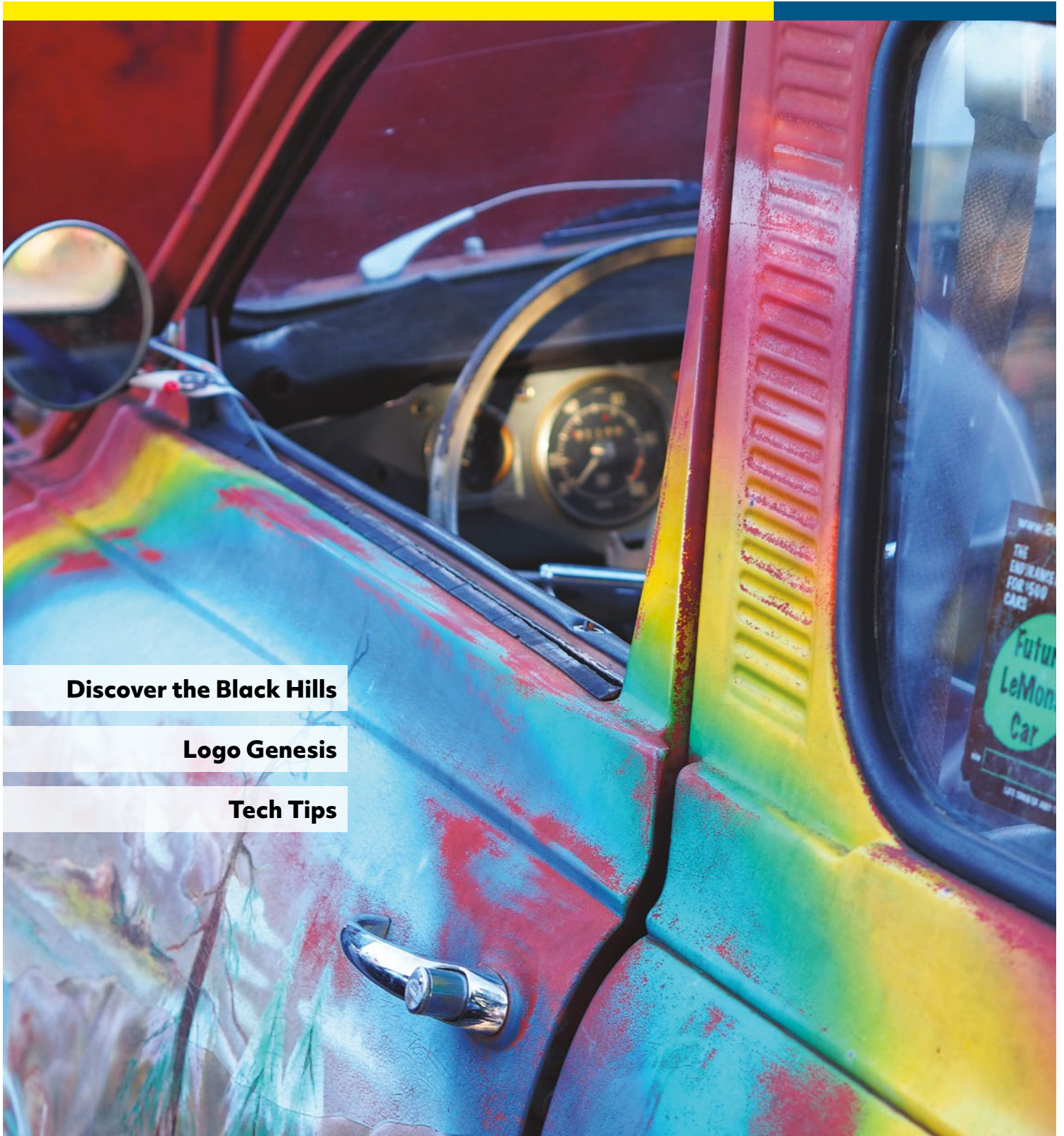


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Cover photo: Saab guru Walter Wong's 1967 SAAB 95 "Swedish Hippie car" at the Saab Owners Convention 2017 in Pomona, CA. Photo by Kyle Webb

EDITOR'S LETTER

BY JAN GRAVLEY



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This is the first edition of **9s** for me as *Editor in Chief* and I wanted to start by thanking Greg Abbott for his hard work and leadership in shepherding the magazine through the last year. It was the first year that SCNA published **9s** entirely in-house and it was a challenging endeavor. Greg has recently taken on a new and exciting client so he is passing the torch. He remains on the editorial team and is a long-time and valuable member of the SCNA Board of Directors.

When I became a member of the SCNA Board, no one asked me if I could write. Had they, I would have answered with a resounding NO. Please bear with me (or is it bare?), I promise to do my best and write as little as possible. *Promise.* For those of you who don't know me, I've been on the SCNA Board of Directors since 2018 and live in the Kansas City area with my husband of 25 years and my Koi fish. I currently own six Saabs. My oldest is 1972 95 V4 and my youngest is 2011 9-5 T4P. I purchased my first Saab in the mid-90s, a 1990 900S Cherry Red Sedan, and I've been driving Saabs ever since. Recently I received a little 95 as a gift from a total stranger and it has proven to be too much of a project for me, so I'm going to pay it forward. With the help of fellow Saaber Chris Hatfield, we will be hauling it up to South Dakota and placing it in the capable hands of my friend Anthony Ferra.



I want to thank everyone who took the time to submit Saab photos for the photo contest. A selection of black and white images that were submitted can be found on pages 14-15. A few photos are featured throughout this edition and other images will be used in future editions of **9s** as well. Fellow SCNA member Kyle Webb's photo from SOC 2017 in Pomona, CA of Walter Wong's phantasmagorical 95 was chosen for the cover this month. The photo submission form will remain on the website (saabclub.com/submit) and for your convenience, we have added a simplified way to submit articles or letters to **9s**. Please keep 'em coming. This is OUR magazine!

