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Drive Till You Drop

This is about the journey, not the destination, and it's what the MINI is all about because sometimes...it's **ONLY** about the drive. Join our resident Road Wizards on a 3 day journey of twists and turns. They were given instructions to design an over-the-road course that will take us to Washington and Idaho and back again while finding the best twisties the northwest has to offer and they delivered. These are public roads and traffic laws will be strictly acknowledged -- this is not a race, but an endurance event. However, with 1k miles to cover, this is not a toodle tour. These are challenging roads requiring stamina and confident driving skills.

Day 1 will take us to Lewiston, Idaho where we will run the Spiral Hwy prior to settling down. Thankfully they offer a drink ticket with each reservation at their in house bar. After 8 hours we will need a little nightcap.

Day 2 will be the longest at 10hrs. After several hours of driving twisty roads (one of them 100 miles long) we will land in Pendleton and walk to Hamley's from our hotel to partake in their famous food and drinks.

Day 3 we will head back towards reality (In this case that would be Hood River) via more twisty roads. But because you have now been on the road for 18hrs in the last two days we will cut you a break and only make you run 6hrs.

Because this is **not** a toodle tour your road wizards have set up a few strategic stops so you can take in some of the beautiful scenery so don't forget the camera.

You got the moxie?

RSVP to treasurer@pdxmini.org. Deadline is **July 8th 2010**

Meet-Up: Friday August 6th at 8:00am. Driver's meeting at 8:30.

The McDonald's parking lot in Hood River. **Directions:** From I-84 east, take Exit 64 (White Salmon) and turn left at the SS under the Interstate. Right at the SS onto Marina Drive and proceed straight to the east side of the McDonald's parking lot.



Astoria Maritime Museum

The Museum features interactive exhibits that combine history with cutting-edge technology. Visitors of all ages will experience what it is like to pilot a tugboat, participate in a Coast Guard rescue on the Columbia River Bar, and live in Astoria during the height of the salmon fishing. Huge windows make the Columbia River a living backdrop for classic fishing vessels and Coast Guard rescue craft. Experience first hand how the Bar Pilots work the dangerous wind and waves during a fierce winter storm in the award winning orientation film The Great River of the West.

Walk on board the bridge of a WWII era US Navy Destroyer, see the world class collection of maritime artifacts, and then walk out to the dock to explore the Lightship Columbia, a floating lighthouse. We will stop for lunch at Fultano's Pizza in Astoria. From there, those visiting the Museum will continue to the Museum. Click here to download a Menu. We start in Portland at Cedar Hills Blvd and take our normal PDXMini Circuitous Route to Astoria. After a drive of some 125 miles we will arrive at the museum. The meet up will be at 8:00 and the first group out will be at 9:00. RSVP: By no later than August 12th to events@pdxmini.org. We need to have a count of those attending to get the group rate. Please tell us how many cars and people are coming and if you will be visiting the Museum.

Upcoming Events

August 28 - Dirt Track Racing

September 11 – Toppenish

September 17-19 - Surprise Valley Diamond Lake Flyer for Surprise Valley Run

October 9 - Indoor Go-Karts

See a full list of this year's events at pdxmini.org

Highland Games Recap

On the 17th of July a group of MINIs met up at Gee Creek rest stop North of Vancouver (by the way, I've heard it is very easy to miss this exit) for a nice, short, spirited run to Amboy, Washington. While we had great aspirations to jump off a bridge at the end of the run, extenuating circumstances prohibited that last step off the bridge. All in all, it was a very pleasant couple of hours of driving and socializing.

Relay for Life

PDXMINI showed how strong we are on the 24th and 25th of July at the Beaverton Relay for Life[©] as the 'Mighty Mini's' team. Donations from PDXMINI helped Beaverton best their \$100k donation goal. PDXMINI also beat their donation goal this year. Special thanks to all the MINIacs that contributed with time and money, whether you helped assemble camp at 8:30 on Saturday, tore down at 10 Sunday, braved the 95+ degree weather during the day to keep our team out on the track, or showed up to an almost full moon during the night to help the day-trippers sleep, and also to those who could not attend and made donations.



Mini Takes the States

MINI TAKES THE STATES 2010.

Look out, Denver. From August 13-15, the Mile-High city will become the MINI-filled city. With 5 official rallies starting in Atlanta, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles, motoring enthusiasts will set out for a festival weekend filled with fun, excitement and of course, MINIs. Even the new MINI Countryman will join the party. Registration begins mid-May, so mark your calendar and check the MINI USA Facebook page for updates.

- > VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
- > VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2008
- > DOWNLOAD FULL 2008 VIDEO (30MB)



More information available at http://www.miniusa.com/?#/play/go_a_motoring/states-m

Next general meeting – August 12th, 2010

Our monthly general meeting is a dinner meeting held on the second Thursday of the month at 6pm at Village Inn in Tualatin. The first meeting is held in February, and the last meeting at this location is held in October. To get to Village Inn:

- * Take I-5 to Lake Grove / Durham exit 290 (Lower Boones Ferry Road).
- * West to first signaled intersection. Stay in far right turn lane.
- * Village Inn restaurant will be on your right

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Event Photo Reminder

Our Webmaster, Garrett Hinesley, can always use more of your photos! Please send your photos of PDXMINI events to: webmaster@pdxmini.org. Doesn't matter the size or format, our fabulous Webmaster can resize and retouch at will. If you have a large collection of event pictures, just chat with Garrett about creating a CDROM or DVD. WE WANT YOUR PICS!

As always if you have any comments, or questions, feel free to contact communications@pdxmini.org

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