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NEW LOOK FOR NEWSLETTER

The Saab Club Newsletter is undergoing several major changes. Beginning with this issue, it will be called "NINES", referring to the number Saab has used in all its automobile production. Most regular columns have been renamed, and some new ones will be added. There will be a greater division of articles submitted by subscribers, making it easier to find certain subjects within the Newsletter.

Among the new features of NINES will be several columns that will rotate, appearing every third or fourth issue. This month will headline NEW PRODUCTS for Saab owners. In future issues you'll see a column on some historical aspect of Saabs, called REFLECTIONS. There will be Reader Surveys on various products and accessories offered to the Saab driver. And we'll try to keep you up to date on Saabs in competition.

As before, NINES will rely on submissions from Saab Club members. It is the participation of the readers of this publication that have kept it going strong. Keep sending articles, photos, drawings, trying to offer a quality collection of information on those well engineered cars from Sweden.

NO AUGUST ISSUE

been published eleven times a year, made his move into sprint cars in so this will not mean any less '85 and recorded several victories Sunday, July 20 information to the members. Plans during the season. In January of Morning are to make the August/September this year, Unser attended the Skip

This time will allow the editor second race. to attend the Convention, to get the additional advertising revenue.

and articles for the August/ at Watkins Glen, N.Y., and Brainerd, September issue will be August 15th. Minnesota, for races during July.

UNSER & IMSA JOIN BARBER SAAB PRO SERIES

series is aimed at," said series Howell Mill Road. originator Skip Barber. "We are Room reservations can be made by delighted to have a member of the calling the Radisson Inn at 800-famed Unser clan driving in the 824-8657. Convention information is series and we feel he'll be quite available from S&J Automotive, competitive."

Also, International Motor Sports Association President John Bishop for the weekend: announced that IMSA will sanction Automotive Lighting the series of 12 races which feature Charle equally prepared, open-wheel, opencockpit race cars powered by Saab's Intercooling - Turbo Auto 16-valve turbocharged engines.

the series which will make it easier Touch-up & Repainting for young drivers to advance to the major leagues of the sport such as Unibody Straightening - Car-O-Liner our Camel GT series, and do so at a Open Forum on SCN & Saab Club reasonable cost," said Bishop.

"With Robby Unser on board and included on page 7. the sanction from IMSA, we are now ready to get the season underway," TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA said Barber. "We wanted to be sure all the loose ends were nailed down Friday, July 18 or whatever you have to share with before initiating what we feel will other Saab fanatics. We'll keep be a competitive and entertaining before initiating what we feel will addition to the motor sports scene in America."

Unser, 18, drove his first race at age seven in a go-kart but he Saturday, July 19 began his professional career in 1983 at Albuquerque, New Mexico's As announced last month, there Seven Flags Speedway in a Camaro. will be no August issue of NINES. He won the New Mexico area Winston Instead, Newsletter #151 will be a Racing Series points title that combined August/September issue, and year, winning nine of 13 races. In will be mailed the end of August. 1984, he won the Black Hills The Newsletter has regularly Nationals at Rapid City, S.D. He larger to accompdate Barber Racing School. In his first information and photos from the road race, he started on the pole IN THIS ISSUE: National Saab Owners Convention. and finished fourth. He won his

The season's first Barber Saak new Saab Club decals finished and Pro Series race was on June 29th at printed, and will be used to develop the U.S. Grand Prix at the Meadow lands, N.J., with the PPG CART Indy The deadline for submitting ads Car race. The series will also be

NATIONAL CONVENTION THIS MONTH

Saab drivers from around the Robby Unser, youngest son of U.S., and some from outside the three-time Indianapolis 500 winner borders, will converge on Atlanta, Bobby Unser, has signed to drive in Georgia, on July 18th for the the new Barber Saab Pro Series. National Saab Owners Convention. "Robby Unser is the kind of up- The site will be the Radisson Inn and-coming driving talent that the and Convention Center, I-75 and

(404)351-7222. Among the Tech Sessions planned

Charleton Jones, CJR Brake Pad Renewal - Anthony Pope Sonett Restoration - Bill Jacobsen "We're pleased to play a role in Tires - Tire Factory Outlet

Seikens Paint Co.

A map of the Atlanta area is

Afternoon - Registration and Hotel check-in. Evening Get Acquainted Party (babysitting avail.)

Morning - Registration til 11

- Swap Meet - Concours

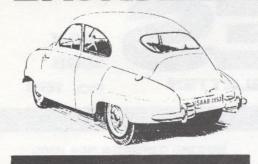
Afternoon - Road Rally - Tech Sessions

Evening - Banquet & Dance with Cash Bar. (babysitting avail.)

