

The Chapman Report



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Tesla Coil *editor*

OK, I've heard the Buzzzzz on the planned electric sportscar, the Tesla. I personally don't think that the electric car is dead, as has been talked about, also. There's a perfect place for electric cars right now, the golf course. For me that's only because they won't let motocross bikes on the golf courses, which I think would be the only fun way to play golf. Kind of a cross between Polo and Rollerball.

Back to the Tesla. It's named after the famous crackpot scientist, who invented the Tesla Coil, among other things. The Tesla Coil is impressive, puts on a great show, but doesn't seem to really do anything. Is this the future of the business enterprise of "Tesla", the car? I don't know. I'm just not sure how many people will pay \$100K for a rebodied Lotus Elise with a bunch of Lithium Ion batteries stuck in the back.

Yes, electric is good and greenhouse gasses are bad. Unless



the electricity comes from one of the coal-fired powerplants that send their emmisions towards the east coast, I guess. But those plants aren't visible here in California, so who cares!

Back to the Tesla. It will be heavier than the Elise, but still fast, and the Lotus suspension should be able to get it around corners well. The company, Tesla Motors, claims a range of 250 Miles. At least that's a range that would be acceptable to many potential buyers. Zero to sixty is a claimed 4 seconds, also. It's going to be at the Pebble Beach Concours, so I hope to get some photos of it then.

OOps, what if it's really named after that horrible red-neck band that plays with Ted Nugent!

OK, what happened this last month, etc?

Palo Alto Concours, track day #4, Marina autocross.....that's about it. But August is the BIG one: Monterey Historics, Pebble Beach. Actually, more than a full week of motoring events down in that area.

Because July is a 'slow' month, we are sending out an updated membership roster, all of which will be posted rather than emailed. The roster is for the convenience of the membership and not for distribution to commercial concerns. All of us have enough junk mail already!



Wow! A real Tesla Coil and a box of homemade Brownies.....

August Meeting - Friday 8/18

Host: Clark Vineyard
2399 Bryant Street in Palo Alto, CA 94301

Directions:

From 280, take Page Mill Road East, cross El Camino, Page Mill Road becomes Oregon Expressway. Turn left on Bryant Street. House is on the corner of Oregon Expressway and Bryant

From 101, take Oregon Expressway West, turn right on Bryant. House is on the corner of Bryant Street and Oregon Expressway.

Calendar

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| August 18 | GGLC Meeting Host: Clark Vineyard | |
| August 18 - 20 | Monterey Historics, Lotus Corral | |
| August 20 | Pebble Beach Concours | |
| September 10 | All British Car Meet | Palo Alto |
| September 15 | GGLC Meeting | Host: |

for more and up to date information these GGLC and other events check the GGLC website at www.gglotus.org

July 24 Thunderhill Track Day

by David Anderson

The track day was fully subscribed (65 entrants) and was a great success. John Zender decreed that we run the track in reverse-direction making it a 'new track' for everyone!

Early in the AM the temperature was 80+ and by mid-afternoon it was about 101 in the sun (95 in the shade) but no one was put off by the temperatures. No one had any failures, no one spun, and only one car got off course all day (at the top of the cyclone).

Next track day is Sept 13: sign up early!



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Palo Alto Con-course

editor

This is usually one of my favorite events; right on El Camino Real, lots of room on the grass and some nice 'for sale' cars also.

Well, Stanford moved them to the 'back 40's' They put most of the event on grass, but it seemed to be a much smaller area. It looked like they had been moved because the Stanford girls' cricket team had to practice on the old venue.

I doubt that Stanford or the City of Palo Alto agree with me that the concours is a major plus for the area. I hope that this was a temporary move and that the event will be back at their old spot on El Camino next year.

There was only one Lotus present; a new one at the Boardwalk Nissan Dealership tent.

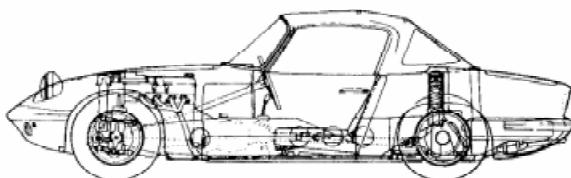
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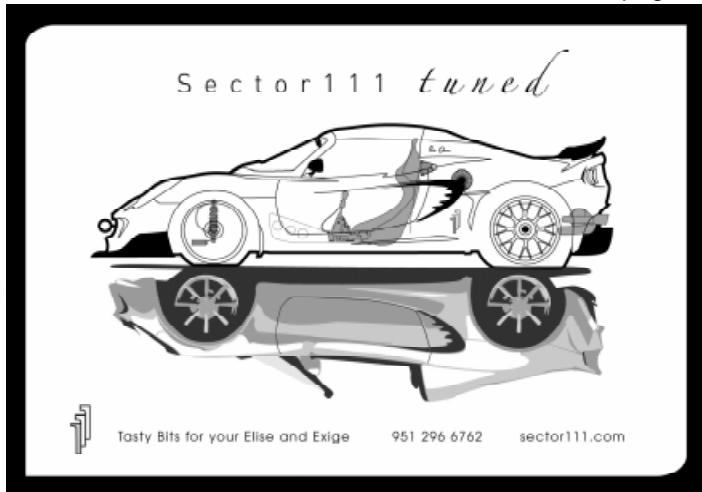
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More Classifieds

