



## Vancouver Island Section Newsletter

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### 2019 Event Calendar

#### **Sunday, 3 March – Coffee Klatch at the Willow Street Café in Chemainus**

What time: 10:00 AM  
Where: 9749 Willow Street, Chemainus  
Organizer: Philip Early

#### **Saturday, 6 April – Chemainus Theatre, Sound of Music (10 places reserved)**

Where: Chemainus, BC  
Organizer: Barry Patchett

#### **Sunday, 5 May – New Cars and Technology Event hosted by David Rabbi**

Where: TPM in Victoria  
Organizers: Dennis and Hazel Ostrowerka

#### **Sunday, 2 June – Cowichan Valley Wine Tour**

Where: Cowichan Valley  
Organizers: Philip Early and Barry Patchett

#### **Thursday, 20 June – Farm Table Inn (reservation to be conformed in April)**

Where: Cowichan Valley  
Organizer: Barry Patchett

#### **Sunday, 25 August – 2019 GAIN Motor Gathering**

Where: Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit  
Organizer: Rob Watson

#### **September – October – TBD, Regional Event**

Where: TBD  
Organizer: Rob Watson

#### **October – November – AGM**

Where: TBD  
Organizer: Rob Watson

#### **December – Holiday / Christmas lunch or dinner**

Where: Victoria  
Organizer: Rob Watson



## President's Message

Rob Watson

Hope you all had a good holiday season. Your Board has prepared a strong event schedule for 2019 with a range of technical and local social-driving events. The year will start on Saturday, 19 January with Andrew O'Keefe, the manager of the detailing shop at GAIN and Three Point Motors with one of his excellent and informative presentations. This year, he will focus on exterior detailing of the car and give an overview of the new ceramic products that can really amp up the protection of your car's exterior surface.

Our last Newsletter was issued by Bob Wilson in September. Now however, with only five Board members, we will be issuing only one Newsletter per quarter, with the next ones due the end of March, June, September and December.

In the Newsletters I will summarize items that may be of particular interest to you that I receive from Jeff Shindler, our Regional Director, about activities and goings-on at the MBCA National Business Office (NBO) in Colorado Springs. Jeff is a member of the NBO Membership Committee which has for a long time been concerned with the general decline in the overall MBCA membership. As you might imagine, demographics – the ageing population and different buying habits of the “younger” generations– are key factors. Also contributing are the new ownership strategies dealerships are employing, for example, experimenting with arrangements where customers do not own or lease a single car but rather have access to and drive different cars throughout the year. As a result, in 2019 we can expect the roll out of initiatives from NBO to retain and attract new members. Jeff has been clear the Committee will be strongly encouraging each Section to appoint a separate Membership Chair to support these initiatives. It is possible NBO may withhold a Section's quarterly membership rebate cheques if a Section does not comply with this requirement. Our Section is at risk as currently we do not meet this requirement.

Our Board is small in numbers. We have five enthusiastic, experienced people but that said, we are missing a dedicated Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair and Website Editor. I know it is not always easy to participate on a Board like ours with the commitments and active lifestyles most of us have. But if you can make the time and have the willingness to help our Club, please contact me at the Section's email address [link](#). As well, I'd be happy to hear from you if you have feedback, comments or ideas that could help in our quest to move forward.

I wish each of you the best for 2019 and look forward to seeing you at our events this year.

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### 2018 – 2019 Section Officers

President: Rob Watson

Vice-President: Dennis Ostrowerka

Treasurer: Philip Early

Secretary: Hazel Ostrowerka

Membership: Rob Watson

Newsletter: Barry Patchett

Dealer Ambassador, Victoria: Dennis Ostrowerka

Dealer Ambassador, Nanaimo: Barry Patchett

Honorary Vice-President: Peter Trzewik

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**Section members (with the month and year of joining MBCA) who reached their Membership Anniversary milestone during 2018.**

**5–Year**

Bob Allen (October 2013)  
Ron Drane and Donna Stein (July 2013)  
Richard Ediss (November 2013)  
Philip Topalian (February 2013)  
Gerry Woloshyn (March 2013)

**15–Year**

Kevin Carlé (April 2003)  
Gareth Rees (August 2003)  
Bob and Donelda Wilson ((August 2003)

**30–Year**

Barry and Gwen Patchett (December 1988)

If any of you have not received your Anniversary pin and would like to have it, please contact me at the following [link](#).

**New Members**

**Welcome to New Members**

Chuck Burkett  
Anthony Hamilton  
Marilyn Hansen  
Grant Luxford  
Martin McGeough  
Lon Wood

**Membership Renewals**

**Thank you to those who have renewed!**

Barrie Aldrich  
Bob and Margo Allen  
Brent Boyd  
Murray Bradley  
Dale Fickinger  
Barry Goss  
Claire Foley and Glenn Zederayko  
James and Janet Le Mare  
Cathy LeBlanc  
Barry Logan  
Neil Mahady  
David Ockenden  
Christo Pandelidis  
Amy Sopinka  
Barry and Heide Taylor  
John Wells and Bryan Wells  
Alex Wortmann

**Coming Event**  
**Coffee Klatch at the Willow Street Café in Chemainus**

Ready to escape the winter bonds of house and home? Will your car need to stretch its legs? We will be gathering for conversation, coffee (or other beverage) at the Willow Street Café's famous scones in Chemainus on **Sunday, 3 March** at 10:00 AM. The Café would like a sense of how many will be attending. If you are planning to go please respond to Philip Early at [link](#) or to our Section's email address [link](#) by Thursday, 28 February.

Organizer: Philip Early

When: Sunday, 3 March

What time: 10:00 AM

Where: 9749 Willow Street, Chemainus

See the Café's website at <https://www.willowstreetcafe.com> for more information.

