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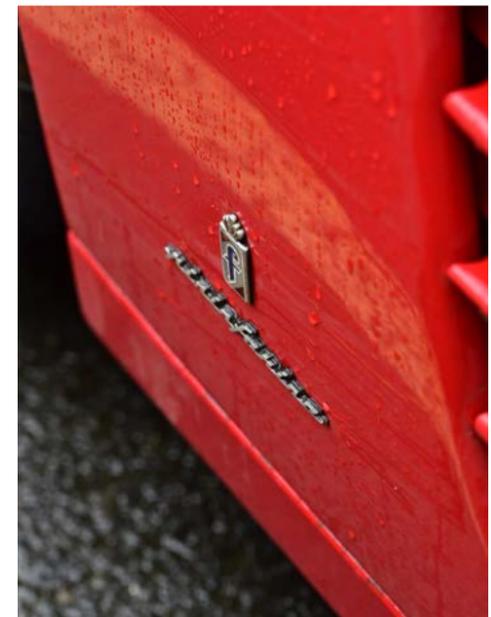
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*The June Wine Tour saw some rain, but the valiant club members pressed on regardless.  
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As leaders in the Northwest Region, our goal is to provide the Best Member Experience Possible. You can always reach out to any of us with ideas to make your experience even better!

## NWRFCA Event Calendar

July 1-3: Pacific NW Historics, Pacific Raceways, Kent, WA (not FCA)  
 July 17th: Forest Grove Concours (not FCA)  
 July 23rd Italian Car Show at Casa Italiana, Burien, WA (not FCA)  
 July 23rd Italian Car Day at Cars and Coffee, OR (not FCA)  
 August 6-7: High Desert Drive Rides Again! \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*  
 August 7th: COC Swensson Drive and BBQ \*\*\*NEW\*\*\*  
 August 13th: PVC Payne's Cowboys and Engines  
 August 19-21: Rolex Monterey Reunion, Laguna Seca (not FCA)  
 August 20: Concorso Italiano, Seaside, CA, including special display for 75th anniversary of Ferrari (not FCA)  
 August 21: Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Carmel, CA (not FCA)  
 August 21st: PVC New Member Meet-up at Payne's  
 August 26-28: IEC Idaho Panhandle Summer Run  
 August 28th: Wine Tour & Picnic  
 September 25th: Quarterly new member meetup, Payne garage

## Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest members to the Northwest Region:

Matthew Graham, Stanwood WA  
 Allie Magyar, Ridgefield WA

## Volunteer for Car Connect!

By Eric Wishan

We are looking for Ferrari "Experts" on their own Ferrari make/model who would be willing to talk to members about their cars.

Please send a message to membership@nwrfa.org with your name, make/model of your Ferrari, and a phone number along with email address. Your information will be password-protected for members only.

## Is your membership information current?

Don't forget to maintain your membership contact details - You don't want to miss anything!

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## Summertime Is Event Time

By  
Regional  
Director  
Eric  
Wishan

I'm incredibly excited for our summer regular events: The Swensson Drive and BBQ, John and Nancy Payne's Cowboys and Engines, and looking forward to Drive Oregon as well in 2022.

Keep an eye out for our emails with many more events this season! Remember, anyone can choose to host a dinner, an event, a drive, something out of the ordinary that you would like to share with your fellow club members. Just reach out to your local chapter and they will help you get started.

On another note, I had the chance to drive the newest Ferrari this past week, the 296GTB. What an incredible automobile they have created! It's faster than the 488, the Pista and almost everything else

Ferrari has created. The steering is amazingly tight, the brakes modulate perfectly, and the technology is incredible how it all works together.

Next time the car is in your dealer, it's a must drive. I've heard they've already taken 5 years' worth of orders on this new hybrid. And by the way, winding out the RPM's it sounds like an F1 car. Seriously. Have a great summer, and always feel free to reach out if you need anything at all.



Hello, my fellow Ferrari Club members. Summer is finally here! At least in the Portland area, it was like the rain switch was turned off, and the sun switch has been turned on. I'm looking forward to an incredible season of events in all our chapters.

Recently we had the Spring Fling, Will's Wine Drive, The High Desert Drive, Multiple F1 Viewing parties, IEC Classic Garage Tour and Lunch, multiple chapter meetings, and a dinner at the Evergreen Space Museum.



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# Cowboys and Engines Ride Again!

For several years now, one of the highlights of the summer driving season for NWRFCFA members has been the Cowboys and Engines event hosted by Nancy and John Payne. This year is no different except the date has been changed to the 13th of August.

There will be a morning gathering at RTGT in Wilsonville and then a drive over to the Payne's for a great food spread and to see the Payne Collection.



