



The Motor Mouth

O, Dam (Coulee, that is)

It was a 'Grand' time in eastern Washington



After completing the multiple-day dam good tour to Grand Coulee Dam with our sister club, Olympic Classic Thunderbird Club, and after 600 miles and almost 12,000 calories in seven tasty but caloric-and cholesterol-laden meals, the question arises: Are we T-Birders a driving club whose members really like to eat, or are we an eating club whose members really like to drive? The answer may be "yes."

Twelve Puget Sound Early Birders met 12 Olympic Classic T-Bird Club members at the Sawdust Coffee Company in North Bend to form up and, naturally, get a caffeine buzz to carry us through the mountain passes. It was a sunny June day as our OCTC hosts, Tony and Eve Dilores, led us over Snoqualmie Pass. But ever-capricious Mother Nature decided to remind us it was still just spring as she showered us with, well, showers, which turned

into a heavy downpour as we splashed across Blewett Pass.

The flock of Birds had pretty well dried their

wings by the time we got to Cashmere and Studebaker's Diner, a delightful retro diner dedicated to everything '50s, everything fried, and to helping stamp out light, healthful food. So when in Rome, we did as the Romans did, and turned our backs on common sense and calorie-counting, and chowed down on copious quantities of great hamburgers, fries, patty melts, rubeens and huge, thick milkshakes. The only sounds were of chewing, lips

'Beauty' is the byword for July
From Brown Maloney's exceptional vehicle collection to a sea of lavender, our visit to Sequim will be a delight for the senses.

See you July 18!

Let's Fly Away!
From vintage planes to victuals on the beach -- it all happens **Aug. 8** with an air show in Everett and seaside picnic on Camano Island with the **Hum-mels**



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LAVENDER FIELDS FOREVER

Now that summer is upon us, we have a great trip coming up on July 18. We will caravan (topless, I hope!) across the new Hood Canal bridge to the home of Brown & Sara Maloney in Sequim. They have invited us to view their unique private collection of vintage cars and motorcycles. We will have a gourmet catered lunch after the tour. Then we're off to the Lavender Festival. We have arranged to park and display our cars at the Sunshine Herb & Lavender Farm. Full details are on page 7. I hope many of you can attend.

Although we could not make it, I hear that



the Grand Coulee Dam tour was a great trip -- good weather, except for the rain squall on Blewett Pass that disabled Mike Talbot's newly installed electric windshield wipers! My thanks to Gordon Thorne who coordinated this joint trip with the Olympic Classic Club. They will be joining us in October for our "Fall Colors Tour."

It was good to see our old friend, Les "The Iron Man" Parizek, at the Clearbrook Inn Car Show in Silverdale. Les is doing well, albeit in a wheel chair. Many local clubs were represented there, and it was good to visit with old friends.

Looking forward to a great summer.

-- **Ray Vingo, President.**

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smacking, and the faint sound of several smaller arteries slamming shut. We all loved it!

Then it was time to waddle out to the cars for the trip to Grand Coulee through some remarkable, almost other-worldly scenery, the total opposite of what we in the Puget Sound area are used to. We saw eroded scab lands, brown, rolling hills, canyons, flat-as-a-tabletop buttes, and a 30-mile, ruler-straight road that would have been right at home in the middle of Kansas.

Impromptu cocktail get-togethers emerged here and there in and around the parking lot of our hotel before it was time to trundle off to the Melody Restaurant next door for our calorie/cholesterol specials. And we were up to the task! A chicken-fried steak is, as memory serves, an inexpensive piece of meat that's been pounded until it's fork-tender, then breaded and fried. Served with heavy mashed pota-



Les White Photo



toes, thick gravy, canned Blue Lake green beans and a dinner roll with a pat of butter, it's a throwback to diners you'd come across in the 1940s and '50s on Route 66. In serious training for driving Route 66, Bill Hummel ordered a chocolate sundae so huge that it took two servers to carry it.

