



# The Motor Mouth

## A Barn, a B&B and 'Birds

*PSEB tours collections in Sequim*



**Anyone have a shoehorn? Huge turnout at April event tested the ability of organizers to accommodate everyone's car at Gilchrists' B&B.**

It was an assault on the senses that proved to have something for everyone. The guys enjoyed a steady stream of things with wheels, while the ladies oohed and aahed over fascinating antiques, vintage clothing and doll collections.

And it was the largest involvement of club members in a single event in recent memory when almost 60 percent of the Puget Sound Early Bird membership were present on a gray, drizzly day to give their little Birds a good springtime romp. Rain? We were headed for Sequim where we'd be in the rain shadow of the Olympic Mountains;

sunshine guaranteed!.

We met first at the newly remodeled Port Gamble General Store and stoked up on lattes and cappuccinos before setting out across the Hood Canal Bridge -- 11 little Birds and three Brand Xs.

Our destination was the antiques-filled "barn" that Fred and Helen Gilchrist operated as a B&B

### Oyster-o-Rama

*at Michael and Christine Perry's oyster-laden beach on Hood Canal in Belfair*

**May 15**

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**Save the date!**

*June 20*

**Kingston Car Show to benefit American Cancer Society and barbecue at the Baylers'**

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**July Whidbey Tour is filling fast. See page 6**



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## President's Message



Well, last month's event to Sequim was another great adventure. The Gilchrists opened their unique home to the club, leaving Port Gamble in a light drizzle and arriving in Sequim to scattered clouds with some sunshine. The rain gods were on our side! Thank you!

We were treated to soup, sandwiches, many munchies and dessert. We had an opportunity to see all the interesting antiques that Helen and Fred have collected over the years and as Helen said, "Everything has a story." We saw some of Fred's classics cars.

From the Gilchrists we went to the home of Tom and Mari Andrus to see their vast collection of dolls, cars, motorcycles and other collectables. We then ventured to the Dungeness Audubon Center for an interesting critique of Washington birds by their director. Deepest

thanks to the Gilchrists and Weilers for helping put on the event.

I would also like to mention that Judy Howard put together the Puget Sound Early Bird history last year. I would encourage those of you who haven't seen it to take the time to look through it. Judy did a wonderful job, and especially for longtime members, I'm sure it would bring back some wonderful memories. I have it with me at the events, and if you would like to take it with you to look through, please let me know.

If you love Oysters, you won't want to miss the May event hosted by Michael and Christine Perry at their Belfair waterfront home on Hood Canal. And even if oysters aren't at the top of your seafood list, come anyway -- there will be a lot of non-oyster delights as well. Look for more info in this issue of the Motor Mouth.

*---Duane Niemi, President.*

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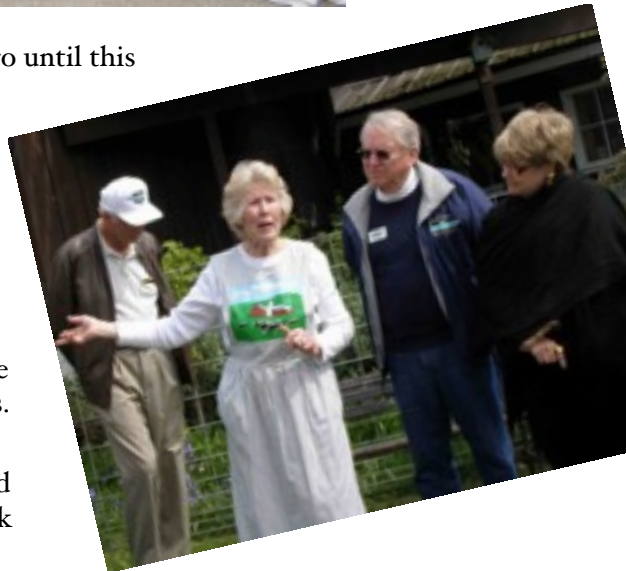
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named Rancho Lamro until this past February. The two guest rooms are part of a rambling brick and board renovation that transformed an honest-to-goodness barn into a charming home that exudes the warmth of its owners.

