

The Chapman Report



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Walk On The Wet Side *editor*

OK, the rain at the Marina Autocross got everyone driving a bit slower, but probably learned more about their cars handling and how to be more precise in steering and power inputs. I don't think that I saw any car do a 180.



The tough job was working the corners, at least for two sessions when the skies really dumped. The majority of the day was just damp. It was still fun and worth going.

We also had some Lotuses at the Hooked On Driving School and I heard it went well. I have no further info or any photos.



We also had the Half Moon Bay Dream Machines show, but I received no info or photos????? I can't go to all of the events, so others have to help with this some times.



May Meeting, Bar-B-Que and Sierra Tour

Sunday, May 20th, 9:00 am

Host: Don & Bette Nester Sonora

We will meet and start this wonderful day of Lotus-ing in the Sierra Foothills in Livermore at the Starbucks at 4333 1st St, Livermore, CA

Directions: East on 580, Exit at First, left into shopping center after Los Positas Rd (before Mines).

The May GGLC meeting will be held at Don & Bette Nesters in Sonora (not far off Hwy 49). The day will begin by meeting in Livermore with a departure of 9:45 am. We'll then drive up to Sonora, grab some lunch, do some backroads touring and then stop at a winery. Then we'll head to the Nesters for a BBQ and the GGLC "meeting".

Please RSVP by 5/15 by emailing to webguy-at-gglotus.org

Lotus Bytes:

editor

One contributor to Elise

Talk wrote: "the list of 'touchy' subjects appears to be growing daily. i can understand why GW, GWB, guns and immigration can cause a bit of anger and consternation among the e-talk constuents, but recently i've noticed that miatas and oil/gas additives also draw some serious

heat. At this rate, only threads discussing a part number, track events, technical problems, body damage, britney spears and scientology are going to remain "family-friendly.":)"

A number of people flood this site with heated personal attacks now. A few admitted they don't even own a Lotus. Too Bad they can't just go to the Craig's List Rants&Raves site.

What else? My wife needed me to fix the mailbox the same

day as the Autocross. **Mission Accomplished!** Palo Alto Concours is in June! So guess what car is the featured For-



Calendar

- May 12 M100 Drive SJ to Danville
- May 18-20 CSRG Vintage Thill
- May 26 Tech Session Mike Ostrov's
- June 1-3 WineCountry Classic Infineon
- June 9 Tech Session Mike Ostrov's
- June 10 Hayward Field Meet Hayward
- June 10 Auto Affair Show Danville
- June 24 Palo Alto Concours

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

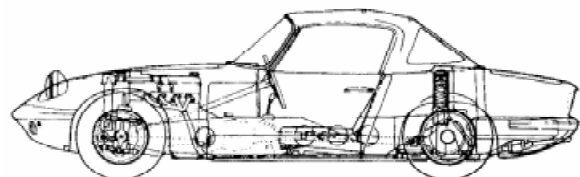
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East Bay Run

Joel Lipkin

East Bay Run / Winery Visit / No-host Lunch — Saturday, May 12.

We gather at the weekly Santana Row informal car show on Saturday, May 12 and leave for a run in the east bay hills around 10-10:30 AM. After re-gathering at the historic Elliston Winery in Sunol (with some time to sample their fine wines) we'll proceed to a no-host lunch at the Piatti restaurant in Danville. The Piatti restaurant is about 1/4 mile from I-680 at the Sycamore Valley Rd. exit. I expect lunch will wrap up around 2 PM.

Reservations will be needed for lunch—Please contact Joel 925-961-0400 if you plan to attend.

I originally set this up for the local M100 guys on LotusElanCentral, and hopefully a few of them will make it, but I think it's also a good idea to open it up to everyone who might be interested.

Autocross *misc info*

Hello. STOA (Sunbeam Tiger Owners Association) has two autocrosses scheduled this year. The dates are below and your club is welcome. Please post in your newsletter and website. Setup starts at 7AM and the first car is out as soon as the setup is done. Cost is \$40 per person and we hope to have 8-12 runs each. Sunday, April 22
Sunday, Sept. 23

Lotus 72 To Be Sold *Piston Heads*

H&H has consigned the first Lotus 72 Grand Prix car for its sale at Kempton Park Race-course on 25 July.

The firm describes the history of R1 -- the first of the classic and extremely successful racecar series which went on to debut the famous black and gold John Player livery -- as follows:

"Chassis R1 made its debut at the Spanish Grand Prix of 19 April 1970 in John Miles' hands. It was soon apparent that the model's complex suspension was overly ambitious but, while the sister car of eventual 1970 world champion Jochen Rindt (the sport's only posthumous champion) was swiftly and extensively modified, the Miles car only received partial modification. Despite that he achieved seventh place in the Dutch GP and eighth position in the French event.

"Approached by established privateer Rob Walker to build a car for Graham Hill, Lotus converted R1 to a 'parallel' suspension set-up (akin to that found on Rindt's reconfigured and victorious R2) before re-numbering it as R4. Driven by Hill in the Oulton Park Gold Cup as well as the Canadian, American and Mexican Grand Prix, the single-seater was retired from works duty at the season's end. It then briefly passed through the hands of Swiss ace Jo Siffert before being purchased by double World Champion



Emerson Fittipaldi for display purposes.

