

The Chapman Report



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Track Day At Laguna *editor*

The track day looks to have been a great day, except for the driver of the Corvette in the bottom photo.

To the right is John Zender, himself, pushing the "Flamer" down the corkscrew.

Spring is closing fast, with CSRG running their first race of the year this month at Infineon. The first autocross at the Marina Airport will be on April 22nd, then another May 13th. HMSA will be at Laguna in April, also. May is the WCLM in Cambria/San Louis Obispo. The Palo Alto Concours announcing that all British cars would be the marque in June.

Oh, there was a trick along with the 'magic' talked about last month. I did buy Yoko A048's for \$100 each in the UK, but not the size for an Elise. I omitted the fact that they were for 12" diameter rims, for an early Mini Cooper. It will make this a nice autocrosser, though.

And check the latest info on the WCLM, inside.



March Meeting

Friday, March 17th, 7:30 PM

Host: David and Judy Anderson

Calendar

March 17	GGLC Meeting	@ Anderson's
March 22	Track Day	Thunderhill
March 24-26	CSRG Vintage Race	Infineon
April 22	Autocross	Marina Airport
May 13	Autocross	Marina Airport
May 18-21	Wes Coast Lotus Meet	Cambria, CA

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

Lotus Bytes:

From John Zender: The Golden Gate Lotus Club will be staging it's next open track event at Thunderhill Raceway on March 22. All types of cars are welcome. Entry is 145/165 member/non-member. You can become a member for \$25 if you like.

This event is limited to 60 cars.

From Kiyoshi on the track day: There were at least 35 Lotus there!
3-4 Sevens

2 Europas (David & John)

1 M100

2 Esprits + 2 more Esprits that came to watch. The rest were Elises

2006 GGLC Wall Calendar is now available!



2006 GOLDEN GATE LOTUS CLUB CALENDAR

The 11x17 calendar features a different photo each month of a GGLC member. The cover artwork is an original work by Christina Olsen of an Elise flying through the countryside. Priced at \$19.95 (plus shipping) the calendars are made available from CafePress. Profits from the calendar will be donated to a charity. Order yours today by visiting www.gglotus.org and go to the GGLC Shop.



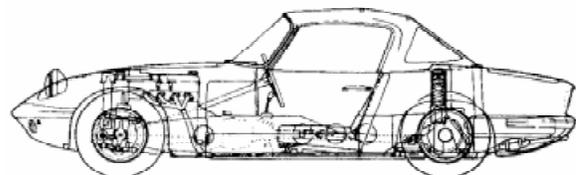
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A1 GP

by Greg Mitchel

Hey Guys,

I just got the enclosed email from the Hooked On Driving group. By the way, I still have my 67 Lotus 7 S3 (in parts – sigh). Sorry that I let my membership lapse, but I miss you guys. If you want to put a group together to see the GP, let's do it! We could even have a caravan down and stop at my place (between Gilroy and Watsonville just off Hwy 152 at Mt. Madonna Park in the Redwoods and a great drive) for refreshments, pick up tickets, and see some of my toys (1969 Can Am Lola T163, Lamborghini Miura, etc.). It could be a fun day and FREE!

Greg Mitchell

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM

HOD - Please take a moment to READ!!

Ground Floor Opportunity!!

Possibly the most exciting new racing series in the world – the A1 Grand Prix – the “World Cup of Motorsports,” with teams from 24 nations fielding identical Lola formula race cars, is appearing at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca next month from March 10-12. The feature race on Sunday the 12th, with Bryan Herta driving for the U.S. team and Patrick Carpentier driving for the Canadian team and other drivers like Jos Ver Stappen and Nelson Piquet, jr – might just be the best open wheel road race in the U.S. this year! If you haven't heard of this new series, you MUST check out the website at www.a1gp.com – HOD has assisted the American team with race logistics and in return, the team has said – bring on your HOD drivers, friends, family and guests!! They want fans to see this great show and they are aware that there has been a lack of publicity, as this is the inaugural A1 Grand Prix event in the U.S. ALSO - Team driver Bryan Herta, former IRL Co-Champion Scott Sharp and U.S. team owner Rick Weidinger are joining HOD for a reception Saturday night the 11th before the race. From 6:00 to 7:30pm, at the Embassy Suites in Seaside –

come, have appetizers, and a beverage, then meet, chat with, ask questions of these world class drivers and the team owner!! \$20 per person is to cover the costs of food and the meeting room. Register now and receive the comp tickets, and if you can make the reception, please check the box for this option as well. Note: There is NO limit on the comp tickets, as long as you know they'll be used – we want fans there to support the American team and appreciate this great new form of racing. If you have a club or group – we'll get you tickets!! Hope to see you there!

