

The Chapman Report



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Chapman Report Sold To Bay Area BMW *press release*

I'm clearly sorry about this, but times do change. After all, the next Lotus will be manufactured in Malaysia, anyway. They DO have an F1 race there, while we have the Indy-Chump Series.

Bay Area BMW has also committed to sending full stories and photos to its new editor, Peter Pan, who has offered me immortality along with a car.

As most of the GGLC track day cars are M3's and new Minis, there will be many photos showing how much you can get into a 3-series or Mini boot, compared to the Elise boot.

We've all been hoping that a German auto company would buy Lotus, anyway, VW being in all of the rumors. So, it's only right that we start by selling off the newsletter.

BMW is a well respected company, with a cup holder in every one of their vehicles, while my Elise is full of coffee stains. BMW does already produce one English car, anyway, the Mini. As the Hayward Field meet is sponsored by MOASF, the local Mini club, we will also become a full participant in this event, as part of the deal.

In full disclosure, I must admit that I have benefited from this exchange. I will be getting a generous trade-in on the Elise

for a new Z4. Also, a bit of cash has changed hands. As I'm in the process of adopting a child I will need quite a bit of money for her education. My wife and I have raised two of our own, but neither of them got into Cal. We are going to keep adopting until one of them does get into Cal.

So, still lots of action photos and stories; more paint and

leather care articles, und Im vergangenen Jahr übertraf die Mannschaft aus München und Hinwil alle Erwartungen: Am Ende standen 101 WM-Punkte zu Buche, und das BMW. Tauchen Sie ein in die Welt der Formel 1.

Und remember the autocross in Marina and the shop day at Mike Ostrov's.

April Meeting

Friday, April 18th, 7:30 pm

Host: Pete Richen

Track Day Photos *photos by Kiyoshi*



Calendar

April 18th Meeting, The Richens, San Francisco

April 20th, Autocross Clinic, Marina Airport

April 26th Shop Day, Mike's Garage

April 27th, Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay

May 4th, Hillsborough Concours

May 17th meeting: Mel/Darlene Boss, Danville

June 20th meeting: The Andersons, Hillsborough

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

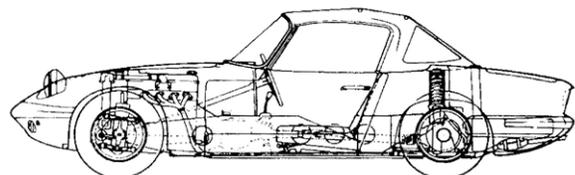
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Santana Row Meet *photos by Kiyoshi*



Mick Miller Classic Lotus of UK Robbed

Though the robbery happened in the UK, it's always possible that they could find their way over here on Craig's List or EBay: "As some of you may have already heard, we had a burglary during the Donington weekend, and a great deal of valuable stock was taken. We were very precisely targeted: some one really knows his Elans- hardly any Plus Two stuff was taken. Items lost included engines, cylinder heads, dashboards, windscreens, a galvanised Elan chassis and enough parts virtually to restore two or more complete Elans. Except for the engine parts everything was new. If anyone entertains any suspicions about any restoration in progress, especially of a DHC Sprint, I would be interested in any information, however little".

Mike's Garage

Mike Ostrov

Spring GGLC Shop Day, Saturday 26 April. 10 am start time, at 4119 Santa Rita Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803 Shop phone: (510) 222-6437. Please RSVP to: Mike Ostrov at : mikeostrov@webtv.net or (510) 232-7764.

I have my Weber TC and gearbox on the engine/tranny test stand for you lads to fiddle with. We can also do some of your engine testing: ie compression, leak down, spark plug voltage, A/F exhaust mixture and more. If time permits, a drive around the local water reservoir or we can check your toe, camber and caster and maybe spin up some wheels. If you have some glass fiber project, bring it over.

Cheers. Mike.

Save the Date!

2008 West Coast Lotus Meet. October 2-5, 2008.

Canyonville, Oregon.

Tours, autocrossing, Concours, awards, banquets, a BBQ, and more!

Event headquarters is Seven Feathers Casino and Resort with plenty of flat parking space for those trailering older Lotuses Crater Lake tours!

See you there.

David Anderson

New “China” Doll editor

OK, I missed another couple of events, but not for my job, this time. My wife and I have been in the process of adopting in Vietnam. This is a long process, with lots of strange forms, outrageous fees and bribes to officials. And that’s just within the U.S. Consulate! Not our officials, but like everywhere else, much is outsourced to contract employees. No U.S. Marines like you see in the Jason Bourne movies, as they’re over in Iraq. Local security guards run the consulate. Bribe them and you can go to the front of the waiting line. Sadly, adoption becomes as much about bureaucracy as children.

