



# Fast and Slow: Two Winter Drives

BY KENT ZOOK AND DANIEL MORRIS  
PHOTOS BY STACY STACK, SYLVIA NESSAN,  
JOE SWEENEY, AND MATT NENNINGER

Enjoy the Photos. There are many more on our SmugMug site here:

<https://orpc-pix.smugmug.com/2023-ORPCA-Events/Holiday-Lights-PIR-2023>

*(Above) Getting ready for Part One! (Below) Entering PIR for Part 2!*

Our December driving events were radically different yet, simultaneously, similar. Different - in that Part One was a traditional Arrive and Drive with acceleration, braking, and twists and turns. Part Two lacked acceleration above single digits, avoided braking, and while it lacked any twists, there were turns. My Panamera simply ended the evening confused. Yet, wintertime is frequently confusing. We have weather weirdness as we have days and weeks of rain with occasional days of snow/ice, and scattered bursts of sunshine.

## The Arrive and Drive

We gathered in West Linn on a cloudy and threatening afternoon. Air-cooled classics, Cabriolets gambling it wouldn't rain, coupes, sedans, and SUVs overtook the Parkrose Hardware parking lot. Dutch Brothers provided a respite from the drizzle along with hot coffee or tea.

After our safety briefing, we lined up and began our journey from West Linn to Jubitz Truck Stop. We navigated the construction zone of the Abernathy Bridge and entered the backroads of Oregon City, where just as we were about to follow the Clackamas River, we went uphill and traversed the hills between Oregon City towards Carver. Beautiful roads. Fun, twisty, and slow corners interspersed with faster sections.

We passed tree farms and new housing developments. We navigated along the Clackamas Highway through Boring into Gresham and then east crossing the Sandy River where we picked up Historic Highway 30 back through Troutdale. Then we drove around the regional airport and along Marine Drive until exiting to arrive at Jubitz where we met up with additional members for the second part of our excursion.



## The Winter Wonderland

We all met at Jubitz Truck Stop - an oasis for truckers and travelers alike in North Portland. After our briefing - including the unique comment that we should turn off our lights after entering the Wonderland (which is a challenge in a newer Porsche with electronic lights) - we drove to Portland International Raceway to enjoy its traditional holiday lighting display.

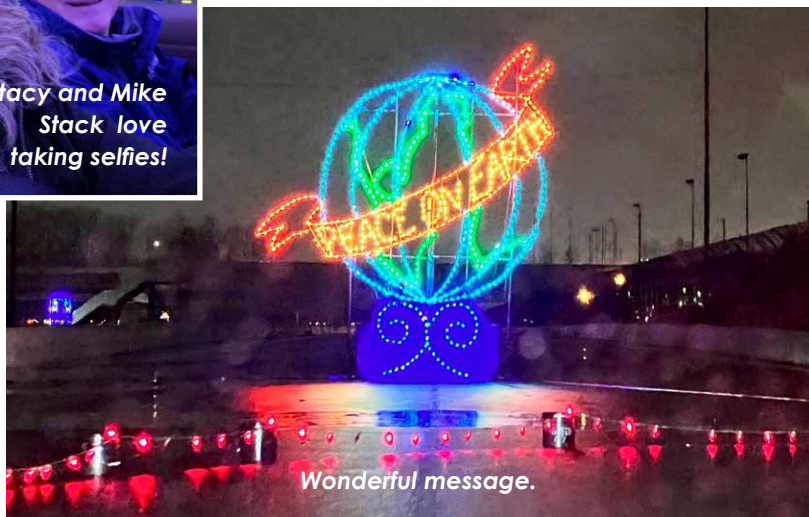
Winter Wonderland is an annual extravaganza. Of course, it was a little disappointing to have to leave the top up but being December in Oregon that is more the normal course of events! We all drove slowly around the track counter-clockwise, opposite the normal racing line, which provides a very different perspective. The very imaginative displays were delightful. When we exited the track, we gathered for the short drive back to the Ponderosa Room for a great meal and conversation. New members declared that they enjoyed meeting so many Porsche enthusiasts while continuing members connected with new and old friends. The holiday spirit filled our cars and souls providing an opportunity to slow down, reflect, rejoice, and unwind. As we finished dinner and said our goodbyes, we all expressed our thoughts for a joyous new year and are looking forward to 2024 drives, tours, and events. ■



*Amazing photo!*



*Stacy and Mike  
Stack love  
taking selfies!*



*Wonderful message.*



*Two turtle doves.*



*Welcome to Winter Wonderland.*