



Vancouver Island Section
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2018 CALENDAR

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

SECTION OFFICERS

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Coming Events

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 the AMG showroom at Three Point Motors, starting at 11:30. Refreshments will follow, courtesy of GAIN.

President Rob has sent a separate email about your attendance at this meeting, so I won't elaborate further. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, September 12** by sending an email to MBCA.VIIsland@gmail.com so that we know numbers for the post-meeting refreshments.

The 2018 Motor Gathering

About 25 MBs of various ages lined up between the first and second corners at the Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit for the 2018 Motor Gathering, just up the road from BMW. The Section set up a popup tent at the apex of Corner 2 to serve as a gathering point for members and a focus for recruitment.



Horst Loewel's 1950 170S was the focus of much attention.





Jeff Cohen and President Rob were available for questions at the membership tent.

Entry to the event ran smoothly with several lines alphabetized by last name. Also new for 2018 was improved traffic control along the Cowichan Lake Highway and additional spectator parking provided by adjacent businesses. The grouping of display vehicles by nationality and then by make was a welcome addition to the organization. There was lots to see, food to eat, circuit to walk and people to talk with. And, after a cloudy start, the weather cooperated with one of a string of warm, sunny afternoons after a dry but threatening early morning. It was a successful show, reflecting a huge amount of organizational effort and volunteer time. Well done GAIN.



The statistics are impressive: over 400 show vehicles, over 7,500 spectators, and 106 generous sponsors. Cheques totalling \$186,000 were presented to the David Foster Foundation, the Cowichan Valley Hospital Foundation, and to a group of local families whose needs are not supported by any specific organization.

Links of Interest

The A class assembly line in Ratstatt, Germany, filmed in 2013. Not a manual worker is in sight during the first half of this 13-minute Youtube video ([link](#); *hat tip to Mike McBride*).

The new all-electric EQC was introduced in Stockholm earlier this month. The SUV, the first of MB's new EQ sub-brand, is expected to go on sale next year ([link](#)).

Anti-lock braking (ABS) debuted on the S class 40 years ago, in August 1978 ([link](#)). It was the first of a still-expanding list of electronic nannies that help keep us safe.

YouTube video of an R170 SLK230 on a circuit ([link](#); *hat tip to Alex Currie*)

The first joint project between MB and AMG, the C36 AMG, turns 25 this month ([link](#)).

