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CALENDAR

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- Interior Detailing Demo, Feb. 17
- Lunch, location TBA, Mar. 25
- Chemainus Theatre, Apr. 14
- New Models and Technology, May 6
- Spring Drive, Jun. 10
- Picnic in the Park, Jul. 15
- Motor Gathering, Aug. 26

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Coming Events

Coffee, The Roost, Saturday Jan. 20

Vancouver Island Section's first event of 2018 will be morning coffee and conversation at The Roost Vineyard Bistro & Farm Bakery, 9100 E. Saanich Rd, in North Saanich ([link](#)). The Roost has recently undergone an expansion and has a large room with many tables available for morning coffee, and there's lots of parking.

We'll meet there from 9:30 on. A breakfast menu is also available if you happen to arrive before eating. No RSVP is necessary.

Interior Detailing, Saturday Feb. 17

Andrew O'Keefe will take us through the cleaning and detailing of the inside of a Mercedes-Benz. His demonstration of washing and detailing the outside last year was popular and led to innumerable questions, all of which got a careful answer. We'll start at 10:30 am. There will be a \$5 charge for this event to cover the cost of a speaker's gift.

The event takes place at GAIN's detailing shop just down the street from Three Point Motors. There can be no doubt that this facility knows the best way to clean the inside of our cars. Some of the methodology involves compressed air, which is unavailable to most members at home, but this promises to be a fascinating demonstration nevertheless. RSVP to Bob Wilson ([link](#)) and let me know if you'd be interested in lunch after.

The Annual Holiday Party

Photos from Christo Pandelidis

A combination of the change of venue and the shift from dinner to lunch helped make the 2017 holiday party the most popular in several years. Twenty-nine registered for the event although not all were able to show up.



The weather for the drive into the Eyrie Resort was about as good as one could expect for the time of year, although an opaque fog clouded what would have otherwise been a great view over Saanich Inlet towards the west. Donelda and I arrived well after the 11 am start and found the conversations going at full speed. The circular tables were set for 8 places, allowing each diner to share in the conversation.

A slideshow of event photos ran before lunch augmented by a few other car pictures, and we also got to see slides of Rob and Linda's fall trip to the MB Museum, the Porsche Museum and the Ferrari Museum. President Rob Watson called us to order sometime after noon. Year pins were given out to those whose membership had reached a significant milestone during the year. The Enthusiast's Trophy, awarded to the member attending the greatest number of events during the year, was given *in absentia* to Barry Patchett. Rob gave Philip Early a handsome wall plaque for Member of the Year. And then we were called to the buffet lunch.



The side table held a green salad, brushchetti with pesto, and chafing dishes with chicken cacciatore, a herbed pasta, and a delicious squash compote. Several people, myself included returned for more. The mains were followed by dessert squares and coffee.





Links of Interest

Daimler's media release on the S class coupe and cabriolet ([link](#)). They have OLED tail-lights, a first for MB but a year behind Audi.

[driving.ca](#) says MB is ditching the diesel in North America because drivers can't find the right fuel ([link](#))

Car & Driver tests the new X class pickup in Europe but says there is still no prospect of sales in Canada ([link](#))

The new G class going on sale in 2018 is probably the biggest redesign in the model's history ([link](#))

The C class is 35 years old this month ([link](#))