There is a lot of great information in this edition about this summer's much-anticipated pilgrimage to the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA** in the Black Hills of South Dakota for this year's Saab Owners Convention. We will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Saab and have lots of exciting things planned. If you haven't done so already, please register online and visit saabconvention.com for updates and details. **Be there!**

Thanks for your continued support,

Jan Gravley
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Behind the wheel of Dan Haugh's Landjet 900

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DISCOVER THE BLACK HILLS

BY SANFORD BOGAGE



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For many travelers to this year's SOC in the Black Hills, it might be your first time visiting South Dakota. Besides a possible family road trip to Mt. Rushmore, this more remote region of the USA is one that many have not had the opportunity to fully experience and behold. When I first visited the Saab Heritage Museum in 2018, I had only been through this area once on a road trip during my undergraduate years (I won't get into how many years ago that was) but suffice to say I had never explored the sheer variety of sights and the dynamic scenery that this area has to offer.

The Black Hills get their English name from their native Lakota language name and because this dark, tree covered plateau can be seen from a distance on the surrounding prairie. It is a beautiful part of the country; home to many unique geographical regions, natural and artist inspiring beauty, historic towns and famous locations from American history and folklore. While the convention runs Thursday through Sunday, it would be wise to try to stay as long as you can in order to explore the area. In addition to Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills National Forest, there are multiple National and State Parks nearby like the Badlands with

its moon-like terrain, and Devil's Tower, a 1,200 foot rock that rises like a small, flat-topped mountain out of the prairie.

If you are interested in caves, you will find two National Parks where you can explore some of the world's most fascinating, intricate and beautiful caves at the Jewel Cave National Monument or Wind Cave National Park. These parks, along with Custer State Park near Sturgis, offer a combination of walks, longer hikes and drives to match your ability and desire. Those interested in mountain biking, swimming or rock climbing can also find plenty of options around the Black Hills and nearby Spearfish Canyon. If you are traveling with someone who likes dinosaurs and fossils, you can visit the Mammoth Site, a privately owned and still active archeological site. There are also local sites geared specifically for kids like the Reptile Garden outside of Rapid City or the Broken Boot or Big Thunder gold mines, where kids can learn about and even try mining for gold

Perhaps you are interested in military or aviation history. Just outside of Rapid City, there is the South Dakota Air & Space Museum located on Ellsworth Air Force Base, offering free admission and boasting over 30 aircraft located both indoor and outside. There was even a secret missile site hidden under the South Dakota plains, and you can now visit the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site located east of the Badlands site along Interstate 90. These and many of the sites offer tours but in some cases reservations are required and certain time slots may fill up quickly. Try to determine which activities you wish to do and what sites you are most interested in visiting so that you can plan your visit. Distances can look small on a map, but it is important to try to plan out your itinerary while leaving yourself time to relax and truly experience the array of adventures that the area has to offer.

Those arriving via points east may pick up I-90 after Chicago. Along the way, you will see the many signs and billboards for the famous Wall Drug restaurant and self-made tourist attraction. If possible, give yourself at least a half a day to drive the road through the Badlands

National Park and then recharge at Wall Drug, the old fashioned country store located in the otherwise inconspicuous town of Wall,SD. If you are arriving from the west, you may be traveling through Salt Lake City, where you can experience the iconic beauty of the Moab desert as well as the Rocky Mountains as you head into Denver. The six hour drive from Denver to Sturgis through Wyoming consists of miles and miles of empty, well maintained two lane roads.

The drives around this area can be half the fun, with speed limits of 75 on the interstate, and undulating mountain roads that are perfect for spirited, third and fourth gear driving at a safe and pleasant speed. The drive from the museum up to the Lodge at Deadwood is a beautiful, 20 minute ride via the main road, and just outside of historic Deadwood, where Wild Bill and Calamity Jane have their final resting place. There is certainly something to pique the interest of friends and family members alike, making this a special SOC that is not to be missed. In addition to the regular events Thursday-Sunday, SCNA and the Saab Heritage Museum are planning some excursions originating from the museum grounds beginning Wednesday, July 20. Look for more information about some of these sites along with detailed driving information in your convention program. 🍷



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CarolAnn with a Talladega 900

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CarolAnn Jacobson Arthurs. Jacobson with an O not E.

I don't remember when or even if I met CarolAnn. Maybe it was at SOC 2016, when I bought a T-shirt from her as she was selling goods and spare parts out of a cargo trailer. Maybe it was at SOC 2018 at Solomon's Maryland where she was selling those great License Plate posters. Seems like she has always been there. She is always responding in the Facebook groups with a "like" or an encouraging comment. Many Saab enthusiasts say that it's not just the cars that keep them involved, but it's the people, and I agree. CarolAnn is a Saab person through and through, and a part of the community that we all love.

When I first discussed this article with her, she asked "Can you have my name as CarolAnn Jacobson Arthurs please, after all, it's the Jacobson name that made me a Saab person." (and it is "Jacobson, O not E"). Obviously, CarolAnn is proud of her name and of her Saab roots, and her roots run deep. She told me "You could say that I was born into a Saab family. My Dad was the first Saab Dealer in Delaware (dealer #10 in the country), Sports Car Service, from 1956 to 1972. It then became an Independent shop and when my Dad retired in 1984, my brother, Bill Jacobson took over SCS. I began working at SCS in 1992 and have been there ever since."

She hasn't always been "CarolAnn". When she was born, her 12 year old sister said that Carol was too plain of a name and that she was always to be called Carol Ann. Years later, she merged her first and middle name together because Facebook kept referring to her as Carol whenever she posted or commented.

She remembers growing up that her whole family drove Saabs, so from the beginning of her memory of cars, Saabs were the most prominent car in her life. She relays a story that when she was a kid her Mom's car needed some repairs, so she was driving her Dad's Saab 95 converted pick-up truck, standard shift on the column. When her Mom finally got her own car back, she was so used to the column shifter that she went for the windshield wiper stalk to get the car in motion. CarolAnn reminded her Mom that the shifter was on the floor.

I met her son at SOC in Maryland, so I asked her if it were she that got him involved with Saabs. “Just like myself, Cooper was born into a car family. His Dad raced vintage cars with my Dad and still has a passion for anything that goes fast. Cooper started working for SCS when he was 14. His first Saab was a 2002 9-3 manual transmission with over 200K. He then had the opportunity to get my nephew's 1999 Viggen just before his senior year of high school and that's when his involvement in the Saab community really began.”

