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SAAB OWNERS CONVENTION 2022



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Saab
with the Saab Heritage Car Museum USA

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BY THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SAAB CLUB



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Kyle lives in Colorado and drives a Sky Blue 1996 NG900SE 3-dr 5-speed he calls his "baby Viggén"



Mark Hodges, Chairman of Saab Enthusiasts Club UK, and Sanford Bogage standing in front of the **UrSaab** at the **2022 Saab Festival**

SCNA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BY SANFORD BOGAGE

Dear SCNA Members, Family and Friends,

On behalf of the **SCNA Board of Directors** and the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA**, we would like to welcome you to **SOC 2022**, the annual owners convention. This year we are pleased to celebrate 75 years of Saab automobiles. Just last month, I was able to attend the **Saab Festival Trollhättan 2022** at the museum in Sweden, where I received a warm welcome from Saab owners from all parts of the world. The Festival, like our own, was also focused on this special anniversary. There is of course only one UrSaab, and it lives at the museum in Trollhättan, so that car was the feature of this year's festival. Prominently displayed near the entrance, the car was surrounded by people for most of the weekend. Perhaps the most exciting moment was on Saturday afternoon, when they drove the car, along with over a dozen 92's, from the museum down to the main city square for a special ceremony. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience to be able to hear the engine running, see the car driving, and most of all smell the unique two stroke "cologne" that can only mean there are old Saab's in the area. I would also like to thank Peter Bäckström for including me in the program by interviewing me in front of the crowd in the town square.

Since you are reading this letter, you very likely have arrived in Sturgis and checked in at the Heritage Museum. Undoubtedly, you have not seen such a vast collection of Saab-related vehicles, dealer and corporate displays and memorabilia. The Showfield is smaller this year than it has been at SOC's in the past, partly because the focus is on the museum and the history of the company that we gather each year to celebrate.

This year we are thrilled to be able to again welcome our Canadian friends in addition to others outside the US who are finally able to make the long journey to picturesque Sturgis, SD. In this program, on page 18, I offer some suggestions for those who have time to venture out a bit and see some of the many natural and human-made sites that the area has to offer.

No matter where in the world you are from, the camaraderie that is found within the Saab community is universal. Thank you for joining us this year at the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA**, and we hope to see you at a local, national or international event in the future.

Sincerely,

Sanford Bogage

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YOU CAN HELP KEEP THE SPIRIT OF SAAB ALIVE!

- Shop on Smile.Amazon and Designate the Museum - Estate Planning
- RMD's - Required Minimum Distributions - Tax Deductible Donations
- Become a Volunteer!

***Display Setup * Literature Sorting * Tour Guide * Car Cleaning**

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How it all began...

In February 2012, Tom Donney and Bill Jacobson purchased 10 cars from the GM Heritage collection. Both Tom and Bill already had a very nice collection of Saabs and with this acquisition came conversations like: “what’s going to happen to our collections when we are no longer here?”. Bill always dreamed of having a Saab Museum, and you could say that he does if you have ever been to his showroom at **Sports Car Service** in Wilmington, Delaware. Tom took it to the next level.

Tom and his wife, Patti started looking at properties in Iowa, Minnesota, Arizona, and as you know, they ended up in South Dakota. Why South Dakota? Tom had been traveling to the Black Hills since 2008 when he coached college football. They would rent a house and noticed that if they left one of their cars in storage, upon their return it would be in the same condition as when they left it. No rodents moved in, and there was no rust due to the low humidity. With ideal conditions for preserving cars, amazing roads through the Black Hills, and all the tourist attractions that the area has to offer, Sturgis, South Dakota was the right choice.

In May of 2017, they settled on the property and started moving cars. At first it was 5 cars at a time, 4 on a trailer and Patti driving one from Fort Dodge, Iowa to Sturgis,

South Dakota. One way, the trip is a 10 hour drive. With over 100 cars to move, Tom’s good friend and longtime Saab enthusiast, Chuck Andrews, insisted that they purchase a 10 car hauler to speed things along and save on fuel. After getting the car hauler running (yes, Tom bought something that needed to be fixed, imagine that!) Chuck had the skills and the time to drive the new Saab hauler, so off he went with 10 cars at a time.

Tom then put the word out over social media asking for volunteers to help move cars which came to be known as the “Saab Stampede”. The Saab hauler moved 110 Saabs and many more were driven by Tom, Patti, relatives, and Saab friends. The museum was finally ready for visitors after long days with volunteers helping, and hours spent on the phone trying to find contractors to repair the various things that needed to be done.

Just before the **2019 Saab Owners Convention** in Loveland, Colorado, Tom had several “volunteer work days” where many Saab enthusiasts showed up and put in the necessary work. It ended with a museum kick off party and then a caravan of Saabs driving down US-85 excited to share their experiences at the museum with others at the **Saab Owners Convention**.



