



East Sussex Saab

A Branch of the SAAB Owners Club of GB Ltd.

Branch Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the July/August Newsletter.

This is the first newsletter for a while. There are many reasons for the delay including personal commitments and lack of input from other members. Don't forget, if you'd like to contribute to the newsletter, please get in touch.

We have a return visit to Abbott Racing planned in October. Many enjoyed themselves last time we went and this time it will give members who couldn't make it last time, the opportunity to see their workshops, cars and talk to their knowledgeable staff (details on page 2).

We recently visited Lewes for the Harveys Brewery Tour. A full report can be found on page 4.

I have just returned from the SOC National in Staffordshire. I will include put a report with pictures in the next newsletter.

Kind Regards,

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.

September/October - Friday 16th September 2005

November/December - Friday 11th November 2005

January/February - Friday 13th January 2006

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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Dealer Listing

MAIN DEALERS

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Shoreham-by-Sea
West Sussex. BN43 6RT
Tel: 01273 461411
www.frostssaab.com

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

INDEPENDENTS

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

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

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

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

SAABTECH
11 Harold Mews
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Tel: 01424 439391
www.saabtech.co.uk

BRANCH EXCURSION

Date: 15th October 2005 (Saturday)
Venue: Abbott Racing, Essex
Time: 10.30am-3pm



We have planned a return visit to Saab Performance Specialists 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 can 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 are a limited number of places so please book straight away.

Members are encouraged to car share where possible with other members. If you have spare places in your car, please let the secretary know so we can let other members know.

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

2 x 205/50/16 tyres that might suit someone with an old 9000 on 16" rims - I took them off when I put the wheels on my 900 as they are too wide for the back arches and the 900 is specified for 195s.

Free to collect from Hove – phone Steve on 01273 418660.

If you would like to submit a for sale / wanted advert in this newsletter, please email, write or telephone us. Contact details are on Page 1.

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 £1.75)	£7.75	£5.00
Mug	£6.00	£3.90
Large Mug	£6.50	£4.25
Women's T-Shirt (2XL add £1.75)	£7.75	£5.00
Baseball Cap	£7.75	£5.00
Infant/Toddler T-Shirt (6 mths-4yrs)	£4.75	£3.00
Wall Clock	£6.00	£4.00
Sweatshirt.....	£12.00	£7.50

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

All prices exclude P&P which is charged at £4.00 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 card or VISA Delta 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 3 weeks. All orders are charged at cost and no commission is made by the branch.



FUTURE MEETING DATES

Date: 10th August 2005 (Wednesday)
Venue: Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill
Time: 8pm-10pm

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

We will be meeting in the main bar as the function room is being used on the evening.

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

Address: Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill, Hailsham, BN27 4RU

Telephone: 01323 833265

August/September Meeting Map



LATEST NEWS

Saab Reaches Four Million Milestone

A Saab 9-3 SportCombi model established a production milestone for the brand this week (21 June) by becoming the four millionth Saab car to be built.

At 14.35 hours CET, the fusion blue 9-3 SportCombi 2.0t - one of the first examples of the newly-announced model - rolled off the production line at Saab's Trollhättan plant in Sweden and was taken straight to the Saab Museum, where it will go on display among a pantheon of historic exhibits.

Saab's four millionth milestone has been reached 55 years and six months after the Svenska Aeroplan Aktiebolaget (Swedish Aircraft Company Limited), commonly known as 'Saab', produced its first car at the same Trollhättan plant, formerly used to build aircraft. That car was a small, teardrop-shaped 92 model, the beginning of the company's diversification into the automotive business.

As the brand moves further into the premium segment, Saab production milestones are being reached with increasing regularity. The millionth car - a Saab 99 Combi Coupé - was rolled out in January 1976, the two millionth - a Saab 9000 Turbo - in March 1987 and the three millionth - a Saab 9-5 sedan - in October 1997. Now the four million mark has been reached less than eight years later.

