

# The Chapman Report



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## Slalom Marina *editor*

First, on a somber note, we lost one of our long-time members to brain cancer last month. Carter Alexander was one of the first members of GGLC and CSRG that I met when I moved back to the bay area in the 80's.

He really was one of those nice guys who would always lend a hand and help a fellow racing competitor. He ran a very clean and sparingly modified 1340cc Lotus 7 for the sheer enjoyment of the driving and the friendships that he developed at the track. An obituary, by Sharon Edgar, is on page 3.

We had the Marina Autocross, which was a success, as always. This has been a great opportunity for those new to sports cars and their excellent handling characteristics to learn the capabilities of their cars.

My God! An Audi A4 took top time. I didn't get to check out his tire choice or suspension setup, but he ran a smooth and quiet run.

My car, on the other hand, made lots of noise but slow times.....six year old Pirellis, still with all of their tread. I'm waiting for the A048's with a 40,000 mile guarantee!

Another autocross is at Marina this month, then another in June.

The seminar at Mike Ostrov's shop is this coming Saturday. Please let him know if you're going, (510) 222-6437. I'm looking forward to seeing Keith Franck demo the Innovate software again. I already bought it because it's a lot cheaper than an engine rebuild, which I've done twice in 6 months.

Wes Coast Lotus Meet; you're either signed up or not going to make it. Maybe an act of God would get you in, but I think that most of the events are full. But, don't take my



word for it; check the website for last minute information.

The Marque Madness event is also this coming weekend, along with the Grand Am race at Laguna.

The June GGLC meeting will probably be at my house in Cupertino or Kiyoshi's house in Palo Alto.

You will also notice that there is information here and on the website on the Monterey Historics Corral. It's best to get your requests in early. There have always been those who call with

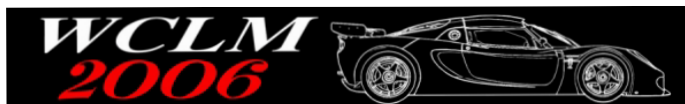
less than a week to go, and we have to tell them that the discounted tickets and corral passes are gone. Those who have had to park with the multitudes know the value of that corral pass.

Get to a car show this summer, also! The Palo Alto Concours is at Stanford and will feature English cars this year.

### May Meeting

Friday, May 19th

Host: WCLM in Morro Bay



## Calendar

May 6	Tech Session	Mike Ostrov's
May 4-7	Marque Madness	Laguna Seca
May 13	Autocross	Marina Airport
May 18-21	Wes Coast Lotus Meet	Cambria, CA
June 16	GGLC Meeting	TBA
June 24	Autocross	Marina Airport
June 25	Palo Alto Concours	Palo Alto

for more and up to date information these GGLC and other events check the GGLC website at [www.gglotus.org](http://www.gglotus.org)



*FASTEST CAR at the autocross! And I think it was full of groceries in the back seat! Audi A4*



*Very smoothly driven old Jag put in some good times.*



*The Elises were there*

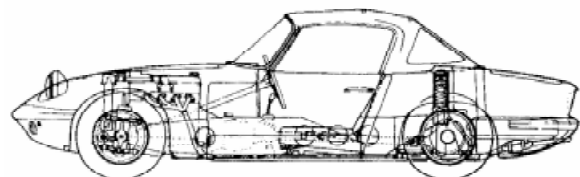
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# Carter Alexander



Last year, on the afternoon of March 20th, Carter F. Alexander wheeled his green Jaguar sedan around Infineon Raceway, setting the pace for the Annual Opening Race of CSRG (Classic Sports Racing Group). It was part of his new life. Eighteen months earlier he traded his Lotus Super 7 and the vintage racing he had enjoyed since 1978 for a new focus: he would write motoring columns, lead the driver mentoring program at CSRG, continue as president of his company EMS, and do whatever else he wanted. For the first time his "Big Cat" was the pace car and he loved it.

At home, hours later, he suffered a seizure. The man who climbed to the 10,064 ft. peak of Mt. Baldy in celebration of his 62nd birthday six months before, was suddenly entering a new life he never expected. An operation a month later confirmed a brain tumor.

