

The Chapman Report



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Mel's Diner *by jim mcclure, editor*

What a GREAT DRIVE on the way to the October meeting, and a GREAT host and hostess, Mel and Darlene Boss.

We started from the McDonalds in Milpitas and proceeded on a nice twisty road to the meeting site. Stopping along the way at a local winery for a quick tasting. Among the drivers were Kiyoshi and Laura in their new S2 Elise, me in my 'rebodied' +2 Elan, Mel Boss in his M100, Joel Lipkin, Roy Nakamura in his Esprit, Mark Wiens in the blue 91SE Esprit, Alex & Sabrina on the V-Strom bike and Joe Dyer in an eight series BMW, who said my Lotus was so loud that he couldn't hear his stereo! There were others on the drive and at the meeting, but I'm sorry to be out of names and space. Thanks to all!

This proved to be a good option and was well attended, a Saturday for a meeting in the East Bay, as driving that direction on a Friday nite is almost impossible. I expect this to be used in the future.

Nominations made at the meeting for the following 2005 club officers now follow. **President and Vice-President (second in votes):** Jerry Bassler, Roy Nakamura, Scott Hogben, and Adrian Cocroft. **Secretary:** Jon Rosner. **Events Chair:** John Zender. **Treasurer:** Laura Hamai. **Attendance Chair:** Faisal. **Vote** at Nov Meeting.



Start of the run: Kiyoshi with Mel Boss, Laura Hamai with Joe Dyer.

November Meeting

Friday, November 19th, 7:30 pm

Host: Kiyoshi & Laura's



November 6	Fiberglass Seminar or other casual activities	Host: Mike Ostrov
November 19	Monthly Meeting Palo Alto	Host: Kiyoshi
December 5	Annual Toy Rally	Fremont
December 11	Holiday Party San Mateo	Romano's Macaroni Inn

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David Anderson, GGLC Membership.
1966 Elan, 1972 Europa



Two Elise's parked at the winery during the drive to Mel Boss' house, as the drivers taste very moderate amounts of the offerings.....Honest, very modest!

Club111/GGLC Halloween Meet & Drive

By Kiyoshi Hamai

Gathering Crowd

Having one Lotus in a parking lot can cause a stir, imagine then having 13, INSTANT car show with LOTS of people! One passerby called a few friends and told them to bring their cameras. Within a few hours photos from the line of Lotus were up on a on-line forum for Mustang enthusiasts. For the next hour and half the cars were rarely without someone checking them out, cars full of people would slowly drive down the aisle, too often nearly running down a pedestrian who like the driver was paying more attention to the line of Lotus.

Attendees:

MattG (Matt) – Magnetic Blue Elise
Perryeyges (Perry) – HRM Chrome
Orange Elise
Modern Wedgie (Lillie) – Saffron Yellow
Elise
svllotus (Simon Lee) – Ardent Red Elise
TinTin (Colm Gavin) – Saffron Yellow
Elise
Doma (Dominic) – Saffron Yellow Elise
Chococar (Joe) – Saffron Yellow Elise
Sandmuseum (Michael) – Storm
Titanium Elise
yagobob (Bob) – Artic Silver Elise
Khamai (Kiyoshi) – Magnetic Blue Elise
Roy – Pearl White Esprit
Lox – Red Esprit
Mark – Norfolk Mustard M100 Elan
Others (new Elise owners in waiting):
Apkom (Alexander) – MR2
LarryB (Larry) – MR2
Lbonham (Larry) –
JonM3Coupe (Jon) – E36 M3

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The Run

The first leg was very short, just enough to get up into the coastal mountains and out of heavy Sunday traffic. In smaller groups of 3-5 cars we headed out of the shopping center and onto Hwy 92. Turning west we went toward Half Moon Bay and then turned left onto Skyline Blvd and stopped at the Vista Point to gather the group.

The sight of 4 Saffron Yellow Elise in a line was impressive and certainly caught a lot of attention. We headed south down Skyline up onto the ridge with San Francisco Bay to our left. As we climbed the road twisted through tall stands of redwoods that blocked the sunlight.

Just past Alice's Restaurant (not the one made famous by Arlo Guthrie) we turn right onto Hwy 84 – La Honda Road. In the next 16 miles we dropped down through the redwoods and down into the foothills where the road

opened up to fast 70-80 mph sweepers. We quickly got to Hwy 1 – Cabrillo Hwy and turned left. The weather was perfect, a bit breezy, but sunny and very clear.

