



East Sussex Saab

A Branch of the SAAB Owners Club of GB Ltd.

Branch Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Welcome to our first Newsletter!

Firstly, I would like to say a BIG Thank You to Richard Unsworth, Branch Co-ordinator of the SAAB Owners Club. He was my first port of call in starting the branch and his wealth of knowledge proved very invaluable.

I would also like to thank him for turning up at our first meeting. He helped in making sure all the right things were said and done.

Secondly, I would like to thank the 27 Saab owners that made it along to our first meeting at the Blackboys Inn, 8 of which were non-members. It was a very respectable turnout and a very enjoyable day. The Meeting Report with photos is on Page 2.

Our future meeting schedule has now been confirmed as: 2nd Tuesday of every month. Every fourth meeting is held on 2nd Sunday of the month. Details of dates and venues are on Page 3.

I look forward to seeing you on 11th November in Crowborough.

Toby Field
Branch Secretary



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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The branch newsletter is designed to cater for members at a local level. If you would like to contribute any content to the newsletter, then you are more than welcome. Deadlines are set in advance so you know how long you have to get content ready for a particular issue. Upcoming deadlines are listed below.

November Issue - Friday 14th November

December Issue - Friday 12th December

January Issue - Friday 16th January

We prefer content, including images, to be in electronic format, but a hard copy can be sent to our postal address below. Scanned images should have a resolution of 300dpi for acceptable clarity.

Branch Address: 78 Foxglove Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN23 8BX - Email: info@eastsussexsaab.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

SAAB was founded in 1937 as a national manufacturer of military aircraft.

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

Date: 5th October 2003
Venue: Blackboys Inn, Blackboys
Time: 1-3pm

The inaugural meeting of East Sussex Saab was held at the Blackboys Inn in Blackboys, near Uckfield. Although slightly cold, the weather was fantastic. The sun was shining and it was a glorious afternoon.

We had a total of 27 Saab enthusiasts, 8 of which were non-members.

We had the company of Richard Unsworth, branch co-ordinator of the Saab Owners Club, who had made the trek down from Huddersfield to be there.

Once the meeting was underway, we had a few formalities to deal with. The main event was electing the three committee members. The three posts are Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer. Toby Field was elected Secretary, Mike Hope was elected Chairman and Richard Dickins was elected Treasurer.

One of the main discussions was deciding on a future meeting schedule. Because everyone at the meeting had different personal and work commitments, it took a while to establish a formula for choosing future dates. In the end, we decided that future meetings would be the 2nd Tuesday of every month starting at 8pm. Every 4th meeting would be the 2nd Sunday of the month starting at 1pm.

We had a good mixture of Saabs at the meeting but there was a lack of pre-1980's vehicles.

Below is a selection of photographs from the meeting. If you would like to see more, visit www.eastsussexsaab.co.uk.

Dealer Listing

MAIN DEALERS

Ballamys Shoreham Ltd
120 High Street
Shoreham-by-Sea
West Sussex
BN43 5DB
Tel: 01273 452456
www.ballamyssaab.co.uk

Turners Hill Garage Ltd
Turners Hill
Crawley
Sussex
RH10 4NP
Tel: 01342 716322
enquiries@saab.uk.com
www.saab.uk.com

INDEPENDENTS

Bourne Motors
1-2 Cornfield Lane
Eastbourne
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BN21 4NE
Tel: 01323 727011
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SAAB FLIGHT
Mill Lane Garage
Mill Lane
Hellingly
Hailsham
East Sussex
BN27 4HD
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Mann Woodland
Medina Place
Hove
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DID YOU KNOW?

SAAB invented heated seats and fitted them to their first car in 1971.



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FUTURE MEETING DATES

Date: 11th November 2003 (Tuesday)
Venue: Crowborough & District Social Club, Crowborough
Time: 8pm-10pm

Details: Our November meeting of East Sussex Saab will be held at the Crowborough and District Social Club, Croft Road, Crowborough.

Crowborough is part of the Wealden District and is situated to the north of the county. There is sufficient parking provided in the Waitrose car park.

Address:
Crowborough & District Social Club
Croft Road
Crowborough
East Sussex
TN6 1DL
Telephone: 01892 654856

Date: 9th December 2003 (Tuesday)
Venue: Ballamys Saab, Shoreham-by-Sea
Time: 8pm-10pm

Details: Our December meeting of East Sussex Saab will be held Ballamys Saab, a Saab Main dealer based in Shoreham.

Stephen Hunt, Managing Director of Ballamys, has kindly offered his showroom for our use. The team at Ballamys will be on hand to answer your questions and test-drives will be available.*

*Driving licence to be shown prior to test drive. Photo cardholders must bring both parts.

Address:
Ballamys Shoreham Ltd
120 High Street, Shoreham-by-Sea
West Sussex, BN43 5DB
Telephone: 01273 452456
Website: www.ballamysaab.co.uk

If you would like to attend either of the meetings above, could you please confirm your attendance by telephone, email or in writing. Contact details are on Page 1.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 6,000 members of the SAAB Owners Club of GB Ltd.

FORMULA JUNIOR

The SAAB Owners Club is above all a Family Club and we would like to promote that at branch level also.

The Formula Junior Club is the section of the club for all under 17's that are instantly members when their parents join the club.