This collection is mostly Ferraris of all decades but also consists of some unique Mustangs, and other cars. John and Nancy are great hosts, and it is a special event you do not want to miss. Be on the lookout for registration information coming soon. See you there.



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# Will's Wine Trip V: Fun in the Valley

by Will Diefenbach

It was a bit wet but a whole lot of fun. After a one-year hiatus because of the pandemic, Will's Wine Trip returned for a fifth time over the weekend of June 10-12. This year's adventure took us to the beautiful, world-renowned Willamette Valley for a weekend full of fun roads, fabulous wineries and great meals all shared with a lovely group of members.

A majority of the 39 people attending this year live up in the Seattle area so we met at Southcenter Mall to start the trip. The weather cooperated with us for the start of the day but by the time we were just a few miles south on I-5 the "liquid sunshine" appeared and it would rain on and off for the remainder of the weekend.

To avoid one of the most boring drives in the Northwest (I-5 from Seattle to Portland), I took the group a bit west at Chehalis onto some back roads that wound through the farmland and valleys west of the Cowlitz River. The beautiful drive

made the I-5 slog fade from memory. We continued south to Longview where we crossed the Columbia River on the narrow, super-high and 90-year-old Lewis and Clark Bridge, looking out over the massive timber processing plants on the Washington side.

Once in Oregon we headed west to Clatskanie for lunch at Fultano's Restaurant. We had a private room with baskets of hot crispy fries on the tables and a salad bar to get started when we arrived. Everyone had pre-ordered lunch so the food service was very quick and we were back on the road in good time.

We drove south out of Clatskanie on route 47 – the road that would take us all the way to wine country. The upper part of Rt. 47 is a marvelous, twisty, turny, hilly stretch of wonderfulness that was made to validate the decision to drive a Ferrari.



Ken had secured the biggest bus in the Valley for us – complete with disco lights and laser light show. When we arrived at the vineyard, we were greeted by several of Ken's team and escorted to a tented area full of folding chairs overlooking the downward sloping vineyard. Ken proceeded to give us a talk on the geology of the area, soil types and climate that make Willamette Valley wines so special. Although he's been farming and making wine here for decades his passion is fresh and vibrant. We sipped his wines and asked questions as he sketched out explanations with marker on a flip chart.



We continued on to Carlton for our first winery stop at Ken Wright Cellars. Erik Swensson and Leona Sitton are friends of Ken Wright and had coordinated our visit to the winery directly with him. And what a host Ken was for us! When we arrived at the tasting room (the converted Carlton train station) we were greeted with glasses of Ken's wine and individual charcuterie and cheese boxes and briefed on the visit. We would board a bus and travel the short distance to one of Ken's vineyards and then return for tastings.



We returned to the winery for more tasting in the private room complete with another entire set of beautifully presented charcuterie and snacks. I included a bottle of Ken's Pinot Noir for each car in the budget so we could leave with a special souvenir. We were all so taken with the wines and the story that we all left with more than just one bottle! Thank you, Leona and Erik, and especially Ken for such a great welcome to the Willamette Valley.



# Will's Wine Trip V: Fun in the Valley (continued)



We left Carlton for the short drive to the Atticus Hotel in McMinnville with a little bit of time to relax before dinner. The Atticus is a wonderful, fully independent hotel. It's a bit small, however, and a few couples had to stay at the overflow hotel, the Comfort Inn. We took over the small valet lot at the Atticus with our cars stacked like colorful Tetris blocks.

I arranged a shuttle bus to take the group to our dinner spot, the private event room at the Evergreen Space Museum. A small group of FCA members from the Portland area, lead by Sheri Harbor De Vos, joined us for the delicious buffet-style meal. We had the run of the Space Museum for over 3 hours – just us. It's a fascinating place with all sorts of aerospace exhibits including an SR-71 spy plane and a Titan rocket.

Saturday morning, those of us at the Atticus had a yummy breakfast at Red Hills Kitchen at the hotel. The whole group met up around 9:30 for a briefing on the day's tasting activities. We departed in our cars for our first stop, Domaine Drouhin.

The winery is the Oregon extension of the very famous winery in Burgundy, France – a testament to the importance of the Willamette Valley.

Domaine Drouhin set up a special covered area for our tasting looking out over the vineyards and provided us with a very knowledgeable and highly entertaining guide to the wines named Cesar. His high energy and amusing quips jump-started the day.

From Drouhin, we traveled the short distance to Anne Amie where we tasted a variety of wines while enjoying a fabulous barbecue lunch in the winery's production facility. Bon Appetit handled the catering and did an extraordinary job with interesting salads and some of the best brisket I've ever had. The Anne Amie Pinot Noir and Gamay paired beautifully with it.



