



*BOCI Goes North, Eh!*

## BOCI 2015 Rally & Business Meeting Report

NK'MIP RV PARK

Osoyoos, British Columbia, Canada

September 13-18, 2015

### General

- **Attendance** was terrific with 137 participants, representing 70 memberships! The campground was filled with an amazing assortment of truck campers, trailers, and motorhomes.
- A welcoming **social hour** was hosted by *Grant & Denise Bilodeau* of Bigfoot Industries.
- Always a tremendous hit was the **Serendipity Potluck** dinner where members shared their favorite dishes.
- **Rig Tours:** This was an opportunity to tour several rigs and share ideas and best practices about upgrades and customization of their RVs. As an extra bonus, representatives from Bigfoot Industries, Garry Grochowich and Rob Ferroux, visited as many rigs as possible answering a myriad of questions.
- **Quilt Raffles:** Each year a group of dedicated quilters make a fabulous quilt for the raffle. This year two quilts were raffled off. The gorgeous **2015 Osoyoos** quilt was won by *Carolyn Rector*. *Sue Stinson* who won the quilt in 2011 generously donated it back to the Club to be included in this year's raffle. This stunning **2011 Fairmont Hot Springs** quilt was won by *Krista Leach*. Congratulations!
- **Other Raffles:** Many wonderful raffle items were donated by several of our vendors. Also, a favorite, are the unique raffle items that BOCI members bring from home. What fun!
- **Free Time:** Off on one's own adventure! A few people went for a horseback ride; several went golfing; and others visited the Cultural Center and walked the nature trails. So much to do, so little time!

### Business Meeting

Following a review of last year's minutes, the financial report, and committee reports, elections were held for two open board positions. *Norm Rector* and *Bonnie Carruthers* were re-elected for a 2-year term. Revisions to BOCI's Bylaws were then reviewed and discussed. All proposed changes were approved; revised bylaws are posted on the website.

### Events

- **All aboard the BOCI Express!** The group tour was a wonderful scenic trip aboard the **Kettle Valley Steam Railroad** followed by a great barbeque lunch at the railway station.
- The second annual **Scarf dyeing class** led by *Carol Arndt* was a roaring success.
- **Game nights:** What was that racket? Oh, it was just members enjoying the various games. The whooping and hollering came from 20 participants of the annual Cribbage tournament and their cheering section. The ladies dominated the top spots with first place going to *Cathy Kure* and second place going to *Jacky Kennedy*. Way to go!

### Seminars

- **Derek Bryson**, Marketing Manager, from **The Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre** discussed the heritage of the people, their contributions to the local economy as well as the preservation of their culture and language.
- *Okanagan College in Kelowna, BC*, offers a seminar series entitled "RV Lifestyle". In a packed room, **Al Cohoe**, presented a couple of topics from this seminar series – propane properties and safety, plus a variety of RV tips to follow before, during, and after a trip.
- **Grant Bilodeau** of **Bigfoot Industries** reviewed the status of the company and with a big hammer, demonstrated the durability of Bigfoot's fiberglass shell. He also discussed current products and a peek into the future. Garry Grochowich and Rob Ferroux took it from there with a discussion on how to keep a Bigfoot bright and shiny and explained the properties of the different products to use.
- **Steve Gritman**, owner of **Lafayette Auto Body & RV Repair** from Lafayette, Oregon, hosted a lively question-and-answer session on various RV topics at this his sixth attendance at a BOCI rally.