

# OREGON REGION CCCA

## 2015 Mini Tour Report

September 12th through September 20th.

The annual "Howie Mini Tour" left Portland on Saturday September 12th. This was a 8 night / 9 day tour with a tour of the Northern California. The tour covered 1,090 miles

We started in Portland with overnight stops in Winchester Bay, Gold Beach, Eureka, two nights in Scotia, Oregon Caves Chateau, Ft. Klamath, Bend and back home.

We had a total of 33 people, 11 FC's, 3 vintage, and 2 modern cars on the tour. At least at the start, that changed to 8 FC's after 3 were replaced for mechanical reasons.

The tour had many highlights which you will hear about in the following renditions of our daily adventures on the road such as Simson Gardens, dinner at the Private Igomar Club, tour of the Harper brass era car collection, Loleta Cheese Factory, Ferndale, Historic Scotia Inn, Avenue of the Giants, Oregon Caves, Crater Lake Resort and our end of the tour dinner at Carino's Italian Restaurant in Bend.

I think I can speak for the entire tour group when I say we all had a great time, lots of laughter and loads of memories.....

Next September we will having another "Howie Tour"  
Where too ?

If you have a favorite place or tour you would like us to go.. Now's the time to let us know.

# Day 1 - Sept 12th. - Portland to Winchester Bay

By Pat Cox

This is day one of our 2015 September tour "Traveling South". We met in Tigard as planned with 13 vintage cars and 3 modern cars. Five cars would join us later on in the tour. Roger Eddy gave us our usual pep and rally talk. He also introduced and welcomed Diana & Jack Richards for their first fall tour.



Smooth but slow traveling thru Tigard, Newberg, and Dundee which is expected and not unusual. Georgia & John Mitchel joined us at our first rest stop in Amity. On into Monmouth JoAnne & Dennis Gilman joined in on the tour. As we got into Corvallis we had our first car breakdown and I say that with a emphasis on FIRST. Bill & Mary Jabs 1932 Packard Coupe Roadster's overdrive was making weird noises and the starter drive failed. They called a tow service that Bill knew and had them bring the family car to exchange for the Packard which was towed home.



From Amity we headed to Veneta which was our lunch stop. Along the way we saw wild turkeys, herds of elk and lots of old barns that I know Bev Asbahr totally loved plus a lot of four legged horse power which we could have used throughout the day as you will learn. Had lunch at "Our Daily Bread". Good food and good service. Great choice by our planning committee. Aloma, Amy & Alex, Sylvia & George, Bill & Ruth, and Virginia & Mike joined us at this time.



After lunch the Mitchells and Freedman's were having car problems. The Mitchells car had a momentary vapor lock but no real issues the rest of the day for them. And close to Lorane, George & Sylvia Potter broke down. Problems with the radiator. They called a tow truck plus Howard & Evelyn broke down who also called a tow truck. Both Howard and George headed home to get a couple of other vintage cars out of the Potters garage and guess what.....Aloma's locked car was parked in front of the garage door so they could not get in the garage. Both ended up joining us with modern cars. I am sure Aloma will never hear the end of this.

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# Day 1 - Sept 12th. - Portland to Winchester Bay

By Pat Cox

Through all our car breakdowns we did see a lot of great country. We stopped at the Pastry Mill & Café in Elkton for a break and to sample the cookies and pastries. We then headed to the Butterfly Garden which ended up being closed as we were running late. We walked around the gardens to see what we could.



It is now time to head on into Winchester Bay for our first night lodging. We arrived about 5:30 PM at Winchester Bay Inn. Our reservation for dinner at the Sportsman's Cannery got canceled because of an unforeseen circumstance so we ended up spreading out to different restaurants in the area.

In view of the many breakdowns we might want to consider the four legged versus the four wheeled horse power.

Pat Cox (a horse enthusiast)



## Day 2 - Sept 13th. - Winchester Bay to Gold Beach.

By Ruth George

Yesterday was a harrowing day of car troubles. Howard and George were stranded on the remote road leading to Drain and needed to be towed back to Eugene. We were relieved to see them re-join the group this morning, but driving different cars. As Bill & Mary Jabs started yesterday morning they were also dealing with car trouble, so decided to return home to get another car. We were glad they were able to re-join us. There were many other car problems, but thank goodness they were fixable. We are pleased to report that all participants were able to be with us for the rest of the tour.



