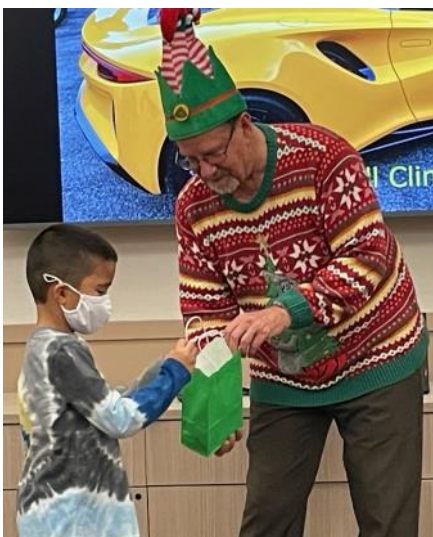


# The Chapman Report



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*Photo Credit: Jon Rosner*

*Santa Tom carries out his official duties at the club's annual Holiday Party and Awards Dinner.*

*Top: He re-frocks our Prez for a second term in office using the GGLC plastic sword and shield symbols of power.*

*Bottom: He gets some help from the Prez's son, Isaac, in the White Elephant gift exchange.*

*See more photos from the fun evening on pages 6/7*

## Jan/Feb Meet-ups

### Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**8:30 AM (gather)—9:00 AM (depart)**

**Organized by Kiyoshi Hamai**

**Meet at Starbucks 5670 Cottle Rd.**

**(Bldg. S4) San Jose (see directions below).**

**(See page 3 for details of drive.)**

*Directions to Starbucks:*

- From Hwy 101 in South San Jose
- Exit 101 at Blossom Hill /Silver Creek Valley (Exit # 378)
  - \* If Southbound, Turn Right onto Blossom Hill
  - \* If Northbound, Turn Left and cross over 101
- Left at Poughkeepsie (first signal)
- Right at Cottle Rd. (signal)
- Go about 1 block and turn Left into parking lot (European Wax Center)
- Right at first aisle (Chase Bank)
- Starbucks is straight ahead.

## Note:

**As we go to press, a Casual Drive/Get Together for the month of February 2023 has not yet been organized.**

**Please check the club's website and Facebook Group on a regular basis for details to come.**

**Editor**

# Message from the Prez

## Looking Forward to Another Great Year

by Jonathan Schreiber

Hello GGLC!

I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year!

I hope all your winter projects are going well. In my household, the biggest project has been adding miles to the Evora, which we certainly have been having fun doing on some road trips.



It is clear that the GGLC and Lotus had a banner 2022. The Emira tour brought car enthusiasts from all over to see the new car, and to talk about Lotus in general. I, for one, can't wait to see them on the road, and at some of the club's upcoming events. I wonder who will be the first GGLC'er to take delivery?

Let's take a quick look back at 2022, together, shall we? The GGLC held about 60 events across our various chapters. That averages out to more than one event a week! Speaking of which, we are always looking for people willing to organize drives, meets, and interesting gatherings. Have an idea? Please reach out and we can work on making it happen! I for one would love to do a Karting day, or a vineyard tour.

On the motorsports side in 2022, we held 10 track days, 1

AutoX school, and 8 AutoXs. Along the way, we also dabbled in a few new things. At the WCLM, for example, the San Diego Chapter put together a fabulous, first-ever hill climb, which was well received and accompanied by much fanfare! We also signed on as one of Robin Shute's sponsors as he became the king-of-the-hill for the THIRD time at the legendary Pikes Peak Hill Climb!

Some of the new things we found ourselves doing were less club events, and more like car shenanigans. In one situation, we had to hone our skills as car thieves, when it was necessary to break into the GGLC truck when some unknown party locked the keys inside. The GGLC also added drone footage to the club videos and mystery science 3000-style voice-overs to the AutoX series year-end summary. We will have to see if those stick around in 2023.

