

Motor Trip Bisecting Oregon Advised for Avoiding Crowds

Florence Start Of This Motorlog

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If you are among the socially well adjusted, this article is not for you. This is something of a tip sheet for those disturbing and suspicious characters who frankly hate people and want to spend their vacation out of sight of man and his vagaries.

So we suggest that you take the trip we did when we boarded (with family) an Oregon State Motor association white motorlog car and began a bisection of Oregon.

You catch up the family (people haters have families) and start in at the coast, even if you live inland. You might leave Portland and drive to Florence, near the geographic midsection of the coast. (We took highway 18 to Otis junction with U. S. highway 101.)

State Parks Entice

During the drive from Oceanlake to Florence you will get well potted on the magnificent coast scenery. Try stopping to soak up the alert salt air at Bolter bay, Depoe bay, Whale cove, or drive down to the beaches and hunt rocks at Agate beach.

Along highway 101 you will find escape hatches from people in scores of state parks, strung out like beads on the cliff-hugging highway. There is also the Siuslaw national forest, through which you will be nosing much of the way along the coast.

But the serious business of shaking people begins when you turn east from Florence on the bisection junket across Oregon. Highway 36 follows the Siuslaw river and crosses streams with such people-hating names as Deadwood creek.

The highway pushes through the Coast range, gearing your spirit for the high Cascades, which are to come later.

Fishing Excellent

When you pop out at Junction City and plow on through Eugene and Springfield you are unavoidably stuck with people, but this need be only a brief interlude before you will soon be plunging into the wilderness of the upper McKenzie river and the Three Sisters country of the lava-crusted high Cascades.

Highway 126 out of Eugene follows the McKenzie, certainly one of the world's most beautiful fast-water fishing streams. The highway is closed in late fall by heavy snows in the upper elevations, but a new all-year road is expected to bridge the winter-blocked gap by 1958.

With advance reservations, you can arrange to spend a week in this wilderness region, which offers fine fishing, swimming (in a heated pool at Belknap springs), a vast recreation area, mountain climbing and even an airport for those in a hurry to escape people.



The Oregon State Motor association's white motorlog car pauses beside the wave-washed rocks of Neptune state park, not far from start of cross-state trip.

As you leave the western slopes of the upper McKenzie and climb through the pass under watchful white faces of the Three Sisters, you emerge in a Stygian wilderness, a place seemingly abandoned by God and man and left frozen in time.

The glacier-carved Sister peaks look down on lava beds that were rivers of molten rock not much more than 1000 years ago. Here, devoid of vegetation, and seemingly of all life, are the most imposing sheets of recent lava flows in the nation.

Old West Lives

As you roll toward Bend past this geological wonderland, you are entering the cowboy west, a badlands of ancient lakes and rivers; a barren uplands of sage and tumbleweeds, skirted by lush green valleys slaked by the Deschutes and Metolius rivers.

This is the land of big skies and ranches that stretch beyond the horizon. It is the land of the screaming pine tree head saw, of potato growers and quarter horses; it is a place of new power projects; of arrow-straight highways and clean cities.

From the Sisters-Bend-Redmond triangle, a labyrinth of trips offers escape hatches from people. There is a mile-long lava tunnel at Lava Cave state park; there are Suttle and Blue lakes resting in sky-blown craters and featuring ocean-blue waters; there is the Metolius river, certainly one of the strangest rivers of a strange land; there is a trip over Century drive to Bachelor mountain, where ski slopes run in winter; there is Newberry crater with its Pliocene geological sights similar to Mauna Loa and Mt. Etna and offering at the rim zenith the panorama of the high Cascades from Mt.

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St. Helens in Washington to Mt. Shasta in California.

From Redmond, you turn east along highway 26 to Prineville and head toward Mitchell, place of flash floods and painted desert.

Ogden Explored Area

It looks much the same as it did when first explored by the London-educated Peter Skene Ogden. But eons ago—say 200,000,000 years before the fur trappers and mountain men—marine life swam over the Crook-Grant county highlands of the Ochoco national forest. Here clam reefs have been found on mountaintops, there deposited during the dark history of Paleozoic time. Near John Day is a prehistoric nest of fossils so well known that the town and its rarities out of the days of the earth's youth stand like synonyms.