FOR SALE: Black front seats from my first +2 (1972), very good to excellent condition (little wear on one seat where the seat belt rubbed). All original. These are the narrow seat style high-back. They have been in storage for 10+ years. They had almost no use in their life. \$500 for both or best offer. I'm located in San Anselmo if you would like to see them in person. Contact: Will Burke — will.burke@mac.com for more information and pictures. (6/06)

For Sale: 1971 Lotus Elan Series 4 Roadster, Body off restoration in 1996 by Rich Kamp Kampeña Motors, Engine rebuilt to Big Valve specs- ~120HP, Beautiful bodywork and paint by Bob Groat, New vinyl top and tonneau, New upholstery, including door panels, Four-point racing seat belts and shoulder harnesses, New wiring harness, New African Rosewood dashboard, New dashboard rocker switches, Up-rated springs (30% stiffer than stock) w/adjustable perches, Adjustable shocks- Koni on rear, Spax on front, Rear shocks rebuilt in 2005, Photos of restoration process, Many original Elan road test reports, Reprint of the original Elan sales brochure, Many other Lotus Elan books and Lotus memorabilia included,

\$25,000 or make offer, Earl McCowen- 415-924-4280, emccowen@yahoo.com (3/06)

For Sale: Lotus Europa SP Race Car (#19). Unique car for someone who wants to learn to drive a fast mid engine car without the hassle of class rules. 2001 SFR Super Production champion. 1:35's at Laguna, 1:54's at Thunderhill. Motec injected Cosworth, all the right stuff but still a Lotus. Car is well sorted and documented. Some spares. Comes with lightweight custom single axle trailer. \$20k or best offer. Call Mike (408)891-5833 or email, mikeohm7@earthlink.net (3/06)

Classifieds

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

For Sale: '77 Esprit Wolfrace (original) Wheels for sale

Very little use, as I bought the car new in '77, then, within months, got sponsorship from Compomotive Wheels for my 23, gaining a set for the Esprit also. No dings, but the clearcoat has flaked in spots. Offers in the \$300. range? Mike McHugh (650)593-5040 ansonracecars@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: 78 Lotus Elite 503 parts car. Red/ Red & Black interior, the Lotus is a complet car (no hear or carbs) I have papers & key but no picture. The first \$500. gets it, need to be towed the same day. The car is in Stockton., 916 798-2271 jim Or email: dowjames@comcast.net

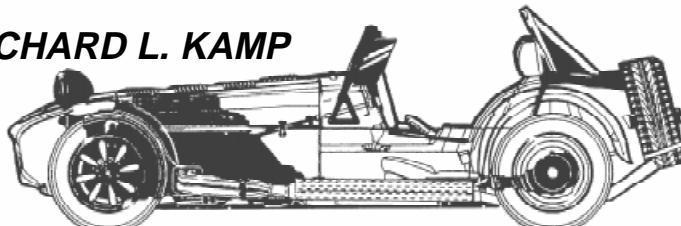
For Sale: Lotus Europa. Too many projects and zero time. S2 with 39,000 orig miles. The engine is dead. There are many xtra parts new brakes, calipers etc. new alum radiator - used 352 Twin Cam trans, Konis and very rare 8 spoke Sebring wheels (real mag). I'm asking \$3,000. Brett Mac Donald 626-339-0871 (3/06)

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Wanted: Lotus Elan+2. I am looking to buy a +2, would prefer Weber head car, that is all there. All cars considered. Projects, mechanical problems, needs to put together, needs paint or interior OK. Although would be nice to get a driver for once. I am in southeastern Arizona, better if car is in southwest but all cars considered. For right deal or car would ship. Thanks. vukosj@msn.com or phone 520-378-4665 ask for Steve. (3/06)

For Sale: '05 Elise, 25k miles fully loaded, premium alloy wheels Beautiful RED with Tan Leather, well cared for , Security system , asking \$39,000 East Bay Location, Jim Rose, call me at my cell (510) 390-1416 (12/05)

For Sale: Lotus 907 engine and 4 Spd Transmission for sale from Jensen Healey. Located in Bend Oregon. \$500. Contact Lars @ 541-350-4961, or email to larsco2002@yahoo.com (private party) Many other JH parts. (12/05)

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