



Ladies Drive

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Saturday, July 6th was ORPCA's second Ladies-only drive. Twenty-nine women in 18 cars enjoyed this special event, bringing together a fun and vibrant group of women for a low-key and enjoyable drive. There was something undeniably fun and freeing about hitting the road with like-minded women. The camaraderie and empowerment felt throughout the day was truly inspiring, creating an environment that was supportive and inclusive. The event certainly caught the attention of many passersby with women giving us thumbs up and men looking somewhat surprised!

Our journey took us along a part of the North Clark County Scenic route, offering a perfect blend of driving pleasure and stunning scenery. Starting in Battle Ground, Washington, we passed many North Clark County points of interest and wineries including Battle Ground State Park, Heisen House Vineyards, Lucia Falls Park, Moulton Falls Regional Park, Moulton Falls Winery, and the towns of Yacolt and Amboy before taking a quick break at the Cedar Creek Grist Mill. Located in Woodland, the Cedar Creek Grist Mill is a historical, water-powered, grain-grinding



(Top to Bottom) Getting ready to drive; At the Cedar Creek Grist Mill.

facility. The Mill rests on a steep and rocky slope at the bottom of the narrow Cedar Creek gorge. It is the only grist mill in Washington that has maintained its original structural integrity.

From there we continued through the towns of LaCenter and Ridgefield on to our luncheon stop at the Margarita Factory in the Hazel Dell Town Center in Vancouver.

We wrapped up our morning adventures while enjoying margaritas (some of them unexpectedly generously sized!) and a delicious lunch as we continued to share stories, bond with new friends, and deepen our connections as a club. Whether seasoned drivers or new to the club, everyone relished the joy of the drive, the company, and the sense of freedom that only a Porsche can provide.

These drives can only happen with dedicated volunteers! A shoutout to Carole Hedstrom for planning and leading this drive, and Diane Homes, Anh Le, and Winnie Miller for assisting. Special thanks to Kristin and Francois Coppola for stepping in to lead one of the groups at the last minute!

Reflecting on the day, we appreciated the unique joy of the journey, the thrill of the drive, and the power of women behind the wheel!! Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this Ladies Drive a day to remember. We left knowing we are looking forward to many more Ladies-only adventures! ■



Enjoy the photos. There are more on our SmugMug page here: <https://orpc-pix.smugmug.com/2024-ORPCS-EVENTS/Ladies-Only-Drive-07062024>

(Above) Enjoying margaritas and food. (Right) Debora Owens and Andrea Davis enjoy the sign at the Margarita Factory. (Bottom) Made it to the Margarita Factory.

