

The Chapman Report



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Is The Weight Over *editor*

Andrew Frankel, writing for MotorSport Magazine, was doing a piece on the new Bentley Continental GT Speed. Thinking of the sheer weight of this and so many cars today, he went on to discuss the path we should all be following, LOSE THE POUNDS!: “I’m making the point because last month I had something of an epiphany. I was at Jonathan Palmer’s Bedford Autodrome to spend two days on road and track in wet and dry conditions with a wide range of very high-performance machinery. There were a couple of Porsches and Mercedes, a BMW, a Lamborghini and even Audi’s new R8. But the car that entranced me most was the Lotus Elise S that a chassis engineer had used simply as transport from Hethel to Bedford. Costing just £23,995, and powered by an off-the-shelf 140 hp Toyota engine driving a simple five speed gearbox, it was a car I drove only because I’d always wanted to and he said I could.

In conditions as horrible as I’ve ever encountered while driving a two wheel drive, mid-engined car as fast as I could, it was scintillating. Its little 175 section front tyres cut through

water that had sent super-cars wiggling and squiggling across the track. It would drift at any angle you liked, talk constantly and eloquently to you through the steering and generally make you feel like a hero at even fairly modest speeds. In a straight line it felt more than quick enough, while in the corners enchanting is not too strong a word. Was it any less of a Lotus because it was cheap and didn’t have much power? On the contrary, it was the most authentic Lotus product I’d driven since the original Elan. When the purpose is the provision of affordable fun in a usable package, I know none more fit than this.”

There is further discussion of Lotus cars in the article. It is in issue VOL 83 NO 11.

Also in the issue is a report on cheating at the Goodwood Revival. The driver of a GT40, Ray Bellm, was caught with illegal mods in the Ford motor. Two other car owners were told that their cars were going to be checked for displacement. They quickly trailered their cars and left. I’m glad to see them start to check on obviously too fast vintage cars. Goodwood used to be teched by the same three monkeys that work the Monterey Historics. Don’t see it, don’t hear it, don’t say it, just go out and say: “It’s Showtime.”

December Meeting

***None, We’re all at
the North Pole or
Hawaii!***

***Check page 2 for information on
the Holiday Dinner, which will be
held January 12th.***

Holiday Dinner Tesla Testy? *editor*

The dinner will be held on Saturday, January 12 at Il Fornaio Restaurant (at the Garden Court Hotel) located at 520 Cowper street, Palo Alto, 94301. Socializing and drinks begin at 6:30pm. Entree options are chicken, salmon or pasta, plus a salad appetizer and chocolate mousse dessert. Valet parking is available, but there is a parking garage across the street, along with street parking.

Seats are \$40 each and can be reserved/paid for at www.gglotus.org through PayPal until January 5th.

The 2008 officers will be sworn in: President is Clark vineyard, VP is Chris Spencer. All other offices were untested

Tesla has named a new CEO. At least he has a great vision: actually build cars, which customers have already paid for. His aim is to also solve the battery problem that they have but have said little about before.

Their first CEO, Eberhard, had the vision to build the Tesla, then to collect all the money from the customers, then to create grandiose plans for a plant in New Mexico, then to build an affordable sedan, then to go to space or something like that. At some point you have to meet your initial obligations, so the car that was promised for the fall of '06. is now promised for march of '08. Better late than never, though never is still a possibility.

The following is an excerpt from an article in the San Jose Mercury News:

"The company has named high-tech veteran Ze'ev Drori as its new chief executive officer. Drori said his immediate goal is simple: "My mission is to get the car on the road. We've got to get the car to the market."

Inc. magazine, said Wednesday that issues with the Roadster's transmission remain, but the company was on pace to deliver cars early next year.

"It works," Musk said, but challenges remain with transmission durability."

They forgot to mention what happens when the batteries get too hot from internal resistance; not resolved by many companies for years.

Calendar

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| January 12 | Holiday Party | Palo Alto |
| January 29 | Track Day | Laguna Seca |

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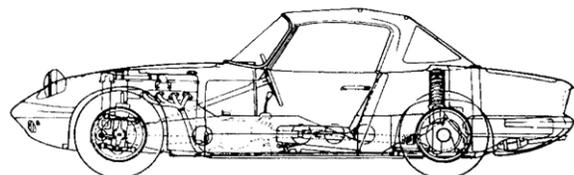
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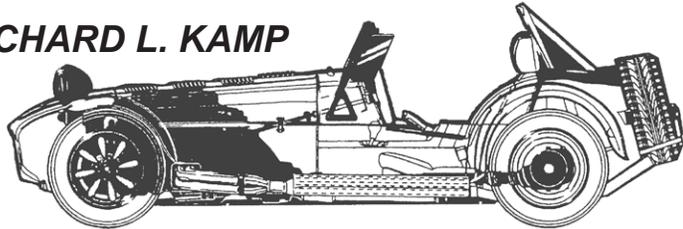
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