

# The Chapman Report



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*Photo Credit: Jerry Bassler*

*John and Mona dress up for the occasion as they get into the Halloween holiday spirit at the GGLC Laguna Seca track day October 28, 2019. See more photos of the fun event on pages 6 and 7.*



*Photo Credit: Tom Carney*

*Dave Ellis' M100 Elan looks right at home in its cozy garage at the new Ellis family home in Seattle, WA. The story of how the car was transported from the Bay Area to Seattle as part of a classic Lotus Road Trip begins on page 2.*

## ***Nov./Dec. Meet-ups***

**SATURDAY, November 23, 2019 — 10:00 AM**  
**(Featuring Nominations and Election of**  
**2020 GGLC Club Officers)**

**Hosts:** Kiyoshi and Laura Hamai

The traditional GGLC December Holiday Party has been transformed into a Winter Party to be held Saturday, January 11, 2020. Check out page 11 for more details.



Meanwhile, All Best Wishes for a Joyous  
Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy 2020.  
—The Chapman Report Staff—

# Road Trip! North to Seattle and Back

by Kiyoshi Hamai

## THE STORY

It started out last summer; the Ellises, as in Dave (the GGLC Membership Chair) and wife Sue put their Redwood City home up for sale and made the big decision to move to Seattle. Laura and I have known the Ellises for over 20 years, since our daughters were in the same Brownie Troop. At that time, Dave was into Porsches, then a Focus SVT, then EVOs. But, eventually, he came around to Lotus when he purchased an M100.

So, with the decision to move came the logistics of actually doing it. Moving furniture and household things? Easy, hire movers. Getting their 2 Hondas to Seattle? Again easy, fill them with household stuff and drive them to the new digs in Seattle. Which left the question of how to transport the M100??

Options included: 1) hire a car transport company; 2) rent a U-Haul truck and trailer and tow it to Seattle. Although these options were sane, neither one sounded like fun. That is where I came in with a harebrained idea.

Why not leave the M100 with us, and then in the Spring I could put it on my trailer so it could be towed to its new Seattle home.

Of course, this scheme was helped by the fact that Laura and I have been talking about making a Seattle trip for the past couple of years, and this just

seemed like another good excuse to “make-it-happen!”

And then the snowball effect began: the Carneys, Tom and Cherie, were added to the trip, as they have relatives in Seattle they wanted to visit. With those additions, our truck and trailer were full, and we set a travel date for after the 2019 WCLM.

## THE TRIP NORTH

So, in the early morning of June 15, with the M100 loaded on the trailer and the truck packed with luggage (and the four of us) we began rolling north on I5.

The drive to Seattle was planned for 2 days. Our first night’s stop was in Canyonville, Oregon, site of the 2008 WCLM and home of GGLC founder John Ridley.

We met with John and local Lotus folks Jerry, Peter and Harvey for dinner. What an incredible and FUN evening!

On the next morning, it was off to complete the journey, arriving at the new Ellis home in Seattle in the late afternoon.

It took about 30-45 minutes to unwrap (I’ll explain soon) the M100 and back it off the trailer and into its new home (garage), where it looked “happy!”



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“Wrap” – When towing cars on open trailers, they are exposed to rocks, grime, dirt, bugs and other assorted junk. So, I have taken to using pallet wrap (the plastic film used for packing pallets) to wrap an entire car, which effectively creates a cocoon to protect it. It works

included Doug (ELCC President), Mark, Richard, Alan (as in ex-GGLCer) Perry.

Needless to say, it was a very fun evening of talking about everything from molecular chemistry/biology (thanks Richard!), DNA and, well, cars!



car, but one immediately caught my eye. I contacted the seller and a deal was struck! So, on our day in Tacoma we caught up with Jess and he delivered his lovely “Lotus F1” decked out in full Gold Leaf Team Lotus colors!

It was gorgeous, even better than the photos he had provided. This solved my empty trailer dilemma, well, not exactly (see photo).

The “Lotus F1” car is in fact a pedal car produced by the French company Morellet Guerineau around the 1960 timeframe. No plastic, the body is all-steel construction. It has been restored and re-sprayed, but the wheels, tires and steering wheel are untouched. It is the kind of “Lotus” that I can add to my garage without having to sell a car!

