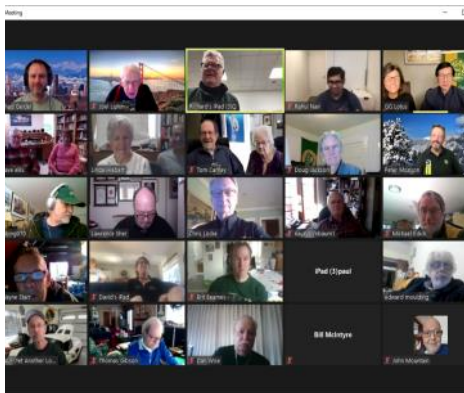


The Chapman Report



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More than 50 attendees zoomed in for the club's very first live virtual tour on January 23, 2021. Our destination was Clive Chapman's Classic Team Lotus company located near the Lotus factory in Hethel, UK, and our very able guide was Richard Parramint. Find out more about this unique event starting on page 7.



(Photo Credit: Kiyoshi Hamai)

An impressive and colorful array of Lotus cars (and others) made this year's Anti-Football Drive a huge success. Top photo shows the cars at the meet-up location; bottom photo is Tom and Cherie Carney's classic Europa sporting new paint on its first outing. Learn more about this annual event starting on page 4.

March/April Meet-ups

Anti-Social March Drive

Saturday, March 20, 2021

9:30 AM (gather) — 10:00 AM (depart)

Organized by Carlos Satulovsky

Saratoga

(meet at Starbucks, 18764 Cox Ave., Saratoga)

Our route will include a scenic tour of the Big Basin area.

Anti-Social April Drive

Sunday, April 18, 2021, 10 AM depart

Organized by Dave and Judy Anderson

San Mateo (Crystal Springs Shopping Center, near 92 and 280)

This drive has been re-scheduled a few times, but we think this time it will be a "go". We will meet toward the east side of the center in front of Dianda's Vente a Emporters.

The route first goes north towards San Francisco using Skyline and the Great Highway, but we then turn south and follow the coast to our final destination of Half Moon Bay.

We will not have route instructions at the start, but you can download and print them using this link:

GGLC_Drive_Apr18-2021.pdf (gglotus.org)

Message from the Prez

Some Random Thoughts and Newsnotes

by John Zender

Greetings to all you Lotus people out there. In case you have not noticed, Spring is just around the corner, which means it's time to at least start thinking about those car upgrades that you have been putting off all winter. So find and order the parts you need now, and don't forget to warn the family that you will be busy for a couple weekends.

Our monthly Anti-Social drives have been very popular, including what must have been record attendance at Kiyoshi's event in February where we had 40-50 cars on the road. (Editor's note: see Kiyoshi's article about the drive starting on page 4.) We are gonna try to keep this momentum going by having a COVID-friendly "anti-social" drive every month of 2021.

If you have never led a drive before, now is the time to try your hand at it. It's really pretty easy, especially since you can do it on your own terms. You pick the venue, start time, route and, best of

all, you decide how anal you want to be regarding the directions. It could be as simple as "everybody follow me" on one end of the scale, or a detailed digital map on the other end.

Our first few drives have been on the Peninsula and in the East Bay. In the interest of enhanced variety, however, I would like to see some activity in the North Bay, South Bay and out in the Valley too. Please step-up and volunteer to lead an event. You can send a message to events@gglotus.org to volunteer or get more info.

And now for some REALLY BIG news...drum roll...the Lotus factory has just informed me that I will receive my Evija on April 1st. Probably the first delivery in North America. British Racing Green with gold details. It will arrive too late for the March 29 trackday, but look for it at the May 2 Cow Palace AutoX.



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From the Archives:
John and his Europa "Flamer" take a paddock break during the September 25, 2012, Thunderhill track day.



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First Look: 2021 GGLC Events & More

by Kiyoshi Hamai

A year into the pandemic we have learned to live with the new COVID normal by presenting events that follow and/or exceed local COVID guidelines and mandates. None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of the GGLC's volunteers and staff not to mention the full cooperation of the members and participants. HUGE THANKS to all!

Of course, we are now all looking forward to getting vaccinated, and to a time where we can drop the mask and see one another smile again as we safely gather. Until then, stay safe and we will continue to share time together outside and driving!

