

The Chapman Report



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March Madness *by jim mcclure, editor*

OOOOOps, March is here! In much of the U.S. that means two more months of winter. Not here. I look outside and see that birds are already building their nests, the does are already looking very pregnant and many flowers are in bloom. Then I look in my garage and I don't see any of the winter car projects done! One reason is that our winter doesn't start until the end of November, in regards to the vintage racing schedule. So that leaves only three months to prepare for the first races and events in March. Of course, it doesn't help that I decided to complete four cars in that time instead of just one. This must be a variation of the 'Peter Principle', and I've purposefully started too many projects to reach my level of completion incompetence.

I've visited a few of the other member's garages over the years, though, and have observed that I'm not alone in this bizarre behavior. Luckily, I can't make a race until May, so I should have time to focus on one project completion by then.

There are many other events this spring that will keep us busy also. Three of them are discussed in this issue.

The Rolex Sports Car Series for Daytona Prototypes and GT cars headlines the weekend that also includes a Grand-Am Cup is in April. This will include the "Marque Madness events.

Hillsborough Concours in May, then the Palo Alto Concourse in June.

And our Lotus Convention at Tahoe in June, of course!

Throw in the track days and a few other car events and that leaves little

time for getting our cars in order, and definitely no time for the home related chores that our 'significant others' thought we were going to get accomplished. OK, I had to do a few of these just to stay alive and healthy.

Maybe I just need to explain to my manager that my time spent at work is creating a serious problem with my chosen lifestyle. Priorities!



Bondo, paint and back on the track in a month, right? Well, maybe not. And my 7 needs another tranny change, which means motor out!

March Meeting

Friday, 18th

Host: Paradise Bay Restaurant
1200 Bridgeway
Sausalito, CA 94965.0
Phone: 415-331-3226

Via San Francisco or Peninsula:

1. Drive over the GG Bridge
2. Take the ALEXANDER AVE exit
3. Continue on ALEXANDER AVE -
4. ALEXANDER AVE becomes SOUTH ST
5. Continue on 2ND ST
6. Turn Right on RICHARDSON ST
7. RICHARDSON ST becomes BRIDGEWAY
8. Arrive at 1200 BRIDGEWAY, SAUSALITO, on the Right

From the east bay via San Rafael:

1. Take US-101 SOUTH from San Rafael
2. Take the MARIN CITY/SAUSALITO exit
3. Turn Left on BRIDGE BLVD
4. Turn Right on BRIDGEWAY
5. Arrive at 1200 BRIDGEWAY, SAUSALITO, on the Left

Calendar

March 18	Monthly Meeting	Paradise Bay, Sausalito
March 19, 20	Lotus Meet	Donington, England)
March 30	GGLC Track Day	Thunderhill (new date)
April 25	GGLC Track Day	Buttonwillow (new date)
April 28 to May 1	Marque Madness (in conjunction with the Rolex Sports car Series)	Laguna Seca
May 1	Concours d'Elegance	Hillsborough
June 3 - 5	Lotus Convention	Lake Tahoe
June 3	GGLC Track Day	Reno - Fernley
June 3 - 5	Wine Country Classic	Infineon Raceway
June 26	Palo Alto Concours	Stanford, Palo Alto
July 28 - 31	San Jose Grand Prix	Streets of San Jose

EBay Watch:

editor

1999 Elise 111S: "SCOTTSDALE LOTUS IS PLEASED TO BRING TO THE MARKETPLACE THIS EURO SPEC 1999 LOTUS ELISE. THIS CAR WAS IMPORTED BY LOTUS CARS USA FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES LONG BEFORE THE U.S. SPEC CAR CAME OUT. THIS CAR HAS BEEN IN SEVERAL MAGAZINES AND HAS NEVER BEEN OFFERED FOR SALE BEFORE. IT HAS ONLY 15,000 MILES FROM NEW BUT STILL READS IN KILOMETERS (24,218). LOTUS CARS IS THE ORIGINAL OWNER OF THIS CAR AND IT STILL HAS THE ORIGINAL MSO FROM NEW. WE CANNOT REGISTER THIS CAR FOR STREET USE AS IT STATES **ON THE TITLE "OFF ROAD USE ONLY"**. WE WILL TRANSFER THE MSO TO THE NEW OWNER BUT IT CANNOT BE LICENSED FOR STREET USE!!!!" Sold for \$29,995

Sold in Arizona: (No Revert!) for \$43,500 "Up for auction is a 2005 Lotus Elise. The car is Saffron Yellow with black leather interior. Car has the touring package, which includes leather, power door locks and windows, and premium sound system. Car is basically brand new with only 60 miles on the odometer at time of ad placement. Car is MINT!"

