:30 Return to market via shuttle for a late lunch and shopping; depart at leisure.



DIRECTIONS

To take back roads: Take Hwy. 101 south to McCleary Rd. (Hwy. 108), turn off at the Little Creek Casino. Turn right and proceed one block to the gas station where we will gather.

To take I-5: Take I-5 south and Hwy. 101 west. Take the second exit, Blacklake Blvd., and turn right at the bottom of the off-ramp. Continue on Blacklake, which becomes Division Rd. at Harrison. Continue up Division to 26th St. Turn right on 26th St. (go past school on left). Turn left on French Rd. After about 100 yards, turn right on 27th Ave. Proceed to 1847 27th Ave. N.W. on right at end of the road.

Note: Do not go down the hill past the sign that says "End of County Road."



The Road Ahead 2009



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Host</i>
<i>May 9</i>	<i>State Capitol Tour, Olympia Farmers' Market Talbot preceded by brunch at the Talbots' home.</i>	
<i>June 13-15</i>	<i>Grand Coulee Dam overnight with Olympic Classic T-Bird Club; back roads tour; optional second night</i>	<i>Thorne/Dilores-OCTC</i>
<i>July 18</i>	<i>Brown Maloney auto/motorcycle collection and Sequim Lavender Festival</i>	<i>Maloney/Vingo</i>
<i>August 25</i>	<i>Paul Allen Heritage Aviation Museum and barbecue at Hummels' beach house</i>	<i>Hummel</i>
<i>September TBD</i>	<i>Overnight tour to Hobucks Beach, Neah Bay</i>	<i>Weiler</i>
<i>October 3</i>	<i>Fall colors tour</i>	<i>Gilchrist</i>
<i>November 15</i>	<i>Great Chefs of the Northwest</i>	<i>Roupe</i>
<i>December 13</i>	<i>Christmas Party and Gift Exchange</i>	<i>Open</i>

Non-PSEB Events of Interest

<i>May 15</i>	<i>Classic Car Show – Bremerton (360/473-0577)</i>	<i>West Sound Tech</i>
<i>May 22-26</i>	<i>17th Annual Show & Shine, Kelowna, B.C.</i>	<i>Okanagan T-Bird Club</i>
<i>May 30</i>	<i>Shop 'n' Shine Car Show breast cancer benefit at Uptown Gig Harbor; 253.534.9600</i>	<i>Komen Foundation</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Father's Day Car Show and Barbecue Silverdale; 360.692.1228.</i>	<i>Clearbrook Inn</i>
<i>August 18-21</i>	<i>CTCI Region 3 Convention in Vancouver, B.C. Information in February Motor Mouth</i>	<i>Totem T-Bird Club</i>



Hey, Girlfriends!

Don't make me shop alone! Put this on your calendar for a guaranteed good time and a chance to support the Susan B. Komen Foundation.

"Shop 'n' Shine" Car Show

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 30

Uptown Gig Harbor

4701 Pt. Fosdick Dr. N.W.

Prize for People's Choice

Live music, too

Suggested registration donation of \$20 per vehicle includes raffle tickets and a silent auction with **100 percent of proceeds going to the Komen Foundation.**

At last -- a car show for girls!

Gordon and I will be there. We'll arrange to meet you at Gig Harbor Office Depot and caravan together. -- **Judy 4**

May Celebrations

Birthdays: 12 Carol Weiler
16 Karen Fantz
21 Ted Austin
24 Pat Cooper
28 Bob Callard

Anniversaries: 11 Johnsons (28)
12 Hazards (34)
27 Thornes (42)
29 Callards (41)

GATEAU AU CHOCOLAT

Served by Cathy Stubbs, Reg. 3 Director, at the Callards'

1 cup butter
6 ounces milk chocolate pieces (1 cup)
3 ounces unsweetened chocolate, cut up
4 eggs
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts (*I used pecans as we are not walnut fans*)

Butter the bottom and 1 inch up sides of 9-inch spring-form pan. Wrap a 12-inch-square piece aluminum foil around the bottom and up the outside of the pan. Set aside.

In a heavy saucepan, combine butter, milk chocolate pieces and unsweetened chocolate. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until chocolate is melted.

