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From Your Club President

Well, fellow members, we are now four and one-half months into our club year of 2005/06. I have had the honor of conducting two club meetings since being elected President, one of which was our annual December Meeting and Barbecue Banquet. It was great to see so many members attending, and I hope I got to say at least "Hello" to everyone.

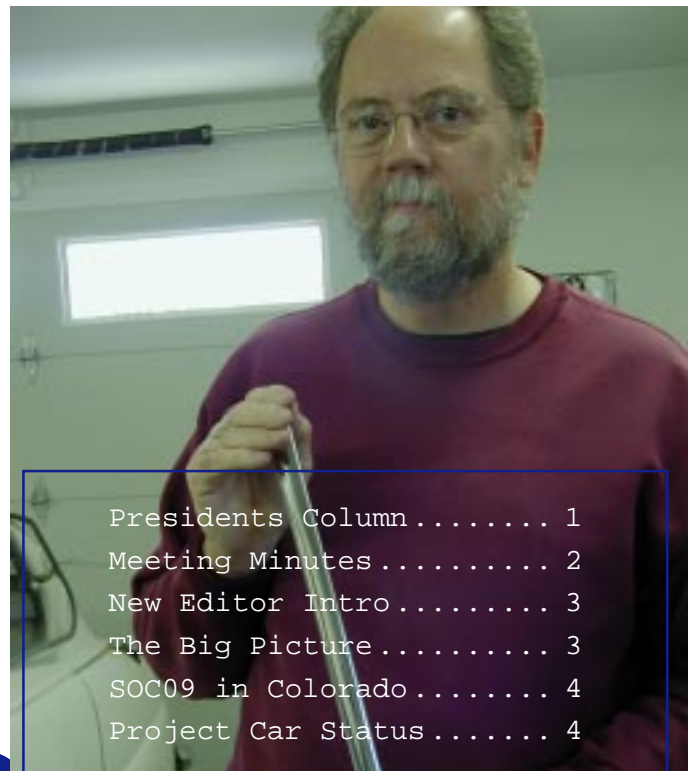
I would like to thank all the past presidents, officers, and members for their commitment to RMSC, and for the fine job they have done and continue to do to make this club the success it is. A special thanks goes out to Paul Bottone for serving on the Board of Directors from 1999 when RMSC incorporated, until this past year.

It is easy to be president of this club, in my opinion, because all our members, both new and old, are like an extended family. We have uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews all with differing ideas, but with a common goal, owning and absorbing all things Saab. I hope that each and every "family member" is being entertained and learns something new at each gathering; I know I do.

One of my goals this term is to initiate a "Presidents Cup Saab Trivia Contest" which I hope can

be an annual event. I'll talk more about this in later newsletters. I'll also be working closely with our meeting and event coordinators to plan some fun and informative events.

As you may know, Tom Nelson has graciously taken on the task of writing our newsletter, and I'm looking forward to reading these words for the first time in a new and improved format. Biarni and I would like to thank all the members who contributed to our newsletter when I was editor. Biarni will be sailing away into the pale Icelandic sunset, but I'm going to enjoy writing this column for Tom. See you at the next meeting! Bruce



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President Bruce Harbison called the RMSC meeting to order at 8:25 PM. at Breckenridge Brewery. Our annual RMSC Xmas party occurred that evening, with food and soft drinks covered by RMSC's treasury.

President Bruce Harbison discussed his conference call with SCNA. The first part of his discussion was about how President Lester Ewing was doing a very good job with SCNA and the new emphasis of SCNA working with Nines Magazine. This emphasis makes working with Nines job 1, in an effort to get more subscribers for the magazine through SCNA.

Another topic discussed during the conference call, was location and dates for SOC06, which could be in Seven Springs or Hershey, Pennsylvania. The possible dates of SOC06 are August 18th to 20th. There is a bit of a conflict with these dates in regards to Saab Cars USA, as the annual car show in Pebble Beach takes place during this time. The Pebble Beach Car Show Staff wants Saab Cars USA to be there, for the unveiling of the New "Sonett IV".

Special Events Director Karl Kingery took the floor to talk about the Concours De Elegance car show our local RMSC usually participates in. The show has a proposed date of June 4th. There were about 328 entries last year and the show raised \$70,000.00 for Cerebral Palsy. They are looking for about 380 entries this year, making it an even grander event.

The CP committee is looking for sponsors at various levels. The highest levels of sponsorship (Corporate) are \$15,000, \$10,000, \$7,500, \$5000, \$2500, \$1000, and \$500. Other levels of sponsorship are called "Friends" and the levels run from \$100 to just under \$500. The "friends" don't get VIP passes, Event Program ads, tables, tents or parking spaces that the higher level sponsors get, but do get noted in the programs, just as we did last year.



Happy RMSC members among the dozen Saabs at the 2005 CP Car Show in Littleton last June. Get your Saabs ready to make an even bigger showing this year.

Corporate Sponsors are usually businesses that want the advertisements for their businesses. It was proposed for RMSC to donate \$200.

Special Projects Director Tom Nelson took the floor, with talk of up and coming ideas for car projects for the RMSC. The discussion between members of RMSC, was multi tiered. Should we buy cars for the purpose of reselling parts, or restorations? Bob Buck and Miles Bendixson thought if restoration was an issue, the cars restored should definitely be road worthy (not terminal rust, etc.- Bruce H. comment) The two Saab Sonett IIIs near Lyons, that four RMSC board members went to look at last fall, are still being pursued with an agreement that we pay somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2-300. (cont. on following page

Jerry Danner proposed that the club disassemble these cars during a RMSC meeting or a special project event. We could then sell the parts on eBay, to put money back in our coffers, or allow a club member to use the parts to complete a restoration, or save the parts for use on a future club Sonett III project.

