

## FERRY TALES

August 29, 2004

Leaving Pacific City, we proceed to Seaside, OR. It is a beautiful quiet Park. We explored the surrounding area and drove to Astoria where we found another carved statue by Peter Toth. It stands at the entrance to the city, just after the traffic circle.

So far, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> one of his 66 carvings in the 50 states and Canada, that we have seen. There are many to go.

It is hard to believe that there is not much publicity or information about his ambitious undertakings.

The next routing was north on 101 along the Olympic Peninsula and Rain Forest.

This road is not very well traveled, at least at this time of year. It is in an area that has a lot of logging. These areas have been replanted during prior years and it is very surprising to see exactly how much, or actually, how little the trees have grown in 20 or 30 years. Trees are a very perishable resource. It must be the first of the fishing season for salmon. The roads are lined with hundreds of boat trailers that are parked.



We reached Port Townsend and took the ferry to Whidbey Island for \$46. The trip around to Whidbey by road was over 150 miles and the fuel would have cost the same, not to mention the 5 hours drive time instead of the 30 minutes on the ferry! We are parked at our favorite La Conner Thousand Trails Preserve.

Dave & Bonnie