So, what's on tap for 2021? Let's just say: MORE! While it may be a while before we can arrange an indoor meeting or meal together, we can continue to focus on driving and/or outdoor events and avoid gathering-type events. We can also look forward to new virtual digital events (please see our announcement on page 9).

Although there are more dates yet to be announced, here is what we have so far on our event calendar for 2021. As usual, always check the GGLC website and/or Facebook page for current information.

West Coast Lotus Meet & Lotus Owners Gathering 40

The WCLM will again be on hiatus for 2021 to allow west coast Lotus enthusiasts to join the Lotus Owners Gathering, LOG40, in Salt Lake City on September 10-13. (LOG40 was

scheduled for September 2020. No surprise: it was postponed to 2021.) <https://lotusltd.com/log40/>

2021 GGLC Track Day Calendar

Monday, March 29—
Laguna Seca
Saturday, May 29—
Buttonwillow Raceway
Saturday, July 17—
Thunderhill (West, 2 mile)
Thursday, October 7—
Thunderhill (5 mile)

*GGLC Track Day questions and requests can be emailed to events@gglotus.org

2021 GGLC Autocross Calendar

Sunday, March 7—
Cow Palace
Sunday, March 28—
Crows Landing

Sunday, May 2—
Cow Palace
Saturday, May 22—
Cow Palace
Sunday, June 27—
Cow Palace
Saturday, July 24—
Cow Palace
Sunday, August 29—
Cow Palace
Sunday, September 26—
Cow Palace
Sunday, October 24—
Cow Palace
Saturday, November 20—
Cow Palace
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2021 GGLC General Events

Saturday, March 20—
Drive, Saratoga
Sunday, April 18—
Drive, San Mateo
*Saturday, December 4—*The Toy Rallye, Mt. View

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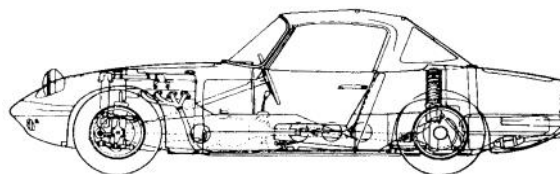
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GGLC 2021 Anti-Football Drive

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The annual Anti-Football Drive in 2020 was one of the last GGLC events done in pre-COVID times. Life with COVID has been one of having to adapt, being flexible and cherishing each day. So, it was nice to have a bit of pre-COVID feel with the GGLC's annual Anti-Football Drive for 2021, even with a heavy sprinkle of COVID influence. In particular, this year we had to forgo a lunch break and a drive-ending stop at a featured location.

I originally announced the date for the 2021 drive as January 30, but decided to postpone it to February 6 when it became apparent in the days leading up to January 30 that the Bay Area would be hit by a big winter storm. Turns out the storm dumped 12+ inches of rain in the Santa Cruz Mountains, which had the effect of turning stretches of roads on the planned drive wet, muddy and strewn with downed vegetation. Fortunately, the one-week delay rewarded us with 65°F sunny weather, perfection for a top-down drive.

When I pulled into the meet-up location at Foot-hill College in Los Altos, I was surprised to see a very large, colorful group of cars! I had asked for folks to RSVP and had gotten about 20 responses. So I expected maybe 25-30 cars to show, but this was a much larger group. It looked more like a small pre-COVID Cars & Coffee event!

There were at least 30 Lotus cars including 16 Elise, 3 Exige, 5 Evora, M100 Elan, Elan+2, Seven, Europa, Esprit S2/Turbo and Esprit V8. And there was also a significant non-Lotus contingent featuring a potpourri of cars including Miata, BMW, Porsche, Toyota MR2, Nissan Z, Honda S2000, Vettes, Alfa, MG, McLaren, Audi R8 and a Mini— in total over 50 cars!



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Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 6	SDLC Cars & Coffee + Casual Drive	Rancho Santa Fe
March 7	GGLC AutoX Round #1	Cow Palace
March 20	GGLC Casual Drive	Saratoga
March 28	GGLC AutoX Round #2	Crows Landing
March 29	GGLC Track Day	Laguna Seca
April 11	Virtual Tour: Jim Clark Museum	Zoom Event RSVP required
April 18	GGLC Casual Drive	San Mateo

All dates and events are tentative.
Please see www.gglotus.org for current information about upcoming events.

