



Eola Hills and Amity Heartland Tour April 2024

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(Above) Mike Newby, the tour organizer, kicking things off. (Below) Randy Homes, Lisa and Dave Burke.

The 2024 ORPCA tour season is upon us, as we revisited a club-favorite drive touring the Eola Hills and Amity Heartland. This tour is all about wide-open agricultural landscapes, driving past dozens of vineyards, and some terrifically twisting roads in between. Since this was the first Saturday drive for 2024, we had a nice large group with 38 cars and 64 participants. This tour was organized by Mike Newby.

After our safety meeting at Fred Meyer in Wilsonville, we drove a short distance to Champoeg State Park for a

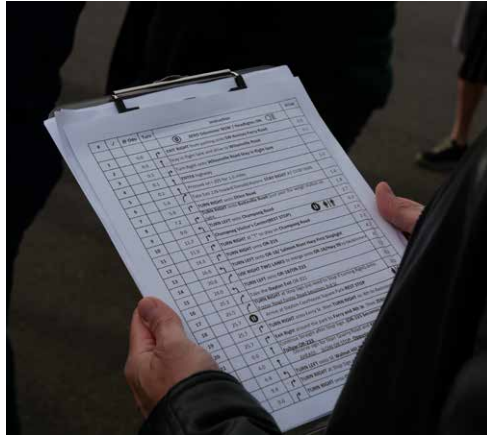
quick restroom break. From Champoeg, we drove towards McMinnville and meandered our way via OR-18 and OR-233 towards Dayton. We stopped in Dayton at Courthouse Square Park, for another break. Upon leaving Dayton, we began the best part of the tour, snaking our way through wine country on some satisfyingly twisty roads. This is where the drive truly came into its own. The Eola Hills southwest of Salem provided us with many smiles.

Our drive through the hills brought us back into the valley and to the Maud Williamson State Park for another restroom break. Everyone enjoyed discussing the twisty roads while admiring the spectacular views of and from our cars. On the road again, we headed towards Salem and more rolling hills filled with sweeping turns and vineyards. Our tour ended back in Dayton at the By-Pass Bar and Grill where we had burgers and beverages.

All in all, a good start to the tour season. ■



There are many photos up on our SmugMug site. <https://orpcapix.smugmug.com/2024-ORPCS-EVENTS/A-D-Eola-Hills-04132024>. Here are a few to enjoy.



(Top to Bottom, Left to Right) Printed Route Directions; Our canine club mascot Max, the Bernese Mountain Dog, joined Scott Dual on the drive; Terry Taylor's fabulous 356; VP Carol Hedstrom at the wheel; Derrick and Julie Teal's stunning Boxster S; The very rare Boxster Spyder!; Patiently waiting for lunch at the By-Pass bar and Grill; Matt, Craig, Mike and Sheldon discussing the drive.

