



Vancouver Island Section

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CALENDAR

- Motor Gathering, Aug. 27
- Track event and AGM, Sept. 3 DATE CHANGE
- 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. date tba
- 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.



Registration is now open on the event's website ([link](#)). The show for display only (and our club's presence) will be on Sunday Aug. 27. If you want to enter a car for concours judging, that event takes place the day before, on Saturday Aug. 26. The three finalists from each category will be invited to a VIP sponsors' dinner. Other owners of cars entered for judging will be able to purchase tickets for the dinner.

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. Please note that **this date is one week earlier than originally published but the same as in the last newsletter**. 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, registration 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. In addition, as is the standard for 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

Renewing Members!

Murray Bradley, Victorias
Ron Drane & Donna Stein, Victoria

Thank you!



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. Drivers should schedule their own appointments with the dealer but we understand there will be no charge for the inspection.

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.**

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.

In early August you will receive emails with more information about the AGM and registration for the Motorsport Circuit Event. 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 matinée 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:

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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.

The July Picnic

Photo from Linda Derrick

A small group of outdoor enthusiasts met at the Serious Coffee store in Mill Bay on July 9th. A good social exchange took place before participants drove to Blue Heron Park, in Cedar, along several interesting backroads.



The weather was perfect for a picnic. We sat around in a circle, opened the picnic baskets, and set to work devouring their contents. The tide was out and some of us went for a walk down the beach while others just relaxed in the sun at the picnic site. Though the porta-potty did not meet with everyone's approval, the venue was beautiful and the event felt relaxing and comfortable.

It was good to see a couple of members on their first event of the year. Thanks to Philip Early for organizing the drive.

Links of Interest

An enhanced version of Linguatronic voice control is being offered on the E, allowing voice commands to control vehicle functions for the first time in a Mercedes-Benz ([link](#))

A [link](#) to Daimler's information releases for the new version of the S class

The 300,000th G Class rolled off the line in Graz, Austria this month. That's 300,000 in 38 years! ([link](#))

German prosecutors suspect Daimler sold over one million diesels between 2008 and 2016 with excess emissions and the possible use of a device to manipulate emissions during tests ([link](#))

Daimler is building another battery plant, this one in China, to go along with the one in Germany mentioned last month ([link](#))

Kent Emigh is MB's last Foreign Agent from the days of Max Hoffman in the USA still alive ([link](#)).

Audi has joined Renault, Citroen, Jaguar and Mahindra in the all-electric Formula E racing series, the first German manufacturer to become involved ([link](#)) (*hat tip to Mike McBride*)

