

The Chapman Report



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(Photo Credit: Kiyoshi Hamai)

A novice AutoX driver gets to practice new skills at the GGLC joint AutoX school with the local Porsche club on May 28, 2022. See more details about this successful event on page 3.



(Photo Credit: Kiyoshi Hamai)

Brian VW. Finds the perfect parking spot to dramatically show off his special Evora at the Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton during the club's casual drive from San Jose to Livermore on June 18, 2022.

July/August Meet-ups

Casual July Drive

Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:30 AM (gather)—9:00 AM (depart)

Organized by John Zender

Breakers Café, Woodside Plaza

270 Woodside Rd., Redwood City

We will tour through the scenic coastal mountains near Woodside as we head to the coast and Hwy 1. The drive will end at Alice's Restaurant at the intersection of Hwys 35 and 84 in Woodside.

Casual August Drive

Sunday, August 14, 2022

8:00 AM (gather)—8:30 AM (depart)

Sia's Bakery Run

Organized by Brian Van Winkle

In-N-Out Burger, 641 Leavesley Rd.

Gilroy Premium Outlets

This tour takes us from Gilroy to Carmel with a special stop at Sia's Bakery on Ocean Ave. for some treats.

Message from the Prez Lotus Reliability?

by Jonathan Schreiber

Hello GGLC!

Spring has sprung, and summer has begun. We are in the thick of the driving season, and I am happy to say that the GGLC has you covered with great events of all kinds. From AutoX to track days, to local drives and special meet-ups. (In fact—a little spoiler here—we are in the process of scheduling a local event later this summer that will include a preview of the Lotus Emira—more details coming soon!)

But all of this does not happen without the support of dedicated volunteers in the club. To that end, I would like to make a special request right now for volunteers to organize future local drives. Do you know some great roads you want to share with the club? Contact us if you would like to host a drive!

The Emira has certainly brought a lot of attention to the brand, which is absolutely welcome. We all agree these cars are fantastic to drive, but what about their reliability as everyday drivers? Colby T. often quips that, “being a Lotus owner means being on a first-name basis with your local tow truck driver.”

Let me be very clear, Guillermo of Sonoma Valley Towing is an absolute gentleman, but I would not attribute the numerous calls I have made to him to issues of Lotus reliability.

I recently thought about the reliability question as I crossed the one year, and 12k miles of

ownership marks on my Evora.

While not the highest mileage out there, I am certainly not shy about driving it. Like most of you, I keep detailed records of the car. So, what has a year of Evora ownership looked like to me?

Beyond fluid changes, I went through a set of tires, a warranty fix on a temperature sensor, several warranty fixes on the trunk opening mechanism and swapped out a glitching stereo. Having a local dealer made these warranty issues easy, no different from owning any other new car. Not bad at all in my opinion—and no calls to Guillermo who actually is

much more familiar with my Exige. But were my calls to Guillermo related to reliability? No (as I knock on wood) since any issue I have had has resulted from a track day excursion, and it has typically been tied to some modification I made in the name of speed.

Indeed, overall, my current Exige and Evora (and several previously owned 7-clones) have been flawless as road cars.

What has your experience been? Has it been rock-solid reliability? Has your Lotus ever left you stranded? We would love to hear about it. Come find us at an event, or you could also write about it in an article for *The Chapman Report!*

Hope to meet you at the next GGLC fun activity!



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Autocross School Well Attended

May 28, 2022

by Kiyoshi Hamai

I initially had difficulty remembering the last time the GGLC had organized an Autocross School. But after some research, I determined it was in 2006! So, when Himanshu Patel, the autocross chair of the local Golden Gate Region of the Porsche Club of America (PCA-GGR), suggested the GGLC join with them to offer a school it was easy to say "YES!"

Early in the planning, it was decided that this would be a Beginner's School aimed at attracting novice and brand new autocrossers to the sport. It turns out that the PCA-GGR has been doing schools like this on an annual basis, so it was logical that the GGLC would lean heavily on their experience.

We capped the number of drivers at 40, and gently persuaded about 25 experienced autocross drivers from both clubs to work as coaches at the event. As for the students, they had either no experience at all or less than 3 autocross events under their belts.

While the South Lot of the Cow Palace has its limitations, it was selected as the venue for the school primarily because of its convenient location.

After a few planning meetings on Zoom, both clubs opened registration for the event, and available spots filled up quickly. About 1/3 of the student drivers came from the GGLC.

The school was divided into morning and afternoon segments.

Morning Exercises:

The morning started with a check-in and coach/student assignments. The coaches first assisted the students in prepping their cars for the day.

A combination introduction and drivers' meeting was called at 8:30 AM. This was followed by a chalk talk that reviewed the 3 morning skills exercises—Skid Pad, Braking and Slalom. A bit before 9:00 AM, the drivers broke into 3 groups and reported with their coaches to their first assigned exercise. For the next 45 minutes, drivers honed their skill by focusing on their designated exercise. At the end of the session, the groups rotated to the next exercise for another 45 minutes. After 3 rotations, each group had com-

pleted the 3 exercises, and we stopped for lunch.

