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Coming Events

Interior Detailing & AMG Showroom, Saturday Feb. 17

Preparation Centre manager Andrew O'Keefe will take us through the cleaning and detailing of the inside of a Mercedes-Benz. His demonstration of washing and polishing the outside last year was popular and led to innumerable questions, all of which got a careful, informative answer. The demo will kick off at 10:30 am. A \$5 charge for this event will cover the cost of a speaker's gift. The correct change would be appreciated.

The event starts at GAIN's detailing shop, which is a few steps down John St. from Three Point Motors. There can be no doubt that the team at 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 it promises to be an informative demonstration nevertheless and the results on an older vehicle are truly impressive. And please take note of the ad above for Three Point Motors' Winter Spa Package. It's a great deal, and I'm sure your Mercedes-Benz deserves a day at the spa as much as you do.

After the demonstration we'll walk up John St. to where the dealership recently opened its showroom for MB's AMG sub-brand. It's in the area where the Smart car store used to be. We've been invited inside to browse the high-performance machines on display and ready for purchase.

Refreshments will be served at the AMG Centre courtesy of GAIN. We'll have a draw for a complimentary spa package for your Mercedes-Benz, courtesy of Three Point Motors. This complimentary certificate is good throughout the rest of 2018, so don't feel you should put off treating your special vehicle to a day's rejuvenation beforehand. You could think of it as an early Valentine's present.

You must be a primary member (i.e. one entry per family) in attendance at the detailing demonstration to be eligible for the draw.

Please let me know by February 12 how many people in total you will be bringing ([link](#)) so I can tell GAIN the number for refreshments. There is a practical limit of about 20 people in the detailing area, so don't delay too long!

Three Point Motors is open for business during this event. Please do NOT park in the service delivery area, leaving it available for regular customers.

Brunch, Farm Table Inn, Sunday Mar. 25

The Farm Table Inn is a charming Bed & Breakfast, Restaurant and Farm located in the Cowichan Valley, outside of Duncan ([link](#)) not far from the Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit. The meal will be the Sunday buffet brunch, at a cost of \$29.95 for adults and \$26.95 for seniors (65+). Chef George Gates is a Red Seal Chef who has spent many years in



the food industry. He's very passionate about food as each dish he creates is made with love.

Please RSVP with numbers to Barry Patchett by March 17th ([link](#)) and also would you please let him know whether you would be interested in an organized scenic drive up from Victoria. Our reservation will be for the only sitting, which starts at 11 am.

Breakfast at The Roost



A dozen members met for breakfast at The Roost bistro on January 20th. We were pleased to see John and Bryan Wells at their first event. They arrived in one of the rare 500E models from the early-'90s, a car that was hand-built by Porsche with special performance parts. The Wells also have a W210 E55T AMG wagon, one of only 659 E55 AMGs of all body styles made in 2001.

The Roost offers a delicious breakfast menu with everything from fruit and muffins through various combinations of eggs and meat. Most of the conversation I heard was about cars but I'm sure



other topics must have been discussed!

Jobs

MBCA Vancouver Island has a part-time opening for a website manager. This position comes with no salary but has generous benefits, like watching the wheels turn in the section's executive. Most web content is supplied. The position would suit someone with a basic knowledge of html and the desire to better the section's web presence. Expressions of interest should be sent to Rob Watson ([link](#)).

Links of Interest

MB's head of R&D has told *Road & Track* that the company is phasing out the V6 engine ([link](#)).

The new AMG-53 series models of the CLS, E-coupe and E-cabriolet have a twin-turbo 3-liter inline 6 ([link](#)). They have a conventional 12-volt electrical system plus a 48-volt starter/alternator that can also provide a short additional hybrid boost to acceleration.

The new G class is bigger, badder, and slightly lighter ([link](#)), better photos [here](#).

Replacing COMAND, an infotainment system called MBUX will premiere this spring on the A class ([link](#)), as MB goes its own way, apparently without Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

And speaking of going its own way, for navigation purposes MBUX uses the addressing system created by [what3words](#), which has divided the entire world into 57 trillion 3-by-3 meter squares, each one of which has been assigned a three-word address ([link](#)).

MB's head of sales and marketing told *Automotive News* that the company will respond to growing demand for SUVs by expanding its lineup with more models, most likely in the fast-growing compact segment ([link](#)).

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the W114 and W115 mid-size sedans, a classic predecessor of the E class ([link](#)).

