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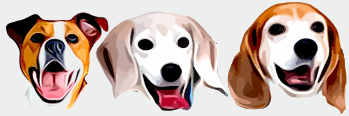
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BY SANFORD BOGAGE



Hello SCNA Members,

Just last week I heard from a member who couldn't recall whether or not she had renewed her membership, but she was having a problem with her car and had a question for the club. Multiple times a month, we receive inquiries with Saab related questions, a car someone would like to buy or sell, or a part they are searching for. In the last few years, the **Saab Club** has connected dozens of car buyers and sellers; we helped facilitate the sale of surplus parts from Europe to be sold here in the US; we have assisted countless members find solutions to lost key or ECU issues; and this represents just a few examples. These are the things that continue to make Saab something different, something more than simply a car brand.

All our community activity not only saves a Saab here and there, but also passes along the passion and commitment to a new generation of owners. Interest in Saab by younger drivers has been inspired by Saab YouTube creators and others (helped by the fact that later 9-3 and 9-5 models are now more affordable). I was excited to see that Saab Original Parts North America just introduced a new radio for the 2007-2011 9-3 and 2006-09 9-5 that offers a more modern audio system and upgraded Bluetooth audio with Apple Play and Android Auto. This important technology upgrade will help make the cars more desirable to a younger, more connected group of buyers.

Outside of **9s** and our growing electronic footprint, the main event of **SCNA** is the annual **Saab Owners Convention (SOC)**. This summer, July 20th to 23rd, we are hosting the 40th Jubilee edition of SOC just outside of Chicago, in Oak Brook, Illinois, as well as hosting a track event the day before, on Wednesday, July 19th. The track event will be held at the beautiful Autobahn Country Club, which despite its name is not a golf club, but a purpose-built motorsports club. With gourmet food, a luxurious clubhouse and even a professional go-kart track, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The excitement of the **Chicago Saab Owners Club** is contagious, and the SCNA Board and the Chicago club are excited to be working together to plan the track day and many other memorable events. Check this issue for more information about the Chicago Jubilee, Celebrating 40 Saab Owners Conventions.

Sincerely,

Sanford Bogage
SCNA President



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The Saab Club of North America (SCNA) invites you to the **Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center** in Oak Brook, Illinois, as the venue for our **Saab Owners Convention 2023!** Rooms are available for July 20-23 at the special rate of \$149/night plus taxes. All **SOC** events will be held here or at other nearby locations.

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We're moving!
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SOC GOES TO CHICAGO

BY IAN R. CUDNY

The City of **Big Shoulders...** and **Saabs**



What better way to tie in the **40th Saab Owners Convention** (the first **SOC** was held in Illinois!) than being in Chicago? In the center of the country? The Windy City! Home of the Chicago Style Hotdog! The Second City! This year's SOC will be held in Oak Brook, a suburb in DuPage County and some 20 miles west of downtown Chicago. Oak Brook is close enough to be able to jump onto any highway and be in downtown Chicago in a matter of minutes (outside of rush hour) or drive in the opposite direction and visit different forest preserves, museums, activities, ect. Best of the city, best of the country.

There's a ton to do in and around Chicagoland:

THE LAKE IS BIG:

Chicago is on the shores of Lake Michigan. We are often called the 3rd Coast and if you've seen any of the Great Lakes you know why. Careful where you park your Saab because the Great Lakes are big enough to be tidal. There are several river cruises to choose from, but there's a special one, the Chicago Architectural Boat Tours for great background on the city and the evolution of modern architecture. There's also a tall, masted ship – Tall Ship Windy – which sails from Navy Pier. And the Riverwalk has a plethora of restaurants, views and plenty of parking adjacent for a great downtown Chicago excursion.

FROM THE TOP DOWN:

Chicago is where the skyscraper was born, and there are a few buildings where you can get a bird's eye view

of the city. The Willis Tower (we still call it the Sears Tower) Skydeck is super-fun and takes you up to the highest view in the city. The John Hancock Building also offers a view but has the option of a meal or drinks at the Signature Room. There are also plenty of rooftop bars and eagle's nest views, such as the Chicago Athletic Club and the London House.

ART AND CULTURE:

Chicago has some fantastic cultural hot-spots. The Art Institute of Chicago boasts a collection equal to any museum in the world, and its permanent collection includes masterpieces from Edward Hopper to Georgia O'Keeffe to the Impressionists. Millenium Park with the iconic sculpture "Cloud Gate" (better known as the Bean) can be day unto itself. Near Millenium Park (and next to each other) are the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and Adler Planetarium, each of which is world-class. The Field Museum in particular is a must-see for any Chicago visitor.

INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES:

The Museum of Science and Industry is housed in the only remaining large hall from the 1893 World's Fair. Its collection includes a German U-Boat, the California Zephyr and a massive collection of trains, planes and other transport. The University of Chicago and several other fantastic institutions like the Smart Museum of Art and the Oriental Institute are located in and around Hyde Park. 🇺🇸

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EVENTS FOR SOC:

There will be a track day event at the Autobahn Country Club on Wednesday, July 19, with lunch included and an opportunity to drive your car around the track. There is a go-kart track on the premises and we are hoping to have a special competition with trophies for those who participate. Petersen Automotive will be on hand to lend

CAPTAINS OF DESIGN:

Chicago was built on architectural design and engineering. From floating foundations, steel reinforced concrete, and steel superstructures, Chicago was a pioneer in creating the modern cityscape as we know it. The place to start an architectural tour of Chicago is the CAC, the Chicago Architecture Center. The CAC has tours, self-guided, and maps, all for a fantastic glimpse into the amazing architecture that still stands in this city. A quick tour to Federal Plaza will put you in reach of historic buildings designed by Louis Sullivan and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. And don't miss the most interesting building in the county, the Monadnock Building.

