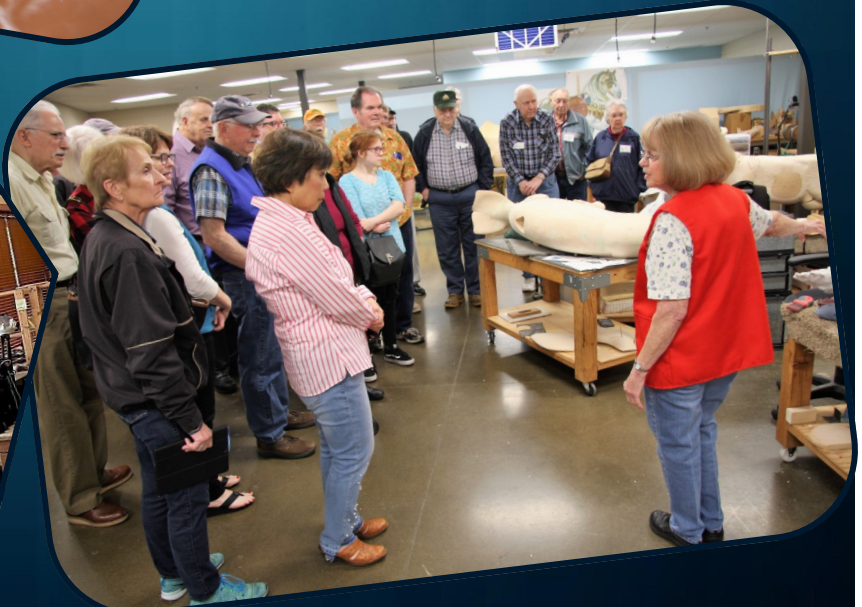


Oregon CCCA tour to Junction City with EEVAC for a BBQ at Jerry Szerlip & BJ Bennett's home



May 5th CCCA members gathered at the Santiam Rest Area on I-5 at 9:00 AM. Members enjoyed coffee and donuts as well as a briefing for the two day tour. The group traveled to Albany to visit the Albany Historic Carousel and the volunteer people at the carousel provided answers to our many questions. The building as well as the carved animals for the carousel were outstanding and some members enjoyed a ride on the carousel.





The weather improved after a cloudy morning and we gathered for lunch at Izzy's Restaurant on highway 99-E. After lunch the tour group continued south on highway 99-E to the town of Shedd for a visit to Thompson Mills State Heritage Site. This flour and feed mill has a history that dates in time to the civil war and was

in operation until just recently. We gathered the cars and their owners to take pictures in front of the historic structures. CCCA members were given a detailed tour and the history of this unusual Oregon historic treasure.





We continued our travels on highway 99-E south to Junction City to the home of Jerry Szerlip and BJ Bennett for our evening BBQ dinner. What an event! Jerry and BJ had everything organized and their home was a perfect place for an event of this type. There were about sixty five people and several of their cars from the Eugene area that came for the event. Along with twenty six members of the CCA group and several of their cars we had a great gathering. "Boss Hawgs"

served a great dinner at 5:00 PM and seating was provided in a garden setting with perfect weather. After dinner our group continued south to Quality Inn & Suites in Springfield for our overnight stay.





Our Tour Guide Dennis Gilman's 1939 Packard V12



Our BBQ host, Jerry Szrelip with one of his Packard projects





During the night a light rain shower brought heavy clouds in the morning. After breakfast at the motel we gathered in the parking lot for a briefing of the days travel. Our travel for the day was a return to Junction City where we would proceed on highway 99-W and other scenic roads to our destination of Mary's Peak Recreation Area. The travel was pleasant but the weather changed with

low cloud or fog like conditions as we neared Mary's Peak. The ascent to the top of Mary's Peak was in fog like conditions but we were greeted with clear sky at the 4100 foot elevation of the parking area at the top of Mary's Peak. The view was an ocean of clouds with some mountain peaks in the distance



We made the mountain decent of 9.4 miles and traveled on highway 34 to Philomath for lunch at the Eats & Treats Cafe'. Lunch was slow being served and almost everyone decided that the last stop at Tyee Wine Cellars could be canceled. A phone call to Tyee Wine Cellars was made and they offered their facility to us in the future. Tour members returned home by their favorite roads.

We thank the CCCA members that attended the tour and Jerry Szerlip and BJ Bennett for their effort to make this a great "mini" tour.

Dennis J. Gilman - Tour Director