



Vancouver Island Section

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CALENDAR

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Section Officers

President: [Jamie Graham](#)
 Vice-President: vacant
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 Director at Large: [Ron Drane](#)
 Hon. Vice President: Peter Trzewik



Welcome New Members!

André Chabot – Saanichton
Barry Goss – Victoria

Rudi Koniczek – Victoria
Barry Logan – Victoria

Arnold Marks - Nanaimo
Christopher Parkes - Victoria

Renewing Members!

Evelyn & Peter Braunschmidt – Victoria
Hal Neumann & Maureen Rivers – Victoria
David Ockenden – Victoria
Ken Sakamoto – Victoria

Christo Pandelidis – Victoria
Alex Wortmann - Victoria

Richard Ediss – Parksville
Bruce Kerr – Victoria
Gareth Rees – Parksville

Thank you!

Coming Events

Holiday Party, Dec. 16

Our holiday party moves back to the Union Club on Friday, December 16th, the weekend of their holiday dinner and dance.

The Section has booked the downstairs Palm Court, a private room close to the buffet and next door to the main scene of action. Our bar will open at 6 and dinner will commence at 6:30. The Union Club offers an extensive and inexhaustible buffet of salads, cold and hot dishes, and desserts for this event.



The Palm Court festively set for the 2014 event.

Photo: Christo Pandelidis

Dancing to a live band will follow the dinner.

Our host at the Union Club is Jeff Cohen. Overnight accommodation at the Union Club has been booked up but there are a number of other hotels in the area for those who would rather not face the drive home at the end of the night. One of our members reports finding a reasonable deal at the Empress, which is just a block away.

Please note that the Union club requires business dress.



The Section will subsidize the ticket cost for a Member or Associate Member to \$60. Guests will pay the Union Club's charge of \$75. If your spouse is not already an Associate Member, enrollment is free and quick at mbca.org. Otherwise they will be charged the rate for guests. I am looking after registration, so please drop me a note if you are intending to come ([email](#)). A cheque made payable to MBCA Vancouver Island should be sent to:

Rob Watson ([email](#))
#518 – 6880 Wallace Drive
Brentwood Bay, BC V8M 1N8

Lunch at the Villa Eyrie Resort

The Board has discussed a lunch meeting for members in January at the Villa Eyrie Resort. The Summit Restaurant there has been well reviewed. Further information is coming.

The 2016 Annual Meeting

Photos: Christo Pandelidis



18 members and guests gathered at the Ramada Inn. The arrivals coffee and cookies were popular.



Here, outgoing Membership Director Jeff Cohen reports on the Section's health. The Section's membership has grown from 37 to 91 in the last five years. Membership grew by 17% in 2016 despite small declines in other sections of the Northwest Region and in the Club as a whole.





The Annual meeting is the Section's only business meeting for the general membership held during the year. It was one the 12 events for members organized in 2016.



Our guest speaker, Nigel Matthews has been a judge at several of the world's most prestigious concours d'elegance. Here he talks about concours 'fakes'. The car in the illustration, a 1930s British Daimler Double-Six, is on the lawn at Pebble Beach. It has been modified in a number of quite visible ways to 'improve' its appearance. For example, the colour has been changed, an upper side chrome moulding has been added, and the junction of the hood and cowl has been realigned. Such modifications exclude a car from the awards. Nigel also talked about cars at the Cartier show in New Delhi, India, a country where restorations are amazingly inexpensive. Everything is done by hand and missing parts are often locally reproduced one at a time.

The Section's board of directors for 2016/17 is:



- Jamie Graham – President
- Hazel Ostrowerka – Secretary
- Rob Watson – Treasurer
- Barry Patchett – Dealer Ambassador, Nanaimo
- Dennis Ostrowerka – Dealer Ambassador, Victoria
- Ron Drane – Director at Large
- Bob Wilson – Past President

The Section desperately needs someone to look after our website. If you have enough knowledge to do this and a spare hour or two a month, please contact Jamie ([click](#)).

Links of Interest

Jack Baruth says that premium auto-makers are strip-mining their heritage ([link](#))

MB-USA will enter two AMG-GT3 cars in the WeatherTech sports car series next year ([link](#))

The one millionth MB made at the BAC joint venture in Beijing is an E class ([link](#))

Daimler made the first Mercedes for Emil Jellinek in November 1900. Read the history ([link](#))

The fascinating early history of in-vehicle navigation systems ([link](#))

Tony Whitney tests the SLC43 AMG in Vancouver ([link](#))

The CLS moves onto the MRA platform in 2018 and may carry a new model designation ([link](#))

Smart, bright and dazzle-free: MB's LED headlamps ([link](#))

GM's Bolt is first to market in the mid-priced EV segment. Read the review at auto123.com ([click](#))

The future of driving? ([link](#))