Carter, as always, rose to the occasion and told us he had no regrets. He lived his life fully and accomplished more than he ever dreamed. He was thankful he lived in beautiful Sonoma, in a house perfectly designed for his upcoming trials, he was thankful for his wife Roberta, made of "Swedish steel" he said and beside him through every moment of their 37 year marriage. He was thankful for his daughter Christina, her husband Kenny and their 4-year-old twin girls, Morgan and Anden. His voice wavered only when he thought about not watching the

twins grow up.

Carter was determined to battle the tumor into remission. He endured arduous chemo and radiation through clinical trials at UCSF and, when there was no success from that quarter, he pursued chemo therapies through December. He would never give up the fight or his dreams of leading the field once again. He was a strong, determined man with the most astonishing grace. Together with his wife Roberta, they founded his company, EMS (European Marketing and Sales), which celebrates its 25th anniversary in June.

Through EMS he worked in the world of technology, bringing US firms to Europe where he and Roberta lived in the early 1970's.

Carter's life was family, friends, business, politics, road cars, motor racing. In 1976 they joined friends at eleven Formula One Grand Prix in Europe. In 1978 they bought their present house in Sonoma where they have lived and entertained hundreds of friends these past 28 years. Always the most gracious hosts, Carter and

Roberta's attention to others didn't flag throughout these last months. As we filed through their home to share a movie video, a pizza, or a motor race, their warmth and interest in their friends rose above the sad physical circumstances. No matter how tired or weak he was, Carter always asked us how we were, how our children were doing, what was happening in our lives. He remembered details about every conversation and always focused on others.

Carter passed away in the early hours of Good Friday the 14th of April. His family, Roberta, Christina, Kenny, Andan and Morgan, and Jeanne Bohlen will miss him terribly as will all of his friends around the world.

In addition to the tireless devotion of Roberta, Hospice made the unbearable bearable. To them a great debt of gratitude is due. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Carter's name to Marin Hospice 190 West Napa Street Sonoma CA 95476 is appreciated. Memorial services will be private.



*One of Carter's granddaughters looks ready to 'pick up the gauntlet', in her grandfather's old Lotus 7.*

# Monterey Historics Corral

The Monterey Historic Races is honoring Cooper and the GGLC will have a Lotus Corral at the Monterey Historics August 18-20. In order to secure a Lotus Corral we must purchase at least 35 tickets. If you are planning on going to the 2006 Monterey Historic Races please order your tickets in advance and SAVE by going to [www.gglotus.org](http://www.gglotus.org).

As usual the GGLC will receive our block of tickets about 2 weeks prior to the Historics and we will then immediately distribute them.

## DEADLINE TO BUY TICKETS & CORRAL PASS IS JUNE 21, 2006!

For your convenience you can order on-line by paying through PayPal.

Ticket Packages & Prices:

3-Day Super Pass (Fri/Sat/Sun) + GGLC Lotus Corral Pass \$125 (compared to \$145 at the gate)

2-Day Weekend Pass (Sat/Sun) + GGLC Lotus Corral Pass \$95 (compared to \$115 at the gate)

Saturday Only + GGLC Lotus Corral Pass \$65 (compared to \$85 at the gate)

Sunday Only + General Corral Pass \$45 (compared to \$55 at the gate)

Pay for your Monterey Historic tickets here. Tickets will be sent to the GGLC 2 weeks prior and we will then immediately distribute them to you. Expect your ticket(s) and corral passes approximate one week prior to the event.

When you Click the "BUY NOW" button you'll be connected to PayPal.

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*Autocross Start*

Central Point, OR – the inaugural *Crater Lake to the Sea Rally*, a one thousand mile car tour of Southern Oregon and Northern California, has been announced by organizer, David Hammond. The rally will be a five-day event which begins in Red Bluff, California on August 28, 2006. During their journey, participants will visit four National Parks: Lassen, Lava Bed, Crater Lake and Redwood, tour of the Rogue River in a jet boat and view some of the most diverse and beautiful scenery in the West. High mountain passes, rivers, lakes, valleys, the Pacific Ocean coastline, open farmland and historic towns are among the sights to be seen along the route. The rally is for classic cars, model year 1971 or older and only thirty (30) cars will be accepted. Information and an application is available at [www.craterlaketotheseaally.com](http://www.craterlaketotheseaally.com). **Media Contact:** David Hammond, 541-776-3327 or [dbh@hamengr.com](mailto:dbh@hamengr.com)



# OpenRoads

## 2006 news release

Registration for OpenRoads 2006 at Lake Tahoe—an all-British weekend sponsored by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club—is now open and registration numbers are now being issued.

