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A Trip to Toppenish

The City of Toppenish has preserved its beginnings as a rugged western town through restoration and beautification efforts that make it a popular tourist attraction today. At the heart of the City and its beautification are over 70 outdoor, historical murals. They tell the story of early development of the City of Toppenish, and its rich history and cultural diversity.

Come enjoy the best of the west in the City of Toppenish – where the west still lives!

Meet-Up: Saturday 11th Sept 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.

Lunch: Villasenor Mexican and American Restaurant in Toppenish - no host

Mural Tour: Those interested can enjoy a tour of the murals in an old-time horse drawn covered wagon. See and hear the history of the town "Where the West Still Lives."

Fee: \$5.00 members, \$10.00 guests per car.

We will be running with FRS/GMRS radios set to Channel 7 - Subchannel 21.

RSVP: No later than Friday, 3rd September to events@pdxmini.org.

Info needed: How many cars / how many people will be attending

Surprise Valley

A three day tour really gives us a chance to get to know our fellow MINIacs as well! We will be making a scenic drive over mostly curvy roads (and some I-5 since we will be pretty far outside of Portland) along the Umpqua



and Rogue Rivers with other sights including Diamond Lake and Crater Lake. Since this is a scenic drive it will include stops for a waterfall and several stops along the Crater Lake Rim and scenic views points along the way.

Day 1 - 250 miles

We start in Salem and take I-5 south where we get any early lunch at Tomaselli's Pastry Mill and Café in Elkton and then cruise along the main Umpqua River as it curves towards the ocean. We go upriver towards Colliding Rivers for a Pit stop and top off with gas. Colliding Rivers has two different rivers that join the North Umpqua from opposite directions. We cruise up the North Umpqua and stay overnight at the Diamond Lake Resort.

Lodging Information – Diamond Lake Resort

They have hotel rooms and cabins. See the attached brochure for reservation information.

Day 2 – 145 miles

We leave Diamond Lake and spend some time driving around and sightseeing at Oregon's only National park, Crater Lake. There is a \$10 per car fee for the National park. If you don't want to see Crater Lake there are other things to do in the area and you can meet up with us outside the park for lunch. After lunch we head south towards Medford and then head up the Tiller Trail towards Canyonville where we spend the second night at the Riverside Motel. Everyone is on their own to explore Canyonville's Stanton park (South Umpqua River), the antique stores or check out the casino if that is your preference. We can all gather and eat dinner at the local Mexican restaurant, Paraisio.

Lodging information – Riverside Motel in Canyonville

Call Shirley Peebles at 541-839-4557 except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (her days off). We have 11 rooms reserved (all except for 1). Prices range from 61.56 for 1 or 2 up to 75.60 for 3 or 4 sharing a room. They have rooms with 1, 2 and 3 beds. They are being held under the name Sally Boussios. Bring chairs to enjoy the nice large lawn out in front if you want to gather in the evening at the hotel.

This is a small motel so reserve early. Once this hotel is full, check the Seven Feathers Resort and Casino or The Best Western across the freeway, their prices are more like \$100.

Day 3 – 150 miles or so back to Salem

Since we have still not seen Surprise Valley, we will make a short trip north of our motel for the drive by and then head north on I-5 for the 200 miles back to Portland. Some may want to sleep in and others may wish to leave early so we will organize a caravan back or you can head back on your own.

Meet up Friday, September 17th at Denny's parking lot, 3155 Ryan Dr SE Salem, OR. 9:00 am, first car out at 9:30

RSVP: By no later than September 10th to events@pdxmini.org. You will need to tell us how many cars and how many people. Also, let us know if you have your room reservations.

Fee: The normal member fee of \$5 and guest fee of \$10.

[Other Upcoming Events](#)



October 9 - Indoor Go-Karts
October 9-10 - Maryhill Loops Road Run
October 16 - Pumpkin Patch
See a full list of this year's events at pdxmini.org

Astoria Museum Run Recap

MINIs left Beaverton and spent approximately one hour getting to Scappoose. Basically, a normal Mini run. A lot of fun was had running around on some newly paved back roads, but ran into one area that had recently been torn up and had to traverse about 1/4 mile of gravel that was not there on the pre-run.

After arriving in Astoria, the group had a nice lunch at Futano's pizza. They had set aside the back room for us so we could be noisy per normal.

After lunch, we went to the Maritime Museum. They had a film plus all the other things in the museum that were very interesting. A good time was had by all.

New Member Welcome

We'd like to welcome some new members to the club.

Look out for Susan Leckband motoring in her 2005 Cooper Convertible Chili Red with a Black roof.

Wave hi to David Rogoway if you see his 2010 Camden S White/Silver Black roof

Next general meeting – September 9th, 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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