CarolAnn has a large Saab family. Not only can you trace out a family tree of relatives heavily influenced by Saab, in her job at SCS she treats everyone like family. I asked her to tell me a little bit about her personality, something that maybe not everyone knows. She told me that the quality that she would like to be known for is her ability to remember customers and their names. “Being in a customer service type business I have gotten to know our customers on a personal friendship type level and the majority will tell you that I treat them like family.”

It's no coincidence then that she is married to a Saab person. I asked her about her husband, and if it was a Saab that brought them together. “In a nutshell, yes. Kim had been a customer since 1987 when he bought his first Saab from SCS, a 1986 Saab 900T hatchback. After many Saabs and relationships for the both of us, in August of 2013 we had our first date. Guess you can say, the timing was just right! We got married in March of 2020.”

CarolAnn is excited about the upcoming Saab Owners Convention for 2022. She is especially looking forward to this particular SOC because it will take place at the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA** in Sturgis, South Dakota. She is awed by the museum and encourages a visit. She thinks that people will really enjoy attending the SOC at the museum. Her first SOC was in Wilmington, Delaware in 1988 and has attended many since. In 1995 she got to meet Mr. Saab, Erik Carlsson at the SOC 1995 in Atlanta.

The upcoming SOC is especially exciting for CarolAnn because she serves on the Board of Directors of the museum and wants it to be a memorable event for everyone. She volunteers her time promoting and trying to raise money for the museum. I asked her how it came to be that she was added to the board. “Tom (Donney) actually asked my brother Bill Jacobson to be on the board and my brother told Tom that I was better suited for the position. I fell into the job of coordinating the board meeting minutes, whether it's from emails and/or phone meetings. I also coordinate small fundraising”; “many in the Saab community have met me for the first time doing so at both Carlisle

CarolAnn with sister Jenny Trostel and Erik Carlsson at SOC 1995 in Atlanta





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on a banner
hanging
at the
museum?**

CAROLANN CONTINUED

and owners conventions. It may not bring in the big bucks but it does get the museum attention, and I enjoy doing it while meeting lots of people."

You can bet that CarolAnn will be mingling with her "family" at the SOC and will be doing her best at promoting the museum while there. I asked her if she had any imaginative plans for the SOC. She has a unique plan for raising awareness for both the SOC and the museum: "I have an idea for all those T-shirts sitting in drawers, not getting worn (but most Saab people just can't give them up!) I will be posting on social media to go through their T-shirts, maybe too small or too big, and donate them. I will then organize and have a big sale for low prices (I'm thinking \$5 each) at SOC. I think people will enjoy shopping for T-shirts they don't have from various Saab events. Lots of reminiscing... *Hey, I went to that SOC!*" She also has another plan to raise a little money for the museum selling banners to be hung at the museum. She says "hey, who wouldn't want to see their car on a banner hanging at the museum?"



CarolAnn and Kim with 9000

Stop by and chat with CarolAnn during the SOC at the Saab Heritage Car Museum July 21 - 24. Help the museum raise a little money and enjoy the Saab community. Buy a few t-shirts, commission a banner, or just make a donation to the museum. CarolAnn is looking forward to seeing her Saab family there! 🍷

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BY 9s EDITORIAL TEAM

This is the third in a series to showcase two members of our community; one from the “OG” (older crowd) and one from the “NG” (younger crowd) by asking them to answer the same 9 questions about their experience as a Saab enthusiast. We hope you enjoy getting to know a little bit about these fellow Saab owners and welcome any feedback on this column. nineseditor@saabclub.com.



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JASON DUNCAN

Jason states that growing up 1 of 9 children in a small town working in the family repair shop and salvage yard shaped his values and endless love for all things motorized. As a child he had access to generations of automobile knowledge and a salvage yard to explore decades of forgotten cars and trucks. His older brothers worked as technicians at the local dealership, and that was the beginning of his love affair with the Saab brand.

In 2010, he finally worked up the courage to open his own shop. As the success of his new business grew he was able to slowly move to a Saab only specialist. Jason believes in the old saying “do what you love and you’ll never work a day in your life”. He says “I truly love the brand and the people that share my passion for it. For me it’s a dream come true and a journey that has fostered life long friendships.” Today Jason’s Elite Motors services hundreds of Saabs. He is also a sponsor of Saab Owners Conventions.

Are you the first person in your family to own a Saab?

I am not. My parents owned one and many of my brothers and sisters owned Saabs before me.

What is one Saab that you would like to own?

The car that I would like to add to my collection would be a Bull Nose 95 Station Wagon.

What cars other than Saabs do you own?

GMC Trucks and a 1984 Dodge Rampage.

What NEW car would you choose today and why?

Tesla Model X

Do your friends make Saab jokes?

My friends all drive Saabs! Anyone that would joke about it is just jealous.

Has anyone ever mistaken your Saab for another brand?

Not and live to talk about it.

Have you ever slept in your Saab?

I have not. Only 5-Star Hotels for this guy.

What is the most embarrassing thing that's happened in your Saab?

Having mechanical problems after bragging how reliable my Saabs are.

Who is your Saab idol?

There are many in the Saab community I have tremendous respect for, but Tom Donney is highest on that list.



BRIAN STAUSS

Brian currently lives in New Orleans, having moved there from Birmingham to be near grandchildren. He is still working in IT for a credit union financial services company. His hobbies are running, woodworking and tinkering with cars. If something breaks whether in the house or the cars, he either fixes it or breaks it worse (and then takes it in). He likes to drive vehicles that you don't see everywhere out on the road, such as his Dad's 1964 MG 1100 that he learned to drive on, his Maserati BiTurbo, 6-speed V8 Dakota and of course Saabs.

Brian got interested in Saabs in 2005 when he bought his oldest daughter her first car, a 1999 Saab 9-3 SE. It took off from there..... a 2004 Laser Red 9-5 that he bought with a blown head gasket that also came with a free goat; a 1999 9-5 that he saved from the junkyard; a low mileage 2002 Aero that got t-boned months after he bought it; and his current ride, a 2003 9-5 Aero 5-speed that he plans to drive to Sturgis for SOC 2022.

Are you the first person in your family to own a Saab?

Yes

What is one Saab that you would like to own?