Leaving from Port Gamble were Ted and Charline Austin, Dick Daugherty, Pat and Beverly Cooper, Duane and Nancy Niemi, Der and Judy Roupe, new members Ray and Darleen Rohwein, Ray and Margaret Vingo, Ed Schlie and Carol Zimmerman, Gordon and Judy Thorne, Bob and Judy Lowe, Jim Stott and Darlene McCallum, Thom and Joni Bayler, Ed and Tanya Johnson, and Mike and Sandi Talbot. As we passed Discovery Bay, Barry and Linda Birch fell into line, and shortly after we arrived at the Gilchrists', Brown and Sara Maloney arrived from their nearby home.

Jerry and Carol Weiler were already there, coming from Port Angeles, and Helen and Carol were busy





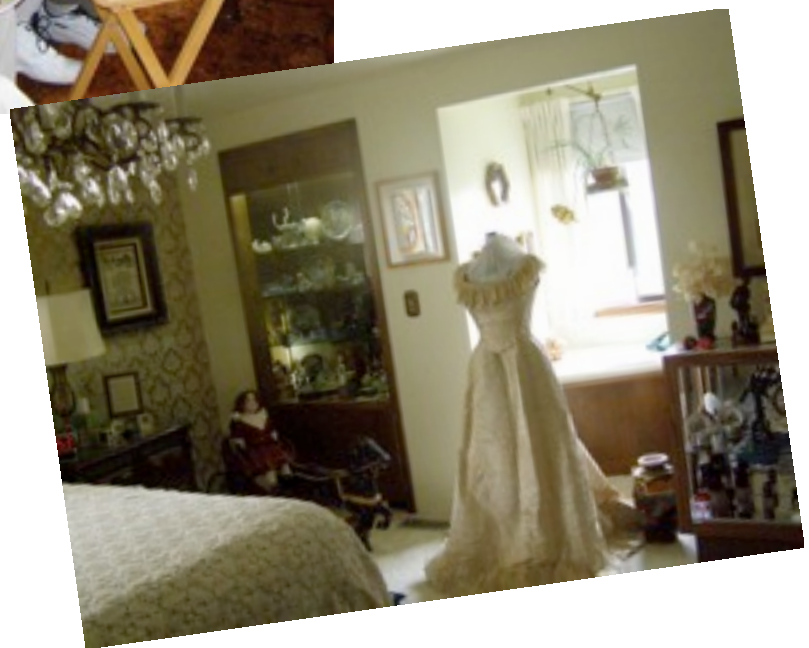
preparing a lunch that featured three kinds of soup, turkey and ham sandwiches, chips and an array of cookies and brownies.

Always ready for a good repast, PSEBers were not shy about helping themselves from a huge round table in the living room, and soon small groups were eating here and there about the house. As we finished our meal, Gordon made a special presentation of the PSEB Hard Luck trophy, which he has had the bad fortune to have for several years. But at last he was able to hand it off to Mike and Sandi,, who have gone through countless and unnecessary problems with their Bird's radiator. Gordon regaled everyone with the Talbot saga and happily handed off the trophy.

Following the meal, the Birders wandered through the Gilchrists' rooms to see collections and vignettes that harken back to an earlier time. More than one woman asked, "Who does the dusting?" while another wondered, "Who polishes the copper?"

Then it was time to move on to the home of the Gilchrists' friends, Tom and Mari Andrus, who are collectors of cars, motorcycles and dolls. An incredible Packard was a highlight of the garage tour, and Mari's antique dolls -- some with china faces -- were found throughout the home in clever settings.

Once we'd seen it all, we ventured to Fred Gilchrist's garage/workshop/office complex. There we saw the 1913 right-hand-drive Cadillac that Fred and Helen drove when they circumnavigated the state several years ago. As Helen said, "It's a very reliable car and comfortable in the front seat, but very windy in the back."





Our final stop for the day was the Dungeness River Audubon Center, where the center's director talked about birds of the area.

Many thanks to our co-hosts, the Gilchrists and

the Weilers, as well as to the Andruses for sharing their fine collections. Once again it was a PSEB outing filled with good food, good friends, and great cars! ***Photos by Gordon Thorne***



*Joni Bayler photo*



***Many, many thanks to our hosts, from left, Helen and Fred Gilchrist and Jerry and Carol Weiler. What a great day you provided!***



# Loganberry Festival

overnight tour  
of Whidbey Island  
July 25-26 filling fast

**T**he overnight tour of Whidbey Island and the Loganberry Festival is filling up rapidly. With the inclusion of the first couple from the Totem T-Birds of British Columbia joining us, we now have an international flavor to the event. In addition, we are especially pleased to announce that our new Region 3 CTCI director, Chuck Korkenko, and his wife, Lani, will drive all the way from Sacramento to join us!