Next up was a visit to the “cradle of winemaking” in the Valley – the Carlton Winemaker's Studio. CWS is a cooperative production facility and over the past 30 years has been the birthplace of many of the top wineries and winemakers in the area. Kenny Heng helped coordinate our visit here as he is very close to one of the wineries utilizing CWS – Lazy River. We tasted wines from Lavinea and Lazy River as we heard stories of CWS over the years. Lazy River was represented by Jeff Lumpkin, son of the founders of Lazy River who are iconic growers and producers of the area.

We finished our day of wine tasting at Resonance Wines. Resonance was one of the wineries that started at CWS and has since flourished. It is owned by the highly-esteemed Louis Jadot family of Burgundy, France. The tasting room is a gorgeous facility at the top of a vineyard-covered slope. The team took wonderful care of our group, providing more snacks as we tasted through a range of their wines. It was a superb place to finish up the day.

Dinner on Saturday night was at La Rambla Restaurant in downtown McMinnville, just a 4 block walk from the hotel. Thankfully the rain held off for the walk to and from the restaurant. Our group had the private “Social Room” for our special dinner of tapas and paella. The conversation (and wine) flowed freely as we enjoyed a spectacular meal. We concluded by singing Happy Birthday to Gary Roberts whose wife, Yumi, had orchestrated a giant birthday cake for all of us to share. Following our return to the hotel, a small group took over the Board Room to have a night cap and talk about the day's wineries.

On Sunday, I arranged a continental breakfast for folks in the Board Room before everyone headed in separate directions. A small group chose to return to the Evergreen Museum to see the Spruce Goose and other interesting aircraft. A group of 11 of us headed to Alexana Winery where “Hollywood” Dawn Mello had arranged a special tasting experience.

Alexana owns wineries in Napa Valley and Mendoza, Argentina in addition to Oregon and we tasted across all regions and special wines not available in ordinary tastings. The remainder of our group headed home in the rain with great memories and many bottles of Willamette Valley's finest.

I'd like to extend special thanks to Jason Tang for the beautiful photographs of every part of the weekend; to David and Jennifer Henkel for help in the early stages of planning and for driving “clean up” on Saturday to make sure no one was lost; to Kenny Heng for help with the winery selection and Carlton Winemakers Studio visit and his great photos; to Erik and Leona for getting us together with Ken Wright and to Ken himself for his unrestrained hospitality; to Dawn Mello for an unforgettable tasting at Alexana and to all of the wineries, restaurants and caterers who delivered a top shelf experience for all of us. And most especially to all of the wonderful people who attended this year.



# ALERT! Drive Oregon 2022 Registration Extended till August 8th

Both our highly rated resorts have allowed us to extend the registration for Drive Oregon 2022. We presently have 44 FCA members signed up between the Silvies and Brasada Ranches. Because September is a slower time of the year and we are taking up rooms at the start of the week, not a weekend, both resorts were able to leave our discounts in place until August 8th. However, these rooms are not guaranteed because the resorts have opened them up to general registration. Also, any new registrations made between now and August 8th are not refundable.

So, if you know of anyone who was thinking about going on the Drive Oregon but was slow to act, they still have time.

