



Bigfoot Owners Club International

2018 Annual Rally

Oasis RV Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada

September 9–14, 2018

BOCI's 15th Annual Rally Report

General

- **Attendance** was lower this year mostly due to the anticipation of extreme heat. Well, that was true, but 38 memberships with 14 First Timers were represented (75 total participants). Despite the heat, the Oasis RV Resort had a great meeting facility with air conditioning where most events were held. We had attendees from across the US (Alaska to New Jersey, Arkansas, and even Hawaii) and from Canada (British Columbia and Alberta)!
- Always a tremendous hit was the **Serendipity Potluck** dinner where members shared their favorite dishes which was preceded by a no-host social hour!
- **Quilt Raffle:** Thanks to our fantastic and creative Fabric Artists, another gorgeous handmade quilt was raffled off. The *2018 Las Vegas* quilt was won by **Julia & Mike Laney**. Congratulations!
- **2018 Rally Gift Certificate:** Continuing the new tradition started in 2016, there was a special raffle to win a certificate good for one "5-night RV site and rally package" to the next year's annual rally. For 2018 the rally will be held at the *Diamond Grove RV Park, Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada*, September 8–13, 2018. And the lucky winners were **Suzzi & John Combs** from Arkansas!
- **Dometic Cooler Raffle:** Generously donated by Dometic was won by **Jim & Gail Thurman**. Enjoy!!!
- **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!

Special Event

Let's Boogie! A 50's/60's party was held with catered appetizers. The DJ kept with party going with great music from that era. The hall was decorated, and several members dressed the part. The music brought back many memories.

Events

- **Rig Tours:** Three time slots of 2 hours each were allotted. This gave everyone a chance to get around the campground and tour some of the various makes and models of Bigfoots and discuss with the owners about any modifications and upgrades. Despite the heat, the rig tours were well attended.
- **Game night:** A fantastic evening of socializing. Besides Scrabble and Mah Jong, a large boisterous group played 'Left, Right, and Center'. Not sure who won, but all had a hilarious time!

Seminars/Presentations

- **Bass Pro Shops Visit** – a special tour of the local Bass Pro Shops was arranged by Rich Peters. We learned about the history of both Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's which have now merged.
- **Surprise visit from Ric Allen, the Club Founder** who joined us to help celebrate the Club's fifteenth anniversary. Ric shared how the Club started and how happy he was to be able to join us in Las Vegas.
- **National Atomic Testing Museum** – a slide-show presentation was given by Michael Hall, Executive Director of Museum. documents the history of nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) in the desert north of Las Vegas. It was interesting to note that the museum operates as an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Mr. Hall provided free museum entrance tickets to all rally attendees.
- **Spinettis** – two young casino dealers took time to explain the basics of blackjack and poker and gave tips on how to best play the cards that one is handed. A few members even had a chance to play a few hands. What fun!
- **Steve Grittman, Lafayette Auto Body & RV Repair**, longtime supporter of the BOCI rallies, holds an informal question and answer session about all things Bigfoot. It doesn't matter if you own a Bigfoot Truck Camper, a Travel Trailer, or a Motorhome, Steve answers questions and leads very lively discussions, Additionally, he spends many hours helping owners with solving various issues with their RV's. Many thanks to Steve and especially to Jill!