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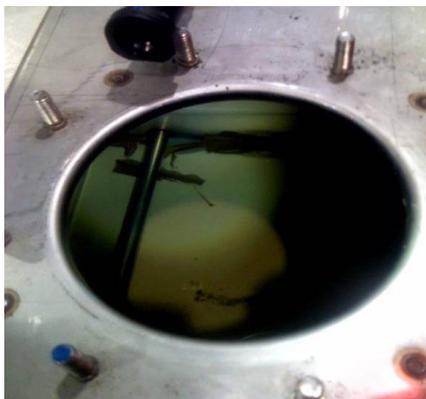
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The Events Lamp Is Lit *editor*

Drives, Concours, Races, Track Days, even car shows with parts flea markets. They're in full swing now. Hillsborough is this Sunday.

Race-prep or shine your lotus, even if it's just to go and watch. Repair might also be in order. I was on the way to the autocross, when my thermostat died.

The following is from a reader. Baffles are coming loose within the gas tank: "In hard left hand turns the lotus starves for fuel if the tank goes below 1/2 full. This has been happening lately to allot of owners who take their car to the track. I had the tank taken out to change the pickup as recommended by a friend and look what we found. The baffles are held in place with caulking and it's all coming apart. (apparently from the effects of race fuel)"



May Meeting

Saturay, May 17th, 12:0 pm

Host: Host: Mel and Darlene Boss, Danville

BBQ Meat

At Mel and Dar's place in Danville, Saturday, May 17th.

BBQ starts about 2pm (if you come earlier, be prepared to be tasked) Joel Lipkin will lead a tour from Santana Row to DarMel's - through the hills with a winery stop along the way. The trek will depart about 10:00 and terminate at "Darmel's" about 2pm.

There will be plenty of food and drinks: slow-roastisserie-roasted PORK (on the bone), sliced grilled BEEF, grilled-stuffed portabellas and quesadillas and dips & chips and a lettuce salad and breads; beers, waters and softdrinks.

If you would like to bring something to share, good choices would be desserts, appetizers or wine.

Calendar

- May 4, Hillsborough Concours
- May 17 meeting: Mel/Darlene Boss, Danville
- May 31, Autocross #1, Marina
- May 31 to June 1, GoodGuys, Pleasanton
- June 7, Hayward Field Meet, CSU Hayward
- June 20 meeting: The Andersons, Hillsborough
- June 22, Palo Alto Concourse, Palo Alto

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

HAYWARD FIELD MEET GOES INTERNATIONAL *from*

the MOASF (Mini Club)

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

The Meet will be on the practice field where it was held for so many years before it moved to the parking lot the past two years. To get the grass field we had to move from a Sunday to Saturday.

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.

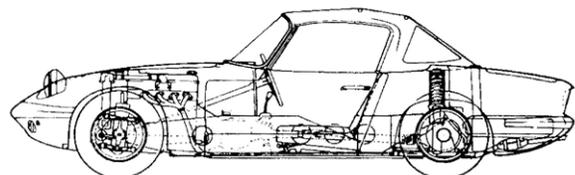
The reason we did this was financial. Last year for the first time ever, we lost money on the event. It was only a few dollars, but with costs rising it became obvious we needed to increase participation or drop the event. So we decided to open it up and see if a diversity of makes can produce a profit for the club and allow us to continue the almost 20 year tradition of the HFM.

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Resources For Members

by David Anderson

Here's a brief overview of the resources Lotus owners have available. There is help available for every model Lotus ever made.

Print:

This newsletter, of course. The suppliers that advertise in this newsletter are folks you should consider first.

On an irregular basis we print a member list (one is due out soon) and you can use that list to find other members.

If you live in the greater San Francisco area you could drop in at a monthly meeting.

These are usually somewhere on the San Francisco peninsula on the third Friday of the month, but this May the meeting is in Danville on a Saturday.

Folks with internet access have lots more resources at hand.

What follows is a brief introduction to web resources.

