



**Vancouver Island Section**

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**CALENDAR**

- Board Meeting, Three Point Motors, Feb 20, 5 pm**
- Detailing demonstration, Sat. Feb 25, 11 am**
- New Models & Technology, Sun. Apr. 2**
- Total eclipse viewing in Oregon (Seattle Sec.) Aug 21**
- Motor Gathering, Aug. 26-27**
- Track session, Sep. 10**
- Chemainus Theatre, Sep. 30**
- Annual meeting, Oct. date tba**

**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



## Coming Events

### Detailing Demonstration, Sat. Feb. 25

Vancouver Island's next event is a car detailing demonstration on **Saturday, Feb. 25** at Three Point Motors detailing shop, **11:00am – 1:30pm**. The location is just down the road from the showroom and the van centre on Hillside Ave. Detail manager Andrew O'Keefe will show us preparation measures and maintenance, interior detailing, and exterior detailing. This shop does all of the detailing work for GAIN's Victoria dealerships, both new and used, and Andrew and his staff know all the secrets of getting a Mercedes-Benz to look showroom-fresh. Private appointments are available—ask about the club members' discount.

There will be a charge of \$10 per person at the door to cover sandwiches and other refreshments. **RSVP to Dennis Ostrowerka ([click](#)) if you plan to attend so we have a handle on numbers.**

### The January Lunch

Nineteen members and guests gathered for lunch in the Baker Room at the Villa Eyrie Resort on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Despite the relatively balmy weather in Victoria, there was snow beside the roads at the Malahat summit and into the resort. The ornamental pond out front was still heavily frozen, but we all made it into the parking lot without any drama and then into the main building.

The resort has an unbeatable view out over Saanich Inlet, and on a better day we would have been able to see the Olympic mountains and Mt. Baker.



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#### Welcome New Members

*Michael & Sandra Baldwin - Victoria*  
*Iain Grant - Sidney*

#### Renewing Members!

*Donna Donaldson - Sooke*

**Thank you!**

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We had a leisurely conversation over drinks before sitting down to a three-course lunch. Both the food and service at the Villa Eyrie are excellent and, if you've not been there since it reopened last year, you owe yourselves a visit. Lunch and dinner can be booked in the Summit Restaurant.



The Club's annual awards were given out over coffee at the end of the meal. **Rob Watson** won the Enthusiast's Trophy, presented each year to the member who attends the most section events. **Bob Wilson** was awarded the Chemainus Trophy for sustained contribution. Each of these trophies was accompanied by a \$200 gift certificate generously donated by the GAIN dealership group. **Rob Watson** was also awarded a plaque from the National Office as Member of the Year.

After lunch we split into two groups for a tour of the facilities. We were shown the different levels of accommodation and function rooms, we went through the lovely spa facility, and ended up in the motorist-themed gift shop.

Our thanks go to Gigi Choy, who coordinated our visit, and to Ali and his staff for making us so welcome.

### Links of Interest

The end of the spark plug? ([link](#))

Arnold Schwarzenegger has an all-electric G class ([link](#)) *hat tip to Mike McBride*



Mercedes-AMG is bringing out a supercar AMG GT-RS model as part of the celebration of AMG's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ([link](#))

The changing role of car clubs in a digital world ([link](#))

