



Vancouver Island Section

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CALENDAR

Winter maintenance, Nov. 19
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Coming Events

Winter Maintenance, Nov. 19.

Scott Murley will take us through the steps to get your car ready for winter on Sunday, November 19 at 11 am. The event takes place at Three Point Motors, with lunch to follow at the Med Grill, Royal Oak. RSVP to Dennis Ostrowerka ([link](#)).

Christmas Lunch, Dec. 17.

The Section's annual holiday lunch will be on Sunday, December 17 in the Malahat Room of the Villa Eyrie Resort. Arrive at 11 am for no-host cocktails. The meal will be a buffet and the bar is cash-only because no credit card machine works in the Malahat Room. In the case of snow, four wheel drive vehicles will pick us up somewhere near the highway, an area where the access road is nearly level.

The cost per member will be \$35, or \$65 for a couple. RSVP to Philip Early ([link](#)).

Membership Milestones

Once a year, Vancouver Island Section recognizes those whose memberships have reached a milestone. We congratulate this year's members and thank them for sharing their enthusiasm:

10 years:

Nigel Oddy & Sherri Clarke

15 years:

**Kevin & Marilea Pirie
Christo Pandelidis**

35 years:

Donald Prochnow and Chris Sly-Prochnow

Membership pins will be given out at the Christmas lunch on December 17, or put into the mail for those unable to attend.

Classifieds

Alex Currie has the front shield for the M104 engine as shown in the pictures below PN 104 150 00 66

This part fits a number of vehicles with the M104 DOHC I6 (1989-99) as per the link <https://www.carpartsdiscount.com/distributor-cap-suppressor-housing-protective.html?3593=485253>.

Welcome New Members

Michael Horvath, Victoria

Renewing Members!

Alex Currie, Sidney

Donna Donaldson, Sooke

Bruce Kerr, Victoria

Christo Pandelidis, Victoria

Rob Watson & Linda Derrick, Brentwood

Thank you!





He bought it for a friend's R107 on assurances it would fit and it doesn't. He has \$45 in it with shipping so I would like \$25 if someone is interested.

Alex Currie ([link](#))

Links of Interest

Look Ma! No belt! MB's new straight-six engine is likely to show up first in the 2019 CLS ([link](#))

The new S class has "energizing comfort control" ([link](#))

Driving Television reviews the new G550 ([link](#)). It's still the last body-on-frame SUV, with all the capability and no electronic nannies.

However, the G65 AMG is being discontinued, with a Final Edition limited to 65 vehicles worldwide ([link](#)). The price in Germany starts at 310,000 euros including tax!

Read about MB's unprecedented effort to win the 1955 Mille Miglia ([link](#), *hat tip to Mike McBride*) also of interest to the Tifosi

Car2Go in Seattle is retiring its Smart car fleet and replacing it with the CLA and GLA ([link](#), *hat tip to Mike McBride*). I've heard of a similar replacement in Vancouver.

Daimler subsidiary Thomas Built Buses is introducing a pure-electric school bus, a concept that would seem to make good sense ([link](#)).

And Elektrek predicts electric city buses are coming sooner than most people think. Here's Daimler's entry into that increasingly competitive but still pricy market ([link](#), *hat tip to Mike McBride*)

Suspicious or confused about self driving cars? You'll want to read Waymo's report on the present state of automated driving technology ([link](#)). Waymo is Google's entrant in the field.

At the same link, Waymo has found that a human driver is often unready to take over the handoff from an automated driving system because he has lost contextual awareness.

Canada will consult with the Provinces on a controversial initiative to bring in mandatory sales quotas for EVs as a proportion of total sales. The hope is that such quotas will encourage manufacturers to boost the adoption of EVs ([link](#)). Quebec already has these quotas.

