

The Chapman Report



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Outgoing Prez, Daniel Katz, and V. Prez, Jackie Feakins frock the new Prez, Rita Satulovsky, and new V. Prez Alan Austin at the club's Holiday Dinner December 13, 2014. More photo coverage of the party on page 2.



Photo Credit: Kiyoshi Hamai

"We're here to help" as Dave Ellis, Jackie Feakins, Tom Carney and John Zender (f to b) make sure a Toy Rallye participant stays on course. See Dave's story on page 2 to learn more about this annual charity event.

Jan/Feb Meetings

Friday, January 16, 2015 – 7:30 PM

Host: Tom and Cherie Carney

Friday, February 20, 2015 – 7:30 PM

Host: Pete and Noni Richen

2015 GGLC Officers Frooked at Holiday Party

editor

New Prez, Rita Satulovsky, and V. Prez, Alan Austin, were formally installed in a traditional changing-of-the-guard ceremony as part of the club's gala Holiday Party in December. The party was well attended, and it featured a new venue in Danville with tasty dinner selections.

Other highlights of the evening included handing out awards to AutoX series winners, a celebration of Mel and Darlene's 25th wedding anniversary with a yummy cake, awards of GGLC Life Memberships

to Mel and me, and, of course, Santa Tom's management of the door prizes and the always entertaining White Elephant gift exchange.



Fun at the 2014 Toy Rallye

by Dave Ellis (photo by Kiyoshi Hamai)

The Rallye Club's annual Toy Rallye is held on the first Saturday in December. This is a charity Gimmick Rallye that offers the participants the joy of being mystified by the Rally Master's intricate instructions. The mysteries and surprises are helped along by volunteers from the GGLC who staff the checkpoints (CPs). This year, CP-1 was staffed by Billy Ramirez, Tom Carney, and your correspondent. CP-2 was staffed by Jackie

Feakins, John Zender, and Kiyoshi Hamai.

A Gimmick Rallye is a non-racing event where participants attempt to follow the course accurately in spite of the Rally Master's efforts to trick them with convoluted instructions. (Some of the folks who drive through the CPs are indeed pretty suspicious.) The drivers and their navigators attempt to solve puzzles while avoiding the tricks.

This year, the weather cooperated beautifully. Last year featured a bone-chilling wind, so I came well prepared, but with the warm December sun shining brightly, I was actually comfortable in a short-sleeve shirt. (Next year is sure to provide its own challenges.)

A total of 18 cars made it through both CPs. Darrin, the Rallye Master, was surprised by calls from a few early, seasoned drivers that suggested something was wrong with one of his instructions. Sure enough, a brand new construction sign had appeared overnight at a key inter-

section near CP-1. The new sign significantly changed Darrin's driving instructions, and had people arriving at the CP from the wrong direction!

Nevertheless, on arrival at CP-1, participants had to recite a saying and tell us which Route Instruction they were working on to get points. We passed out "CP-1" slips of paper and candy canes. Naturally, we had to reassure the drivers that there were no gimmicks associated with the candy canes.

At CP-2, someone in the car had to grunt out noises with one specific, clear English word to get points. The staffers passed out the traditional Toy Rallye cookies provided by the GGLC (a la Kiyoshi). Again, no gimmicks were involved!

The last car passed through CP-2 ~ 4:00 PM, so we packed everything up and returned things to Darrin at the pizza place on Stevens Creek Blvd, said our goodbyes and "Same time next year!"

There's no driving involved for the CP workers (except for finding the CP!), but we fill our

time between cars getting to know each other better, talking about cars and events, and in general reviewing the state of life and the universe. I had an entertaining afternoon in the fresh air and sunshine while enjoying good company. I'll sign up again next year.



The Rallye Club was founded in 1981 and currently has about 60 members, see www.therallyeclub.org. They often have 20-30 cars for the Toy Rallye, although occasionally the count dips into the teens. The toys collected at the Rallye (a condition of participant entry in lieu of a fee) were donated to the Home First of Santa Clara County organization for their Families with Children Program.

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GGLC UK / Lotus Excursion in 2016?

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The GGLC is looking into putting together a week-long, Lotus-centric excursion to the UK in 2016. Even though we are only in the planning stages, we would like to get a sense of the interest level in the club.

This is roughly what we are thinking...

WHEN:

Mid-May and/or September 2016.

WHAT:

Group tour that begins at London-Heathrow with a tentative itinerary of:...