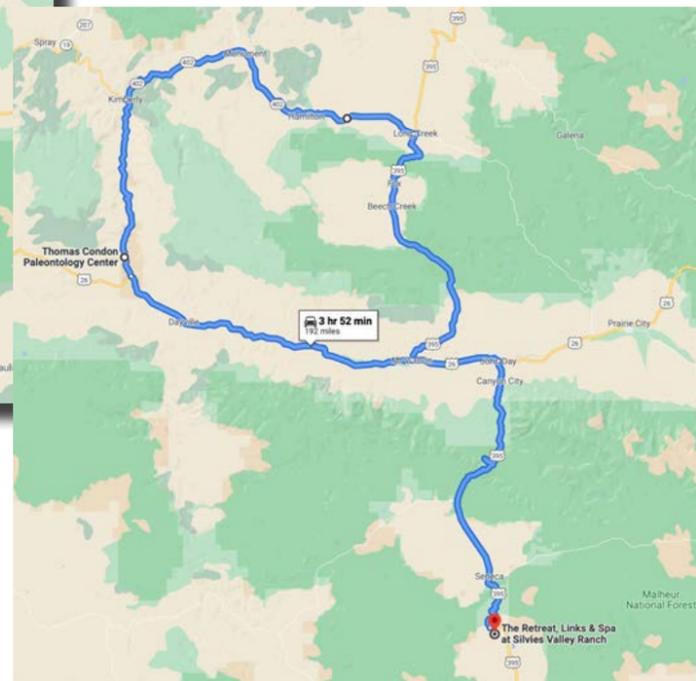
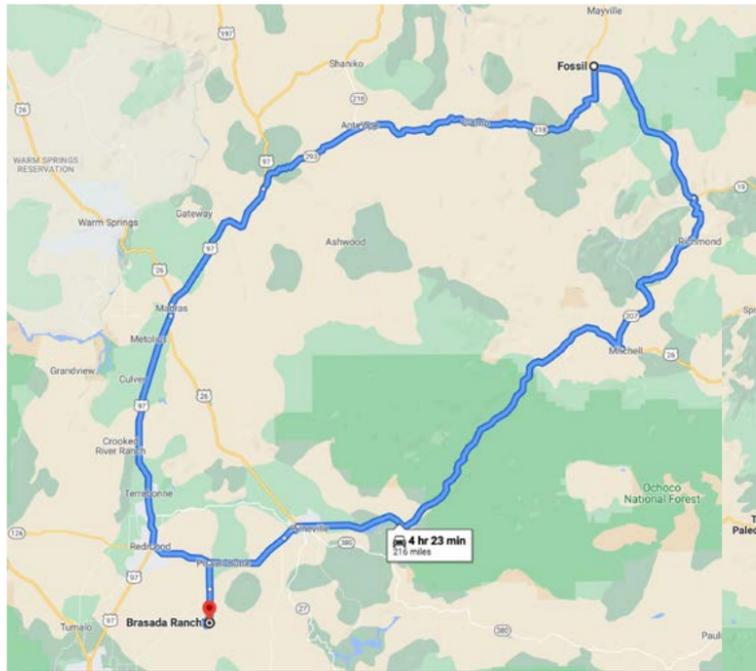
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# Taste of Motorsports

The 5th Annual Taste of Motorsports will be held at PIR on August 27th & 28th and is a weekend filled with fast cars, fine food, fantastic scenery and fabulous friends. Over two days, the art of motoring will be celebrated by automakers, dealers, clubs and enthusiasts. Celebs and motorsports royalty will mingle with fellow enthusiasts on and off the track.

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The Northwest Region of the Ferrari Club of America is invited to show their cars in their own private corral, drive on the racetrack, and partake in all that the Taste of Motorsports has to offer.

A 15% discount code is being offered to the region. Please use NWRFCAs as your code, and everything that you register for will be at a 15% discount. Register at <http://tasteofmotorsports.com>.



## Inland Empire Panhandle Run to Hot August Nights, Aug 26-28

Inland Empire Chapter's "Idaho Panhandle Summer Run" will take place from Friday, August 26 through Sunday, August 28. The new chapter has organized a drive through Idaho's most pristine forests and meadows over well-maintained pavement to visit historic and other places of interest going in both directions.

Our destination will be beautiful Lewiston, Idaho to participate in their 36th Annual "Hot August Nights" event, as well as display the Club members' Ferraris in Lewiston's historic Pioneer Park on Saturday.

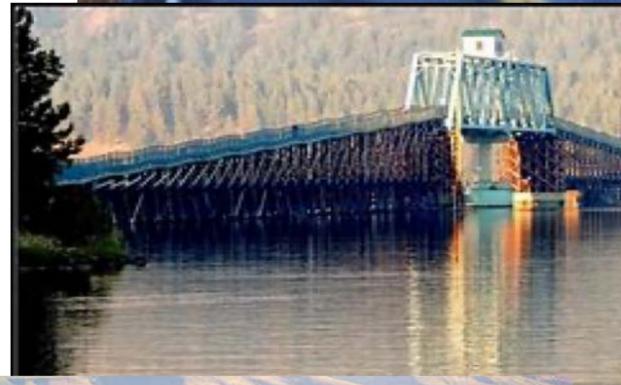
Accommodations will be at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel (former Red Lion) and a special member rate has been arranged. Two Club dinners have also been arranged, plus a Garage Tour, as well as tours through the Lewiston Orchards area.

You'll get to drive that Ferrari! On the return leg, we'll see the sights through the Palouse, have lunch at Shooters on Lake Coeur d'Alene. You won't see the same sights twice.

This ought to be one of the better events of the year. Lots to see and do. The people of Lewiston and the small towns along the way are looking forward to our coming.

Don't delay in registering, there are only 10 negotiated slots available as planned thus far. Register and find out more details [here](#), and don't forget to fill out the waiver. Thanks.

See you in Lewiston!



