

The Chapman Report



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Wine Country Classic? *Editor*

OK, I'm complaining again. I entered the Wine Country Classic and it's been many years since I had done so. It was always one of my favorites, as my whole family used to come up and stay, making it a nice event in many ways.

But it was strange coming back, hard to get a pit area though each participant had a 'preassigned space'. Very cramped.....then I saw the reason, all of the participants were limited to the lower end of the pit area. Everything from the beginning of the bleachers on up to turn two was roped off for the Jaguar slalom course; drive a jag around at 29 mph and get a free hat. This was a loss of at least half of the normal pit area.

What suffered was the number and variety of cars we're used to seeing at this event. While there were actually many Lotuses, mostly Elevens, there were no Alfa TZ's or SZ's, and many others.

The 'Peyote Special' was there though; I don't know why. For those who have seen this car at a vintage event, you know what I mean. It must

have a unique history, but it is still the most b** ugly car there, a Triumph TR with a 'hand-built' aluminum body. 'Hand-built' as in someone who had absolutely no talent for sticking two pieces of metal together or creating a smooth eye-pleasing curved panel.

After seeing the very limited field, I have no clue why my '59 Seven was invited. It was not the experience that I remember and won't go again.



A trio of Elevens, but one was destined to throw a rod through the side of its Climax!

August Meeting

Friday, August 19th

Host: Jim McClure

Directions:

Calendar

August 19th	GGLC Meeting	Host: Jim McClure Cupertino
August 19-21	Monterey Historics and Lotus Corral	Laguna Seca
August 20	Pebble Beach Concourse	
August 27	Practice Autocross	Marina Airport
September 10	Practice Autocross	Marina Airport
September 10-11	All British Car Meet Saturday is a swap meet!	Palo Alto
September 13	Track Day	Thunderhill
September 16	GGLC Meeting	Host: John Zender
September 23-25	CSRG Race	Laguna Seca

Mike's editor

Great! Color sanding and polishing techniques...I've done some of this but I learned alot more here. Also, I got some neat stuff at our little swapmeet. You can see Mike Ostrov, in the photo to the left, starting the demonstration on an Elite bonnet, with the usual suspects looking on (I know, I should have taken their names and written them down. But then, someone else was supposed to write this article and send it!)

Also a note on an observation at the Wine Country Classic: Many of the vintage racing groups have been warning drivers that their cars would be checked for engine size and see if they were telling the truth on their entry forms, especially the group that runs the Wine Country and Historics. So many have had new engines installed lately. Also, many are now listing their cars with the true engine displacement. Trouble is, many of these cars didn't come with engines of the listed size. A winning Alfa GTA was 1750cc? A Bugeye with 1100cc? These cars, and many others never had these displacements. So, who's going to tell Steve Earle that many of his picks are cheater cars? OOps, shouldn't say that, right!



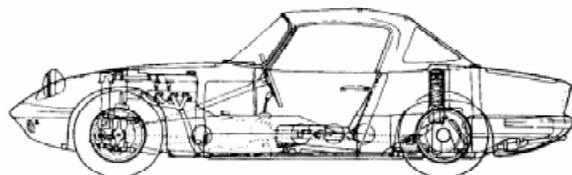
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Draw a line through the proper line of the PIR chicane. Now identify which Porsche Cup cars are on that line, and actually pointed in the correct direction. The first place car is apexing too early, but would have had to because he had been forced to take a careful and defensive line through turn one. The dark Porsche has had to go wide to avoid the mess but has no way around and ends up losing ground. The Porsche, just leaving turn one is hard on the brakes and doesn't take advantage of the mess. The three white Porsches end up finishing in approximately their current position.

I don't know why every one gripes about this chicane. Looks simple to me, just drive right over the Pi painted in the center. Shortest distance, right? Well, that used to be a gravel trap when first installed, and turn two was further out, to that dull line just passed the first car. That initial design was someone's sick joke, I assume. ed.



Is This The New Europa? Date: July 18, 2005

Spy shots and AutoCar magazine report new Europa in the making!

Spy photos have shown up on the web along with a report in AutoCar magazine (July 12, 2005) on a New Europa that is to introduced in less than a year's time. Reports have emerged of sighting of test mules running at Hethel and around the UK and in Malaysia. While the details are sketchy the mules have been spotted with EcoTec derived power, an engine Lotus is very familiar with having done most of the design and development of the engine for GM and fitting it in the Vauxhall VXR220 (2.0L Turbo) which Lotus designed, developed and produced for Vauxhall (GM). The new Europa is derived from an the Elise chassis and set to be more of a GT car. Entry is improved with lowered sills and taller cabin. The rear is enlarged to accommodate a larger boot.