- Day 1—collect participants from London (Heathrow) and transfer to hotel;
- Day 2—visit Hornsey/Cheshunt factory AM and return to Norfolk;
- Day 2—relaxing remainder of day with possibly a tour around Norfolk coast;
- Day 3—visits/guided tours of:
 - Lotus factory,
 - Classic Team Lotus,
 - Ketteringham Hall, and
 - Chapman’s final resting place
- Day 4—possible Lotus track day and/or Lotus Experience on the Hethel Track (optional);
- Day 5—possible visit to Lotus F1 operation or Zenos factory.



A very approximate cost—NOT INCLUDING: international transportation, Hethel track day or Lotus F1 tour—is £1760.00 (~\$2,800), per couple sharing a room. This price does include vehicle rental, petrol, accommodation (6 nights), Lotus factory tour, and Classic Team Lotus tour.



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Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan 14	Dinner/Meeting	Sacramento Chapter
Jan 16	Meeting/Social	Burlingame
Jan 24	“Anti-Football” Drive	Menlo Park
Feb 18	Dinner/Meeting	Sacramento Chapter
Feb 20	Meeting/Social	San Francisco
Feb 23	Track Day	Laguna Seca
Mar 18	Dinner/Meeting	Sacramento Chapter
Mar 20	Meeting/Social	TBD
Apr 18	Dinner/Meeting	Sacramento Chapter

See www.gglotus.org for additional information about upcoming events.

Again, the suggested itinerary above is rough, and it is subject to change. Most likely, there will be some other “special” thing to see and do as well as people to meet.

In order to maximize the experience, we would like to limit the size of the group to 8 people. If there is enough interest, however, we can double the tours and do both a May tour and a September tour, which would accommodate 16 people total.

Guests will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the UK. I am guessing that many will want to take an extra week, or so, in the UK or elsewhere in Europe in addition to the

GGLC/Lotus-focused portion of their trip.

So, what do you think?
Excited?

We would like to get an idea of those interested so we can begin to firm up the plans (e.g., one or two tours). Hopefully, the above information gives you an idea of costs, and it is



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enough to get you excited and to start saving and planning!

If you are semi-seriously interested, send me an email (webguy@gglotus.org) indicating your interest, and let me know if you have a preference for a mid-May or September 2016 tour date.



2014 in Review and Plans for 2015

by Kiyoshi Hamai

As you read this, 2014 is behind us. It was another amazing and busy year for the GGLC. Our membership numbers hit a new plateau, reaching and sustaining over 600! The GGLC Facebook page now has close to 1,000 “Likes” and the GGLC website continues to garner tens of thousands of visits each month. And our members are the most active group of Lotus enthusiasts in North America, if not the globe, as they participated in over 50 GGLC events during the year.

The newly formed GGLC Sacramento Group thrives, and it organized the GGLC’s first-ever Lotus campout.

Now, as we look forward to 2015, there are no signs of slowing, although there may be a few speed bumps along the way, but more on that later.

So, let’s first look back at 2014...

January – 2014 got off to an unusual start as the “traditional” club gathering at the Carneys’ in Burlingame was replaced by a meeting at the Richens’ as the Carneys’ living room was undergoing extensive remodeling. A week later we had the annual “Anti-Football Run” that started in Fremont and ended with lunch and a tour of the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville.

February – A quiet month with only the GGLC Sacramento’s dinner.

March – The highlight was a double dose of Laguna Seca with a 2-day weekend GGLC Track Day! The GGLC’s 2014 Auto-

cross season started with Round 1 in late March.

April – The GGLC 2014 Autocross series continued with Round #2, which was a late April event at the Marina Airport. And the postponed Carneys’ club meeting was held, debuting their newly remodeled living room!

May – May got busy, kicked off with a drive in the North Bay. The Sacramento Group attended the Dixon Car Show & Swap. Round #3 of the GGLC Autocross series and a GGLC Track Day at Thunderhill. All topped off by a very successful first Lotus Campout on Memorial Day weekend hosted by GGLC-Sacramento!



June – We had our annual Bar-B-Que at Mel and Darlene’s home in Danville, Round #4 GGLC autocross and the GGLC Track Day at Thunderhill’s newly expanded 5-mile course!

July – John Zender hosted a Bar-B-Que meeting/socializer. Mike Ostrov hosted a GGLC Tech Day at his shop with Jon Rosner cooking up a storm on the Bar-B-Que for the group. We also held Round #5 in the GGLC Autocross series.

August – A busy month with our annual Lotus corral at the Monterey Motorsports Reunion and Round #6 of the GGLC Autocross series.

September – The GGLC returned to Thunderhill for the 4th Track Day of the year and 2 days later was Round #7 of the GGLC Autocross series. GGLC-Sacramento added a twist to their monthly dinner by putting together a drone video and photo session. And Mike Ostrov added a 2nd Tech Day with Jon’s help.