Tough question. Probably a 95 wagon or a 96 wagon. Two stroke or V-4 - toss up. Maybe a Sonett. Has to be a Saab that exemplifies the uniqueness and weirdness of Saabs! I love the C900 front hinged hood, inline engine with transaxle FWD. Like I said - tough question.

What cars other than Saabs do you own?

1997 Volvo 850, 2006 Dodge Dakota 4x4 with V8 and 6-speed manual and 2014 BMW X5 diesel.

What NEW car would you choose today and why?

I don't buy new cars. I let someone else take the depreciation hit the first couple of years. I plan on trading up my X5 for a 2018 X5 diesel, as 2018 is the last year BMW offered the diesel. This diesel X5 has been the best SUV I've owned, and I've had a Cherokee, two Grand Cherokees and a 1st gen X5. When my Dakota dies, I will likely go with a Ram 1500 Rebel, also with the diesel, unless the rumored new Dakota catches my attention. The Volvo is my wife's car, and she will never give it up. And those 850s don't ever die. There really isn't anything "new" out there that interests me, other than possibly the Alfa Romeo Giulia. It unfortunately does not come with a manual transmission. I'm a stick shift guy.

Do your friends make Saab jokes?

No, they don't. Most of my friends have no clue what a Saab is.

Has anyone ever mistaken your Saab for another brand?

Nope. Most have no clue what a Saab is.

Have you ever slept in your Saab?

No, sorry. I must lead a pretty boring life...

What is the most embarrassing thing that's happened in your Saab?

I was driving down the highway by my house in one of my Saabs, don't remember which one, and the left front headlight just flew off the car and ended up in someone's yard.

Who is your Saab idol?

No one in particular, just a lot of admiration for those in our community that help keep the Saab brand alive for the rest of us. Shelly Baxter and the team at S&J, Tom Donney, Jerry Danner, Kelly Conaty, Corey Tuck, Randy Friedley. Many more names I can't recall. 🍷

Do you think that you have a good Saab Story for 9 Questions? Scan the QR code and submit your info to be considered for a future edition of 9s.



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The owner, Rob Walden, has been working on cars in some fashion for almost his entire life, starting at the young age of 9 years old. Rob lived in Seattle in his early 20's and likes to tell the story about how he used to buy gas at the 76 gas station which is now the home of **Scanwest Autosport**. The property came up for sale and Rob decided to open his own shop. He found a passion early on for Saabs and never looked back. Scanwest started out as Saab Masters in 1985 and has been growing ever since. Rob's determination to get the job done right and for a fair price is what has been motivating the staff for decades to provide the customer with the best car care available.

In the 1990's the shop caught the attention of Saab for its rally prowess in the classic 900. Scanwest won many races with their modified classic 900, enough for Saab to sponsor Scanwest for the SCCA rally seasons of 1996 and 1997. Saab provided them with a new 1995 900 and a truck load of extra parts. After modifications and creating a 300hp monster 900, they won the 1997 SCCA Pro Rally Group 5 Championship. In the first two national Michelin/SCCA PRO Rally events of 1997, Saab rally driver Sam Bryan and co-driver Rob Walden

challenged one of the rally circuit's most demanding events: **Rim of the World**, May 2-3, 1997 and emerged with a Group 5 victory. The **SCCA/Michelin Rim of the World PRO Rally** was a 13-stage, 245-mile race held in the Angeles National Forest, south of Palmdale, Calif. This win came on the heels of a victory at the **Wild West PRO Rally** in April of 1997, held in forests near Olympia, WA. In both races, the Saab team's front-wheel-drive Saab 900 Turbo Coupe captured first place in Group 5, and third place overall, beating many four-wheel-drive competitors.

The car that won the 1997 SCCA Pro Rally Group 5 Championship was raced for another two or three years but eventually ended up in someone's backyard and has been sitting outside for many years. Scanwest will do a major cleaning, but keep a lot of bumps and bruises from the races over the years. "We don't want to clean too much of the patina!" mentioned Craig Haugen of Scanwest. They will restore the "find your own road" graphics for the side, and replace the lexan windows and the racing seats. They will be getting the car in driving condition again, just in time for the **Saab Owners Convention 2022** at the **Saab Heritage Car**

photo by Phil Amdal

Museum USA in Sturgis, SD where they will donate the car to the museum. Scanwest will be closing the shop during SOC 2022 so that most of their staff can attend the convention.

Scanwest Autosport's "Title" Sponsorship of SOC 2022 is well appreciated as it allows the Saab Club of North America to defray the costs of the convention to its attendees. The "Title" sponsorship is the maximum level of sponsorship available indicating their high level of support for the Saab Owners Convention and the Saab community as well. When you meet up with Rob Walden and his staff, be sure to tell them how much their sponsorship is appreciated. If you live in Scanwest's service area, please patronize this exceptional shop. 🍷



Master technician Jeff Bahner and Scanwest owner Rob Walden getting the car unloaded



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Steve Boshart

This month we received several fun and striking black and white photos from SCNA members. Here are a few for your enjoyment.

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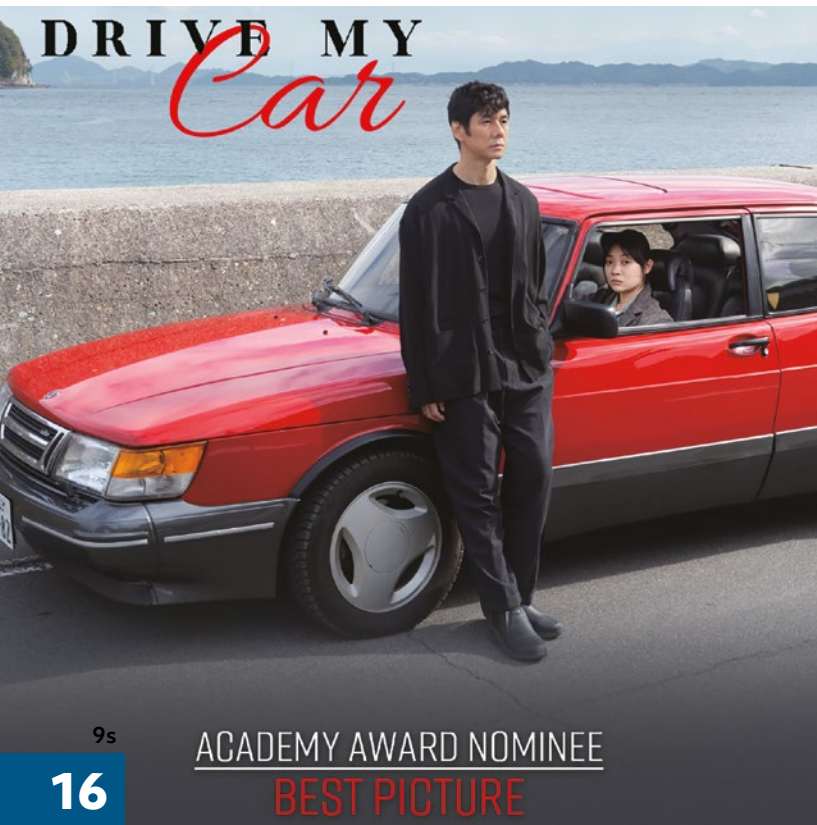
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900 TURBO'S RENEWED CELEBRITY