Campus Security even paid us a visit; no doubt because he does not normally see 50+ car crazies hanging out in his parking lot, especially since the campus was closed due to COVID-19.

After a brief drivers' meeting to go over some rules and COVID protocols, we were off. We snaked up Moody Road climbing out of the ravine with some switchbacks before joining Page Mill Road a few miles west of I280. We then snaked up Page Mill getting by a slow Tesla and the expected groups of cyclists. (Those familiar with Page Mill will be delighted to know the sections of the road in Santa Clara County have been repaved in the last year eliminating the spine-jarring bumps!)

At Hwy 35 Skyline, we continued across the intersection

onto Alpine Road. This stretch of Alpine has some amazing vistas where you can easily see to the coast. Twisting through the redwoods, with the road getting narrow in places, we eventually met up with Pescadero Creek Road. We continued toward the coast past Memorial County Park (closed due to COVID) and crossed Hwy 1 into the parking lot at Pescadero Beach.

The weather at the shore was perfection. The lot was mostly full, forcing about half of the group to either park on the shoulder of the highway or across the highway on Pescadero Creek Rd. The group took a break for a pit stop and to soak in the scenery and fresh air.

After 30-45 minutes we mounted up and headed back to



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the Bay Area metro. Retracing our route on Pescadero Creek Road, we made a left into Pescadero onto Stage Road. The twisting road was lined with eucalyptus trees and rolling hills. It was mostly clear, and we were able to enjoy the undulating roadway.

Stage Road intersects with Hwy 84, La Honda Road, in San Gregorio, where we turned

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right onto Hwy 84. Unexpectedly, we did not encounter any traffic from there until we reached the summit at Alice's.

Having clear tarmac on the stretch of Hwy 84 from La Honda to Hwy 35 was Lotus nirvana. There's a rhythm you find in a Lotus where the car will dance beneath the throttle and be coaxed through the turns and slaloms with just your fingertips. That was what we experienced this day, at this time, at that moment!

The scene at Alice's was crazy, the parking lot was full of cars and bikes, the intersection was busy and the traffic stop and go. We continued on Hwy 84 down to Woodside, but we were now trapped behind a string of cars. It was still nice to be out, but the driving was mundane as we continued all the way to Woodside. By the time we arrived at the drive end at I280, the group had dissipated and only 15-20 cars were still on hand for the casual drive-through "good-byes".

In summary, the 2021 annual Anti-Football drive was a very enjoyable 3 hours on a sunny California winter day that featured beautiful cars and a great bunch of folks!



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GGLC LIVE Online Tour of Classic Team Lotus, UK

January 23, 2021

by Kiyoshi Hamai

We did it! And there were no injuries, not even a scratch.

The GGLC had its FIRST ever LIVE Virtual Tour beamed direct from Hethel, UK. The tour featured the home and cars of Classic Team Lotus, and it was led by none other than Richard Parramint.

While a virtual tour can only be a substitute for an in-person tour, it was the next best—and the safest—activity we could arrange in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By way of background info, Richard started working in the production department at the Lotus factory as a teenager. He later separated for a few years, but returned in 2000 with the Lotus Driving Academy. With his deep and diverse knowledge of Lotus, he became kind of a brand ambassador as he shared his Lotus passion with numerous, diverse visitors and dignitaries. Through his experiences, he also grew close with the Chapman family and the likes of Bob Dance, Mike Kimberley and many others that played key roles in Lotus history.

Under normal circumstances, Richard often leads in-person tours at Classic Team Lotus. So, it was natural for the GGLC to reach out to him with the idea of doing a live virtual tour using the Zoom app. We put the idea to Richard, he spoke with Clive Chapman, a date was set, and we were off!

Richard corralled his son, Jonathan, to be the camera operator (Thank you, Jonathan!), and by 10:00 AM in CA we had a gathering throng of 53 participants that grew to 58 within 10-15 minutes.