- Tech Sessions - Hotel check-out

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FROMTHE



issue, with a few more scheduled for also welcome. months. With expanding of membership, much it

which needs some explanation. Since States. the mid-'70s, I have been an announcer at Brainerd International from the old Saab Club Newsletter? Raceway, calling the action from Not if I can help it. I'm still Turn 5, as the tower announcer calls more interested in 2-strokes and it... "the far side of the track", V-4s than I am in turbocharged SAAB CLUBS OF GEORGIA -- meets 1st or just "the backside". So among luxury cars, so articles on the Monday of the month at Chi-Chi's, racing friends, I'm known as "Tim older cars will continue. Those of 5275 Roswell Rd NE, Atlanta. Dinner Winker-from-the-backside". I had you who have been subscribers for from 7-8pm, meetings start at 8:00. also thought about calling it many years may begin to see a rehash Lou Savage (404) 394-2310. EXHAUST SMOKE or something along of articles from long ago. Those those lines, as automotive editors' old cars are still suffering from that matters.

models had in common that was fuel injection. different from other marques. The As always different from other marques. answer was "9s"; from the 92 through questions,

while questions about puzzling support, I will continue to strive Buffet & Films. Sun - Tech sessions, troubles and answers from other toward putting out the best Safety seminar, car contests, R6 members will be found in "Q?&R!", Newsletter possible, for you. Service Queries & Responses. Information and Service Tips that

Saab sends to its dealers are under "SERVICE SUBJECTS FROM SAAB". The be "SAAB SWAP".

of NEW PRODUCTS for Saabs are info: Ken Edwards, (615) 753-3153. reviewed. This may evolve into a general Product Review as there are have answers. So we'll try some Margrit Adler, (217) 356-9244. reader surveys on accessories.

Saab has long been known as a that cover the reasoning behind Saab Saab owners picnic is planned for Welcome to the New Saab Club technological breakthroughs to be August 24th at a location to-be-Newsletter. You will find consider- presented as "REFLECTIONS". Stories announced (Mora, MN?). Monthly meetable changes beginning with this on Saab's competition triumphs are

There will continue to be in articles on subjects of current professional fields, the decision interest, such as the one on Ethanol was made to give the Saab Club in the May issue. On the schedule MINNESOTA SONETT CLUB -- Se Newsletter a more professional look. for next issue is an article on above. Jeff Schille (612) 457-6891 With the new look, you'll find Auxiliary Lighting by Charlton eral new features. My own Jones. His company, CJR in Atlanta, several new features. My own Jones. His company, CJR in Atlanta, thoughts will be found under the is the major distributor of Cibie heading "FROM THE BACKSIDE", a title and Marchal lights in the United

Does all this mean a turn away t matters. takes a specialist to understand Paul Glavas, (918) 250-2150. The new title of the publication them. Many of us non-mechanics are came in a moment of inspiration. I still trying to figure out the

As always, your articles, the 9000. (Porsche came close, but drawings, and opinions are welcome. Rich Roberts at (206)328-2303 (days) not all Porsche models started with Many of you send a note along when or Skip Schott, (206) 486-1351. "9".) Besides, as Jack Ashcraft you Renew, and you indicate I'm pointed out: On a scale of one-to-doing a good job. Since I don't ten, Saabs are darm near perfect! have time to answer you all England) — 6th Annual Multi-Event Technical articles on ways personally, I hope you'll accept Meeting (Rallye6), July 19-20 at the members have improved their Saabs or this "Thank You". I react better to Singletary Rod & Gun Club in Oxford, solved a particular problem are now praise than to most other stimuli, MA. Events: Sat - Parts Swap, Novice under the heading "TECHNICAL TALK", and because of those words of & Expert TSD Rallyes, Displays, plus

See you in Atlanta.

REGIONAL CLUB NEWS

APPALACHIAN SAAB CLUB PARTS MART (classified ads) covers meeting will be held on Sunday, July much more than parts, so it will now 20th at the Radisson Inn, Atlanta, following the National Saab Owners The 'first of the new features Convention. A tour to Roan Mountain can be found on page 8, as a couple is on schedule for August 23rd. For

CENTRAL ILLIANA SAAB CLUB -- next not always new items on the market. meeting will be Monty Tarr's Ruinous There are plenty of accessories Rallye in September. Meetings will currently available that people ask be cut back to 4-6 per year, mostly about in letters for which I don't in the Fall, Winter & Spring. Call

MINNESOTA SAAB CLUB -- Get car designed by engineers rather together at Brainerd Int'l Raceway, than bean-counters or stylists. To July 19-20 for the TransAm & Barber that end, I'm looking for articles Saab Pro series races. A regional August 24th at a location to-beings are the first Thursday of each month at Shakey's Pizza, Snelling & Larpenteur in St. Paul, 8pm. Contact Bob Swinehart, (612) 774-4873.

MINNESOTA SONETT CLUB -- See

NEW ENGLAND SONETT CLUB -- P.O. Box 4362, Manchester, NH 03108.