During the morning sessions, I took on the job of setting up portions of the full course that would be run in the afternoon. We completed the task of building the full course during the lunch break.

Afternoon Full-Course Runs:

The drivers were divided into 2 run groups for the afternoon sessions. One group would run, while the other worked the course. After a brief drivers' meeting to review safety and course work instructions, we sent Group 1 to the grid and Group 2 to their work assignments.

The full course connected and incorporated morning exercises. Drivers got to see familiar elements combined with a few new wrinkles.

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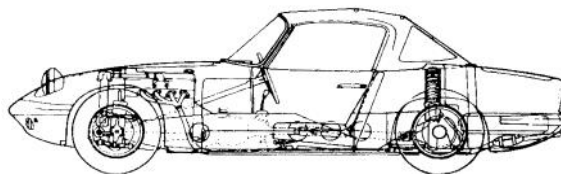
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With coaches in the passenger seat, the drivers showed steady improvement with each run. In total, each driver was able to do 8 runs!

Post-Mortem:

It was a fun, although somewhat tiring, day of learning, coaching and driving. We no doubt will do this again as it is a great way for newbies to be introduced to the sport as well as to entice them to attend future events.

Here are a few photos from the event along with some comments we received in the days following the school:



GB - I was absolutely blown away by the quality of the event, I had no idea what to expect going into it but the whole experience was completely positive. The three exercise stations at the start were well laid out and there was a good rotation between running the exercise and having time to watch other people run it while I sat and digested what had just happened. The autocross course after lunch did a really nice job of incorporating the three elements in an easy-to-digest fashion and brought it all together in a way that made a lot of sense. All of the instructors were kind, helpful, and supportive.



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Calendar

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July 7	GGLC Track Day	Sonoma
July 9	GGLC AutoX Round #5	Cow Palace
July 17	Casual Drive	Woodside
August 13	GGLC AutoX Round #6	Cow Palace
August 14	Casual Drive	Gilroy
August 18-20	Motorsports Reunion	Monterey
Sept 24	Shop Day/BBQ	El Sobrante
Oct 20-23	West Coast Lotus Meet	San Diego

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



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

TT - Thank you so much for an absolutely amazing day — I'm hooked!

to another! Looking forward to learning more and absorbing everything I can.

NP - I had a great time, thanks so much for having us. I learned a ton and plan on going

GM - I wanted to thank you and Himanshu so much for an amazing experience that I had with my 17 year old son on Saturday. He learned so much from Monty and got better and better throughout the day. You guys hit it out of the park!

It's Time to Get Ready for the 2022 West Coast Lotus Meet

From the 2022 WCLM Team



SAN DIEGO

OCT. 20-23, 2022 westcoastlotusmeet.com

The 2022 West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) will be set in scenic San Diego County, CA, and it will be four days of total Lotus celebration starting Thursday, October 20, and ending Sunday, October 23.

This special event is hosted by members of the San Diego Lotus Club (SDLC) who are excited to invite Lotus enthusiasts from around the globe to join them in greater San Diego.

WCLM Headquarters:

The 2022 WCLM will be headquartered at Springhill Suites in Escondido, CA. (Springhill Suites, 200 La Terraza Blvd., Escondido, CA) (Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/Nmtu86N5pKcPwpEA8>)

The special WCLM group rate is \$180/night for double occupancy in a King Bed suite. There is a 3-night minimum stay. You can extend your stay at our group rate if you would like to enjoy the area before or after the WCLM. Late October is a popular time of year, and we expect our block of rooms to sell out, so book your stay today! Use this link to secure your reservation:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1646786223758&key=GRP>

Summary of key WCLM Events:

Opening Reception - San Diego is home to the birth of CA winemaking as we know it. Vines were first planted there in 1769 by the Franciscan Monks who built California's first mission in this area. The first wines were produced 5 years later.



It is only fitting that the 2022 WCLM kick-off reception will be held at a local winery. Mia Marie Vineyard's mountain top estate provides the perfect location for a sunset tasting and snack get-together after your travel.

Treasure Hunt Rallye - San Diego County's scenic back-country roads are the perfect setting to enjoy your Lotus. From desert canyons to 6000' elevations and Alpine forests, the dramatic landscape offers an

opportunity to enjoy what your Lotus was built for and reflect on why so many people call CA their home. The Treasure Hunt Rally will introduce you to our home in a truly fun way. This activity includes a lunch stop.

Banquet - After the day's events we have a dinner banquet planned for your enjoyment and

another chance to meet up with friends both old and new. We will gather at the Hilton Garden Inn, Del Mar, for a cocktail reception prior to the banquet.

Spirited Driving Event - The WCLM will feature a spirited driving event where you will be able to enjoy your Lotus to its fullest. Stretch your legs, put the throttle down, squeal your tires, experience Lotus handling in all its glory!



