



# Covered Bridge Tour May 11th, 2024

(Above) Lovely scenery this time of year.  
(Below) Mike Newby checking people in.

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This year's covered bridge tour had a tremendous amount of interest. After adapting the drive and with the help of many volunteers, our group ended up including 40 cars and 66 participants. We began the tour at a familiar meeting place for the club, the Wilsonville Fred Meyer parking lot. I often wonder what the shoppers think, as they prepare to do their morning grocery shopping and find a sea of stunning Porsche's in the parking lot?

After we corralled the group and completed our safety meeting, we headed towards Canby and Marquam and wound our way through Silver Falls State Park. Shortly after this, one of our participants had car issues and had to leave the tour. They were later rescued by AAA. Hopefully it was an easy fix.

Our first stop would be in Stayton, to view the Jordan Covered Bridge, the only walk-through bridge on the tour. A group of Little League baseball teams were in attendance, getting photos taken on the bridge, so our photo ops were a bit curtailed.

Back in the cars, we toured outside of Stayton through a picturesque valley on our way to the Hannah Bridge. A short





Lined up to visit the Gilkey Covered Bridge – Built in 1939.



(Above) Hannah Bridge was built in 1936. Here Rick Pittman is driving through it. (Below) Lovely Carrera 4 GTS!



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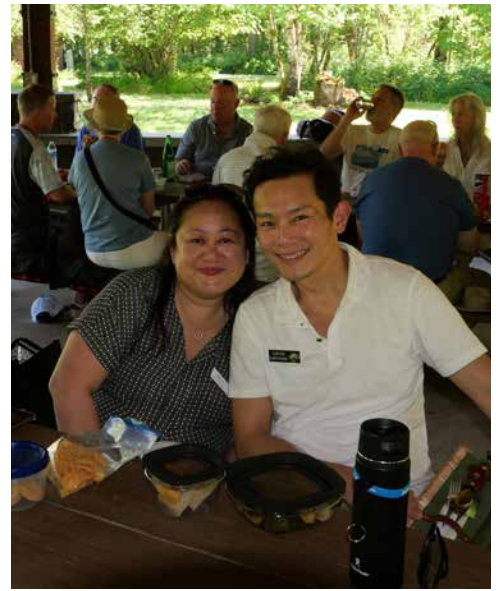
distance away, we drove through the spectacularly beautiful dark red Shimanek Covered bridge. From here, we drove to our lunch spot at Roaring River County Park. The sun was out and the day was warm, but we were able to enjoy our lunch under the shade of the gazebo.

We elected to skip the fish hatchery and drove immediately to our next drive-through, covered bridge, Larwood. Winding through the farmland outside of Scio we next visited the Hoffman Bridge where we stopped for more photo opportunities. Our last destination on the tour was the Gilkey Covered Bridge, just a short distance away.

We turned our cars north and headed to the Oregon Garden Resort, only to find that they were not open upon the first group's arrival. No worries. We pivoted and all of our groups headed to the very popular Benedictine Brewery outside of Mt. Angel for more conversation and libations.

I always enjoy doing this tour and it seems that I am not alone in that. This time I got to bring along 65 friends! ■

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(Top to Bottom, Left to Right)  
This is the Stayton-Jordan Bridge, originally built in 1937, it was one of seven similar Linn County-covered bridges. The bridge was moved to Stayton in 1986 and then rebuilt when it was lost to fire in 1994; Anh Le and Carlos Santayana enjoying the picnic at Roaring River County Park; Nancy Jo and Rick Clark getting ready to drive; Lisa and Dave Burke; Bill Rasnake cleaning his windows; Rick Pittman cleaning his windows.