FROM DuSABLE TO THE BLUES:

We are a city of immigrants. We celebrate our founding fathers (and subsequent generations of later African Americans) at the DuSable Museum of African American History - also located near the Museum of Science and Industry. The two make a great day in Hyde Park. We are a proudly integrated city with our own Blues and Jazz sounds. For Blues and Jazz, the best places are Blue Chicago, Buddy Guy's, the Kingston Mines, Andy's and the Green Mill. *Do not miss the music!*

WAY BEFORE THE SWEDES:

We are also still a city of the indigenous. Long before European settlers came to the Chicago region, it was home to the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, and Miami, among others. The archeological evidence points to a little over 13,000 years of human occupation. You can see Chicago's indigenous past in glory and in brutal reality at the Mitchell Museum of the Native American and also at the Field Museum's new Native Lands permanent exhibit.

a helping hand in case of the unforeseeable misfortune of something happening to your Saab.

On Thursday, July 20, the first official day of SOC, we have some special events planned. First is a scenic drive down some of old Route 66 towards Joliet, including a stop at the old Joliet Correctional Center (most famously depicted in the movie "The Blues Brothers"). Later we will do a Saab takeover at a local car show/cruise night in beautiful downtown Westmont. Westmont's Cruise Night is a short 10 minute drive from the hotel and it includes a whole street festival. Cruise Night is a fun event that easily attracts 300 cars.

During SOC there will also be a Saab Scavenger Hunt. Participants will be given sheets with a series of clues and questions to fill out during the show that are related to Saabs. Learn more about the Saab brand and have a blast meeting new people to socialize with.

To paraphrase "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (a famous Chicago movie): "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." So don't miss **SOC 2023** - come to Chicago and see some great cars in one of the world's great cities. 🍷

Ian R. Cudny

Chicago SAAB Owners Club, President



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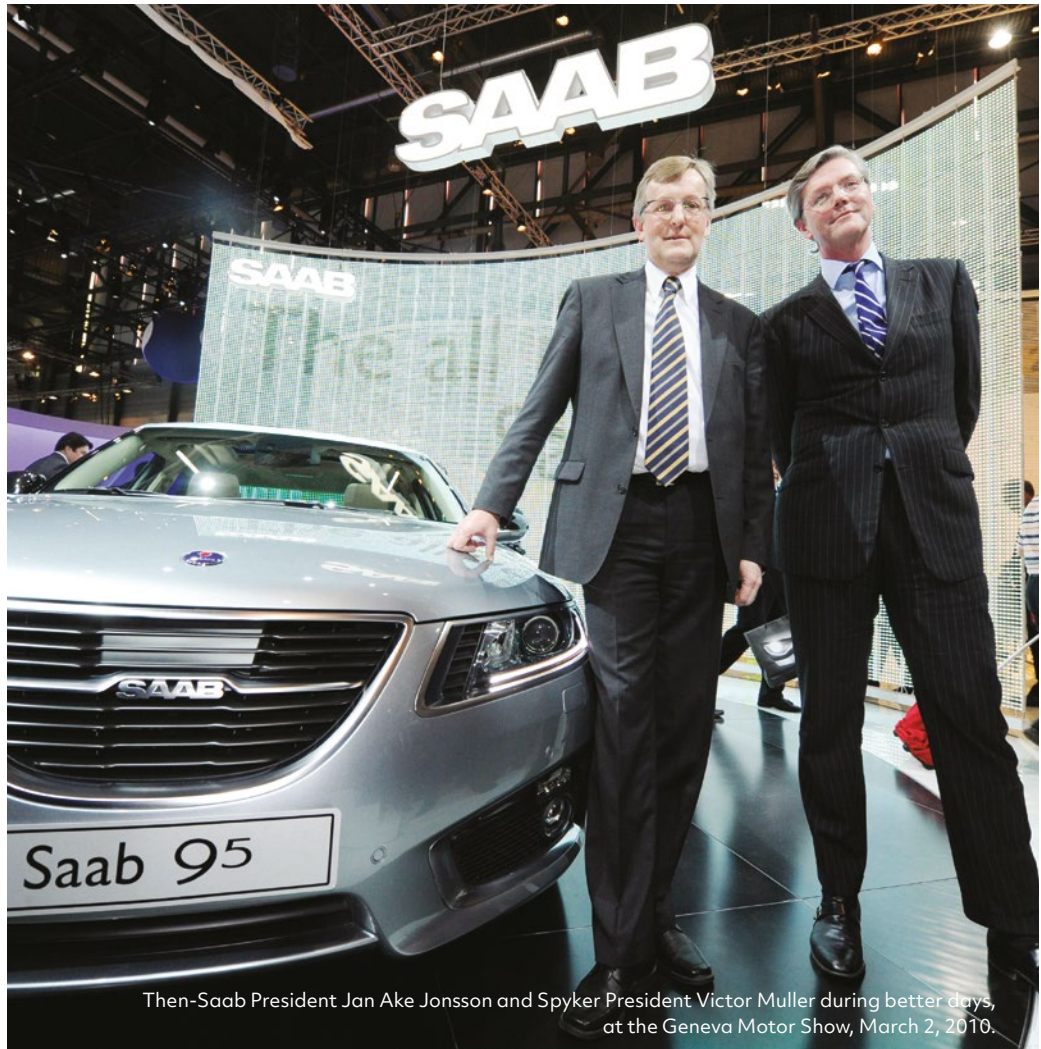
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THE SPYKER SAGA

BY EVAN ACUNA

“Isn’t it sad... that a Dutchman has to buy Saab? That’s pretty awkward, right? [That] in a country which is so renowned for its wonderful industries, for its engineering capabilities, that it required a Dutchman to save Saab from the brink of extinction?”



