



East Sussex Saab

A Branch of the SAAB Owners Club of GB Ltd.

Branch Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the First Newsletter of 2004!

I hope that you had a good Christmas and New Year! I expect, like myself, that most people over indulged over the festive season and had too much turkey and mince pies. It's just the right time to make that New Year Resolution. If you're like me however, it won't last that long anyway!

First of all I'd like to say Thank You to the guest speaker from our January meeting, Chris Knott from Chris Knott Insurance. I hope that everyone who attended the meeting found it very interesting, I certainly did. More can be found in our meeting report on Page 2.

We are now in a position to take bookings for our excursion to Abbott Racing in March. We need to ensure we have enough interest so that the event can take place, so please book straight away. The day should be a good way to speak to staff at Abbott's and have a look at what they have to offer. Full details can be found on Page 4.

I look forward to seeing you and your family on 8th February at Coopers.

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.

February Issue - Friday 13th February 2004

March Issue - Friday 12th March 2004

April Issue - Friday 16th April 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?

In 1985 the Saab 9000 was voted the Best Prestige Car by L'Action Automobile, France

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.uk.com

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
2 St. Johns Road
Hove
East Sussex
BN3 2FB
Tel: 01273 771807
www.mannwoodland.com

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2003 the Saab 9-5 received the title "The Safest Car in Sweden" by Folksam insurance comp-any, Sweden

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

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

Our first meeting of 2004 was held at the Horseshoe Inn in Windmill Hill near Herstmonceux. The management at the Horseshoe Inn had kindly given us use of a private function room with bar, so we could conduct the evening in relative peace and quiet.

Chris Knott from Chris Knott Insurance, the official insurance broker for the Saab Owners Club, was the visiting guest speaker on the night.

The evening was quite relaxed and informal. We started off just chatting amongst ourselves and once everyone had arrived, we handed over to Chris Knott.

Chris had plenty of useful information about insurance including statistics, current schemes, future schemes and customer profiles. Some of the more interesting statistics about the company are below;

- approximately 22,000 clients
- over 1,000 SOC Members have policies
- 85% of all vehicles insured are over 3 years old.
- Recommended by 25 car clubs nationwide

The talk soon led into a discussion as Members asked questions about specific items Chris was talking about.

The evening proved a great success and Members came away from the evening with a better knowledge of the insurance industry in general as well as Saabs in insurance.

If you want more information about Chris Knott Insurance or would like a quote, telephone 0800 917 2274 or visit www.saab.ownersclubinsurance.com. Maybe they can save you money without compromising on quality!

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: 8th February 2004 (Sunday)
Venue: Coopers, Stone Cross
Time: 1pm-3.30pm

Details: Our February meeting of East Sussex Saab will be held at Coopers Pub and Restaurant near Stone Cross.

This will be our first Sunday meeting since our inaugural one back in October. You are encouraged to bring your family along with you to this meeting as there is a family room with play area for the kids, and there is limited unreserved seating.

Coopers is situated on the B2104, midway between Hailsham and Eastbourne, 1/2 mile north of Stone Cross.

Address: Coopers
 Hailsham Road
 Stone Cross
 Pevensey
 BN24 5BU

Telephone: 01323 763212

February Meeting Map



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1994, the Automobile magazine, USA awarded the Saab 900 the Technology of the Year Award for Saab Tronic.

LATEST POLL

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

The poll for December was:
How many Saabs have you owned?

The results are below;

One	9%
Two	46%
Three.....	27%
Four.....	9%
Five or more	9%
Total	100%

Januaries poll is:
How many points do you currently have on your Driving Licence?

- None
- 1-3
- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10-11
- Disqualified

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

MEMBER NEWS

On 29th December 2003, at 15:21 the East Sussex Saab Branch Secretary, Toby Field, became a father for the second time.

The new arrival was a completely healthy baby boy delivered by scheduled caesarean, weighing 6lb 7oz.

The arrival was a bit of a surprise as he was not due until 18th January.

