

# The Chapman Report



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## Marque Madness

by jim mcclure, editor

If you wanted four full days of car related fun, this was the place to be. Kiyoshi and myself were the only Lotus owners there. I hope that we increase on that next year, especially as the chance to drive at Laguna is a rare opportunity. This was the first attempt to have an event of this magnitude. Hopefully the first of many. Some of the other clubs involved were the

Ferrari club, Miata club, Datsun Z club, Audi club, VW club, Viper club, the Mini club, the BMW club and the Porsche club. There was very strong sponsorship by Shell Petroleum and Yokohama Tires, among others. At the BBQ and raffle on Saturday night, they gave away five sets of Yokohama Advan tires. My fingers were crossed but luck did not shine on me that night.

I'm strongly hoping that this event continues into next year, again connected to a major race like the Rolex Grand Am. It's a great idea and deserves a chance to thrive. Hopefully, us Lotus drivers will take a greater involvement in it. Hey, it would really help if a few Elises, Esprits and Elans were running along side the Porsches, Bimmers and Mustangs !!



Setting up for the run down the Corkscrew, are the usual Lotos suspects, Kiyoshi and myself.



Some of the track touring day contingent waiting for their next session.

## Last Chance For Lotus Convention

*See Inside For Info*

### May Meeting

Friday, May 20th

Host: Laurel and Adrian Cockcroft

## Calendar

May 20	GGLC Meeting	See front page
June 3 - 5	Lotus Convention	Lake Tahoe
June 3	GGLC Track Day	Reno - Fernley
June 3 - 5	Wine Country Classic	Infineon Raceway
June 17	GGLC Meeting	Host: Sean & Hana Morrison, San Mateo
June 18	GGLC Autocross	Marina Airport
June 26	Palo Alto Concours	Stanford, Palo Alto
July 16	Tech Session and Parts Swap at Mike Ostrov's	
July 28 - 31	San Jose Grand Prix	Streets of San Jose
August 19-21	Monterey Historics and Lotus Corral	Laguna Seca

## March 30th Track Day

by David Anderson

The day dawned clear and cool and the sun stayed out all day and the wind was light, making a very pleasant 65 degree day at Thunderhill. Organizer John Zender had gathered 65 entrants, making this a full day indeed. Among the entrants were 2 Esprits, 1 Caterham, 2 Europas and 6 Elises.

There were around 10 drivers that had never been to a track before, so John, Dick Ryan, and I (helped by a few other experienced drivers) rode with the newcomers during the first session (and later on when requested). As always the emphasis is on safety and driving at a comfortable pace: this is not a race. Letting faster folks by is part of the day.

There are 2 groups, "fast" and "not so fast", with the "fast" group out on the hour for 30 minutes and the other group out on the half-hour. On this particular day that meant that one could (even if one never ventured into the other group) get 3 hours track time! A Saturn I was riding in suffered a breakdown: detonation totally destroyed a sparkplug (on extraction the sparkplug remains were indescribable — one hopes the debris went

out the tailpipe). John Z himself had the breaks lock on (mis-adjusted break pedal) in the Flamer Europa and did not quite make it back to the pits without help from the towtruck. Everyone drove safely and there were no on-track incidents.

One gentleman suffered a heart attack and was taken in the ambulance to the local hospital. The sad report is that he passed away. Our condolences to his family.

We have a nice track day schedule



this year. Make plans to attend several, you will have a very nice time. You get lots of track time (if you want it, few folks actually use all the track time available). You can take a passenger (the passenger must be helmeted too, see the track day regulations on [www.gglotus.org](http://www.gglotus.org) for helmet specifications).

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## Historics Corral

by Kiyoshi

### Sign-up Deadline is June 21st.

GGLC Lotus Corral at the Monterey Historics Aug 19-21, 2005 Laguna Seca Raceway, Monterey CA

The GGLC will host a Lotus Corral at the Monterey Historics on Saturday August 19, 2005. This year the Historics will be honoring Chapparral.

As in the past the GGLC must purchase a minimum of 35 tickets as a block to qualify for corral parking. Purchase your Monterey Historic tickets from the GGLC on-line by going to: <http://www.gglotus.org/ggshop/ggcorral.htm> Credit cards are welcome. The GGLC uses the services of PayPal for secure on-line transactions.

The GGLC Lotus Corral will be on Saturday, but tickets for all 3 or Sat/Sun can be purchased from the GGLC as well.

Tickets & Corral passes will be distributed about 1-2 weeks before the Historics.

# April 25th Track Day

by Kiyoshi

The GGLC salutes John Zender and Scott Hogben as the co-chairs for the 2005 GGLC Track Day on April 25, 2005. It was historic for it's been years and years since the GGLC has seen so many Lotus on track!