Then-Saab President Jan Ake Jonsson and Spyker President Victor Muller during better days, at the Geneva Motor Show, March 2, 2010.

An inflamed Victor Muller, blue eyes bristling with a combination of anger and disappointment, speaks candidly with a Swedish interviewer about his attempt to confront the dire prognosis of a post-GM, pre-bankruptcy Saab and deliver the company from the cusp of collapse. This is the cold open to an hour-long documentary episode of Swedish Television’s investigative program Uppdrag Granskning, in which a team of journalists work to piece together the story of Saab’s existential struggle following the company’s separation from General Motors. The program, which aired during October 2012 in Sweden (and which is mostly in Swedish but with English subtitles in the

version available online), portrays Muller as Saab’s would-be savior, and as a man who fought tirelessly against long odds and the Swedish government’s bureaucratic malaise in a protracted effort to rescue the iconic carmaker.

The full episode, “*Spelet om Saab*” (“*The Saab Gamble*”), is available on Marcus & Manuela’s Saab Channel on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com). Uppdrag Granskning’s journalists place blame on Swedish politicians for not doing enough to keep Saab afloat, especially in light of the US government’s painfully ironic bailout of General Motors. But Saab’s precarious financial situation and

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THE **SPYKER** SAGA CONTINUED

habit for yearly operating losses were no secret to the Swedish government, who did not consider themselves to be in any position to run an automobile manufacturer.

Muller's rescue attempt came after a series of aborted deals to purchase Saab from GM after the global giant decided to spin-off Saab in the wake of the Great Recession. The story ended, after a scramble for suitable financing, with GM's refusal to allow Muller to enter into a partnership with financial backing from the Chinese auto industry, as GM was essentially unwilling to sell any of its intellectual property to China for fear that doing so would negatively impact competitive advantages and upset shareholders. Negotiations stalled and the Spyker saga ended in bankruptcy proceedings, although this did not constitute a final endpoint on the Saab timeline; there was still the long slog ahead with NEVS and various "investors," chronicled in real-time by this magazine's past NEVS News column. But Muller's pugnacious spirit and contagiously optimistic vision for Saab's future represented a final wave of hope for industry pundits and fans of the company that perhaps Saab could reclaim its long-faded position as a leading competitor amongst premium European cars.

What would Muller's Saab have looked like had it met with more favorable circumstances and prospered? The best clue we have may be the PhoeniX concept car from the 2011 Geneva Auto Show.

Muller recognized Saab's legacy of innovation in both design and technology, and part of his plan to resuscitate the brand involved bringing in an ex-Pininfarina designer, Jason Castriota, and partnering with BMW as an engine provider. Muller envisioned the PhoeniX as the best type of concept car: one that, while not intended for production, would showcase the path forward for future production models. Its design borrowed cues from Saab's past while also taking a bold new direction. *Car and Driver*, in their coverage of the 2011 Geneva show, had this to say about the high-tech underpinnings of the PhoeniX:


"Saab's new all-wheel-drive system, which is dubbed eXWD—and which explains the capitalized X in the car's name—was developed jointly with American Axle.

Power for the front wheels comes from a transversely mounted, turbocharged and direct-injected 1.6-liter four-banger from the BMW/Mini cache.... The PhoeniX rides on the platform that will underpin the next-gen 9-3 (perhaps called 93), although the company hasn't disclosed whether it's an evolution of the car's current structure, a loaner from the BMW bin, or something else altogether."

The gas engine in the PhoeniX reportedly produced 200hp and 184lb-ft of torque (199lb-ft with temporary overboost) and coupled to a six-speed manual transmission. While it drove only the front wheels, *Car and Driver* noted that, "the rear wheels also put power to pavement, courtesy of a 34-hp electric motor and a 1.1-kWh lithium-ion battery pack; Saab claims this setup enables 'a touch' of torque vectoring."

The magazine gently accused the PhoeniX of playing "buzzword bingo" to generate hype, with its hybrid drivetrain and turbocharged, direct-injected motor (not to mention the heavy-handed name). But Saab, with its vast knowledge of turbocharging and past partnership with Haldex, was already on track to be a tech and engineering leader well before the Spyker deal. They just needed the working capital to realize their potential, and Muller knew that bringing in outside engine and drivetrain technology partners, especially from leading innovators like BMW, would help control costs.

Under Muller's leadership, Saab worked to develop a new-gen 9-3, with technology and styling derived from the PhoeniX, to supplement the 9-4x and new-gen 9-5 already in the model line-up. But financial troubles continued to mount, with Saab at times unable to pay staff and suppliers. Then, one week before Christmas 2011, the carmaker's 3,500 employees abruptly found themselves out of work. Saab had gone bankrupt.

Post-bankruptcy, Saab struggled to reorganize itself and resume production over the course of several years, but the company and its NEVS successor never recaptured the optimism, confidence, and swagger that Muller brought to the ailing firm. 