Attendees were predominately GGLC members, but there were also other Lotus enthusiasts from the UK and even Australia

(up very early for them as it was 5:00 AM local time).

I shared a brief introduction to CTL and to Richard and then turned the session over to him. He started off at the first floor lobby and CTL gift store of the 2-year-old CTL building which houses all of the Chapman family collection as well as customer cars.

We then “moved” into the shop and restoration area where the CTL mechanics spend their hours to bring racing history to life. On the way, Richard stopped at a row of cabinets that hold almost priceless original design drawings of nearly every race car designed and built by Team Lotus. Richard opened a random drawer and pulled out a sheet for a Lotus 38 and pointed to the title block with the initials, “L.T.,” which identified it as a Len Terry original design drawing!

He pointed out that the shop features individual work areas, each designated for a project vehicle and lead mechanic. The entire area was designed with an open floorplan, and it is brightly lit in addition to being immaculate.

Richard “led” our group from bay-to-bay, stopping in each to share a few tidbits about the history and technology of each car. These stops were highlighted by the Lotus 56B turbine powered F1 car undergoing restoration, a Lotus 30 (Ford V8 powered sports racer), a Lotus 16 and Chapman’s personal Esprit Turbo which CTL is preparing for the soon-to-be Lotus Heritage Museum that will be located across the lane at Group Lotus.

Richard then took us into the engine and fabrication shops. He apologized for the lack of activity in those areas as the COVID pandemic has slowed the required work for the shops (fewer events equals fewer repairs and engine rebuilds).

Climbing the stairs to the loft/mezzanine, the true magnitude of the collection hits. Before moving into this facility, CTL worked out of a series of lock ups, (the functional equivalent of a “lock up” here in the states would be a stable). As a result, CTL was unable to store all (Chapman Family) cars on-site, but the mezzanine of the new building was specifically created to hold the entire collection.

And WHAT a COLLECTION! There are easily 30+ cars highlighted by Clark’s 25, the Lotus 49 driven by Hill and Rindt. Fittipaldi’s 72, cars driven by Mansell and Piquet not to mention 2 cars driven by Senna. Indeed, these are priceless cars with priceless histories.

Richard wrapped up the 90-minute tour by entertaining a few questions. During that time, our own Chris Locke (owner and driver of an immaculate ’76 vintage F1 Lotus 77 formally campaigned by Mario Andretti) provided some added “color” commentary based on his long experience with CTL.

So, put a CTL tour on your Lotus bucket list for your next UK visit. It is an absolute MUST. Many thanks go out to Richard, Jonathan and the entire crew at Classic Team Lotus.

Was the GGLC first virtual online event enjoyed? Here is what a few participants had to say:

Craig Y: “What a beautiful facility!”

Brian VW: “This tour is incredible!!!”

Peter M: “Wow, what an awesome display. Richard, thanks so much for this tour. Fantastic. And Kiyoshi and Rahul, thanks so much for organizing it.”

Lawrence S: “Thank you this really was amazing”

Chris MH: “Fantastic evening - Thanks Richard”

Edward M: “Thanks Richard! That was great.”

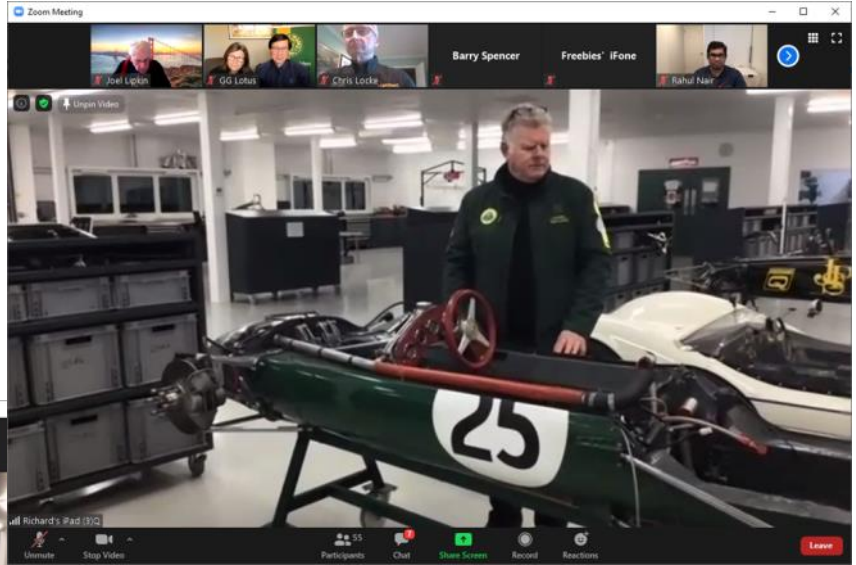
Dan W: “Thank you so much Richard! I want to come and visit!”