BY EVAN ACUNA



The well-cast Saab is more of a co-star than a prop, its copious screen-time replete with heady close-ups and sibilant soliloquies

Well, here we are: we seem to have entered into an unexpected era of renewed appreciation for the Saab 900 Turbo. The good folks at Radwood featured a black SPG on publicity materials for a Boston-area iteration of their traveling '80s- and '90s-themed car show. Some impressive recent sales results, punctuated by the \$55,000 figure realized on Bring-a-Trailer for a Talladega red SPG with Magnus Walker YouTube provenance, have buoyed values and bolstered confidence amongst buyers and sellers in these cars' potential as long-term investments. And a lovingly crafted new art film from Japan, in American theaters now with the English title **Drive My Car**, has brought the 900 Turbo back to the big screen in a big way.

Throughout the '80s and '90s, the 900 was no stranger to celebrity. It graced album covers (Slint's *Tweez* and Marky Mark and the **Funky Bunch's Music for the People**). It featured in books and movies (the **James Bond** series and **Moving**, respectively, with **High Fidelity**, **Paid in Full**, and **Sideways** signaling a silver screen resurgence in the early 2000s). It even made a cameo appearance in a rap single ("**Ease Back**" by Ultramagnetic MC's).

Then the cars quietly faded from the limelight. Behind the scenes, A-arm mounting points were rusting out, gearboxes were breathing their last, and teenagers were running the poor things into the ground. The ubiquitous chariots of the New England upper-crust languished under the cursed banner of "used cars": vehicles to be used up and thrown out at the end of their useful lives.

Rather quickly the ubiquity withered. But this continual war of attrition against our beloved Saabs, coupled with an earnest appreciation of their history as handsomely innovative underdogs, has had as its silver lining the effect of making the extant

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vehicles that much more desirable. With scarcity has come increased monetary worth, compounded by the widespread rise in used and collector car market values. And so Saabs that were once just used cars are now collector vehicles.

And that brings me back to ***Drive My Car***, which I hope is an indication of the 900's induction into the Pantheon of Timeless Car Gods. (You know: that cloud up in the sky where the Citroen DS, NSU RO80, and split-window Corvette play cards and smoke Cohibas into perpetuity.)

The film is a unique, enchanting, and introspective journey into the nature of relationships, family life, and the self. On its face, it is a story about a man who loses his young daughter and his wife—all the family he has—and very nearly loses himself to a demanding acting career. After joining an artists' retreat program to concentrate on his work and produce a play, he is told that for insurance reasons he will be assigned a chauffeur to drive his car (a Talladega red Saab 900 Turbo) for the duration of his residency. He initially chafes at this idea, but the young woman chosen for the job quickly proves herself a highly skilled pilot of his cherished 900. He and the chauffeur—who is about the age the protagonist's daughter would have been had she lived, and who herself has no remaining family—begin a nuanced and inspiring relationship as they learn that blood and marriage are not the only routes to family.

As the movie's title suggests, the 900 plays an essential role here. The well-cast Saab is more of a co-star than a prop, its copious screen-time replete with heady close-ups and sibilant soliloquies of white road-noise during long driving scenes interrupted only by sparse dialogue between the human actors. In an extended road-trip section of plot, the film juxtaposes scenes of the red Saab cutting through the austere and snowy beauty of the Japanese countryside against minute portraits of the two passengers as they strain to stay awake. This seamless integration of the expansive and the intimate enables the film to provide an authentic and refreshing portrayal of life on the road.

I had a grateful sense throughout watching ***Drive My Car*** that the director was, perhaps unintentionally, preserving a small piece of history by providing such a detailed and thorough account of living with a Saab 900. There were the sounds of the doors opening and closing, the turn signals flashing, the three-speed auto's gears shifting. And then there were the visual textures of the interior materials and exterior finish, the reflections of sunshine and duller light off the three-door shape, the way city lights twinkle beyond the curved windshield. Here were all the subtleties of driving one of these remarkable vehicles, preserved forever in film. What more could we ask for?

So if you haven't seen this movie yet, I'd recommend you watch it. And if you're in the market for a 900, I'd recommend you find one. Quick. Before the Pantheon ups its rates again. 🍷



EVAN ACUNA lives in the Garden State with his wife Christy, their emboldened chihuahua Rally, and a haggard fleet of imported two- and four-wheeled vehicles.