There were a few visitors to the Museum over the remaining summer months of 2019. The museum was only allowed to ask for donations for a tour. The “Official” opening was not until they received a permit from the City of Sturgis and opened to the public on June 16, 2020. As you can imagine, the summer of 2020 was quite slow. During the 2021 season the number of visitors definitely increased. This was still not enough to be self-supporting for the museum.

The museum has had many volunteers offering their time and skills. Tom and Patti, although they do a pretty amazing job, cannot physically do it all. After the work volunteers depart, they are left exhausted but also have an adrenaline rush to keep them moving forward. As a Saab enthusiast, please find the time to visit and volunteer. You too will leave exhausted but with a feeling of pride in helping to keep the Saab spirit alive.

The museum survives on financial support from various donations. **The Saab Heritage Car Museum USA** is a 501(c)(3) public charity, which makes your monetary donations tax deductible. Donations from social media campaigns have been successful and are always greatly appreciated. There are donors that have stepped up with large contributions and there are those that contribute monthly. Many have contributed material donations; some will be displayed at the museum and others will be sold to Saab enthusiasts for needed financial support. Any support, be it volunteering at the museum, sending money once a month, or even once a year is always greatly appreciated and will help the museum to keep the doors open for many years to come.



75TH ANNIVERSARY

BY KELLY R. CONATY, MD

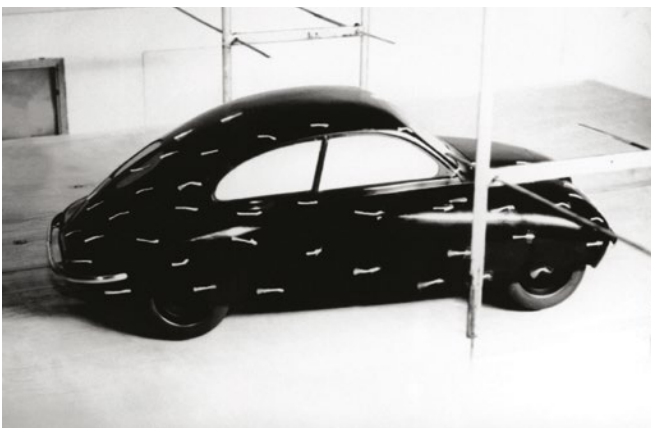


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“Ursaab”, which translates to “original Saab” was Saab’s first prototype automobile. Since the Swedish aircraft manufacturer Svenska Aeroplan Aktiebolaget (SAAB) expected significant production declines as a result of the end of World War II, various concepts were developed to keep the plant running at full capacity. Considerations were: motorcycle or vehicle construction, prefabricated houses, fitted kitchens, or ships with light metal hulls. “Projekt 92” came into being as a result. The goal was to build a small car to compete in the marketplace against manufacturers such as Volkswagen, Volvo, Opel, DKW, and others. A Saab had to be the right size, type, construction, and price - a small, affordable car. The vehicle had to be light, aerodynamic and offer space for four people. The target consumer price was 3200 SEK (equivalent to 366 USD).



Project 92, so-called as numbers 90 and 91 had already been assigned to civilian aircraft projects, was agreed to by Saab in 1945. The development took place under the technical direction of engineer Gunnar Ljungström; the body design came from industrial designer Sixten Sason. Of the 16 developers, only two — Ljungström and Rolf Melde, who also acted as test driver — had a driver’s license.

Extensive flow tests were carried out with a wooden model (scale 1:10) in the company’s own wind tunnel. The “Ursaab” achieved a value of 0.32, which was extraordinarily good for the time. The streamlining was aircraft-like and was designed to reduce fuel consumption. The full size model was viewed with some reservations by Saab management, and in response engineer Gunnar Ljungström was noted to say: “...if it can save 100 litres of fuel a year, it doesn’t matter if it looks like a frog.”

The Ursaab had front-wheel drive and was propelled by a DKW two-cylinder, two-stroke engine (DKW was one of the four companies along with Horch, Wanderer, and Audi that formed Auto Union in 1932 and is hence an ancestor of the modern day Audi company). The engine had a displacement of



692 cm³ and developed 14 kW (18 hp) at 3500 rpm. Thanks to the good aerodynamics, the top speed was more than 110 km / h (68 mph!), around 20 km / h higher than that of an identically motorized DKW. With its self-supporting body and independent wheel suspension all around, the Urсаab had very modern design features. The choice of rear-hinged doors was made by Gunnar Ljungström as he wanted to lessen the risk of damaging doors while backing out of a garage.

The Urсаab was ready to drive by the end of summer 1946 and was immediately tested day and night. Prototype cars 92002 and 92003 were driven on every possible type of road surface and with the Urсаab (92001) clocked over 329,327 miles - equivalent to 13 journeys around the world. 92002 was presented to the Swedish press on June 15, 1947 at the Linköping headquarters next to the Urсаab, which at that time had covered around 31,000 miles on test drives . Another two years passed between the presentation of the prototypes and the start of series production of the Saab 92.