Earlier in the year John had threatened to cancel this date because of the lowish turn out we had in October. But, Club111 step up to the plate and helped to promote the day and soon the Elise drivers were coming out of the woodwork, 5, 10, 15, then 20 and finally 28 Elise! Add to this 8-10 more Lotus and it quickly became the largest Lotus entry in many many years of GGLC Track Days!

The Lotus Track Day was on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and some of the Elise folks arranged caravans to Buttonwillow from the south and from the Bay Area. The Bay Area contingent met just north of Monterey in Marina and then headed out to Hwy 101 via Carmel Valley Road. The original plan called for a Hwy 1 drive, but on Saturday it was learned that the Coast Highway would be closed all morning for the Big Sur Marathon. So, an alternate plan was devised.

I drove down solo leaving around 4pm and decided to avoid I5 by taking Hwy 25 out of Hollister and then hooking up with Hwy 198 east into Coalinga. It's been at least 10 years since I last drove that stretch, almost no traffic for nearly 100 miles. All except one driver politely pulled over to let me by. The Elise must look like a missile compared to the lumbering mini-vans, Hondas and Pick-ups. Yet, I wasn't pushing, just keeping up a nice comfortable entertaining pace, early brakes or just throttling off and feathering around the corners.

I made it to Lost Hills around 7:30pm, checked-in at the Motel 6. Normally I avoid Motel 6, but the Days Inn where we stayed last time is adjacent to the off-ramp from I5 and it felt and sounded like I was sleeping in



*Two more of the usual track suspects, John and Shinoo, testing the Buttonwillow twists.*



*The largest Lotus collection at a track day for many years.*

a Truck landing zone. Motel 6 was a great choice in case, it was quiet, not a truck was heard all night.

I arrived at the track the next morning around 7:30. Already the paddock was full of bright colored Elise, Jerry R was there with his JPS Europa, Shinya S with his black Esprit, Dave P with his Red Esprit, Dan C with his S190 Elise, David M. there with J Qvale and a new Elise Sport, Scott & John with their Europas and the biggest surprise was the sight of the "Evil Twins" with their pair of vintage race cars, the freshly restored S1 Europa and the red Elan+2. Another longtime GGLC'er, Joel L, was there with this new Noble.

At the October event we used the Race 13 configuration in a counter-clockwise direction, this time John decided to use the same configuration, but in a clockwise direction. (see attached map)

John took the driver's through the customary stuff in the driver's meeting. There were noticeably more novice drivers this time and they were paired with experienced drivers to assist them in their early sessions.

I was asked to one such "coach" and went out with Larry B. the 1<sup>st</sup> session. That started what was to be a busy, but fun day for me. If was on track I was either riding with someone or giving someone a ride.

Lotus EVERYWHERE!

It was great to see a line of Lotus ripping up the track! There was an occasional off or spin, but they pretty rare and the drivers did a great job of being courteous and cooperative with one another. Like other GGLC events passing was restricted to the longer straights for Group B and Group A had an open track, but no racing or competitive driving and point-throughs were encouraged.

The Elise (federal) contingency consisted of Dennis B., Larry B., Randy C., Ron El, David F., Joe F., Matt G., Mike G., Steve H., Chris H., Gil J., Lillie J., Craig L., Philip M., Shinoo M., Brian McS., Patrick O., Mike P., Robert P., Neil R., Dan R., Andrew S., Jacob T. and Steve W.

Next GGLC Track Day is the Reno-Fernley event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is also a part of the West Coast Lotus Meet.

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## 2005 West Coast Lotus Meet – News

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May 1, 2005

Registration for the 2005 West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) is winding down! Registration closed on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **WCLM Registration CLOSES May 15<sup>th</sup>!!!**

Register today on-line at [www.gglotus.org/wclm05](http://www.gglotus.org/wclm05).

### **2005 West Coast Lotus Meet - Quick Facts**

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Dates:	June 2-5, 2005 (Thurs-Sun)
Location:	Lake Tahoe, CA
Track:	Reno-Fernley Raceway (Fernley, NV)
Hotel:	Granlibakken Resort, Tahoe City, CA
Chairmen:	Joel Lipkin – joelwclm@gglotus.org Mel Boss – melwclm@gglotus.org
WCLM Website:	<a href="http://www.gglotus.org/wclm05">www.gglotus.org/wclm05</a>

### **Too Much Lotusing to Do!**

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The 2005 WCLM will begin Thursday evening with event registration followed by a cocktail hour and an opening dinner at the historic Granlibakken Resort. The Granlibakken is nestled in the Tahoe pine forests on 74 private acres. With plentiful parking, hiking trails, swimming pools, saunas and tennis courts the Granlibakken will be relaxing and a perfect headquarters for the 2005 WCLM.

