



## Escape to the Coast Saturday, March 21, 2026

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**O**n March 21, a sparkling clear Saturday morning, eleven 911s, two Cayennes, a pair of Macans and a lone

Panamera set off from the Wilsonville Fred Meyer for a day-and-a-half adventure, an Escape to the Coast. The weather was perfect, the driving was spirited, the scenery was fabulous and the camaraderie was brilliant.

Heading west, we were soon winding through wine country and headed up and

over Bald Peak. Continuing through the Yamhill and Carlton AVAs, we climbed Sheridan Peak and wound our way around Darling Mountain.

This was the most technical portion of the drive through tree branch-strewn single-lane roads that rewarded the 911's balance and agility.

We pulled into Coyote Joe's Restaurant in Willamina for lunch which garnered at least two superlatives: Best Hamburger Ever (according to 10-year-old Sammie Goldstein) and Most Enthusiastic Waiter Ever (according to all of us). Hunter was beyond psyched about the beautiful Porsches and came out to the parking lot to visit every car. "I just want to touch them!"

Back on the road, we headed south and then west through Dallas and South Kings Valley Highway to Fort Hoskins Historic Park for a pit stop. Then on to Newport and up the coast to the beautiful Salishan Coastal Lodge. After a brief rest, we gathered at the Side Door Cafe for a



delicious meal and wonderful conversation.

The next morning, we set off north on often boring Highway 101, but our terrific route planners, Carole and Brad Hedstrom, managed to find side roads that kept it fun. We zipped around Devil's Lake and the North Scenic Highway. The latter was controversial in that it was arguably the most beautiful road of the trip, but it was also the roughest and was cursed by drivers with limited ground clearance. We marveled at the views at

Cape Lookout State Park and Cape Mears Scenic Viewpoint before dining on the patio at Pelican Brewing in Tillamook.

The overnight weekend format was praised by all: lots of driving, lots of great food, and extra time to get to know each other. We look forward to doing more of these drives in the future. ■



Hunter from Coyote  
Joe sporting our  
ORPCA beanie.



The Reynolds with Anh Le.



John and Rosanne Woody.



Dan Kelly and Lisa Koch.

