



First SUV Drive of 2025

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Though a long-time PCA member, this was going to be my first SUV outing, so I was a little nervous. What would these people be like? Would I fit in? Turns out I had nothing to worry about!

The group was large and friendly, with several old familiar "911" faces scattered among the new.

The route was well organized and gorgeous. Starting in downtown Wilsonville, we wound our way through the farm country south of Portland, through Lake Oswego, up and through "Pill Hill", continuing on via Skyline Drive until finally ending at Sí Senor in Petercourt. I have lived and worked in this area for 27 years and yet found myself on beautiful driving roads I've never seen before! Our guides were outstanding: instructions were clear and available in whatever variant of technology you were comfortable with. Our "Leads" and our "Sweeps" were attentive the whole drive; my group never lost anyone for the duration of the drive.

This may have been my first SUV drive, but it will certainly not be my last. I hear that I might even be able to taste some dirt in the future. ■



Selfie time with Jeannine Downey and Julie Madrid

