



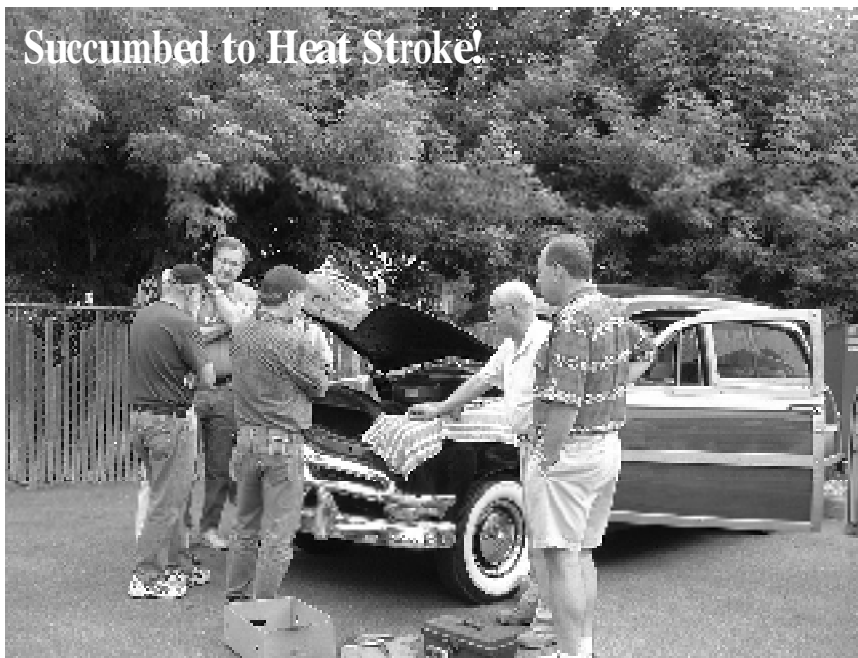
# PUGET SOUNDS

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## 2003 Tour of the Year - by Bill Larson



*Photos by Ken Stobbe*

The tour started at Bellevue Community College on June 28, a bright sunny Saturday morning with the hint of warm weather in the air. There were 2 **Meades**, 2 **Generaux** (it's a plural form), 1 **Dermond**. 1 **Steil**, 2 **Porters**, 2 **Van de Bogarts's**, 4 **Keenholts**, a **Henry**, 2 **MacDonalds**, 2 **Bewleys**, 2 **Herbers**, 2 **Sherlocks**, 2 **Hanies**, 2 **Goodrich's**, 2 **Smiths**, 3 **Stobbes**, a **Hendry**, a **Bonlie**, 2 **Lowmans**, 2 **Heckels**, 2 **Duffs**, 2 **Beffas**, 2 **Lees**, 2 **Sanders**, 2 **Akers**, 2 **Woodwards**, 2 **Upthegroves**, a **Larrabee**, 2 **Barretts**, 2 **Pattersons**, 2 **Eilerts**, and 2 **Larsons**.

Norm Larrabee showed up in a neat 1930 Model A coupe that he wanted to test at highway speeds in preparation for a long trip back East this year. He claimed it could go 60 mph all day long. Several

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**A Note from the President**

Our club has Leads and Needs! We **need** volunteers to step forward to help with awards and the banquet. Leads - we may not have any awards, or the banquet.

On the other hand, I want to thank everybody for their mutual assistance to one another on the recent Trip of the Year. I saw lots of people very unselfishly helping one another. Thanks to all of you.

Respectfully yours,  
**Bill Meade**

Kent Jaquith extends a sincere thank you to those members who donated tools to him to replace those he lost in a fire and by theft.

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‘Thanks Guy, for another superb job of tour planning!



**An Annual Favorite**

Browsers **Guy Generaux, Butch Kent, Lee Peterson, Mike Woodard and Bil Steil** (left) enjoy the annual Mini Swap Meet, held before the June General Meeting. Members attending brought their own items for sale, and a tailgate swap meet was held before the meeting. Good weather and good items ensured the event was once again a great success. - *Photo by Alice Dailey*

**Swap and Shop with PSRG**

*(More on page 6)*

FOR SALE Fabco dual drive out of a 1948 Ford. Axles, suspension, gearbox. \$500. 425-481-5584 BUTCH, Woodinville, WA.

FOR SALE 42-47 Ford 1/2 Ton N.O.S. quarter fenders for factory Stake Bed. \$50 for the pair. 425-481-5584, BUTCH, Woodinville, WA.

1955 F-500 Tow Truck, complete with low mileage Y block. Unfortunately the engine is stuck! There is typical rust & oxidized paint. Open to reasonable offers, distress sale. Craig Foster, 360-683-5914, Sequim, WA, [cadillacraig@yahoo.com](mailto:cadillacraig@yahoo.com)

**Upcoming Events**

**JULY**

- 2003 Grand National, Dearborn, MI, July 21-25.
- Board Meeting, **Dick & Kay Flynn**, July 23.
- XXX Rootbeer Truck/ Pickup Show, July 27.