Friday will start off bright and early for those participating in the optional WCLM Lotus Track Day at the Reno-Fernley Raceway. The Reno-Fernley Raceway offers sweeping turns, tight technical sections and long straights, challenging for both driver and machine. It's a great way to enjoy your Lotus and put a smile on your face.

Or on Friday you can join the WCLM Tahoe Tour. This informal driving tour will take advantage of some of the local twisty, scenic roads and will give you a chance to really enjoy the beauty of the Tahoe region and the Sierras.

Friday ends with a wonderful casual cocktail hour and the 2<sup>nd</sup> WCLM check-in time at the Granlibakken.

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> opens with a fun drive to the WCLM Autocross site at the Lake Tahoe Airport. Just after lunch will an option drive (or continue autocrossing). Then, we 'll gather at the Granlibakken and caravan to the National Auto Museum located in downtown Reno. The National Auto Museum houses the Harrah Auto Collection. The WCLM will have private use of the Museum for an evening that includes cocktails and gala dinner buffet.

The final day of the WCLM, Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, will feature the WCLM Concours. Set in the scenic Sierras, this special display of Lotus cars will top off a wonderful 3 days of the Lotusing. The WCLM Concours will conclude with a catered luncheon and awards ceremony.

## Enter Today!

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To registration for the WCLM ~~this week~~ visit the WCLM website at <http://www.gglotus.org/wclm05>. On-line registration is available or you can print a copy of the WCLM entry form and mail it in.

## WCLM Registration Packages

There are two WCLM Registration Packages – Complete and 2-Day.

The Complete WCLM Registration includes all the events described – Thursday check-in, cocktail and dinner; Friday lunch, Tahoe Tour and cocktail hour; Saturday Autocross, lunch, banquet at the National Automobile Museum; Sunday Concours and lunch.

The 2-Day WCLM Registration includes Friday Check-in and cocktail hour; Saturday Autocross, lunch, banquet at the National Automobile Museum; Sunday Concours and lunch.

## Optional WCLM Lotus Track Day

On Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> the optional Lotus Track Day event at the Reno-Fernley Raceway requires a separate entry fee.

## WCLM Registration Fees

All fees are per person. Registration closes on May 15, 2005)

	<b>Complete WCLM Registration Package</b>	<b>2-Day WCLM Registration</b>
<b>Package (arrive Friday 6/3)</b>		
Lotus Club Member	\$215	\$180
Non-Member	\$240	\$205
WCLM Optional Track Day Member		\$160 Lotus Club Member \$185 Non-Member

Members of Lotus Owners of Phoenix, Club Elite, Evergreen Lotus Car Club, Club Lotus Northwest, Historic Lotus Register, Club Lotus Los Angeles, Lotus Club Orange County/San Diego, Lotus of Colorado, Lotus Ltd and Club111 qualify for the Lotus Club Member discount.

The 2005 WCLM is supported by the generosity of:

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# GGLC Autocross

Very fresh news here from Kiyoshi, and little room for the full story. Go to our Website for more info.

“It’s about time! It’s been years since the GGLC had a practice Autocross. Urban sprawl conspired against us and the nearby autocross sites were plowed under and covered with home or the once open vacant fields adjacent to the old sites are today large housing tracts with neighbors that complain at the first drop of the flag. That left us with potential autocross sites that were too expensive for a casual club event or too far away.

So, what’s changed that we can do a practice event again? For one, INTEREST! And there’s a site that is reasonably priced, but it’s a bit of a distance, but close enough – The Marina Municipal Airport just north of Monterey. It the same site we used for the 2002 West Coast Lotus Meet Autocross. “

**When:** Saturday, June 18, 2005

**Time:** First car out 9:00. Arrive by 8 am to check-in

**Entry:** \$35 per driver, limited to 36 drivers

**How to enter:** Advanced entry only, go to [www.gglotus.org](http://www.gglotus.org) for on-line entry

GGLC, Club111 & Lockheed Members only (guests space permitting)

### Schedule (tentative)

7:30-8:00	Arrival & Check-in
7:30-8:30	Tech inspection
8:30-8:50	Driver’s Meeting
9:00-10:20	Session #1
10:20-10:40	Break
10:40-12:00	Session #2
12:00-1:00	Lunch break
1:00-1:30	Course Walk-Through
1:30-4:00	Practice Runs



*Mike has sold this ex-SCCA racing Seven to an anonymous club member. The member must remain anonymous at this time because there is a strong possibility that his wife does NOT know of this addition to his “family” of Lotuses. I have a good idea who has bought it and I would love to be there when the car hits the driveway. My wife said that I was ‘insane’ when I brought home my last one. Hey, hide this newsletter from your wife quick, if this is your car! You know who I’m talking to !!*