A curious feature of the Urсаab was the hood emblem. This was the first emblem to appear on a Saab automobile. The symbol itself was nothing more than a fictitious heraldic symbol which did not appear on any Saab since. The characters on the badge have no meaning, but It is an iconic symbol which is a reminder of how and where Saab automobiles came from.

The Saab Club of North America features this iconic symbol as its logo for the **Saab Owners Convention 2022**. The backdrop of the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA** and this iconic symbol serves to remind us of Saab's humble beginnings.



SHOWFIELD INFO



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Saab Heritage Car Museum USA
940 Dickson Drive
Sturgis, SD 57785

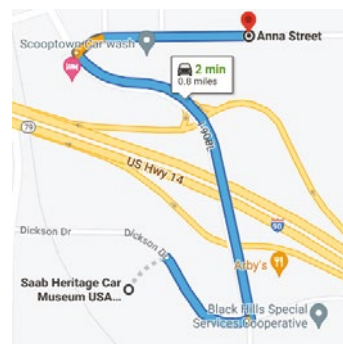
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SHOWFIELD RULES

- Showfield opens at 8am Friday
- Dash Card/Rally Plate required for entry to Showfield
- Dash Card/Rally Plate should be displayed at all times
- Concour entrants park against museum building
- Cars should be in place for judging Saturday 10am-2pm
- Showfield entrance is One Way, no exit
- Traffic on Showfield is One Way
- Exit Showfield on marked exits only

CAR WASH

There is a commercial car wash, **Scooptown Car Wash**, 1/2 mile away from the museum.



AWARD COMPETITIONS

What are the differences between People's Choice and Concours d'Saab Award?



People's Choice Award:

Your SAAB is Judged by SOC attendees and not a Judge.

- To have your car judged by a vote of the attendees of SOC and not formal judging – “People's Choice”
- To show off your modifications and your personality as reflected in your unique SAAB
- SAABs will be entered into various categories
- Success involves presenting your car so that it catches attention
- You should present your car in person and meet the people
- Display a list of attributes, modifications, and features that makes your car special
- You can enter one competition or the other, not both

Concours d'Saab Award:

A Judged/Scored event scored by trained judges.

- Based on the ideal of presenting the Best of the Best
- Highlights the original design and construction specifications
- Criteria will be used in judging both original and restored examples
- Equal weight to originality and condition
- Higher-scoring cars and award winners are those that are closest to the way they left the factory
- You can enter one competition or the other, not both



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AWARD CATEGORIES

People's Choice	
CODE	Category
A	92/93
B	95/96
C	Sonett
D	99
E	C900
F	C900 CV
G	9000
H	NG 900/OG 9-3
J	NG 900/OG 9-3 CV
K	NG 9-3 SS
L	NG 9-3 SC
M	NG 9-3 CV
N	OG 9-5 Sedan
P	OG 9-5 SC
R	9-2X/9-7X
S	NG 9-5
T	9-4X
U	Turbo X SS/SC
V	Viggen

Concours d'Saab			
CODE	Category	Model	Body
CA	Vintage	92,93	
		95,95	
		Sonett	
CB	Classic	99	
		900	
		900	CV
		9000	
CC	NG900/ OG9-3	900,9-3	
		900,9-3	CV
CD	9-3 Sport	9-3	SS
		9-3	SC
		9-3	CV
CE	OG9-5	9-5	
		9-5	SC
CF	Modern/ Badged	9-2x,9-7x	
		9-5	
		9-4x	
CG	Performance	Turbo X,9-3	
		9-3,Viggen	

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IS MY CAR A **CONCOURS D'SAAB?**



Gary Stottler and Jerry Danier judging during Concours d'Saab at SOC 2018

If you feel that your Saab is among the **“Best of the Best”**, and your car presents itself well in terms of originality and condition, and if you would like to have your car judged by knowledgeable and devoted judges, then **Concours d'Saab** is right for you! **Concours d'Saab** is based on presenting the **“Best of the Best”**. Our goal is to assemble these Saabs in an arena of competition which highlights their originality and condition. The SCNA **Concours d'Saab** rules are designed to give equal weight to originality and condition. Higher scoring cars and award winners are closest to the way that they left the factory. **Concours d'Saab** provides a great opportunity to **“show and tell”**, and since Saabs are no longer produced, any year or model is eligible for entry into the Concours d'Saab voting.

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What to expect when you enter the Concours d'Saab:

The **Concours d'Saab** is a judged/scored event. The judges have many years of experience with Saabs. **A winning Saab is a clean Saab!** Things like detailed door jambs, trunk, and engine bay will improve your “condition” scores. All personal/cargo items should be removed from the car leaving the trunk and interior empty and easily viewed. The judges need access to all parts of the car: engine bay, trunk, spare tire, glove box, etc. Major modifications will result in reduced originality scores. Your judging sheet will be returned to you after the show with the judges’ suggestions as to improvements you might make for next year!

