



East Sussex Saab

A Branch of the SAAB Owners Club of GB Ltd.

Branch Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the November Newsletter!

I like to say thank you to everyone who made it to the last meeting in Crowborough. It was a small turnout compared to our inaugural meeting but a worthwhile meeting nonetheless. The meeting report is on page 2.



Our December meeting is to be held at Ballamys Saab in Shoreham. We will have the opportunity to ask questions and test-drive both new and used cars. Even if you are not in a position to replace your current vehicle, it should be of interest to all Saab owners. Further details can be found on page 3.

I would like to draw your attention to our selection of branch merchandise that can be found on page 2. We currently have a small selection of goods that can be ordered via the website or from myself at any of our branch meetings.

I look forward to seeing you on 9th December at Ballamys.

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.

December Issue - Friday 12th December 2003

January Issue - Friday 16th January 2004

February Issue - Friday 13th February 2004

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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The word SAAB was originally an acronym for Svenska Aeroplan Aktiebolaget

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
West Sussex
RH10 4NP
Tel: 01342 716322
www.saab.co.uk

INDEPENDENTS

Bourne Motors
1-2 Cornfield Lane
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN21 4NE
Tel: 01323 727011
www.bournemotorssussex.co.uk

SAAB FLIGHT
Mill Lane Garage
Mill Lane
Hellingly
Hailsham
East Sussex
BN27 4HD
Tel: 01323 449908
www.saabflight.co.uk

Mann Woodland
Medina Place
Hove
East Sussex
BN3 2RF
Tel: 01273 771807
www.mannwoodland.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

SAAB's first Concept Car was launched in 1985 and was called the EV-1.

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

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

November's meeting was held at the Crowborough & District Social Club. The venue was offered by one of our members, who is the president of the Club.

Although it was very foggy, the location was reasonably easy to find and ample parking was provided in the Waitrose car park directly opposite the club. When we arrived, free snacks were on hand and cheap drinks were available from the bar.

The Social Club is at our disposal whenever we would like to use it, so we have decided to meet there every 4 months. Our next meeting in Crowborough will therefore be on Tuesday 9th March at 8pm.

We had a total of 9 members and non-members arrive which, although small, made for a close and friendly meeting.

Because we have not yet decided on a venue for our January meeting, suggestions were sought. A good suggestion put forward was the Horseshoe Inn in Windmill Hill near Herstmonceux. This has now been confirmed. Details on p3.

Topics covered on the evening included insurance, Jeremy Clarkson's review of the 9-5 Aero on BBC's Top Gear, parts prices and recommended repairers, track days and performance tuning. Insurance was something that people were eager to talk about but most of us wanted to find out from an expert, ways to reduce our premiums. Chris Knott, the official owners club insurance broker has been contacted regarding attending a future meeting.

There was great interest in whether it would be worth arranging a day out to Abbott Racing in Essex. Although they are not open on Saturdays, some members were led to believe that Abbott would open if enough people were to attend. More details will follow if something can be arranged.

Branch Merchandise

At East Sussex Saab, we now have a range of merchandise. As you can see from the pictures to the right, it includes items such as T-shirts, Mugs and Hats.

	1-14	15+
White T-Shirt (2XL-4XL add £1.90)	£8.75	£5.69
Mug	£7.00	£4.55
Large Mug	£7.50	£4.88
Women's T-Shirt (2XL add £1.90)	£8.75	£5.69
Baseball Cap	£8.00	£5.20
Infant/Toddler T-Shirt (6 mths-4yrs)	£5.00	£3.25
Wall Clock	£7.00	£4.55
Sweatshirt	£13.00	£8.45

As you can see from the prices above, if a single item is ordered in multiples of 15+ then we get 35% discount on the prices above.

All prices exclude P&P which is charged at £4.40 for the first item, and £2.50 for every additional item. The postage costs are the same on bulk orders.

If you would like to order any of these items, please see the branch secretary at any of our meetings, or visit our website.

PLEASE NOTE: All orders must be paid for in advance. You can pay by Credit/VISA debit card via our website, but this does not include bulk orders. If you wish to purchase as part of a bulk order, this cannot be done online. If you purchase as part of a bulk order, you cannot have the items delivered to an address of your choice and must be collected from a branch meeting or branch secretary. Orders take approximately 4 weeks. All orders are charged at cost and no commission is made by the branch.



FUTURE MEETING DATES

Date: 9th December 2003 (Tuesday)
Venue: Ballamys Saab, Shoreham-by-Sea
Time: 7.30pm-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.ballamyssaab.co.uk

Date: 13th January 2004 (Tuesday)
Venue: Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill
Time: 7.30pm-10pm

Details: Our January meeting of East Sussex Saab will be held at the Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill Nr Herstmonceux.

Chris Knott, the official branch insurance broker will be there to give a talk on insurance and answer any questions you may have.

The Horseshoe Inn is situated on the A271 between Hailsham and Bexhill.

We have been given use of their function room with bar, and parking is available on site.

