

# VOLVOS IN OSOYOOS

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Hosted by the Volvo Club of British Columbia  
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Although we had a small contingent from PSVSA, those of us that went to Osoyoos, BC for the weekend event had a wonderful time.

Gary and Myrna Ramstad drove up in their new Volvo on Thursday so they could participate in the winery tour on Friday. The Osoyoos area is famous for it's wineries and they visited a number of local wineries. One of the wineries I stopped by on Saturday said they had around 250 visitors per day during the summer months!! Luckily the day of the tour wasn't too warm as they traveled in a school bus with no air conditioning.

Greg and Tam Kauffman and I followed on Friday. The Kauffman's in their 1800ES and me following in my 1800S over the North Cascades Highway. Although I've lived here all my life, I had never traveled this beautiful highway across the Cascade Mountains. If you haven't taken this trip, please do. It's incredibly beautiful and a very pleasant drive.

We took our time leaving Burlington at about 9:30 and arriving in Osoyoos (just across the border from Oroville) at about 4:30. We made a couple of scenic stops and a lunch stop in Winthrop.

Friday evening was a small reception in a room at the Holiday Inn in Osoyoos where we met other attendees and had a bite to eat. There were a couple of guys from Oregon and two other couples from Washington State. The Volvo Club of BC had quite a few raffle items that were given away.

Saturday was a guided drive (88 miles) of local roads east of Oroville. I believe about 30 cars went on the drive. I elected not to participate due to all the driving the day before. The Ramstads went back over the border to visit an old friend while I just drove a little around the Osoyoos area. Greg and Tam went on the drive and had a great time. They stopped in some little old town and the local historical society ladies made lunch for the group. The Kauffman's had a little car trouble (alternator light coming on) and were absolutely amazed at all the help they had from other group members. One guy even offered a new alternator that he just happened to have on him if needed!

After the drive, everyone met at Haynes Point Park to hang out and talk Volvos for a couple of hours. We then "cleaned up" and went to the Osoyoos Golf and Country Club for dinner, video show, People's Choice Awards from the car show and more raffle

items. The golf club did a very nice job. We lucked out that that night was also the member appreciate banquet so the eats were very good!

Sunday morning we returned to the Golf Club for a very nice buffet breakfast before hitting the road to return home. We again traveled the North Cascades Highway and stopped in Winthrop for a bit of shopping

Although a lot of driving and a short weekend, we had a wonderful time and would all do it again. Enjoy the photos and think about going two years from now when the VCBC will most likely hold another "Volvos in Osoyoos" event.