**Ten of the original block of 14 rooms** have already been snapped up, and the inn graciously allowed us to block four more rooms. Because Olympic Classic and Totem T-Birds are publishing articles and talking up the tour with their respective clubs, we encourage you to reserve your room now.

The tour begins Sunday, July 25, with a scenic ferry ride to Whidbey Island from either Port Townsend or Mukilteo. We'll all meet in the town of Freeland (directions to come) and then caravan on side roads to the nearby Greenbank Farms annual Loganberry Festival, where our cars will be on display next to the entrance – and the parking fee is waived.

**After ample time to stroll** through the arts and crafts exhibits, specialty food booths, beer garden, watch a pie-eating contest (loganberry pies, natch) have lunch from one of the food vendors and sample wines from up to 20 wineries, we'll have a leisurely tour of scenic back roads of central Whidbey, ending up at the Coupeville Inn, at the end of historic Coupeville's waterfront main street.

There will be lots of free time to browse the shops or look under the hoods, followed by our cocktail party, then a short drive or stroll to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Next morning, after an included extended continental breakfast at the inn, we'll take a longer tour of more scenic side roads with great water views before saying adieu and heading for our respective ferry terminals.

**So come join us,** meet our new Region 3 CTCI director, sample some good wines, good food, browse fun and funky Coupeville shops, and enjoy the many sweeping scenic views Whidbey offers. To make reservations, contact the Coupeville Inn at 800/247-6162. Ask for Billie or Darlene and be sure to tell them you're on the Puget Sound T-Bird tour!





# The Road Ahead 2010

*Mark your calendar now and join PSEB for great events throughout the year.*



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Hosts</i>
<i>May 15</i>	<i>Hood Canal Oyster Feed and Gathering Event</i>	<i>Perrys</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Kingston Car show to benefit American Cancer Society; barbecue at Baylers'</i>	<i>Baylers</i>
<i>July 25-26</i>	<i>Loganberry Festival and overnight, Whidbey Island</i>	<i>Thornes</i>
<i>Aug. TBD</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>Host needed</i>
<i>Sept. 11-12</i>	<i>Eatonville train ride, Northwest Trek wildlife and overnight</i>	<i>Talbots</i>
<i>Oct. 9 or 10</i>	<i>Port Angeles Dungeness Crab and Seafood Festival</i>	<i>Weilers</i>
<i>Nov. 14</i>	<i>Great Chefs of the Northwest</i>	<i>Johnsons</i>
<i>Dec. TBD</i>	<i>Christmas party/gift exchange</i>	<i>Austins</i>



# Oyster-o-Rama

Saturday, May 15  
11 a.m.

Michael and Christine Perry's home  
and oyster-laden beach in Belfair  
RSVP by May 12 at 360.275.3481



For those of us who attended this event in 2008, it will happily be *déjà vu* -- all over again -- as we fill our tummies and take-home containers with the extraordinarily succulent bivalve mollusks that make their home in front of the Perry's Hood Canal home.

Michael and Christine selected a day with a minus 2.8 tide that promises acres of oysters for the taking. But they've already been gathering these delicacies on their own, so we'll be treated to oysters on the half shell, angels on horseback (wrapped in bacon -- and shown above by Michael in 2008) and barbecued; the Perrys have also perfected special sauces that will be served along with the oysters.

We'll round out the feast by bringing potluck side dishes and desserts guaranteed to fill up all the tired oyster gatherers. The Thornes are bringing a bucket of chicken so even those who aren't wild about oysters can eat well and enjoy the day.

**What to bring:** Please bring a dish to share according to your last name: A-G side dish; H-M dessert; N-W salad. The Perrys will provide sodas, beer and wine, 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 several), buckets to haul your tasty critters off the beach and to take home, and a big appetite.

**Directions: From the north,** go south on Hwy. 3 toward Shelton. Turn right onto Old Belfair Hwy. at the Safeway Store. Turn left onto Hwy. 300, which becomes North Shore Rd. The Perrys are at 12747 North Shore Rd., Belfair 98528, which Michael says is 12.7 miles from Safeway.

**From South on Hwy. 16,** take the Hwy. 3 south exit just before you get to beautiful downtown Gorst. Follow instructions above.