And here in the days of living man's youth, Indians prowled in a fearsome way. Today, the highway follows the canyons of the John Day river, where paleo-Indian ruins are on a tighter scale than the gorge of the Columbia loom over the traveler and the Blue mountains lie in ambush ahead.

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Map shows route taken on trip cutting state in half.

Holiday Safe Driving Tips Given

As millions of fun-seeking motorists head for the lakes, mountains or beaches over the Fourth of July holiday, safety experts are hopeful that extra care and caution will keep the highway accident toll at an all-time low.

To help achieve this goal, Jeanne Smith, Dodge safety consultant, has prepared this list of 10 driving tips.

1. Control your temper when behind the wheel. Highways are crowded and travel is slow; don't "blow-up" and take unnecessary chances.

2. Start early, expect frequent delays and leave for home early,

preferably during daylight.

3. Watch out for careless drivers who are over-anxious to reach their destination.

4. Slow down, to allow passing cars extra room to get back into the right lane ahead of you.

5. Always give the other driver more than his share of the road.

6. Get into the proper lane well in advance of turning—and always signal your intention to turn or stop.

7. Pull your car entirely off the road when stopping for sight-seeing or a roadside picnic.

8. Check traffic in all directions especially to the rear, before pulling out of a parking spot onto the highway.

9. Reduce speed at sundown and drive within the range of your headlights.

HEPPNER TRAIL BLAZERS

The Heppner Trail Blazers met at the home of Mrs. Clifford Wagner June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

We opened our meeting with our song and Mrs. Wagner said our opening prayer. Then we planned our hike for June 30. After that we worked on our crafts.

Mrs. Ring gave the closing prayer.

JoAnn Robinson, reporter

Dickie Robison, grandson of Mrs. Maud Robinson, is suffering from an abscess on the eyeball caused by a virus infection.

10. Concentrate on your driving—it's a full time job.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrival—To Mr. and Mrs. George Eaton, Condon, a 6 lb. 10 oz. girl born June 25, named Mary Lee.

Medical—Floyd Wiles, Ione; Joemina Chinn, Kinzua, dismissed; George DeLaurie, Heppner; Alice K. Anderson, Heppner, dismissed; Bette Wright, Spray, dismissed; H. O. Ely, Ione; Mayona Jones, Fossil; Ann McNamee, Heppner; Frank Papineau, Lexington.

Minor Surgery—Lora Lee Stotts Heppner; Pat Brindle, Heppner; Glen Ward, Heppner.

Major Surgery—Ursus Brock, The Dalles; Lorraine Ball, Ione.

Justice and Municipal Courts

Claude Morris Haney, larceny, held for Clatsop county authorities.

Kay Lou Ash, runaway, held in Umatilla county jail and returned to Clatsop county authorities.

Charles Sherman Clinton, charged with giving alcoholic liquor to minors. Pleaded not guilty, released on \$500 bail, trial set July 8.

Eddie Hall Usry, permitting unlicensed person to drive motor vehicle, \$10 fine.

James Randolph Badger, no drivers license, \$10 fine.

Paul G. Pettyjohn Jr., violation of basic rule, \$50 fine.

Lee Moran, drunk in public place, \$10 fine.

William Smith, drunk in public place, \$10 fine.

Walter Coat, parking in restricted zone, \$7 fine.

NEW PHARMACIST EMPLOYED HERE

Rod Murray, formerly of Baker, is now employed at Humphrey's Drug Co. as a registered pharmacist. He has been a salesman for Merck, Sharp and Dohme, a drug manufacturing firm for the past three years.

Mr. Murray will move his wife and three children to Heppner this weekend.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE PICNIC

The Rhea Creek grange potluck picnic will be held Sunday July 7 on the Walter Wright property at the end of the pavement on Rock creek. Signs will be posted.

Coffee and punch will be furnished and those attending are asked to bring their table service for the picnic, which will be at noon.