AT YOUR SERVICE

Back by popular demand **Richard LaBarre** will be doing what he does best again this year at SOC. Armed with his Tech2 and vast knowledge of all things T5, T7, and T8 powered Saabs he will be doing performance software tunes, hardware modifications, and error code troubleshooting. **BE THERE.** 🍷



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SOC 2022 SALE & AUCTION

This year's SOC will take place at the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA**, July 21-24. The museum will have a parts and memorabilia tent set up throughout the weekend where many interesting and valuable items will be for sale. The museum will also sponsor a live auction Sunday morning. Sunday's auction will include the very best of the donated items. Please take this opportunity to go through your Saab collection and donate any unneeded items. Any donation large or small will be welcome. To date, approximately 10 cars have been donated to the museum that did not meet the criteria for a display car. These cars will be auctioned as part of its fundraising activities during the SOC. This will be a silent auction, starting on Wednesday and running through noon on Sunday. Bidding will take place in person as well as online. Winning bidders will

be responsible for same-day payment and making all transportation arrangements. Cars may be held at the museum for up to 90 days free of charge, after which storage fees will be incurred. Donated items can be brought to the convention in person or shipped to the museum at your own expense. If shipping, please have your packages arrive no later than July 15, 2022. The shipping address is: **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA**, 940 Dickson Dr. Sturgis, SD 57785. Please mark all cartons "SOC Parts Tent Donation" **ALL MONEY**

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For questions or more info, please contact Tom Donney at info@sturgiscarmuseum.com 🍷

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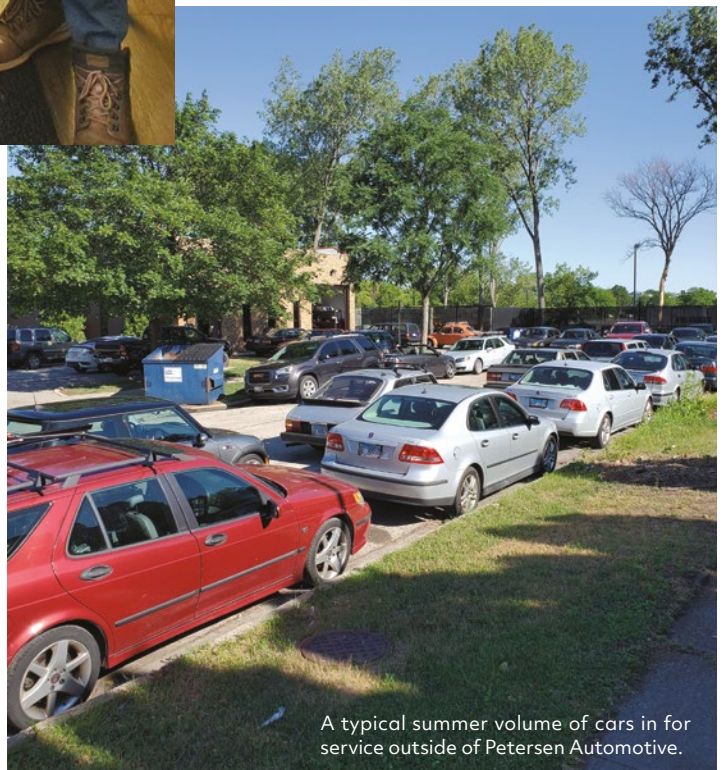
BY ROGER S. HARRIS



Petersen Automotive staff (L-R) Ian Cudny, Reden Bingayen, Brian Jameson, and owner Tyler Nay

the owner of the shop who was a Saab Master Technician. The experience inspired Tyler to own his own shop. From 1998 to 2012, Tyler worked at The Saab Exchange shop where he attained the level of Master Technician. He also has GM and ASE Master Technician Certifications. Interestingly, he was one of only a handful of technicians to receive factory training on the 9-4X models. Tyler was able to purchase the Petersen Automotive business in Skokie, Illinois just north of Chicago in 2018.

Currently, the experienced staff includes Tyler the owner; Brian Jameson, Saab Master technician; Reden Bingayen, Saab Master Technician; and Ian Cudny, Service Writer. Once the initial pandemic surge subsided, a major challenge of the business was having enough time to attend to all of their customer's needs.



A typical summer volume of cars in for service outside of Petersen Automotive.

Petersen Automotive Where Saab Loyalty is Apparent

Tyler Nay grew up in the automotive world. Tyler's father was a Volvo salesman in Merrimack, N.H. from 1978 to about 1988. He became the District Sales Manager and then Regional Sales Manager at Saab and the family moved to Connecticut. Mr. Nay was promoted to National Sales Manager and the family moved to Atlanta, Georgia when Tyler was fifteen years old. His first car was a 1986 Saab 900S.

At sixteen years of age, Tyler ended up getting an entry level mechanic job at Sovereign Automotive in Roswell, GA. He learned a lot from Bob Sullivan,

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Tyler has owned about forty Saabs over the years. His favorite is the 900 SPG.

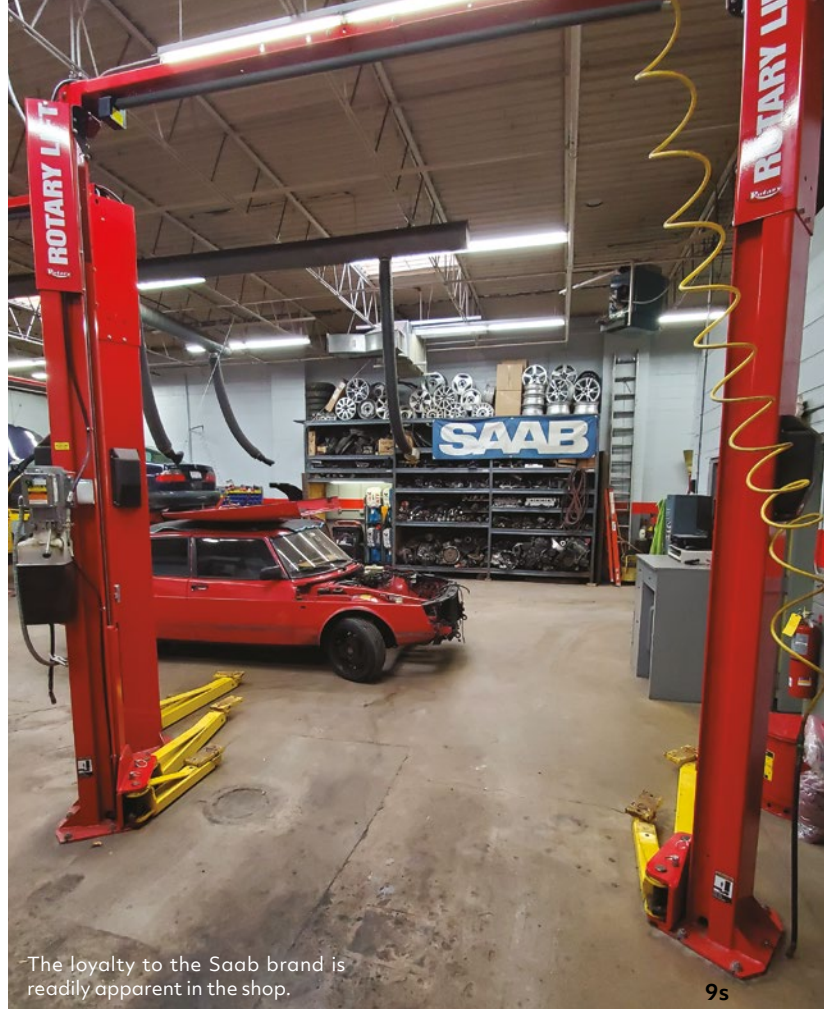
Petersen Automotive is now looking for another technician to join the team.