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EDITOR'S NOTE

There was an unexpected delay in the delivery of the Jan-Mar 2023 issue #372 of **9s** magazine which resulted in many members not getting their magazine until mid-January. We were informed that the printer and mail house experienced heavier than expected holiday volume at the end of December and as a result, they were not able to meet our original delivery schedule. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please know that we are addressing this issue to bring you **9s** in a timely manner going forward. 🇺🇸



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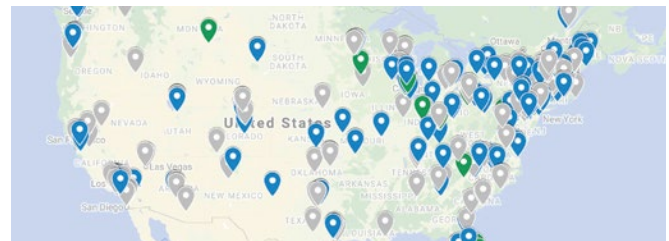
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BY 9s EDITORIAL TEAM

9 Questions introduces two members of our Saab community: one from the "OG" (older generation) and one from the "NG" (new generation) by asking them the same 9 questions about their experience as a Saab enthusiast. We hope you enjoy getting to know them a little bit.

BRET SASSAMAN

Bret Sassaman is from Mount Joy, PA and is a Service Advisor at BMW of Lancaster and loves helping clients get the most out of their (non-Swedish) European cars. His hobbies include collecting and playing guitars and tenor banjos, trail running and attempting to grill things.

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

No, my Great Aunt had a Laser Red OG 9-3 Vert and a Lime Yellow NG 9-3 Vert when I was a kid. I remember being transfixed by the key slots in the middle. I knew I wanted a Saab as my first car when it came time to buy one. My mom was against it, but I think she's come around.

What is the one Saab that you would like to own?

Anything with a two stroke in it. That sound!

What cars other than Saabs do you own?

None! Every non-Saab I've owned usually stays in the fleet for 1-3 years and then I get bored with it. All the Saabs tend to stay in one way or another.

What NEW car would you choose today and why?

I'd try to get my hands on one of the last BMW i3's. I feel like the i3 is misunderstood. It's a fantastic commuter car, has more interior space than a 3 Series, has reverse opening doors reminiscent of a Mazda RX-8 and is the fastest BMW of its time period (from 0-30MPH).

Do your friends make Saab jokes?

Yes. In order to avoid listing jokes that every reader here has heard a million times, I'll invite them to make their own acronym! S _____ A _____ A _____ B _____.

Has anyone ever mistaken your Saab for another brand?

I frequent Evergrain Brewing in Camp Hill, PA to buy the type of alcohol you can't get at a parts store, for my garage.



One time, the girl at the register helped me carry a keg out to my 1990 900 Turbo Vert. She told me she loved my red Porsche Turbo, and I didn't correct her.

Have you ever slept in your Saab?

Almost all of them. Recommended: 1995 9000 CS with Elmo Leather seats. My mom and I did 3500+ miles to Sturgis, SD and back in that for SOC 2022, and it was fantastic all the way. Not Recommended: 1991 900 S with a broken seat motor that only actuates one side of the seat.

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

My first 900 was a 1991 900S, and the reverse lockout pin wasn't functional. A lot of other things on that car weren't sorted as well, but it became a crash course in 900 anatomy for me. I drove it to my best friend's place for dinner and forgot to park it in gear. Fast forward 20 minutes and my friend said "your car is moving". I looked over just in time to see the 900 roll down a hill into a ditch. The car started up and drove out, unscathed. The next day I learned about reverse lock out repair and proper parking brake tension.

Who is your Saab idol?

I could fill a book with Saab idols. I'm incredibly grateful for everyone I've crossed paths with in the last few years who has helped me out with my cars, joined me for a road trip or shared a conversation over a beer or three at a get together. But if I have to pick one, it's definitely Michael Lilley. Michael has been a wealth of knowledge and doesn't hesitate to help people. Last time I visited Michael's Automotive, he was in the middle of a T5 conversion on a sweet "Jetpack Edition" 900 while a Dire Straits CD was on the stereo full blast. I hope I'm that cool when I grow up. 🍷

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all photos from Bret Sassaman

JENNY SASSAMAN

Jenny Sassaman lives in Lancaster PA and , no, she's not Amish. She teaches Engine Technology at TCHS (Technical College High School). Her oldest son wanted to buy a Saab Vert when he was a new driver and she was soooo against it but then she DROVE it on a summer evening and that was it. That SOUND, the vibe, and the open sky...it made stopping at every other Wawa to feed the leaky radiator a lot of distilled water a little less painful.

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

Yes and no. My son Bret and I co-owned Norma, the 900.

What is the one Saab that you would like to own?

Whatever Daniel Cahill brings to SOC 2023

What cars other than Saabs do you own?

2006 Mazda RX-8, 2004 Acura TL, 2004 Lexus RX, 2006 Kawasaki Vulcan, and many bike projects

What NEW car would choose today and why?

I have my eye on the new Ford Maverick in Atlas Blue. Haven't driven one yet but it might kill the urge.

Do your friends make Saab jokes?

All. The. Time. But my students are worse!

Has anyone ever mistaken your Saab for another brand?

For a Saturn!!

Have you ever slept in your Saab?

Yes.

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

When I broke a bolt in front of my students.

Who is your Saab idol?

Idols, in no particular order: Gary Reider, Michael Lilley, Jan Gravley, James Drossos, Ray Vogel, The Cleveland Gang, and Mateo Morales. 🇺🇸

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DINNER AND A MUSEUM

BY LYNN SHAFFER



The **Central Penn SAAB Club** (CPSC) held its annual dinner on Saturday, January 21st, at the AACA Museum in Hershey PA. The dinner was held after hours so members were able to tour the museum and enjoy the current exhibit "Race to the Finish Line". Thanks to AACA Museum volunteers Rich Spina, Lynn Shaffer, and Michael Lilley, members were also able to enjoy a "Behind The Scenes Tour" of the museum's collection that is not currently on display (about 75 additional cars). The history of some of those cars is really amazing. A very impressive collection and worth a special trip!

