



Vancouver Island Section

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CALENDAR

Cowichan Valley picnic, July 9
Motor Gathering, Aug. 27
Track event and AGM, Sept. 3 DATE CHANGE
Chemainus Theatre, Sep. 30
Tech event, MB Nanaimo, Oct. date tba
Give a Dam. Let's do the loop (Seattle Sec.) Oct 14-15
New models and technology, Nanaimo, Oct date tba
Winter maintenance, Nov. date tba
Christmas lunch, Dec. date tba

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Coming Events

Picnic, July 9



The Section's annual picnic will be held on Sunday, July 9 at Blue Heron Park ([link](#)). This small park is at the head of a cove in the Cowichan Valley next to a pretty beach. It is off the beaten track so should not be crowded when we visit. There

is a grassy picnic area for seating but you might want to bring your own chairs. The tide will be low, so we should be able to walk on the beach.

Please bring your own picnic. We're anxious to try out a single use, disposable barbecue that Donelda found at Quality Foods. It's an aluminum foil pan pre-loaded with charcoal and kindling and covered by a mesh grill to hold the food. We saw one on a TV travel program last month, when it looked an interesting idea (and, Christo, it's made in Greece, the home of many innovations!).

Those coming from the south can meet up at Serious Coffee on the Island Highway to the south of Mill Bay ([link](#)) at 10:45. Philip Early will lead us down an interesting route from there to the park. We'll aim to be at the park around noon and you can, of course, drive there on your own.

The Section used this location for an enjoyable picnic once before, in 2011. This event will go ahead rain or shine. It will be held indoors on the same date, in the event of inclement weather. That means **you should drop Philip a note so he can inform you if the arrangements need to change ([email](#))**.

Motor Gathering, Sunday August 27



The Motor Gathering is the only car show in Vancouver Island Section's annual calendar. The show is organized by the GAIN group of dealers, which include Three Point Motors and Mercedes-Benz Nanaimo. MBCA-Vancouver Island plays a supporting role in helping to coordinate the presentation of our favourite make. We will have a marquee and display as well.

This long-standing event has moved around over the years. Initially on the grounds of the Queen Alexandra Hospital on Arbutus Road, it moved in 2014 to a location beside Victoria's airport. In 2016 it moved again, this time to the [Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit](#). Like last year's show,

Renewing Members!

Wilf & Betty Beaton, Chemainus

Dale Fickinger, Victoria

Jon Mills, Nanaimo

Barry & Gwen Patchett, Chemainus

David Rabbii, Victoria

Thank you!



our cars will be parked around the track. The show has washrooms, refreshments and a variety of things to see and do.

Registration is now open on the event's website ([link](#)). The show for display only (and our club's presence) will be on Sunday Aug. 27. If you want to enter a car for concours judging, that event takes place at the track on Saturday Aug. 26. The three finalists from each category will be invited to a VIP sponsors' dinner. Other owners of cars entered for judging will be able to purchase tickets for the dinner.

Track Event and AGM, Sunday September 3

Three Point Motors is kindly hosting the Section to a half-day session at the Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit on Sunday, September 3, a week earlier than previously advertised. Like last year, we will be driving our own cars. The format will include instruction and lapping.

A buffet lunch will be provided by the Club, catered by GAIN's chef. The Section will again donate the entry fees to a local charity. On-track participation will be limited to a number yet to be determined.

The Section's Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the track event.

Like every other incorporated society in British Columbia, the Section must revise its constitution and, in our case, its bylaws to bring them into compliance with the Province's new *Societies Act*. The executive has been working hard on these changes and has run them past the National Business Office for approval. Along with the regular annual reports, the Section must approve the revised constitution and bylaws at this AGM.

You will receive a draft of the two documents by email in the next couple of weeks. Please look through them and contact a member of the executive if you have any comments or concerns.

Chemainus Theatre, Saturday September 30

The Section's annual trip to the Chemainus Theatre will be on Saturday, September 30. This year's matinee performance is the British farce "*Jeeves Takes a Bow*" ([link](#)). We'll meet at the theatre beforehand for their famous buffet lunch.





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Electroshine Tour and Lunch

Photos by Christo Pandelidis



A small group of enthusiasts gathered in June for a special tour of Electroshine Metal Refinishers. Electroshine is one of only five chrome plating shops remaining in BC and one of just a couple whose focus is the labour-intensive, high quality work that leads to first-class restorations. The company specializes in triple plating, numbering Rudi & Co. and Coachwerks among its regular clients.

Owner Randy Hunter and his assistant Treg walked us through the process, including a visit to the room where plating takes place. On display were a variety of parts under restoration, ranging from small screws to bumpers. The grille from a 30's Packard had been disassembled into apparently dozens of component pieces, each demanding its own attention.

Electroplating is done at 12,000 volts DC. Steel parts are first buffed to a bright, smooth finish. Dents and bruises are hammered out or filled with lead. Rust perforations are filled with metal and





filed flat. Parts are chemically cleaned, electroplated with copper, then polished to a brilliant shine to reveal any imperfections in the surface. These are hammered down or filled with lead and the part takes a second trip through the copper plating and polishing steps. Once the contours are perfect the part is electroplated with nickel, buffed bright and, finally, it is chrome plated to protect the nickel surface from oxidation. Yellow or white cadmium plating is also available.

As well as steel parts, Electroshine restores and plates pot, or white, metal parts, carefully buffing and filling the pits in a difficult and painstaking procedure.

Chrome plating businesses have been put through the wringer by every level of government concerned with health and safety, and liquid and atmospheric emissions. That's the main reason there are fewer plating shops around than there were a decade or two ago. Electroshine's plating solutions are completely reused, with losses made up by the addition of metal powders and water. The only liquid effluent comes from the final rinse tank, which is filtered and treated to almost drinking water standards. A high volume air extraction system sends exhaust air from the plating room through an electrostatic precipitator.



After leaving Randy with a small gift, we headed to Bistro Suisse for lunch. As the name implies, this restaurant offers Swiss-German cuisine. A variety of dishes disappeared from our tables to a chorus of approval. Thanks go to tour organizer Bob Wilson and lunch organizer Linda Derrick.

Links of Interest

The new E cabriolet has gone on sale ([link](#))

Daimler has laid the foundations of a new ‘gigafactory’ for batteries in Kamenz, Germany to support electric vehicle manufacture ([link](#))

AMG thinks electric ([link](#))

Shipments of gasoline-powered Smart cars to Canadian dealers will cease by September. Smart is going electric-only ([link](#)) *hat tip to Mike McBride*

The A class is coming to America next year, but it will be a sedan not a hatchback ([link](#))

Beautiful, hand-drawn cutaways of the 1994 Mercedes-Ilmor V8 used for the Indy 500 ([link](#)) *hat-tip to Mike McBride*

MB entered 10 cars in the 2017 Mille Miglia classic retrospective—lots of photos from Sports Car Digest ([link](#))

Daimler has started construction of its first passenger car plant in Russia. It will build for the regional market ([link](#))

