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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BY SANFORD BOGAGE

Dear SCNA Members,

We are pleased to present this special issue of **9s** magazine featuring photos from our recent Saab Owners' Convention at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York. We had one of the strongest turnouts ever this year, with approximately 350 cars and more than 650 people visiting the showfield throughout the weekend.

Part of what makes these events so special is the willingness of fans to roll up their sleeves and help one another. With this many vehicles driving thousands of miles to attend, there are bound to be a few mechanical problems along



the way. It is members like Ryan Engler (pictured), Al Huseman, and many others who take the time to troubleshoot and solve problems. On behalf of the entire SCNA Board, I want to thank Ryan, Al, and all of the many members who went out of their way to make sure so many people could enjoy SOC 2021.

Saabs have always been engineered to be safe and economical while also being performance- and driver-oriented. For over 30 years, the Saab brand has inspired a group of devoted owners to get together in

order to share, learn, and enjoy these amazing cars. Even ten years after the end of production (for the US at least) with MY 2011, the styling of the final models remains contemporary providing yet another example of Saab being a design leader.

This collector's issue of **9s** is provided to registered attendees as well as SCNA members. Enjoy this in addition to our quarterly magazine, and also check out our YouTube channel [saabclub.com/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/saabclub) for links to videos posted by Jacob Pretzman of Auto Autopsy.

While we were unable to welcome our friends from Canada or Europe this year, we look forward to having you join us in 2022 at the Saab Heritage Museum in Sturgis, SD.

Thank you,

Sanford Bogage
President, SCNA



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Track Day



Dozens of attendees headed to the New York Safety Track in Harpersfield, NY. Special thanks to Elite Motors for sponsoring this exciting day on a twisty, 2.2 mile track. Highlights included Bill Jacobson's Sonett I out on the track and Jacob Pretzman from Auto Autopsy driving the Elite Motors race car.

CONCOURS d'SAAB

Our **Concours d'Saab** is based on the idea of presenting the "Best of the Best". Our goal is to assemble these Saabs in an arena of competition which highlights their original design and construction specifications. The SCNA Concours d'Saab rules are designed to give equal weight to originality and condition.

92/93 ('49-'60)



1st Bruce Welch
Vermont (R)

2nd Asher Schlüsselberg
New York (L)



95/96 ('59-'80)



1st Ed Lorenz
New York (C)

2nd Greg Smith
New York (R)

3rd Ralph Bockoven
Massachusetts (L)



Sonett (All Years)



1st Dean Gordon
New York (R)

2nd Lawrence Jewett
Maine

3rd Roman Artymyshyn
New Jersey (L)



99 ('68-'84)



1st Mark Skinner
New York (L)

2nd Kurt Krauss
New Jersey (R)



Concours d'SAAB

Classic 900 ('79-'93)



- 1st Steven Boshart**
New Jersey (C)
- 2nd Erik Holmberg**
New York

Classic 900 Convertible ('86-'94)



- 1st James Culver**
New York (R)
- 2nd George Lloyd**
Massachusetts (C)
- 3rd William Stilwell**
Virginia (L)

9000 ('85-'98)



- 1st Gary Stottler**
New York (R)
- 2nd Roger Harris**
Massachusetts (L)

NG9-3 Sedan/Combi/X ('03-'11)



- 1st Chris Veillette**
Virginia (L)
- 2nd Matt Sinibaldi**
Pennsylvania (R)

NG9-3 Convertible ('04-'11)



- 1st Richard Moore**
Virginia (R)
- 2nd Brad Lauzze**
New York (L)



OG9-5 Sedan/Combi ('98-'09)



- 1st Charles Harrill**
Virginia (C)
- 2nd David Pienkowski**
Kentucky
- 3rd Nick Bozzuto**
Rhode Island



9-3 Viggen 3/5Dr/Conv ('99-'02)



- 1st Tucker Reynolds**
Connecticut (R)
- 2nd Jonathan Haggerty**
Pennsylvania (L)



NG9-5 ('10-'11)



- 1st Lloyd Fisk**
North Carolina (C)
- 2nd Christian Lewis**
Massachusetts
- 3rd Patrick Rivas**
Virginia



