



## Vancouver Island Section

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## Coming Events

### Okanagan Wine Tour, May 19-21 (BC Stars Section)

This is a three-day **BC Stars Section** event, held over the Victoria Day weekend. Their Okanagan Wine Tour will focus on wineries in the region at the southern end of Okanagan Lake - Naramata Bench, Penticton and Summerland.

The organizers say that the white wines will have been recently released, and so they expect a bouquet of delights for the palate to be on offer. Of course there will also be plenty of reds for those inclined in that direction.

Details and registration are at [www.mbcawinetour.com](http://www.mbcawinetour.com).

### Electroshine Tour and Lunch, June 17



On Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, MBCA-VI will visit Electroshine Metal Refinishers.

Electroshine is located in the industrial area by the Victoria airport, at 2071 Amelia Ave. This is one of only three chrome plating shops remaining in BC. It specializes in triple plating for high quality restorations, numbering Rudi & Co. and Coachwerks among its regular clients. As well as steel parts, Electroshine also restores and plates pot, or white, metal parts, carefully buffing and filling the pits in a difficult and painstaking procedure. The company also undertakes a wide variety of plating and polishing tasks ([link](#)). We will be shown the entire process through which corroded and damaged old parts are turned into gleaming adornments for Pebble Beach.

Chrome plating businesses have been put through the wringer by every level of government concerned with health and safety, and liquid and atmospheric emissions. Let me add that the scrutiny is justified by the toxicity of some of the chemicals they work with and by the truly nasty conditions in the few small plating shops I remember from my youth. Electroshine's controls on contaminant discharge are complete and will be of interest to anyone with an environmental bent.

The tour starts at 11 and we'll go somewhere in the area afterwards for lunch. **Numbers are limited for this event so please RSVP if you intend to come** ([link](#)).

### Picnic, July 9

The Section's annual picnic will be held on Sunday, July 9 at Blue Heron Park ([link](#)). This small park is at the head of a cove in the Cowichan Valley next to a pretty beach. It is not wildly popular so should not be crowded. There is a grassy picnic area for seating but you might want to bring your own chairs. The tide will be low, so we should be able to walk on the beach. Please bring your own picnic.

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#### Welcome New Members

*Amy Sopinka, Victoria*

#### Renewing Members!

*Barry Aldrich, Mill Bay*

*James Land, Parksville*

*John McIntosh, 93 500SEL, N. Saanich*

*Anthony Morris, Sooke*

*Marke Simmons, North Saanich*

*Reg Wilson, Victoria*

*Gerald Woloshyn, 05 Smart, Comox*

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**Thank you!**



Those coming from the south can meet up at the Serious Coffee on the Island Highway to the south of Mill Bay ([link](#)) at 10:45.

The Section used this park for an enjoyable picnic once before, in 2011. The park has a group shelter but the event will be held indoors, on the same date, in the event of inclement weather.



### 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 cars. We will have a marquee and display as well.

The venue has changed over the years. Initially on the grounds of the Alexandra Hospital on Arbutus Road, the show moved in 2014 to a location beside Victoria’s airport. Like last year’s, the 2017 event will be at the [Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit](#). Cars will be parked on the track.

Registration is now open on the event’s website ([link](#)). Look for further information later this summer.

### Track Event and AGM, Sunday September 10

Three Point Motors is hosting the Section to a half-day session at the Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit on Sunday, September 10. Like last year, we will be driving our own cars. The format will include instruction and lapping. A buffet lunch will be available, catered by GAIN’s new chef. The Section will again donate the entry fees to a local charity. On-track participation will be limited to a number yet to be determined.



The Section’s Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the track event. 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 new *Societies Act*. Along with the regular business, the Section must approve these two documents at this AGM. Look for further information later this summer.



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## Chemainus Theatre, Saturday September 30

The Section's annual trip to the Chemainus Theatre will be on Saturday, September 30. This year's matinée performance is the British farce "Jeeves Takes a Bow" ([link](#)). We'll meet at the theatre beforehand for lunch.



## Lunch At Unsworth Winery

*Photos from Barry Patchett*

Twenty-three members and guests drove to the Unsworth Restaurant, outside Mill By, on a sunny May 7th. The location is nicely landscaped with views out over the vineyard, though I noticed that it was barely spring out there with almost no greenery evident on the vines. The tasting room offers a pretty little patio with tables for visitors, who can bring a picnic to enjoy with a bottle of wine.



We filled the private dining room to capacity. The group made quite a bit of noise collectively and no-one seemed left out of the fellowship. Our server and her assistants did a fine job of looking after us and we all seemed to enjoy the food. A few of us were sufficiently enthusiastic about the wines served with lunch to head across the parking lot to the tasting room to pick up a bottle or two for later consumption.





We lucked into one of the warmest days of the year. The three convertibles in our group arrived with their tops down. Donelda and I had a lovely drive up and back though we did have the windows and wind-blocker up. Let's hope for warmer weather ahead!

### Links of Interest

The base model of the new 2018 S class (S450) will have a 3-L, straight 6-cyl engine, while the S560 will have a 4-L V8, both with twin turbos. The V8 features cylinder deactivation at light loads. The S63 AMG now makes 603 hp. ([link](#) and [link](#))

In the wake of the diesel scandal, Daimler has dropped its efforts to sell 2017 diesel vehicles in the USA ([link](#))

Daimler's multi-purpose test track at Unterturkheim is used to refine the company's vehicles ([link](#))

Sports Car Graphic salutes the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the 300 SL roadster ([link](#))

MB's first SUV, the ML, is only 20 years old this month. Doesn't it seem like forever? ([link](#))

The iconic W125 Silver Arrow made its racing debut 80 years ago under the 750 kg formula, with about 570 hp from 5.7 L, a truly amazing specific power output for 1936 ([link](#))

Drivers gear up for the world's first nanocar race, featuring six unique vehicles ([link](#))

