



Vancouver Island Section

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CALENDAR

- Motor Gathering, Aug. 27
- Track event and AGM, Sept. 3
- 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. 19
- Christmas lunch, Dec. date tba

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Coming Events

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



Online registration has been extended until noon, Monday Aug. 14 at motorgathering.com. There will be no day-of-event registration on site. There's lots of room for spectators though!

Track Event and AGM, Sunday September 3

Three Point Motors is kindly hosting a half-day session for our Section at the Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit on Sunday, September 3. Like last year, we will be driving our own cars.

This will be an active and busy three-quarters-of-a-day. Similar to last year, activities will begin at 8:30 am with a briefing and track session running from 9 am to noon. A buffet lunch will follow, catered by GAIN's "go-to" Chef, Castro Boateng. As we head into dessert and coffee, we will move on to even more excitement, our Section's Annual General Meeting in one of the Circuit's meeting rooms.

This year, in thanks for the opportunity to drive the Circuit, we will again charge a fee and donate the proceeds to support one of the Motor Gathering's sponsored charities. The track entry fee is \$50. Lunch afterwards is \$25.

New Member

Heinz Mueller, Victoria

Renewing Members!

Murray Bradley, Victoria

Richard Ediss, Nanaimo - 10 GLK350

Ron Drane & Donna Stein, Victoria

Lou & Catherine Hobson, Victoria - 04 ML350

Barry Goss, Victoria

Mike King, Duncan

Barry Logan, Victoria

Christopher Parkes, Victoria

Jeffrey Smith, Calgary - 08 ML320

David Stephen, Victoria

Leo Vandervan, Victoria

Vivian Weldon, Qualicum Beach

Thank you!



You must pre-register with Rob Watson to drive in this event ([link](#)). Rob will send you a confirmation with further information.

In addition, as is the standard at a professional driving course, GAIN now requires that all cars using the Motorsport Circuit must pass a safety inspection to verify the good mechanical condition of the car to be driven. This complementary inspection must be done at Three Point Motors or Mercedes-Benz Nanaimo and must be completed not earlier than 10 days before the event (August 24). Drivers should schedule their own appointments with the Service Advisor, having regard to the dealer's typical scheduling window. The service confirmation may advise that there will be a \$50 charge for the appointment but this fee will be waived at the time.

MBCA Vancouver Island Section Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is particularly important this year. 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 developed drafts that incorporate comments from the National Office. You should have received these drafts by email on June 26. **Along with the regular annual reports and business, the Section must approve the revised constitution and bylaws at this AGM.**

All members are invited to attend the AGM, whether or not they attend the driver training. The AGM will start at 1:30. Lunch beforehand, at 12:30, is \$25. The AGM should be finished by 2:30.

Please review the draft documents and contact Rob Watson ([link](#)) if you have any comments or concerns. If you can't find the June 26 email please drop me a line.

We are also looking for members to fill positions on the Board. A number of Board members hold dual roles and as well, we have vacancies for a Website coordinator and a Director-at-Large. If you have an interest in helping make our Section better, please contact Rob Watson, our President, at the above link.

The sun, moon and tides all seemed to conspire this year to schedule two large events -- the Motor Gathering and the Section's September 3 Track Event -- within a short time frame. We hope to see as many of you as possible at both.

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.

Barry Patchett has made a group booking for this performance. The cost for the theatre performance, lunch and gratuity is \$65 per person. Barry has to provide a number to the booking office by **September 15**. To reserve your spot, please send a cheque, payable to MBCA-VI, to:
Rob Watson



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Cascade Loop Tour, October 14-15

Join Seattle Section on a tour of the Cascade Loop with a side trip to the Coulee Dam. Thirty-two Club members have already signed up. The adventure starts in Snohomish, the “Antique Capital of the Northwest”. From there, it heads through the autumn colors along Highway 2 to Leavenworth for a lunch break at Sleeping Lady Resort. What trip on Hwy 2 would be complete without a stop in Cashmere for a tour of the Applets & Cotlets factory? Participants can check out some of Chelan’s wineries before dinner. Getting tired? Let’s check in to the Coulee House in the town of Coulee Dam. There are special MBCA group rates of \$60 to \$90 if you call directly to (509) 633-1101. Dinner will be at the Melody Restaurant.

After breakfast next morning, the group will tour the dam, then head to Winthrop for lunch and a little browsing before continuing up Hwy 20 for the scenery of the North Cascades Highway. We may make a stop or two as we head to our final destination of Mount Vernon.

RSVP: Please contact Bob Willits ([email](#)) or (206) 619-2045 to make your reservations. Early reservations will help in the planning of the trip, so please do it now. Bob’s tours are always beautifully organized, making this tour an event not to be missed.

Links of Interest

Automotive News gives us a glimpse into MB’s pipeline of new vehicles across the entire model range ([link](#))

MB has voluntarily recalled more than 3 million diesels in Europe for a software patch ([link](#))

A review of the new 2018 S Class finds much to like ([link](#))

An informative and wide-ranging interview with Ola Kaellenius, Group Director Research and MB Cars Development ([link](#))

MB bids good-bye to the B Class electric drive, a vehicle the company never really got behind. It did not sell well in the USA and was not offered in Canada. ([link](#))

What a long way we’ve come in 50 years! The collapsible steering column was introduced by MB in August, 1967, immediately following its appearance on GM and Chrysler cars ([link](#))

