



Salem Twists and Turns: Observations of a Newbie and First-Timer to a Porsche Club Drive June 19, 2025

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What a glorious day in Oregon! It was perfect weather; clear and warm.

We had a wide variety of Porsches to appreciate, and great people to meet up with!

It was so kind of Michael Newby to offer me the opportunity to join the ORPCA for my first ever "Drive", even though I don't own a Porsche yet, and in spite of the fact that I'd be driving my black 2017 Jaguar

F-Type R...I'd driven this Jag for several years, and even as a member of the Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon, I'd never taken the time to go on an organized drive. I've driven it hard all over Benton and Linn County roads, but never on a expertly-designed route, nor much in Marion County. My mind, my eyes and my ears were opened to a wonderful new experience!

My wife Nikole and I had no idea what to expect. But we were so impressed by how welcoming the Members were. We were made very comfortable, very quickly. Not at all what we mistakenly expected from a group of Porsche owners. And surprisingly, I got lots of nice compliments on my F-Type's design and exhaust note.

When thinking about driving, I often think about what the "soundtrack" for that drive might be...Would it be random tunes from satellite radio, a play list of classic rock, timeless grunge/alternative, or other? However, the soundtrack of this

