

The Chapman Report



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John Z., Kiyoshi H., Scott H. and David H. (l to r) take a moment out during the November club get-together at the Hamais' to admire Kiyoshi's amazing collection of Lotus machines suitable for every age.



Ben B. and Kiyoshi H. get ready to "help" a participant at a check point in the 2019 Toy Rallye on December 7. The overall turnout was a bit low this year due to a gloomy weather forecast, but a good, and challenging, time was had by all.

Jan./Feb. Meet-ups

SATURDAY, January 11, 2020 — 6:00 PM

**Annual Celebration and Awards Dinner
The Crowne Plaza Foster City
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Take first exit after crossing SM bridge
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Right on Village Park Dr. (to cross 92)
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More information about this gala event is on page 2.

SATURDAY, February 15, 2020 — 10:30 AM

Hosts: Tom and Cherie Carney

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It's always fun to visit the Carneys' home at the beginning of a new year to enjoy Cherie's great cooking, and to hear about the club's exciting plans for an exceptional year of Lotusing as we enter the decade of the 20s.

GGLC Celebration and Awards Party / Dinner

January 11, 2020

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The GGLC Annual Holiday Party and Dinner has been moved from December to January, and it has been rechristened as the Annual Celebration and Awards Dinner. But the evening filled with fun remains the same!

This year's event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Foster City (near Highway 92 and 101) on Saturday, January 11, 2020. Parking at the Crowne Plaza is easy and free since there are no gates or bumps to contend with.



We will be in the Penthouse Room on the 7th Floor of the Executive Building, which features great views of the Bay. Cocktails will start at 6:00 PM with a no-host bar and appetizers. Our Southwest Buffet Dinner will follow at 7:00 PM with salads, entrees (chicken, beef & veggie selections) and dessert.

Following dinner, we will be introducing (frolocking) the 2020 GGLC President, and we will also be presenting awards to the

GGLC's 2019 Autocross champions. There will also be a wide array of door prizes, and, of course, the infamous GGLC White Elephant Gift Exchange.

GGLC Gift Exchange:

Everyone attending is encouraged to participate in the Annual GGLC White Elephant Gift Exchange. It is simple and fun to participate—just bring a wrapped, unwanted “gift” item from your garage. Please make sure your gift is EPA-friendly, non-toxic and clean, (the “Barry

Spencer Rule”). As part of the fun, you will have an opportunity to exchange the wrapped gift you selected at random for another gift someone had previously unwrapped that you might like better.

New Club Officers Selected for 2020

Editor

The busy schedule of GGLC events throughout 2019 meant that both the nomination and election processes for new club officers had to be completed at the November 23 club get-together at the Hamais' home rather than being carried out over a traditional two-month period.

By unanimous consent of those present, we can now announce that the newly elected 2020 GGLC President and Vice President are John Zender and Scott Hogben, respectively.

Other official positions have not changed; although, in addition to being Vice President, Scott Hogben will now also serve as Acting Secretary.



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Sacramento Chapter Celebrates the Season In Style

by Jim Flakus

On Saturday, December 14, the Sacramento Chapter of GGLC held its Holiday Party at the home of Aleem and Stephanie Noorani. This is the third year in a row that the Nooranis have opened their Roseville, CA home for our annual Holiday Party.

Stephanie is a great cook, and she put out a wonderful spread of Mexican (with a slight Indian twist), “fix it any way you like,” delights for everyone to enjoy.

While there was a nice display of Lotus cars in front of Aleem’s house, Doug Stabler chose to leave his pristine Elise at home. Instead, he brought his impressive and recently acquired McLaren. (OK, I guess if I had a McLaren, I would want to show it off too!) In the accompanying photo you can see Aleem in his favorite Holiday attire striking a pose in front of Doug’s new toy.



Everyone agreed that this was a great event. Unfortunately, a few of our members missed out on the fun this year as they had other commitments on this date due the limited number of available weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



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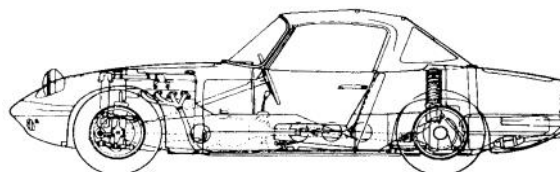
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GGLC 2020 Happenings and More

by Kiyoshi Hamai

A new decade is dawning, and while there are hybrids, EVs and autonomous driving cars on the horizon, Lotus owners still have one thing in common: they love being able to connect with their cars whether on the street, an autocross course or a road circuit.