**From really South,** take Hwy. 3 north toward Shelton, go through that beautiful town and turn left at the Safeway. Follow instructions above.

**Questions? 360.275.3481.**





*in May*

**Birthdays**

- 14 Jerry Weiler
- 16 Karen Fantz
- 21 Ted Austin
- 24 Pat Cooper
- 28 Bob Callard

**Anniversaries**

- 11 Ed and Tanya Johnson (1981)
- 12 Dennis and Pat Hasard (1975)
- 27 Gordon and Judy Thorne (1967)
- 29 Bob and Martha Callard (1968)

**FOR SALE**

**1957 T-Bird red with hard-top.** Has not run in years -- some assembly required. Ex-California car. Contact: Mrs. Hendrickson, 360.683.5074.

**1960 T-Bird -- no details.** Asking \$9,500. Contact Mike: 360.461.3513 (cell) or 360.683.8891.

*Submitted by Ted Austin.*

**Welcome New Members**



*Ray and Darleen Rohwein, Bremerton, who attended our April tour to Sequim, and our newest members,*

*Mark Pearson and Tim Thomas, Seatac. We look forward to meeting you in person soon!*

**West Sound Tech Classic Car Show Set for May 14**

PSEB is invited to participate in the annual end-of-the-school-year classic car show at West Sound Tech, 101 National Ave. N., Bremerton. Sponsored by the automotive program, the show begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

A lunch catered by the culinary program is available for \$8 and includes teriyaki chicken, beef broccoli, steamed rice, egg roll, pie and bottled water or soda. Reservations are required for lunch. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP by May 7 to Duane Niemi at 360.297.1245 or [duanenancy@centurytel.net](mailto:duanenancy@centurytel.net).** He needs to let them know how many of our cars to expect so we can all be together and how many of us plan to purchase the lunch.

Last year's event drew more than 70 vehicles.





## MAKE YOUR BIRD'S WATER WETTER

The number one cause of roadside breakdowns is cooling-system failure. Some Thunderbirds overheat more than others, and if yours does, you may have already had the radiator recored, installed a six-bladed cupped fan, maybe added a second electric fan in front of the radiator, and perhaps an overflow bottle.

But -- there's an inexpensive product that can enhance heat transfer and reduce operating temperatures, prevent cooling-system corrosion, prevent deposits that lead to overheating, reduce rust and electrolysis of all metals, and double the wetting ability of plain water. It's a 12 to 16-ounce bottle of a super coolant with brand names such as Kool-It and Water Wetter.

Probably the most poorly maintained system in an auto is usually the cooling system. Maintenance is quite simple and only required once each year, but most vehicle owners never routinely change the coolant or replenish the corrosion inhibitors that are required for trouble-free operation. Proper cooling system maintenance is very critical for most modern engines that utilize more aluminum. Aluminum has a very high corrosion potential, even higher than zinc, which is very widely used as a sacrificial anode in boats. The only property that enables aluminum to be used in a cooling system is that it will form protective films under the proper conditions, which will prevent the uncontrolled corrosive attack of acids or bases.

Water has twice the heat-transfer capability when compared to 50 percent glycol antifreeze/coolant in water. Auto parts store managers con-

tacted agreed that glycol is a good anti-freeze, but not a great coolant. Water has amazingly superior heat-transfer properties compared to virtually any other liquid-cooling medium -- far superior to glycol-based coolants. Water has almost 2.5 times greater thermal conductivity compared to glycol coolants!

A 50-50 glycol/water solution has about four times the viscosity and only 70 percent of the thermal conductivity of water. Water in the cooling system is capable of transferring twice as much heat out of the same system as compared to a 50/50 glycol coolant and water solution.

For maximum temperature reductions, use the MOST water and the LEAST antifreeze possible to prevent freezing in our climate. Even in summertime, the use of air-conditioning can blow freezing air through the heater and cause freezing of the heater core unless approximately 20 percent antifreeze is used. To run up to 10 degrees cooler or more, the West Bay Auto Parts manager suggested a one-third glycol, two-thirds water mix for the Puget Sound area, along with a bottle of one of the super coolant treatment brands. -- *Portions of article taken from Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club April issue*



**Judy Thorne came home from the March Rallye with an extra silver bag containing a Beach-in-a-Ball ornament. If you forgot to take yours home, e-mail Judy at [judyh.thorne@gmail.com](mailto:judyh.thorne@gmail.com) and she'll bring it to the May oyster feed.**