



**Vancouver Island Section**  
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**2018 CALENDAR**

- Motor Gathering, Aug. 26**
- AGM and lunch, Sep. 16**
- National event, Rockies, Colorado, Sep. 25-29**
- Brunch, Oct. 28**
- Holiday Lunch, Dec. 8 (to be confirmed)**

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## Coming Events

### Motor Gathering, Aug.26

MBCA Vancouver Island invites members to join us at the [GAIN Group, Vancouver Island's 7th annual Motor Gathering](#), to be held at the [Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit](#).

What better way to celebrate the vehicles you are proud to call your own than with hundreds of other enthusiasts sharing that similar passion, all while raising funds to support the [David Foster Foundation](#) and the Cowichan District Hospital Foundation. Lunch and beverages will be available onsite or you can bring a picnic. Bring a chair!

As it has done recently, the Section will have a popup tent as a focal point. We look forward to seeing past participants and welcoming new ones on Sunday, August 26th, 2018.

Register at: <https://motorgathering.com/register/>.

Be sure to enter 'MBCA' into the box asking for club affiliation and please send President Rob a note as well ([link](#)) so we can arrange for an appropriate amount of group parking. Rob has eight cars on the list already.

**Registration closes Friday, August 17th.**

### AGM and Lunch, Sep 16

It's time once again for the election of Section officers for the 2018/19 year. This meeting is the Section's only business meeting of the year, so please make the effort to come out to support your club. The meeting will be held in Victoria, starting at 11:00. A hotel meeting room will be arranged with a pub lunch to follow.

An added attraction has been a feature of the last few AGMs and President Rob is exploring what we might do this year to entertain. Mark the date and stay tuned.

#### Welcome New Members!

*David McCormick, Nanaimo*  
*Marilyn Hansen, Victoria*

#### Renewing Members!

*Brent Boyd, Victoria*  
*Murray Bradley, Victoria*  
*Kevin Carlé, Victoria*  
*Richard Ediss, Nanaimo*  
*Martin Enright, Sidney*  
*Dale Fickinger, Victoria*  
*Barry Goss, Victoria*  
*Mike King, Duncan*  
*Barry Patchett & Gwen Jewett, Chemainus*  
*David Rabii, Victoria*  
*Jeffrey Smith, Calgary*

**Thank you!**







## The July Picnic

Two tables of members gathered in perfect weather for a July picnic lunch under the trees in Englishman River Falls Park. We set to with a will on shared gazpacho and various items in the hampers members carried. Barry and Gwen shared a white wine from the Cowichan Valley's Zanatta winery, reminding us that this would make a good destination for a future



drive. Rob and Linda carried another bottle away as the award for their Mexican gazpacho, which will serve as a further reminder.

The group took a short walk through the trees after lunch to admire the view of the upper falls. A subset walked the trail to the lower falls, where a number of young adults were bathing in what must be the near-icy deep pools below the lower falls. It was a nice day out!

The pictures above include what I believe to be the oldest car in the Section, Horst Loewel's 1950 170 S. Thanks for bringing it out, Horst.

### Links of Interest

Canada will be getting the A class sedan as well as its hatchback sibling ([link](#)).

Mercedes-Benz is partnering with Bosch to try an autonomous taxi service somewhere in the Silicon Valley next year ([link](#)).

A 4-door AMG-GT 'coupe' (but it's really a sedan) is coming into production, built on the E class platform with more than adequate power. It will be available in three versions ([link](#)).

MB Canada has put its four Vancouver-area corporate dealerships up for sale as part of a global divestment program ([link](#)).

The IIHS (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety) has found problems with the semi-automated driving technology of several manufacturers, Mercedes-Benz among them ([link](#)).