Overall, I think you all know that this club is amazing. People helping people, with a passion for the awesome machines that Lotus makes. This year

(although it is somewhat debatable if that means 2022 or 2023), the club reaches a significant milestone as it turns 50. And we plan to celebrate that happening. Don't ask me how just yet, as we haven't really decided, but we do intend to go above and beyond. So, keep an eye out an announcement in your inbox, and be sure to check out the club's website and Facebook Group regularly for emerging details!

And if that is not enough excitement for you, you should also note that 2023 marks 75 years since Lotus Cars UK was founded by Colin and Hazel Chapman. We do not know yet how Lotus will celebrate this significant Anniversary, but they are sure to do it in style.

Have a safe and happy New Year! I can't wait to see you again in 2023!



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# 2023 Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive

## January 28, 2023

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The Second Annual Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive will be on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

The drive will start in south San Jose and finish at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos.

This is a casual, moderate-paced drive. The road conditions can be iffy at this time of the year, so the pace will take into consideration the recent and then-current weather. The length of the drive is about 50 miles, roughly 2 hours on the road.

### Lunch and Bocce

The drive will end for lunch and games of Bocce at Campo de Bocce, 565 University Ave, Los Gatos. Our reservations at Campo di Bocce are capped at 36 people. **Please RSVP for lunch and bocce by Jan 19. You can email your RSVP to [marcom@gglotus.org](mailto:marcom@gglotus.org).** (You do not need to RSVP if you want to participate in just the drive.)

### COVID Practice:

The GGLC follows healthy COVID practices and recommends vaccinations and appropriate masking.

### Start:

Meet at 8:30 am at Starbucks – 5670 Cottle Rd (Bldg S4), San Jose, CA 95123.

<https://goo.gl/maps/xV1uMSbojCnWLiWu7>

We will depart Starbucks at 9:00 am sharp.

### Route:

Campo di Bocce  
<https://goo.gl/maps/SukNKR8TrZjUdD8j9>

The route will take us into the foothills east of Hwy 101, and it drops us into the Coyote Valley. Crossing Hwy 101, we will wind our way past Almaden Reservoir and then up to the summit of Mt Umunhum. After a break at the top of Mt Umunhum, we will return to Hicks Rd. and continue to Los Gatos with our final stop at Lotus of Los Gatos.

### Drive Instructions & Waiver

Be sure to download the drive instructions and event waiver at:

[https://www.gglotus.org/ChapmanReport/2023\\_HChapman\\_Drive\\_ROUTE.pdf](https://www.gglotus.org/ChapmanReport/2023_HChapman_Drive_ROUTE.pdf)

**IMPORTANT:** Print the 2<sup>nd</sup> page (Waiver) and sign. Bring your signed waiver to the start where it will be collected.



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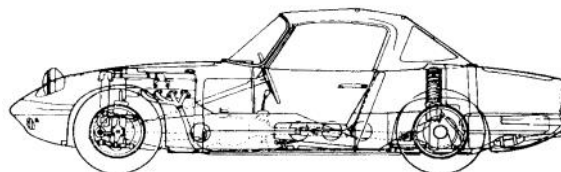
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## Abstracted Press Release From Lotus Cars

Hethel, UK – 20 December 2022. In 1948, a passionate young British designer and engineer called Colin Chapman built his first car, a modified Austin 7. Work was carried out in his spare time in the lock-up garage belonging to his girlfriend Hazel’s parents, behind their house in Hornsey, London. He called his car the Mark I and entered it into local trials. Different models followed, each an improvement on the one before, and within four years it became a business that he and Hazel called Lotus.

In 2023 – exactly 75 years later – Lotus will be celebrating this significant milestone with a number of exciting global events and initiatives. They will look back over seven and a half decades of innovation and success that have unquestionably helped shape the motoring and motorsport landscapes of today and created some of the world’s most renowned and loved cars.

Celebrations will also look forward to what the fourth quarter of the company’s first century will look like, as Lotus continues its transformation from a UK sports car company to a global performance car business and brand.

To launch this very special year before it begins, Lotus has unveiled distinctive and striking 75th anniversary branding that will be seen in multiple environments over the next 12 months.