SAAB CLUB NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA --Looking for suggestions for holding a picnic in August or September. Anne Weinstein (301) 229-7515.

TULSA SAAB CLUB -- meets the 4th columns often denote an afterthought the same old ills, and some of the Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at or just plain noise. How many newer readers would like to know the Golden Corral, 2145 S Sheridan, people pay much attention to the what to expect from their 96s and Tulsa. Next meeting, July 22nd. If editor's meanderings, anyway. The 99s. Besides, some features of the you wish to eat prior to the title fits, I like it, that's all newer cars are so complex that it meeting, arrive by 6:30. Contact

VINTAGE SAAB CLUB OF WASHINGTON was trying to think of what all Saab basics of carburetion, much less STATE -- invites all Saab owners & friends to their Annual Gathering comments, and Picnic, Sat, Sept 13th, at photos, Marymoor Park in Redmond, WA. Call

> WEST MOUNTAIN SAAB CLUB (New David Sullivan, (617) 879-8288 after Tim Winker, Editor 6pm; Tom McDermott, (518) 798-1577 days; or Mike Blair, (617) 525-3872.

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UERIES RESPONSES

Got a problem with your Saab? Maybe another Saab owner can help. Send your questions or solutions to: The Saab Club 2416 London Road, Unit 900 Duluth, MN 55812

SOME ANSWERS FOR MAY QUESTIONS

For Stewart Bloom: I have a non turbo '85 900, too. I did not have have to be remote)? I would to have a cold start kit put on. I appreciate details. have great ignition in cold weather. when he decreases your mileage by not fit very well. I need something 14%. On the older models it was with an adjustable rake backrest. O.K. to "richen the mixture". Has anyone successfully transplanted Today's 900 DOES NOT NEED ENRICHING. an after-market bucket seat which It will actually be detrimental to does not raise the seat so high that idle adjustments with proper equipment will give you back your mileage without causing cold start problems. See another dealer! Sorry, can't help with the calibration.

For Bob Alpert: My sympathies ... my '85 900 had the same [warm to replace the transmission selector starting] problem, which was cured rod-to-firewall boot on my car (see by my dealer by regapping the plugs, June '86 SCN, letter from Tim and setting the idle properly with Reiser). You can take a new or used This has occured in at least 8 the Lambda Unit. Bob Mitchell boot and cut it in the middle panels that I have seen. This has responded to my call for help on leaving at least two bellows on the apparently gone on since March 1985. this and suggested: This is a fuel small end. The small diameter hole Any ideas or similar problems mix problem. Check the decel sole- fits over the transmission selector elsewhere in the country? noid on the air horn to see if it is rod very nicely. Then fix the ends clicking. If it is, someone has screwed up the idle speed adjustment/throttle stop screw. Since the mixture adjustment is sealed, sooner or later each one must be unsealed. Someone with the Lambda meter and who understands the CIS system can solve this problem.

Margrit Adler, Champaign, IL ANOTHER POSSIBLE FIX FOR WATER LEAKS

There is finally a Saab campaign to fix the problem of the water leak in 900s (SCN April 86). The leak is coming from the air-conditioner evaporator/heater box, above the passenger foot area.

My local Saab dealer (Country Motors, Butler, PA) has installed literally a hundred of the Saab campaign parts for FREE! The parts collect the water condensation off the evaporator and also rain coming in the hood through the fresh air intake and send it out a drain tube. The "old" drain didn't do the trick. Before this campaign, I solved the leak in my car by using 3M's Window Weld around the seal.

Edward Bloom, Allison Park, PA

WANTING TO IMPROVE SONETT COMPORT

Having been used to powerassisted brakes, I cannot adapt to the non-assist brakes on my '74 Sonett. I have completely overhauled the brake system, including the hoses, and get no improvement. Other Sonett owners have driven it

and pronounced the brakes normal, with nylon tie-wraps. Has anyone attempted to install a vacuum booster (it would probably

Since I am built like a spider Your dealer is not following specs (very long legs) the Sonett seats do the car and its functions. Proper their legs aren't jammed against the steering wheel?

Ray Hull, Mercer Island, WA

BELLOWS REPLACEMENT FOR SONETTS

Pete Briggs, Thibodaux, LA

CHAFING PROBLEM ON 900 INTERIOR

The spring described by Rich Bolen (Lost 5spd linkage, May '86 SCN) is Saab P/N 7543431, and is a non-stocking item at the three dealers I tried. Fortunately, you can usually just bend another coil over to make a new attachment loop, but this will likely fail again.

I have had real problems getting new rear interior door panels for my '85 900T (damaged in dealer prep over a year ago). There appears to be a shipping/packaging problem with I used part of a transaxle boot Saab that lets the upper rear replace the transmission selector corners of the naugah, de wear through in shipping, so the steel panel underneath shows through.