Patrick F: “Thanks all. It was a great event.”

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And here are a few screen shots we grabbed during the tour:



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Breaking News: GGLC Creates Digital Events Director Position

As reported on page 7, the first ever GGLC virtual tour event was a smashing success. The feedback from the attendees who zoomed in was unanimous: “do more!”

This overwhelmingly positive response made us realize that similar digital, online events have a unique value for Lotus enthusiasts. That value is realized not only during the current COVID-19 pandemic, but also in our—hopefully soon—post-pandemic future as virtual events become powerful platforms that go beyond the physical reach of the GGLC.

For all these reasons, the GGLC created a new executive position: Digital Events Director. Please congratulate Ron Schramm from our GGLC sister club, the San Diego Lotus Club, who has volunteered to be our first Digital Events Director. Thank you, Ron!

Ron is already at work planning Digital Events that can be enjoyed by GGLC members and Lotus Enthusiasts around the world (See, for example, the exciting news in the next article about the upcoming custom tour of the Jim Clark Motorsport Museum beamed directly from Duns, Scotland.)

Here are some comments from Ron about his new position:

“I’m excited to take on this role with the GGLC, SDLC, LCOSC and Sacramento GGLC chapters. The possibilities are endless. I welcome suggestions and help from anyone interested in getting involved.”

“We’ll be able leverage high-speed internet connectivity with phones, tablets, laptops, digital cameras and online meeting apps like Zoom to connect GGLC members and guests virtually to just about any place in the world that has an internet connection.”

On the list of potential GGLC Digital Events are museum tours, as well as guest interviews and panel discussions with past and current Lotus designers, drivers, managers, and engineers. We could also foresee doing live reports from international events

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like Goodwood or other historic races. The list of possibilities is truly endless.

If you would like to suggest or get involved in future GGLC Digital Events, Ron would welcome your help. There are also bound to be lots of planning and basic technical assistance that will be needed along the way.

Ron can be reached at digitalevents@gglotus.org.

Live, Virtual Tour of Jim Clark Motorsports Museum April 11, 2021—12 Noon PDST

by Ron Schramm

Legendary Lotus driver Jim Clark passed away on April 7, 1968. In honor of the 53rd anniversary of his death, the GGLC has arranged a live virtual tour of the Jim Clark Motorsports Museum located in Duns, Scotland. The museum's website is: [Exhibition - The Jim Clark Trust](#)

Our Zoom tour will be guided by Jim's nephew, Liam Howel and his cousin David Niven, and it will begin at 12 Noon PDST on Sunday, April 11. The cost is \$10.

Registration details for this memorable event will be available soon. Please RSVP to digitalevents@gglotus.org to receive a reply email with those details.



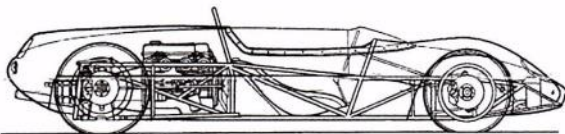
Background:

Jim Clark won 2 F1 World Driving Championships, in 1963 and 1965 and was runner up in '62. He won the Indy 500 in '65 by a full lap, and finished 2nd there in his rookie entry in '63. He nearly completed racing's Grand Slam by finishing 3rd at the Le Mans 24Hr in 1960 racing for his home club, Border Reivers paired with Roy Salvadori, in an Aston Martin DBR1. He finished 2nd in class at Le Mans in '59 in a Lotus Elite. In 1964 he won the British Touring Car Championship in a Lotus Cortina.

In Formula 1, he spent his entire career driving for Lotus. During that period, he garnered 33 poles, 25 victories and 7 more podiums in 72 Championship starts. He also scored 8 times with pole position, race win, fastest lap and leading 100% of race laps.