## High Desert Drive, June 18-19

Our 1 day and 2 day High Desert Drive had its start at Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo. Steve and Jim were there to greet the group with coffee, bagels, and other assorted delicacies. Everyone had signed waivers, so our morning was filled with car talk and great camaraderie.

We set out for our first stop at Government Camp. Roads were a little damp, and we had some rain up on the mountain, but the driving was fun and the scenery was amazing, as usual. We started down highway 206 on the backside of the Cascades, the roads dried up, the skies turned partly cloudy, and the speeds and the fun picked up as well. Next stop by the Deschutes River for some pictures and conversation with other drivers who pulled in as well.

We then headed up and over the first no guardrail section of the high desert drive with 1000-foot drop offs and scenery to match. No photos of this section, as most of us had two hands on the wheel and lots of concentration on the road. After some beautiful long stretches of highway, we wound up in Shaniko for a picnic. The wind was blowing and it was a bit cold, but the roads ahead were calling our names.

Next, we drove one of the finest roads in all of Oregon, 43 miles of switchbacks, straightaways, hairpin turns, and unbelievable fun! We pulled into Fossil,

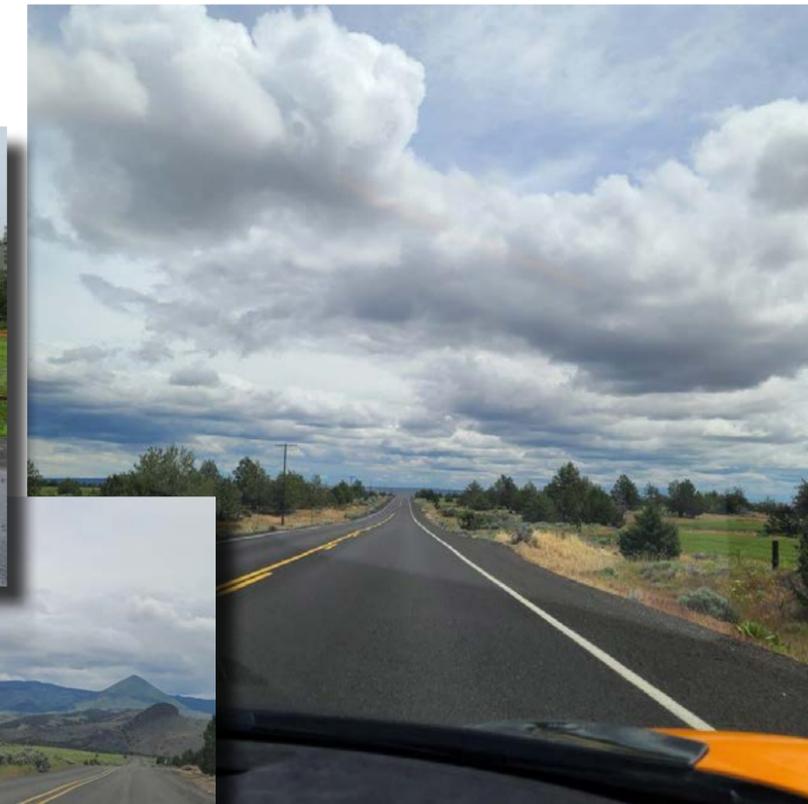
saying goodbye to the one-day drive group as they made their way back through Condon, Wasco, windmill country, and finally Highway 84.

The overnight crew went south from Fossil and turned right on the John Day Highway (19). Next, a right turn on Service Creek Road, Highway 207 which in my opinion was as much fun as the road from Shaniko to Fossil. We headed down to Prineville for our overnight, but not before meeting Erik Swensson at an amazing restaurant, Madeline's Bistro in Bend. A surprising, incredible meal was had by all.

On Sunday morning, we headed out after breakfast for the F1 viewing party at Erik's home, and lunch on the balcony. We couldn't have asked for a better weekend with friends, Ferraris, and incredible driving.

-Eric Wishan

**NOTE:** This event was so well received, we are planning a repeat on August 6th and 7th. You can choose a 1- or 2-day format, with Saturday's drive ending in Prineville again. Those who want the two-day run can join Erik Swensson for a brunch and BBQ on Sunday, August 7th at 10:30 AM. Watch for details in our Constant Contact email soon, as well as in our August newsletter!



# "How do I make my Ferrari Club membership more valuable?"

I'm often asked, How come we don't have more dinners or social events? When are we going to do that drive again? What about a weekly lunch meetup? And the list goes on...

I joined the Northwest Region, I think, sometime in 2014 or 2015. I had just bought my first Ferrari, an F430. I remember going to the New Member's dinner, and Enzo's birthday party as some of my first events. They were exciting, and it was a wonderful feeling being at a Ferrari Club event. I really didn't give much thought as to how the get togethers happened, who put the time in to create the event, let alone who wrote the articles in the Amici, or even the Constant Contact emails that come to us on a regular basis.

