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Santa Tom, re-elected Prez Jackie and newly elected V. Prez Mona share a moment at the GGLC Holiday Party December 9, 2018. See more photos from the gala event starting on page 9.



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David Anderson shows off a classic racing line while negotiating Laguna Seca's legendary corkscrew at the GGLC November 11, 2018 track day. See David's story about the event on page 3.

Jan/Feb Meetings

SATURDAY, January 19, 2019 — 10:30 AM

Hosts: Tom and Cherie Carney

The annual kick-off meeting for the new year returns to the Carneys' home. Be sure to attend this year to hear about the club's exciting plans for a fun year of Lotusing in 2019 — including the fabulous 2019 West Coast Lotus Meet to be held in the NorCal gold country!

SATURDAY, February 16, 2019 — 10:30 AM

Hosts: Rahul and Nithya Nair

2018 Toy Rallye December 1, 2018

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The Toy Rallye is a traditional event for the GGLC that we have been co-presenting since the late 70s with The Rallye Club. One thing has remained constant over all those years: this rallye is about the collection of toys for needy families in our local communities during the Holiday Season while featuring an afternoon of Rallye fun for participants and workers alike!

As befitting the GGLC, we supply course workers, and we rely on The Rally Club to provide the rallye design, planning and know-how. The fun factor was ensured when rallye master, Daren, selected the Grinch as the theme for the 2018 Toy Rallye.

Helping from the GGLC were Mel, Tom C., Rita, Grif, Andrew and myself. We were split up to cover the 3 on-course checkpoints in the Rallye.

The day started a bit worrisome with a few strong showers, but by late morning the skies were clearing and the pavement drying.

This year we asked Daren to accommodate a Lotus-only class, and we were pleased to have 3 cars entered. They were: Rob and Cynthia in a black Evora; Willy and Stephanie in a maroon Elise and Bryan and Soah in their blue Evora.

I am happy to report that all 3 Lotus teams made it through the rallye with smiles, head-scratches and giggles. Ultimately, it was Rob and Cynthia

taking the class win. Congrats to all three, it was great to see you!

Total attendance was 20 cars, contributing some 35-40 toys to the local Home First organization.



So mark your 2019 calendars now because we will be back again for more Rallye fun and

“confusion” next December. Plan ahead now to join us!

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Laguna Seca Track Day November 11, 2018

by David Anderson

It was another spectacular GGLC track day at Laguna Seca for a capacity group of 100+ entrants.

The temperature was quite cool in the morning, but your scribe got so warm driving in the first session wearing a sweatshirt that it got left in the paddock for the rest of the day. The air was mostly clear of the smoke from the recent NorCal fires (fortunately), and it was much better than the hazy conditions local residents reportedly experienced the previous few days.

As normal with Laguna Seca, the day was organized with 3 groups each running 20-minute sessions: Advanced on the hour, then Intermediate, then Novice. The Novice group included a small number of beginners. (Beginners only go on track with an experienced driver on board.)

After an 8:30 AM drivers' meeting, the on-track sessions started at 9 AM. The group stickers distributed at registration ensured that the on-track car count was within the track limits without having to manually count the cars on track.

The GGLC track-day crew was on hand with the club truck, club loudspeaker, and water and snacks for everyone on hand. The lunch break was between noon and 1 PM. The final hour on the track was 4 PM-5 PM.

All told, entrants had the potential to be on track in seven sessions (totaling over 2 hours of track time), but by noon a few entrants called it a day, and by 3 PM possibly half of the entrants had left.

The Lotus count for the day was around 10 Elise/Exige, an Evora, and an authentic Lotus Eleven (there were 270 Elevens produced between 1955 and 1958). The Eleven was quite a nostalgic sight to see as it circulated the track on period-correct skinny tires.

In the 3 PM session the (now fairly old) race-slicks on the Dietsch Motorsports Elise #214 your reporter drove at the event were showing some very obvious loss of grip. It is clear that it is time for them to go where all used-up tires go...

As a final note, the GGLC extends a big thanks to all the non-Lotus drivers who participated in the club's



2018 track days. We hope everyone will be back for a full year of GGLC track days in 2019.

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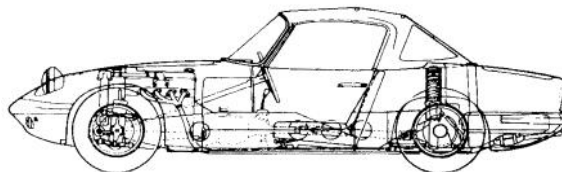
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First Announcement: 2019 West Coast Lotus Meet May 15–19, 2019 — Folsom, CA

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The dates are set! The hotel is set! We just need to add a group of rabid Lotus enthusiasts!

The 2019 West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) will be headquartered in Folsom, CA, which is just east of Sacramento and features easy access to the scenic Sierra Nevada foothills and California Gold Country.