Address: Horseshoe Inn
Windmill Hill
Hailsham
BN27 4RU

Telephone: 01323 833265

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?

On 27 February 1947, SAAB formally announced that they would produce automobiles.

LATEST POLL

Every month we have a short poll on the East Sussex Saab website.

The poll for October was:
What SAAB do you drive?
The results are below;

9-5	3 votes	10%
9-3SS	0 votes	0%
9-3	2 votes	7%
GM900	2 votes	7%
9000	11 votes	38%
c900	10 votes	34%
99	0 votes	0%
96	1 vote	3%
Other	0 votes	0%

Total Votes..... 29

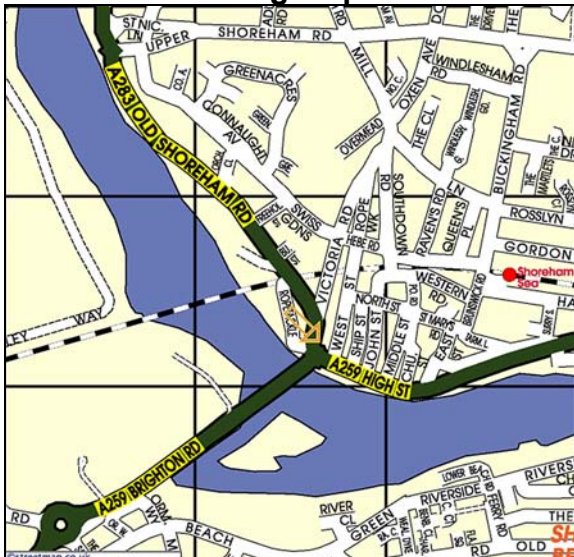
Novembers poll is:

SAAB's Best Innovation is...

- Side Impact Bars
- Dual Brake Circuits
- Blind Spot Mirror
- Direct Ignition
- Pollen Filter
- Headlamp Wash/Wipe
- Heated Seats
- Ventilated Seats
- Turbocharging
- Other

If you would like participate in this poll, please visit our website.

December Meeting Map



January Meeting Map



DID YOU KNOW?

Both the 9-3SS and the 9-5 achieved the maximum 5 Stars in the EuroNCAP crash tests.

LATEST NEWS

New Saab 9-2X to debut at Los Angeles in December

The new, sporty Saab 9-2X continues Saab's biggest-ever product offensive by taking the Swedish manufacturer into a new market segment with a fresh expression of Saab's traditional reputation for combining fun-to-drive enjoyment and smart versatility.

Positioned below the 9-3 Sport Sedan in size, the 9-2X is the first production Saab to have all-wheel drive and will offer excellent driving dynamics, in addition to turbo performance and hatchback practicality.

Two versions will be available, both with five-door bodystyles and all-wheel-drive as standard. The entry level Saab 9-2X will be powered by a naturally-aspirated 2.5-liter engine and the top Aero model will feature a 227 bhp, 2.0-liter turbo unit.

Its world debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show in the US was confirmed at the Tokyo Motor Show by Peter Augustsson, President and CEO of Saab Automobile AB.

Leveraging the global resources of the GM Group, Saab Automobile AB is collaborating with Fuji Heavy Industries to create the Saab 9-2X model in co-operation with Subaru, Fuji's automotive division.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

In January 1976, the one-millionth Saab car came off the production line at Trollhättan in Sweden.

YOU RECOMMEND

Parts for Saabs

Parts for Saabs is a UK based online store supplying genuine Saab, aftermarket & performance Saab parts and accessories, with fast despatch available to most destinations worldwide. Because they can discount parts lower than a main dealer, they still usually work out cheaper than a main dealer with the postage cost included.

They offer an online quotation system that is quick and easy to use. When you have received your quote by email, you can follow the link to order those items online.

I bought a few bits from them to service my car, and it worked out cheaper than going to the main dealer 30 miles away even with my 15% dealer discount card!

Recommended by TF

Address: Parts For Saabs Ltd, 60 Hill Road, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 1LE.

Tel/Fax: 020 8422 5539

Email: sales@partsforaabs.com **Web:** www.partsforaabs.com

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 or 07979 981640. 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, 6 Months Tax, VGC, A Classic Example. £600 ono. Tel: 07901 561111. Ask for Charlotte.

FOR SALE

Description: 1994 (M) Saab 9000 CS 2.3 LPT, Abbott Racing T8 conversion, Black, Leather Seats, Climate Control, 168k Miles, MOT'd, Service History (most), Much Money Recently Spent, Uprated Power Delivery & Suspension - Drives Beautifully. £2500. Tel: 07715 001249 or 01323 449908.

FOR SALE

Description: 1993 (K) Saab 9000 CS 2.3T Carlsson, Red, Leather Seats, Sunroof, 199k Miles, Service History (most), Recent Replacement Gearbox, Very Fast, Looks Lovely. MOT & Tax. £1795. Tel: 07715 001249 or 01323 449908.

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.