After dinner, everyone departed for a good viewing point for the nightly laser-light dam show, some at the visitor center, some in the park below or across from our hotel, and some from their room balconies. The laser graphics on the dam were done in an interesting primitive Indian art style, as the river, through the voice of the narrator, spoke to us about the history of the area, the dam and what it has meant to the region.

Sunday morning found us back in our vinyl-covered booths at the Melody Diner, hoping to rid ourselves of any last microscopic bit of healthful food that may have been left in our systems. Out came platters of huge pancakes, bacon, sausages, eggs to order, waffles, biscuits and sausage gravy, and other goodies, all of it delicious. Some food came with guarantees it would finally get your lowly, underachieving cholesterol count back up above 200 where it truly belongs!

After breakfast we saddled up, with Frank and Cathy Stubbs our new wagon masters, heading first for a photo op set up by PSEB's Les White overlooking the dam. The next stop was Fort Okanogan State Park, with its terrific visitor center depicting the history of the fort and region. Next stop was – lunch. Yes, it was time to eat. Again. Some of the T-Birders opted for the Lakeview Drive-In, an old-fashioned hamburger stand, while others enjoyed an elegant lunch on the lawn under a tent at Tsillan Cellars Winery, located on a bluff overlooking Lake Chelan.





Tony and Eve and several others left the group at this point to return home while the rest soldiered on to seek out new sights -- and new restaurants, diners and cafes. After a quick stop at Ohme Gardens, we arrived at our overnight stop at Der Ritterhof in the quaint Bavarian town of Leavenworth. A cocktail party with various goodies almost instantly materialized and everyone was free to select a restaurant for dinner. Several of us managed to drag ourselves all the way to the restaurant next door, and did our best to help decrease their food supply.

Monday morning found Frank and Cathy walking all over town looking for the wondrous cinnamon-roll French toast breakfast they'd heard so much about. The rest of us just headed back to the same next-door restaurant. Exhausted, we fell into a big booth to consume calories and stoke up our badly depleted engines. Frank and Cathy finally found their breakfast place, and although it was not quite as advertised (sorry about that), they reported it was still delicious.

Our thanks to Tony and Eve Dilores and Frank and Cathy Stubbs for making all these good arrangements for both clubs. The whole dam tour was delicious. It was a feast for the senses—the eyes, the ears – and most certainly, the taste buds.

-- **Gordon Thorne**



PSEB thanks the Olympic Classic T-Bird Club for inviting us on this great Grand Coulee adventure, and especially thanks Tony and Eve Dilores, left, and Frank and Cathy Stubbs, right, for being such genial hosts. It was a wonderful T-Bird Tour!



The Road Ahead 2009



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Host</i>
<i>July 18</i>	<i>Brown Maloney auto/motorcycle collection and Sequim Lavender Festival</i>	<i>Maloney/Vingo</i>
<i>August 8</i>	<i>NOTE DATE CHANGE Paul Allen Heritage Aviation Museum and barbecue at Hummels' beach house</i>	<i>Hummel</i>
<i>September 11-12</i>	<i>Overnight tour to Hobuck Beach Resort, 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>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>
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Sweet sights and smells in Sequim July 18

Brown Maloney has always had a T-Bird in his life -- in fact his first Bird, a Colonial White 1956, was purchased new by his father, and remains part of Brown's collection. He also has a Colonial White 1957 Series F, which won a Gold Medallion at the 2008 CTCI convention in Portland, Ore. These two Birds are among Brown's 20-plus collectibles, including vintage vehicles with two wheels as well.

We'll see them all during our tour of Brown and Sara's garages, and then sit down for a catered barbecue lunch. From there, we'll caravan to downtown Sequim for the 11th annual Lavender Festival. It will surely be a day of sweet sights and sweet smells.

Here are details for our delightful day in Sequim.