The OpenRoads 2006 weekend meet will be held June 9 to 11, 2006, at the Horizon Casino and Resort in Stateline NV on Lake Tahoe's South Shore. The meet will start on Friday, June 9 with a reception and welcoming party at the Horizon. On Saturday there is a day of autocrossing and touring planned with a banquet Saturday night. On Sunday, there will be a car show and departure.

"The roads around Tahoe this time of year are at their most scenic and traffic is at a minimum," said Event Chairman Dave Nock. "It's a beautiful place to bring a British car."

Price for the weekend is \$45 per registration and includes two adults and one car. Additional cars and adults attendees are \$20 each. There no registration charge for children under 15. Supplemental charges include a \$30 charge per car for the autocross. And a \$48 charge per person for the awards dinner (\$30 for those under 15). Golden Gate has arranged for 200 rooms at the Horizon at \$95 per night (single or double); \$105 triple occupancy; \$115 (four). Taxes are not included.

For a registration form, for more information on the meet, the Horizon and the Lake Tahoe area, go to the Golden Gate Austin Healey club web site at [www.GoldenGateHealey.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealey.com)







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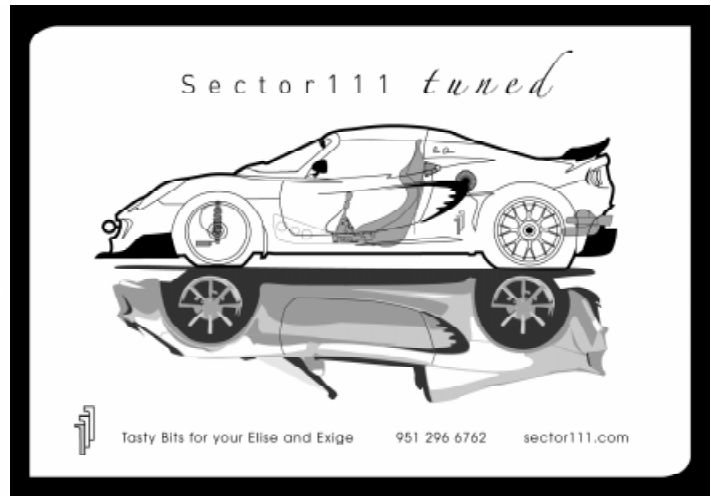
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**WANTED:** Lotus Elan+2. I am looking to buy a +2, would prefer Weber head car, that is all there. All cars considered. Projects, mechanical problems, needs to put together, needs paint or interior OK. Although would be nice to get a driver for once. 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](mailto:vukosj@msn.com) or phone 520-378-4665 ask for Steve. (3/06)

**Ror 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](mailto: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](mailto:mikeohm7@earthlink.net) (3/06)

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**FOR SALE:** (5) Avon ZV-1 tires 185/60-R14 , 4 w/ 3.5K miles, 1 (spare) as new. \$185 or nearest offer.

Colin (925) 288-1634 (4/06)

**Wanted:** Lotus Europa Twin CAM. Any condition considered from a daily driver to non-runner provided car is essentially complete. Please contact Andrew Connolly (Walnut Creek) at [connola2@apci.com](mailto:connola2@apci.com). (4/06)

**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](mailto:ansonracecars@sbcglobal.net)

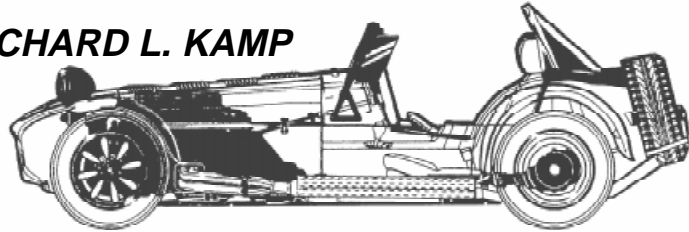
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**FOR SALE:** Lotus Europa. Too many projects and zero time. S2 with 39,000 orig miles. The engine is dead. There are many xtra parts new brakes, calipers etc. new alum radiator - used 352 Twin Cam trans, Konis and very rare 8 spoke Sebring wheels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

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