October – The 2014 West Coast Lotus Meet kicked off October. This year, the GGLC played host, and the WCLM was chaired by Rahul Nair. Headquartered at the Ridge Resort overlooking South Lake Tahoe,

the multi-day event featured spectacular drives, an exclusive tour of the Sierra Boat Company, a banquet at the world famous National Auto Museum in Reno and the WCLM's first ever Funkhana. A few days after the WCLM, ex-Lotus Product Manager, Tony Shute, paid a visit to the area. Tony's son, Robin, is a local GGLC member and was competing the SCCA Run-Offs at Laguna later that week. The month ended with the GGLC's season-ending Autocross at the Marina Airport.



November – With the winter weather, came a quiet month with our election meeting in Saratoga and GGLC-Sacramento participated in a Toy Rally.

December – Our two traditional events, “The Toy Rallye” and the GGLC Holiday Dinner were held. And the GGLC's Video-Dude, Ben Beames debuted the 2014 GGLC Highlights video on the GGLC's YouTube channel – www.youtube.com/GoldenGateLotusClub.

All and all, it was an amazing year for the GGLC. Hopefully, you were able to attend more than a few of these fun events. If you missed some, be sure to make a new year's resolution to come out and join the fun in 2015!

So, what is planned for 2015?

There will be monthly meetings/socials on the 3rd Friday of the month. And GGLC-Sacramento will also have their monthly dinner get togethers. The now traditional “Anti-Football” Drive is scheduled for January 24 (see page 10, *ed.*), and the 2015 GGLC Track Days kick off in February at Laguna Seca, to be followed by 3 more at Thunderhill.

Unfortunately, the GGLC Autocross Series is at risk. The FAA has threatened to end motorsports events

at the Marina Airport. The GGLC, along with a number of other car clubs, is actively looking for alternative sites. Our collective fingers are crossed as we hope that the

FAA will reconsider their decision and extend the use permit at the Marina Airport for 2015. In the meantime, if you know of a potential autocross site please drop a note to autox@gglotus.org.



GGLC-Sacramento is already planning the 2nd annual Lotus Campout. All GGLC members are invited to join the fun over the Memorial Day weekend. Watch for details.

The WCLM will be on hiatus in 2015 as we plan to fully support LOG35 presented by our friends at Lotus of Colorado. LOG35 will be in Colorado Springs Aug 20-25, 2015. Yes, it is a long drive from NorCal, but the opportunity to check out some twisties in the Rockies and Pike's Peak will be amazing.

(www.lotusownersgathering.com)

Do you have a drive, picnic, museum or other activity you would like to share with other Lotus enthusiasts? Share your idea with Rita (Prez@gglotus.org), and let's get it going!

Be sure to visit the GGLC website at www.gglotus.org or the GGLC's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GoldenGateLotusClub.

Finally, don't forget to make a New Year's Resolution to participate in at least 1 GGLC event each month!

More Photos from 2014 Events:

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Laguna Seca Track Day November 6, 2014

by David Anderson

It was another beautiful day at the track! The morning started out cool with light overcast, but it was not long before we had clear skies and 70+°F with just a light breeze.

We ran 3 groups during the day, and we were fully signed up (however, a few who paid did not show up).

Somehow, clouds and overcast tend to increase the sound levels detected at the track-side sound metering booth, so the clear skies this day also helped keep most cars below the 90DB sound limit. The Lotus contingent this day was three Sevens and seven or eight Elises.

Scott Hogben spent several minutes in the Drivers' Meeting talking about safety and warning us about driving over one's limits. He emphasized that every trackday at Laguna (regardless who is running it) seems to have at least one car hit a wall.

In spite of Scott's warnings, a driver hit the wall hard at Turn 4 this day. Fortunately, there were no injuries, and the damaged car was not a Lotus.

The three run groups rotated in 20-minute sessions all day. As a result, you always knew by looking at the clock what group was on track and who was next. The Advanced Group, for example, started on the hour all day long. This scheme was very simple for everyone to follow, and the track folks did a great job keeping us on schedule.

Rob Dietsch brought two LotusCupUSA Elises. One for your scribe (#038) and one for another Team Dietsch Werks driver, Sam Barlaam. The rest of Team Dietsch Werks was in Pahrump, NV, for the LotusCupUSA races scheduled for November 8 and 9, and Rob left for Pahrump



at the close of the trackday. With a stock exhaust and a catalytic converter on each car, there was no problem with sound. But that also meant the cars carried an extra 150 pounds of weight!

Your correspondent was unable to match his recent Lotus-CupUSA lap times this day and never even broke into the 1:45's. Disappointing. The driver has several excuses ready if anyone asks.

