



East Sussex Saab

A Branch of the SAAB Owners Club of GB Ltd.

Branch Newsletter

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the March/April Newsletter.

We have a few events lined up for you over the coming months. Firstly, a fellow member from West Sussex has arranged a Saab London to Brighton run at the end of March (see p2). We then have the Bromley Pageant of Motoring in June (see p3). Then we have our annual SaaBQ in August and a Treasure Hunt in September (see p3).

We also hope to arrange a trip to the Bluebell Railway in August but details are not yet confirmed.

If anyone has any news or what to write an article for the newsletter, please contact the Branch Secretary using the contact details below. This is your club and we would love it if you could send us some content.

Regards,

Chris Trick
Branch Chairman

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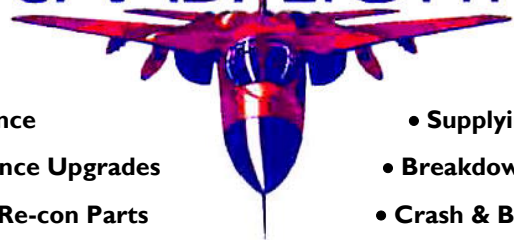
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SAAB LONDON TO BRIGHTON 30TH MARCH 2008

A group of people from the popular UKSAABS internet forum – www.uksaabs.co.uk – are arranging the 1st (I think) Saab London to Brighton Event at the end of this month.



The run will start at Kenley Aerodrome...this is situated approx 8 miles west of Croydon, and will cover approximately 65 miles of road through Surrey and East Sussex countryside and villages...there will be a half way stop for refreshments and a re-group.

They aim to arrive at Brighton Marina at approx 12.30 where we will be guided into the central plaza (this is a large shopping area on the waters side that isn't usually accessible to vehicles). On arrival there will be the chance to shop, eat or even go bowling or fishing... there's plenty for all to do so this should be a great day out for the family

A rally plaque will be issued to all attending (subject to them being printed in time). All the details will be published on UKSAABS (in the meetings section). The event is hoped to be free and a charity box will be passed around. So far the charity hasn't been chosen.

Start time from the aerodrome will be 9.15 to leave at 9.30 – although some groups are heading to the start point in convoy from Hampshire and Sussex.

If you'd like to know more you can call John on 07909 611754 (during the day and early evenings only please).

Dealer Listing

MAIN DEALERS

Frosts Saab
69-75 Brighton Road
Shoreham-by-Sea
West Sussex. BN43 6RT
Tel: 01273 461411
www.frostssaab.com

Turners Hill Garage Ltd
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East Sussex. BN21 3SE
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Bourne Motors
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Tel: 01323 727011
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For Sale/Wanted

Four Saab Super Aero wheels - from a 1995 9000 Aero. 16" complete with legal tyres (about 3 mm) and centre caps. Condition is OK, some kerbing, but not too bad.- £200
Also, 9000 Aero springs and shock absorbers 145k miles, but ok when removed due to upgrade - £50 – Call Chris on 07789 933906

Saab 95 For Sale. Executor's sale. Canary yellow, green interior, tax free, 'L' reg, 25447 miles on the clock. Previously owned for many years by a Saab mechanic. Been garaged for the last 4 years, but no MOT. Usual cosmetic rust, floor pan looks and feels solid, would benefit from a respray. Broken O/S/R opening and rear windows but spares with car. Front seats need recovering, replacement fabric included. Opening sun roof, CB radio, clock, tow bar, extra front lights. Engine runs and sounds good. May need a tow away.....£300.00. Tel Hastings 01424 426672.

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: 9th April 2008 (Wednesday)
Venue: Trevor Arms, Glynde Nr Lewes
Time: 8pm-10pm

Details: Our April meeting of East Sussex Saab will be held at the Trevor Arms at Glynde Nr Lewes.

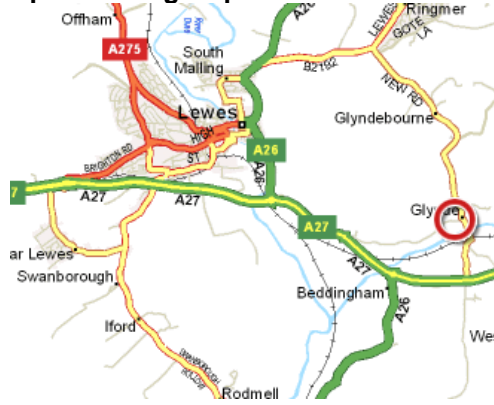
The Trevor Arms has a large menu of excellent English dishes if you want to eat.