Rick Zordan, Raleigh, NC



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Saab-Guard Alarm Tip ...

The initial shipments of 1986 900 (P/N 02-70-496) and 9000 (P/N 02-72-468) Saab-Guard Alarm kits were delivered with "Arming Time" switch no. 5 in the "ON" or 40 second position. The flashing LED which is to be mounted in the left front speaker grille will only work with switch no. 5 in the "OFF" or 10 second position.

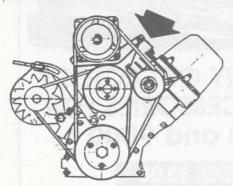
The switches are numbered and are located under the rectangular rubber plug on the top of the alarm module. The switch position can be easily changed by using a pencil tip or small screwdriver. When the side with the number is down, the switch

is "ON".

The manufacturer of the kits has been directed to set all switches in the "OFF" position on future deliveries.

From VIN Serial No. G3014892 a new cast aluminum AC belt tensioner arm was introduced on 8 valve engines. This casting replaces the stamped steel belt tensioner used previously and simplifies the belt tightening operation. The tensioner also will be introduced later into production lines 2 and 7.

procedures Belt tensioning remain as before.

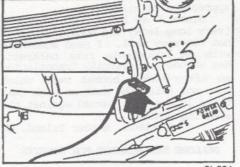


Belt Tension New belt 120 + 10 lb. Checking/Refitting used belt 80 + 5 lb.

installing high-mounted brake lights on M86 hatchback models, you will find pre-drilled mounting holes provided for the FRONT BRAKE DRAG ON 900 MODELS 79-74-728) have been provided in the kits but are not mentioned in the or smoking (i.e. brake drag) results instructions. The template and from prolonged running contact sheet metal screws are only used between the pads and the disc. The continued next page...

when installing the kit on pre-86 needed cars.

ment no other sealing compound need travel is extremely short. be applied. The main source of Assuming that the initial hand premature Oxygen Sensor failure in brake clearance was sufficient, a the field is due



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sealants being applied. In special calipers (02-08-702, 02-08-addition, use of good quality 710) have been discontinued. The gasolines, use of good quality oils, calipers listed below must be and use of Saab-approved replacement replaced in pairs and should be gaskets and coolants will all assist installed only in the case of a in keeping silicones out of the brake drag complaint. combustion process.

specified to Maintenance emission control systems is critical to the performance and economy of control system maintenance continues should not be replaced unless to be performed throughout the damaged by heat. Once pads have entire life of the vehicle. Clean gone through their swelling phase air is in the best interest of the they will wear normally from then health of all of us, not to mention on. New pads could cause the our environment. Great effort goes complaint to be repeated, depending into ensuring that all Saab vehicles of course on how the car is driven. comply with applicable Federal and State emission requirements and it's cars with ventillated discs provided a service responsibility to ensure that the yokes are transferred to that they continue to do so.

Oils of differing viscosities Caliper Replacement Procedure are recommended for Saab engines for reasons of climatic and environmen- 1. Remove the front brake pads and towing, 15W-40 is acceptable.

the proper API Service Ratings 807(LH) and 91-02-815(RH). (SF/CD in case of the Turbo), and do 2. Install the original pads if not use prepackaged oil supplements undamaged by excessive heat and if

A complaint of brake pad smell complaint. from prolonged running

clearance maintained if full brake pedal When modifying the rear hatch return is obstructed or if the upholstery to accept the light initial hand brake adjustment is too bracket, cut only through the card-tight to allow for the normal board backing. Do not cut the vinyl. tendancy of new brake pad friction material to swell during the Replacement Oxygen Sensor bedding-in process. Other symptoms threads are pre-coated with an may include; the car slows down by anti-sieze compound. Upon replace- itself or the hand brake lever

> to silicone dragging complaint may be due to the front brake self-adjuster mechanism being too sensitive for the driver's braking habits or driving conditions. Frequent brake applications with relatively high force resulting in little or no pad wear can be such

a condition.

The self-adjuster manufacturing tolerance has been altered slightly in the current production to eliminate acceptance of units which may be too sensitive in stop and go driving. To correct brake drag complaints, selected front caliper assemblies with low adjuster be the sensitivity are now available under contamination which may be the sensitivity are now available under result of additional incorrect special part numbers. The previous

> 91-02-807 LH Caliper 91-02-815 RH Caliper

When correcting a brake drag the Saab engine. Make sure emission complaint, the pads need not and

> These calipers may be fitted to the new calipers.

tal conditions. For example, under disconnect the hand brake cable from most conditions the recommended the front brake housing. Remove the 10W-30 specification is preferred, brake lines and cap off to prevent however under extreme cold condi- excessive fluid loss. Remove the tions 5W-30 is acceptable, while in bolts which attach the caliper sets extremely hot areas or with trailer to the steering knuckle. Remove both calipers and replace with the Ensure that your motor oil meets special replacement calipers 91-02-

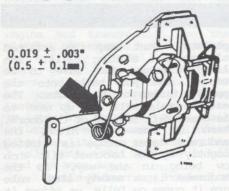
or additives. Additives are not the remaining pad thickness exceeds approved or necessary.