The best selling model of all-time is still the classic, first generation Saab 900, of which 908,810 were produced between 1978 and 1993. Number two in the list is the Saab 99 (588,643 units), third is the Saab 96 (547,221), fourth the Saab 9000 (503,087) and fifth the current Saab 9-5 series (392,048).

Today, the Saab brand offers customers more product choice than ever before. The current Saab 9-3 range includes Sport Sedan, SportCombi and Convertible variants. The 9-5 series offers Sedan and SportCombi formats and, in the United States, the Saab 9-2X and 9-7X add all-wheel-drive, sport compact and SUV versatility.

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September

14th – Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill
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October

12th – Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill
8pm-10pm

15th - Abbott Racing, Essex

November

9th – Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill
8pm-10pm

December

14th – Horseshoe Inn, Windmill Hill
8pm-10pm

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.

YOU RECOMMEND – TURNERS HILL GARAGE

A car reversed out of a drive hitting my passenger door and rear panel causing £2000 of damage, they took it in gave me a loan car and when they returned the car it had been cleaned. They did a very good job and there are no rattles or noises you can sometimes get after bodywork has been done.

Recommended by SC

Address: Turners Hill Garage Ltd, Turners Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4NP.

Tel: 01342 716322

Email: sales@saab.uk.com

Web: www.saab.uk.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.



IS BEER THE NEW BLACK?

Date: 29th June 2005 (Wednesday)
Venue: Harveys Brewery, Lewes
Time: 6.30pm-11pm

A brewery tour is a rare treat. So when Harveys in Lewes kindly opened their doors to the East Sussex Saab owners club they had to fight back the stampede.

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For the full story and other latest news visit our website at www.eastsussexsaab.co.uk.



Harvey & Son Brewery in Lewes, established in 1790, is one of the oldest independent breweries in the south. It brews and supplies beer to the local area through 45 tied public houses and various local free houses. Harveys consider beers to be regional products, and as such do not market their beer in any pubs more than 50 miles or so from Lewes.

On a hot and balmy evening in June we gathered outside the John Harvey Tavern in Lewes, East Sussex. This is Harveys main pub in Lewes and is situated a stones throw away from the Brewery itself on the other side of the cobbled street. There was just time to savour a pint of the amber nectar that is Harvey's Best Bitter before the tour started. As we chatted about the days events and sipped our beer, Joint MD of Harveys, Hamish Eldar came over to the pub to start the tour. Dressed in a white lab coat and with an eccentric turn he started to regale us of the history of Harveys Brewery.

The tour moved on to the Brewery itself where we tasted different malt barleys and savoured the smell of crushed hops as Hamish explained how the different ingredients were combined with Harveys own water, drawn from a bored well in their brewery, to produce the various different Harveys beers. The tour then moved through the brewing process from the mash tuns where the ingredients are mixed and onto the large vats where Harveys own yeast culture is left to ferment through the liquor.

The final stop on the tour was the pleasantly cool bottling room, where the final cask conditioning process was explained and we were able to sample Harveys range of draft and bottled beers. Harveys traditionally brew best bitter and Armada ale (a slightly stronger pale ale) during the summer, and Old ale (a traditional dark ale) during the winter months, in addition to these, they also brew a different seasonal ale each month. In July, the season ale is Tom Paine, brewed to commemorate the bicentenary of Thomas Paine's "The Rights of Man". CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ales) designated July as a celebration of British Independent Brewers of which Harveys is one. This is a dry hopped strong pale ale awarded the Silver Medal at the BBI Awards in 1993. Personally this is one of our favourite Harveys ales, so we felt particularly lucky to be sampling this in the brewery itself.

We finished the evening with a few more pints of ale back at the John Harvey tavern, before we were pleased to see our sober girlfriends with our 9000 Aeros to transport us home.

Report by Matthew Jones, Gareth Jones and Chris Trick



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