VOTE

PEOPLE'S CHOICE WORKSHEET

CATEGORY	MODELS	NOTES	VOTE
A	92/93		
B	95/96		
C	Sonett		
D	99		
E	Original 900		
F	Original 900 Convertible		
G	9000		
H	NG900/OG 9-3		
J	NG900/OG9-3 Convertible		
K	NG 9-3 Sedan		
L	NG 9-3 SportCombi		
M	NG 9-3 Convertible		
N	Original 9-5 Sedan		
P	Original 9-5 SportCombi		
R	9-2X/9-7X		
S	NG 9-5		
T	9-4X		
U	TurboX		
V	Viggen		
	<i>Best in Show</i>		

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When ready to record your vote,
scan QR code inside your badge sleeve.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Thursday - July 21		
Time	Event	Venue
8 am - 5 pm	Car Wash @ Scooptown Car Wash	710 Anna St, Sturgis
8 am	Gather at Museum for Saabs at Mount Rushmore Scenic Drive	Group photo 6th floor garage Mt Rushmore followed by a drive on Iron Mtn Rd
Following	Black Hills Geology Tour: Guided tour of points of interest Estimated time of tour is 3-4 hours By: Noel Simmons	Immediately following Mt Rushmore photo op
Noon - 5 pm	Registration Registered Members, Guests, and Vendors only	Registration Tent
12:45 pm	Volunteers for PM shift meet with co-ordinator	Information Tent
Noon - 5 pm	SCNA and SOC 2022 Merchandise and Memorabilia Sale	Showfield Merchandise Tent
6 - 7 pm	Pre-Dinner Socializing @ Sturgis Brewing Company	600 Anna St, Sturgis
7 pm	Sponsor Appreciation Dinner @ Sturgis Brewing Company	600 Anna St, Sturgis

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SOC 2022 SWAG

This is some of the special event **Saab Owners Convention** merchandise that you can purchase at the convention. In addition to the T-shirt that you will receive with your registration, you can purchase the special event "Map" T-shirt, SOC 2022 Badges, glassware, and more.

Alcohol sales during SOC 2022 are the responsibility of the respective venues, and not SCNA.

If you choose to drink, please drink responsibly.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Friday - July 22		
Time	Event	Venue
7 am - onward	Car Wash @ Scooptown Car Wash	710 Anna St, Sturgis
8:45 am	Volunteers for AM shift meet with coordinator	Information Tent
9 am - 4 pm	Registration Registered Members, Guests, Vendors and Event Passes	Registration Tent
9 am - 4 pm	Vendor Exhibition and Parts Swap Meet	Parking Lot
9 am - 4 pm	SCNA and SOC 2022 Merchandise and Memorabilia Sale	Showfield Merchandise Tent
9 am - 4 pm	Saab Heritage Car Museum USA Parts Sale	Workshop
9 am - 4 pm	Tech2 Readings: Richard LaBarre	South Side of Museum
10 - 11 am	SAABinar: Jordan Pagano Modern Classic Saab Modern Manufacturing for Classics	Showfield Tent
11 am - 3 pm	Lunch - Food Trucks and Ice Cream	South Side of Museum
12:45 pm	Volunteers for PM shift meet with co-ordinator	Information Tent
1 - 2 pm	SAABinar: Matt Nicklay - eSaabparts Tour	eSaabParts Area
3 - 4 pm	SAABinar: Jeff Gorenflo (Manager, Technical Assistance, Orio) "Update on Saab Parts Availability"	Showfield Tent
4 - 5 pm	Saab Club of North America (SCNA) Annual Meeting and Elections	Showfield Tent
5 - 6 pm	Relax and drive to dinner	
6 - 7 pm	Cocktails Cash Bar	The Lodge at Deadwood
7 - 9 pm	Welcome Dinner Speakers, TBA	The Lodge at Deadwood Ballroom
10 pm - Midnight	Gathering of the 9s After-Party! <i>ALL ARE WELCOME</i>	TBD - to be announced at dinner