The 2019 WCLM is hosted by the members of the Sacramento Chapter of the Golden Gate Lotus Club. They are excited to invite Lotus enthusiasts from around the globe to Sacramento and the California Gold Country.

The WCLM will be five days of total Lotus celebration starting Wednesday, May 15, and ending Sunday, May 19.

From the 2019 WCLM Chair, Mike Tatro: "Our 2019 WCLM Committee is planning a fantastic series of events that include a Casual Concours, amazing scenic drives in the legendary California Gold Country, the WCLM Banquet, an Autocross, plus an optional Lotus track day at the Thunderhill Raceway. In addition, there will be great awards, dinners and more!"

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**WCLM HEADQUARTERS:
LAKE NATOMA INN –
Folsom, California**

The 2019 WCLM will be headquartered at the Lake Natoma Inn at 702 Gold Lake Drive in the heart of Historic Folsom.

We recommend you make your hotel reservations at the Lake Natoma Inn online at: www.lakenatomainn.com. Be sure to use the WCLM group code **6046435**. or use

this URL to go directly to the Group Booking site:

[https://
reservations.travelclick.com/13381?
groupID=2411110](https://reservations.travelclick.com/13381?groupID=2411110)

The WCLM group rate is \$149/night for double occupancy. You can select a room with double Queen beds or a King bed.

Group rooms and rates are subject to availability. Weekends are busy, so we encourage you to make your reservations early.

2019 WCLM SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Day 1 - Wednesday May 15, 2019

- Registration at Lake Natoma Inn

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan. 12	Breakfast/LCoSC	LA
Jan. 19	Members' Social / 2019 kick-off	Burlingame
Jan. 27	Annual Anti-Football Drive	Los Gatos
Feb. 5	SDLC Meet-up	San Diego
Feb. 9	Breakfast/LCoSC	LA
Feb. 16	SDLC Drive	TBA
Feb. 16	Members' Social / Meeting	Daly City
Feb. 20	Track Day	Laguna Seca
March 5	SDLC Meet-up	San Diego

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



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- WCLM Meet & Greet at Red Bus Brewing Company

Day 2 - Thursday May 16, 2019

- Optional Track Day at Thunderhill Raceway Park – Thunderhill West circuit (cost not included in WCLM registration fee.)

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- Either Autocross at Thunderhill Raceway Park or
- Sacramento guided driving tour
- Open evening to explore and enjoy Old Town Folsom.

Day 3 - Friday May 17, 2019

- Gold Country Drive/Rallye with stop at Lava Cap Winery
- BBQ at the CarMichael Vintage Vehicle Collection

Day 4 - Saturday May 18, 2019

- Folsom Cars and Coffee. Special parking for WCLM Lotus cars.
- WCLM Concours
- Delta Run - explore the Sacramento River Delta with historic stops along the way.
- Cocktail hour and WCLM Banquet & Awards

Day 5 - Sunday May 19, 2019

- Optional Breakfast at Karen's Bakery
- Drive to Old Town Sacramento with final stop at the California Auto Museum
- Lunch at Selland's Outdoor Patio on Broadway



WCLM REGISTRATION

The WCLM Registration Fee will include all events, drives, shows, museum, autocross and meals except for the optional track day. We are still finalizing some details and hope to have registration open by the end of January 2019. Please watch the WCLM website and Facebook pages for up-to-date announcements.

WCLM SPONSORS

The WCLM cannot happen without the financial assistance of our sponsors (list to be finalized): Lotus Cars USA, Dave Bean Engineering, Sports Car World, JAE, Dietsch Motorsports/Turbo Hoses, RD Enterprises, Hethelsport, TrackSpec, GRP



Recent Events Organized by The San Diego Lotus Club Chapter

by Lawrence Sher & Ron Schramm

The SDLC's back-country drives organized by Ron Schramm have resumed now that the dog days and summer vacations are behind us. The November 2018 drive started at the Carl's Jr in Alpine, which is about 15 miles east of San Diego. We met at 6.45 AM for a drivers' meeting, and we departed at 7 AM.

We split the 13 cars (9 Lotus, 3 Porsche and 1 Ferrari) into two run groups to make it easier to keep track of all participants.

The route was divided into 5 segments with a meeting point at the end of each. Don Anderson led the first group out and Ron led the second.

Things went a bit awry for Group 1 when Don missed the first main direction change at Lyons Valley Road. So Group 1 soldiered on a fair piece before realizing that the turn-off was behind them! To add insult to navigation, this part of San

Diego County is not only sparsely populated, it is also not fully covered with cell towers.

That meant that when Ron's Group 2 arrived at the first meeting point, Group 1 was nowhere to be found, and Don was unreachable by cell phone. So after a few minutes, Group 2 continued on thinking that Group 1 had already come and gone from this meeting point. Haha!



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About 10 miles on, Don finally got through to Ron on the phone and the situation was resolved. Ahhh, the joys of modern technology.