Directions: The Trevor Arms is situated in the quiet village of Glynde, 3 miles from Lewes and just off the A27. Glynde station is next to the pub for easy access.

Address: Trevor Arms, Glynde, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 6SS

Telephone: 01273 858208

April Meeting Map



1.9 TTiD engine now available in all 9-3 Vector Sport variants

Saab has announced that its 1.9 TTiD engine is now available in all 9-3 Vector Sport variants, bringing this revolutionary technology into a completely new price range.



Previously only available in the flagship Aero model, prices will start from just £25,315 for the Vector Sport variant.

The Saab TTiD engine produces 180 hp (132kW) and 400 Nm of maximum torque, specific power outputs that are unmatched among competitor products on the market. With a combined fuel consumption of 50.4 mpg for the Saloon, and an exceptionally low CO2 emissions rate of just 149g/km, this engine offers class-leading economy, together with in-gear performance on a par with the 2.8V6 turbo petrol engine.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AT A GLANCE

March

12th - Trevor Arms, Glynde Nr. Lewes
8pm-10pm

30th - London to Brighton
All day event – see feature

April

9th - Trevor Arms, Glynde Nr. Lewes
8pm-10pm

May

14th - Trevor Arms, Glynde Nr. Lewes
8pm-10pm

June

11th - Trevor Arms, Glynde Nr. Lewes
8pm-10pm

15th - Bromley Pageant, Norman's Park, Bromley

July

9th - Trevor Arms, Glynde Nr. Lewes
8pm-10pm

August

13th - SaaBQ, Treasurer's House, Uckfield

Bromley Pageant of Motoring

We attend this show in 2005 with a stand of 3 performance oriented Saabs, which proved popular.

We are keen to take a stand to the show again this year with a selection of 900s, 99s, 90s V4s and two strokes. If you have a classic Saab which polishes up well and are interested in showing your car, please get in touch by telephoning 01323 460363 or emailing secretary@eastsussexsaab.co.uk. We need to know numbers so that we can ask for the appropriate size of stand.

We should be able to obtain a limited number of free tickets for the event for those prepared to show their car.

Late Summer Treasure Hunt

We are planning to run a late summer treasure hunt around East Sussex on 14th September. The treasure hunt is expected to start at the public car park in Burwash High Street at 10am, and finish at another location for lunch after an approximately 60 mile drive through the Sussex countryside.

This event is still in the early planning stages, but if you are interested in finding out more, please contact the secretary either by calling 01323 460363 or e-mailing secretary@eastsussexsaab.co.uk.



LATEST NEWS

9-X BioHybrid makes American Debut



“Following its world premiere at the Geneva auto show earlier this month, the award-winning Saab 9-X BioHybrid premium compact concept is scheduled to make its American debut at the New York International Auto Show media days, beginning March 19.”

“Exploring design themes from Saab’s award-winning Aero X and earlier 9-X concepts, the 9-X BioHybrid also demonstrates the potential for ultra-efficient power from a 200-horsepower (147 kW), 1.4L BioPower turbo engine backed by GM’s next-generation hybrid system. Projected combined cycle CO₂ emissions of just 105 g/km on E85 fuel are testimony to the promise of this package.”

“Echoing Saab’s roots in aircraft design, the 9-X BioHybrid also explores the potential for using active aerodynamics to reduce drag – and fuel consumption – at cruising speeds. Above 43 mph (70 kph), the upper and lower bodywork is reshaped as the roof spoiler automatically extends to further lengthen the roof line. An underbody diffuser is deployed from the bottom of the rear bumper.”

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

TANGMERE AVIATION MUSEUM

On a freezing cold November morning, we drove down to Shoreham airport to meet up with some fellow Saabers. After ten minutes or so waiting for all those expected to turn up, (and noting how exposed, windswept and cold airfields were) we headed off in a convoy of seven assorted Saabs and one Beetle toward Tangmere aviation museum, near Goodwood.

After a short sedate cruise, we arrived at the equally exposed and cold museum, where another group of Saabs (from the Hampshire direction) had just arrived.



Saab (and Beetle) line up outside the museum

It wasn’t long before we all decided to stop chatting and looking at each others’ cars and headed into the museum, and most importantly, the warmth! The museum was an interesting and highly personal view of the military history of Tangmere and the South East, particularly through the second world war but also how the strategic importance of the site has changed through the Cold War. It was even staffed by volunteers who used to fly the jets from the base.

The bacon sandwiches from the café are also to be recommended!

Thanks John for organising a fun and interesting morning – I hope you’ve planned better weather for the London to Brighton trip!

Chris Trick 18244



Fast jets from the cold war era