Intrepid Saab traveler (and SCNA Board member) Saunders Lee suggested his “Top 10 Self-Drives” around the Portland area:

1—Destination: Multnomah Falls (and driving along the Columbia River Gorge)

2—A trip to Seaside, OR and the Astoria Bridge (the terminus point of the Lewis & Clark expedition—now THAT was an epic was a roadtrip!!)

--This is 1-1/2 hours from the Holiday Inn/Columbia Riverfront (site of SOC)

3—Visit the Tillamook Creamery in Tillamook, OR

--This is also 1-1/2 hours from the Holiday Inn/Columbia Riverfront

4—Pay a visit to the multitude of wineries in the Willamette Valley (make sure you have a DD along!)

--The Willamette Valley is about an hour South towards Salem, OR

5—If you're into Kayaking, the Clackamas River is a great, scenic choice

--The scenic areas are about 30 minutes Southeast of Portland

6—Explore the beautiful Japanese Rose Garden (Portland is not called “the City of Roses” for no reason!)

--This is 20 minutes from the Holiday Inn/Columbia Riverfront

7—Ride the FREE Portland Aerial Tram up to the Children's Hospital on Marquam Hill for a birds-eye view of Portland

--The Lower Terminal is located at the intersection of South Moody & Gibbs

--The Upper Terminal has amazing views of Portland, Mt Hood, and Mt. St. Helens, along with the largest enclosed “sky bridge” in North America

--This is 15 minutes from the Holiday Inn/Columbia River

8—Indulge at Voodoo Donuts for their unique and tasty food and walk along the Willamette Waterfront

9—Stroll the Willamette Waterfront Park during the Farmers markets and Food Truck times

10—Head to McMenamins on the Columbia (in Vancouver, WA) for a great local meal with a “side” of beautiful Columbia River views

--This is 10 minutes from the Holiday Inn/Columbia Riverfront—we don’t recommend trying to swim there!