**AUGUST**

- PSRG General Meeting, Aug. 5th. Program - Water Pumps and the Cooling System.
- PSRG Summer Picnic - Saturday, August 23. Location **Butch & Sharon Kent's**.
- No August Board meeting!

**SEPTEMBER**

- Fall Ford Fest, Graham, WA, Sept. 1.
- PSRG General Meeting Sept. 2nd. Program - Electric Motors.
- Winthrop Antique Car Show, Sept 4-5-6th. **Gary Duff**, for information.
- Hot Autumn Nites -Sept. 6
- Triple XXX Mega Cruise East 7 at the Triple XXX Rootbeer Drive-In in Issaquah, Sept. 17.

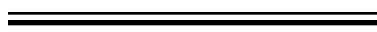
**NOVEMBER**

- Fall Banquet, November 15 Hart Properties - maybe.

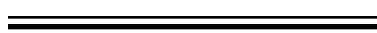
**2004**

- **2004 Western National Meet!** Monday, August 23 - Friday, August 27. Early registraton and information:  
**Joel Anderson**, Registraton  
17560 NW Baker Creek Rd.  
McMinnville, OR 97128

**July Board Meeting** – Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 at **Dick and Kay Flynn's**. 1207 NW 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, telephone: 206-782-0249.



**XXX Rootbeer Drive-In** - No, its not an X-rated party, it's the last historic XXX in the US. For a visit to the 50's you are invited to attend the 2003 Car shows. XXX Rootbeer is located at 98 NE Gilman Boulevard in Issaquah, Exit 17 off Hwy 90. Turn east and it is behind ARCO. For more information contact **Eileen Geithman** at 425-255-1799.



**PSRG Summer Picnic** will be Saturday, August 23 in Duvall at **Butch and Sharon Kent's**. You are invited to meet at noon, with a 1:00 PM picnic lunch. To find the Kent estate from I-405, take Exit 23-A. Follow 522 to NE 195th St. exit (Duvall), up the hill, across RR tracks to the top of th hill. Turn left on 156th Ave NE. Bring your appetities!



**19th Annual Fall Ford Fest.** Sponsored by the Cascade Regional Group, all cars, makes & models are welcome. Frontier Park, 10 miles south of Puyallup on Hwy 161. This event features trophies, dashplaques, raffles, a poker walk, etc. Sept 1, from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



**Tour to Winthrop.** **Gary Duff** tells us that the date has changed to September 4th, 5th & 6th. People participating should meet at the former Vintage Auto Parts in Woodenville at 9:00 AM on the 4th. Make your own lodging arrangements.



**Hot Autumn Nites** - is looking for participants in Selected Classes ( Fun Awards, Community Awards, and Sponsor's Awards), as well as Judged Classes. Contact Greater Edmonds Chamber of Commerce for pre-registration packets. Telephone: 425-670-1496.

**Trip of the Year** - continued from page 1

people had watched the statewide weather forecast on Friday night and **they** all came in late model cars with air-conditioning. These guys shall remain unidentified. We headed out onto I-90 East in a long string.



A little bit east of Issaquah, Norm's Model A lost a rod bearing and he pulled over. About 5 following cars stopped to offer assistance. When we found that he was in good spirits with his cell phone fully charged and his AAA membership card in his pocket, we rejoined the caravan going over Snoqualmie Pass and on to **Ivan and Claudia Osmonovich's** place in Cle Elum. We inspected his collection of '33 and '34 Ford cars, car parts and parts of cars in progress of restoration. Ivan has probably the world's largest collection of '33 & '34 fenders in his barn attic, rights & lefts, fronts & rears, all nested like spoons, resting under the eaves. The very kind hosts provided us with cold water, coffee and donuts and a Johnny-on-the-Spot. With liquids back in balance, we took off for 4000-foot Blewitt Pass; with some vapor and vapor lock problems the group all made it. I decided to turn on the heater fan to give a little more cooling near the top. I avoided engine overheating

at the cost of baking Barbara and myself. It felt really good when we turned it off.