RSVP no later than July 15 to Ray Vingo, vingorayr@gmail.com or 360.683.3300

Meet: 10 a.m. at the Port Gamble General Store. Ray and Margaret Vingo will lead us in a caravan to the Maloneys home east of Sequim. (If you miss the caravan, directions are below.)

Tour: We'll park our Birds together on their three acres of lawn -- it'll be an impressive display! The tour begins at 11 a.m. and should take about an hour.

Lunch: The Maloneys have arranged for a catered barbecue lunch to include beverages and dessert. To help defray expenses, we will pay a nominal fee of \$10 per person.

Lavender Festival: Following lunch, we'll caravan to the Sunshine Herb and Lavender Farm, where we'll park our Birds on display with antique

tractors and autos from the Sequim Valley Car Club. For those who want to go downtown to the street fair (which goes until 6 p.m) or to several of the 10 local lavender farms, a free shuttle service is available.

Directions: Crossing west on the Hood Canal bridge, continue on Hwy. 104 for 16 miles. The road merges to become Hwy. 101. Continue west for approximately 11 miles. Watch for highway markers -- at the 274-mile marker, on the left, is Guiles Rd. There is a lavender farm on the corner. Turn left. Brown reminds us that turning left on Hwy. 101 may involve heavy traffic in both directions. An alternative is to continue west to turn around and enter from the other direction. Address is 500 Guiles Rd. Phone: 360.683.3300.



Swap Meets and Car shows

Always call before you go

July 17-18 -- Bellevue Pony Trails; Bellevue Community College; 9-6; Mustangs NW;

roundup@mustangsnorthwest.com

July 18-19 -- Spanaway Community Fair; Spanaway Elementary School, 215 166th St. S., Spanaway; 9-4, 10-4; 253.537.7363.

July 18 -- Bremerton Elks Car Show; Elks Grounds, Bremerton; 7-3; 360.731.4820.

July 19 -- Steilacoom SHEF by the Bay Car Show; Lafayette

St., Steilacoom; 9-3; Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation; 253.588.1488.

July 19 -- Kirkland Legends Classic Car Show; downtown Kirkland; 10-4; Legends Car Club; 360.654.1539.

July 19 -- Victoria, B.C., Fords & Friends Picnic; Saanich Historical Artifacts, Victoria; 9-4; Vancouver Island Ford V-8 Club; 250.479.2793.

July 25 -- Seattle Classy Chassis Show & Shine; Bernie and Boys Market, 11225 1st Ave. S.; 9-3; Classy Chassis Car Club of Burien; 206.762.3159.

July 25 -- Gig Harbor Cruise the Narrows Car Show; Ta-

coma Narrows Airport; 9-3; Gig Harbor Cruisers; 253.853.3969.

July 26 -- Marysville Summer Car Show; Asbery Field, 4th & Quinn Sts.; 9-4; Port Gardner Vintage Auto Club; 360.653.7701.

July 26 -- Issaquah XXX Prowl All Mercury/Ford Show; Triple XXX Root Beer Drive In; 98 Gilman Blvd.; Cascade Cougar Club; 206.364.7012.

Aug. 1 -- Lake City Pioneer Days Vintage Car Show; 125th St. & 26th Ave. NE; 10-5; Lake City Chamber of Commerce; 206.363.3287.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Mike Talbot has converted his Bird's brakes to disc brakes and has some usable parts – yours for the taking! Here's what he has:

- Front brake drums
- Wheel cylinders and backing plates
- 1978 Ford Granada wishbones, rotors, calipers and master cylinder for a disc brake conversion.

Call Mike at 360.918.8632

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

9 Dave Demory
28 Christine Perry

SAVE THE DATES!!

Sept. 11-12

PSEB is going to Neah Bay for an overnighter at Hobuck Beach Resort. We'll be housed in newly renovated cabins that put us at the northwest corner of the continental U.S. and adjacent to the spectacular 3/4-mile Cape Trail overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Tatoosh Island, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Vancouver Island -- all from the tip of Cape Flattery. It's like Land's End of the Northwest.