Convention Pics



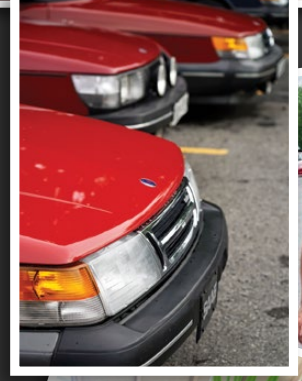
Order prints of the group photo at SaabClub.com

This year, we had a record turnout in Albany, with over 350 vehicles and well over 600 people in attendance. We would like to thank the many club members who submitted photos and allowed us to use them in this special issue of 9s printed to celebrate SOC 2021. Throughout these pages, enjoy seeing the beautiful vehicles that earned recognition while also seeing a few of the amazing people who make the Saab community unique and enduring.





CONCOURS d'SAAB



People's Choice

Cars entered in the **People's Choice** competition are judged by the votes of the SOC attendees rather than appointed judges. Cars are parked on the Showfield, and SOC attendees vote for their favorite Saab in each of several categories.

92/93 ('49-'60)



- 1st Tim Winker**
Minnesota (R)
- 2nd Bruce Turk**
New York (L)

95/96 ('59-'80)



- 1st Ray Kopczynski**
Oregon (R)
- 2nd Al Smith**
New York
- 3rd Amy Klene**
Virginia (L)

Sonett (All Years)



- 1st Ralph Bockoven**
Massachusetts (C)
- 2nd Frank Swartout**
New York (L)
- 3rd Bill Jacobson**
Delaware (R)

99 ('68-'84)



- 1st Douglas Majka**
Ohio (R)
- 2nd Jordan Pagano**
Connecticut (L)

Classic 900 ('79-'93)



- 1st Nathan Warner**
New York (C)
- 2nd Mark Welker**
Georgia (L)
- 3rd Mark Skinner**
New York (R)



Classic 900 Convertible ('86-'94)



- 1st Casey Sturup**
Massachusetts (C)
- 2nd Noel Simmons**
Virginia (R)
- 3rd Justin Cercone**
Florida (L)



9000 ('85-'98)



- 1st Kim Arthurs**
Delaware (R)
- 2nd Jonathan Stearns**
New Hampshire
(C-Christopher accepting)
- 3rd Marek Trzaskowski**
Connecticut



NG900/OG9-3 ('94-'02)



- 1st James Regan**
New York (R)
- 2nd Mark McCourt**
Vermont (L)
- 3rd Jesse Kell**
Rhode Island



People's Choice

OG9-3 Convertible ('95-'03)



- 1st Cindy Angstadt**
Pennsylvania (R)
- 2nd Jeffrey Wolf**
New Hampshire (L)
- 3rd Stefania Olochwoszcz**
New Jersey

NG9-3 Sedan/Combi/X ('03-'11)



- 1st Joseph Rizzolo**
New Jersey (L)
- 2nd Chad Rousseau**
Maine (C)
- 3rd Matthew Carr**
Massachusetts (R)

NG9-3 Convertible ('04-'11)



- 1st Marian Stan**
New York (R)
- 2nd Mark Romisher**
Virginia (C)
- 3rd Corey Kinney**
Pennsylvania (L)

OG9-5 Sedan/Combi ('98-'09)



- 1st Curt Holmes**
Maine (L)
- 2nd Tom Ledwell**
Massachusetts (C)
- 3rd Ryan Engler**
Delaware (R)

9-2X and 9-7X



1st Tom Shirey
New York



9-3 Viggen 3Dr/5Dr/Conv. ('99-'02)



1st Marcia Summers
North Carolina

2nd Roy Neulicht
North Carolina
(L-accepting for Roy)

3rd Jim Hickstein
Minnesota (R)



9-3 TurboX Sedan/Combi ('08)



1st Sanjay Patel
Ohio (R)

2nd Wojciech Cieszkowski
New York

3rd Julianne Pulvirenti
Maryland (L)



NG9-5



1st David Wisholek
Massachusetts (R)

2nd Daniel Riga
Pennsylvania (L)

3rd Keli Morin
Massachusetts (C)



People's Choice

9-4X



- 1st Mike Grenier**
Massachusetts (R)
- 2nd Ray Fortune**
Ohio (L)
- 3rd John Grenier**
Massachusetts (C)

Stroker



Ed Lorenz New York

The Larry "Stroker" Williams Spirit of Saab award is named after enthusiast Larry Williams, who always attended SOC with his wife Katha. Larry enjoyed sharing his passion for Saab, and current and former award recipients share his eagerness and enthusiasm for Saab. Ed Lorenz is no exception, with a diverse collection of models spanning the entire history of Saab, and the energy to host and organize events at and around his home in upstate New York.