In a large bowl, beat eggs with wire whip. Whisk in sugar and flour. Add vanilla. Slowly pour in chocolate mixture, stirring to combine. Stir in chopped nuts. Pour mixture into the spring-form pan. Place spring-form pan in a large baking pan. Pour boiling water to a depth of 1/2 inch into the baking pan.

Bake in 325-degree oven about 1 hour or until tooth pick inserted near center comes out with only a few moist crumbs attached. Remove spring-form pan from water and cool completely on a wire rack. When ready to glaze, loosen, release, and carefully remove pan sides.

CHOCOLATE GLAZE

1/4 cup butter
2 ounces semisweet chocolate, cut up, or 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate pieces
2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, cut up
2 teaspoons light corn syrup
12 to 16 walnut or pecan halves

In heavy saucepan, combine butter, semisweet chocolate, unsweetened chocolate and corn syrup. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until chocolate is melted. Remove pan from heat; cool to room temperature, stirring occasionally. Beat with wire whip until mixture thickens slightly. Pour glaze over cake and smooth carefully with metal spatula. Quickly decorate top of cake with walnut or pecan halves. After glaze has set, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Remove from refrigerator about 15 minutes before serving. Serves 12 to 16

Can be prepared a day or two ahead. Since it is extremely rich, serve petite slices to your guests along with strong espresso coffee. "It actually went really well with red wine." ==CS



Oh, Dam!

June 13-15

**Grand Coulee Dam
overnight with OCTC**

RSVP no later

than May 15

to Gordon Thorne

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We're joining Olympic Classic Thunderbird Club on their June overnight outing to Grand Coulee Dam -- it promises to be a dam fine time for all!

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Meet: 10 a.m. at Sawdust Coffee Company, 461 S. Fork Ave. SW, North Bend (in the outlet mall). Take I-90 East to Exit 31 for Hwy. 202 toward North Bend. Turn left on North Bend Blvd./Bendigo Blvd. S./ 202. Turn right at Fork Ave. SW.

Depart: 10:30 a.m. A T-Bird caravan continues on I-90 to Blewett Pass and then to Studebaker's Diner, 200 Apple Annie Ave., Cashmere 98815 to meet others. Lunch, then we'll caravan to Coulee Dam.

Hotel for Saturday, June 13: Coulee House Motel, 110 Roosevelt Ave., Coulee Dam, WA 99116; 800.715.7767, for our overnight. **Reservations deadline May 13; mention Olympic Classic Thunderbird Club for special rate.** There is a casino next door and a restaurant and lounge at the motel.

Laser-Light Show: Saturday night across the entire width of the dam. Visible from the motel and also the park across the street from the motel.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

After breakfast and possible dam tour, OCTC tour hosts, Tony and Eve Dilores, will lead the way back to Seattle for those doing one night.

Optional Leavenworth overnight: Those who want to stay and play will follow Frank and Cathy Stubbs on the scenic route through Waterville and down to the Columbia where we'll follow the river to the outskirts of Wenatchee and then up to Leavenworth. There will be several stops -- lunch, possibly ice cream, shopping.

Motel for Sunday: Der Ritterhof Motor Inn, 190 U.S. Hwy. 2, Leavenworth; 800.255.5845 or 509.548-5845. **Reservations deadline May 14.**

Activities: Time to shop Leavenworth, then late-afternoon no-host beverages and snacks of your choice on the lawn in front of our hotel rooms. Dinner on your own.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Depart at your leisure -- breakfast, more time to shop, travel home in small groups via Blewett/Snoqualmie or Stevens Pass.



To Be Watched: California's Twist on Cash for Clunkers

By Tony and Michele Hamer
About.com/classiccars

There is a bill currently under review in the California legislature, [A.B.859](#), that would eliminate the exemption for cars built prior to 1976 to pass emissions testing and now require any vehicle 15 years old or older to pass smog-check inspections starting January 1, 2011.

The bill would also require the funds generated through these additional inspection fees to be deposited into the High Polluter Repair or Removal Account.

Money from the High Polluter Repair or Removal Account will be used to provide only "qualified" low-income owners to be reimbursed for up to 80 percent of the total cost of the repairs to make their polluting car pass emissions testing, or be offered payment to retire the vehicle. We can assume that the term retired means crushing it into scrap metal.

The Federal [Cash for Clunkers](#) program by itself has a tainted reputation to be more for the stimulation of new-car sales to help our failing automakers

than cleaning up pollution. California's twist of making all polluters either be repaired or scrapped really combats that perception.

