



## Vancouver Island Section

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## Coming Events

### Chemainus Theatre, Apr. 14

Our annual trip to the Chemainus Theatre is on April 14 this year for the final matinee performance of *Million Dollar Quartet*. That sum might sound low today but it refers to the period performances of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash. This will be a rocking, musical afternoon tribute to four of the greatest American musicians of the 1950s and '60s.

We have yet to see a poor or embarrassing performance at Chemainus Theatre. The Club orders a block of tickets at a discount and lunch is included. The lunch starts at noon and the performance at 2.

Owing to the pre-booking arrangements with the Theatre, registration has now closed and the show is sold out.

### New Models & Technology, May 6

This popular event repeats at Three Point Motors, in the service area, at 11:30 pm. David Rabbii will lead us through the changes to MB's model lineup since last spring, talking about what is new. David does a great job at explaining the latest advanced safety features and the changes under the hood.

There is a charge of \$10 per person for the BBQ lunch that will follow David's presentation. Please RSVP to Hazel and Dennis Ostrowerka ([click](#)) so we have a handle on numbers.

Following lunch the new vehicles will be available to members for a short test drive in the local area.

### National Event, Rockies, Colorado, Sep 25-29

Enough interest has been expressed in Pikes Peaks Section's National driving event in the Rockies ([link](#)) to start making plans to attend. A feeler has been sent to Vancouver to see if some there are also planning to attend, and if there would be interest in a caravan down.

I believe this is the first National tour to be offered by the MBCA in the western half of the continent since I joined the Club in 2003. It's certainly a rare offering. While the lead time is still substantial, you might want to pencil the event into your calendar if you're interested. Drop me a line if you think you'd like to come with us ([link](#)) so we can update

#### Renewing Members!

*Lou & Cathy Hobson, Victoria*

*Helen Massingham & Paul*

*Vincent, Victoria*

*Jim Peters, Qualicum Beach*

*Marke Simmons, N. Saanich*

*Amy Sopinka, Victoria*

*Leo Vandervan, Victoria*

*Bob & Donelda Wilson, Victoria*

*Gerald Woloshyn, Comox*

Thank you!



you on the arrangements.

## Brunch at the Farm Table

A small group met for Sunday brunch at the Farm Table in the Cowichan Valley on March 24th. The restaurant seemed fully booked but our table of 8 enjoyed a prime location next to the buffet counters. The Farm Table sources most of its food locally. There were a variety of excellent salads, cold herbed salmon, shrimp, California rolls with crab, bacon, sausages, seasoned scrambled eggs, tortière, cottage pie, pork buns and more. And then, of course, there were desserts.



The food was well presented, at least it was before the crowd descended, and the quality was appreciated by all.

Some of us thought we should go back to the Farm Table for their mid-week prime rib buffet night (local beef) sometime after the weather improves. The Board has selected Wednesday, June 20th, when the seating time is 6 pm. If you are interested in this event, please RSVP to Barry Patchett ([link](#)).

On the way home, Michael Baldwin and I stopped off at the Vancouver Island Motorsports Circuit, where the Porsche



Club was enjoying lunch in the Clubhouse after an autocross in the parking lot during the morning. Please let an executive member know if you'd be interested in a similar event or in a defensive driving skills event. We have a vacant spot in the calendar in September.

## Links of Interest

Entering its fifth year of production, the current C-class will be refreshed in 2019 with more features, luxury and power ([link](#)).

*Driving.ca's* review says the next CLS has new engines, advanced tech and, of course, style ([link](#)).

The company will offer a four-door AMG-GT starting in 2019 with up to 630 hp ([link](#)).

There's been a recent flurry of political activity targeting the use of older diesels ([link](#)).

The GLA is now being produced in Sindelfingen ([link](#)) as well as at the main production centre in Ratstatt, and in Beijing (for the Asian market).

Daimler's joint venture with Chinese automaker BYD has produced an EV similar to the B class with a range of 500 km ([link](#)). It's only for China, which has become Daimler's single most important market.

MB plans to offer at least one electrified version of all its models by 2022 ([link](#)).

Global battery production network of Mercedes-Benz Cars will consist of six factories on three continents ([link](#)).

An entrancing 4-minute video of robots in an MB factory ([link](#); *hat tip to Mike McBride*).

Watch this disturbing video of a C-class being stolen in under a minute ([link](#)) by means of a Keyless Go hack.

The 300SEL 6.3, the fastest sedan of its era, was introduced in March 1968 ([link](#)).

Several innovations came to Mercedes-Benz threescore years ago: 1958 saw seat belts, power steering, air conditioning and the promise of safer door latches ([link](#)).

The MBCA's spring raffle is for an S560 cabriolet ([link](#)).

And finally, *driving.ca* has an interesting article about the Canadian and American links between MB and Studebaker ([link](#)).









