

The Chapman Report



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The Dark Gray Mist of Winter *editor*

No, not the beginning of a bad novel, just that February must be the low point of motor-ing events. Lame 'Auto Shows' that feature new boring cars and their hype don't count.

This has been a good time, though, for me to part ways with Speed Channel. I just couldn't think of much that they now show that I like to watch. I just can't listen to another redneck tell me that his car ran reeeel goood. 'Good' is a ADJEC-TIVE, not an adverb, as these good-old-boys should know if they had ever passed high school English.

Yes, F1 is coming up, but I timed Speed's coverage of it last year, after every eight minutes of coverage, a battery of commercials. Not worth my effort anymore. I'll just read about the races on the internet.

Well, it can be said that this is the perfect time to get those final preparations finished for the show and go season, which starts THIS MONTH. Some of mine await, on the right.

Track days, vintage races, and autocrosses are coming up soon. Check the calendar, the GGLC website, other websites and ??????????



Getting ready for the racing season. First, determine TDC, then dial in the cam by setting #1 intake valve position at the correct crank angle. That's on top of the pushrod for a non-OHC motor. Yes, the pistons on this motor actually extend 0.060" above the block. Still lots to

March Meeting

Friday, February 16th, 7:30 pm

Host: Pete and Noni Richen

Close Encounter of the Lotus

Kind *Noni Richen*

It was a crisp Super Sunday when I, a lady, wandered down to the Bay to catch a glimpse of the Queen Mary as she ventured into San Francisco Bay. After viewing the arrival of this magnificent craft, the lady became part of the crowd moving toward the Marina Green parking lot, when she espied another magnificent machine, pictured nearby. As the crowd showed its appreciation for this fine auto and the fine canine within, the lady struck up a conversation with the human owner standing

nearby. He immediately issued a humble disclaimer that his Seven was a REPLICa. I asked him if he belonged to the GGLC. He replied that although the powers of that organization had said he and his replica were welcome, alas, he was not a member. We exchanged a few more pleasantries, when I realized he had identified me as a kindred spirit and was seeking a more, shall we say, focused, encounter. As the crowd around us thinned a bit, he made his move. His voice lowered, he moved a little closer to my ear, and uttered these words. "Do you have any

jumper cables?"

end

Tesla Again

press release

Steve Westly, a former controller for California, has joined the Tesla board of directors. He ran and lost in the Democratic primary to state Treasurer Phil Angelides.

Tesla's board also includes Martin Eberhard, the company's co-founder and chief executive; Elon Musk; Jim Marver of VantagePoint Venture Partners; Kimbal Musk, a former eBay Motors executive; and Laurie Yoler.

Tesla, a San Carlos-based electric-vehicle start-up, will introduce its first model, a \$92,000 two-seat roadster, later this year. It recently announced that it will build its second

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Calendar

- March 16 Club Meeting Host: TBA
- March 24-25 CSRG Vintage Infineon RcwY Races
- March 27 Track Day THil
- April 14 Autocross Marina Airport
- April 29 Dream Machines HMB

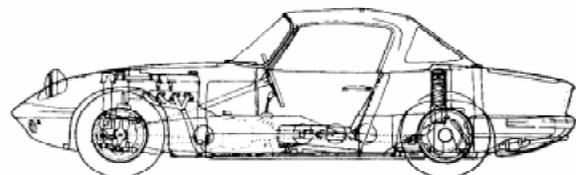
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model, a \$50,000 sedan, at a new factory in New Mexico scheduled to open in late 2009. Electric cars emit no pollution

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My questions are still: "Where are these 2007 sportscars that have been bought and paid for? Is an assembly line for these cars now in place, with components ordered and ready?" ed.

Museum? *Practical Classics Article*

PLANS to build a museum celebrating Lotus and their legendary mechanic Colin Chapman in Hornsey have been given the nod by Haringey Council.

John Scott-Davies, a chartered housing manager and car enthusiast, dreamed up the idea to build the museum on the Cranford Way Industrial Estate - on the exact spot where Mr Chapman designed and built his grand prix-winning Lotus cars.

And last Monday the planning committee approved the plan.