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SCHEDULE

SAT & SUN

Saturday - July 23		
Time	Event	Venue
7 am - onward	Car Wash @ Scooptown Car Wash	710 Anna St, Sturgis
8:45 - 9 am	Volunteers for AM shift meet with co-ordinator	Information Tent
8 - 10 am	<i>Parking for the People's Choice and Concours d'SAAB</i>	Showfield
9 am - 2 pm	Registration Desk Registered Members, Guests, Vendors and Event Passes	Registration Tent
9 am - 4 pm	SCNA and SOC 2022 Merchandise and Memorabilia Sale	Showfield Merchandise Tent
9 am - 4 pm	Saab Heritage Car Museum USA Parts Sale	Workshop
9 am - 4 pm	Vendor Exhibition	Parking Lot
9 am - 4 pm	Parts Swap Meet	Parking Lot
9 am - 4 pm	Saab Heritage Car Museum USA Parts Sale	Workshop
9 am - 4 pm	Tech2 Readings: Richard LaBarre	South Side of Museum
10 - 11 am	SAABinar: Nik Kreuger - Cannonball Run Car Mods	Showfield
10 am - 2 pm	<i>People's Choice Voting By Smartphone</i>	Showfield
10 am - 2 pm	<i>Concours d'SAAB Judging</i>	Showfield
11 am - Noon	SAABinar: Scanwest - Autosports Rally Car	Showfield
11 am - 3 pm	Lunch - Food Trucks and Ice Cream	South Side of Museum
12:45 - 1 pm	Volunteers for PM shift meet with co-ordinator	Information Tent
1 - 1:30 pm	Vintage Saab Club of North America (VSCNA) Board Meeting and Elections	Showfield Tent
2 pm	Volunteer Group Photo - Wear your T-shirts!	Showfield
3 - 4 pm	<i>Showfield Photo</i>	Showfield
4 pm	<i>Concours d'Saab Awards</i>	Showfield
4:30 - 5:30 pm	VSCNA Vintage Ride-Along Event (All Are Welcome!)	Zoom - Zoom
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Cocktails Cash Bar	The Lodge at Deadwood
7:30 - 10 pm	Scanwest Awards Banquet	The Lodge at Deadwood Ballroom

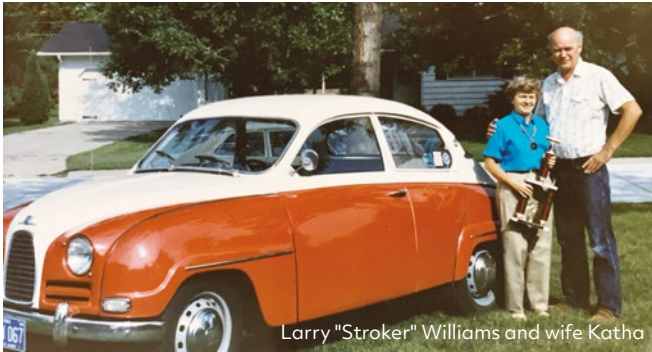
Sunday - July 24		
Time	Event	Venue
9 am	Saab Heritage Car Museum USA Auction and Parts Sale	Museum
Noon	Prepare to Depart	

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SPECIAL AWARDS



Larry "Stroker" Williams and wife Katha



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LARRY "STROKER" WILLIAMS SPIRIT OF SAAB AWARD

This memorial award is named for Saab enthusiast Larry Williams, fondly known as "Stroker". Larry, his wife Katha, and Sadie (his '63 bullnose Saab 96) were a fixture every year at SOC. Larry's passion for Saab was contagious and he loved sharing it with anyone that would listen. This award is presented by the SCNA Board of Directors to the Saab enthusiast that best exemplifies that same spirit annually at the owners convention.

2021 Spirit of Saab Award recipient:
ED LORENZ



Bob Sinclair in the Saab Quantum race car



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BOB SINCLAIR AWARD

This memorial award was created in 2011 in honor of "Uncle Bob" Sinclair, former CEO of Saab-Scania of America. Bob Sinclair was instrumental in raising the profile of the Saab brand in the United States in the '80s and early '90s. Bob Sinclair is most famous for insisting that Saab offer more high-end and performance options in the classic 900 as well as developing the first Saab convertible to better appeal to the American market. The 900 convertible became a sensation with over a quarter million sold over the next 10 years. This award is presented by the SCNA Board of Directors annually to the best SPG or convertible in attendance at the owners convention.

2021 Bob Sinclair Award recipient:
CASEY STURRUP

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SPECIAL AWARDS



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YOUNG ENTHUSIAST AWARD

This award was created in 2015 to recognize and encourage the next generation of Saab enthusiasts. It is awarded to a dedicated and passionate Saab enthusiast under the age of 30 by the SCNA Board of Directors annually at the owners convention.

2021 Young Enthusiast Award recipient:



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PRESERVATION AWARD

Preservation can mean different things to different people. Some people strive to preserve their vehicles, while others work to preserve the brand by providing parts, knowledge, and support to other Saab owners. The Preservation Award is presented by the SCNA Board of Directors annually at the owners convention.

2021 Preservation award recipient:



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WALTER KERN AWARD

Walter Kern is best known in Saab circles as the man who created the Saab Quantum. Walter was actually an MIT-trained nuclear physicist who loved amateur racing. He designed and built the first Quantum in his spare time while employed at IBM as an engineer and caught the attention of Saab in the early 1960s. Sadly none of the Quantum models ever made it into mass production but Walter remains a legend amongst Saab devotees. The Walter Kern Award was created by the **Vintage Saab Club of North America** and is awarded to the person who best exemplifies the innovation and creativity that Walter Kern exemplified in his endeavors.

