



# To the Coast We Go 2

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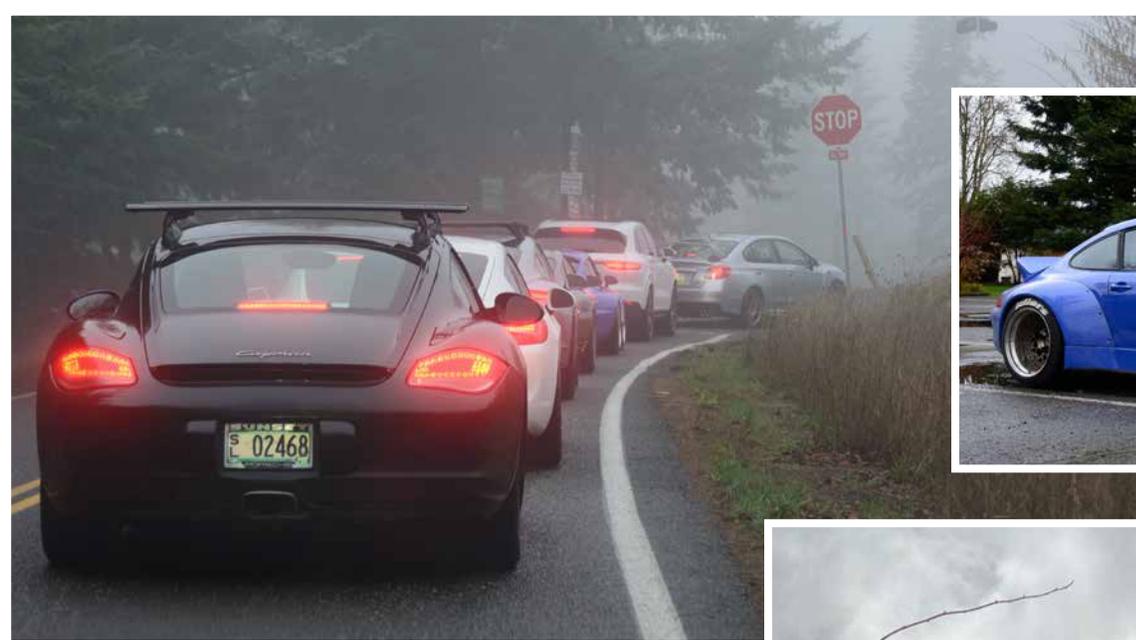
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**T**o the Coast We Go 2" delivered a terrific almost-spring run to Gearhart. ORPCA diehards gathered at Beaverton's Ava Roasteria, and ten cars headed for the twisties - safely above freezing, even for those on summer tires.

We toured along Progress Ridge through Scholls on Highway 219, up over Bald Peak, and connected to Spring Hill Road to Oregon 47. Some beautiful scenery. The route then took us through Banks, Vernonia, and on through Jewell using the Nehalem Highway and Highway 202. Along the way we hit two spots of snow, with the second stretch enjoying beautiful snow-covered trees and hills as the elevation gained in the Coast Range. One very short slushy point, but great roads overall not slowing us down.

Blue skies greeted us at Jewell Meadows, where a massive herd of Roosevelt elk basked in the sun. We finished a short cruise on coastal Highway 101 to McMenamins Gearhart Hotel





for a great lunch, joined by new member Mary Saylor. Thanks to lead Mark McGirr and sweep Fred Holzheiser - and to all who made the tour a success! ■