Web:

Your starting point: www.gglotus.org. Click on 'LINKS' to see a long list of resources. Some of those entries are links to even longer lists of Lotus resources. To get to the actual web sites go to gglotus.org! Here your correspondent will just outline some of your resources.

There are lots of other things on our web site than just LINKS, so please look around. Here we'll focus on links to other sites, not on www.gglotus.org itself.

Some sites are the work of an individual (very elegant work

in some cases) and some are the work of groups of folks. www.gglotus.org is almost entirely the work of Kiyoshi Hamai!

Registries:

These are Lotus model-specific sites where owners register their cars. There are specific sites for Elan, Europa, Elite, etc. Some are simply lists of vehicles with a short description. Some are kept up continuously, some have sort of stabilized and aren't really updated at all. Some are associated with larger web sites, some are just registries.

Model specific web sites:

For example, LotusElan.net and lotus-europa.net are model specific sites, there are many others. Visit these (for the Lotus model you are interested in) and get a sense of what they are like and what services they provide.

Clubs:

There are lots of clubs. Some local, some nation-wide (Lotus Club Holland is an example), some worldwide (Club Lotus (based in England) is the largest Lotus club and is worldwide).

Email:

There are a number of email lists. Some are quiet and some are very very busy (the Lotus Europa list has 50+ emails per day!). Lotus owners tend to be friendly, so read the list for a couple days to get a feel for things and then ask your question(s). As a new list-user keep it short. Don't be annoyed or surprised if responses suggest where there are searchable knowledge bases -- but often

folks will just answer even if the question has been asked 1000s of times before...

Chat:

Your scribe is not an Elise owner, and has not kept up with those folks... By all accounts the Elise folks are a chatty group and LotusTalk.com is a lively spot!

Suppliers:

Our advertisers (in this newsletter) and on the web site should get your support first! But there are lots of suppliers and you will find a long list on the web site. Dealers tend to only supply the latest models. But there are parts available for every Lotus model ever made and the suppliers are only a phone-call (or click) away.

Dealers:

If you are in the market for a new Lotus, these are the folks to see. For an up to date list of US dealers go to the Lotus Cars USA web site (from our LINKS page) and the dealer-search link there will help you.

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

Autocross

editor

The event looks great, from what I heard, and the photos I've

seen. These photos were taken from the LotusTalk Forum, so i don't have the photographer's name. The EVO has its right rear in the air, that still leaves

him 3 wheels to push it around. The Ferrari's mirror looks much like the ones on the Elise, except for the 'name' on them. More \$\$ for one that says Gucci or Coach.



GGLC Monterey Historics Lotus Corral *Kiyoshi*

The GGLC is once again arranging for a Lotus Corral at the 2008 Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca Raceway on August 15-17, 2008. Purchase your Monterey Historic ticket from the GGLC and get a free corral pass to the GGLC Lotus corral. To get the Lotus Corral parking the GGLC must sell at least 35 tickets. Please order early and reserve your spot in the corral. GGLC membership is NOT required, but you must drive your Lotus to the event to park in the GGLC Lotus Corral.

Typically the tickets are sent to the GGLC 2-3 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.

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Contact "Vladimir" at ...925-798-5537

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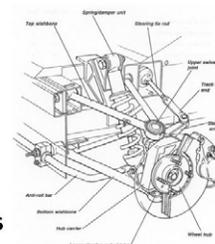
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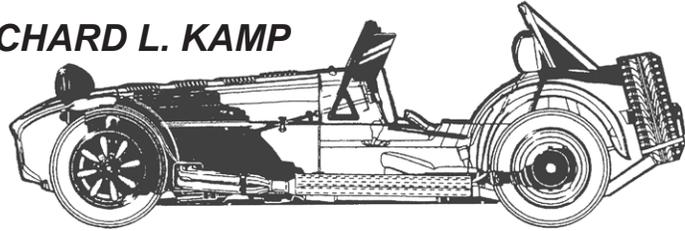
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