Citing Project Laura, Jerry Danner also proposed that we don't have to do anything of this magnitude. He has a 97 New Generation 900 that needs a new transmission and suggested we might take that on as a special project and resell it for the benefit of our club.

Steve McCoy talked about a 1970 Saab V4 wagon in Durango. After looking at photos and discussing the cars rust condition, it was determined that it was not anything RMSC wanted to get involved in. Jerry Danner and Miles Bendixson made specific recommendations to stay away from cars with these kind of problems. Jim Beetham and Charles Stoyer still like the idea of the '69 Saab 96 we have, as a possible project car.

New Editor Introduction

This is my first Issue as your new editor. I agreed to become the editor if Bruce was elected the new RMSC President, so here we go.... with a new look. I am using PageMaker 7.0 as the tool to produce the Newsletter which for the time being I am calling the RMSC News. If anyone has a good idea for a name for this publication, or any other ideas please let me know. When I agreed to take over the newsletter I presented some of my ideas to the board. A few of these are evident in this first issue:

1. A new President's column
2. Minutes of most recent BOD or Annual Membership Meetings
3. A section that reviews the content and explains the relationships of our two web sites and how to access/join.
4. A countdown to SOC09 feature that covers activity and months to go re various SOC milestones...
5. A free classified section for members
6. A Members section that at least lists anyone who joins and tells what cars they own
7. A summary tally of all members cars by model/year

I'm open to additional ideas on what the members would like to see Tom

The Big Picture

As some of you know Peter Gilbert's 1989 900 SPG will be turning a million miles in March. He is trying to get as much publicity as he can for it and hopes for something from Saab in Sweden. The car has been at Owners Conventions so some of you have seen it before. He has been on Milwaukee local TV, and it will be on display at Concourse Motors in Milwaukee.

Our friend Gary Stottler - GM Fuel Cell employe - reports the GM vintage Saab status First, there are 10 cars at Historic Fleet in Michigan. They are: Green 1951 92, Orange 1956 Sonett I Super Sport, Blue 1960 93 GT750, Red 1960 96 RAC Rally Car, Red 1966 Saab/Quantum IV open wheel racer, Silver 1967 Sonett II #197, Red 1986 900 Convertible Prototype, Silver 1987 9000 Turbo "Long Run" car #3, Red 1995 900NG Pikes Peak rally car, Silver 1996 900SE with #8 on it - Talledega or? (too new for me to recognize)

Second, the cars are getting the royal pampering. They were sent to Michigan with a budget specifically provided by Debra Kelly-Ennis for their safekeeping, so we can thank her for seeing to that. In the months since they arrived last winter, they have gotten a serious detailing and complete going over and have all been gotten running reasonably well. (This is all very good news! - Ed. comment)

Of special interest to 9^5 & 9^3 owners.....

Andrews Inc and Oil Medic.com are co-operating to do oil testing on Saab engines to try to create a nation wide data base. We are encouraging everyone to go to the Oilmedic.com web site and buy the sample bottles and have their oil tested. There is a link on Oilmedic's home page that says Saab Specific oil test. The results of these tests will tell us and you the car owner the true condition of your engine and with the nation wide data base we will know how each engine rates across the country.

<<http://www.oilmedic.com/SaabTest.html>>

[Note: Your editor has already received test results from the '03 Aero Wagon as well as son-in-law's '99 LPT. These, as well as Steve Goldberger and Chad Payne's wagons are in my spreadsheet.]

The 3 recent issues of Hemmings Sport & Exotic have featured Saabs owned by Chris Mills (C900), Bruce Turk (96 Bullnose), and Chris Moberg (Sonett III "Yellow Thunder").

<<http://www.hemmings.com>>

SOC09 - The RMSC Board has agreed to host the 2009 Saab Owners Conv. - see the letter below for details.

Board of Directors
Saab Club of North America
C/O President Lester Ewing
Shreveport, LA

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are pleased to present a firm commitment that the Rocky Mountain Saab Club of Colorado (RMSC) is prepared to host SOC 2009 in Colorado.

In line with this proposal let us outline some of our tentative plans:

1. The RMSC Board of Directors will select a Chairman for SOC09 no later than July 2007.
2. The RMSC Chairman, with board concurrence, will select the venue and firm dates for SOC09 by the end of CY 2007.
3. The RMSC will promote the Colorado SOC09 at major Saab events in 2006, 2007, and 2008, including the International Event in Trollhattan, Sweden in 2007 (60th Jubilee).
4. The RMSC will consider the possibility of hosting a "Nines Runs the Rockies" Reunion Tour in conjunction with SOC09.
5. Colorado has many spectacular convention sites; the RMSC will keep our options open and consider a variety of locations for SOC09.
6. We assume that the SCNA Board of Directors will negotiate appropriate support from Saab Cars USA during the initial planning in 2007.

Sincerely,

Tom Nelson, President 2004-5

Bruce Harbison, President 2005-6

Jerry Danner, Chmn. SOC Exploratory
Committee 2005

Status of RMSC Project & Parts Cars:

1. Tristine sold to Member Tracy Cochran
2. Laura sold to Member Tom Nelson
3. 1969 Model 96 Deluxe stored by Bruce
4. 1974 Sonett III/Lyons offer accepted
5. 1973 Sonett III/Lyons offer accepted
6. 1961 Model 96 Bullnose offer accepted
(Cars 4,5 & 6 need to be retrieved)
7. 1996 NG 900 sold before we got in gear so Jerry will watch for another



Next Meeting is Weds Feb 15, '06

7:00 PM at the Breckenridge
Brewery on Kalamath St in
Denver. That's right, it is
not on Tuesday so we can de-
conflict Valentines Day!

See you there!

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