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The Northwest SAAB Owners Club Newsletter

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NWSOC Events: the fun you've been missing!

by Calye Lacefield

What happens at all the fun events listed on page three? What if you don't know anyone else there? What if all you know about Saabs is that you own one? Is your spouse/friend/child going to be bored? To learn the answer to all these questions and more, keep reading.

What happens at NWSOC events is getting to know more people and getting to know new people. It's a way to see things in the Pacific Northwest that we might not take time to see otherwise. We have toured wind farms and museums and participated in cultural events that introduce us to new foods and make our snippets of Swedish better.

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GOOD BUYS

For Sale: 1991 Saab 900. Located in Winthrop, WA.
Contact: Grace 509-996-3557

For Sale: 72 and 73 99s for parts. 1.85 d jet running engine. Just about anything else you may need.
Contact: Dan Morley; blue69sonett@yahoo.com 253-858-1615

For Sale: Dan is in a downsizing mode and he and the kids have an enormous amount of seats, door panels, headliners, doors, hatches, hoods and other Saab parts to clear out...at the NWSOC Picnic at the Morley's. See page 3 for details!

Wanted: Your spare Saab parts for sale or trade. Bring them to the Annual NWSOC Picnic at the Morley's! See page 3 for details.

Note!
Annual Raffle:
now at the Club
Picnic, May 22,
at the
Morley's!



Touring the tulips after the 2010 PACCAR Open House.
photo by: Stephan Vollmer



Museum of Flight Tour 2010
photo by Dan Morley

Guaranteed at all NWSOC events are these three things: food, talking about Saabs, spare parts for sale or trade. Sometimes you have to bring your own food and sometimes we meet for a meal before or after the event. Either way, food with the NWSOC is fun and drama free with plenty of Saab Stories and laughter. Breakfast with the NWSOC introduced us all to the phenomenon of Bacon Salt

It's unlikely that you'll know *everyone* at club events. That's what makes it interesting. It's completely acceptable (even encouraged) to walk up to random people and ask something like: "is this your car?" or "What are you driving?" (just try doing that at the QFC). Soon, you'll know so many people that instead of remembering their names, you'll refer to them as "The Guy With the Orange Sonett" (real name: Ray) or "OMG, He Owns a 93B" (real name: Ingvar). Feel free to wander around by yourself and you won't look unusual at all as you silently oogle Saabs.

All you know about Saabs is that you own one? Fear not, after attending one or two events, you'll find your head is stuffed full of more Saab knowledge than you knew existed and you'll finally know the difference between 'nine-five' and 'ninety five'. You'll also find yourself with a box of parts, bits, and maybe a free Saab to take home with you.

Will your spouse or kids hate it? Maybe. There is usually something for the non-Saab set though: a craft show, a museum to explore, heritage to learn about, etc. At almost every event there is a group of club members and their guest sitting around enjoying the company of others. Those times are great for reading, knitting (it's Seattle, sock knitting is a mandatory hobby) or letting your dogs get to know one another.

Don't worry that you won't fit in. We have all sorts of members with a great assortment of Saabs new and old. We have dogs and kids and are students and retirees. Some of us are into restoration and other into making Saabs go fast. What we share is a love of Saabs and showing them off. Join in the fun!



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NWSOC PROFILE

Current NWSOC President; Dan Morley
by Dan Morley

I am 58 years old, born and raised in Auburn, WA. I have worked for the Boeing Company as an inspector for 22 years and currently work at the Auburn plant. I have a 75 mile round trip commute from our home in Gig Harbor.

My daily driver is my 1975 Saab 99 hatch back running a 1985 8 valve H motor converted from fuel injection to dual side draft Weber DCOE carburetors and a 5 speed gearbox. The engine and car both are currently at 280,000 miles, with 45,000 miles since the motor and carb swap. In addition to the 75 99 I have a 76 99 2 door with a 78 99 turbo engine and gearbox, 69 and 74 Sonetts, a 72 95 and a 67 96 2 stroke.

I married my wife Mary Kay and bought our first Saab in 1977, a used 74 99 WagonBack. We have a son Quinn and a daughter Kaylan. Mary Kay spent 6 years selling Saabs at McCann Motors and during that time she won numerous Sweden trips. I was able to tag along on 4 of her Sweden trips, and in addition to these we also attended Saabs 50 and 60 anniversary festivals in Trollhattan.

I do most of the work on the Saabs myself leaving such things as gearbox rebuilds to the experts. My other hobbies are old trucks and tiny camp trailers. I have a 1951 Chevy 1 1/2 ton flatbed truck, and a 1961 Trailorboat teardrop class trailer. I hope to retire in 1 to 3 years and have time to travel with an old Saab and the Trailorboat.