Today we headed south on US 101 giving us a chance to see long stretches of the breathtaking views of the Oregon Coast.



Continuing onto Charleston, we were stopped at the draw bridge. It was interesting to watch a tall ship go through the passage under the bridge.



We had time to stroll through the lovely gardens in Shore Acres. Most flowers and plants were labeled and the gardeners were willing to answer our questions. It's peaceful and beautiful gardens were enjoyed by all.



Our next stop was at the Simpson Reef Overlook and were greeted by the sound of hundreds of Sea lions.



Lighthouses are another feature of the Oregon Coast. On our way to Shore Acres Park and Simpson Garden, we pass the magnificent Umpqua Light House and US Coast Guard Station.



We ended our day at the Gold Beach Resort. We were on our own for dinner but there were several choices of fine dining

# Day 3 - Sept 14th. - Gold Beach to Eureka

By Mona Marsh

Thanks to Howard, the man who always knows someone who knows someone, we had a wonderful tour of the Igomar Club followed by a first class dinner.



Lobster bisque soup, Caesar salad and choice of either chicken or beef entree.



The Igomar Club is a private man's social club which is located in the Victorian mansion built by lumber baron William

Carson in 1884-1885. In the 1940's members of the Humboldt Club bought the property for \$35,000 and the house was changed from a private resident to a private club. In 1986 a restoration project was begun and continues, to restore the house back to the days of its original owner. To keep the original building, a large addition was added to



Dinner in the Igomar Club

allow commercial kitchen, bar, dining room and meeting facilities for the members. Most of the furnishings are original to the house. It is a beautiful example of Victorian architecture and has become a local landmark in the Old Town of Eureka. It was a real treat to spend the evening in this exclusive club building.





# Day 4 - Sept 15th. - Eureka to Scotia

By Beverly Asbahr

## Fun Stops and a Personal Surprise

We woke to a chilly and frosty morning. A thoughtful lady motel manager put clean white towels on all our cars to wipe the dewy windows. We all scattered to restaurants to eat breakfast, and then returned to follow George Potter to a special car collection. The Harper family sells new Kias, Fords, and Hondas. However they have collected many early 1900's brass-era cars that are restored perfectly, including a caliope that works. The oldest car was a 1905 Knox. Their prize car was a 1927 Cadillac Coupe first sold to them after 6 promo models were made.



The Samoa Cookhouse

As we left, Mr. Carl Schneider handed each of us a line drawing poster of a 32' Packard Phaeton. We then drove to the Samoa Cookhouse for lunch, a place where large meals were served to loggers every day. We were served family style and the dishes were stacked on red checkered tablecloths ready to be filled. We ate Veg. soup, salad, pork steaks, beans, potatoes and cake squares, all very good

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# Day 4 - Sept 15th. - Eureka to Scotia

By Beverly Asbahr

## Fun Stops and a Personal Surprise



The flower garden

George Potter led us to Loleta's Cheese Factory and garden. We observed cheese making and sampled a variety of cheese squares. (A teacup called to me here). The flower garden in back had roses and other flowers along with a lovely arbor.

We drove on to Ferndale known for its quaint Victorian painted houses and store fronts. Our antique cars fit right in, parked on the streets. Many members toured the Orange hued Gingerbread Mansion B&B where rooms began at \$125.00 a night to the 3-room bridal suite at \$425.00 a night. All rooms were decorated Victorian. Two of our member are cousins. Bill George and George Potter were raised on farms outside Ferndale and are very familiar with this area. Later adult Potter lived in town one block over from "Curleys" café where we had our group dinner. We then headed to the Scotia Inn for the night, a very lovely, old 3-story elegant building.