Eventually, with more participation, I was ultimately invited to serve on our board of directors. What a fantastic experience working with, planning, and seeing the outcome of our hard work, and the joy on our member's faces. I've made some wonderful friends and have enjoyed my experience immensely. What I've learned in the past 7 years is that it does take a bit of time and effort for our club to function. The more people we have volunteering, the more events that happen, the more joy among our club members.

Many of us want the club to do more, but we need your help as members! Right now, as the Covid pandemic moves further away, the desire to gather and have some fun is increasing. We have an annual event coming up in 2023, that promises to bring people and cars from all over the country to Central Oregon. We could use your help!

Whether it is putting on a social event in your chapter, volunteering to help with the Annual Event in 2023, or putting on a drive on

some of your favorite roads, NOW is the time to step up. You don't have to live in Central Oregon to help with the Annual Experience. The AE volunteers are from all over the Pacific Northwest Region. You can ask to serve on your local chapter's board, you can plan a drive or a social event, maybe start a monthly breakfast meetup that goes year-round with your fellow members.

This coming month, we'll be putting together a slate of candidates for the Regional Board, as well as firming up our AE volunteers. We also need additional content, articles, and photos for the monthly newsletter. It would be wonderful to have your input and participation. Please feel free to reach out to your local chapter President, or send me an email if you would like to volunteer in some way, [director@nwr-fca.org](mailto:director@nwr-fca.org). The more, you, as members put in, the better your overall experience. The club needs your "juice" and it's time to step up!

-Eric Wishan

# Italian Day at Cars & Coffee: July 23

Italian Day at Portland Cars and Coffee is one of our most anticipated events! It brings out Italian vehicles and enthusiasts from across the timeline and performance spectrum. Whether it is an OTAS or a Monza SP2, all are welcome at Portland Cars and Coffee.

Returning again for 2022 is our partnership with Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo as the Sponsor. Together we will throw a celebration worthy of our Pacific Northwest summer season!

Starting at 10:30am, the RTGT staff will be ready to supply a feast for the eyes with their showroom full of Italian eye candy. They are just a short drive away in Wilsonville, down either SW Tonquin Rd or SW 124th.

RTGT will be providing a feast not just for your eyes, but also your belly. They plan to have espresso, gelato, and other delectable treats at the dealership for all to enjoy.



July 23rd at 8am will be the start of our Italian Day celebration at Langer's Entertainment Center in Sherwood. We will open the gate at 8am, however early arrivals in Italian cars will be admitted early and parked in the Featured Lot. You might consider arriving by 7am to get one of the coveted 50 parking spaces in Featured. The show begins at 8am, with over 400 vehicles expected to arrive. Be prepared for lots of questions and excitement from the attendees!

Since 1966, they have been welcoming fellow car enthusiasts into the RTGT family to share in the passion for performance and luxury vehicles. Their doors will be open for those looking to join the family or even those just looking to appreciate the beauty of Ferrari's Italian craftsmanship — among other brands of luxury vehicles they may also have available.



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## Portland Vancouver Chapter Meeting: July 9

Portland Vancouver Chapter wants YOU to help us enjoy more time in and around our cars.

Come out to Cars and Coffee on Saturday, July 9 and stay for the after-party at Langer's in Sherwood.

Our FCA NWR Portland Vancouver Chapter meets at 11AM inside Langer's in the boardroom next to the casino machines.

There are 12 parking spots right in front reserved for FCA members,

whether or not you drive your Ferrari. Let the volunteer attendant know you are a member.

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## FogRose Atelier Dinner: A Delicious Learning Experience

by Will Diefenbach

On May 25, a group of members gathered at FogRose Atelier in Bellevue for an evening of culinary excellence and wine education.

FogRose is a relatively new and very special restaurant co-owned by member Kenny Heng and Quyen Dang. The restaurant has earned a reputation as a special occasion spot for those in the know. Although small in size it is quickly gaining visibility in the fine dining world and is one of the featured restaurants this year at the prestigious Auction of Washington Wines.

The idea for a wine-themed event at FogRose arose during conversations between Kenny and me over the course of a year. We landed on the idea of a multi-course meal with paired wines of the Willamette Valley. It was a natural with the wine trip to the Valley coming up. We wanted to include a talk on the unique aspects of the Willamette Valley and its wines so we brought in one of the Northwest's leading wine educators, Reggie Daigneault.