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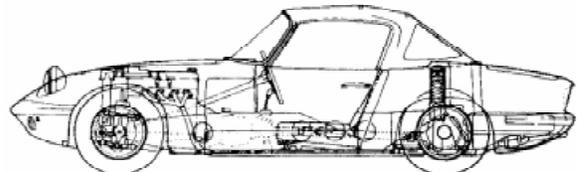
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## Mike's Place editor

The workshop will primarily be a Lotus parts swap, with a tune-up clinic also. The date will be July 16th. I'm hoping for a large turnout so there's a large selection of stuff to buy and buyers for my stuff. Actually, if the part's British, bring it, as Lotus used parts from about every local source that they could find. Added will be the tune-up clinic that will focus on electrical issues.

Our last event at Mike Ostrov's was lightly attended but entertaining. The photo on the last page is one indication of that. What's your best guess at to who bought the Seven?

## More Classifieds

**For Sale:** 1974 Lotus Elite. Complete operating car and a small mountain of spare and maintenance parts. 80k, needs paint. Best offer. Allen (408)354-7645 or [dubberley1@verizon.net](mailto:dubberley1@verizon.net)

**For Sale:** 1969 Lotus Europa 54/1636 for sale. Original except for Hermes manifold, Weber 45, oil cooler, Cosmics with Yoko A008's. Good runner and very decent looking. Robin Jackson, 707 526 5535 , [apexbrit@msn.com](mailto:apexbrit@msn.com)

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**For Sale:** 74 Europa. Yellow with creme cloth interior. Low mileage car. Not running, bent valves trying to replace pulley seal. Head redone and ready. I didn't install for obvious reasons. Can send pictures to interested members. I live in Moorpark, Ca.(Ventura Area).Contact at 310 4660421 day cell or evenings at 805 5290544. E mail [allis99@earthlink.net](mailto:allis99@earthlink.net) Reasonable offers accepted for immediate sale. (3/05)

**For Sale:** 1980 Lotus Esprit S2 Red with Black Leather Interior. Excellent running, clean original car with correct Lotus aluminum alloy wheels and exterior trim! 5 speed, AC, power brakes, windows and mirrors.

50K service including timing belt at Spenser European. Current mileage at 54K. California registration with smog test and pass in November 2003.

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Contact Randy at 408.646.5078 and/or [randy.tragni@flextronics.com](mailto:randy.tragni@flextronics.com) for further info. (5/05)

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(non-commercial ads are free to GGLC members and will run for three issues before requiring renewal)

**For Sale:** 1979 Esprit S2. Commemorative Edition #100 (last one). Black with gold stripes (like all of that series Esprit). Very good condition. Well cared for. Reliable. Previously owned by David Anderson (GGLC). Chuck is 3rd owner. \$10000 Call Chuck: 707-875-3728 (5/05)

**For sale:** open trailer ,pro built custom,15' bed,73" between fenders, fulldeck with Recessed D ring tie downs.Tandem dropped axles with full spring suspension,surge brake,new tires with new chrome wheels.less than 1500 miles on trailer.built for lotus elan and Jag xke.nice light towing trailer.

Also have lotus twin cam L block,perfect weber cyl head,omega 11:75 pistons, steel crank, carillo rods,genuine set minilites with both sets of lug nuts.all lotus components are brand new including wheels. contact Joel Mauser 209 477 4198 or 209 482 5351cell.located in Stockton,calif.

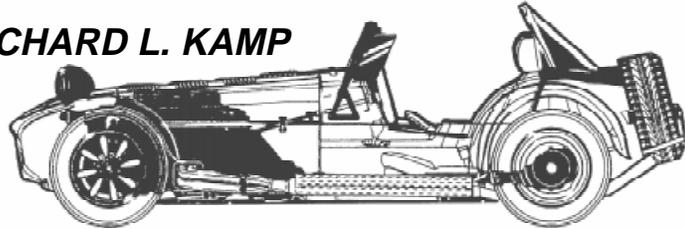
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**Wanted:** Lotus related license plates wanted; Lotus related books (or other marque and racing/auto books). Foster [FJCOOP@AOL.com](mailto:FJCOOP@AOL.com) or 617 965 2058 (5/05)

**For Sale:** 1969 Lotus Elan +2 vintage race project car comes with Spyder chassis, Cosmics, limited slip dif, Koni's, steel brake lines. Extra set of widened steel wheels. Have Weber head to be installed with mild cams. \$4800.00 George, 831-648-9064 (3/05)

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