Club member and "brew master" Jacob Moore provided Redundant Systems (an American IPA) and Cherry Witt

for our enjoyment. These beverages paired very well with dinner. Well done, Jacob!

After dinner CPSC officers were installed. They are President, Jon Desenberg; Vice-President, Julie Gardner; Treasurer, Andrea Payne; Secretary, Jacob Moore; and Directors Don Fatzinger, Alan Mede, and Philip Klene.

The group picture was taken around RED, Gary Reider's 1986 900S "notchback". Gary built it to run in the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association SMF class (Street Modified Front wheel drive). Gary's car is on display as part of the AACA Museum's "Race to the Finish Line" exhibit. 🇺🇸

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Each year, there is an International Saab event held (referred to as **IntSAAB**) somewhere in Europe. This summer, the event will be held in Gaydon, United Kingdom on August 4-6, 2023. Since Gaydon is also home to the British Motor Museum, the event will include optional tours of the museum. Many clubs throughout Europe will organize a pre-tour event in order to travel to the host country together. IntSAAB

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BY SANFORD BOGAGE

typically involves camping or staying at a local college campus and can feature scenic drives, hill climbs, museum tours and other activities in addition to the regular car show and parts vendors. Since this event is held in different countries each year, the local club enjoys personalizing them with food and fun local traditions unique to that country or region.

Last August, IntSAAB was held in Luxembourg, with approximately 300 people from more than 10 European countries. While the pandemic forced a cancellation of both the 2020 and 2021 IntSAAB events, this year's event is sure to be well attended. 🇺🇸

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ENDLESS SAABS

BY AMY KLENE



The 8th annual **Endless Mountain Vintage Saab Jamboree** will be held Friday and Saturday, June 9 - 10, 2023, and as always it is sponsored by Don Snedeker and hosted on Don's property near Clifford (58 Snedeker Rd, Clifford, PA 18470). The Jamboree is the one of the largest (or maybe even the largest) vintage Saab gatherings in the United States. Attendees are mainly from the Northeastern U.S. but have also come from other places, including Canada, California, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Virginia, and Maryland.

Historically, there have been about fifty vintage Saabs registered for the event, including different gas and two-stroke models of Saab 92, 93, 96, 95, 97 (Sonett), 99, and recently 900s. Cars are present in different stages of development, restoration, and/or originality. The Jamboree car count does not take into consideration newer Saabs that are used for transportation to the Event but don't register, so the actual number of Saabs in attendance is quite high.

Regular hotel accommodations are available within a reasonable distance. Camping is also available on site in tents, cars, RVs, and trailers. A drive-about is usually planned for Friday afternoon, while Friday night dinner is informally coordinated with attendees convoying to Bingham's Family Restaurant for good homemade food and conversation. Local food trucks provide sustenance on Saturday.

Scheduled and spontaneous tech sessions are conducted over the course of the Jamboree. Saab part sales are permitted. On Saturday morning attendee vintage voting is conducted for People's Choice, Best in Show, Diamond in the Rough, Most Original, Most Modified, with Honorable Mention for Longest Distance Traveled. Awards are presented in the afternoon. Last year a special award was presented to Zakk Snedeker for his participation in the planning, coordination, and attention to the **Endless Mountain Vintage Saab Jamboree**.

After the award ceremony, an auction of donated Saab items is conducted to help defray the Jamboree costs for the Snedekers, the event sponsor. For additional information contact Don Snedeker, 570-222-3600 or Zakk Snedeker, 602-619-2627. 🇺🇸



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ARIZONA GATHERING

BY JACOB PRETZMAN

The **Saab Club of Arizona (SCAZ)** held its annual gathering at IMM Auto Service in Tempe, Arizona, last November. With sunny skies and 70 degrees the Arizona winter is the best time of year for Saab events in the desert. A wide smattering of Saabs and owners from around the state (more on that later) attended the event, with food, drinks, and even a raffle for gas cards and IMM/eSaabparts gift cards, courtesy of IMM Auto Service itself.

Arizona is not often thought of as a “hub” for Saab cars and enthusiasts, but with over 1,100 Facebook members, 60+ cars at meets, and wide ranging demographic of owners, the community is underrated on a national level and one of the most active with events and postings. Saab owners in Arizona are much like Saab owners elsewhere, where one can easily spend an hour chatting about the brand with someone they’d never met before. It’s not just your average car community; it’s a place where you can meet genuine friends, all in the name of a deceased car brand.

So, what types of cars and owners are at the various SCAZ events? In short - a little bit of everything. Some folks have been owners for decades, now on their 20th+ Saab, and some are younger, recently buying their first Saab and eager to learn more about the brand. Cars ranged from a 400,000+ mile Concours-quality Sonett III from northern Arizona, to modified GM era Saabs, such as a **SOC 2022** People’s Choice Award winning 550hp 9-5, and everything in between. Regardless of background, how one got started in the brand, or age, there is an appreciation to be had for Saabs of all kinds.

This is the third time the annual SCAZ meet has been held at IMM, which has been supporting the Arizona and Phoenix metro area Saab community for years as the go-to Saab shop for repairs and service. IMM has single-handedly kept many members’ Saabs on the road, with the owner and many technicians being Saab enthusiasts themselves.

SCAZ also hosts a wide variety of informal events outside of the annual meet. These range from cruises to many of the scenic roads and landscapes outside of the Phoenix metro area, such as Tortilla Flat, Saguario Lake, and Bartlett Lake, to smaller meetings as a part of larger events around the Valley. Thankfully, because of Arizona’s beautiful weather, the Club is able to stay active year round (yes, this includes night cruises during the summers).