We drove down the long grade into the Columbia River Valley and to East Wenatchee's airport, Pangborn Field. We parked at the Century Aviation hanger where Mark Smith and Karen Barrow showed us their restoration work on a Japanese WWII Zero fighter. The plane was rescued from the New Guinea jungle growth a few years ago and is being put back in shape for placement in the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

Back out in the sun for a trip across the airport to the Wings Of Wenatchee airport headquarters hanger where we had a very pleasant lunch of hot dogs, pop & chips, all provided free by the airport managers who had bought food in anticipation of a large turnout for their advertised open house. It didn't materialize but we did, and were happy to eat their surplus provender. We heard a presentation on the efforts of the local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter to replicate an historic airplane, the "Miss Veedol", and to repeat its round-the-world flight of 1931. The pretty red single-engine monoplane was completed this spring with the help of 40,000 hours of volunteer labor. It was on display on the tarmac following some recent test flights. The plane was



built in much the same manner that a car is restored, a piece from here and a piece from there - except that there is no parts catalog and only one other similar Bellanca monoplane from which to either copy or infer the design. They anticipate a total cash outlay of over \$600,000 before the flight is made next year.

The **hot** sun now became **torrid** as we broke for a tour of the early Ford collection of **Dave and Susan Mehelich**, located a few miles north of Wenatchee; the address was on Easy Street, yeah! They have a great shop, seemingly specialized on Deuce Coupes, though there was a beautifully restored '52 Victoria hardtop on the apron. PSRG was less of a presence now because the 90 degree heat wilted many of our tourists.

About 4PM, we checked in to the Enzian Inn in Leavenworth, a beautiful 4 story European style wood hotel. We headed straight for the pool to cool off. The humidity was so low that one could become cool just by being wet, even in the sun. A small putting-only course owned by the hotel beckoned to some refreshed souls among us.

About now, problem/damage reports started to come in. **Mark Keenholts'** blue '46 Tudor developed water pump and ignition problems, but staggered home (in time to receive the hook award! - Ed.). **Bob Porter** hadn't been running his convertible enough and wound up with corrosion on the coil lead that he diagnosed and fixed. **Mike Dermond's** neat '32 road-

ster with the Tatom flathead had trouble restarting after he'd stopped to look at a covey of touring MG-TC'S and TD's on the way to Mehelich's. It backfired while cranking and the engine compartment burst into flames; they were quickly doused. Not quick enough, however, to prevent blistering the beautiful black paint job on the hood. **Ed Johnson's** woodie proved crankiest of all, requiring a tow home!



These misadventures provided plenty of fuel for happy hour conversations before we sat down to a wonderful German dinner. High-caloric Bavarian pastries topped it all off.

On Sunday, the day dawned crystal bright and many of us departed for home after breakfast to avoid the heat promised for later in the day. Before we left, the hotel Builder and Owner brought out his 12-foot long Alpinhorn and serenaded the town as he stood on the porch railing 4 stories above the street. It's a morning and evening occurrence according to the hotel staff. **Guy Generaux** had arranged a putting tournament for a 10 AM start. The results of it will have to come from another reporter. We took it slow over Stevens Pass and enjoyed the cool engine and passenger compartment. We stopped in Sultan for coffee and watched some of our Early Fords go by.



## Shop and Swap With PSRG

Want Ads are free and will run for a maximum of 3 months. Early Ford V8 - related items only, please. Publication **deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month**. Anything received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will be put in the next newsletter.

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### For Sale:

\* Ford Script battery (12V) for '37 Ford. Barely Used - \$50. \* '37 Ford radiator rods - \$15

\* '37 Ford steering wheel - standard black - \$25 \* '37 Ford 4/ea repro hub caps - nw- still in box - \$65

**Dan R. Phillips**, 425-337-2698

### For Sale:

1949 Ford Custom Club Coupe; flathead V-8; stick and overdrive; dual carbs; Offenhauser heads; dual exhaust; 12-volt electrical system; electric fuel pump; a very straight body with just a little rust showing on the front lower panels; blue paint is very good with some small blemishes; chrome is all very good with some small scratches; new upholstery, very good dash, steering wheel cracked; mechanics are very good and the car is loaded with accessories like deluxe radio, whitewalls, spinners and blue dot lenses; appraised at \$13,500; call **Deja Webster** in Port Townsend at 360-385-2662.

### For Sale:

'56 Fords - one 2 dr sedan, two hardtops, six 4 dr sedans (total 9 cars), plus '34 ton and a half, '37 ton and a half, and a '35 flathead. Contact **Dick Jauch**, 360-387-1580 for more information.

### For Sale:

1978 Ford Ranchero 500, 351 M big block, dual exhaust, smog exempt. New: C-6 transmission, torque converter, differential, shocks, starter, alternator, distributor, rotor, ignition, module, starter relay, voltage regulator, headlight relay, ignition switch. Almost new Goodyear Eagles, Cherry Bombs. N.A.D.A. book \$7144. Sacrifice \$2500. **Barney A. Loucks**, 206-851-4732.

Rick & John bought us our own website! Our new web address is: **[www.clutchchatter.com](http://www.clutchchatter.com)**

Much easier to remember! Try it and add it to your favorites !