"British international historic car dealer Adrian Hamilton repatriated R4 in 1985 and sold it to computer magnate John Foulston, whose Haslemere Sports Cars concern restored it and equipped it with a brand new Cosworth DFV engine. The last person to race it was Foulston's wife Mary. It has not been used since the early 1990s and will therefore need recommissioning."

We've smashed the PH piggy bank this morning but a competitive bid looks increasingly unlikely. Let's just hope the new owner gets it back to rude health and we all get the chance to hear that DFV crackle and scream at a circuit sometime soon...



Mike's Place

Saturday, May 26 10:00 start time, RSVP required to Mike at: mikeostrov@webtv.net or (510) 232-7764. Will do some paint and polish work, suspension alignment with the Gunson Trackrite toe-in gauge and other Lotus tune up fun: ie compression testing, leak down test, etc. Hope to have Keith Franck on site to perform his Weber magic.

Shop is at: 4119 Santa Rita Rd El Sobrante, CA 94803 (510) 222-6437. 10:00 am start time. The topics are open to suggestions. We all usually take a lunch break at one of the local sandwich shops. Remember to bring a folding chair along with any 'show & tell' piece or fiberglass offering you may want to bring.

Directions From Highway 80: Exit at San Pablo Dam Road, bear right onto the Dam Road into El Sobrante (2 miles or so). Left turn onto Appian Way (Light controlled and Olivers ACE Hardware store on the left).

First right onto Santa Rita Rd (Grocery store on the corner). Shop is third building on the left with gravel driveway.

LOG *by Scott Hogben*

For anyone who has been interested in shipping their Lotus to LOG but has been debating based on lack of details, I'll try to fill in the blanks for you.

Cost so far is \$1225 per car but this cost could vary a little based on cost of fuel in August.

Cars will be departing from John Zender's house in Mountain View on Tuesday, August 21st (the Tuesday prior to the event) and will be dropped off at the hotel in Aspen on Thursday the 23rd. **You should plan to drop off your car on Monday the 20th, or by 9 AM on the 21st at John Zender's house.**

The plan is to have a GGLC member there at the hotel parking lot to help the driver of the truck with any unloading. You will be responsible for picking your car up on Thursday, or having someone pick the car up at that time at the Silvertree Hotel. Due to the size of the truck and the road into the hotel, the trailer will drop the cars off in the "Rodeo Lot" which is about 2-miles away from the hotel and close to the main road. The hotel will provide a shuttle for people from the hotel to the parking lot.

Return from Aspen will be similar. You must have your car at the Rodeo Lot of the Silvertree Hotel on the Monday after the event for pickup. Approximately 48hrs later, you will need to arrange pick-up of the car from

the Zender Pleasure Palace in Mountain View or risk the inevitable "test drive" of your Elise, Elan, Esprit, or what have you, by John and possibly myself. Be aware that both of us are very easy on clutches but very hard on tires and brakes.

The number of people who sign up for this arrangement will determine its fate. In order to avoid hassles for everyone involved, we are setting a deadline of July 15th to sign up. If we do not have the correct number of cars to fill the trailer, we will cancel the trailer and you will be responsible for making alternative arrangements to get to Aspen.

Please be aware that this is non-refundable. If by chance, you have signed up and are suddenly unable to go AFTER the deadline has passed, you will be committed to paying the full amount as we will be financially obligated to the transportation company.

If you are considering this option, please let me know as quickly as possible by emailing me at events@gglotus.org.





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Hayward Car Meet editor

This event is unfortunately on the same day as the Danville event. This is run by the bay area Mini Club and is held at Cal State Hayward (East Bay U.?). It is for all British cars and usually has a parts flea market also. The last one I was at, the charge to display your car was \$20. Free parking and viewing, and I usually find a deal on some old part to put on one of my cars.

Danville Car Show press release

You are being invited to apply for exhibiting your automobile(s) at the AutoAffair Show on Sunday, June 10, 2007. Last year our event raised enough funds to send a full container of wheelchairs to Latin America. This year, AutoAffair will help to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Children's Foundation.

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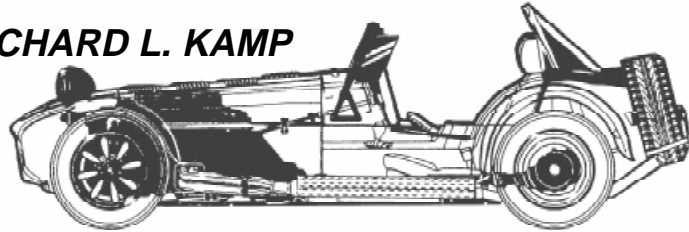
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Wanted: for Lotus Elan +2. Spyder chassis new or used. Good upper and lower front control arms, rear control arms, and "sills" under doors. Will pay to ship from anywhere in the country or if close enough will pick up. Steve Vukobratovich (southeastern Arizona) PH#520-378-4665 e-mail vukosj@msn.com (4/07)

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