The Scotia Inn

A personal Story: Jane Powell from Portland (7 Brides for 7 Brothers) is my favorite singing movie star. I discovered Rodger Eddy grew up living next door to her through grade school. She had looked forward to attending Grant High School. As a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grader she was singing to promote war bonds. Hollywood discovered her and off she went to MGM to attend H.S. with Elizabeth Taylor at the Studio. Five years ago, in her 80's, Jane attended an assembly at Grant and Rodger was chosen to present

her with roses and an Honorary Diploma from Grant High School. With a few tears she was very grateful.

P.S. Happy belated 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 20<sup>th</sup> Rodger and Jan.



# Day 5 - Sept 16th. - Scotia and the Redwoods

By Amy Haugland

Touring the Redwoods



Today was the day of the Avenue of the Giants. We had a wonderful time and got some fantastic photos, despite the rain that continued on and off all day. The scenery was lovely, and several other people who were enjoying the Avenue of the Giants got a little extra in the form of our travelling car show.

We had dinner at the Scotia Inn Pub. They were very hospitable, and the food was excellent.



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# Day 5 - Sept 16th. - Scotia and the Redwoods

Touring the redwoods

Pictures on the morning of the Tour of the Avenue of the Giants



Howard was award the Bloop-er flag for the day.



Waiting in the Scotia lobby for the tour to began.



The town manager giving us a history lesson about the lumber company town of Scotia



# Day 6 - Sept 17th. - Scotia to The Oregon Caves

By Jan Eddy



We woke up to no rain and hurried to breakfast on the balcony of the Scotia Inn, built in 1923 to house lumberjacks and others. From that balcony we looked down to the spacious hardwood floored lobby. The Scotia Inn is a typical small hotel from the roaring twenties in the Stickley style adapted well to the Redwood country.

The museum the mayor of Scotia took us through was two blocks away and takes a page from the past of Scotia during its heyday and its suffering through floods and economic turmoil.



The Scotia Inn



Driving through the redwoods was serene amid stately trees and returned us to Oregon and a pause for lunch at an Indian casino in Klamath.



Lunch at the Klamath Casino



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## Day 6 - Sept 17th. - Scotia to The Oregon Caves

By Jan Eddy



More than half of our tour group did not know what was in store for them, when after a lot of driving and finally winding up a mountain road, we arrived at the Oregon Caves Chateau, which for some of our people was the most exciting place on the trip. Built in the thirties, the lodge is made from stripped logs, featuring two gables, a huge rock fireplace, mason Monterey furniture and huge light fixtures.

The entire property is all original and beautifully cared for. The lodge looks out on trees, ponds and mountains. We had a delicious dinner in the downstairs Chateau dining room which has a live mountain fed stream running right through the room. The bedrooms are charming, each with an original handmade quilt by volunteers in the area.



During our dinner, our friends were deciding if they were going to walk through the caves in the morning for an hour and a half thrill.



Rodger says he cannot pick a favorite place - like the beautiful and historic Scotia Inn, the terrific Ingomar Club castle in Eureka, the wonderful Oregon Caves Chalet or on and on with all the beautiful places we have experienced.

(I will call myself "editor" for this purpose and tell all of us that we would never have been to any of the wonderful places we have been to without the dedication, guidance and perseverance Rodger has brought to us all. Thank you dear friend)

*Howard*



# Day 7 - Sept 18th. - The Oregon Caves to Ft. Klamath

By Dianna Richards

We woke-up this morning at the Oregon Caves Chateau to beautiful blue skies.



After breakfast in the old-time diner downstairs, some of us took the Oregon Cave tour.



In the Oregon Caves

I made it to the half-way point which they called the "110". (It is 110 feet above the start ; an exit point).

As Jack made it all the way, you may ask why I didn't. Whatever I ate the day before decided to reappear that morning so I spent most of my time "hugging" the bowl.



After the group returned from the cave tour, we drove our "Classics" to the Crater Lake Resort Cabins at Fort Klamath, taking the scenic route down West Side Road/County Hwy31.

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# Day 7 - Sept 18th. - The Oregon Caves to Ft. Klamath

By Dianna Richards—continued

The way I was feeling I wished we had just gotten on Hwy 5. That night, Jack enjoyed the great food that Bill Jabs, George Potter, Howard Freedman and Sylvia Potter had prepared, while I rested my stomach. I did however arrive to the Resort rec room in time for dessert and the awarding of the Blooper flag.