If you would like to see additional coverage of the **2022 SCAZ** meet or other Saab related events and content, you can visit the **Auto Autopsy YouTube.com** channel or Instagram page. Searching “**Saab Club of Arizona Meet**” on **YouTube.com** will provide videos of the last (and past) events, select cruises, and more. The Club prides itself on keeping the Facebook page local for Arizona (and some surrounding states) residents. If you live in Arizona, please consider joining our page and getting invested in our awesome local community!



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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

BY MARK WELKER



SCNA is building a team of passionate Volunteers for the Saab event of the year—the **Saab Owners Convention (SOC)**. To those who share our passion to preserve, cultivate, and grow a strong and thriving Saab community--we need YOU! As an important part of the **SOC** team, you will be provided with pre-**SOC** training and some exciting benefits. The minimum time commitment we ask is 2 shifts (2 hours per shift, 4 hours total) during the Convention.

Mission Statement

The mission of the **SOC Volunteer Program** is to provide support for the Convention leading up to the event, as well as during the event days. Volunteers work closely with SCNA Board members and will serve as ambassadors for SCNA. We seek people who strive to deliver exceptional customer service and help to create a diverse and inclusive environment for all Saab owners and enthusiasts at SOC.

Program Goals

The goal of the Volunteer Program is to build a sustainable SOC volunteer community and develop a leadership pipeline within the community. SOC Volunteer Program aims to build a dynamic volunteer team of 40 - 50 people for each SOC. The program empowers SOC volunteers through engaging, appreciative, and meaningful participation. To achieve this goal, the program will provide training and exciting benefits to SOC volunteers.

General Responsibilities of all Volunteers:

A Volunteer Interest Form will need to be completed to be an eligible participant in the Volunteer Program. Prior to SOC, volunteers will be scheduled for training with the Volunteer Coordinator. During the convention, volunteers are expected to arrive for their shifts on time and fulfill the assigned time frame and duties.

In recognition of volunteers' valued assistance, volunteers will receive exciting benefits, potentially including SCNA discounts, event passes, lunch, volunteer-only previews, and other perks. All benefits are currently under consideration and in development.

Your SCNA Board is excited about this new Program and look forward to an exciting 40th SOC—the SOC Jubilee! Are you ready for the ride? Sign up!

Many thanks to Chicago resident and SCNA member Jo Zhou for her efforts in helping establish and develop the Volunteer Program! 🍷

TRACK DAY SOC2023

BY SHELLY BAXTER

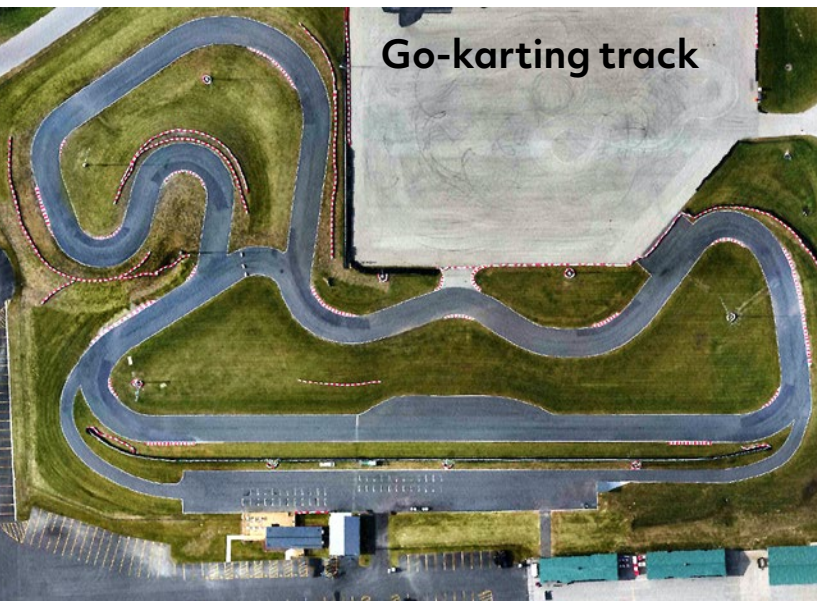


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Driving enthusiasts, especially those who own a vintage or modern race-ready Saab, should strongly consider attending the track day



Admit it. You almost never see a Saab in the right-hand lane. Or if you do, it's because they are exiting off the highway. Saab drivers love the thrill of the drive, and most Saab owners love testing their driving ability against the engineering of our beloved brand. Driving enthusiasts, especially those who own a vintage or modern race-ready Saab, should strongly consider attending the track day at the Audobahn Country Club (ACC).

Some years ago, a group of Chicago area car collectors was looking for a world class race circuit nearby to drive performance cars. When no local options were available, this group pooled together their own resources to build their own racing circuit! Using the Country Club model, they have built the amazing Audobahn Country Club, located in Joliet, IL. This track features two separate, custom designed road race courses with a beautiful and luxurious club house in the center. It is time to trade in your golf clubs, dust off your helmet, and take advantage of this rare opportunity to join novice and experienced Saab drivers at this world-class auto racing track.

This year, on Wednesday, July 19, you will have the opportunity to drive the 2.1 mile long South Track. Our full day will be divided into three different heats with multiple sessions: Beginner, Intermediate, and Expert. In addition, if you would like to join someone but prefer not to drive your Saab on the track, the ACC will provide optional go-kart racing in the afternoon.

Please come and enjoy a full day of Saab racing, a catered lunch, and optional go-karting. We only have a limited number of spaces available for this unique experience. More information will be posted on our website as it becomes available. We look forward to seeing you there! 🍷

South Circuit

2.1 Miles - 40 Feet Wide

15 Turns - 9 Right - 6 Left

Pole **Right**

Longest Straight **1850 ft**



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■ Corner Worker Station



SCNA BOARD ELECTIONS 2023

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 should be emailed to secretary@saabclub.com or mailed to the address below and must be received no later than **May 21, 2023**.