Lotus Car Show - No WCLM is complete without a chance to show off our cars. We will close out the 2022 WCLM with a show dedicated to the Lotus marque. You will have an opportunity to vote for your favorites in a variety of categories.

After the show, all of the WCLM fun will sadly end with a lunch and an awards presentation.

2022 WCLM Schedule
(tentative, subject to change):

Day 1 – Thursday, October 20, 2022 (late afternoon)

- WCLM Registration and Reception at Mia Marie Vineyards

Days 2 – 3 Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, 2022

- WCLM Spirited Driving Event
- WCLM Treasure Hunt Rallye
- Free evening to enjoy one of San Diego's great restaurants (recommendation list provided)
- WCLM Banquet and Awards

Day 4 - Sunday October 23, 2022

- WCLM Lotus Car Show
- WCLM Car Show Lunch & Awards

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WCLM Registration

The WCLM registration fee will include drives, shows and meals. The SDLC team is currently finalizing a few details, and they will open registration shortly. Watch for news on the WCLM website and Facebook page. Registration will be at: www.gglotus.motorsportreg.com

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An Expert's* Advice on Lotus Road Trips

* You know her as Elisa Artioli

by Matt Kaplan

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Since you are reading *The Chapman Report*, you probably know that Elisa Artioli is more than just the namesake of the Lotus Elise, or the owner of the last Elise to be made for a customer, or a well-known celebrity in the car community. It turns out that she also runs a company called Delightful Driving that organizes road trips that most of us would describe using words like “once in a lifetime” or “bucket list.”

If you are looking for advice on how to get the most enjoyment out of your next Lotus road trip, there is probably no one on the planet more qualified to give it.

Elisa has driven some incredible roads, and she organizes at least one trip per year on roads she has never driven, but the Dolomites tour is her favorite. She says: “I never get bored of Dolomites passes. I’m so impressed by the beautiful scenery every time I see it, even though I see these views quite often.”

Since the Dolomites are a bit of a reach for most of us, she offered thoughts on some U.S. road trips in a recent email exchange I had with her. Unfortunately, her last trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco was not the best driving experience she has had, “I remember big roads and a lot of traffic” she said. But it was not all bad, “I have not driven the Big Sur road, so I hope I can do it next time. I also went to Yosemite and the roads were quite impressive over there.”

Her favorite drive in the states is one that is only a little easier for most of us in the Bay Area to get to than an Italian mountain range. It is: “Miami down to Key West. It was really cool to drive the infinite Seven Mile Bridge.”

Whatever options you may have for your road trip, Elisa has a few tips to make it more enjoyable.

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Depending on the roads, she likes to keep the daily mileage pretty low, probably under 200 miles, and, although the car is important, the time outside the car is important, too. "Always plan extra time to enjoy the experience. It's better to calculate longer stops than to be in a rush to reach the destination. For Delightful Driving road trips I always try to offer a mix of driving, enjoying the views, and socializing."

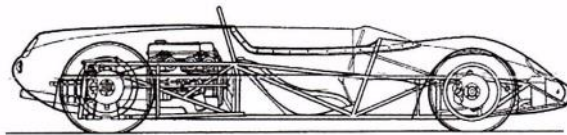
Socializing is especially important. Even when she is driving her favorite roads with her favorite views, in her favorite car, she says: "It's the people who join me that are the cherry on top."

But, of course, the best advice for enjoying your Lotus road trip is to actually get out and do one. Lotus fuel tanks are small, so even with the current fuel costs, getting out of the house, out of the city, and out of our normal routine is a pretty inexpensive way to relax and recharge. She sums up her experience and philosophy by saying: "Every time I can get out with my Elise on a mountain road I feel so lucky."

You can find Elisa and the incredible road trips she shares by following her on Instagram @iamlotuselise, YouTube (Elisa Artioli), and her website DelightfulDriving.com.



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by Jon Rosner

Starting at about 10:30 AM on Saturday, September 24, 2022, we will plan to have an official—and rare—GGLC meeting at Mike Ostrov's Shop at 4119 Santa Rita Road in El Sobrante, CA. (Just minutes from I-80.)

Mike will have tables set up so that we can also have an informal parts swap and sale while you are there. Bring your precious left-over Lotus hardware, books, or whatever, as conversation pieces.

Along the way, we can tell each other tall tales about how fast we once were, or we can do a bit of wrenching, or fiberglass work, or wiring. Projects will only be limited by your imagination.... There is plenty of space at the shop that can accommodate various projects

Then, at High Noon, we will start to BBQ! We will provide the meat/chicken, but we would also appreciate Potluck contri-

butions. Check with Jon for suggestions. You can reach Jon at "jon—at—roscotech.com" or (925)-288-1750,

It is not likely, but we could see the county again declare that masks are required. So, we should probably be prepared to wear face protection and stand several feet apart. But, on the plus side, we will be outside on a 1/2 acre lot, so we will not be crowded.



We should also be generating plenty of smoke from the BBQ, and that will no doubt keep politicians and other invasive pests at bay.



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