

Welcome to Spokane! ***July 15th – 19th 2009***

When you visit Spokane, it won't take you long to realize you have arrived someplace special. The spectacular scenery and incredible weather make Spokane a terrific destination to host the **2009 VTCI Northwest Regional Thunderbird – FAMILY REUNION**. Spokane offers an abundance of activities for the outdoor enthusiast from: hiking, skiing, mountain biking, boating, swimming and fishing. Along with the outdoor adventures you will be amazed to find world-class urban amenities right at your fingertips. The city provides plenty of cultural arts, shopping, dining and entertainment options to choose from. We promise...you will soon discover why visitors fall in love with Spokane.

Wednesday 15th An Ice Cream Social will kick off the 2009.... at 7pm in Riverfront Park (home to Expo '74). It is a short walk from the hotel to the Forestry Pavilion. This will be a celebration of Thunderbirds coming together to reunite old friendships and to make new ones!

Revisit your childhood memories or create new ones when you slide down the giant red wagon or take a spin on the Carousel! Saved from the former Natatorium Amusement Park (Looff 3 row park machine circa 1909)... this classic carousel has its own building in the park. Take a ride in a gondola over Spokane Falls or just relax and enjoy more ice cream. This will be a night of exploration and fun!

Spokane Falls during spring run-off, what a view from the gondola.



Thursday 16th Enjoy the day on your own exploring downtown Spokane; just a few steps from your hotel door. Spend the day shopping, sightseeing or just kick back and relax before the evening festivities get underway. We will be attending the Inland Northwest Car Club Council Downtown Scholarship Show, where there will be over 300 cars; customs, classics and rods. The Thunderbirds will be showcased and a special trophy to be awarded to a lucky family member.

Friday 17th A luncheon cruise on breathtaking Lake Coeur d'Alene. You will have time to go sightseeing on your own and shopping in downtown CDA before we re-board the bus for our trip back to Spokane. You are on your own again for the evening, so why not take a stroll down to Riverpark Square to check out the local shops and restaurants or dance the night away at one of the local night clubs, Spokane has something for everyone.



Saturday 18th Time for the show!!! A short drive from the hotel, Riverfront Park is a magnificent spot overlooking the river and the carousel to showcase the Thunderbirds on the grass. A panel of knowledgeable judges will be selecting the winners. The evening will be capped off with an Awards banquet where Mitch Silver of Silver Auctions is our guest speaker for the evening.

www.silverauctions.com This will be a night to remember.

Sunday 19th Time to say au revoir, until we meet again.

Please call or email or check us out on the web if you have any questions: (509) 327-5641 bigred65tbird.iverson@comcast.net or www.inwthunderbird.org

We look forward to welcoming you to our Family Reunion.