4mm. Otherwise, install new pads. Brake pads must not have nay rubber material (sound deadening) applied captive-type nut included in the brake light kit. These nuts (P/N S.I.05/86-847: Supersedes 03/85-744 These can contribute to a drag to the back of the pads or shims.

SERVICE SUBJECTS

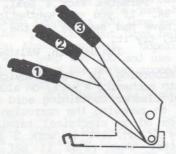
Check the hand brake cable clearance 0.019 +.003" (0.5 +0.1mm) at the caliper levers and adjust if necessary.

Top up the brake fluid (DOT 4



only), check for leaks, and bleed the system.

5. Pull up the hand brake lever 7 notches. Start the engine and pump the brake pedal until the brake lever operates in 9-10 notches.



Hand brake lever Hand brake lever

1. Neutral position (brake off, pawl button out)

2. Adjustment position (7 notches)

3. Full braking effort (9-10 notches)



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Pulling up the hand brake lever 7 notches blocks the self-adjusting mechanism and prevents adjustment.

6. Road test the car to verify correct brake function but do not overheat the pads with repeated hard braking. Similarly do not apply high static force at the pedal. This serves no useful purpose.

If new pads were installed, bed-in the pads gently, e.g. avoid hard braking for the first 90 miles of city driving or 300 miles of highway driving.

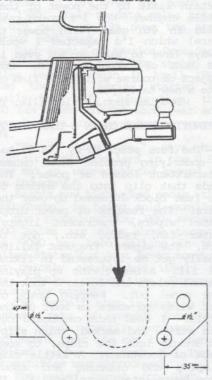
SAFETY CHAIN HOLES IN 9000 HITCH

05/86-844: Early trailer hitches sold by Saab for the 9000 may have been built without holes for the safety chains.

Trailer Hitch

P/N 02-72-054

Trailer hitches mounted on cars must be modified before use. Do not use the two holes currently located just below the specification plate for connecting safety chains. These holes are meant for attaching emergency brake actuating cables found on surge-type brakes and mechanical trailer brakes.



Modification Instructions:

1. Raise the car on a lift.

Mark the location of the holes as indicated by the diagram with a center punch and drill pilot holes. Drill out the holes with a 1/2" drill.

3. Remove burrs and paint the holes to prevent rust.

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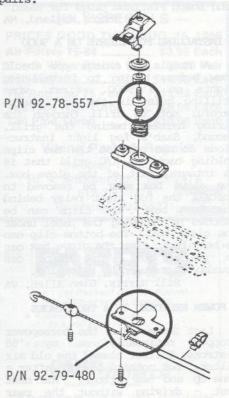
NEW HOOD LOCK/GUIDE PIN MECHANISM

S.I. 05/86-846: A new hood lock/ guide pin combination was introduced into 9000 new car production from VIN Serial No: G1006124.

The hood lock (P/N 92-79-480) has been improved by adding a thicker support washer. The quide pin (P/N 92-78-557) is now longer to with the coincide new lock A better release and dimensions. locking of the hood was achieved with this change.

Earlier cars may be fitted with the new lock mechanism but only by fitting both the new hood lock and new guide pin. The old guide pin (P/N 92-61-686) will not work in conjunction with the new hood lock assembly.

Note: The 9000 has two hood locks and should be replaced in pairs.



TECHNICAL TALK

Technical articles written by subscribers may recommend procedures or parts not approved by Saab-Scania of America, Inc. The Saab Clubs of North America cannot stand behind the correctness of information in these articles, but offers them based solely on the experiences of the writers.

A "NO" VOTE ON BOSCH PLATINUM PLUGS

I recently decided to give my 1979 900GLi a birthday present, so I installed four Bosch Platinum spark plugs. After installation there was a slight improvement in performance, but no more than might be expected from replacing plugs which had already seen over 25,000 miles. After about 5000 miles the car began to miss at low speeds and whenever the engine was under load. The problem went away when the "super plugs" were replaced with standard Bosch plugs.

On post mortem examination I found that the plugs are made by fusing a thin (.015") platinum wire to a thicker(.055") steel, tungsten, or what have you conductor. The whole business is then encased in a ceramic shell. The failure mode was that the platinum wire burned back through the ceramic increasing the gap to an unacceptable level. It seems that the thin platinum wire melted despite the high melting point of platinum.

platinum plugs and found their performance sufficiently superior to be worth their increased cost. Based on this experience, I cannot recommend Bosch Platinum plugs for Saab.

