

HISTORIC

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Photos courtesy of Cannon Beach History Center and Museum

The Ecola Toll Road had 111 hairpin curves.

The Ecola Toll Road

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The photo above shows the Ecola Toll Road with its 111 hairpin curves.

The Ecola Toll Road ran from Seaside to Cannon Beach. The journey from Portland to Cannon Beach in, let's say 1890, would take seven-and-a-half hours. Travelers would catch a train in Portland to Astoria, then another train from Astoria to Seaside (operating only in the summer); finally catching a stage coach in Seaside to take the toll road and its 111 curves to Cannon Beach.

Once visitors arrived at Cannon Beach, they would vacation at the coast for weeks at a time, often staying the whole summer, and thus became a part of the community.

There were a variety of reasons for these long-term stays, but one of the most important was that before the time of good cars and good roads, it took time and trouble to reach coastal resorts. It was once seven hours from Portland to the coast, on roads so winding that nausea was a condition of the trip.

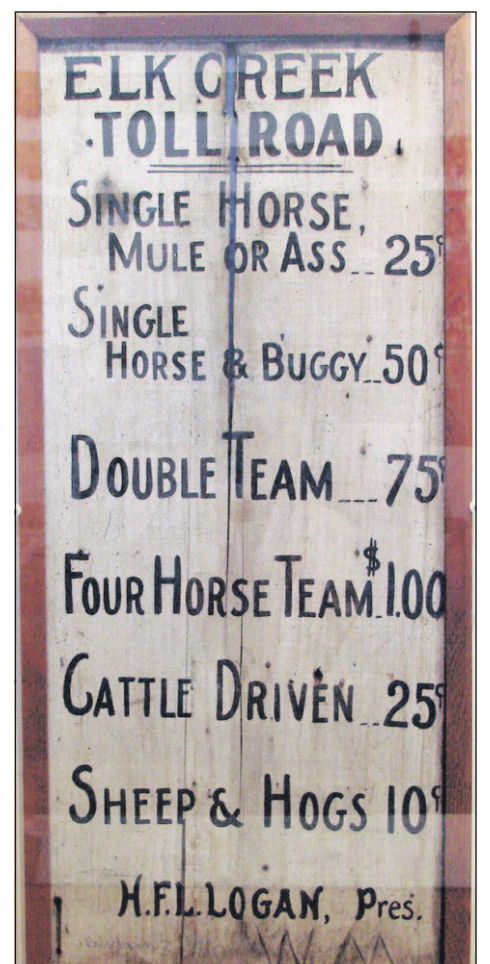
Eventually the road ceased to be a toll road and the advent of mechanical cars made the trip a little easier. How-



ever, it wasn't until 1950 that a new highway between Seaside and Cannon Beach eliminated the 111 curves, making the trip from Portland to the coast

just an hour-and-a-half.

Elaine Trucke is the executive director of the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum.



9-1-WHAT?
THE BEST OF THE WORST CALLS TO ASTORIA 911 DISPATCH

Arrgh!

So now we have pirates and what not. The invasion continues at the Goonies house. And people seem to be losing their patience with noise.

We particularly enjoyed the exchange between the emergency dispatcher and a caller who complained about loud club music about the proper use of 911.

But, hey, we hate club music, too. Follow reporter Kyle Spurr on his 9-1-What? Twitter watch, where a few of the sometimes head-scratching calls to area dispatch take center stage. The full feed is at www.twitter.com/9_1_WHAT.

9-1-WHAT? [Following](#)

{8/15 @ 8:56 p.m.} #Goonies House resident reported people invading his privacy by ignoring posted signs.

RETWEET 1

9-1-WHAT? [Following](#)

{8/18 @ 12:25 p.m.} Man glared at caller and revved his engine as he dove by. #Astoria

8:40 AM - 19 Aug 2015

9-1-WHAT? [Following](#)

{8/10 @ 10:49 a.m.} Loud club music coming from a red pickup. Caller advised of proper 911 use, but still felt it was an emergency. #Astoria

RETWEET 1

9-1-WHAT? [Following](#)

{8/16 @ 4:02 a.m.} Caller hearing a strange noise every 10 to 30 seconds. Just roommate's CPAP machine. #Seaside

RETWEET 1

9-1-WHAT? [Following](#)

{8/13 @ 2:49 p.m.} Report of two people dressed up as pirates dropped off at the theater. #Astoria

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