### For Sale:

'53 muffler & tail pipe nearly new---manifolds & crossover good; assembly is complete with brackets and clamps. Any fair price will help offset costs for the conversion of Tom Dailey's Coupe to duals.

**Bob Patterson** - 206-284-6824

### For Sale:

'52 Ford 3-speed transmission with overdrive. From a check of the Parts Interchange Manual, I believe this unit will fit '53-'54 passenger car and also '53 F100 Pickup, \$100 obo. Call **Bill** at 360-293-0371

**Early Ford V-8 Club Member Survey**

The National Board has decided to survey the membership about what you want to see in your club. Please fill out this survey and return it to Bill Meade at the next meeting - or mail it to P.O. Box 835, Seahurst, WA 98062. Thank you for participating. – Ed.

**How important to you are the following items? Circle the number of choice with #1 being very important, #2 somewhat important, #3 no opinion, #4 not important.**

**A) V-8 Times Magazine**

1. V-8 Times magazine-overall format	1	2	3	4
2. Technical article	1	2	3	4
3. "Readers reply" feature	1	2	3	4
4. Regional Group news	1	2	3	4
5. Classified ads	1	2	3	4
6. Flathead history articles	1	2	3	4
7. National meet judging results	1	2	3	4
8. Annual roster	1	2	3	4

**B) National Meets**

1. Attending a National meet	1	2	3	4
2. Having your car point judged	1	2	3	4
3. Showing your car in Touring Class	1	2	3	4
4. Showing your car in Display Only	1	2	3	4
5. Tours and seminars at national meets	1	2	3	4

**C) Regional Groups**

1. Joining or belonging to a regional group	1	2	3	4
2. Regional group monthly meetings	1	2	3	4
3. Regional group tours and events	1	2	3	4
4. Multi-regional group or multi-state tours	1	2	3	4

**D) What are your feelings on the following issues: keep in mind that people can join this club and not have to own a Ford V-8. Circle your answer.**

1. Should a classification be created for flathead-powered cars that do not qualify for the Touring or Touring A classes? This class might include cars with unauthorized accessories, cars with reproduction bodies or cars with other modifications that eliminate them from the touring classifications. **Yes No**
2. If this classification is created should they qualify to receive some type of award? **Yes No**
3. Should a Modified or Display class be offered at national meets for non-flathead powered cars? **Yes No**
4. If a Modified class is offered at a meet should the cars be eligible for some type of award? **Yes No**
5. Do you think that the creation of new classifications as mentioned above would attract new or younger members? **Yes No**

**On a separate sheet of paper please forward your thoughts or comments on the following questions:**

1. What types of articles would you like to see in the *V-8 Times*?
2. What types of activities would you like to have at national meets?
3. What is the best way to promote the V-8 Club? Swap meets, car shows? Give us your ideas.
4. Should the club continue the current youth program? **Yes No**
5. Should the National Club consider adding 1954-1956 Ford cars to the club to attract younger members and retain membership? **Yes No**
6. Should the Board of Directors be reapportioned or realigned to give members who live outside of California more equal representation? **Yes No**
7. Should National Directors be subject to term limits in order to give new people a chance to run for office? **Yes No**
8. Do you use the National Club website? **Yes No**
9. Do you visit other websites that contain information on 1932-1953 Fords? **Yes No**

**Name, Address and Membership Number are optional:** \_\_\_\_\_

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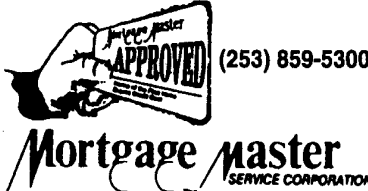
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**A Report from the 100th Aniversary Celebration**

Our thanks to Marty Bufalini of *Old Cars* for the excerpt from his extensive article. - Ed.

The party may be over, but it certainly won't be forgotten. More than 225,000 people and 3,200 Ford vehicles from all over the world gathered at the Ford Motor Company world headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan, June 12-15 to help the company celebrate its centennial. Ford vehicles of every description, including airplanes, and nearly every year of manufacture were parked on the sprawling 152 -acre world headquarters site.

According to Ford Motor Company, citizens from 18 different countries, all 50 states, and nine Canadian provinces enjoyed the centennial celebration in Dearborn. People came from such diverse nations as Iceland, New Zealand, Indonesia, China and Chile. One man, Diogenes Fettosa, drove - that's right, drove - his 1952 Ford all the way from Brazil to Dearborn just to be a part of the celebration.

One of the most amazing statistics to come out of the celebration comes from the Model T rides given on the grounds. According to the company, there were 83 Model T's used to give half-mile rides to visitors by their volunteer owners/drivers. Over the course of the five-day event, 17,000 people had a ride in a Model T, and in those five days, those 83 Model T's logged more than 11,000 miles.