WCLM News

via *EliseTalk and Randy Chase*

Randy Chase: “Just another reminder. We have some things in development that will really be cool. Lotus will be involved and will be bringing some cars, including an Exige Cup Car. A dealership or two will be involved. We may even have a professional driver in attendance. Don't hold me to that.”

An incredible location. Great cars. Awesome scenery. Tasty wine and food. Wonderful roads. The best people. Do not miss this.

We will be opening up for reservations very soon, as in a couple days. But here is a head's up on the event. Event headquarters will be The Inn at Morro Bay.

May 18th. Thursday. Track Day at Buttonwillow Social get together Thursday night at Buttonwillow. This day is optional.

May 19th. Friday. Back country drive from Buttonwillow to the coast. Winery run with lunch and tasting. This day is optional. Friday night reception with snacks and drinks and welcome goodies.

May 20th. Saturday. Trip to Hearst Castle. Variety of drives up Highway 1 (Big Sur) and inland.

May 21st. Sunday. Concourse and awards Bar-B-Que get together.

There are limited rooms available at the Inn at Morro Bay so we will probably arrange at least one alternate lodge... and also list some more affordable choices for those who would rather spend the money on tires.

Rooms at the Inn will be \$120-240 per night. There are less expensive places in Morro Bay and we expect a number of people will be scattered around a bit.

We have arranged some group discount tickets to Hearst Castle.

More info to follow!”



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An Auto Affair and a Run “Round the Reservoir” by Mel Boss

The sun probably rose on schedule February 26th, but we sure didn't see it in the morning's gray skies, but at least it was not cold and stormy, and we all stayed dry for most of the run from Milpitas to Auto Affair in Danville. Twenty-five hardy souls turned out for the event, as we gathered in a parking lot near a Milpitas Starbucks off Calavaras Blvd exchanging lies and meeting new members.

Joel in his beautiful yellow Elan and I in my arrest-me red M100 lead the troupe around the Calavaras Reservoir, to Livermore via route 84, north up Collier Canyon Road and over the back roads into Danville. We were two M100s, one Elan, three Esprits, two Ferraris and a gaggle of Elises (and zero Europas) - about 16 cars by my count.

The reservoir road is narrow but smooth and well banked with plenty of switchbacks, and the scenery is a treat this time of year when the Maui-green hills contrast against the normally-blue California skies and the reservoir far below. Our drive was sedate, as the Armco, ridges, cliffs and trees are unforgiving to the over-exuberant and unfamiliar. If you don't believe that, you can read in the *Mercury News* every year about some of the unlucky ones who are fished out of the 100-foot dropoffs that are adjacent to the sometimes gravel-dusted, blind turns – more than two hundred of them over the ten most challenging miles. We also had to share the road with more bicyclists that one would expect on a rain-threatened Sunday morning. Not until the end of the “twisties” did we encounter a rude and clueless driver who poked around the turns and would not pull over to let us pass. Some of us passed anyway... The Rt. 84 passage to Livermore bypasses the boring 680/580 option, and we were treated to green, rolling hills all the way into Danville as we drove the undulating back roads southeast of Mt. Diablo, which sported a hardy snow covering just one week prior.

We pulled into Danville's Livery shopping center ten minutes after noon, and parked near Miguel Cela's AutoAffair as the rain that had trickled for the last ten minutes of our run continued to dampen the day – but not quite enough to thoroughly wet the roadways. It was just enough rain to make us turn on our windshield wipers to the intermittent mode. At the store, Miguel had a pizza lunch for us and he planned for a demonstration of the application of the “invisible bra” on a yellow Elise, but the wet weather made the demo impossible. Bummer. The product is made by 3M, but the real art of it is in its application, and the work that Miguel has done is as good as it gets, and he is offering GGLC members a significant discount off the going price. Miguel is a new club sponsor, and his first

ad will appear in April's *Chapman Report*. He is also planning a major gathering of exotics on Sunday, April 29th at his store location for a \$35 exhibitor's fee, and more information and registration forms can be obtained by calling his store – (925) 838-2488.