Sy Hotch, Wayland, MA

INSTALLING FOG LIGHTS ON A 9000

usually be re-used by reforming.

POWER RESTORED TO A TWO-STROKE

muffler (resonator) - had great Don't bother tearing down the

results. When I finally got a new upholstry, just swap the attached replacement put on, the power was releases and sliding rails. The still not up to what I expected it slide releases will have to be and rear mufflers in the past (the opposite sides of the seats. The never replaced the tailpipe. I took the gear shift instead of the doors. the tailpipe off one weekend just to There is one real hitch, the see what would happen if I cleaned handbrake lever range is limited it out. I took the two sections slightly by the backrest tilt knob apart and plugged an end on each now being in the way. As the with expandable plugs. After fil-handbrake is a safety item, make ling them with kerosene and letting sure it comes on fully, or adjust it to scrape out the carbon deposits taking a couple of hours. The with whatever I could get in there, reward was saving myself a serious including a "crow bar". I managed backache. to knock out a surprising amount the deposits were about 1/8" thick. finally worked and is a pleasure to The results have been wonderful. use -- Permatex Tack & Seal, Part I'm getting a lot more power now No. 9A. If you use synthetic oil than I ever thought was possible. and have had seepage at the valve Over the years I've come to accept a cover, try it. certain limit to the power of that little engine. Now I'm going over hills in 4th gear (with power to According to Tom Udovich, a spare) which I'd expected I would Duluth mechanic, a spray-on aluminum always have to take in 3rd even in wheel cleaner containing acid works the best of conditions. My next well on removing the corrosion that I have had experience with Lodge project of course will be to find or builds up on electrical terminals. make a new tailpipe.

The fuse panel in my '78 99 had know before trying to install fog years. The results of power drops piece around the wire, stick another lights on a 9000. First, when caused wipers, instrument lights, on the fuse block, or around the drilling holes in the carriage be heater fan, radio, etc., not to attached connection. careful not to drill through the work. The wipers' frequent failing Replacing a torn seat web takes wiring harness behind the grill. finally got me interested in fixing less than an hour, but takes two Second, Saab's fog light instruct he ill. After giving up playing people, a pair of Vise Grins, and a Second, Saab's fog light instruct the ill. After giving up playing people, a pair of Vise Grips, and a tions do not mention the two clips musical relays and fuses, I took the notched screw driver. Gene at holding back the A/C grill that is fuse panel out. Keeping track of Odberg-Ryan Saab, my local dealer, an integral part of the glove box. what wires go where is most of the says Saab no longer carries the The glove box must be removed to battle. I used thin cardboard cut replacement webs. Some dealers install the fog light relay behind into strips and marked, which slip—wisely stocked up on this common the fuse box. The clips can be ped snugly into the clips, to keep break-down item. Check with your reached by dropping the panel under track of locations. A little clip local Saab Parts Dept. TW the glove box. The bottom clip can crimping and cleaning and about be bent back, then the glove box can three hours later... reliability. If CURE FOR CHATTERING WIPER BLADES be pulled out. The clips can you run into intermittent electrical be re-used by reforming. problems, jiggle the wires going Chattering wiper blades can be a Bill Harris, Glen Allen, VA under the fuse block while the real annoyance. Besides the noise, failure is occuring to test if this they don't clean well. After trying is the sore spot.

2-stroke, I first blamed the old air It turned out the easiest way to supply house at \$4.50 each. End of filter. But nothing changed after a deal with this was to swap the wiper blade problems. They even tune-up and new filter. The next entire seat with the passenger side clean better. test - driving without the rear 'til I can repair the webbing. Margr.

should be. I've replaced both front removed and put back onto the front was fairly new), but have seat controls will end up next to them soak a few hours, I did my best so it does. The job is pretty easy,

Lastly, a gasket cement that

Jim Baldwin, Waltham, MA

Spray it on, let it work 5 to 10 Douglas Rugh, Sevierville, TN minutes, then rinse it off with water. He says this also works well SPRINGTIME FIXES ON AN 8-YEAR-OLD 99 on brightening up intake manifolds and other underhood aluminum parts.

If I have to remove a handful of an underlying problem which caused wires, I number everything using intermittent losses of power. The numbered tapes that I picked up in leads that clip into the bottom of an electronics store (Radio Shack A couple of things you should the fuse block loosened up over the P/N 278-1648, \$1.99). Wrap one

Chattering wiper blades can be a several sets of OE wiper blades on Another sign of old age is a my 900 while still under warrranty,
Last Summer when the horsepower sagging driver's seat, especially I finally purchased a set of TRIDON
dropped noticeably on my '68 when the bottom support web rips. 400mm/16" blades from a local auto