We ran down the coast and pulled into Pescadero State Beach and found a adequate open area in the parking area for all of us to gather and set-up a group photo opportunity. The next 15 minutes there was little talk and lots of picture taking! A group of 5 guys on sport bikes showed up and checked out the cars and chatted it up with us. At the beach stop were the Lotus belonging to Modern Wedgie, Domo, Apkom, MattG, LarryB, SandsMuseum, Mark, Roy and Khamai.

We then mounted our steeds and headed out back to Woodside by way of Pescadero Rd., Alpine Rd. and Hwy 84. Pescadero Rd. is county road and was a bit rougher, but then

it rises up into the redwoods and the road gets really fun. We had little traffic, just a Pick-up that pulled over and let the line of Lotus through and a Sheriff going the other direction.

Domo's yellow Elise was behind me and it was great fun to watch him in my mirror coming out of the corners. Anyway, we came up on some heavy traffic and a couple of CHP helping a biker who had clearly gone down.

Once in Woodside, some had to run off, and others stopped for some final goodbyes.

Next? This meet and run proved that simple casual events are just as much fun as larger more organized events like track days and autocrosses. It easy to meet, get a coffee or drink together and find some fun roads to drive! We'll do this again; the roads are calling to us!



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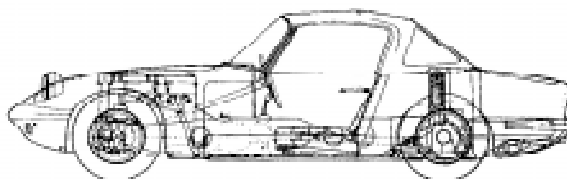
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LOG 24

by Kiyoshi

Day 2 - Sept 11, 2004 – Tech Seminar, Concours, Barber Museum & Banquet

Highlights from the LCU Tech & Info Session

Dave Simkin, Western Technical Rep with LCU shared some interesting points about the Elise:

- Toyota performance parts will not work with the Elise engine. Lotus is working on performance parts especially designed for the Elise.
- A/C Freezes up. The cause is that the evaporator core freezes up because the temperature sensor at the evaporator core is improperly located. LCU will be alerting dealers in the next week or so and will get the systems fixed. Temporary “fix” is to either turn the temperature control up slightly or manually cycle the system - when the core freezes up, turn off the A/C off (button) with the fan on. As the core thaws air will begin to flow and after a few minutes you can turn the A/C on again.
- Normal cam lift is 7.0mm. At 6200 rpm the cam lift increases to 11.4mm IN & 10.0mm EX. Cam timing is advanced as well.
- 90 dealer tech reps have been trained.
- Avoid 2 post lifts. Due to the weight distribution of the Elise there is a greater chance that the Elise will be off balance on a 2 post lift and fall OFF!
- 5W40 Texaco Havoline is currently the ONLY recommended oil. Change to this at 1K service.
- Lotus has just finished developing a nose chip protector. These are poly-carbonate units that can be painted and slip over the air deflectors and protect them from curb marring. Should be at dealerships within 60 days.
- Early Elises were not fitted with a wiring harness that will accommodate driving lights without modification to the harness.
- A Lotus Driving Experience will be announced later this year and begin next year.
- Dealers will be able to offer a 2-year, 24Kmi extended warranty. This warranty will come with and without roadside service.

There were about 50-60 folks in the audience many of which were Esprit owners. I can imagine that some were perhaps taken aback or felt that LCU was now looking past the Esprit as 95% of the seminar was about the Elise. Needless to say Dave continued to rib me about my warranty and volunteered that I'd take folks out on the track with new car. All in good fun, but I did get one or two comments from about why I was being singled out for the “abuse”. After I explained the relationship they got the joke.

Concours and Barber Museum

It was then off to the Concours at the Barber Motorsport Park. Somehow I got confused about the meeting place for the caravan over to the Park and Laura and I soloed our way there. We ran into Chris, Barry (silver Elise) and Clyde (LCU) at a service station near the entry to the Park. Seemed that a stone had flown over the windscreen of Barry's Elise and struck the backlight shattering it into bits! Quite frightening, but he and his wife were safe. Fortunately there was a coin-op vacuum at the station and we were able to clean out the bits of glass.

Once cleaned up the four Elises scooted up the road and into the Park. We were directed to LOG Concours area and parked in tidy row. It was quite an entry as the sight of the four cars turned most every head in the gathering of 100+ Lotus.

The Barber Motorsport Park is undeniably a MUST SEE for any motorsport enthusiast and even more so if you're a Lotus enthusiast!!! This facility is the dream made reality of George Barber, a multi-billionaire who's family made their fortune in the dairy industry and real estate. Barber has collected over 900 motorcycles and has the largest private collect of racing Lotus in the world.