Matt Windle, Group Vice-President and Managing Director of Lotus Cars, commented: “Lotus of 2023 is a world away from a garage in north London, thanks to the billions being invested in our company on product development, an electrified future and more. We’ve come a long way since moving to our iconic home in Norfolk in 1966. Today we have engineering facilities in the UK, Germany and China; design studios in Hethel, Coventry and Shanghai; and new world-class manufacturing bases in Norfolk and China. It’s at the last of these that assembly of the first Lotus lifestyle car – the Eletre Hyper-SUV – begins later this month.” He added: “The pioneering spirit and commitment of Colin and Hazel Chapman is alive and kicking in Lotus today, and we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary in style – paying tribute to the past and looking ahead to the future as we approach our first century.”

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## Calendar

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Activity</u>  | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|--|-----------------|
| Jan 28      | Casual Drive /<br>Lunch / Bocce<br>Hazel Chapman<br>Memorial Drive | San Jose        |
| Feb 4       | LCOSC/GGLC<br>Track Day<br>Streets of<br>Willow Springs            | Rosamond        |

All dates and events are tentative.  
Please see [www.gglotus.org](http://www.gglotus.org) for current information about upcoming events.

## Preview of 2023 Event Calendar

by Kiyoshi Hamai

What a year! Taken together, the GGLC family of clubs presented a breathtaking 60 events in 2022. You might be justified in thinking that that level of activity is not sustainable in 2023. But think again as you review the calendar for the upcoming year.

### GGLC & LCOSC Track Days

The track day schedule is still being filled in. The repaving of Laguna Seca means no track events there until July, but not to be deterred, the current GGLC Track Day schedule looks like this:  
Feb 4 - Streets of Willow - Willow Springs Raceway,  
March 23 - Sonoma Raceway,  
Apr 23 - Chuckwalla Valley,  
June 30 - Sonoma Raceway,  
Oct 18 - Sonoma Raceway,

Oct 30 - Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca.

We also plan to add events at Buttonwillow and Thunderhill.

### GGLC Autocross

The Cow Palace has become busy again with arena events, so it is unavailable for autocross events. We will miss the convenient location, but we have found a new site for 2023 autocross events to go along with Crows Landing. Here are the dates:  
Mar 19 - Laguna Seca,  
Apr 8 - Crows Landing,  
May 20 - Laguna Seca,  
June 24 - Crows Landing,  
July 22 - Laguna Seca,  
Aug 26 - Crows Landing,  
Sep 9 - Crows Landing.  
Sep 30 - Crows Landing.  
Oct 28 - Crows Landing.

### GGLC, LCOSC, SDLC & Sacramento Drives

The GGLC is working on a "Drive-a-Month" schedule. First



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

up is the Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive on January 28 (see announcement on page 3, editor). The plans call for LCOSC, San Diego and Sacramento to each have 4-6 drives in 2023. In total, that will be 25-30 drives!

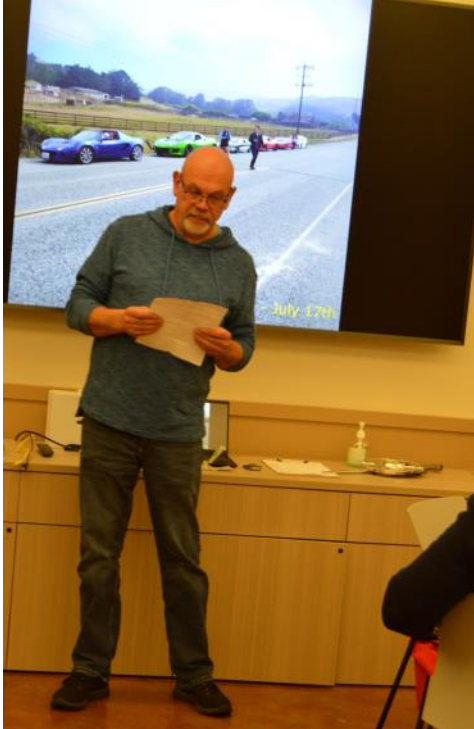
### **"For The Drivers"**

Our clubs LIVE the Lotus motto. The best way to enjoy your Lotus is to drive it! Hold up your right hand and pledge to attend at least one club event each month!