Margrit Adler, Champaign, IL

THE 9000 DEBATE RAGES ON

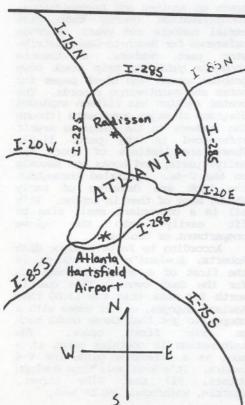
Here are a few more comments on the 9000: the hood opens the "wrong" way, aided by gas struts; the oil filter is buried right next to the firewall and can only be reached from under the car; the is no longer on "outside", but is sandwiched between engine and transmission, so that replacement now mandates engine/tranny removal. This also means going back to the external slave cylinder (same as in my '73 99, averaging one rebuild a year) instead of the central one adopted in later 99s and 900s, which easily outlasts several master cylinders. Otherwise, it is an interesting car; I will wait a bit and buy a good used one some day...

Bernie Wassertzug, Potomac, MD

While I am at it, I may as well. toss in my perspective on the 900/9000 issue. I see the 900 as staying a "Saab Freak" car, and the 9000 as appealing to the crossover a wider range of people.

Rick Zordan, Raleigh, NC

the 900. TW





FIFTY CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF RECORD SAAB SALES

Saab dealers in the buyer who would be looking at Volvos States are celebrating 50 uninterand BMWs normally, but who might rupted months of record-breaking car want to try FWD. Let's just hope sales. They delivered 4,197 in May that Saab keeps the 900 long enough for their 50th consecutive monthly for the "purists" that have helped sales record. This represents an develop their business. Hopefully increase of 26% over the month of they will keep the 900 and use the May 1985. Year-to-date sales total 9000 to broaden the market appeal to 18,679 cars, up 19% over the same period last year.

Saab-Scania of America President Robert Sinclair says the string of There are plenty of 96 owners sales records began in April 1982 who felt (feel?) the same way about when the 900 series started to Saab's introduction of the 99, and really take off. Since then, the 99 drivers who said the same about 900 has been updated each year and annual sales increases have averaged

"To my knowledge," says Mr. Sinclair, "Saab dealers in the U.S. have set an unprecedented record in the industry."

Saab's new high-speed sedan, the 9000 Turbo, is being sold parallel to the record-setting 900 series. 9000 sales are also above target. The 9000 has been selling in the United States for just seven months, but quickly established itself in the highly competitive European luxury car market.

The Sunbelt area is showing the fastest rate of growth for Saab sales. Saab recently increased the excitement over its car line when a limited number of Saab 900 Turbo convertibles was introduced.

The sales target for Saab is 45,000 cars during the 1986 calendar year.

NEW DISTRICT MANAGER IN WESTERN U.S.

Saab-Scania of America announced the promotion of Dennis G. Gregory to the position of District Manager. In this position, Mr. Gregory is responsible for Saab in Utah, operations northern California and Nevada, where he was District Service Manager. Mr. Gregory joined Saab in May 1984.

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offers that information on a video- even references to particular Saab cassette. The "intune car series of quirks, such as bolts that may be video tune-up and maintenance man-difficult to re-install. It's like uals" includes many of the popular having a mechanic give you a guided imports, including the Saab 900.

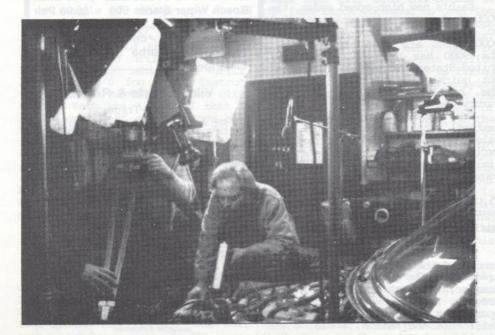
The first five minutes are dedicated to a brief history of Saab replace the regular Repair Manuals, in the U.S., general safety when since there is only so much working around the car, and tools information you can cover in under and parts you may need for the job. an hour. And you may not want to Next, with the help of a mechanic, haul the VCR out to the garage. you are given a tour of the engine You'll need a book if you want to components and shown how to check tackle a brake job or replace the fluids (the particular car used is exhaust system. It does cover the an '83 Turbo with automatic trans- easy operations, which can still mission and power steering). From save you several hundred dollars a there, you are taken step-by-step year. Cost of the videocassette for through several at-home maintenance Saab is \$49.95, and it's available operations: Checking spark plugs and in VHS or Beta. The tape can be compression, Valve clearance, Engine ordered directly from Peter Allen timing, Air and fuel filter replace- Video Productions, Inc., by calling ment, Engine and transmission oil (516) 643-4372.

changes. Finally, there is a section on Preventative Maintenance to help you avoid a sudden breakdown, and recommendations on how to keep your car in good condition for many years. The individual sections are identified by an Index system on the tape, indicated by numbers appearing at the lower right hand corner of the screen.