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great, although it looks a bit strange on the road, and it gets a few comments. But the big plus is that at the end of the trip—with the wrap removed—the car comes out of its cocoon clean and unscathed.

#### DOING SEATTLE

We went into full “Tourist Mode” with stops at the Seattle Underground Tour, the Smith Tower, the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, a Boat Cruise on Lake Washington, Pike Place Market, Museum of Pop Culture and the Chihuly Gallery and Gardens.

#### MEETING WITH ELCC

Dave and Sue had arranged for a potluck dinner with the members of the Evergreen Lotus Car Club (ELCC) on our final evening in Seattle. Nice turnout (forgive me, I don’t remember all who attended) that

#### EMPTY TRAILER

Along with the plan to tow Dave’s M100 to their new Seattle home, I mentioned on social media that dragging an empty trailer 860 miles back to the bay Area would be a sin.

I got a number of offers to buy this or that

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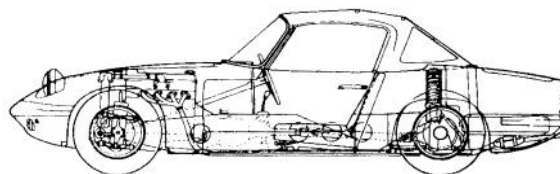
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### RETURN TO THE BAY AREA

We decided to take the longer, but more scenic, coastal route on the return trip. Our second day stop was at the Tillamook Creamery on the north coast of Oregon. My early lunch was a couple scoops of yummy ice cream. The rest of the trip was filled with eye-popping vistas, a drive through the Redwoods and some stops at local eateries.

### GREAT TRIP

This was one of the most fun road trips that we have done. It was filled with all things that make travelling by car rewarding—friends, dramatic scenery, good food, special sights and the unexpected things that make great memories. Please see the accompanying photos to get an idea of the sights that made this trip so special.

The round trip totaled nearly 1800 miles. Our Nissan truck was flawless as was the Featherlite trailer.

While tired, I look forward to the next opportunity to get back on the road!



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## Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nov. 9	LCOSC/SDLC 100-mile drive	Ojai
Nov. 16	Viewing of "Ford v. Ferrari"	Mt. View
Nov. 23	GGLC Meet-up	Palo Alto
Dec. 3	SDLC Meet-up	San Diego
Dec. 7	Toy Rallye	Mt. View
Dec. 15	GGLC/SDLC Track Day	Rosemond
Jan. 11 2020	Winter Party	Foster City

See [www.gglotus.org](http://www.gglotus.org) for additional information about upcoming events.

## Open House at Cars Dawydiak September 21, 2019

by Kiyoshi Hamai

It must have been the warmest day of the entire year in San Francisco! The sun was blazing, which made the roof-top parking at Cars Dawydiak very warm and toasty. Yes, just a half block off busy Van Ness on Pine Street is Car Dawydiak in a beautiful facility that features off-street parking, a full body and repair shop and a spacious showroom. They are the home of Lotus San Francisco, as well as being a paradise for local car enthusiasts .

### WHO IS DAWYDIAK?

Short answer is they have been Lotus of San Francisco for a bit more than 2 years. They

have an amazing facility with something rarely found in the narrow, traffic filled streets of San Francisco—private off-street parking. And, they are car enthusiasts who share their passion for luxury and sports cars.

### WELCOMING

The GGLC was greeted on the roof by the Cars Dawydiak staff members and Nikole and Camille of Lotus Cars USA (LCU). Readers of *The Chapman Report* may recognize Camille, as she was instrumental in getting Ben and me access to the North American launch of the Lotus Evija hypercar at The Quail show during Monterey Car Week.



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For today's gathering, LCU and Car Dawydiak arranged to have the newest iteration of the Evora on hand, the Evora GT. The GT is a spectacular version of the Evora. Lotus has continued to improve the Evora since its 2010 debut. This, the most



powerful version, also features impressive steering, like only Lotus can create.



But this was an open house so let's talk a little about refreshments, yum! Coffee and pastries were highlighted by dozens of artful cookies that were embellished by the Lotus logo! They were spectacular and almost too beautiful to eat.

Many thanks for this fun event go to the entire Cars Dawydiak crew including Walter, Laurent and Nikole along with Camille from LCU.