Toby and his wife Kelly have named the baby Alex.

After five days in hospital, Mother and Baby were allowed home.

Toby's other son in almost four and is called Thomas.

Date: 9th March 2004 (Tuesday)
Venue: Crowborough & District Social Club, Crowborough
Time: 7.30pm-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.

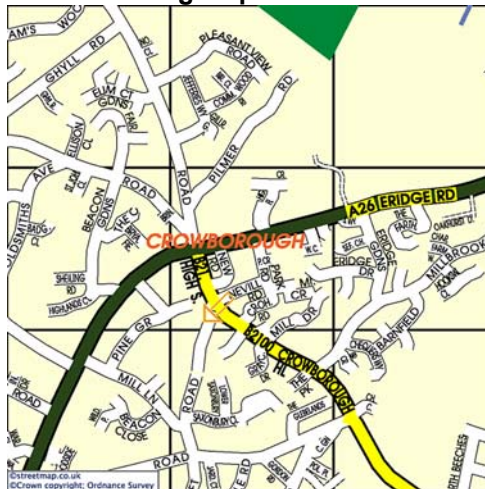
There is sufficient parking provided in the Waitrose car park.

The Social Club is quite easy to find. Just follow the A26 into Crowborough, turn onto the B2100 and then onto Croft Road. The Social Club is directly opposite Waitrose Supermarket.

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

Telephone: 01892 654856

March Meeting Map



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?

In 2001 Saab's worldwide vehicle production was 123,755 cars.

LATEST NEWS

Saab adds 1.8i to its Model Line-up

A 1.8 fuel injected 122 bhp engine has now been added to the acclaimed 9-3 range.

With an on the road price of £16995, and a highly competitive specification level, the 1.8i provides the ideal opportunity to own a Saab.

All the safety attributes associated with the Saab product range and standard items, feature in this model including:

- 15" Steel wheels with 18 spoke covers
- Air Conditioning
- Electric Windows and Door Mirrors
- Radio with CD player
- ABS and Power Steering
- Airbags-front, side and roof
- SAHR (Saab Active Head Restraints-front seats)
- Traction Control
- Anti-theft alarm and immobiliser.

For further details about this car then please contact your local Saab dealer.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1995, the 9000 CDE V6 was voted "Top Car in its Price Class" by the American Automobile Association (AAA).

BRANCH EXCURSION

Date: 27th March 2004 (Saturday)
Venue: Abbott Racing, Essex
Time: 10.30am-3pm



We have planned our first branch excursion with a visit to Abbott Racing in Essex.

Abbott Racing have 17 years experience in all things Saab. From Sales to Servicing and from Racing to Tuning, you name it, they've done it!

Abbott Racing are well known all over the world and have agents in many countries including the United States, Sweden and even Russia!

Our trip to Abbott's will start at around 10.30am. We will start off with a tour of the facilities, then a question and answer session followed by a look at the vehicles they currently have and maybe even a test drive. (weather and time permitting). We will then go onto a pub for lunch before calling it a day.

Please Note: If you would like to attend this event, please contact the Secretary using the contact details on page 1. There is a minimum number required before this event can go ahead so please book straight away.

We have a few travel options. 1. Minibus pickup from set collection points across East Sussex with a contribution to cover fuel costs (max 16 people) or 2. Members take their own cars lift-sharing with neighbouring members and sharing fuel costs. Please nominate your preference and your location when reserving your place.

Abbott Racing Motorsport, Spinnels Farm, Spinnels Lane, Wix, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 2UJ.

Email: sales@abbotracing.com

Tel: 01255 870636

Web: www.abbotracing.com

FOR SALE / WANTED

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!! £9000 ono. Tel: 01323 768207 or 07979 981640. Ask for Marion.



FOR SALE

Various used V4 parts: 1700cc crank shaft, twin choke inlet manifold, body panels, screws etc.

Steel Wheels: V4, 99, 900 and some tyres.

Tel: 01424 713927 (3-7pm only). Ask for Ian.

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



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