2021 Walter Kern Award recipient:

TIM WINKER



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PHILANTHROPIC AWARD

The Philanthropic Award was created in 2021 to recognize the individual(s) who has provided generous support to the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA**. Support can be defined as either monetary or non-monetary support in an effort to ensure the future of the museum for years to come. This award is presented annually by the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA** Board of Directors.

2020 Philanthropic Award winner:

MATT NICKLAY

2021 Philanthropic Award winner

JERRY DANNER

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THE BLACK HILLS

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Greg Abbott

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Welcome to Sturgis, a city in South Dakota that resembles a small town in many other parts of the country. With a year round population of less than 8,000, the winters can feel long and quiet, but the short summer season is quite the opposite. July is very likely the best time to explore the area, with a few less tourists, mild weather and businesses and attractions open and ready to offer you an enjoyable and memorable experience. Without a doubt, there is something to pique the interest of friends and family members alike, making this significant SOC even more unique and special. Every Saab can find an ideal road nearby, 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 Deadwood, where Wild Bill and Calamity Jane have their final resting place, is a beautiful, 20 minute ride via the main road, but I strongly recommend taking “the long way” at least once during your visit. It does add about 20 minutes to your drive, but it is my personal preferred route. From Dickson Drive, simply take a right onto Junction Rd, which quickly turns into Vanocker Canyon Rd. You will pass the Belle Joli Winery and then Wonderland Cave as you continue through the beautiful canyon towards the little village of Nemo. At the stop sign, take a right onto Nemo Rd and you come to Highway 385 and onto 85. The roads are well paved and well marked, and this will bring you into Deadwood from the other side of

town, allowing you to see the downtown area before heading to the Lodge for Friday and Saturday dinner. This is just one of many routes that will exercise your Saab while giving you a taste of the area.

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 archaeological 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 Mine, recreated 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.



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Orio – shift in ownership to Hedin Mobility Group

As of today, Orio AB has received a new owner, as the Swedish State has sold all shares in the company to Hedin Mobility Group AB.

NYKÖPING, June 9 2022 – Orio AB has its origins in Saab Automobile Parts AB and is today the exclusive supplier of Saab original parts through a global network in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia. Over time, Orio has grown its logistics operations and today handles third-party logistics and conducts an expansive logistics park operation in the form of a part ownership in Nyköpings Logistikpark AB.

Hedin Mobility Group is one of Europe's largest privately owned car dealers. The group employs more than 5,000 people and has over 200 facilities in seven countries.

– With Hedin Mobility Group, Orio gets a strong owner who understands the business and who values Orio's competence and know-how in both the spare parts and logistics business. The deal means that the delivery of spare parts to Saab-owners worldwide can be secured for the foreseeable future. At the same time, the logistics business can continue to develop, says Gustaf Ljunggren, CEO of Orio AB.

– We are very pleased to welcome Orio to Hedin Mobility Group. It is a company with a long and proud history in the Swedish car industry that we intend to cherish - at the same time we will add new business and thus further develop the company. The acquisition fits well into our strategy where we want to expand our operations in distribution and spare parts in both Sweden and Europe. With Orio, we get access to a large and leading distribution center as well as developed infrastructure for sales and distribution to thousands of workshops in around 30 countries, says Anders Hedin, owner and CEO, Hedin Mobility Group.

For the past two years in a row, Orio has delivered a positive operating profit that, in addition, has improved over the years. The positive development can be seen in both Orio's business areas. The logistics business has grown by 60 percent on an annual basis over the last years, and the spare parts business has developed well and continues to deliver good profitability.

– Orio is today in a financially good position and it is a favorable opportunity for a new owner to take over. We look forward to a close and developing cooperation with Hedin Mobility Group. I would at the same time like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to all colleagues at Orio who contributed to the positive development and I am looking forward to continuing our successful journey, says Gustaf Ljunggren.

Baker McKenzie has been Orio AB's legal advisor and KPMG has provided business advise during the process.

Orio AB is a global logistics and spare parts company that offers logistics services in everything related to storage, distribution, export / import, transport, further processing and handling of goods. Orio is the world's only supplier of Saab original parts with sales in about thirty countries. Orio has been wholly owned by the Swedish state since 2012. The head office is located in Nyköping, together with a logistics and distribution centre. The company also has offices in Trollhättan and four wholly owned subsidiaries in Europe and the USA.

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SHOWFIELD PHOTO

One of the convention highlights is the annual Group Photo. This year because of limited space, we will not be grouping cars, but instead will be grouping people for a Showfield Photo! This year's photo will be taken on the Showfield in front of the museum with all the cars in place.