SOC 2022

As many of you know, SOC 2022 will be hosted at the **Saab Heritage Museum, USA** located in Sturgis, SD. SCNA is currently planning on hosting events from **July 21-23**, with day events happening at the Museum and evening events located at a nearby hotel. Rooms will be limited this year, so we suggest you arrange your accommodations early. Keep checking saabconvention.com and facebook pages for updated information as the year goes on.



Young Enthusiast



Brennyn Cutler Idaho

First presented at SOC in 2015, the *Young Enthusiast* award was created to recognize and promote our newest owners who share the passion and have shown a dedication to Saab even at a young age. We met this year's recipient in 2019 at SOC in Loveland, CO, where at 18 years old he drove from Idaho in his Turbo X. In addition to expanding his collection, Brennyn Cutler makes YouTube videos (BC Innovate) to assist Saab owners with additions like Bluetooth, auto start and other features that were not available on older models.

Walter Kern



Tim Winker Minnesota

The *Walter Kern award* is chosen and presented each year by representatives of the Vintage Saab Club of North America, and is given to an enthusiast with a heavily modified car that might not otherwise fit into one of the judged categories. Tim Winker has worked hard to resurrect his modified 93F ice racer. In addition to participating in our track day, he plans on driving it in the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Racing Reunion, Sept 21-24, 2021, at South Bass Island, Ohio.

Bob Sinclair



Casey Sturup Massachusetts

Bob Sinclair, or “Uncle” Bob, was instrumental in marketing Saabs in America. One example of this was his insistence that Saab develop a convertible from the classic 900 platform, which is why this award is for the “Best 900 convertible or SPG” in attendance. Casey Sturup worked for years to perfect his heavily modified convertible, and members of the SCNA board saw him share his build on facebook and wanted to recognize his unique interpretation of one of our favorite Saab models.

Preservation



Chad Rousseau Maine

What comes to mind when you hear the word preservation? The *SCNA Preservation Award* can mean different things to different people and in a given year. Some people try to preserve their vehicles, while others work to preserve the brand by providing parts and support to other owners. This year’s recipient has a unique knowledge of the 9-3 Sport Sedan and he has taken cars that looked ready for the scrap yard and brought them back to Concours level. Chad is pictured at the Saab Museum in Sweden next to the last 9-3 sedan ever made.

Philanthropist



Matt Nicklay South Dakota ('20) (L)

Jerry Danner Colorado ('21) (R)

Since our convention in 2019, Tom and Patti Donney and members of the SCNA board have discussed developing an award that recognizes an individual who has provided generous support to the Saab Heritage Museum. The museum continues to receive generous support from Matt Nicklay and his partnership with eSaabparts.com. This year, Jerry Danner announced the sale of his business of over 50 years, and pledged to use some of the proceeds to continue to support both SCNA and the Saab Heritage Museum for years to come.

Top Volunteer



Jason Duncan New York

Each year, we are always thankful for our team of local volunteers who help us to prepare and put on a successful event. This year was no exception, and SCNA would like to send a special “thank you” to Jason Duncan, owner of Elite Motors in Vorheesville, NY, who was so helpful in providing support in planning and preparing for SOC, organizing a group of volunteers on site and helping to make our wildly successful track day a reality. In addition to his 9-3 race car pictured above, Jason has an outstanding collection of rare models like a Saab 90 notchback coupe.

Distance Traveled



Mateo Morales Washington (L)

Ray Kopczynski Oregon (R)

Attending SOC is often a journey for many of us, and this year we wanted to recognize those people who drove the farthest distance in a Saab in order to attend the convention in Albany. This year’s winners are VSCNA Vice President Ray Kopczynski who drove all the way from Albany, Oregon to Albany, NY in his two stroke Saab 96, and 16-year-old Mateo Morales who drove his classic 900 from Washington state to attend his first SOC.



Randy Friedley "The SAAB Guy"
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