



December

Where do Bats go for Christmas?



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BEEPS is echolocating in search of two new Directors. Join this dynamic batty team in February at the AGM. February 4, 2019

Rubber Ducky Race Big Winner

The Rubber Ducky Race (RDR), an annual fundraiser for BEEPS, was a big winner at the Chamber's Business Excellence Awards in the category of Best Community Event.



The Award, presented by Jordan from Dragon Lotus Restaurant, was accepted by RDR busy bats Heather Johansson, Rachel Truant, Darlene Hartford, Joey Byatt, Doris Muhs and Jennifer Oleniak.





Community Partner with BEEPS

Bat Trivia
Little Brown Bat

- Resting heart rate = 100—200 beats/min
- Flying heart rate = 1000 beats/min
- Hibernation heart rate = 5 beats/min



BEEPS is inviting batty friends from communities throughout the province who have

- Bats in Buildings
- Bat Interpretive Centres
- Bat Nature Programs

Delegates will share their programs and BEEPS will showcase ours! Look for new and exciting information on bat lifestyles, habitat and protection practices after this exchange with bat leaders from other communities, on *Bat Matters!*



Hard Working Summer Students



As one of his first duties, summer student Anthony Boyko, climbs to inspect the attic Roost with Peachland Fire Brigade.



Guano Saves Grapes

BEEPS summer student, Emily Sproule, along with Saxon Winery owner, Jane, inspects grape vines nurtured with bat guano. The pilot project was a huge success producing healthy, juicy grapes after many seasons of mildew and low production.



Canada Day Parade

Maria and Lukas decorate their Bat Bikes for the Canada Day Parade



Good To Go!

Biologist, Tanya Luszcz, checks out the new cameras for ultrasonic interference at her Penticton office.



Peachland World of Wheels

BEEPS 50/50 draw at Peachland World of Wheels earned money to assist in purchasing 4 new cameras for the attic. Bats have returned from hibernation, therefore, installation will take once the attic is deserted during the cold of winter. Dagmar and Lindsay sold the winning ticket to Hilary Thom (not in the picture).



The Saga of Injured Ernie

A bat with a broken wing was rescued from the 50 Plus Centre and taken to the Wildlife Reserve in Kamloops by D'Arcy Morgan and his niece, Robyn.

The bat was affectionately named Injured Ernie but, unfortunately, succumbed to his injuries.

Summer Bat Counts now every Friday Night

One of Peachland's friendliest Bats joined the Friday night Bat Counts throughout the summer. A later, cooler Spring and hotter August saw bat count numbers fluctuate a bit from 2017, however, all counts indicate a healthy, happy colony!

Chamber Golf Tournament

Volunteers Jenn, Sophia, and Dagmar went Batty with Grant at the Chamber Golf Tournament promoting a prize draw for BEEPS.




2018 Bat Guano Collection

Peachland Fire Brigade opened the attic hatch on December 10th for the 2018 annual guano clean out. Once again our friendly bats produced two large trash bags full!

The Fire Brigade swept and vacuumed-up guano while Tanya Luszcz and Joey Byatt changed Roost Logger batteries from alkaline to lithium to ensure the continuation of over-winter data collecting without freezing interference. Roost Logger and Hobo Temperature loggers records were downloaded for review. Come to the AGM on February 4 and check it out!


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BEEPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

- Jan 8** **Bat Friendly Communities:** Presentation to Peachland Council 9:00 am, Council Chambers
- Feb 4** **Annual General Meeting:** Bat Tour & Talk, Refreshments 7:00 pm Legends of the Lake Interpretive Centre; Visitor Centre
- Apr 6** **Rubber Ducky Race:** BEEPS Annual Fundraiser 11 am - 2 pm, Trepanier Creek Park
- Apr 12, 13** **Bat Matters: Chiroptera Conference:** Community Representatives from around the province will meet to talk Bats, Bat Programs, How Can We Help our Furry Friends? and Spread the Word
- May 16** **Go Batty in Peachland;** Meadowlark Nature Festival event 6:00 pm Kids Korner; 7:00 pm Biologist presentation Legends of the Lake Interpretive Centre, Peachland Historic School
- May 19** **Peachland World of Wheels** Bat Booth and 50/50 Draw
- Jun 14** **BC Bat Watch: 1st** 2019 official Bat Count, Peachland Historic School at dusk
- Jul 1** **Canada Day Parade** float & Bat Count at 9:00 pm, Peachland Historic School at dusk
- Jul 5** **BC Bat Watch: 2nd** Official Bat Count
- Jul 19** **BC Bat Watch: 3rd** Official Bat Count
- Aug 2** **BC Bat Watch: 4th** Official Bat Count
- Aug 15** **Moonlight Masquerade Dinner Noir;** long-table fundraiser event, 6:30 pm Heritage Park
- Oct 2** **Halloween Spooktakular** Bat Mask Making
- Dec 7** **Christmas Light-up** Bat Ornament Craft, Boys & Girls Club

Also watch for BEEPS during **July & August** at:

- Farmers & Crafters Markets on Sundays in Heritage Park
- Bat Counts every Friday night at dusk at Peachland Historic School
- On the Bat House Interpretive Trail for guided tours
- In the schoolhouse for Bat Chats on Wednesdays and Saturdays 1:00 pm