To the right is Tran, whom we met on the streets of Saigon. At 16 years old, she has been selling books to tourists every morning for over ten years. She then goes to English language classes in the late afternoon. With luck, she hopes to get a job in a local shop for about \$100 per month. She and her mother will then be able to live a little better life. After talking to her for awhile, my wife said, “this girl could be teaching at Harvard Business School.” Tran is the future for women in Vietnam and the rest of Asia, working and studying hard to control their own destiny. Not a “Cho-Cho-San” to wait for America to support her. Emerging economies, and their people.



Tesla Assembly Line Press Release

San Carlos, Calif. – (March 17, 2008) -- Regular production of the 2008 Tesla Roadster commenced today, marking an historical milestone for Tesla Motors and a watershed in the development of clean, zero-emissions vehicles.

First unveiled as a prototype on July 19th, 2006, the revolutionary Tesla Roadster generated an extraordinary response from people everywhere who were inspired by the vision that beautiful, high performance cars could generate zero-emissions and burn no oil. (coal pwr plants?)

Less than 2 years later, this vision has become a reality as Tesla Motors begins production of this breakthrough electric vehicle. The 2008 model year is sold out and Tesla is currently taking reservations for the 2009 model year Tesla Roadster. To date, over 900 Tesla Roadsters

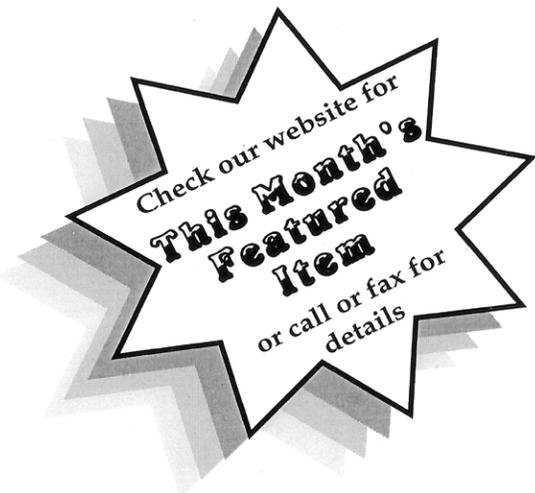
have been reserved in total.

Through the course of development of the Roadster, Tesla Motors has established a leadership position in EV technology which it plans to extend over the next years, leading to the introduction of its next model, a five passenger sports sedan, in 2010.

Tesla Motors president and CEO, Ze’ev Drori, comments further on this important milestone on the corporate blog at <http://www.teslamotors.com/blog>.

“For those who questioned doing assembly in the UK, let me say that trying to set it up domestically was not at all a practical option. Tesla isn’t building these themselves; from the beginning it was obvious that they would need to partner with an existing manufacturer for parts and assembly. Unfortunately, the big three don’t really

play that game, and I’m unaware of any low-volume shops around here that could compete with **Lotus**. Once **Lotus** won the design contest with a concept based on their existing **Elise**, it was really a no-brainer. They already had tooling appropriate for the extruded chassis and other important items, they had parts suppliers lined up, and they had a workforce accustomed to this type of thing. As someone (Martin?) said in a blog long ago, **Lotus** is really well-known as the best (only?) cost-effective option for low-volume contract sportscar production. In any case, I doubt there are a great number of people employed in Roadster assembly, and the important part is that the value-added stays here in the states. Whitestar and future vehicles will be built here, so by the time it’s a significant number of jobs, they’ll be employing American workers.



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The HAYWARD FIELD MEET will be SATURDAY, June 7, 2008 at Cal State East Bay from 9AM to 2PM.

“At the last meeting we decided to open the Meet up to pre 1980 European and Japanese cars. All British Cars of any age are welcome.

The reason we did this was financial. Last year for the first time ever, we lost money on the event.”

We, GGLC members have been discussing for some time the need for us to have a venue for a Lotus car show and swap.

To work with the Mini club, which hosts this event, would probably be our best opportunity. Not only to show our cars, but to have access for buying and selling parts. As most of you know, Lotus parts were sourced from all of the British car makers, through the years. ‘Their parts are our parts.’ Let’s become a part of this event. *editor*

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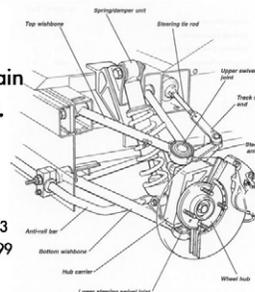


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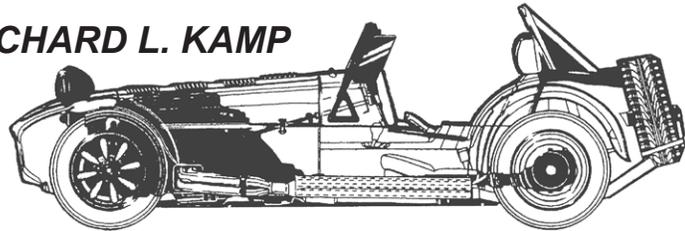
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