



East Sussex Saab

A Branch of the SAAB Owners Club of GB Ltd.

Branch Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the June/July Newsletter

It's been a while since we last brought you a branch newsletter and I apologise for this. It has been a hectic time for all of us involved in the branch preparing for the ModBall Rally (see page 2 for details).

We have organised another BBQ and again the Treasurer will be our host (see page 3 for details). It will be held on 17th June, the day we come back from our pan-European rally. I hope you can make it.

For those of you that don't usually attend our monthly meetings we still meet at the Cross-in-Hand Inn, near Heathfield. We look forward to seeing you at one of our future meetings.

Don't forget you can track our progress of the ModBall Rally via our website, www.team.saabclub.co.uk in real time. We'll also have regular diary updates and photos.

Kind Regards,

Chris Trick, Branch Chairman

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TAKING ON THE MODBALL RALLY EUROPE 2007

A group of three Members have created Team Saab Club and are entering the 2007 ModBall Rally Europe. The Saab Owners Club have proudly backed them as official sponsors.

The event takes place on Sunday 10th June starting at the world famous Millennium Dome (now called The O2) and the team will be joined by up to 150 other teams driving almost 3,000 miles across Europe over 7 days. The journey will take them through many countries including France, Holland, Germany, Italy and Austria. The team is made up of Members all based in East Sussex.



The car they are entering the event with is a 1998 9000 Anniversary that belongs to Team Captain Toby Field. The other pilots are Chris Trick and Gareth Jones.

Sponsors:



To enter the event your vehicle has to be modified in at least two categories. The 9000 has an uprated ECU, suspension components, brakes, wheels and ICE.



The team has been lucky enough to acquire sponsorship from seven other companies. Samco Sport have provided the team with silicone turbo and coolant hoses and Forge Motorsport have supplied an uprated intercooler and wastegate actuator.



PartsforSaabs have provided the team with upgraded brakes for the vehicle whilst Saabflight have offered to prepare the car prior to the event and let them use their workshop facilities when necessary.



Bristol Embroidery have produced some bespoke polo shirts for the team and Signs & Graphics Etc have produced the vehicle graphics.



Lastly, Starfish Creative Design have offered to provide support and updates to their website while the team are away on the rally. They are also providing them with live satellite vehicle tracking. This will enable the team to let you know exactly where they are and where they've been on the rally in real time via their website!

Supporting:



Although the purpose of the rally is to have fun driving across Europe, Team Saab Club will also be raising money for Cancer Research UK along the way. If anyone would like to donate to their cause, you can do so online. Please see their website for details.

To follow the team's progress or to find out more about the event, visit their website at www.team.saabclub.co.uk.



FUTURE MEETING DATES

Date: 13th June 2007 (Wednesday)
Venue: Cross in Hand inn, Nr Heathfield
Time: 8pm-10pm

Details: Our June meeting of East Sussex Saab will be held at the Cross in Hand Inn, Cross in Hand, Nr Heathfield.

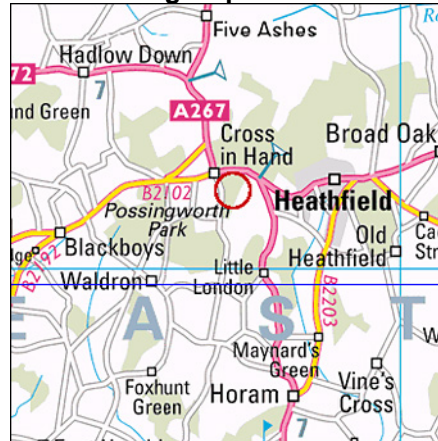
The Cross in Hand is a part timbered, part boarded public house and restaurant set in the village that gives the pub its curious name.

Directions: The Cross in Hand Inn is situated on the A267 near Heathfield.

Address: Cross in Hand Inn, Cross in Hand, Nr. Heathfield, East Sussex, TN21 0SN

Telephone: 01435 862053

June Meeting Map



LATEST NEWS

Saab 9-5 BioPower 100 Concept premieres at Geneva

Saab will give green motoring a performance boost at next month's Geneva Motor Show when it unveils its latest BioPower technology - the first production-based engine to be optimised for pure bioethanol (E100) fuel.

The Saab BioPower 100 is an exciting evolution of the Saab 9-5 Estate car and demonstrates the great performance potential of bioethanol. Combining Saab's turbocharging expertise with the use of high-octane E100 fuel, the 2.0-litre 9-5 engine produces an incredible 300 hp. This has been possible through modifications to the engine management system and internal components, allowing the use of greater boost pressure with a raised compression ratio. This exceptionally high specific power output of 150 bhp per litre demonstrates scope for future 'rightsizing'- using small high output engines that also deliver energy savings.