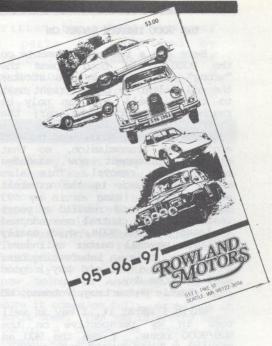
A small brochure that comes with out on the fender, it can be dif-ficult for a shade tree mechanic to ifications, but it's best to check figure out if what he's doing is your Owner's Manual or the decal on the inside left fender for the specs on your particular year and model. also applicable to the 2-liter "B"

The entire presentation looks tells the proper tools to use, Peter Allen Video Productions including wrench sizes. There are having a mechanic give you a guided tour under the hood of your car.

The intune videocassette won't



Production of the intune video maintenance manual for Saab.



MORE THAN JUST A V-4 CATALOG

Much of the good information on the Saab 96, 95, and Sonett just isn't available any longer. There isn't enough demand for the major publishers to collect the data and put out a repair manual, and most of the old ones are long out of print. Rowland Motors has come to the rescue of V-4 owners with its 95-96-97 catalog.

In addition to the list of popular parts for V-4s and twostrokes, the parts department at Rowland has crammed lots of vital information into this 32-page booklet. There are tune-up and torque specs on engines and transmissions, identification charts that give serial numbers and years, a cross reference for Bosch-to-Saab distributor part numbers, a trouble shooters guide to help track down problem areas, and blank pages for notes and maintenance records. center section has fifteen exploded diagrams of major components (though the numbers in the diagrams aren't referenced in the parts list). There are listings of Sport and Rallye parts, and books and manuals on the V-4s. Sprinkled throughout the book are drawings of early SAABs, many of them in action. It's all in a convenient small size to fit easily into the glove compartment or toolbox.

According to Parts Manager Rich Roberts, Rowland's V-4 catalog is the first of a series of catalogs for the Saab owner. This one is worth far more than the \$3.00 that Rowland charges, and it comes with a coupon to get that three bucks back on your first order. information it contains makes it a must as a reference guide for V-4 owners. It's available from Rowland Motors, 517 East Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98122-3696.

RETURNING TO THE SAAB FOLD

I was a member of the Saab Club up until 2 years ago. When I got orders to come to England, I sold my US spec 1982 900 Turbo and, for the sake of variation, bought a 1984 Euro-spec BMW 323i. As you may know, the 323i has substantially more power than the 325e that is sent to the U.S. Although my BMW is a very good car, my Saab was a superior car in nearly every respect.

To begin with, the Saab was tighter, more solid, and handled better. The BMW (150hp) gets to 60mph from a dead stop slightly quicker than my 135hp Saab, but the Saab was quicker at top end. Also, my Saab felt better and more stable at 125mph than the BMW feels at 100mph (as demonstrated during sustained driving at those speeds on

the German Autobahns).

Needless to say, my next car will be another Saab. I'm resub-scribing to the Saab Club Newsletter so I can keep up with news of model changes and improvements (e.g., Saab Direct Ignition). Major Gary Fullington, APO-NY

APPRECIATION FROM ANOTHER CONVERT

Enclosed is payment for renewal to the Saab Club. I am pleased with the growth and quality of the Newsletter. Keep up the good work. Although this '82 900S is our

first Saab, we have owned two BMWs and a Volvo, so I think we are in

position to compare.

There has been much less in the way of minor things with the Saab; it has been almost perfect and very enjoyable, but at 50,000 it has a long way to go to match the BMWs in high mileage. At the rate it is going it just might do that in a few years. It is very stable, solid, and just comfortable on any road condition and speed. And nothing

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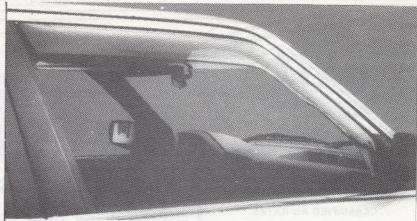
prices.

Vernon D. Smith, Sheridan, AR

TRADING OLD FOR NEW

I'm happy to renew my membership for another year. I have been a member since 1979 and the newsletter has been a great help in keeping my '75 99LE on the road. With 140,000 miles on its clock and money in the bank, I have decided it's time for a new car. I have taken a reasonably unbiased approach to looking for one, and after considering many and driving several, I decided that only SAAB and MERKUR fit what I'm looking for. Both are exciting cars but as it turns out it is the Saab Club Newsletter and Bob Sinclair's concern for the enthusiast which has convinced me to buy another Saab. Keep up the good work!

Chaz Kerschner, Laurel, MD



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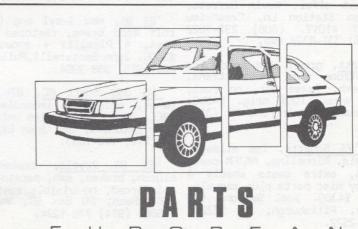
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