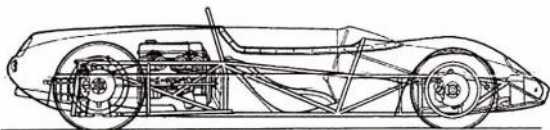


# Selected Photos From the GGLC Holiday Party December 10, 2022

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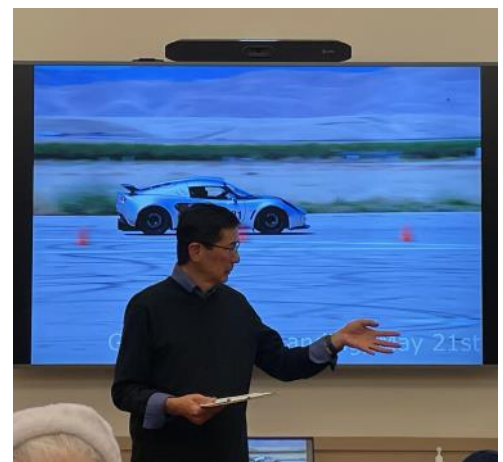


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## Roberta Ann Bean

September 24, 1944 - November 6, 2022

Roberta Ann Bean passed away peacefully at her home in San Andreas, CA, on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at the age of 78. Roberta was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, David R Bean and parents Enid Larson and Clarence Lane. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and her beloved cat, Hunni.

Fifty years ago, Roberta and her husband started Dave Bean Engineering in their garage in Inglewood, CA. The business grew to be the factory-authorized Vintage Lotus Parts seller and the largest Lotus parts business in the U.S. Over time, they moved the business to El Segundo, Santa Barbara, and ultimately to San Andreas. Since its founding, Dave Bean Engineering helped countless Lotus car owners maintain and restore their cars while also helping racers win numerous races. They were a great team!

Roberta was an active member of Soroptimist International of Calaveras County since September of 1992, serving in most club positions, including president. She was adept in all things financial, and the local club benefited by her expertise, as she also contributed her many talents at the district level and in the Sierra Pacific region. Her dedication to projects that advanced the status of women allowed her to establish long-lasting friendships worldwide. Roberta loved to travel with a special love of all things New Orleans; the music, food, and wine.

Memorials can be made to the Calaveras County Historical Society or the Calaveras Humane Society.



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# Recent San Diego Lotus Club Happenings

by Lawrence Sher

## Brazilian GP Watch Party

On November 13, Veloce Motors The Vault opened up their stunning car storage facility for us. A light breakfast was served, with coffee, tea and soft drinks, while we enjoyed watching the Brazilian GP race live. There was a large turnout, and the event was extremely successful. Special thanks go to Justin and Brian for opening their doors early and for hosting us. We truly appreciate it.

## Lotus vs. McLaren Karting Faceoff

Karting competitors from the SDLC and the local McLaren club met at the Carlsbad K1 venue for some friendly competition November 22. There were

about 14 competitors who participated in a full-on Grand Prix event that included practice, qualifying, and a race. This event also featured some catered food, and we all had a lot of fun. Rudy Iribe from the McLaren Club won the Grand Prix, while SDLC folks came in P2 and P3. Everyone enjoyed this event, and they asked if we could do a rematch of the two clubs. The answer is YES, and we are working on it.

## SDLC Holiday Party

On December 18, the San Diego Chapter of the GGLC

held a Christmas party at the Viewpoint Brewing Co. About 30 members enjoyed wonderful starters and lunch, not to mention looking at the most amazing view of San Diego.

Incoming Chapter President, Dan Gibson, spoke about his plans for 2023, and Don Anderson presented Ron Schram with the finish line flag from the WCLM hill climb event.

Our chosen charity this year was Toys for Tots, and everyone attending the party brought a gift for the charity.

In the coming year, we expect to grow our numbers as we offer more activities ranging from drives to participation in interesting events.