There were a couple of Corvette drivers running roughly at the same pace, and at times leading and at times following. When the follower caught up, the leader lifted a little and the follower became the leader. Mostly we were 200-300 feet apart, close enough to be fun yet far enough apart to not interfere with each other's lines.

As a general rule, when you come across a big pack of cars running close enough to slow each other, it means it's time to head for the hot pit lane, cruise sedately to the start/finish line and then reenter the track after the pack has long gone.

Overall, it was a wonderful day in the beautiful Monterey Peninsula sunshine. Even if you don't want to drive on track, you should consider stopping by one of next year's GGLC trackdays to cadge a ride-along with a friendly driver (it would be a good idea to bring your helmet, though).

2015 Annual Anti-Football Drive

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The 2015 Anti-Football Drive will be Saturday, January 24, and it returns to the Peninsula/coast this year after last year's East Bay excursion. As usual, it will be a casual, moderate-paced drive. The road conditions are likely to be iffy this time of year, so the pace will take into consideration recent and current weather in the area.

START:

Meet in Menlo Park at 9:15 AM at Starbucks

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We will depart between 9:40 and 9:45—semi-sharp.

ROUTE (to Pillar Point):

- From Starbucks we will head out Sandhill Rd., past I-280.
- Right onto Portola Rd. Veer left at the “Y” to stay on Portola Rd.
- Sharp left onto La Honda Rd/Hwy 84 (stop sign).
- Stay on La Honda Rd at Alice's (Hwy 35), continue on La Honda Rd to San Gregorio.
- Right onto Stage Rd in San Gregorio.
- Right onto Hwy 1 at stop sign, continue 13 miles past Half Moon Bay.
- Left at signal to Princeton/Capistrano Rd.
- Left onto Pillar Point Harbor (parking lot on left).

Crabs & Lunch

We will try to get to Pillar Point Harbor around 11:15 AM. This will give us about 30 min-



utes to explore the docks. There are usually fishing boats at the harbor selling fresh fish and crab.

You are welcome and encouraged to purchase fish from the boats, but come prepared. If you want to buy fish and/or crab bring a small ice cooler or similar waterproof container and ice packs to keep your purchase cool. The boats will bag your purchase, but crabs have sharp claws and will pierce plastic bags, so you need something watertight. In spite of this extra effort, I think you will agree that having fresh fish and/or crab when you get home is an amazing treat!

After exploring the docks, we will head over to one of the nearby restaurants and grab some lunch.

We should plan to leave Pillar Point Harbor around 1:00 PM.

Hiller Museum

Leaving Pillar Point Harbor, we will turn right on Hwy 1 (towards Half Moon Bay), then left onto Hwy 92. Take

Hwy 92 over the hill (past I-280 to Hwy 101 South (San Jose). Continue on Hwy 101 to the exit at Holly St/Redwood Shores Pkwy. Take the cloverleaf to Redwood Shores Pkwy, then over Hwy 101 and take the first right, Airport Way. Then right again at Skyway Rd. The Hiller Aviation Museum will be on your left.

Hiller Aviation Museum

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We have booked a 2:00 PM tour of the museum. Please arrive by 1:45.

Important: an RSVP is required for the Museum tour!

Email me at

webguy@gglotus.org.

(You do not have to be on the drive to participate in the tour, but please email your RSVP to me.)



Newsletter Trivia: Generating Address Labels over the Years

by David Anderson

From its beginning in the early 1970's, the GGLC has been able to send out issues of its newsletter, *The Chapman Report*, to the membership on a regular basis. Naturally, we depended on the U.S. Mail exclusively for distribution for many years (and we still do today for about 15% of our membership). But those mailings would not have been possible without mailing labels affixed to each and every copy of the newsletter.

So here is a brief summary of how those labels were generated through the years.

1972-1978. Labels for the newsletter were produced by hand; initially by Wally Sinclair and later by Kiyoshi Hamai.

1979-1986. Labels were produced on a TRS-80 computer by Don Nester using the COBOL language.

1986-1989. Labels were produced on an IBM clone using software written in C (by Don Nester).

1989-2005. Labels were produced on a succession of five Macintosh computers using HyperCard (by David Anderson).

2005-present. Labels were produced on two PCs (over time) running Linux with the code written in Python (by David Anderson).

That means that since the process was automated in '79, the club has used nine different

computers (hardware) and four different languages (software) to generate mailing labels for *The Chapman Report*. I guess living in the CA hub of digital innovation has had its advantages!



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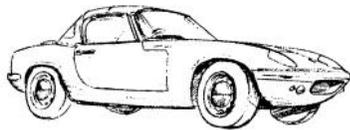
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