Business is strong with about 80% of their clientele owning Saabs. Customers come from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. Petersen Automotive also services Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Volvo and VW among other brands. Tyler estimates that they have about a thousand service customers. Petersen Automotive occasionally sells used cars but service is their main focus.

The Petersen Automotive web site has a "Donations" page devoted to Tyler's favorite charities. He developed the page with the subtitle "Significance Comes from Selflessness" and it lists several organizations that help less fortunate people. Tyler thanks customers for their business and asks that they join the business in giving back.

The Petersen staff finds that the loyalty to the Saab brand is pretty amazing. One customer has a 2008 9-3 2.0T with 330,000 miles on the odometer. They have customers with all models of Saabs including the 9-2X, 9-7X and 9-4X, as well as going back to the C900 and 99 Turbo models. Tyler's own loyalty shows through also. He likes that Saabs are different and look different than other brands. He said that he has driven a wide range of cars and nothing compares to the fun-to-drive handling and performance of a Saab.

Tyler has owned about forty Saabs over the years. If he had to choose, Tyler's favorite Saab is the 900 SPG. He owned one for four years while the odometer passed 300,000 miles. He also likes the two door 99 and 2006-2009 9-5 wagon models. Asked about the parts situation, he expressed the difficulty in dealing with the 9-3 engine control module (ECM) replacements. The Saab rebuilt ones are the best bet for longevity but due to the factory work outages there are a lot on back order. Orio told him that the log jam is expected to end with quality ECMs being offered again soon. 🍷



The loyalty to the Saab brand is readily apparent in the shop.

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Petersen Automotive hosting a SAAB/Volvo Club Meet in 2021.

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SOC 2022 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



If you are planning to attend the Saab Owners Convention 2022 at the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA** in Sturgis, SD July 21 -24 and have 5 or more hours to give to your Saab Club of North America, please consider volunteering to help.

This year will be a unique convention at a unique venue. There will be many tasks that we usually don't have to be concerned with when the SOC is held at a hotel. We will need assistance with **Convention Set Up, Registration Tent, Merchandise Table, Parking Lot and Showfield Traffic Control, Lot and Tent Cleanup**, as well as other things that may come up to help all of us put on a great convention.

If you have any questions you may contact Mark Welker at secretary@saabclub.com



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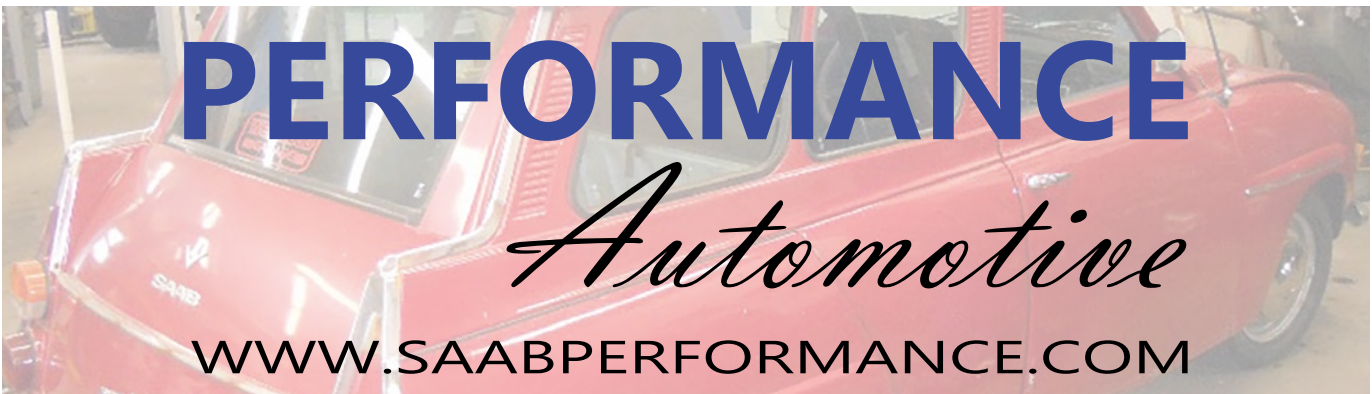
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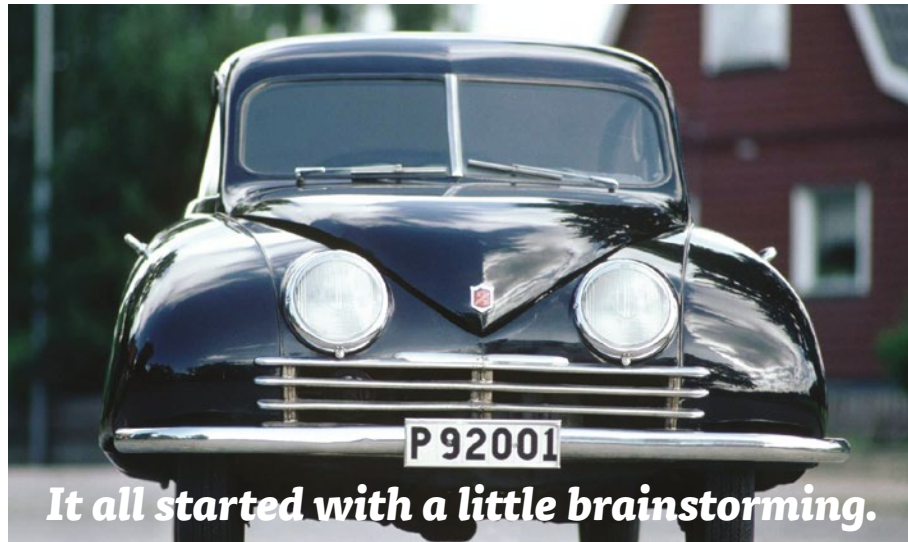
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LOGO GENESIS

BY KELLY R. CONATY, MD



It all started with a little brainstorming.