Dan's Saab Fleet (photo by Dan Morley)

Check future newsletters and www.nwsoc.org for any updates or changes to the schedule.

MAY

May 22 - 10am- 4 pm - NWSOC Annual meeting and Bring Your Own Picnic and a Dessert to Share at the Morley's. Gig Harbor, WA.

Of note: change of club president as Dan has decided to step down, and we will be discussing long term goals for our clubs cash reserves. The primary goal had been seed money in case we decide to host another SOC. There have been changes at the national level with the national club taking on the task of hosting the SOCs and assuming financial responsibility. We have talked about hosting another SOC in Washington or Oregon in 2014. Another thought is the possibility of the club buying a vintage Saab to donate or loan to the LeMay Museum in Tacoma

Following lunch the meeting will commence followed by the annual raffle. Bring swap meet parts and Saab stuff you may want to sell or trade.

Here are directions to the Morley's: Interstate 5 to Tacoma, take Hwy 16 exit (Bremerton, Gig Harbor) exit and continue across the Narrows Bridge. About 10 miles after crossing the bridge take the Purdy, Shelton, Hwy 302 exit and continue downhill for 1 mile. At bottom of the hill turn left at light and go across the Purdy sand spit. Go straight thru 2 traffic lights and 1/4 mile past the 2nd light turn left on 134th (this is about 7 miles from Purdy). Continue on 134th for 1 mile (it winds around and becomes Cramer Road) and turn left on 110th. 110th is a private paved road, turn left on 134th (I said it winds around). 134th makes a 90 degree turn and becomes 111th, we are at the far end of 111th, driveway on the right.

Dan and Mary Kay Morley 13106 111th St Ct KPN, Gig Harbor, WA 98329. 253-858-1615.

JUNE

June 5 - Noon-4pm - Swedish Day Saab and Volvo Car Show at the Swedish Cultural Center, Seattle. Scandinavian Dinner follows at: 6-8pm

The Swedish Cultural Center's dinner, which includes entertainment, follows the car show from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Dinner is \$25.00, reservations for dinner (not the car show) are required; call 206-283-1090. For more information, contact: Dick Libby at email: volvodick@comcast.net and 206-365-5742

Swedish Cultural Center,
1920 Dexter Avenue North
Seattle, WA. 98107
www.swedishculturalcenter.org

NWSOC 2010 EVENT LIST

June 19 - NWSOC meeting and museum tour. Tours start at 11am and 2pm. Meeting and lunch start at approximately 12:30pm after the first tour ends.

LeMay Museum
423 East 152nd Tacoma, Washington.
<http://www.lemaymuseum.org>

Our annual event at the LeMay Museum, just south of Tacoma. This year we have invited other Saab and Volvo car clubs to participate. Plan on attending and make this a special day!

Those not familiar with the LeMay collection may want to see their web site for details, but in short, it is the largest private vehicle collection in the world and is a very eclectic collection of cars and trucks. You will be able to see a Mesersmit 3 wheel bubble top micro car, a Tucker, a jet engine powered 32 Ford roadster and hundreds of others.

The grounds will be open at 10:00 we will need volunteers to set up picnic and meeting tables. Feel free to arrive early and help setup or just get a good parking spot. We will be able to display our cars on the lawn outside the main museum building.

The museum tour begins at 11:00 sharp followed by lunch and meeting. An additional tour will start at 2:00 for those not taking the earlier tour. The tour takes approximately 1 1/2 hours and includes viewing 400+ vehicles. Tour Cost: No charge for dues current NWSOC members. Non-members or lapsed members: \$10.00. Bring your own lunch; there are several fast food places nearby.

See the museum website listed above for driving directions. Once you enter the gate, we will be parking on the grass off to the right.

JULY

July 10-11 - Portland Historic Races. PIR Portland, OR.

A great event and I highly recommend it. Vintage race cars on the track and in the pits to look at, lots of collector cars in the club corrals and the opportunity to take your car on a lap of the track!. We usually get together for dinner Saturday night. Car corrals are open to all years and models, so bring your 95 or 9-5. Contact Bob Dorste, 30965 Dutch Canyon Rd. Scappoose, OR 97056 or vintagesaabs@dutchcanyon.net or 503.543.8912, for the ticket package. You **cannot** get your car into the corral without buying this ticket package. Ticket packages are \$45 for car and two people for both days. Ticket deadline is June 1.

July 22-25 - Saab Owners Convention, Aurora, OH

July 31 - Antique Powerland Steam-up Car Show. Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum at Antique Powerland, Brooks, OR. BBQ follows at John Collins house. RSVP to Ray Kopczynski gwrepray@aol.com for dinner and car show. Complete details follow in the next newsletter.

Have an idea for a club event? Submit your idea to Dan.president@nwsoc.org