LOCATION WRONG

In last weeks story of the naming of the Wilkinson ranch operations for the county grassman of the year award, it was inadvertently stated that the Wilkinson master station for radio communications was located at the Heppner TV site. The station actually is at the site of the Wilkinson TV antenna on the home ranch.

CROWLEYS PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crowley are the parents of a 6 lb. 9 oz. girl born June 14. She has been named Kip Laree. The Crowleys will return to Heppner later this summer after attending summer school.

ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL

Tom Hughes, son of Mrs. J. J. Hughes, Heppner, is among 93 students enrolled at summer school at Linfield college, McMinnville. He is a graduate student in physical education. Mr. Hughes now lives at Fossil.

GRANDPARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Kellogg, Idaho, are parents of a son, George Michael, born last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill are great grandparents.

Let's All Try

December used to be the highest month for traffic deaths! Now July and August hold the high record for this!

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Meat Regulation Hearings Set For Redmond and Baker

Redmond and Baker will be eastern Oregon points for hearings on the proposed regulations under the full-time state compulsory meat inspection program. This word comes from Robert J. Steward, director of the state department of agriculture. These are the last of six scheduled hearings.

The Redmond hearing will be Wednesday night, July 10 at 7:30 in the city hall council chambers.

At Baker, the hearing will be held Thursday night, July 11, at 7:30 o'clock at the Baker hotel.

A hearing will be held at Grants Pass July 9 and at Eugene July 8.

Steward urges everyone interested to attend one of the hearings to express his or her views. He said the ultimate success of the state meat inspection program is tied closely to the regulations which will be adopted as a result of the hearings.

The proposed regulations cover exemptions and farm slaughter, as well as post mortem and ante mortem inspection, condemnation procedures, labels and stamps, operators' inspection costs, the operation, construction and maintenance of plants, and other relevant matters.

The hearings will be conducted by M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the department's division of animal industry, or another staff member from Salem.

In addition to the proposed regulations under the new full-time meat inspection program, representatives of the department's division of foods and dairies will attend the hearings to open talks, for discussion purposes only, on hamburger and fresh sausage standards at the retail or butcher shop level.

These two meat products will be the subject of a hearing later, with regulations to be drawn under the Oregon Food Act.

Along with the hearing announcement, the director reviewed other steps which the department has taken to put into effect the new full-time inspection program. The department is relying on the cadre of skilled professional and lay inspectors used during the pilot program the last two years to form the nucleus of the staff of 82 inspectors to be used statewide.

For several weeks the department has been conducting an intensive training program at two plants near Salem for 20 of its livestock brand inspectors who will be integrated into the meat inspection program. The state

My Neighbors



"No, I didn't run into a truck. I ran into their union!"

civil service is now recruiting additional veterinary and lay inspectors for the program.

Steward said in drawing the proposed regulations to govern meat inspection, the department is looking ahead to an eventual broader base for Oregon's meat packing and processing industry.

He said the department hopes the state meat inspection program will (1) form a base for authority from the federal government to permit federal grading in state-inspected plants; and (2) work with a long-range plan to seek federal authorization which will permit state-inspected meat food products to move interstate.

MONUMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis of Corbett who were visiting his folks Mead and Linnie, drove to La Grande Friday to attend her sister's wedding which took place Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rounds were in John Day a few days last week when her brother died.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Downen were in Pendleton Monday.

Mrs. Eldon Kinton and three daughters, Sharon, Vicky and Nancy of Salem and Mrs. Ralph C. Neill and three children, Pat, Barbara and Mary Lou of Indianapolis, Ind., spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill. On Sunday they all attended the Pine City school reunion, class of 1932. Mrs. Kinton is a daughter of the Neills and Mrs. Ralph Neill is a niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butterfield were in La Grande last Friday to attend the wedding reception of their granddaughter, Joyce Standley, who was married to Lyle Zaugg of Union, at the Salt Lake Temple on June 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford returned Friday from a vacation at the coast.

Miss Jean Marie Graham left today (Wednesday) to spend the weekend visiting in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson and children are spending a week vacationing at the Oregon coast.

The Mike Saling family are visiting for a week in Idaho and Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grant of Arlington were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick. They took home their son David who spent several days here last week at the Creswick home.

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