Our Cabin at Ft. Klamath

It was awarded to three people: 1. Georgia Mitchell for leaving her night gown behind at the Chateau. 2. Howard Freedman, for not giving George Potter the keys to his Lexus after dropping him off at the hotel. (George was unable to start the car after turning it off at the lunch stop.) 3. George Potter for

not letting his wife, Sylvia, get her purse before they headed to lunch, where she had her set of keys for the Lexus.



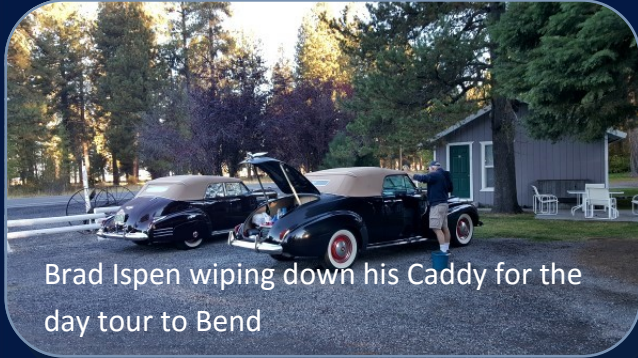
We also want to say again how much Jack and I enjoyed traveling with the group. I (personally) enjoyed not having to get up at god awful o'clock each day to start the touring!



# Day 8 - Sept 19th. - Ft. Klamath to Bend

By Aloma Douroux

Departure - 9 AM from Crater Lake Resort Cabins to Chiloquin to La Quinta Inn in Bend, OR



Brad Ispen wiping down his Caddy for the day tour to Bend

Beautiful sunny Saturday morning. Highway flanked by pine trees on both sides. The troop stopped at Crater Lake Junction Travel Center for gas and a proceeded on to Milita's for breakfast. Great meal! The meal was huge. It's now about 10:45 AM and we're heading for the Train Mountain Railroad which is about 1/2 mile from Melita's.



Breakfast at Melita's Café in Chiloquin



This is a private collection of trains known as Klamath and Western Railroad Inc. of Chiloquin, OR.



A stop at Train Mountain in Chiloquin

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## Day 8 - Sept 19th. - Ft. Klamath to Bend

By Aloma Douroux

The following information is an account of the history of this collection as written in a pamphlet given to us at the site.

The original owner of the Klamath and Western Railroad property was Ed St. John , who had a dream of building a major model railroad in Chiloquin. Ed's project, which began over 30 years ago, was aided by a couple of local people, who were joined by a few members of the Medford Live Steamers. A Club called the "Over The Hill Live Steamers" , was eventually formed.

Later, the real property and track was acquired from Ed St. John by Train Mountain. The name was changed, and the new Klamath and Western Railroad was incorporated as a 501 (C3) public benefit organization. Klamath & Western Railroad now leases the land and trackage rights upon which it operates from Train Mountain and is thus able to provide public train rides.

This place was interesting and the grounds were beautiful but unfortunately we couldn't do rides because the operation closes after Labor Day.

We regrouped and prepared to take off north for US 97 to Bend, Oregon

Howard Freedman and Bill Jabs needed to run to Klamath Falls so Mary invited Evelyn and myself to ride with her to Bend and we would later meet the guys at the La Quinta Inn in Bend.

Driving on 97 we drove by Colliers State Park Museum on a beautifully smooth highway that had been recently resurfaced. Pine trees were everywhere but no sightings of wildlife. Perhaps it was too warm.

Mary stopped in Chemult for gas and we saw Rodger and Jan on the side of the road with the hood up. After talking with Jan we learned that they had vapor locked and were getting help. Mary had called it because before Jan told us what the problem was she had said "perhaps its vapor locked."

George and Sylvia were also parked a couple blocks behind the Eddy's but we thought they had stopped to shop at the second hand store close by, Wrong.

Sylvia wanted water from the cooler in the trunk. George proceeded to get the water and in doing so placed the keys on the cooler, closed the trunk and yes locked the keys in the trunk.