Next time out, Ron will print detailed, high-resolution route maps for the group leaders!

We also experienced a single drop out from the drive at about this time. Emil's lovely '67 Elan, fell victim to a throttle return spring coming adrift. Fresh from an engine rebuild, this was the car's initial outing. Rather than hold everyone up for the repair, Emil headed back into Alpine to meet

up with us again at end of the drive.

Several of the drivers noted that they had never ventured out into this part of the county and how much they enjoyed the opportunity to experience the kinds of roads and lack of traffic that their cars were meant for; twists and turns, up hills, down hills, off camber, banking, esses, rhythm sections, etc—you get the idea. This was a fine way to enjoy our car's handling, acceleration and braking in a rural touring environment.

Except for some areas of minor traffic congestion and construction delays, traffic was very light and the weather was wonderfully clear. The roadside workers and the agents at the Border Patrol check point all gave us hearty thumbs up as we passed through!

After covering the 135 mile circuit, we rolled back into Alpine around 10 AM just in time for brunch.

Alpine resident and SDLC member, Emil Zucarro, ar-

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ranged for a suitably casual, *al fresco* meal on the patio at the Alpine Tobacco Company, with food and entertainment provided by neighboring Al Pancho's Mexican Restaurant.

Besides Group 1's detour (which had the upside of providing them with additional drive time and miles!), we experienced a second unplanned event after ordering our meal: a writer for the local Alpine newsletter happened by and saw our club banner along with all of the cars parked nearby.

She interviewed us as background for an article for local publication. All-in-all a fitting end to a near perfect morning with our Lotus cars and friends.

For a second club event in November, we met at the Helix Brewing Company on the 13th.

Members new and old had a great time beer tasting as well as an all-you-can-eat taco bar. ummm, yummy! Plans were also discussed for our final drive of the year on Sunday, 2 December, which started at the North County Mall.

amazing turnout for our final drive of 2018, and little did we know that we were being followed on our route via social media with comments coming in literally from all over the world.

Many thanks to you all for coming out and making our drive so enjoyable. We will do this again in the new year. (Probably sometime in February after I squeeze in some time for skiing.)

The power of social media was really brought home while we were

For this event, the meeting time was 6.30 AM with a departure time of 6.45 AM. In true British fashion we left just after 6.45 AM.

We had an

at Shinoo's Inokinetic shop when I picked up a response to a Facebook post by Lawrence from my friend Michael. That wouldn't be so exceptional except for the fact that Michael saw the posting at his home in Bad Ems, Germany. Awesome!

Here's to Michael and everyone else while wishing you all the happiest of holidays and a joyous new year!



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November 17, 2018

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Holiday Party

December 9, 2018

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The Anti-Football Drive for 2019

January 27, 2019

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The Annual Anti-Football Drive will be Sunday, January 27. This year we will explore the South Bay as we enjoy the roads around Mt Umunhum. As always, this will be a casual, moderate-paced drive. The road conditions can be iffy this time of the year, so the driving pace will depend on recent and current weather.

Start:

Meet at 9:00 AM at Starbucks in the Blossom Hill Shopping Center in Los Gatos:

14180 Blossom Hill Rd

Los Gatos, CA 95032

Google Maps - <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Starbucks/@37.2359896,-121.9142169>

We will depart at 9:30 AM sharp.

Route:

The route will be straightforward and easy to follow.

- Right from the Starbucks onto Blossom Hill
- Right onto Camden
- Right onto Hicks
- Right onto Mt Umunhum (stop sign)
- Veer Right as we reach the peak
- Park in the parking lot at Mt Umunhum

To Morgan Hill / San Martin

- Return down Mt Umunhum Rd
- Right onto Hicks
- At Tee, go Left onto Alamos Rd
- Continue past Almaden Reservoir
- Veer left onto Almaden Rd
- Right at McKean (soon after reach a housing development)
- Right at Stop Sign to stay on McKean Rd
- Continue on McKean at Bailey

- McKean becomes Uvas Rd
- Left onto Oak Glen Ave
- At Tee, Right to stay on Oak Glen (stop sign)
- Left to stay on Oak Glen
- Left at Edmundson (stop sign)
- Right into Vineyard Town Center (Starbucks)

Lunch Stop at Mooyah Burgers – 255 Vineyard Town Center, Morgan Hill

- Leave Mooyah Burgers by 1:30 PM!
- Right Monterey Rd
- Left at San Martin (signal)
- Right onto Murphy
- Right into Wings of History Air Museum

Please RSVP by January 20 for the Museum!

Email me at marcom@gg Lotus.org (Please note: at this writing I am still negotiating the details of our visit to the Wings of History Air Museum. If that visit cannot be arranged, the drive will end at the Morgan Hill lunch stop.)

Wings of History Air Museum:

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by Kiyoshi Hamai



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