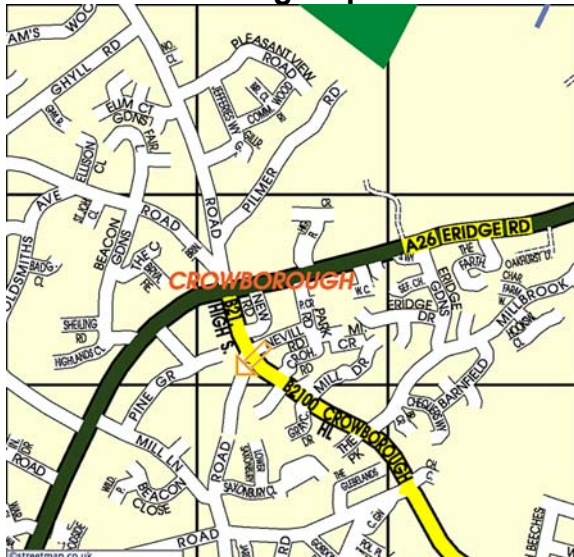
We would like suggestions of suitable venues for every 4th meeting. These are held on Sundays and you are encouraged to bring your children along.

Many of the events, especially the National, cater for the younger member and provide entertainment, games and activities which keep them busy and, more importantly, happy.

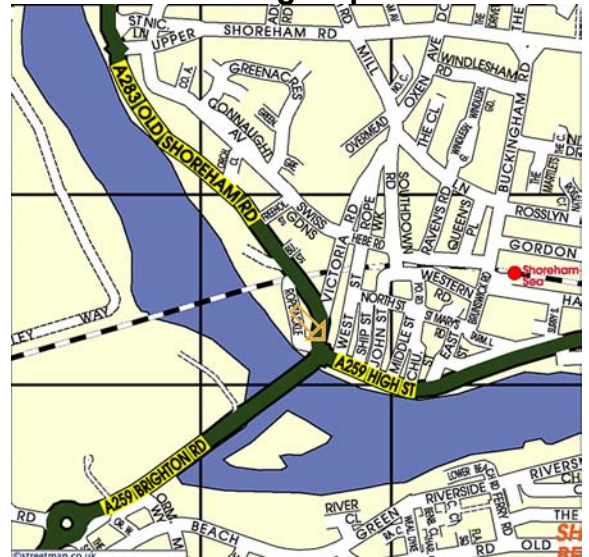
Formula Junior has its own section in the Club's magazine comprising articles for the various age groups including members stories, competitions and photographs.

Parents are encouraged to support this section of the club.

November Meeting Map



December Meeting Map



DID YOU KNOW?

In August 2003, SAAB celebrated production of their 200,000th convertible.

LATEST NEWS

New 9-3 at Frankfurt

Saab declares its intention to enter a new market segment with the unveiling of its Saab 9-3 Sport-Hatch Concept at this year's Frankfurt Motor Show.

The distinctive, five-door, four-seater format offers sporty, driver-focused performance and innovative load-carrying features, while challenging the traditional distinction between a hatchback and wagon.

It is designed for customers with active, outdoor lifestyles who seek a sporty and rewarding driving experience that also delivers the versatility they need.

Powered by a 250 bhp, 2.0-liter turbo engine with Saab Sentronic automatic transmission and a lowered, sports chassis sitting on 20-inch wheels, the 9-3 Sport Hatch Concept promises sharp performance to match its eye-catching looks.

It is intended to take Saab into the mid-size wagon segment for the first time by offering a distinctive alternative choice, with hatchback-like proportions that are reminiscent of the shape of its classic Saab 900 forebears. It also represents a further development of the Saab 9-5 wagon's sporty character.

For the full story including photos, visit our website at www.eastsussexsaab.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

The Saab 9000 was built on the same platform as the Lancia Thema, Fiat Croma, and Alfa Romeo 164.

YOU RECOMMEND

Peter Johnson Motor Engineers

When my car needed an MOT, I asked colleagues at work if there was a garage close by. Several colleagues recommended Peter Johnson's so I thought I'd take it there. The service I have received from them has always been very good. They do not try and rip you off and their labour rate, as well as their MOT fee is incredibly good (especially as they don't do the MOT's themselves).

I have taken my Saab to them twice now, as well as two other cars in my family. They do not specialise in Saab's but a very capable of most work that needs doing.

Recommended by TF

Address:

Peter Johnson Motor Engineers Ltd, Units 3&4, De La Warr Mews, Station Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1RD.

Tel: 01424 224169

PLEASE NOTE: Neither East Sussex Saab or the SAAB Owners Club of GB Ltd is affiliated with the recommended company. If you would like to make a recommendation of a product/company/website/parts supplier, visit the website or write to us.

FOR SALE

Description: 1997 (P) Saab 900 SE 2.5 V6, Convertible, Auto, 78,000 miles, deep Metallic Purple, excellent condition, Wind Deflector, Cream Leather Interior, 17" Chrome Alloys, FSH, ABS, alarmed, all electrics, 6 Stack CD, MOT June 2004, must be seen!! £10,495 ono. Tel: 01323 768207. Ask for Marion.



FOR SALE

Description: 1984 (A) Saab 99 GL 2.0, 4 door, White, Sunroof, Unleaded, Pale Blue Velour Interior, New Front Brakes, Two New Tyres, 11m MOT, Taxed until November, VGC, A Classic Example. £600 ono. Tel: 07901 561111. Ask for Charlotte.

If you would like to advertise your car/parts for sale in this newsletter, please email or telephone us. Contact details are on Page 1.