All in all, it was a really good way to spend the first half of a Sunday – like going to church, but we didn't have to dress up, and we could tell lies among our friends and smile all the while.





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Ebay Watch *editor*

Prices appear to still be down on many cars. The Elise has definitely effected the Caterhams and other Seven derivations, though these are really a different driving experience.

Used Elises will continue to be on the block, as owners realize that they are not Lotus drivers. One owner was complaining on Club 111 Elise Talk that his car was not as fast in the quarter mile as he had expected, and maybe he should have bought the 'Vette'. Well, in my opinion, he should buy the Vette and sell his Elise to someone who wants a car made for the 'twisty' bits and not just straight 'off the line' acceleration. Wait until he finds out how many parts break from constant drag race starts, on any car, let alone constant tire purchases. 'Take the bus and leave the real driving to us!'

More Classifieds

WANTED: Lotus Elan+2. I am looking to buy a +2, would prefer Weber head car, that is all there. All cars considered. Projects, mechanical problems, needs to put together, needs paint or interior OK. Although would be nice to get a driver for once. I am in southeastern Arizona, better if car is in southwest but all cars considered. For right deal or car would ship. Thanks. vukosj@msn.com or phone 520-378-4665 ask for Steve. (3/06)

Ror Sale: 1971 Lotus Elan Series 4 Roadster, Body-off restoration in 1996 by Rich Kamp Kampeña Motors, Engine rebuilt to Big Valve specs- ~120HP, Beautiful bodywork and paint by Bob Groat, New vinyl top and tonneau, New upholstery, including door panels, Four-point racing seat belts and shoulder harnesses, New wiring harness, New African Rosewood dashboard, New dashboard rocker switches, Up-rated springs (30% stiffer than stock) w/adjustable perches, Adjustable shocks- Koni on rear, Spax on front, Rear shocks rebuilt in 2005, Photos of restoration process, Many original Elan road test reports, Reprint of the original Elan sales brochure, Many other Lotus Elan books and Lotus memorabilia included.,

\$25,000 or make offer, Earl McCowen- 415-924-4280, emccowen@yahoo.com (3/06)

For Sale: Lotus Europa SP Race Car (#19). Unique car for someone who wants to learn to drive a fast mid engine car without the hassle of class rules. 2001 SFR Super Production champion. 1:35's at Laguna, 1:54's at Thunderhill. Motec injected Cosworth, all the right stuff but still a Lotus. Car is well sorted and documented. Some spares. Comes with lightweight custom single axle trailer. \$20k or best offer. Call Mike (408)891-5833 or email, mikeohm7@earthlink.net (3/06)

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For Sale: '05 Elise, 25k miles fully loaded, premium alloy wheels Beautiful RED with Tan Leather, well cared for, Security system, asking \$39,000 East Bay Location, Jim Rose, call me at my cell (510) 390-1416 (12/05)

For Sale: '77 Esprit Wolfrace (original) Wheels for sale 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?

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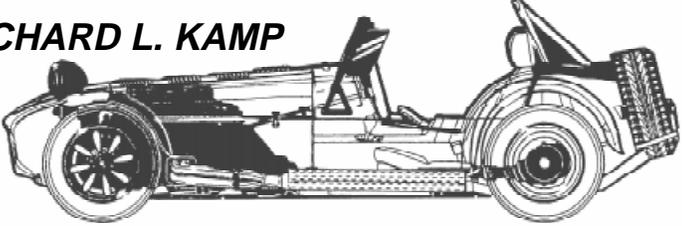
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For Sale: '69 s4 fixed head. please feel free to call me a 805-559-7772. thanks, david

FOR SALE: Lotus Europa. Too many projects and zero time. S2 with 39,000 orig miles. The engine is dead. There are many xtra parts new brakes, calipers etc. new alum radiator - used 352 Twin Cam trans, Konis and very rare 8 spoke Sebring wheels (real mag). I'm asking \$3,000. Brett Mac Donald 626-339-0871 (3/06)

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