It is this passion that brought us to these amazing vehicles and to admire the people that design and build them. And so, even as current automotive trends are continuing towards eliminating the connection between car and driver, the members of the GGLC remain passionate about driving and about these cars that proudly wear the Lotus badge.

The GGLC, the GGLC-Sacramento, the Lotus Club of Southern California and the San Diego Lotus Club have redoubled their dedication to Lotus and the driving experience with a 2020 that is full of meets, drives, autocrosses, rallies, track days and more!

Here is a sampling of what is planned for 2020:

GGLC – BAY AREA

The GGLC opens 2020 with our annual Celebration and Awards Dinner on January 11. That gala event is quickly followed by the annual (rain or shine) Anti-Football Drive (see announcement on page 6) on January 25. Then what follows is 11 months of drives, meets, meetings, autocrosses, track days and more ending with the annual toy collection rallye scheduled for December 5.

2020 GGLC Track Day Calendar

Saturday, **February 15** – Streets of Willow, Willow Springs International Raceway

Monday, **February 24** – Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca

Monday, **March 30** – Thunderhill Raceway West

Thursday, **May 14** – Thunderhill Raceway East

Thursday, **September 24** – Thunderhill Raceway East

(GGLC Track Day questions and requests can be emailed to events@ggplotus.org.)

2020 GGLC Autocross Calendar — TENTATIVE

(early events may be held at the Marina Airport)

Saturday, **April 4**

Saturday, **May 2**

Saturday, **May 30**

Saturday, **June 27**

Saturday, **August 1**

Sunday, **August 16**

Sunday, **September 13**

Saturday, **October 17**

(GGLC Autocross questions and requests can be emailed to autocross@ggplotus.org.)

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Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan.11	Celebration & Awards Dinner	Foster City
Jan. 11	LCOSC Breakfast meet	Los Angeles
Jan. 25	Anti-Football Drive	Los Gatos
Feb. 4	SDLC Meet-up	San Diego
Feb. 8	LCOSC Breakfast meet	Los Angeles
Feb. 15	GGLC/SDLC Track Day	Rosemond
Feb. 15	GGLC Meet-up	Burlingame
Feb. 24	Track Day	Laguna Seca

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

local pub or restaurant. Watch their calendar closely as they also put together popular drives that are scheduled about every 4-6 weeks.

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LOTUS CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Lotus Club of Southern California (LCOSC) will start 2020 with their monthly Saturday breakfast meet-up (typically on the second Saturday). Then on February 15, the LCOSC presents a track day on the Streets of Willow circuit in Rosemond, CA, which is a challenging road course that is well-suited for our light, great handling cars! After the track day, check out their website for announcements of LCOSC's drives, they are fun, entertaining and memorable. www.lcosc.org

GGLC-SACRAMENTO

The GGLC Sacramento Chapter regularly meets for dinners and spectacular drivers on some of the best Lotus roads in the Northern Sierra. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sacgglc/>

WEST COAST LOTUS MEET

After a fantastic 2019 WCLM in Folsom, CA, the WCLM will be on hiatus for 2020 to allow West Coast Lotus enthusiasts to join the Lotus Owners Gathering, LOG40, in Salt Lake City, UT, which is scheduled for September 18-22, 2020. LOG40 will feature drives in the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains, the LOG Lotus Concours and the LOG HPDE at the Geely-owned Utah Motorsports Campus. <https://lotusltd.com/log40/>

Make a New Year's Resolution right now, and promise yourself to join in the Lotus fun at 3, 6, 10 or more club events in 2020. Make it a year you will never forget!



Scan to get the current GGLC calendar on your mobile device.



The 2020 Annual Anti-Football Drive

by Kiyoshi Hamai

This year's Annual Anti-Football Drive will be happening on **Saturday, January 25**.

The general venue will be the mid-Peninsula; where we will be enjoying Skyline (Hwy 35) from Hwy 9 to Hwy 92.

This is a casual, moderate-paced drive. The road conditions can often be iffy at this time of year, so the pace of the drive will take into consideration recent and current weather.

Start:

Meet at 9:00AM at Starbucks in Los Gatos (624 Blossom Hill Rd.), which is next to Los Gatos Luxury Cars.

Google Maps - <https://goo.gl/maps/KjmjzEXzYYiSvgt8>
(Use I880/Hwy 17 to the Lark Ave exit in Los Gatos.)

We will depart at 9:30 sharp.