"A lot of my life has been about patronage and traditional patronage sometimes doesn't extend to the little people and the thing I like about the museum is it's a chance for the little people looking in to get involved."

He added: "I want to make the museum a vehicle to many programmes of education and training and work experience for the community. As a result of newspaper coverage local people have already come forward.

"If students can get work experience at the museum then they overcome this fear of doing it somewhere else."

Mr Scott-Davies is now looking to set up a charitable trust to run and oversee the

project.

He is holding a public meeting in the Wishing Well pub, in Tottenham Lane, at 7.30pm on November 20. If all goes to plan - and they manage to raise sufficient funds - the museum could be up and running by spring 2008.

Mr Chapman was raised in Hornsey - he lived in the old Railway Hotel - and used to test drive his cars round Alexandra Park from his workshop on the Cranford Way Industrial Estate. He died unexpectedly, aged 54, in 1982.

Track Day

by John Zender

Registration is now open for our open track day March 27. This event is not open to first time drivers. You must have at least 2 prior track days experience, race driver's school, or racing background to enter.

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LOG by Scott Hogben

This is just an early reminder that LOG 27 will be in Aspen Snowmass, Colorado this year, August 24th – 27th. This is considerably closer to those of us on the west coast than I think I've ever seen, so it cries out for GGLC attendance.

There are several GGLC members who are planning on attending and we'll be meeting at an as-yet determined location and time, and caravanning to the event in unison. Look for a date of Wednesday or Thursday before the event for departure.

You can see exactly what's in store for the event by going to the LOG 27 website at: <http://www.log27.com>. But let me just drop two names for you: Peter

Egan and Alain de Cadanet. Does that spark your interest? This is shaping up to be a great event and I encourage you to attend.

Next month I'll announce the time and location for the departing GGLC train. In the mean time, check your calendars and set aside about 5-7 days to join the group. If you work for a living, I would like to point out just how highly overrated that is. And if you go to school, our President Clark Vineyard can attest to how highly overrated that is too. In either circumstance, it's far more worthwhile to join us, so get your cars ready and stay tuned for more information!

Membership Count

by David Anderson

472 Members(!)
324 own a lotus
488 Lotuses registered with the club
218 get newsletter as pdf (email)

Car count by model:

count	model
1	30
1	35
1	62
1	77
1	eleven
1	marksix
2	18
2	27
2	41
2	47
2	51
4	11
5	23
5	eclat
6	elite-new
10	elan M100
13	exige
15	elanplus2
18	esprit
23	elite-old
25	cortina
34	esprit-turbo
57	seven
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488 total



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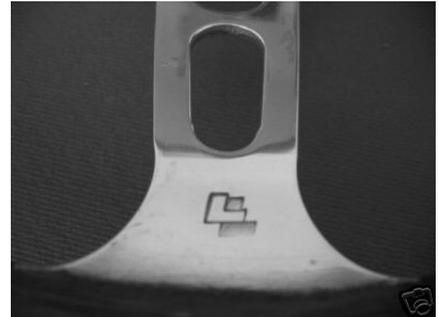
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Ebay Watch:

editor

This Alloy 'Raydot Style' Mirror sold for \$20 more than a new one, retail. Buyer thought it was a real Raydot?



This 'Les Leston' steering Wheel sold for close to \$200. Lots of 'Les Leston' items have come up for sale, lately. Leston was a famous race driver of the 50's/60's and promoted a number of accessories. It would be easy for someone to have made a new 'LL' stamp and fake these. I'm betting that's what has happened. There's been a cottage industry of fake furniture for hundreds of years. I bet the vintage car fake parts industry is just in its infancy. If there's a profit to be made,.....

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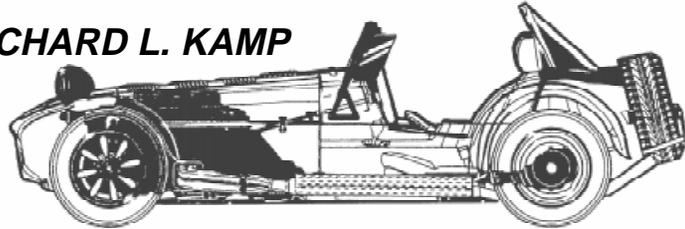
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