



# Vancouver Island Section Newsletter

November, 2019

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## President’s Message

Rob Watson

This is our final Newsletter for the year. Its primary mission is to share with you our tentative event schedule for 2020. I say *tentative* because although some events have a defined date, others have yet to be fleshed-out and confirmed. Your Board has worked diligently to develop an interesting (and even sometimes exciting!) schedule with traditional events (the New Car and Technology Event and Vancouver Island *Concourse D’Elegance*) and events that are so popular they are on the verge of becoming traditional (the Cowichan Valley Wine Tour and Summer Solstice Dinner at the Farm Table Inn). We also included attendance at the Chemainus Theatre production of “39 Steps” at the end of April. This show is a repeat of a previous production by the Theatre and is described as a comedy where ‘Hitchcock meets hilarious.’ Seems like a contradiction but members who attended the last time swear that it is indeed, funny, well done and well worth seeing.

We capped of our excellent year with a well-attended brunch-lunch at the Fireside Grill. We will start the new year off with another brunch, this time at the Malahat Chalet on Sunday, 2 February.

Beat wishes from all of us on your Board – myself, Dennis, Hazel, Philip, Barry and Alex – to all of you and your families for the Holiday Season and the New Year.



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## 2019 – 2020 Section Officers

President: Rob Watson  
Vice–President: Dennis Ostrowerka  
Treasurer: Philip Early  
Secretary: Hazel Ostrowerka  
Membership Chair: Alex Currie  
Newsletter Editors: Barry Patchett and Rob Watson  
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**Section members (with the month and year of joining MBCA) who reached their Membership Anniversary milestone between October and January.**

**20–Year**

Wilf and Betty Beaton (January 2000)  
Catherine and Louis Hobson (January 2000)

**40–Year**

Barry Taylor (January 1980)

If any members have not received their Anniversary pin and would like to, could you contact Rob Watson at this [link](#).

**Thank you to Members and Associate Members who renewed their membership between October and November.**

Jenny and Colin Bell  
Brian Dane  
Lutz Keller  
Hal Neumann and Maureen Rivers  
Christo Pandelitis  
Alex Wortmann



## 2020 Tentative Event Calendar

<p><b>FEBRUARY</b>  <i>Monday 17<sup>th</sup>: Family Day</i>  <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>  <b>Brunch at the Malahat Mountain Inn</b>                      Organizers: Dennis and Hazel Ostrowerka</p>	<p><b>JULY</b>  <i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>: Canada Day</i>  <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July (date to be confirmed)</b>  <b>Oak Bay Car Collector Festival</b>                      Organizer: Alex Currie</p>
<p><b>MARCH</b>  <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>Interior Detailing Workshop (to be arranged)</b>                      Organizers: Dennis and Hazel Ostrowerka</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b>  <i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>: BC Day</i>  <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>  <b>Vancouver Island Concourse d'Elegance</b>                      Organizer: Rob Watson</p>
<p><b>APRIL</b>  <i>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday 14<sup>th</sup>: Easter</i>  <b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <b>Chemainus Theatre: The 39 Steps (a comedy where Hitchcock Meets Hilarious)</b>                      Organizer: Barry Patchett</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b>  <i>Monday 7<sup>th</sup>: Labour Day</i>  <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Tour of Viking Air (to be arranged), AGM and lunch at Mary's Bleue Moon Café</b>                      Organizers: Rob Watson and Alex Currie</p>
<p><b>MAY</b>  <i>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day</i>  <i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup>: Victoria Day</i>  <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>  <b>Three Point Motors New Car and Technology Event and BBQ</b>                      Organizers: Dennis and Hazel Ostrowerka</p> <p><b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>  <b>Second Cowichan Valley Wine Tour and Lunch</b>                      Organizers: Philip Early and Barry Patchett</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER</b>  <i>Monday 12<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving</i>  <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>Three Point Motors Winter Maintenance or Technical Event</b>                      Organizers: Dennis and Hazel Ostrowerka</p>
<p><b>JUNE</b>  <i>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>: Father's Day</i>  <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>  <b>Third Summer Solstice Prime Rib Buffet Dinner at the Farm Table Inn</b>                      Organizer: Barry Patchett</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b>  <i>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Day</i>  <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>  <b>Christmas/Holiday Lunch</b>                      Organizers: Linda Derrick and Cheryl Macdonald</p>



## Upcoming Events

### Brunch at the Malahat Chalet

Sunday, 2 February, 2020

This is a reprise of our well-received brunch at the Malahat Chalet in prior years. Whether you are from the north or south of the Malahat, this is a chance to shake off those winter blues with the views of Finlayson Arm and the Saanich Inlet. This will be an ideal time to catch-up on your adventures over the Christmas and Holiday season.

**Summary:**

**Organizer:** Hazel and Dennis Ostrowerka

**When:** Sunday, 2 February

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Malahat Chalet, 265 Trans-Canada Highway

**RSVP:** Please reply to Dennis and our Section Gmail address by clicking [here](#) by Wednesday 29 January.

## Past Events

### Christmas / Holiday Lunch at the Fireside Grill

November 23, 2019

Rob Watson and Linda Derrick

Photos by Christo Pandelidis and Barry Patchett

On Saturday 23 November, thirty famished members and guests gathered in the beautiful and seasonally decorated dining room of the Fireside Grill on West Saanich Road in Victoria. The spectacular Christmas tree (how *do* they get that top decorated!) and warming flames from the fireplace created an inviting environment for conversation and reminiscing. So much so, most of us left nearly three hours after we arrived.

We took advantage of being welcomed into the dining room well before other parties arrived for lunch in order for Rob to say a few words and hand out awards. Catherine and Lou Hobson, and Betty and Wilf Beaton joined MBCA back in January 2000, so were given their well-deserved 20-Year Anniversary pins. Their anniversaries -- as well as those of Hazel and Dennis Ostrowerka this past September -- are especially laudable as they were among the original members of the Vancouver Island Section.

Leo Vanderven was congratulated for being chosen as our Member-of-the-Year for his enthusiastic participation in our Section events during the 2018-2019 year. Leo had the highest attendance among our members, often bringing his wife, Rita and/or his son, Will, which certainly bolstered the Vanderven clan's presence. To underscore their involvement, all three were in attendance this time, too! Leo received a plaque and was awarded a \$100 Gift Certificate to be used at Three Point Motors. Congratulations again, Leo!

And then it was time for the lunch. We had more members than expected express interest in attending and Tim, the owner, and Darin, the manager, worked well with us to accommodate everyone. Servers Naomi and



Cole took excellent care of us, keeping orders straight and ensuring all thirty meals, were served close together. Kudos must also go to those who obviously worked hard in a busy kitchen to turn out delicious food.

Our thanks to Christo for his photos. In the closing stages of our brunch-lunch, Barry captured the happy faces of the awardees for some final photos in front of the Christmas tree.

Who knows where next year's Christmas Lunch will be? What are YOUR thoughts?



A fine group of members



Reminiscing at the Fireside Grill







Anticipation – pondering the many menu choices



Anticipation met





Leo Vanderven, our 2019 Member-of-the-year



Left to right.

Rob, Leo Vanderven with his Member-of-the-Year award;  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary members: Betty and Wilf Beaton, Catherine and Lou Hobson