## GGLC Halloween Madness!

**Sunday: October 27—AutoX Round #7**

**Monday: October 28—Laguna Track Day**

*by Kiyoshi Hamai*

Sunday and Monday, October 27 and 28, 2019, stood out immediately when the GGLC secured its 2019 dates for Laguna Seca track days and for our Autocross series at the Marina Airport. On Sunday, the GGLC would have its last AutoX of the 2019 season, and then on Monday we would be at Laguna Seca wrapping up our 2019 track day season.

Who in their right mind would deliberately schedule this? Only the GGLC is who!

### **SUNDAY, at the MARINA AIRPORT**

At 7 AM, the sun had yet to rise. It's dark. But, there we were, about 12 of us, ready to set-up the "Pumpkin" course for the day's tire-burning fun.

Maybe we had the Halloween or Mad Pumpkin Curse, as the batteries that powers our PA system and timers were MIA. Something failed in our solar charging system, so we went for our backup, the battery in the club truck plus jump starter packs. We ended up starting a bit late, but we did get started.

The loopy course provided some tests to the drivers' skills that are not often challenged. It's one of the aspects of Autocrossing that differentiates it from track driving.

The day flew by; featuring lots of tire-burning fun. And, as we packed up, we said "Good-bye" to the 2019 GGLC Autocross season.

### **MONDAY, at LAGUNA SECA**

My second day with a 7 AM start. When I pulled into the paddock a few minutes past 7, the sky was clear and the sun was on the rise. This was going to be another fun day!

John, Scott, Rita and Carlos arrived soon after, and the event registration was opened. There were about 100 drivers signed up. The drivers' meeting was followed by the first sessions. The schedule was typical for the GGLC track days, with 3 run groups—Advanced, Intermediate and Novice. Each group gets a 20-minute session each hour. That means 3 morning sessions and 4 afternoon sessions. Over 2 hours of track time for each group in a single day!

There were a few spins, but it was a clean day overall, and everyone went home with big grins and no busted bodywork.

Be sure to check out the accompanying photos to see some of the action during this special weekend. AutoX photo credit: Les Ellis. Laguna photo credits: Jerry Bassler and Mona (except as noted)

### **2020 GGLC AUTOCROSS & TRACK DAY SEASON!**

The GGLC will take our winter break, but we plan to be back in February with our first track day in 2020, and in early April we will open our 2020 Autocross season.






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# 2019 Toy Rallye December 7, 2019

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The Toy Rallye is an annual, family-oriented and fun charity event that is jointly presented by The Rallye Club (TRC) and the GGLC. The event is organized as an A-B style gimmick rallye, and this year it will take place on Saturday, December 7.

The starting point for the rallye will be: Cuesta Park (near Mountain View Tennis), 685 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View (opposite Montalto Drive).

Registration opens at 11 AM, and it closes at 1 PM. The TRC will offer a Beginners School (highly recommended) starting at 12 Noon. The rallye should finish up before 4 PM at a local restaurant.

### Entry Fee/Donation (per car):

A new unwrapped toy worth at least \$20 (or \$25 cash/check). All donations will support Home First with toys going to kids for needy families! [www.homefirst.org](http://www.homefirst.org)

An A-B gimmick rallye is, first and foremost, not a race. It is a fun puzzle where your car is the game piece, and public roads are the game board. No experience is necessary, and you will compete only against cars with similar rallye experience. First-time rallyists are encouraged, and they will receive extra help.

From Hybrid to Hummer, any car—even a Lotus—is welcome. Two persons per car is recommended, but you can have as many individuals and/or animals as can legally fit in your vehicle for the same low price. Don't forget pens or pencils, paper, and a clipboard.



For more info, visit [www.therallyeclub.org](http://www.therallyeclub.org) or contact the Rallymaster, Darin at [dec2019@TheRallyeClub.org](mailto:dec2019@TheRallyeClub.org).

The GGLC would love to see a few Lotus cars participate in the event this year. It's a great cause and one of the few charity events the club supports during the year. See you there!

Please also note that the GGLC needs 4-5 volunteers to help work at the check points

during the rallye. No experience necessary. You will just be greeting the event competitors when they reach the check points, and perhaps you will be providing them with some key information for their quest. Please contact Kiyoshi at [marcom@gglotus.org](mailto:marcom@gglotus.org) to volunteer!