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 21, 2023. 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 21, 2023. 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 13, 2023. 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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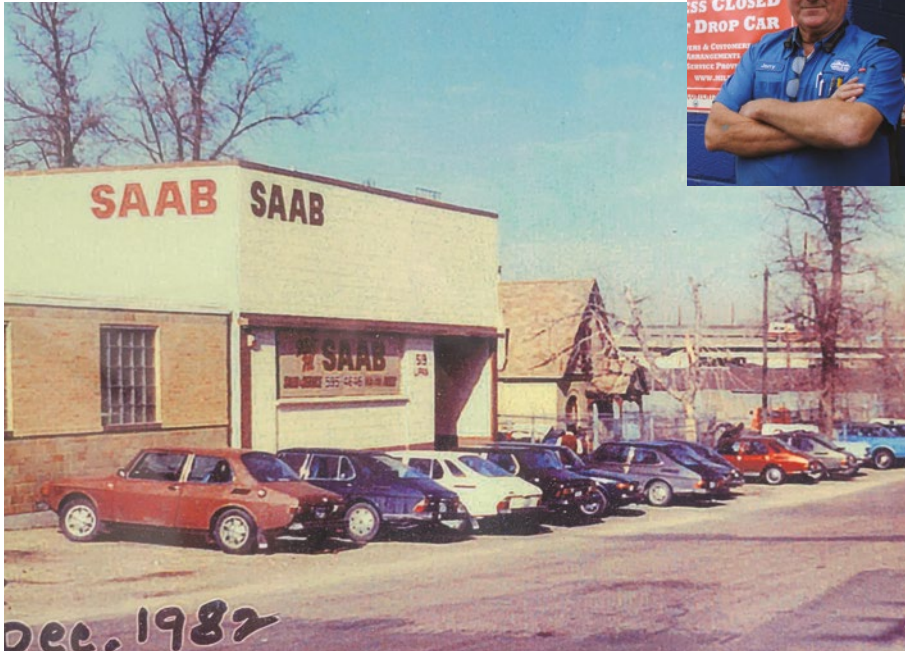
Just send them to saabclub.com/join and have them fill in your details, including your SCNA member number.

We also have referral postcards available for handing out at club meets, tagging Saabs you spot on the street, or mailing to all your Saab-loving friends. Request some by emailing membership@saabclub.com



END OF AN ERA

BY JERRY DANNER



Very few people can say they had the same job for 53 years. In 1964 when I was 11, my father, Ken, presented me with an opportunity of a lifetime which at the time I didn't understand. He sold his pie bakery and immediately got into the automotive industry partnering with Florian Schmidt to form Schmidt's Body Shop. Dad was mechanical since he needed to keep his fleet of three delivery trucks serviced. I remember on weekends Dad would have me around cleaning brake shoes, adding oil to the engine after an oil change, and just being

around him. Dad was a good front man with great character. My mother, Clara, was a secretary for Montgomery Wards. Florian was a talented craftsman repairing damaged cars. Dad and mom did all the front-end work, writing estimates and drumming up new business. Florian was in charge of production. They were quite a team!

Our connection with Saab happened in 1964. Dad had the contracts for AVIS & Hertz rental cars to repair their damaged rentals at Stapleton Airport in Denver, Colorado. Driving down Smith Road north of the airport, Dad noticed a warehouse unloading Saabs from train cars. He stopped in and met Dick Catron, introduced himself and asked him if there were any cars that got damaged in transport that needed to be repaired prior to sale. Dick had two cars with damage. Dad took them, repaired them, and returned them to Dick. Dick was impressed with the quality and Schmidt's Body Shop became Dick's go-to choice for collision repair. Dick also had a retail dealership on south Broadway, "Saab Denver", which also opened in 1964.

The partnership ended in 1969 and Dad formed **Mile Hi Body Shop**. Dad found a small three-car garage for rent. Two technicians, customers and the Saab account followed Dad. Mile Hi Body Shop was Saab Denver's recommended collision repair facility. Damaged 96's & 99's were towed in, some were fixable and some were totaled. Mile Hi Body

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Without Saab in my life, I am sure it would be different. Saab brings us all together as a huge family.

Shop bought the cars for parts and was known as a “Junk Yard” for Saab parts. We bought cars, repaired and sold them. Prior to sale, we sent our cars to a small independent to get serviced prior to sale.

I was always mechanical. Nothing was cooler than having your father own an automotive garage. I learned to weld when I was 11. I rebuilt my first '66 GTO V-8 engine for a friend and finished it before I turned 16. I graduated High School in 1971.

The opportunity my father presented to me when I was 11 was now starting to make sense. In 1978 Mile Hi Body Shop incorporated. Dad asked me what my focus on life was. I loved the shop and wanted to stay. In 1978 Dad made me the president at age 25. The shop was strictly collision repair. Most of our work was Saabs. In 1978, I decided to do our own mechanical repairs instead of farming it out. That created a big problem. For collision work you'd likely have two cars a week, but for mechanical repairs you can have three cars a day. We immediately outgrew the small shop.

In 1982 we purchased half of a city block with a 15,000 sq.ft. building on it in Denver's industrial district, which we used to expand our service, salvage yard and to relocate our collision services. Saabs were popular in Denver. The height of our business was between 1990

and 1999. We had 17 employees. Because of our used parts, there were 7 other independents in Denver. Mile Hi serviced them with the large selection of used parts we collected. We got along great with everybody including our supporting dealer Mike Shaw Saab.