Concorso Corral

"I would like to invite you and your club members to participate in the Concorso Italiano 20th Anniversary event in Monterey Bay, California on August 19th. As you may know, while maintaining a strong presence in the world of auto-enthusiasm as the largest Italian car show on earth, we also retain an impressive international collection of sports cars in our non-Italian corral, and we would love for Lotus to have a large representation there this year. The Concorso Corral is a famously fun and lively portion of the event, and in the interest of perpetuating this tradition, we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating our anniversary. I would like to send some non-Italian corral applications to your organization for distribution among your members. Please let me know where I can send them, and I will get them to you immediately- or better yet, direct your club members to visit our website to apply directly online so that we can get hangtag packets out to them as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your time."

Ashley Lauber
Event Coordinator
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Web site: <http://www.concorso.com>

Go to the website to check for prices, times, etc. Unfortunately, the cost is double to park in the corral at this late of a date. ed

Lotus Bytes:

editor, et al

News Release from Rich Hairston:
"The Jim Russell Racing School (<http://www.jimrussellusa.com/>) will host the finish of the grand 3,400-mile USA 2005 Sevens Tour (<http://www.badgerum.com/se7enstour/usa/index.html>) at Infineon Raceway, on

next column



Tuesday, October 4, 2005. British racing champion Jim Russell founded the racing school industry in 1957, and, after training many champions in the intervening years, the Russell School has now generously agreed to donate its facilities and services to provide Tour participants with a memorable driving experience on the "ultimate" US road circuit.

At midday on October 4th, at least 55 cars, from 10 countries across Europe and the Middle East, as well as the United States, will take to the track and drive the serpentine, undulating 2.52 mile, 12-turn Infineon circuit to wind up their 22-day, 3,400-mile USA Tour. After leaving Infineon the Tour participants will head out in convoy for the Golden Gate Bridge to San Francisco for their final evening in the USA.

Mark your calendar and watch here for more details. This promises to be the largest gathering of Sevens ever in the United States, with at least 55 Tour cars, plus the cars of US owners who come for the day. Plan to attend an unprecedented Sevens experience with Jim Russell Racing and the USA 2005 Sevens Tour."

EBay Watch:

editor

Car Guaranteed to have been blessed in the town where the current Pope was born! PS: the car is still in Germany but being sold through EBay USA, and with many bids. They probably don't realize that this car is going to be Very hard to bring here. LOL bidders!!

"1. The Car (Vauxhall/Opel — Speedster/VXR) 2. The Original Little Bottle from the Holy baptized Water from the Church 3. All this is confirmed with a document, and overwritten on the buyer. 4. All Original Photos to CD."



Also, a Seven clone with miata running gear almost sold when bid up to \$16K. The owner should have taken the money and run. That's getting close to the price of some much better used cars, even a used Caterham, which actually goes fast and handles !

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News Release: KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Shares of Malaysian national car maker Proton jumped as much as 8 percent Friday on speculation that Germany's Volkswagen AG will take control of the struggling automaker. Khazanah Nasional Bhd., the government's investment arm that owns 42.7 percent of Proton, is in talks with the Wolfsburg, Germany-based automaker to sell up to 30 percent of the Malaysian company, according to a person familiar with the talks. The deal could come with management control of Proton, the person said. Khazanah confirmed that discussions were being held on Proton's "proposed alliance with Volkswagen" but said it "does not have any plans at this point to divest all or part of its existing stake in Proton." However, it said it is seeking ways to enhance shareholder value. The possible equity sale followed Monday's removal of embattled chief executive Mahaleel Ariff, who has been at odds for months with Proton's board of directors over strategic issues such as the prospect of giving up majority control to a multinational manufacturer to counter foreign competition.

Yes this would possibly mean VW having controlling interest in Lotus, and maybe not such a bad thing. They have some great engines, while Lotus has the chassis, suspensions and bodies. ed

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - A Microsoft analyst has won an annual contest celebrating bad writing by comparing fixing carburetors to fondling a woman's breasts. "As he stared at her ample bosom, he day-dreamed of the dual Stromberg carburetors in his vintage Triumph Spitfire, highly functional yet pleasingly formed, perched prominently on top of the intake manifold, aching for experienced hands, the small knurled caps of the oil dampeners begging to be inspected and adjusted as described in chapter seven of the shop manual," went Dan McKay's winning entry in the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest.

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Valentino Rossi and Max Biaggi show their line thru the Corkscrew. /

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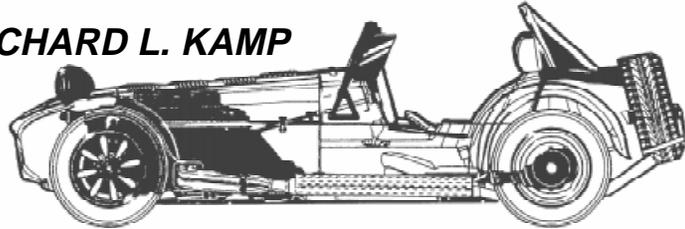
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