

# victoria car share co-op

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## Co-op Rendez-vous

January 20th, 4:30pm - 6pm



at the Fernwood Inn  
1302 Gladstone Ave.  
(across from Belfry Theatre)

For all co-op members,  
directors, managers &  
other co-operators.

No cover charge  
Free appetizers  
Buy your own drinks  
**Door Prizes**

A chance to meet,  
chat and socialize  
with other  
co-operators.



[www.victoriaco-ops.ca](http://www.victoriaco-ops.ca)

Hosted by the South Islands Regional Co-op Council  
Sponsored by the BC Co-op Association

## What's new in January 2010...

### Fernwood Yaris Roof Rack Installed

Attention bikers, kayakers, and skiers! We are installing a Thule roof rack system onto our Fernwood Yaris at the end of the month. Please enjoy this benefit and take care not to damage or scratch the Yaris when loading the roof rack.

### Car Share Caretakers Wanted

We are looking for car share caretakers for the following vehicles: Fairfield Spectra, Hillside Protege, and Downtown Corolla. Caretakers receive a \$30 credit for cleaning their 'adopted' vehicle. Please email if you are interested in becoming a caretaker.

### Member Reminder of the Month

Pets are allowed to ride in a carrier. Please remove every trace of your furry friend as members may have allergies. It is your responsibility to return the car at least as clean as you found.

## Co-operatives in B.C.

British Columbia is home to a vigorous and productive co-op economy. There are co-operatives for housing, food, film, funerals, transportation, retail products, banking, fuel, motorcycles, and more. If you are interested in these organizations, or general information on the social economy, you can attend events like the Co-op Rendezvous (above) or check out the South Island Regional Co-op Council site at <http://www.victoriaco-ops.ca/>. If you are interested in starting or learning about co-op, visit the B.C. Co-op Association at <http://bccca.coop/>.

## Suspension Policy

To keep our co-operative running smoothly, we are enforcing our policy to inactivate accounts with balances higher than \$200. As a non-profit, we are dependent on timely payments for our cash flow. Members receive a 2% credit for early payment and 2% in interest penalties for late payments. It is in your best interest to understand your invoice, and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Payment Services

We are working to restore Scotiabank online payment services, we will let our members know when the status of this service as soon as we find out. Our goal is to offer online credit card payments by this summer.

## Open House and Board Meeting

We hold our open house and board meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at our downtown office. Join us at our open house on January 28th from 5-7pm as we share snacks and stories about car sharing. Then if you like, stay for our board meeting at 7pm - all members welcome!

## Car Share Eligibility

Do you still meet the eligibility requirements of co-op membership? If there have been any changes to your license status or driving record, please let us know.

## Meet a Board Member



**Carmon Currie**  
Treasurer

As a former CAN member, Carmon joined the VCSC as soon as she moved to Victoria. She loves the community feel that co-op membership brings, as well as sustainable transportation options. Carmon is impressed with the VCSC's tremendous growth and looks forward to applying her skills.

Visit our office at #320-620 View Street, open weekdays 10-4:30

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