PLEASE BE AWARE that we will be **assembling on the Showfield at 3 PM on Saturday!** Be sure to show your club colors and wear your SCNA T-Shirts and Hats! We have many things going on on Saturday so it is crucial to be ready if you want to be included in the photo. After the convention, Showfield Photos will be available to purchase.

Check saabclub.com/soc-group-photos for details.

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THE MUSEUM AUCTION CARS

Over the first few years of the existence of the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA**, there have been a number of people who have donated parts, memorabilia and even full running vehicles to the museum. Like so many of us, even when a Saab is no longer practical for daily use, it often still has some life left in it. While many of the donated cars end up in the museum's permanent collection, there are some models where better examples already exist in the large collection. Museum volunteers have cleaned these cars up, and some of them will be auctioned off this year at SOC. While the vast majority of these vehicles did drive either to Tom and Patti's home in Iowa or directly to Sturgis, there is no guarantee that you can drive them directly home. For more details about purchase, vehicle registration and pick up, please check with representatives at the museum.

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This beautiful Talladega red 9000 Aero has low miles, beautiful paint and interior for the age. The car starts, runs and drives well and is a non TCS car with an automatic transmission. The A/C was not tested, and although it drives on the lot, the car does sometimes stall. Full diagnostic work has not been completed, but based on the details so far it would be best to tow or haul this car from the museum.

1998 9000
YS3CF68M5W1000660
Sedan
Talladega Red
152,602
4-speed Automatic
B234L Turbo



This 9-5 sedan is in very good condition for its age. It runs and drives almost like a new car. There is one unmatched wheel on the car as shown in the photos, but all tires are the correct size and matching. This car was owned by an elderly woman, and the interior is in excellent condition, even the drivers seat. The A/C has not been tested, but I would not hesitate to drive this car anywhere as it appears to be in excellent overall condition.

2001 9-5
YS3ED48E913038952
Sedan
Silver Metallic - 1 of 1349
156,445 miles
4-speed automatic
B235E Turbo



This car was driven to Sturgis from somewhere in New York state. The car starts, runs and shifts well. The convertible top appears to be original and the mechanism is working properly. Some paint was touched up on the rear bumper, and some stickers have been removed. The A/C has not been tested. This car should be able to be driven from the museum.

2003 9-3
 YS3DF75K937013451
 Convertible
 Steel Grey - 1 of 268
 158,147 miles
 5-speed manual
 B205R Turbo



This fun convertible has been used and enjoyed as a Sturgis runabout for a few years. While it does start, run and drive well, there are some various error messages and issues that would prevent me from driving it a long distance. The convertible top does go up and down although it gives some warning messages at times. Also, the gas gauge does not work accurately. Finally, the wheels pictures will not be included with the sale. The A/C has not been tested. Unique color, and a sharp looking car that could be driven once properly serviced.

2006 9-3
 YS3FD79Y366001142
 Convertible
 Fusion Blue Metallic - 1 of 234
 194,043 miles
 5-speed automatic
 B207R Turbo

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While this "Dame Edna" 9-5 has the most miles of all of the auction cars, it is a really sharp and unique example of a late-model sedan. This car checks all of the boxes, with a five speed manual transmission, heated and cooled seats, sunroof, parking sensors and other features only available in the later models. The A/C has not been tested. It runs and drives very well, and I would not hesitate to drive this car anywhere.

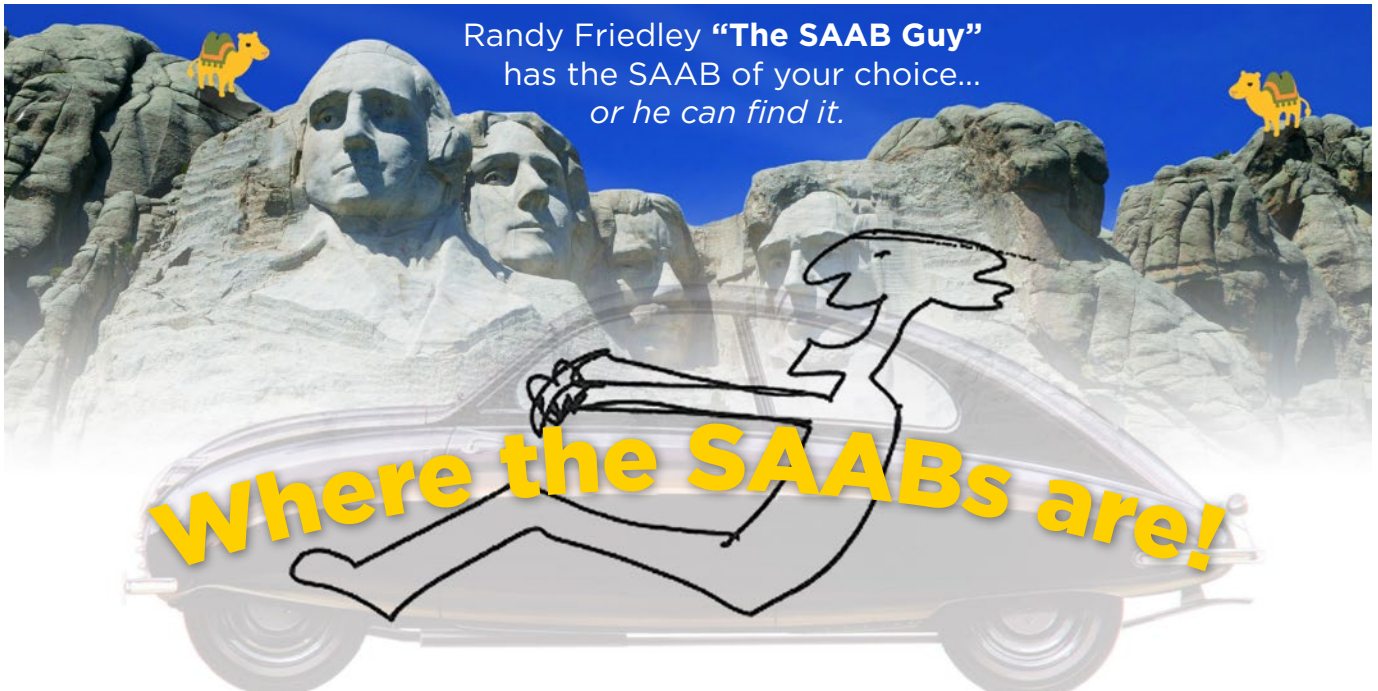
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JERRY DANNER

