

The Chapman Report

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Holiday Party Exposed!

by James McClure

A great time was had by all at the GGLC Holiday Party. Great battles ensued over the most cherished 'white elephant' gifts, such as some nice books on Lotus. It looked as though many trades were attempted after the exchange, some successful. The attendance was good, given the stormy weather and flooding during the week. We lost about three or four club members, who could not make the party because of power outages in their neighborhood. Hal Gjermann, from Red Bluff, hadn't missed the party in years, but had quite a bit of flooding up that way and couldn't make it. We'll see all of you next year.

Ofcourse, now we have to report the sculdugery and 'back-room shenanigans' of the party and it's end-of-year 'changing of the guard'. First, our outgoing President 'misplaced' the ceremonial, jeweled sword and shield, valued at untold millions. Has it been hocked for another 'supercar' for his collection? We'll have a club meeting there in a few months and find out! Second, Pete Richen found himself as the new President. He made the fatal mistake of missing the election meeting where the 'backroom deals' were made and many others on the ballot mysteriously deleted there name at the last minute. Best man for the job, anyway. **Good Luck!**



Pete Richen, our new President, is apprised of the 'imminent doom' that awaits him by club veterans Grant & Angie Larson.

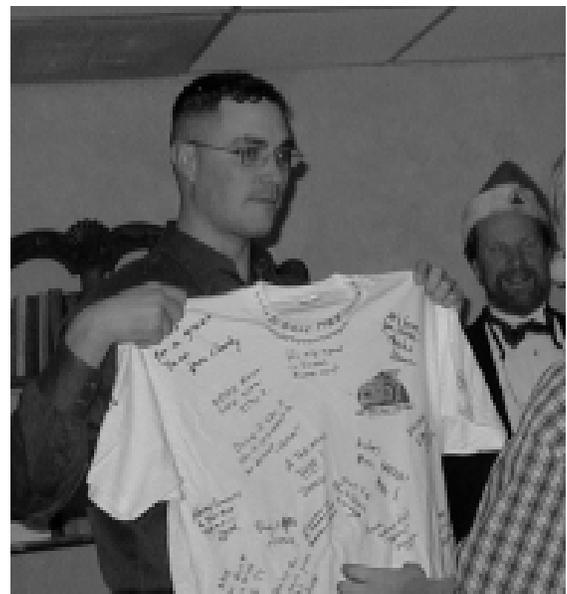
January Meeting

Friday, January 17th, 7:30 pm

Host: Tom & Cherie Carney
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Victor Holtorff, as outgoing President, accepts a gift of a GGLC shirt with the names and comments of the members enscribed on it. "I hope they don't ask where I hocked the sword & shield."

GGLC Calender

January 17	Monthly Meeting, Host: Tom & Cherie Carney	
February 21	Monthly Meeting, Host: Pete Richen	
February 22	Dancing at the Starlight Dance Club, Sunnyvale (TBD at January meeting)	
April 9	GGLC Track Day	Laguna Seca

TrackDay II

by David Anderson

The Dec 31, 2003 Laguna Seca Track Day was a delightful day. One of the events was the 'not quite a race' held in the afternoon. An optional event within the overall event for those who wanted to participate. The Group A passing rules applied (so it was not a race) but eight folks went out to see who came in first. It was the second "A" group session of the afternoon that was preempted for this, and by that time the track was mostly dry (it rained the night before and there was one light sprinkle in the morning) and damp spots were infrequent and off the 'line'. The results: 1. Dave Platt, red Esprit 2. Dan Tsuchiya, Miata 3. Patrick Jones, yellow Elise 4. John Turkel, BMW M3 5. Laurin Langhofer, Miata 6. Derek Mau, BMW M3 7. JC Gauthier, yellow Esprit 8. John Zender, yellow Esprit
David Anderson

Off-road excursion specialists were clearly identified! It was muddy out there, too.

President's Column

by Peter Richen

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Two thousand two was a good year for the Golden Gate Lotus Club. The West Coast Lotus Meet was a huge success; and the club won the award for most cars at the British Car meet in Palo Alto. We sponsored five track days, the Sierra foothill run, the Santa Cruz mountain run and BBQ. We met for a couple of open house days at Mike Ostrov's shop, the Lotus Corral at the Monterey Historic Races, the Mt Hamilton run, the Toy Rallye, and the Christmas party.

We need to give a lot of credit to Victor, Scott, Darren, John, Kiyoshi, and others who make these events happen.

Lotus wise, I had a pretty rough 2002, and I'm looking forward to turning things around in 2003. To show you what I mean (about 2002 that is), someone broke into my garage a few weeks ago, took most of my tools (at least they didn't take my Lotus stuff or trash the car); then last week I hit a pothole in downtown San Francisco and sheared the stud of the right front shock absorber where it attaches to the wishbone and anti roll bar (didn't discover it until I was changing tires the day before Laguna Seca track day). And to top it off, I was elected (selected?) GGLC prez. How's that for a hard luck story?

The Laguna Seca track day on New Year's eve was great. There were

about thirty five cars, ten were Lotuses. It was a little wet in the morning, but later the sun came through and the track dried out. Only one car went home on a trailer (a Porsche). Our GGLC events coordinator, John Zender, must have some connection with the supernatural - this is the second winter track day this year where the weather cooperated.

There will be a lot of fun activities in 2003, I hope to see you at some of them.



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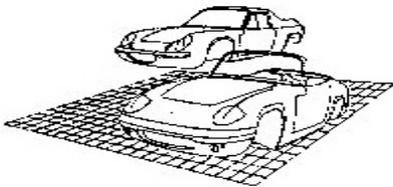
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