What would be our Logo for the **Saab Owners Convention 2022**? First, we usually come up with a theme. This year it was easy - **the 75th Anniversary of Saab Automobile**. Various design ideas were discussed and discarded. We wanted the logo for **SOC 2022** to be meaningful, historical, and distinctive. We wanted to use this logo as the central icon upon which to build interest in the special one of a kind nature of this SOC, especially considering that it will be held at the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA** in Sturgis, SD. With Saab history all around us, it seemed appropriate to come up with something that represented the history of Saab. Traditional symbols and logos from Saab's history did not seem to be unique enough to use as our SOC logo. Then the idea struck. What was the first Saab? There can be some disagreement on this but it is generally accepted that it was the Ursaab, the experimental precursor to the Saab 92 which was presented to the automotive press in the summer of 1947.

A curious feature of the Ursaab was the hood emblem. This was the first emblem to appear on any Saab automobile. The symbol itself was nothing more than a fictitious heraldic symbol which has not appeared on any Saab since. The characters on the badge have no meaning, but it is an archetypal symbol which reminds us of Saab's humble beginnings. This seemed to be a perfect start to our design, and we were inspired to move ahead with an appropriate representation of the badge. Some mockups ensued, with several variations on the original design. Eventually, thanks to our Art Director and Designer, Kyle Webb, we arrived at the logo that you will see prominently displayed at SOC 2022. You will be able to purchase limited production badges, T-shirts, and posters as keepsakes. This SOC will certainly be a uniquely memorable event because of the location and the celebration of 75 years of Saab Automobile. The logo epitomizes all that we had hoped for. We will strive to make this Saab Owners Convention the best yet! 🍷



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SOC 2022 **CAR SHOW** REMINDER

If you want to show your car at SOC '22 in either the **Concours d'Saab** or **People's Choice** competitions, when you register, you must enter your choice. There are two reasons for this: first, there is limited space on the showfield, and secondly, if you do not want to enter either competition, your base registration fee is less, keeping costs down. You will be able to change your choice up until SOC opens if you need to.

Questions can be directed to kelly.conaty@saabclub.com.

Here are some reminders:

CONCOURS D'SAAB

- Entrant's cars will be grouped against the Museum building together. See Traffic Plan map below.
- The judging process will be simpler, using 5 categories judged on originality and condition for a total of 100 possible points
- There will be two winning cars per category; "**Best in Class**" and "**Runner-up**"
- There will be a "**Best in Show**" for an overall winner determined by the judges
- SCNA will leave judging sheet with car when judging is completed

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- Categories will be expanded by separating out SportCombis (both 9-3 and 9-5) from Sedans (17 categories expanded to 19)
- SCNA will adopt digital voting by smartphone; paper ballots will not be used. There will be volunteers on the showfield to assist if needed
- Voting is open from 9 am to 3 pm Saturday.
- There will be two winning cars per category; "**Best in Class**" and "**Runner-up**"
- There will be an overall "**Best in Show**" winner for the car with the most total votes



SHOWFIELD NOTES

- There will be one entrance to Showfield. Entry permitted only with Dash Card indicating registration of car in either **Concours d'Saab** or **People's Choice**
- Traffic will be one way on Showfield
- Traffic will exit Showfield on the North and South ends of the Showfield 🇺🇸

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SCNA BOARD ELECTIONS 2022

Members may nominate any current member, including themselves, for a board position. There is a nomination form available for download or printing at saabclub.com/nominate. Nominations emailed to secretary@saabclub.com or mailed to the address below must be received no later than **May 23, 2022**.

Voting will be either by mail or in person. In-person voting will be at the annual SCNA membership meeting at the **Saab Owners Convention** Friday, July 22, 2022. Voting at the meeting will be held via secret ballot distributed to all members in attendance. If you are not attending SOC and wish to vote by mail, you may do so starting on June 22, 2022. All members will also be mailed and/or emailed a ballot. Your completed ballot should be mailed to the address below and must be postmarked by July 11, 2022. All SCNA members in good standing are eligible to vote.

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The annual nomination period for SCNA Board of Directors positions is now open.



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SAAB CLUB INFO



Steve Boshart

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TECH TIPS

BY KELLY R. CONATY, MD



Steve Boshart

Programmable Intermittent Wipers

I'm not ready to give up the sheer joy of driving my c900, but there are some conveniences found in newer cars that I miss. For instance, I like having programmable intermittent wipers. It is easy to modify your c900 or 9000 to add programmable intermittent wipers. All it involves is a simple relay swap. Finding a VW "99." relay from a mid 90's Jetta, Golf, GTI, & Cabrio is easy enough on eBay, usually with shipping for \$15 to \$20.

In the c900, the intermittent wiper relay is just to the left of the steering column, covered by the knee bolster. I have seen comments that the bolster does not need to be removed to get at the relay, but I have tried and for me it is impossible to get my hand up under there. Removal of the bolster is an unpleasant task, but you don't have to totally remove it. All that is necessary is to loosen the center console, the trim surround on the steering wheel, and to remove the driver's side bolster bolt (inside the fender). It is then possible to pry the bolster away just enough to visualize the relays next to the steering column.

The middle one is the intermittent wiper relay. It takes a little finessing to get the original relay out without drawing too much blood. Paying attention to the orientation of the relay contacts of the old relay will help with putting the 99. relay back in its place. To use: 1. Switch the wipers to the intermittent setting - the wipers will start to sweep the screen as normal. Before the wipers return to the park position, switch them off. 2. Wait, then switch the wipers to intermittent again after your desired interval (one-thousand one, one-thousand two, etc.) 3. The wipers will now work intermittently, using the length of time you waited in step 2 as the delay time. 4. To reset, repeat the process. In the 9000 the process does not draw as much blood, but has the same results. Just locate the intermittent wiper relay under the passenger air bag or glove compartment, and replace it with the 99. relay. 🍷



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