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Coming Events

Summer Picnic, Jul. 15

We're having a picnic in July 15 at Englishman River Falls Park, near Errington. To get there, drive north on Highway 1 to the first turnoff for Coombs (not the later one at Highway 4) and drive a few kilometres toward Coombs to a signed left turn south toward the park. It is at the end of the road. The drive from Victoria is about 2 hours in duration. There are tables and a pavilion available. There is also a pleasant post-gourmet hike around the falls area.

A small prize will be awarded to the best picnic display.

Those leaving from the Victoria area can meet up at the Tim Horton's in Langford at 9:30 for a 9:45 departure. This is the same site we met at in May, opposite the Home Depot on McCallum and below Costco.

Motor Gathering, Aug.26

Registration for the 2018 Motor Gathering is now open! MBCA Vancouver Island invites members to join us for the [GAIN Group, Vancouver Island's](#) 7th annual Motor Gathering, to be held at the [Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit](#).

What better way to celebrate the vehicles you are proud to call your own than with hundreds of other enthusiasts sharing that similar passion, all while raising funds to support the [David Foster Foundation](#) and the Cowichan District Hospital Foundation.

As it has done recently, the Section will have a marquee tent as a focal point. We look forward to seeing past participants and welcoming new ones on Sunday, August 26th, 2018.

Register: <https://motorgathering.com/register/>

Welcome New Members!

David McCormick, Nanaimo

Renewing Members!

*Barry Patchett & Gwen Jewett, Chemainus
David Rabii, Victoria*

Thank you!



From the Rear-View Mirror: the Pacific Marine Circle Route and Brunch Event

- by Rob Watson

On Sunday, June 10, the Club's Victoria contingent met in the early morning sunshine at Tim Hortons opposite the Langford Home Depot at 8:15. After some – surprise! – car talk and admiration of our various vehicles, we headed up to the Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit in Duncan. There we met up with our other two participants, making a contingent of 19 individuals in nine cars. At the Circuit we had a brunch, prepared by The Eyrie, all the while being entertained by several cars roaring around the Circuit.



Following the brunch, seven cars left to carry on and experience the Pacific Marine Circle route from Lake Cowichan to Port Renfrew and on to Sooke. This was not the year for 'open-air' driving with tops down or sunroofs open; instead we got to enjoy a few light showers which added another dimension to testing our narrow-and-winding-road driving skills. The



bright side was seeing the deep green foliage and sometimes jaw-dropping scenery. A pit stop was planned at Shirley Delicious Café but the Sunday crowds and rain meant it was jam-packed with other hungry souls. We voted with our wheels and carried on for a late afternoon snack at the ever-popular Mom's Café in Sooke. The bonus? The unpredictable weather had by then reverted back to the beautiful sunshine we had at the start of our day.



A fitting way to end the day's adventure.

Mid-Week Dinner Report

Twelve members met at the Farm Table Inn, near Duncan, for a mid-week prime rib buffet. What a pleasant spot it looks to spend a summer evening!





Links of Interest

“Small improvements for a largely great car”—Edmunds reports on the refreshed-for-2019 C class ([link](#)).

Motor Trend rides along in the hot weather trial of a prototype EQC, MB’s first all-electric vehicle, which looks about the size of a GLC ([link](#)).

Pushing back against new parking restrictions and municipal fees, Daimler is ending its Car2Go sharing program in Toronto ([link](#)).

C, GLC and Vito vehicles equipped with a diesel engine have been recalled in Europe to fix emissions software ([link](#); *hat tip to Mike McBride*).

Canadian auto dealers have given Mercedes-Benz Financial Services the highest rating among captive finance companies in J.D. Power’s annual study of dealer satisfaction with lenders, ending a 5-year run by BMW ([link](#)).

Driving.ca discusses the safety risk associated with keyless ignitions ([link](#))

Bloomberg reports that diesels are on the way out ([link](#); *hat tip to Mike McBride*).

Daimler is spending a billion euros to build a second assembly plant in Kecskemet, Hungary ([link](#)).

MB has joined other manufacturers of luxury vehicles in offering a subscription service within the USA, starting at \$1,095 per month including insurance and maintenance ([link](#)).

Daimler’s Smart car reaches its 20th anniversary ([link](#)).

