



SUZUKI CAVALCADE CLUB SWEDEN



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1991

It all started when Bo Alvemark bought his Cavalcade LX (a 1986 model) and discovered that this in Sweden was a very rare motorcycle.

Because the production of the Cavalcade had ceased in May 1990, he realized that there was a risk that both the knowledge of how to repair these motorcycles and access to spare parts might disappear sooner or later.

Bo then started to research what suitable motorcycle clubs there were for him to join. What he found out was that there were no specific club for the Suzuki Cavalcade owners and that Norway had just started one at the 27:th of October 1990 to support the Norwegian Cavalcades.

When Bo contacted the Norwegian board they became very enthusiastic about helping him and start a Swedish Cavalcade Club.

They also offered to come to Sweden and help us with what they have learned about all you have to think of when you are founding a club, as statutes, etc.

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With the support from our Norwegian friends, Bo (or Bosse as he normally is called) sends a letter to all the Swedish Cavalcade owners that he could trace, to find out if there was an interest among them to start a *Suzuki Cavalcade Club Sweden*.

In that letter he wrote about his thoughts regarding starting a new club especially for us Cavalcade owners and how we through this club then could help each other with information, knowledge and perhaps spare parts, so we could maintain and keep our motorcycles going. It would also be a way for us with a common interest to meet once or twice a year. That letter also carried an invitation to his home.

The answers he got must have been convincing, because already in mars 1992 I got a new letter from Bo where he invited all Cavalcade owners to his and Åza's home in Gustafs just outside Borlänge for the weekend 1-3 of May.

The first meeting in May in order to found the club.

We who attended this first informal meeting were:
Emmanuel del Nero, Kenneth Norlin, Bengt Sundberg, Ove Sund and Per Olov Åkerblad.

From the Norwegian club came parts of their board, consisting of: Tom Aasland (Chairman.), Roy Fiddaman (v.Chairman and cashier) and Björn Hasselby.

So..... in total it was 7 Cavalcades that was standing in Bosse's front yard these days in May (some came in cars!)

We all were very enthusiastic about starting this new club and had a lot of ideas. A temporary board was founded with Bo Alvemark acting as both chairman and cashier and with Bengt Sundberg as secretary.

And that day, the 2:th of May 1992, the first protocol was written regarding *Suzuki Cavalcade Club Sweden* (S.C.C.S).



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A proposal of statutes was put together.

All in all this statutes was more or less taken "straight off" from the Norwegian statutes and we also agreed to use the same logotype, etc.

You will notice this if you compare the original Norwegian and Swedish statutes.

Then you will find that they are very similar, except in §8, where it is regulated how the respective clubs assets are to be divided when the club ends its existing.

After this first meeting Bo Alvemark (Chairman) and Bengt Sundberg (Secr.) now went into "high gear" and tried to locate every single Cavalcade owner again in Sweden, with the information that the club now was founded and asked if they where interesting in becoming members. Resulting in that we in June 1992 already had a stunning 33 members (of around 65 possible)!

Bo Alvemark had then already produced samples to the first collection of T-shirts, baseball caps and the round club sign in textile that we still use.

The first motorcycle rally with S.C.C.S and S.C.C.N.

The first S.C.C.S. motorcycle rally also occurred in 1992.

Together with the Norwegian Club we met at the already existing "Trollrallyt" in Norway.

An invitation to attend that rally was send to our members the 30:th of June.

The rally was held during 28-30/8 and we had decided to use this existing rally mostly because we didn't think we where able to organize a meeting so shortly after we had started the club.

The first annual board meeting

The first board meeting was held in Jönköping at the hotel Eurostop the 17: th of October 1992 with 10 of our members present.

At this first annual meeting the former members of the temporary board was elected to a permanent status and a third permanent member was also chosen (Gun-Britt Hagman) as well as two deputy members (Peter Pfeiffer and Kenneth Norlin)

The *Suzuki Cavalcade Club Sweden* was now officially founded!!

Statues and fees etc., etc.could now be set, and works really begin.

At this first annual meeting, Ove Sund also presented his suggestion to a S.C.C.S. flag.

His suggestion was taken directly and Ove was thanked for his work and that is the same flag we still use today at our meetings.

Thanks to all of you who made the foundation of this club possible !!!

But.....don't forget.

It's only because of the merit from all our members that this club is still going and going well !



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Summary

A lot of things were made these first years by many highly motivated persons who put in a lot of work and private resources to get S.C.C.S. founded and “get it going” in the best way possible.

Today we can give a small sum as a “board fee” to cover costs for telephone, stamps, paper etc. But the main work is still made idealistically by the member of the board, as all trips, payment for rooms, food, etc. are paid by each member privately.

That the club is appreciated can be seen at our meetings (twice a year), when we gather to enjoy our Cavalcades and the company of friends.

In fact, we have so much fun at our meetings and enjoy being together so much that many of our “older” Cavalcade owners who have sold their bikes still are members, so they can attend our meetings!

That I think is the definite proof of that we have done “something right” and that clubs like this still are needed in our society.

The older our Cavalcades get, the more important is the original idea from Bo Alvemark to have this club as a centre of knowledge and to be able to help with spare parts etc. to keep these amazing good touring motorcycles going.

At last I will take this opportunity to invite all you other Cavalcade owners to enter as members in S.C.C.S, as insurance for the future that we all can continue to enjoy this extra ordinary motorcycle!

Bengt Sundberg

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Former secretary
S.C.C.S.