Sylvia called AAA and they said they were coming soon. In the meantime Jabs, Potter and Freedman brainstormed ideas for opening the trunk. There were no tools to pick the lock, no extra keys, so they waited for AAA.

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## Day 8 - Sept 19th. - Ft. Klamath to Bend

By Aloma Douroux

Someone thought about going into the trunk from the back seat. Mary Jab is the petite and she volunteered. She made several attempts but just couldn't reach the keys even though she could see them. She used a couple of long items to reach them but all was in vain. It was a funny sight seeing her head down into the hole of the back seat and her rear end up in the air of this bright red 88 Oldsmobile.



While I'm recording all this funny happenings people are saying "send it to the National, Send it to the National" and George Potter looks at me and says "remember that you are riding home with me, Aloma."

In the meantime Rodger and Jan take off for Bend without us knowing while Mary Evelyn and I depart looking for the Ed-dy's. Mary called and they were doing fine and ahead of the group.

Mary, Evelyn and I continue in search of a DQ for soft ice cream.

George, Jabs and Howard wait for the AAA. At this time George remembers that the trunk has a vacuum opener in the glove box. He had put a tube in place but also remembered it had been pinched. This tube runs under the door sill plate. Bill Jabs suggested getting to the tube, releasing the pinch and hopefully this will work. By sucking on the tube the latch was released, hence the trunk lid opens. Lots of smiling faces, AAA never came.

Everyone is back on the road again. We arrived in Crescent at 2:15 PM. No DQ so we drove on to the next town. Finally a DQ at Wickiup Junction. All is well and we are happy.



We arrived in Bend at the La Quinta Inn at 4:00 PM. Scanning the parking lot I notice the Douglas's Packard. We were glad to know they were there.

Everyone checked in and we had happy hour and discussed the route to Carino's Italian Restaurant

After our meal Roy Asbahr suggested that we give a big hand to all the planners of your tour. Great Idea! Our planners had again put together a fun trip that was enjoyed by all and full of terrific memories. Just to mention our planners for all to know, they were Howard Freedman, George Potter, Rodger Eddy and Robert and Frankie Douglas.

Presentations were made at this time. The blooper team thought the Douglas should receive the blooper because they didn't attend the tour.

Sylvia Potter presented Howard and Evelyn with a gift as a token of our appreciation. We said our farewells and started preparing for departure the next morning.

There were many twists and turns, mistakes and bloopers. I feel confident when I say that we had a great week motoring through the northwest.



# Day 9 - Sept 20th. - Bend home

By Frankie and Robert Douglas

## Sunday 20 September, the trip home

Thinking of the last day of travel many of our fellow tour members thoughts turned to their own personal schedules and the miles left to travel home. As a result there were several different departure times on Sunday the last day of the tour. Our small band of travelers bound for the Portland area departed at the agreed upon time of nine in the morning. Our group consisted of, Jan and Rodger Eddy, Jo Anne and Dennis Gilman, Dianna and Jack Richard and your reporters, Frankie and Robert Douglas.



With everyone's car topped off we started our drive north to the Portland, OR area with sunny weather and mild temperatures. As we passed through the town of Sisters, OR we noted that almost all the shops were still closed and decided to continue on our way without stopping.

and they had been plagued with condenser problems on the tour and wanted the flattest route home. We continued on OR 22 through Detroit, OR and on to Sublimity, OR where we turned north on the Cascade Highway toward Silverton, OR. At this point Jo Anne and Dennis Gilman continued west and on into Salem and home. Once in Silverton we had planned on going up through Mt. Angel on OR 214



Our route took us northwest from Sisters, OR on Highway 20 and 22 over the scenic Santiam Pass. Just after the pass summit Dianna and Jack turned off on Highway 20 toward Lebanon, OR as that route has fewer hills but they were having Oktoberfest that weekend so the town had doubled in population and tripled in car traffic. In order to avoid the Oktoberfest congestion the route was switched over to OR 213 which comes in on the east side of Oregon City. At this point the last two cars in the group made their separate ways home with no reports of adverse motoring incidents. Thanks to everyone for making this another great September Tour!