Route:

The planned route is straightforward and easy to follow.

The route instructions are:

- Right (from Starbucks) onto Blossom Hill
- Right onto Los Gatos Blvd
- Left onto Main
- Merge onto Hwy 17 toward Santa Cruz
- Exit Right at Bear Creek Rd
- Left at STOP onto Bear Creek
- Continue past Hwy 35
- Right onto Hwy 9 (STOP sign)
- Right at STOP sign to stay on Hwy 9 toward Saratoga
- Left onto Hwy 35 - Skyline (STOP sign)

We will have a photo-op stop just past Page Mill Rd.

- Continue on Hwy 35
- Right onto Hwy 92 toward San Mateo (STOP sign)
- Continue Straight at Signal
- Right onto Canada Rd (before the freeway starts)
- Left onto Edgewood Rd
- Right onto Alameda de las Pulgas (signal)
- Left at signal onto Whipple
- Continue on Whipple to Hwy 101 South
- Take ramp onto Hwy 101 South
- Exit Hwy 101 onto Marsh Rd EAST. Left at signal over the overpass
- Right onto Bayfront Expwy (signal)
- Right onto Chrysler (1st signal)
- Left onto Constitution (signal)
- Continue to Auto Vino on left. (205 Constitution, Menlo Park) Take driveway to right of building to the rear and park.

Lunch and auto ogling.

Please RSVP by January 20 for lunch!

Email your RSVP to marcom@gglotus.org

LUNCH AT AUTO-VINO

We will end at Auto-Vino for pizza, salad and soft drinks. (Wine can be purchased.) Estimated arrival time is 12:30PM. There is always a special, and changing, collection of new and classic cars at Auto-Vino. Their wood-fired pizza is tasty, so relax and enjoy pizza and the cars after the drive!



Photo Credit: Dan Wise



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A Memorable Decade of GGLC and Lotus Events in the 2010s

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The 2010s are now a decade of memories, some good, and some not-so-good. But, with the perspective of being able to look back at the past 10 years of Lotus happenings and GGLC events, I feel there were some things that are especially worth noting and remembering.

Here, then, is my list (in no particular order) of 11 of the Most Memorable Lotus and GGLC Events of the 2010s.

What events and memories are at the top of your list?

BAHAR PARIS and LA INTRODUCTIONS OF 5 NEW LOTUS MODELS—2010

There we were, standing outside the stations at the 2010 LA Auto Show on Press Day. There were 5 draped shapes on the Lotus stand, and Dany Bahar was about to make his entrance.

He opened the Press Conference with lots of words about Lotus and the future, and then with each celebrity introduction (the Baldwin brothers and Sharon Stone) came 5 new Lotus cars. Some in the press doubted, some shook their heads and some rolled their eyes. Unfortunately, there were only a few believers of the fantasy story that they just witnessed.

FORMATION OF GGLC-SACRAMENTO (2014), LOTUS CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (2016) and SAN DIEGO LOTUS CLUB (2018)

Three GGLC sister clubs were started in the 2010s. The Sacramento group formed in 2014 with a simple idea of having a group to do Lotus “stuff”

together, such as dinners, drives and even Lotus camping trips.

Two years later, the GGLC helped a group of Lotus enthusiasts form Lotus Club of Southern California with the same simple idea of doing Lotus “stuff” together, breakfast meetings, drives, Lotus camping trips and even a HPDE at the Streets of Willow Springs in Rosamond. And, more recently, a group of Lotus enthusiasts in

San Diego formed the San Diego Lotus Club.

WCLM 2013 SEATTLE

The 2013 West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) was the first one held in the Seattle area, and the Evergreen Lotus Car Club (ELCC) rolled out the welcome mat that made for one of the most memorable WCLMs.

Notable events included stops at the Flying Heritage Museum, the Vintage Races and Griot’s Garage. Highlighted by the WCLM Concours and

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INTRODUCTION OF THE LOTUS EVIJA AT QUAIL—2019

In sharp contrast to the fiasco Bahar fantasy introduction of new models 9 years earlier, Lotus emerged from the Geely purchase 3 years ago by showing the world what Lotus could do with some real resources, and they gave us the Evija!

The GGLC was invited to the North American launch during Monterey Week where we could see, feel and gawk at the prototype. The Evija is just stunning, and very special, as only 130 are to be produced with an unobtainable price tag for most.

GGLC/UK LOTUS TOUR—2016

The GGLC/UK Lotus tour was another highlight in a decade of highlights.

