



Three Ferries Double-Header!

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This Saturday drive played out perfectly, a lovely mix of sun & cloud, with comfortable temperatures throughout the day. Many ferries operated on the Oregon rivers after 1844, but only three remain operational on the Willamette River – the Canby, Wheatland, and Buena Vista – the latter two being some of the first built in the state.

Though billed as a SUV Drive, the annual Three Ferries Spring Drive had almost an even split of Macan/Cayenne SUVs, and 911s/Boxsters on the road. In preparation for this, our route organizer, Heinz Holzapfel, set up two parallel routes for those that did not want to utilize the ferries. Acknowledging the possible entry and exit ramps challenges, two of the 911s still joined the SUV group to enjoy the historic river crossings.

Having a mix of vehicles on the SUV drive was a wonderful opportunity to meet and socialize with folks you may only see at dinner outings!

Even with the river crossings touted as the tour's highlights, the miles put down were through the rolling farmland and vineyards of the Willamette Valley with breathtaking views around each bend. For those with a keen eye; lamb, goats and even ostrich were watching the parade of Porsches pass by their grazing land.

The two vehicle groups united for the last time at Ankeny Vineyard outside of Salem. There they enjoyed some wonderful food, beverages, and talks of future events before parting in separate ways.

We are on the cusp of Oregon's lovely summer weather - get out there and enjoy the roads! ■





Ready to start the day with a great drive.



Morning, Beautiful Ladies!





Where's Wendy?

