

Reunions

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We left Ian and Karley's by 10:30 and after stopping at a campground to use their dump station, we were on the road out of Vancouver by 11:00. The weather was rainy on and off, overcast and cool but as the day wore on the sky began to clear a little and it warmed up to 15C. It was a good day for a drive and the trip to [Blind Bay](#), just west of Salmon Arm to George and Joan's house was a good one. We arrived at the Sportsman General Store and RV Camp on Blind Bay at around 3:30. I called Joan to let her know we were there and we set up camp, Helen stretched her legs and we waited for our friends to meet us.

George and Jim had been friends since they were in Grade 5 together in Scarborough, Ontario about forty years ago and the two of them spent equal time between each other's houses as children. Helen had been a second mother to George during that time and hadn't seen him in over 10 years. Just watching the two of them exchange affectionate hugs and pick up where they left off was heart-warming for all of us.

We went over to their house where we enjoyed a great meal and continued our reunion. Rick and I had visited with George and Joan almost two years ago when we brought Karley's furniture out here behind our other motorhome in a U-haul trailer. When we last saw Joan she was bald as a result of the chemotherapy she was undergoing after a mastectomy for breast cancer. She now has a full head of hair and is recovering beautifully. It was wonderful to see her so well, despite having broken her foot this winter. George's Dad, George Sr., lives across the road and he came over after dinner to see Helen. They hadn't seen each other in thirty years so there was a lot to catch up on. Over the course of the evening, there were many memories brought forth, lots of laughter and a few tears. We had a wonderful evening.