Five days were spent touring the places where Lotus made automotive history, including stops at the original factory in Hornsey, and then Cheshunt.

Visits with Malcom Rickett and Ketteringham Hall, once home to Team Lotus F1. A day at the factory, rides on the Lotus test track and a visit with Clive Chapman owner of Classic Team Lotus.

The grand tour was topped with a dinner with many of the men who made Lotus, Morris Downton, Tony Shute, the late Roger Becker, Patrick Peal, Nick Adams and Mike Kimberley. Every day was expertly led

by Richard Parramint and his “side kick”, Bob Dance!

GGLC AUTOCROSS WEDDING—2019

This may have been the first and only Autocross Wedding, and it happened with the GGLC!

What started as a simple ask from GGLC member and avid autocrosser, Lulu: “could she and Gerry invite a few friends to a GGLC autocross to witness their exchange of vows?” quickly turned into an EVENT!

So, there we were a year later in the middle of an autocross course under a white tent, Lulu drives up in her Elise, hops out to an awaiting Gerry. A few vows, an exchange of rings, a kiss and the newlyweds drive off in the Elise with some wheel spin and onto the course! Congratulations to Lulu and Gerry!

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GGLC, DAVE & ROBERTA BEAN & WILD FIRES—2015 & 2017

When the NorCal Butte Fire of 2015 erupted, it sent a chill through many GGLCers and Lotus Enthusiasts. The fire spread rapidly, and we knew that many of our Lotus friends were potentially in its path.

We soon learned that the home of Dave and Roberta Bean (Dave Bean Engineering) was destroyed.

The rally cry went out, and the response from the Lotus community was inspired. Words of encouragement and offers of help poured in and a crew of Lotus folks spent a day with Dave sorting through the ashes and cleaning a few things up. Sadly, just two years later another alert hit our community with news of Dave's passing. And, again our community poured out their hearts to Roberta and the DBE crew.

GGLC THEMED AUTOCROSS EVENTS – Halloween, Cinco de Mayo, Apple iPhone & more

Whoever coined “Think Outside the Box” had the GGLC autocrosses in mind!

While many other autocross clubs have established traditional formats, the GGLC has taken a few risks to try new things, some in the interest of increased safety, and some just for fun.

For safety, the GGLC was the first to have course workers wear neon safety vests. Now, nearly every club uses them. For fun, expect to see us run the course in the opposite directions in the afternoon sessions or do enduro-style runs. We have also introduced our ever-popular themed events that feature unique course designs. Examples are the Jack-O-Lantern-shaped Halloween course, or the Apple 5 course for the iPhone 5 intro, the linked wedding rings at the Wedding event or the very popular Sombrero course on May 5th (Cinco de Mayo).

GGLC TRACK DAYS – Maximize Seat Time

The big news about GGLC Track Days is not any particular event or day, but the consistency of maximized seat time, easy and casual sessions, accessibility and just plain FUN! John and Scott have chaired the GGLC Track Days for quite a few years, but they have more recently gotten help from Rita and Carlos and Mona. And, with that renewed energy the events were taken to a new level.

GGLC – WCLM SOUTH TAHOE (2014), SOLVANG (2017) and FOLSOM (2019)

Each of the West Coast Lotus Meets are unique as they celebrate everything Lotus, but there were three

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especially memorable ones in the last decade.

At the 2014 WCLM, a new event was added, a Lotus Funkhana, where the entrants were asked to do some rather challenging things like blind-fold parking, Ring-the-Bull and Sweep Car Croquet.

At the Solvang WCLM in 2017 we drove our cars INTO the Mendenhall Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana. And just this past year; the Folsom WCLM was highlighted by the WCLM Lotus Concours taking over an entire block of Historic Folsom.

GGLC VIDEOS

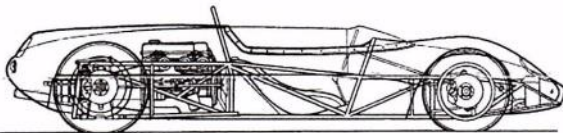
The GGLC was blessed in 2013 when Ben Beames consented to spearhead the GGLC's YouTube Channel with his film-making artistry! In the 6 years since, he has created 35 informative and enter-

taining Lotus and GGLC videos that capture GGLC events and its members, but all with the unique addition of Ben's humor and insight! www.youtube.com/GoldenGateLotusClub.

Please see the collection of accompanying photos that capture some of the decade's notable Lotus-themed events.



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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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