Peak power is complemented by a substantial 400 Nm of torque, giving the engine similar power to a naturally-aspirated 4.0 litre unit. Indeed the Saab 9-5 BioPower 100 Concept accelerates from 0 - 62 mph in just 6.6 seconds and 50 - 70 mph (fifth gear) in an even more impressive 8.2 seconds.

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES AT A GLANCE

June	October
13 th - Cross in Hand Inn, Nr Heathfield 8pm-10pm	10 th - Cross in Hand Inn, Nr Heathfield 8pm-10pm
July	November
11 th - Cross in Hand Inn, Nr Heathfield 8pm-10pm	14 th - Cross in Hand Inn, Nr Heathfield 8pm-10pm
August	December
8 th - Cross in Hand Inn, Nr Heathfield 8pm-10pm	12 th - Cross in Hand Inn, Nr Heathfield 8pm-10pm
September	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.
12 th - Cross in Hand Inn, Nr Heathfield 8pm-10pm	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SaaBQ – Sun 17th June – 6pm-9pm

Our summer BBQ is to be held at the Treasurer's House. Richard has kindly offered to do all the cooking and will supply all soft drinks. Please be aware that no alcohol will be provided on the evening and members are requested to bring their own.

Members must confirm that they will be attending otherwise food cannot be provided. Please do this by emailing treasurer@eastsussexsaab.co.uk, or phone 07733 233160. If you have any special dietary requirements i.e. vegetarian please let us know.

The cost for the barbeque is £5.00. Please remember to refrain from eating beforehand, as plenty of food will be available.

Address: 9 Cedars Close, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1JA.

Telephone: 07733 233160

Directions: Take the A22 to Uckfield, then turn onto the B2102 (Bell Farm Road). At the end of the road turn left into High Street for approx 1km. Cedars Close is on the left.



SAAB DAY OUT TO BEAULIEU

Date: 16th September (Saturday)

Venue: Beaulieu, Hampshire

What an excellent, fun day out!

We had an easy run down the A27/M27, overtaking Toby & John en-route. On the roads through the New Forest we negotiated loose ponies, who seem oblivious to the traffic carefully weaving round them.

On arrival at Beaulieu there were smart signs welcoming our group & we were directed to our own parking area. A varied assortment of Saabs arrived ranging from a 96 to a 9-5. Much polishing, lifting of bonnets & discussing of tweaks & mods ensued.

A sizeable contingent of members from bristol arrived with some really nice cars.

We ambled over to the entrance making a detour to be nosey around the cars from the Vauxhall Vectra Owners Club, who were having their 2nd Annual Club Day at Beaulieu.

The main exhibition hall was packed with a phenomenal array of vehicles, many with current tax discs showing that they aren't just museum relics.

I particularly like the fact that the cars where all in one big hall, rather than having separate areas for the different types of cars - so a Rolls Royce Silver Ghost was just a few steps away from Del Boy's three-wheeler. There is plenty to read about each vehicle on display. Being a keen F1 fan myself I particularly appreciated the F1 display of cars from seasons past.

After adjourning for lunch we decided to be 'big kids' and have a go on the Monorail taking us on a loop round the grounds, including through the top of the roof of the main exhibition hall.

Toby's sons had a race round the go-cart track, even despite one of them struggling to reach the pedals they had really good go.

The remote controlled cars proved a tad more tricky, as when the car is facing you, you have to think rather carefully about which way to turn the wheel!

We wandered round the James Bond Experience with exhibits from the numerous films, then took our seats in the Motion Machine for a superb rally drive through a forest. Obviously the motion wasn't as violent as it would have been in reality. But it was quite enough to give a nice adrenalin rush!

It was definitely a very pleasant & enjoyable outing ☺

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

LATEST NEWS

NEW SAAB 9-3 RANGE

The new Saab 9-3 range will feature bold new styling, inspired by the award-winning Aero X concept car, backed by cutting edge technology for greater driving appeal.

With all-new bonnet, front bumper and wings, 'signature' lighting, new door panels and rear styling features, the latest generation 9-3 acquires a more focused, assertive stance, reflecting the introduction of technical advances aimed at delivering an even more rewarding experience behind the wheel.

Most noticeable is the sharper frontal styling, which adopts grille and bonnet themes first seen on the Aero X concept, together with a return of Saab's classic 'clamshell' design. This new 'face' is reinforced by other exterior changes that all combine to give the range a clearer, more distinctive Saab identity.

"We are introducing significant developments across three key areas: design, performance and handling," says Jan Åke Jonsson, Managing Director of Saab Automobile. "The result is a major step forward in strengthening the visual and driving appeal of our core product line-up, which accounts for about two-thirds of global sales."

The new 9-3 range comprises Sport Saloon, SportWagon and Convertible models, all available with petrol, diesel or BioPower (bioethanol E85) engine variants. Available in four forms in the UK, Airflow, Linear SE, Vector Sport and Aero, the first cars will be delivered to the UK in the autumn.



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