In preparation for the meal, Kenny and I met one afternoon with Reggie, Quyen and the very talented Executive Chef at FogRose, Joshua Beckham to taste through wines that Reggie had

recommended from the Willamette Valley. The session was a master class in how sommeliers and chefs work together when creating a paired menu. The wines were tasted and discussed around the table with Reggie and Josh riffing on the flavors and aromas of the wines. This was followed by discussion of the base and bridge ingredients to consider for each dish. The right pairing elevates both the dish and the wine and Reggie and Josh are true matchmakers.



The resulting menu was brilliant – delicious, beautifully prepared, presented and served by the FogRose team. During the dinner service, Reggie talked through the unique aspects of the Willamette Valley and introduced each wine, guiding us through an evaluation. Josh described each of the dishes as they came out to the delight of the group.

We all had a great time. Based on the response, Kenny and I plan to create similar events in the future. A special mention goes to new members Jason and Tracey Sebesta who drove out from Yakima in the Ferrari just for the event. Salud!

Wines Served in Order:  
 Bouvet Signature Brut  
 2021 Patricia Green - Sauvignon Blanc  
 2016 Lazy River Vineyard - Chardonnay  
 2019 Belle Pente - Pinot Noir  
 2018 FogRose Andriette Private Selection - Pinot Noir by Lazy River Vineyard  
 2015 Torii Mor - Syrah Port



## Brasada Ranch Brunch and Drive, August 7th

The first weekend in August has historically been the date for the High Heaven BBQ and Drive or last year for the Brasada BBQ and Drive. However, this year I have decided to do something a little different. Fortunately, there have been several folks from the Willamette Valley who love to drive in the high desert. In order to make this weekend event work for them and have time for a little longer afternoon drive for those from central Oregon, I have decided to have a Sunday brunch, August 7th, followed by a drive into the best roads in north central Oregon.

The Sunday morning will begin at 10:30 AM with a brunch at my home in Brasada

followed by a drive going east on US 26, then north on state route 207, with a leg on highway 19 to Fossil and then route 216 to Antelope. From there we'll go onto Madras by way of route 293 and US 97. This will put those going back to the valley on US 26. This will take them through Government Camp and Timberline. For the rest this gives a straight shot to Bend via US 97. Several NWRFCAs members have done these roads coming from Portland, in the opposite direction, but I can assure you going east, north and then west is just as good, if not better.

Look for the registration coming from Janet on Constant Contact in the next few weeks.

-Erik Swensson



## Driving the New 296 GTB



On June 23rd and 24th, Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo had a FNA sponsored drive of the new 296 GTB. There were two 296 GTB on the lot both days, with over 40 people having signed up through FNA. You had to be an invited guest to drive the car. In addition to the cars, a representative from FNA was there, Eduardo Rossi. He was a wealth of information as he had spent 5 years on the team that developed the car.



Several NWRFCA members signed up for a drive, in addition to non-members. It was fun to catch up with folks that had not gotten together for quite some time due mostly to the pandemic. Tim Cupp, RTGT general manager, and Steve Wintermantel were actively hosting the event.

In addition to this event, Tim gave his full support to the upcoming Drive Oregon 2022 and the FCA 2023 Annual Experience.

The 296 GTB was quick and nimble. With 819 hp and 546 ft-lbs of torque, it goes from 0-62 mph in 2.9 seconds. The twin turbo V-6 and battery provide



a record-setting 221hp/l for a production car. It has a 2-inch shorter wheelbase than the F8, but weighs in at 3,241 pounds dry weight, vs 2,932 for the F8. The plug-in hybrid also produces electrical charge through regenerative braking. It has an all-electric range of 15 miles.

The car is very clean with its modern interface with the driver, but at 6' 4" I found getting in and out of the car a little more challenging than the 488. However, talking to some other members, they found the car size ideal.

Everyone I talked to felt the car was a very refined Ferrari, with more power and agility that takes any of us way past our driving skills. It is another winner in the Ferrari line up with sales so strong, if you order one today, you'll be waiting 36 months to see your 296.

Ciao, Erik Swensson



## F1 Viewing Party in Happy Valley, Oregon

As we know, the race didn't turn out the way we would really like, but it was a fun day. A small group gathered at Denise Ferrari's house to enjoy great conversation, food, and the Canadian GP. Getting to know fellow Ferrari fans is a big reason why we join FCA, along with the joy of driving our cars.

It's easy to put together these events, and your FCA NWR board and local presidents will help you with your first. Let's make summer even more fun by adding events! Contact a board member or local chapter president to get going.



## Save The Date: September 25



The Portland/Vancouver Chapter is having their quarterly New Member's Meet-Up to welcome all new NWR FCA members. All members are invited to John Payne's garage to have food and drinks, and to talk cars, drives, and other fun Ferrari stuff.

