



# Exhilarated and Exhausted: Snake and Bake 2026

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**T**he last week of May, twenty Porsches repeated the highly acclaimed Snake and Bake three-day tour. Originally developed and led last year by Randy and Diane Homes, this year's run was led by Jim Goetsch and Valerie Menely. The nearly 1,000 miles cover some of the most stunning and drivable roads in northeast Oregon. Based out of Baker City, Snake and Bake is a true driver's drive.

*"Snake and Bake is for people who love to drive. It doesn't mess around with golf, shopping, lunches at wineries or boat trips. It's just great cars, great scenery, great people and great driving."*

In offering nearly 70 driving events per year, ORPCA Tour Leaders aspire to create a variety of tour experiences, ranging from short and relaxed to long and demanding. Snake and Bake is definitely the latter. The route follows the Snake River through Hell's Canyon, with challenging high-desert and mountain transitions. The weather was ideal, especially for Cabrios and Targas.





*"Doing that kind of driving on those kinds of roads is exactly why I bought my car."*

*"Driving very quickly through the epic scenery. It was absolutely jaw-dropping at times, both for the grandeur of the vistas and the sheer variability of the landscapes we traversed."*

Limiting the tour to twenty cars and staying at the Geiser Grand both nights made it easier to connect with old friends and new acquaintances.

*"The smaller number of cars and drivers over multiple days really helped create connection. With the same home base, it was easier to check in daily, share stories, and bond with people."*

*"Besides the group of people, I'd say the route and the two-night format. If I had to boil it down to one thing, this is a true 'driver's drive' type of tour, and I loved that."*

Tours in rural and remote areas of Oregon present logistical challenges. Gas stations with premium fuel are few and far between resulting in a few drivers suffering from "range anxiety." Small towns generally cannot accommodate large groups for lunch but we had great take-out lunches from Brenda's Blessing in Fossil and eat-in lunches at Condon Local in Condon. In addition to great lunches, we're helping support



local businesses.

By the time we ended the drive in The Dalles late Saturday afternoon, we were all pretty wiped out but smiling and comparing how it made us feel.

*"Exhilaration. Pure and simple."*

*"Intense joy."*

*"Blessed to have the ability to go drive on amazing roads with an amazing group of people."*

*"Fantastic. We are lucky dogs."*

If your idea of a perfect weekend is coming home exhilarated and exhausted, Snake and Bake might just be your tour.

(Thank you to our Snake and Bake participants for the quotes incorporated in the article.) ■