Why should California's proposal be alarming to all classic car owners when in most states older vehicles, generally pre-1968, don't have to pass stringent emissions testing? Because if this bill becomes California law, it will set a precedent to have other states put it under consideration, and that would be bad, real bad.

A law such as this would cause considerable damage to the classic-car hobby, which provides thousands of jobs and generates millions of dollars in local, state and federal tax revenues while adding a minute fraction of the pollution from other industries.

The same statement cannot be made in the case of clunker cars. Any legislation regarding older cars has to take into consideration the dramatic differences between a classic and a clunker.

We suggest you keep a close eye on this issue and get to know how your state legislators feel about any Cash for Clunkers programs on the table. See www.about.com/classiccars to follow this issue.



Annual Classic Car Show

Friday, May 15, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

West Sound Technical Skills Center

101 National Ave. N., Bremerton

Reservation deadline May 5

PSEB members are invited to join other Western Washington car clubs at West Sound Tech's annual classic car show. Included in the display will be Early Birds, Model Ts, Packards, Mustangs, rods and customs.

Those who display their cars are invited to enjoy lunch prepared by the school's culinary-arts program. The menu includes teriyaki chicken, beef broccoli, steamed rice, egg roll, dessert, soft drink

or bottled water, all for \$8. Lunch is guaranteed only to those who reserve in advance.

West Sound Tech offers a practical, hands-on experience for high-school juniors and seniors who are seriously considering a career in automotive service, repair and maintenance. PSEB supports this program whenever possible.

If you plan to attend, RSVP by May 5 to Mark Franklin at West Sound Tech at 360.473.0577 or mark.franklin@bsd.wednet.edu.



Father's Day Car Show

Clearbrook Inn, the Silverdale retirement facility that is home to PSEB founder and honorary member Les Parizek, is holding its annual **Father's Day Car Show and Barbecue, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 20**, at 12295 Schold Place NW, Silverdale.

Those who've attended in the past know that it's a fun, low-key car show for all classic or brand-new wheels. There is no admission charge, and the barbecue of burgers, dogs, salads and desserts is free. And, there's live entertainment. **To RSVP, contact Marsha Pfeiffer at 360.692.1228.**

Swap Meets and Car Shows

Always call before you go

May 14 -- Clover Park Tech College annual car and bike show; 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood; 9 - 2; 253.589.5608.

May 16 -- Lucky Silver's Annual Car Show; Lucky Silver Tavern, 2605 S. Tacoma Way, Tacoma; 10-6; 253.472.0360.

May 16-17 -- Annual Swap Meet, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe; 8-5 Sat, 9-2 Sun; Puget Sound Early Ford V-8 Club; 800.645.4997.

May 17 -- Spring Fling, Nile Shrine Center, Mountlake Terrace; 9-3. Puget Sound LTDs and Nile Shrine Car Club; 425.670.0946.

May 17 -- Spring Opener, Triple XXX Root Beer Drive-In, Issaquah; 8 a.m.; 425.392.1266.

May 17 -- Antique Fly-In/ Drive-In/Pancake Breakfast

and Tour, Olympia airport, 9-11 a.m.; 253.589.0911.

May 24 -- Boulevard Park Car Show, Bellingham; 10-4; Antique Restorers Club; 360.734.1777.

May 24-25 -- Cruzin' to Colby, downtown Everett streets, noon-6:30; 8-4; Seattle Rod-Tiques, 425.337.9335.

May 31 -- Forest Festival Car Show, downtown Shelton, 8-4 206.601.1723.

Are you early or late?

Don't know whether your car is an early or late '57? The easiest way to tell is to look at the data plate. If the "Ford" logo is at the bottom center (large plate), then your car is the early model. If the logo is in the upper right-hand quadrant (small plate), then it is the later model.



To determine whether you have a '55-early '56 model hardtop, look at the current weather stripping. Check the front corner of the top: If the side pieces curve around the corner before meeting the front weather strip, then it is the early model. If the

two strips meet right at the corner, then it is the later model.

--ThunderEnlightening

Take a Minute --

Check out our outstanding new PSEB Web site, www.pugetsoundearlybirds.com.

Webmaster Bob Callard has spent a lot of time updating and recreating our site. It's colorful, user-friendly and inviting to potential new members. Thank you, Bob, for making us look so good!!