



Vancouver Island Section

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CALENDAR

Lunch at the Eyrie, Sun. Jan. 22

Section Officers

President: vacant

Vice-President: vacant

Secretary: [Hazel Ostrowerka](#)

Treasurer: [Rob Watson](#)

Membership: [Bob Wilson](#)

Newsletter: [Bob Wilson](#)

Website: vacant

Dealer Ambassador, Victoria: [Dennis Ostrowerka](#)

Dealer Ambassador, Nanaimo: [Barry Patchett](#)

Director at Large: [Ron Drane](#)

Hon. Vice President: Peter Trzewik



Our Section's Executive Needs Assistance

Vancouver Island Section needs a revitalized leadership. There are currently several vacant positions on the Executive, including that of President. Rob Watson and Bob Wilson agreed in December to carry out the duties of President between them until a few others provide assistance.

Vancouver Island Section currently has 86 primary members. We need two or three more people at the helm to lead the Section into its next period of growth. These people would enjoy good support from other members of the Executive. There are no outstanding problems or issues aside from the Board vacancies. The Section is in healthy financial condition and several ideas are on the table for events in the next few months.

The two key positions vacant are those of President and Vice President. These positions must be filled in order for the Section to remain in good standing with the MBCA National organization.

The Section also badly needs someone to take over maintenance of its website. Almost nothing has been done to it over the last couple of years. The site is hosted by the National Office in Colorado using the national template. This position would suit someone familiar with html, although someone with coding experience could help move us up to on-line event registration.

The time requirement for these positions is not excessive. The executive meets every one or two months, largely to discuss up-coming events; meetings are often completed in an hour and almost always within an hour and a half. Aside from that, only occasional effort is needed, no more than a handful of hours a month.

Please contact one of the executive members listed on the first page if you are interested in stepping forward.

Coming Events

Lunch at the Villa Eyrie Resort

The Section's next event is a lunch in the Baker Room at the Villa Eyrie on Sunday, January 22nd. Towards the end of lunch we have an opportunity to make the Section's annual presentations for 2016. Following that we've been offered a short tour of the facilities.

You probably know already that the Villa Eyrie opened last year as the home-away-from-home of the Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit. The Executive Chef is Terry Pichor, who brought a couple of colleagues with him from the exclusive Sonora Resort, endorsed by the *Relais et Châteaux* association. The Chef de Cuisine is Carmen Ingram and the Pastry Chef is Matthias Conradi, the latter coming from the Wikinninnish Inn.

The menus at Villa Eyrie derive from Italy with a West Coast influence and Island ingredients. We are being offered the lunch menu below (translations added); you can decide at the time what you'd like to have:

Renewing Members!

Colin & Jennifer Bell - Victoria

Don Lucas - Victoria

Thank you!



STARTERS:

ZUPPA DEL GIORNO (soup of the day) \$6

with fresh baked bread

FORAGED WILD MUSHROOMS \$13

arugula, rye bread, herb ricotta, preserved garlic, pickled shallot, gremolata (a chopped herb condiment)

MAINS:

ROASTED CAULIFLOWER RISOTTO \$16

chanterelle mushrooms, pecorino cheese, 64 degree hens yolk, thyme infused olive oil

ROSSDOWN FARMS ORGANIC CHICKEN BREAST \$21

black kale ribollita (vegetable stew), gremolata (a chopped herb condiment)

PAN SEARED STEELHEAD TROUT \$25

Spatzle (German dumpling), charred leek, beet root, warm juniper and meyer lemon vinaigrette

DESSERT:

APPLE TART \$11

butter poached granny smith apples, apple caramel sauce, hazelnut praline, sour cream gelato

CHOCOLATE TIRAMISU \$12

orange caramel sauce, white coffee ice cream

The restaurant will provide individual cheques to which GST and a gratuity of 17% will have been added (not included in the prices above). There is no other charge for this event.

RSVP for numbers please to Bob Wilson ([click](#)) by January 17th. Lunch starts at 12:30; please arrive a few minutes early.

On a fine day, the Baker Room offers a magnificent view over Saanich Inlet towards the Coast Range. The turnoff to the Villa Eyrie is signposted near the Malahat summit on Hwy. 1.

The 2016 Holiday Party

Article by Rob Watson, photos from Barry Patchett

The Annual Holiday Party

Twenty-one members and guests attended the Annual Holiday Party in the Palm Court at the Union Club December 16th – the last event in the 2016 calendar for the Vancouver Island Section.

The evening began with conversation and mixing as we caught up with each others' lives. It was lovely to have sufficient time to meet and greet prior to heading into the buffet. We were delighted to have several new members for 2016 attend: Donna Donaldson, Claire Foley and Glenn Zederayko, and Christopher and Leone Parkes. It was particularly inspiring to hear Claire and Glenn's story of how grateful they were for how their GLK – although totaled -- performed in a recent head-on collision. It literally saved their lives.





We were invited to head to the buffet by the staff at 7 pm where we were served a sumptuous mix of salads; cold and smoked seafood; a hot table with vegetarian, fish, turkey and prime rib dishes followed by their seemingly endless selection of desserts.



Once seated at our tables, food was enjoyed and conversation flowed. Later, acting president Jamie Graham said a few words and thanked everyone for attending.



Our thanks go to ex-Membership Director and Union Club member Jeff Cohen for facilitating our Club's attendance at this event. The Union Club does a spectacular job of decorating for Christmas and puts on an amazing buffet and dance with a live band. Our thanks also go to Past President and Newsletter Editor, Bob Wilson, for organizing this event.

Happy 2017 everyone!

Benefits of Membership in the MBCA

With the Section's recent growth in membership, it's time again to remind you of the benefits you enjoy as a member. Your membership in the MBCA confers many benefits besides the opportunity to attend events. For example, every other month we get the latest issue of MBCA's national award-winning magazine. But there are other significant benefits of membership (see the image below).

Three Point Motors and Mercedes-Benz Nanaimo both offer meaningful discounts to MBCA members. These include a further discount from the price you negotiate for a new vehicle, from \$500 to \$1,500 depending on the model.

Club members receive a discount on parts and labour at the Victoria and Nanaimo dealerships:

- 10% off regularly priced parts and labour for vehicles up to 6 years old
- 15% off regularly priced parts and labour for vehicles 6 years and older

You should request this discount when booking a service appointment or ordering parts. Be prepared to show your membership card when you pay.

Many dealers throughout Canada and the USA offer similar discounts on parts and labour. It's a good idea to keep your Club membership card in the glovebox so you'll have it with you on a road trip.

Links of Interest

Watch the AMG GT R touch 301 km/h on the Nurburgring ([link](#))

The 2018 Mercedes-AMG E63 is a 603-horsepower luxury sedan with drift mode ([link](#))

The new E-class coupe: stylish and sporty. Text, photos and video from Daimler ([link](#))

Rick DeBruhl likes the new 6-cyl SL450 ([link](#))

Daimler describes changes to the refreshed GLA. ([link](#)) The New GLA and a new E-coupe are on display at this week's Detroit auto show.

Rick Carey's critical reviews of MBs sold at auction in 2016 ([link](#)) 9 pages on the softening market *Hat tip to Mike McBride.*

MB is working on a car with artificial intelligence ([link](#))



62 percent of U.S. new car buyers believe their household will own at least one full-electric vehicle within 10 years. ([link](#)) *hat tip to Mike McBride*