If you have any ideas about what you would like to do, please feel free to let us know.

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Kevin at speed in #52



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Here are a few photos capturing the fun times SDLC members had at our recent events.





# GGLC to Offer Custom Lotus/UK Tour in 2023

by Kiyoshi Hamai

It has been 7 years since the GGLC organized a specially designed Lotus/UK Tour. So putting another one together for 2023 seems like a good idea.

We are still in the process of developing a full itinerary for the tour as well as working out what the costs will be, but the basic outline of what is planned is given below.

## When\*:

September 3-11, 2023

## Who:

The GGLC Lotus Tour will be led and hosted by Richard Parramint. Richard's involvement with Lotus began in the late 60s when he worked at the factory as a teen, and it continues today through his relationship with Classic Team Lotus.

## What:

This is a group tour that begins at London-Heathrow.

Day 1, tour participants will be collected from London Heathrow and driven to hotel.

Day 2, the group will visit Hornsey/Cheshunt factory and head to Norfolk.

Day 3, group visits:

- Lotus factory;
- Classic Team Lotus;
- Ketteringham Hall, East Carlton Manor;
- Colin and Hazel's final resting place.

Day 4, possible Lotus track day and/or Lotus Driver Academy on the Hethel Track (optional).

Day 5, head to the Goodwood Revival (optional)

This is a rough itinerary at this point, and it is subject to change. Most likely there will be other "special" things to see and do and, of course, special people to meet.

## Cost:

Cost is still TBD (for reference, our trip in 2016 was \$5600 per couple). The cost will include tour transportation (while in England). Hotel costs will also be included, but meals will not be.

You can expect that pricing will be broken out for the base tour, and that the Lotus Driver Academy and Goodwood visit will each be priced separately.

Transportation to and from the UK is not included. You may want to take a few extra days on either or both ends of the tour to visit other places in the UK or Europe that might be of interest.

In order to maximize the experience, we will try to keep the group size to about 12-15 (19 is capacity). All Lotus enthusiasts are invited; however GGLC members and their guests will be given first consideration should we reach capacity.

So, what do you think? We expect this will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Excited?

At this point, we would like to get an idea of who might be interested so that we can firm things up and provide real costs. If you are interested, send me an email and indicate the number in your party, [marcom@gglotus.org](mailto:marcom@gglotus.org).



## \*POSSIBLE DATE CHANGE!

As we go to press, we are hearing rumors that Lotus is planning a large bash to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This event would take place over the weekend following the Goodwood Revival. If the anniversary celebration is confirmed, we will likely shift the tour dates 1 week later and include the celebration festivities in the tour.

# Classifieds

(non-commercial ads are free to GGLC members and will run for 2 issues before requiring renewal)

**For Sale:** Lotus type 47 race car (Chassis # 47gt75) \$130k. Very few modifications from the way it was first raced in the U.S. Southeast during the late 1960s. Delivered from the factory to Lotus Southwest in 1968. This car is one of the later Lotus 47s, and it comes with a documented history since new. Vintage raced from 2010 to 2019 (including the Monterey Reunion & CSRG races). Ideal for a collector of factory-original race cars. Car is located in Hollister, CA. Some spares and original, uninstalled, items included. For detailed information, email Don at don-hogue—at—charter.net with the subject line “Lotus 47gt75”.

**For Sale:** 05 Lotus Elise. ~26,000 original miles. Asking \$44,995. Saf-ron Yellow with hard and soft tops. Naturally aspirated. Power windows and door locks. VIN: SCCPC11125HL33486.


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**For Sale:** Europa S2 seats. I have three bucket seats and two sets of rails for an S2 Europa. The seats are located in Mendocino. Please contact Jerry for photos and descriptions. gshuck—at—gmx.com

**For Sale:** 2017 Lotus Evora 400. Red w/Black Forged Rims. Black (wrap) racing stripe center of hood, roof and spoiler. Used as daily driver, 23k miles. I recently retired so car mostly sits in garage. Asking \$70k. Located in south Orange County. Contact: markkonno—at—cox.net.

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