A red Elise in Florida also sold with no reserve and the sports and touring package for \$44.6K.

"This 2002 Lotus is the 25th Anniversary Model. Only 1650 Miles." didn't sell at a bid of over \$50K. People having trouble selling Esprits, or any 'high-end' cars, at what they think they are worth.

"Caterham super 7 built new last year with only 1100 miles". Zetec, 5 speed, etc. No bids with a start price of about \$40K. I'm wondering if the prices of these and the Esprits have been affected by the introduction of the Elise. Also, I don't think the recession is over, at least to the point that people have this much 'spare change' in their pocket.

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Lotus Bytes

News Release: The 49th annual Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance is being held this year on Sunday, May 1st. We would like to invite you and your club members to attend the car show and family carnival. It's lots of fun for the entire family. Tickets can be purchased at the gates or in advance at a discounted rate through our web site: http://www.hsf.org/events_concours/carshow/index.htm.

The featured marques this year will be the Bentley and the Aston Martin. We would also like to invite your members to enter their cars in the show. Applications and instructions for entrants can also be found on our web site along with photos of all the cars from last year.

The tour d'Elegance which will take place the day before the event on Saturday is a 60 mile + drive that starts in Hillsborough, goes down to the coast and winds it's way back through the hills of woodside back to a wonderful lunch in Hillsborough.





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For Sale: Cobra (1) sport seat. Adaptor bracket fits M100. Medium grey cloth. Like new. \$200 OBO. Mel 925-831-8834 or darmel@sbcglobal.net.

For Sale: 1974 Lotus Elite. Complete operating car and a small mountain of spare and maintenance parts. 80k, needs paint. Best offer. Allen (408)354-7645 or dubberley1@verizon.net

For Sale: 1969 Lotus Europa 54/1636 for sale. Original except for Hermes manifold, Weber 45, oil cooler, Cosmics with Yoko A008's. Good runner and very decent looking. Robin Jackson, 707 526 5535 , apexbrit@msn.com

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For Sale: 74 Europa. Yellow with creme cloth interior. Low mileage car. Not running, bent valves trying to replace pulley seal. Head redone and ready. I didn't install for obvious reasons. Can send pictures to interested members. I live in Moorpark, Ca.(Ventura Area).Contact at 310 4660421 day cell or evenings at 805 5290544. E mail allis99@earthlink.net Reasonable offers accepted for immediate sale. (3/05)

For Sale: 1977 Esprit Series 1; engine bottom-end rebuilt, new clutch package and flywheel ring, new Dellorto carbs, new Spax shocks (4), new rear springs. What does it need: interior work. Asking \$6,500, Steve Hurt (408)296-7195 hurt.s@worldnet.att.net or shoguneagle@yahoo.com Located in Santa Clara, CA (3/05)

For Sale: 1967 Europa Series 1a
 This two owner car was used by Lotus for the 1967 Auto Show circuit and was sold off the floor at the LA Auto Show that year. It has won several awards and is in excellent condition. At less than 1400lbs the Series 1a is even more pure and light in the Chapman tradition than the later, more common and heavier S2. The car is garaged in the Seattle area. For more information go to: <http://www.galos.net/mike/CarsForSale>. (01/05)

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For Sale: 1979 Esprit S2. Commemorative Edition #100 (last one). Black with gold stripes (like all of that series Esprit). Very good condition. Well cared for. Reliable. Previously owned by David Anderson (GGLC). Chuck is 3rd owner. \$10000 Call Chuck: 707-875-3728 (2/05)

For sale: 1966 Lotus Elan S2, Roadster. Yellow w/ black trim. Cosmetically excellent. Imron Paint, Spyder Chassis, re-built: engine, trans, diff. Many drivability updates including: SPAX adjustable perch shocks, CV Joints, Alternator, MSD, electronic fuel pump. All bushings redone, interior re-done, new burl wood dash, and powder coated wheels, new top, new tires, new chrome: all trim original bits/badges/gauges/lights/etc. on or included with car, including a refinished perfect stock steering wheel plus a period era Nardi. All receipts. Runs and drives perfectly. \$25K Call 650-261-1777. (3/05)

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For Sale:
WANTED: Lotus Europa S2. Project or non-runner ok. Frame should be straight. Call Ed at 510-849-2833 (3/05)

For Sale: 1991 Elan (M100) This car has been an amazingly reliable daily driver from the time I bought it until my Elise replaced it. It has less than 39,000 miles and is in very good shape. The car is in the Seattle area and can be seen at: <http://www.galos.net/mike/CarsForSale> (01/05)

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