He had one of the greatest seasons for any driver in 1965 by winning the French F2 Championship, Tasman Championship, Indy 500, and the F1 title.

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Lotus Factory Press Release

(Hethel, UK – 25 January 2021)

A new series of sports cars is confirmed, with prototype production of the Lotus Type 131 to commence this year from a world-class manufacturing facility in Hethel, Norfolk.

The new manufacturing investment is part of Lotus' Vision80 strategy, which will also see the relocation of two Lotus sub-assembly facilities into one efficient central operation in Norwich city to support higher volumes.

To accompany the £100-million-plus investment into Hethel's facilities, Lotus will be recruiting some 250 new employees. This is in addition to the 670 to have joined Lotus since September 2017, when shareholders Geely and Etika took ownership of the company.

New recruits are required for roles in engineering and manufacturing for both Lotus Cars and the world-renowned engineering consultancy, Lotus Engineering – which opens its Advanced Technology Centre in Warwick later this year.

To acknowledge the forthcoming family of performance cars, Lotus has released an image that hints at the new generation of products that

will follow Elise, Exige and Evora, which have entered their final year of production in 2021. A full programme of activities is planned to celebrate the current range of three sports cars, starting with the elder, the iconic Lotus Elise.

The Lotus Elise was unveiled in 1995, revolutionising the low volume sports car industry with its pioneering use of extruded and bonded aluminum, high-tech composites and lightweight knowhow. Using the technology pioneered in the Elise, the Exige, launched in 2000, quickly became the epitome of the 'race car for the road'. The Exige demonstrated a rare ability to give the driver an involving yet accessible experience on the road, while still managing to lap the most demanding tracks of the world quickly, with the safety and progressiveness expected of a Lotus.

The Evora, launched in 2008, returned Lotus to the lucrative super-sports car sector as an award-winning and versatile road car that was more driver-focused than its peers. In motorsport, the Evora was successful too, winning national GT championships around the world and gaining a podium at Le Mans.

Future Lotus cars are taking this learning and further developing it to ensure the preservation of that all-important DNA, with the overriding criteria of being 'For The Drivers'.

Phil Popham, CEO, Lotus Cars, said: "This year will be hugely significant for Lotus with new facilities coming on stream, a new sports car entering production and new levels of efficiency and quality that only a new car design and factory can deliver. Despite the continuing global challenges, Lotus has emerged from 2020 strong and on track in the delivery of our Vision80 business plan."

He added: "As our Vision80 strategy illustrates, Lotus is all about looking forward, and our future is full of continuous innovation. In 2021, however, we will be reflecting on the legacy of our current range, starting with the Elise, a sports car that genuinely revolutionised the automotive industry, not only because it is a legend-in-its-own-lifetime but also for its impact on car design and technology."

Matt Windle, Lotus' Executive Director, Engineering, said: "Our renowned team of engineers, designers and technicians who are working on the new cars are acutely aware of the legacy from the Elise, Exige and Evora. Indeed, many were around when Elise was being developed. Members of our team, old and new, are now busy blending the learnings of the past with the innovations of today and tomorrow, to ensure our future cars truly move the game on but remain firmly committed to Lotus values."

The Elise, Exige and Evora have contributed greatly to the Lotus business over the years, and by the time the last of these models leaves the assembly line, they will have sold a combined circa 55,000 units.

Lotus has created multiple automotive legends over the last 73 years, and with the Evija hypercar and new Type 131 sports car, a new dawn of innovation and legend-making is breaking over Hethel.



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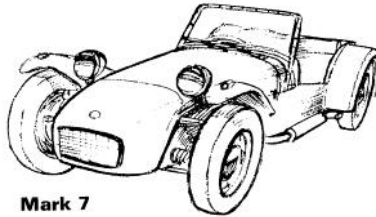
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For Sale: '64 Lotus 7A. It's time to hang up my driver's suit, so I am offering my Lotus 7A (S/N SB1722) for sale. It has an undistinguished racing history in the hands of 6 owners with log books from MWCSCC (Chicago), VSCCA and SCCA Vintage. Pluses 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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