# Party Time in January! GGLC Winter Party January 11, 2020

by Mona Zender, and Dave & Judy Anderson

Everyone knows that there are a lot of Bay Area holiday parties scheduled for the few especially popular and available weekends in December. In the past, this busy season has led to scheduling conflicts for a number of GGLC members with regards to the annual GGLC Holiday Party. As a result, they have been missing out on all of the traditional fun and festivities of this lively end-of-year party.

Over the years, some members have suggested that a way to minimize such conflicts is to have the party in January rather than December. So that is what we are going to try this year.

We have booked the GGLC "Winter Party" for Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City (near Highway #92 and #101).

The dinner venue will be the Penthouse Room on the 7th Floor of the hotel, which offers great views of the Bay. The menu will be a Southwest Buf-

fet, and the per-person charge will again be \$35.00, payable via PayPal.

Parking is easy and free (and there are no gates or bump strips to deal with).

There will be more detailed information in the January/February 2020 *Chapman Report* and on the club's website soon.



## Classifieds

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**For Sale:** Exige/Elise misc. parts. Time to clean out the garage. like to sell locally to avoid shipping costs. Good condition transmission 45k miles - \$800. 2bular ceramic coated euro-dual exit full (header, high flow cat, muffler) exhaust for super-charged engine - \$1500. 2005 cable-operated throttle body - \$150. Stock 2ZZ oil pan stock 2ZZ intake manifold - Make offer. Steering rack - \$200. Contact Vince: chiarov at gmail dot com or 650-483-7898.

**For Sale:** '70 Europa S2 (type 65). The fabled 8-month build from boxes to the '95 Lotus Festival in Monterey (still with cat footprints in the yellow paint). Fitted with 843 Gordini hemi 1647cc motor, Banks SS headers, Pertronix, Weber downdraft (+ stock D-jet FI system), 336 4-spd, hydraulic clutch, reinforced (powder coated) frame, Cosmic wheels with Yoko track tires plus stock rims and hubcaps and new street tires, 12mm wheel studs, 16P front brakes, braided stainless lines, EBC green stuff pads, Spax, fat radiator w/modern fan, Racer's Inc wiring panel, re-upholstered seats, gorgeous extra dash, rear hubs, axles, water pump and carb. just rebuilt, runs great, etc. \*lots\* of spares. Winner of "Spirit of Lotus" award at 2017 WCLM, mechanically sound, cosmetically needs love or drive as-is. Located in San Andreas, home of Dave Bean Engineering. Asking \$11k, email at stonemotorservice— at—gmail.com for pics and pages of details.



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**For Sale:** 2000 S1 Elise (built by Sun International with Acura Integra Type R drivetrain). Registered in CA under SB100 (smog exempt). Gray with red interior. A unique vehicle. Contact: Justin at jjgross007 -- at -- verizon.net.

**Needed:** Engine Overspeed Fuel Pump Failure Module for an '87 Esprit Turbo HCI (or any suggestions on alternative solutions for a failed module). Contact Jeremy at (415) 693-0300 or jdp – at – pasternak-law.com

**For Sale:** Adrian and Laurel Cockcroft are selling their house at 18010 Skyline Blvd, Los Gatos, CA 95033, and downsizing to a condo in Los Gatos. It will be listed in early November for \$1,399,000. This is Lotus-friendly site that has been used for many car club events and tour stops, and it is located on one of the best driving roads in the area. The property is on about 3 acres; and it features an 1152sf stand-alone, six-car garage with lift, plus a 3BR 2BA 2476sf house with solar panels and backup generator. Realtor: 408 656 8209 Barbara Harriman of Sereno Group.

**For Sale:** '64 Lotus 7A. It's time to hang up my driver's suit, so I am offering my Lotus 7A (S/N SB1722) for sale. It has an undistinguished racing history in the hands of 6 owners with log books from MWCSCC (Chicago), VSCCA and SCCA Vintage. Plus- es include: a straight chassis/body, low hours on rebuilt 948cc engine, new dual circuit brake system, few laps on Hoosier TD tires, and custom trailing links to clear Hoosiers. Negatives include: a 30-ft paint job, dull aluminum, and a 6-owner wiring harness. An open trailer is also available. The car is garaged in Wilsonville, OR. Asking \$27,000. For photos, details and questions contact Tom Styczynski at vintagerace—at—verizon.net

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