

## ANNUAL BROOKINGS SOJOURN

**After a stop in Florence, OR at TT South Jetty, where we enjoyed the Old Town and all its restaurants, we headed to Brookings, OR. Brookings is a mere 7 miles from the CA border. We left Florence equipped with a new starter motor. That was the cause of all our problems!**



**On September 9, 1942, [Mount Emily](#), near Brookings, became the first site in the continental United States to suffer [aerial bombardment in wartime](#). A Japanese floatplane piloted by [Nobuo Fujita](#) launched from [submarine I-25](#) was loaded with incendiary bombs and sent to start massive fires in the dense forests of the Pacific Northwest. The attack caused only minor damage. Fujita would be invited back to Brookings in 1962 and he presented the town his family's 400-year-old samurai sword in friendship after the Japanese government was given assurances that he would not be tried as a war criminal. Brookings made him an honorary citizen several days before his death in 1997.**

**Our favorite RV Park, the Beachfront RV Park, offers never ending views of everything from feeding seagulls to people walking dogs, kids and selves.**



**At this point in time, Bonnie is suffering back spasms and we made a unanimous decision to head directly home Tuesday.  
Dave & Bonnie**