Life was good for me. Even to the day I closed Mile Hi, April 30, 2021, I really enjoyed what I did. Owning a large business for me was not a burden. I very rarely thought to myself “I really do not want to be here today.” I loved my customers and employees. My son Jerrime and daughter Michelle played a valuable part. When I closed the business, all I wanted to accomplish was not to be a business owner anymore. At 67, I did not want to be 80 and still running a business. Time to change my routine. I purchased two “Man Cave Warehouses” close to my house after I sold the property. I took the best of my tools to the new warehouse. I sold all my lifts and bought a new one. I auctioned off all the rest. I am set to do anything at the new place as I did at Mile Hi.

The common denominator in my life is “Saab”. Without Saab in my life, I am sure it would be different. Saab brings us all together as a huge family. Without Saab I would of not have met all of you wonderful people. I have friends in Canada, Sweden, Europe, all over the U.S. and the world. Without Saab I would not have met great

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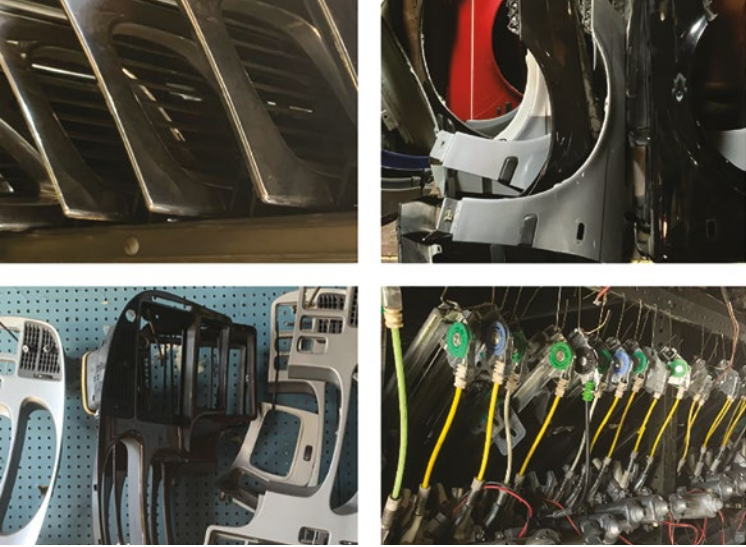
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people like John Moss, Jack Lawrence, Bob Sinclair, Peter Bakstrom, Tom Donney, Larry Williams, Bill Jacobson... I apologize now for the ones I missed. Most people know me and again I apologize as I cannot remember hundreds of names. What would've happened if my father decided to work on Subarus or Volkos? I'm sure it wouldn't have been the same.

Snap your fingers and you are now 69. Time passes quickly. Now I know exactly how the opportunity my father gave to me turned out. It was never announced when I was 11. Saab has been extremely good to me. I want to pass it forward. My giving back to the Saab community will not end with the closing of Mile Hi Automotive. From the proceeds of the sale of the land owned by Mile Hi, I created the "Gerald L Danner Charitable Remainder Trust" to bypass capital gains taxes while I am alive. In my passing, the remainder will be passed on to the charity of my choice. The majority will go to "Our" Saab Heritage Museum in Sturgis. While I'm still alive, the gain on investments will allow me to give a very generous donation yearly till

I expire. Afterwards, the remainder goes to the museum. I encourage you to think about supporting the Saab Museum in your life plans. Saab is our most valuable common denominator. Saab has been very good to all of us. God bless Mom and Dad and the Saab family. 🇸🇪





SPORTS CAR SERVICE

BY CAROLANN PAMPUCH

There will be 10 plus weekends of sales. For the first 4 to 6 weekend sales, the prices will be set without any negotiating of that price. (if you want to buy in bulk for resale, we will consider bulk offers) The next set of sales those prices will be cut in half. On the final 2 weekends of sales, everything will be sold at scrap value for recyclable materials and free for all the rest.

Our parts include Vintage parts, Models 93, 95, 96, Sonett, 99 & classic 900s all the way up to the latest 2011 models of 9-3s and 9-5s. We have parts that range from little trim pieces all the way to body parts, door glass and motors to name a few. Collectables, Saab memorabilia, and tools will also be for sale. Sorry, those prices won't reduce, you can get it while it's available or take your chance as if something is not sold it will be sold later on Ebay.

Please follow Sports Car Service on **Facebook** for photos to be posted as we get organized and dates to be announced. The goal of our sale is to keep as many Saabs as we can running and not to have these parts go to the landfills. We look forward to helping you find that part for your restoration project or getting a few extra parts to keep your Saab on the road for many more years. 🇺🇸

Sports Car Service in Wilmington, Delaware is moving to a smaller location. With well over 45 years of collecting Saab parts you can say we have accumulated a lot! Our new building will be significantly smaller which means there will be many Saab parts that need a new home. Sales will be during the summer months of 2023 on Thursdays through Sunday, actual dates to be determined soon. With this announcement, I'm sure many of you will want to be the first to reach out to us asking for that unobtainable part, and although we wish we could respond, unfortunately we will not. As you can imagine this is a huge task and we will be working many hours to get parts sorted, priced and organized. There will be no holding parts or shipping parts, so you will have to wait for the actual sale. If you are unable to attend, reach out to a friend in the Saab community who is and give them your wish list.

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Endless Mountain Vintage Saab Jamboree

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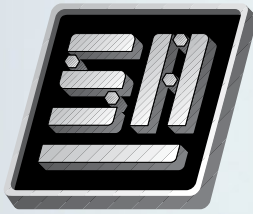


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