**Please RSVP by Thursday, 28 February.**



## 2018 Holiday and Christmas Lunch

Rob Watson

Our last Event of 2018 – a Holiday and Christmas lunch – was held at the Royal Oak Med Grill on West Saanich Road in Victoria. Twenty-four of us enjoyed catching up and exchanging stories in the warm environment of the Med Grill. We welcomed Linnea Turnquist as our newest member who joined in April, 2018. We also celebrated Barry and Gwen Patchett's 30-year membership in MBCA. The Med Grill's staff provided excellent and well-organized service with everyone's meals being served within minutes of each other. Now that's service!

Following the lunch, awards were presented to the following members:

**Garry Graves** was the recipient of the Member-of-the-Year award. Gary has been a regular attendee at many of the Club's events in 2018. He went home with a plaque from MBCA and a \$100 Gift Certificate for Three Point Motors.

**Barry and Gwen Patchett** were awarded their 30-year Membership Anniversary pins. Barry also received a long overdue \$100 Gift certificate for Three Point Motors for his 2017 award as Member-of-the-Year.

**Bob and Donelda Wilson** were also awarded their 15-year Membership Anniversary pins. In addition, Bob received a \$100 Gift certificate for Three Point Motors in recognition of his long service to MBCA and to our Section over the years as President, Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor.



All in all, a wonderful lunch and a great opportunity to reconnect and wish each other well over the holiday season.

## 2018 Annual General Meeting

Rob Watson

In 2018, Three Point Motors in Victoria graciously hosted our 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in its AMG showroom. Surrounded by AMGs new and old, the 17 Section members in attendance started with and enjoyed an excellent lunch sponsored by Three Point Motors and prepared by Chef Ryan from the Villa Eyrie. Following lunch, we were presented with an overview of the new features and technologies in AMG vehicles.

Lunch was followed by the AGM. Grant Luxford, who had recently joined MBCA and our Section, was introduced as our newest member. Quorum for the AGM was established, and annual reports were received from Rob Watson, Bob Wilson and Philip Early. The members in attendance elected the Officers and Members of the Board for 2018/2019 and we closed the meeting with a discussion of possible events for 2019. Following the AGM, the Board held its first post-AGM meeting and confirmed the appointments of the Officers to their positions on the Board (see list of Section officers and their responsibilities elsewhere in this Newsletter).

Our sincere thanks go to Scott Shears, the General Manager of Three Point Motors, for generously hosting our meeting and sponsoring our wonderful lunch. Normally, our Section subsidizes a portion of the AGM. Instead, this year, we donated \$200 to the In 2018, Three Point Motors in Victoria graciously hosted our 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in its AMG showroom. Surrounded by AMGs new and old, the 17 Section members in attendance started with Cowichan District Hospital Foundation in thanks to GAIN and Three Point Motors for their ongoing support and sponsorship of our Section.



## 2018 Auto e Moto D'Epoca in Padova, Italy

Rob Watson

Last October, my wife, Linda, and I spent three weeks in Italy, ending up in Padova (Padua), a less touristy city with a delightful central core of multiple, large piazzas. Padova is about 50 kilometres west of Venice with easy access to Venice's cruise ship terminal – our ultimate destination – and its myriad canals and famous historical sites. We happened to be in Padova when the *Auto e Moto d'Epoca* was being held at the Exhibition Centre. I didn't know what to expect, except that the event would last four days – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October – and that it might be a good opportunity to see perhaps a few older Italian cars.

I walked to the venue from our hotel in the city centre on the Saturday (as an aside, the next day, Sunday, it poured rain which, combined with wind and tide, caused some of the worst flooding nearby Venice has ever experienced). I entered the grounds and looking at my map, I realized I had one day to explore eight or more exhibition halls, each one being about the size as the Save-On Memorial Centre. The 'few older Italian cars' turned out to be 5,000 vintage, older and new model cars. As might be expected, Italian brands dominated but there was good representation from all European brands. The show was primarily directed toward traders, dealers and owners of vintage cars, however it was also an enthusiast's car heaven. In addition, there was an auction by *Bonhams*, and halls dedicated to car parts and car clubs. The show had about 120,000 visitors over the four days – I, for one, was certainly overwhelmed by the end of the day.

Below are a few photos to whet your appetite.



1958 Lancia Aurelia



1936 Mercedes Benz W18

There are many car shows and exhibits to visit but if you happen to be in Italy, the *Epoca* should be a consideration. In 2019, it will be held from October 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on their website at this [link](#).

## New Motorsports Themed Café Parksville

For those of you north of Nanaimo who may be interested in an auto and motorcycle themed venue, we received the following information in an email from Jordan Garraway at the NoXcuses Café in Parksville:

“We are a new Motorsports themed cafe located right on the main drag in Parksville, B.C.. Our space features 3500 sq. ft., with ample parking, lots of comfy seating and a cool, open industrial design. We are a multi-faceted business with a full cafe, specialty car and motorcycle rental, lifestyle apparel and live music.

Using the cars and bikes as a design feature the space lends itself to the car and motorcycle enthusiast. We have great fresh food, 49th Parallel coffee and signature items on our menu. Please feel free to look us up on Instagram, Facebook and our business website.

We are very open to clubs meeting in our space and already have clubs that do so. We also encourage members and enthusiasts to visit any time they are making their way through Parksville. Movie nights, live entertainment, rentals and tours and full cafe are ready to keep you entertained year round.”

For more information, see: [www.facebook.com/noxcusescafe/](http://www.facebook.com/noxcusescafe/) or [www.noxcusescafe.com](http://www.noxcusescafe.com)