

The Chapman Report



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Laguna *Dave Anderson*

The December 26 trackday was a great success with approximately 70 entrants. It was cool, sunny, dry, and perfect. Which was a relief after several days of rain!

John Zender and Scott Hogben defined 3 groups: A(dvanced), I(ntermediate), and N(ovice) (yes, we did allow Novices this time!). So we rotated 20 minute sessions, beginning at 9AM with A, then on to I, then N with just a short break or two to extricate a couple cars from the gravel traps and a 20 minute lunch break for the workers.

Things went very smoothly as the drivers heeded John's warnings that Laguna Seca deserves respect as there are lots of walls one can hit.

There were 2 Elans, 3 Europas, approximately 10 Elise/Exige and a Lotus 2 Eleven race car (apparently the only 2 Eleven in Northern California). Plus the other cars and drivers including several Ferrari F430, an Ariel Atom, and a new Maserati, plus Corvette, BMW, and various other makes. Our thanks to all those non-Lotus entrants, we need them to have a large enough group to be able to make these events affordable.

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Toy Rallye

We collected over 30 toys!!! I still can't get over Barry charging that kid \$10 for taking pictures.... sheezzz :-)

Tom Carney

January Meeting

Friday, January 16th, 7:30 pm

Host: Tom and Cherrie Carney

Automotive

Related Joke by Mel Boss

A proctologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and HMO paperwork and was burned out.

Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become an auto mechanic. He went to the local technical college, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could.

When the time for the practical exam approached, the proctologist prepared carefully for weeks and completed the exam with tremendous skill. When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had ob-

tained a score of 150%.

Fearing an error, he called the instructor, saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade."

The instructor explained, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark."

After a pause, the instructor added, "I gave you 50% extra-credit because you did it all through the muffler, which I've never seen done in my entire career."

I will be adding more of Mel's jokes in the future, as space permits. ed

Laguna

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Your scribe got a ride in the 2 Eleven and my oh my the level of grip is astounding -- and this is with streetable tires, not race slicks. I held to the factory roll bar with both hands, my right arm was not strong enough to keep me from bouncing off the driver in right-hand turns!

By the end of day 3 cars needed to be towed. None of these issues resulted in a breakdown on-track!

All in all it was a great track day. Thanks to John Zender and Scott Hogben for organizing things.

Calendar

January 16, Club Meeting, Tom & Cherie Carney

January 27, GGLC Kart Series - Race #1, LeMans Kart, Fremont, See Website for details

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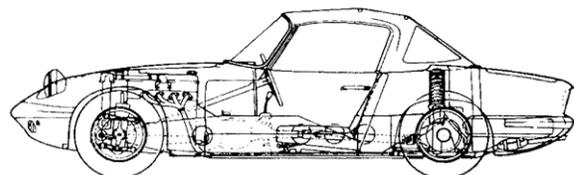
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Holiday Dinner

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Changing of the guard, as prez08 hands off the sword to prez09



John Zender, with his white elephant gift

The 2008 GGLC Holiday party (at Don Giovanni on Castro Street in Mountain View, CA) was a great party and all 41 of us had fun. We had a separate room so our noisy chatter did not disturb the rest of the restaurant!

Probably Hal Gjermann drove farthest to get to Mountain View (from Red Bluff, a journey of around 3.5 hours?). Most of us were very-long-time members but the newer members/spouses/friends (and a couple of guests we had not met before) had a lot of fun sharing holiday cheer.

A couple of Elises and an Esprit found parking in front of the restaurant, though most of us had to park farther away.

Kiyoshi brought a bizarre gravity powered hot-wheels drag-strip game which instantly demonstrated Kiyoshi's reaction times are faster than your reporter. Or maybe just demonstrated that he had practised!

Clark Vineyard brought the 'official articles of office' (a plastic sword and shield)

and after dinner he knighted Rob Dietsch (our 2009 GGLC President) officially into office. Next we began the 'white elephant' gift exchange. Barry Spencer oversaw picking tickets from a bucket. Each ticket (given to those who brought a White Elephant present) got a package from under the tree and the obligation to exchange it with (any) one of the previous winners.

Your scribe had wrapped a more or less original Lotus Europa wheel nut. I have no idea what poor soul wound up with that useless item (who could possibly be *missing* such an item?). When my number came up I picked an appealing package and unwrapped -- a very very used-up clutch disk, clutch cover, and water pump. Instantly my hands were coated with awful black dust! Well. I immediately exchanged with the person who had gotten the Sees Candy box (by now missing some candy). Our table proceed-

ed to eat all the candy so further trades were not in the cards!

The final order of business was handing out the door prizes (there were many). Tom Carney, officiated (wearing his Santa Claus hat) and Kiyoshi Hamai organized and sorted the prizes and kept things on track. The prizes were leftovers (such as hats from the 2005 WCLM), hot-wheels model cars (Lotuses, one of them a model Evora!), Lotus magazines, and other nice trivia.

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“Lotus 7 Replica custom made with all aluminum panels (no fiberglass in this car) and steel tube frame. This car is registered as an 1971 Opel GT (the donor car) original mileage may not be accurate.



This '70 Europa did not sell. Wonder why? “this is a basket case and could be put back together again”

Lotus Elan M100 didn't have many miles and appeared to be in good condition, according to the write-up. It sold for LESS than \$7,000! I was tempted to bid, but I already have ten cars. We ARE in a recession, and apparently not the time to sell a car unless you really have to. That's the advise I gave to GM, also.



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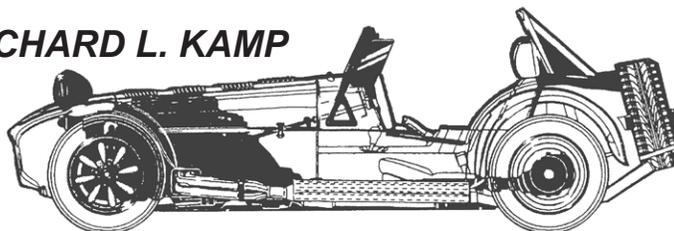
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