

The Chapman Report



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West Coast Lotus Meet

editor

At last, a story and photos on the West Coast Lotus Meet, from David Anderson.

The Chapman Report has been a bit thin lately, as the two major story contributors have been too busy at work to get anything to me. It's time for others to step up. Any stories or photos of Lotus or other car related events will be greatly appreciated.

On a similar note, I noticed that quite a bit of information and photos were posted on the net, on a daily basis. Possibly, this is the future: blogs, forums, and net sites of all types. Does even an electronic newsletter have a place here? I think that it does, as so much on the net is quick, but random and with no cohesion in any particular story or issue. I often have to wander through many pages of useless information and personal rants to get one bit of good info on my Elise via the web. And sorry, but I'm not interested in someone's 'bummer' day, driving his Lotus.

So, get some stories and photos to me. Please try to get the whole literary picture of an event. What other members or Lotus drivers were there, etc. Also, tech articles. Have you found a better way to fix or upgrade your car. Do we have the ultimate cup holder for a small car invented yet? If so, I need one.

I'm building better rear links for my Seven. Maybe good info for others out there.



The Beauty of Morro Bay photo by David Anderson

July Meeting

Friday, July 21st, 7:30 PM

Host: Jim McClure

Calendar

July 21	GGLC Meeting	Host: Jim McClure
July 22	Autocross	Marina Airport
July 23	MotoGP	Laguna Seca
July 24	GGLC Track Day	Thunderhill
August 18 - 20	Monterey Historics, Lotus Corral	
August 20	Pebble Beach Concours	

for more and up to date information these GGLC and other events check the GGLC website at www.gglotus.org

Ebay Watch:



Carter Alexander's Elite was bid to about \$26K and didn't meet reserve. The car dealer wanted too much, about \$50K, but this car has been driven for many years and will need restoration soon. The later Elite, below, did sell for \$4.6K. Clean, but not the most prized Lotus model !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Mel Boss, host of the June club meeting, smiling as the BBQ is enjoyed by all.

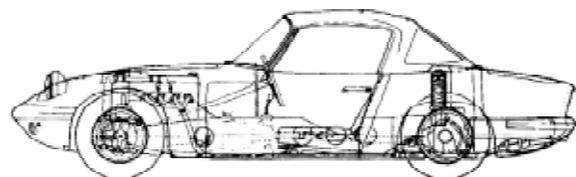
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West Coast Lotus Meet

by David Anderson

The 2006 West Coast Lotus Meet (put on by Club111, Randy Chase and Justin Singh chaired the event) with participation by GGLC and folks from Lotus Limited kicked off with a track day at Button Willow, but here we'll start here with the events at the small coastal town of Morro Bay. Folks started arriving Thursday evening at The Inn at Morro Bay, a very nice hotel/restaurant on Morro Bay. In sight of Morro Rock (from which the names derive).

Next door to a bird sanctuary, natural history museum and marina. The birds were **very** loud during the day! Cormorants, Herons, and others nesting in the trees. It was nesting season and the large nests were readily visible!

Friday a group headed to a wine-tasting and tour at Eberle Winery. 30 Elise, 2 Europa, several Esprit made a very nice parking-lot display as a backdrop to to the breathtaking views from the deck of the winery.

Wine tasting was followed by a lunch on the deck.

In the evening a reception for attendees was well attended and a place to renew friendships and make new ones.

Sector 111 and Coterie Press had booths lotus-philes could buy stuff :-)

Saturday was an organized tour of Hearst Castle. It had been years for since my last visit so we were surprised by the new the large reception center there.

But I skipped the tour and walked around the nearby town of Cambria: inland a mile from the coast, and schizophrenic in that the town is in 2 parts, north and south. But both parts were lovely in the sunshine and had plenty of fine restaurants. Elise, Esprit, and Europa(s) and an Elan or two were to be seen all over town.

Saturday evening was the event banquet featuring a talk by Colin Price and Malcolm Barnett representing Lotus Sport and a number of random-drawings with Lotus related goodies being given to the winners.

Bob Metz was reminding all and sundry that the 2007 WCLM is going to be the Lotus Owners Gathering (LOG) in Denver! You will be hearing more on this, so watch for the event notices...

Sunday dawned with rain! Most of the Lotuses came to Avila Beach Resort for a casual concours and award lunch. Some 30 Elise, 4 Europa perhaps 6 Esprit, 5? Elan (I did not really count, this is an approximation) were on hand for the group photo. The coast was very socked in with fog and at-times heavy rain. The cars were all carefully arranged on a large lawn and the morning-snacks and lunch were in a giant tent. Most of the viewing was from the tent: it was raining pretty hard most of the day!

After a buffet lunch the concours awards were presented by Randy Chase. Everyone was just a bit damp so folks headed home soon after lunch.

For some nice pictures visit www.club111.net



Dave Anderson, after possibly sampling the cellar on the left, attempts to extracate himself from an Elise. Is this harder or easier than the Europa, Dave? Ofcourse, one help is to never put your top on. After a long day at work, I find myself literally crawling out of my Elise. Still worth it! All photos compliments of Dave Anderson, with more photos on the next page. ed





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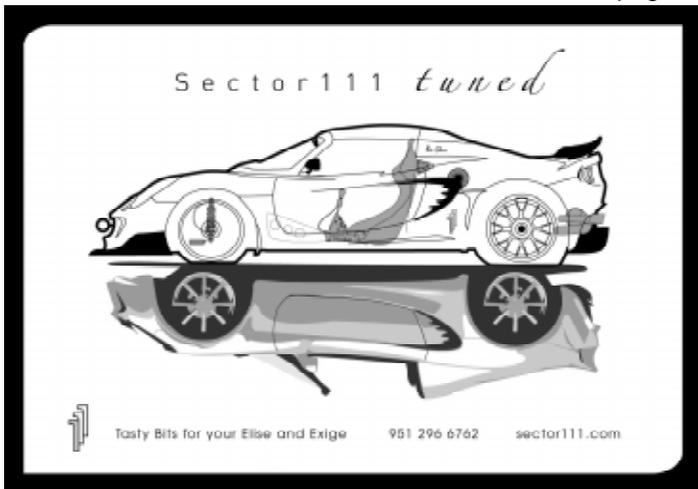
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Very little use, as I bought the car new in '77, then, within months, got sponsorship from Compomotive Wheels for my 23, gaining a set for the Esprit also. No dings, but the clearcoat has flaked in spots. Offers in the \$300. range? Mike McHugh (650)593-5040 ansonracecars@sbcglobal.net

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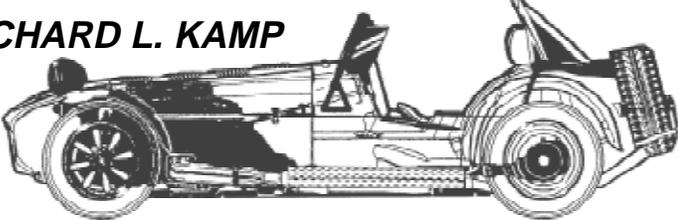
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