The next one is September 25, 2022, all details will follow with registration open in late August.

Come welcome our new members in this fantastic location. If you haven't seen the Payne garage, you're in for a treat! See you soon.

## Central Oregon Chapter Canadian GP Viewing Party

After a dismal qualifying for the Ferrari faithful on June 18th, with Sainz in 3rd and Leclerc in 19th, it would have been easy to assume the race would not be any better than the last few. Fortunately for the hardy souls who braved cold weather and came out to the party and drive, the race was a lot of fun and the camaraderie warm. After Carlos had finished second and Charles came in fifth, we settled down to a nice lunch topped off with homemade apple pie.

The day before, several of the folks from the Willamette Valley and Seattle had taken the Shaniiko-Fossil run and then we all



had dinner at Madalines in Redmond. Some of this group headed back home early while others came over for the race and lunch.

After lunch some headed home while others went for a leisurely drive through the beautiful Crooked River Gorge and looped back to Bend through Prineville and route 126. It is always fun to have members from around the NWR get together for the great driving roads of central Oregon and some good food. We'll do it again the weekend of August 6-7th, at the 'Brasada Brunch and Drive'. Look for the registration links via Constant Contact in the next few weeks.

Ciao, Erik Swensson



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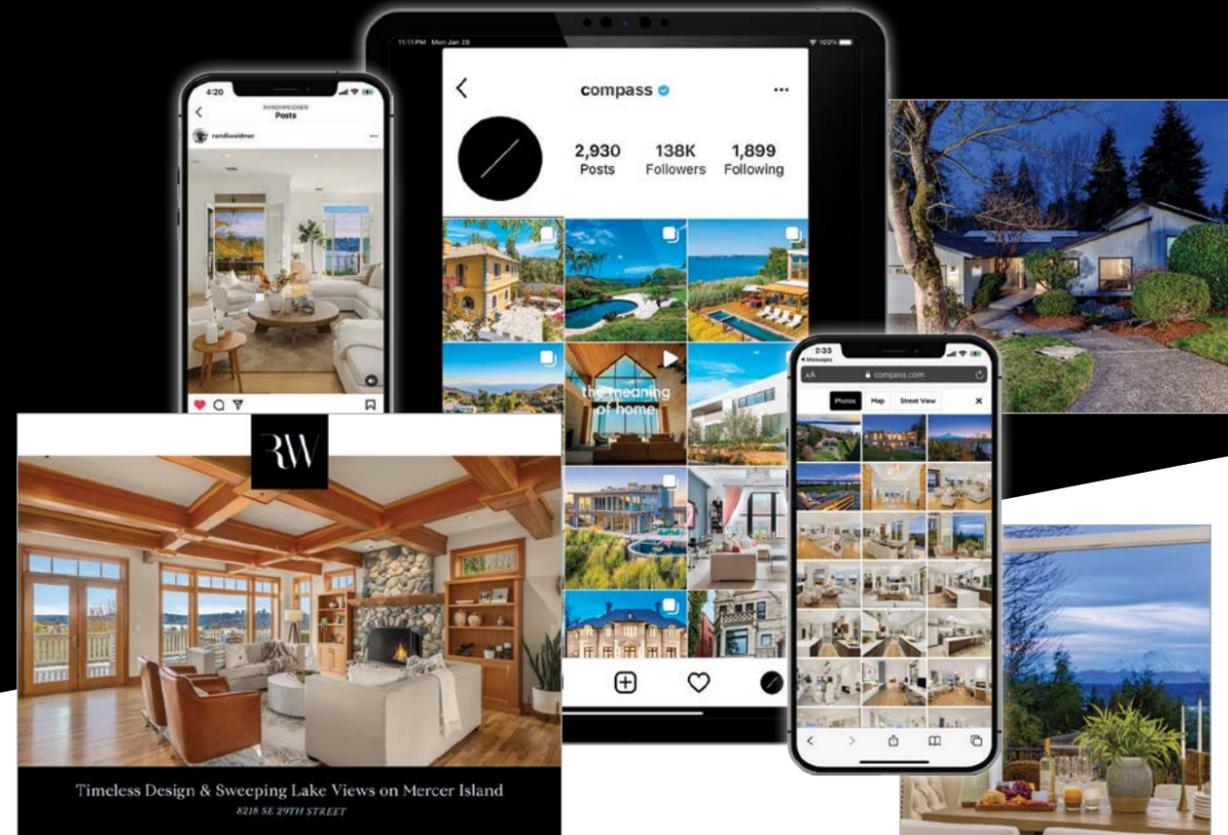
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