For those who know me, you know that I am 100% a Saab enthusiast. Having been around Saabs since age 11, and now at 68, I decided to retire. **Mile Hi Automotive** had been my only job for 57 years. In 1964 my father gave me the opportunity to work at his body shop. Saab Southwest, which was the regional distribution center for the western USA opened that year in Denver. My Dad met Dick Catron (the first Saab dealer in Denver), introduced himself, and mentioned that he had an auto body shop. He asked Dick if he needed someone to repair the transportation damaged new Saabs that were arriving. Dick gave Dad two '64 bull nose Saabs to work on; they were repaired and returned, making Dick very happy. This is where the marriage with Saab started.

I always had mechanical abilities. I learned to weld when I was 11, and at 15 I rebuilt my first V-8 engine in a 1968 GTO. I graduated high school in 1971 and got married in 1974. I was truly dedicated to my Dad's shop, and in 1978 he made me the president of **Mile Hi Body Shop** at only 25 years old. In 1982 I purchased ½ city block in downtown Denver and relocated from our small shop. With the success of Saab in the 80's & 90's, Mile Hi was thriving. At the peak, I had 17 employees exclusively servicing Saabs. The new location allowed us to expand our business with a Saab service center, a Saab salvage yard with over 100+ rust free Saabs, a collision center, and a used car dealership.

I never wrote a payroll, receivable, or payable check in the 52 years of **Mile Hi**. I was very clear about my talents; I am not a bookkeeper, I am a mechanic. My Ex-wife Marla was the best business partner that I ever had. When we got started, she always took care of the front-end details. She was good! I was where I needed to be, in the back ensuring mechanical quality. Marla left in 2001, and after that I had the means to

afford office management. My Daughter Michelle has been a blessing to me, stepping in to support me until I closed. **Mile Hi** had always been a hobby shop to me. I do not recall a day in 52 years where I thought "I really do not want to be here today!" If you enjoy your job, it is not work. Even to the last days, it was fun. I had great employees and especially great customers. I had 50+ years of dedication to my customers. I got to see them grow in their careers, and they got to see me grow as well.



Saab became an orphan car brand after the bankruptcy in 2011. Saab was done! Parts are what keep Saab strong to this day. Looking back, I was able to participate in the best lifecycle of any car manufacturer. I have worked on every model Saab from the 92 to the 9-4, and all models in between. I have met Saab royalty, business owners and many remarkable individuals along the way.

I created the **Gerald L Danner Charitable Remainder Trust** to bypass capital gains when I sold my property. I directed the benefits to support the **Saab Heritage Car Museum USA** upon my passing. I will be contributing yearly until that day.

Saab has been extremely good to me. Like all of us Saab business owners, we are getting older, and we have lost many. For the years that I still have left I will continue to be a Saab enthusiast. Consider supporting the museum. After all, we are all here because of our love for Saab.



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Enter a photograph in any or all of the following categories:

- **Saab Portrait** - a staged, formal picture (landscape, post car detailing)
- **Saab Impressionistic** - Something that really says Saab! (creativity is key)
- **Saab Selfie** - Candid fun! (include yourself, your pet or other quirky item in the picture)

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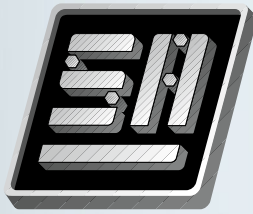
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