Originally he housed his collection in a warehouse in downtown Birmingham, but out grew the building and set out to put the collection in a proper museum. What he has built was is monument, 5 floors of cars and bikes from all ages. Every car and bike with a few exceptions can be driven or ridden. Problem was, where to ride/drive them? The solution was to build a 2.3-mile 14-turn road course!

The entire facility is incredibly clean and well manicured. Not the dusty, dry types of racecourse we are all too familiar with in the west. Grass, trees, parking for spectators, RTVs, everything imaginable for a viewing and participating in motorsports.

Anyway back to the LOG Concours, there were some wonderful cars there. Doc Bundy's old World Challenge Esprit was there along with the new Hyper-Sport V8 Esprit racer. There were four MkVIs, a few Elites, Sevens, along with a Birkin and a number of Caterhams, a handful of Elans and about 8-10 Europas, by far at least half the cars were Esprits.

It was quite hot and humid in the sun so Laura and I elected to walk up to the Barber Museum and not only see the exhibits, but get into the air conditioning!

Walking into the Museum you are struck by its open airy feeling. Just to the right of the entry was a Lotus 29 driven by Dan Gurney at Indy, behind that were a Lotus 105, 107, 99T and 97T. Adding to these Lotus F1 cars were scattered through the

Goodwood Revival

by Jim McClure

This is by far my favorite vintage event of the year. Frankly, it makes the Monterey Historics look like a minor club race. The combination of very competitive motor racing, historic aircraft displays, moving WWII military displays and the ambiance created by both the spectators and entrants is overwhelming.

Please go to this event, while staying on the channel coast, the Salisbury plain or the Cotswold hills for the complete experience.

A short list of just some of the prominent drivers competing in the event: Richard Attwood, Derek Bell, Bob Bondurant, Sir Jack Brabham, Jude Law, Jochen Mass, Allan McNish, John Morton, Sir Stirling Moss, Adrian Newey, Jackie Oliver, Augie Pabst, Patrick Tambay, Andy Wallace and Desire Wilson (the only woman to have won an F1 race).

A list of the great cars entered? Too long to even think about listing.

The best race of the weekend? For me it was the St. Mary's Cup Saloon Race, where an Austin A35 came from the back to win and take 'best drive of the event', also. Also my favorite because I have one of these cars and am preparing it for vintage rallye and race events.

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"Don't break the Jaguar or run over the smaller Saloon Cars, now". The race steward to Derek Bell. Derek had a fine drive, but a missing fan belt put him at the back of the pack. The race was won by an Austin A35. Hey, I've got one of those!



Another one of the 'flavors' of vintage treats offered at the Goodwood event. How many of you remember 'Quadorphenia'?



Two ladies, properly dressed for the Goodwood paddock. In the background, two equally beautiful Ferraris. The 250LM would run with no problems, while the Dino 265SP would crash slightly on Saturday and stay in the paddock on Sunday.

The 2004 Goodwood Revival was considered the best yet with an attendance of 103,000 over the three days of the event, an increase of 9,000 up on last year. With fabulously sunny weather all over the weekend and exciting racing on Saturday and Sunday.

Special Awards:

Rolex Driver of the Day:

Rae Davis (Austin A35 – St. Mary's Trophy)

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Spirit of Goodwood Trophy:

Graham Bryant and Bill Shepherd (AC Cobra – Royal Automobile Club TT Celebration)

Best Presented Team:

Larry Bowman and his Shelby Team

Fastest Lap of the Meeting:

Frank Sytner (Lola-Chevrolet T70 Spyder – 1:24.948)

Fastest Lap by a Lady Driver:

Desire Wilson (AC Cobra)

Will Hoy Memorial Trophy:

Grant Williams (Jaguar MkI)

Check their website:
www.goodwood.co.uk for complete information and photos.

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GGLC Holiday Dinner by Kiyoshi

When: Saturday, December 11, 2004 - 7:30 for cocktails, dinner at 8:00 pm

Where: Romano's Macaroni Grill
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Please note your entrée selection at the time you RSVP.

Do not forget to bring a White Elephant gift for the GGLC Holiday Gift Exchange. Your gift must come from your garage, be something you DON'T want and be wrapped and car related if possible. (Please nothing dirty, as we're all dressed up. Thanks, ed)



Rae Davis, tweaking the winning Austin A35, which won the Sunday Saloon Race by besting Derek Bell, Justin Law, Alan McNish and others



This crash ended the racing day, Sunday. This is one of the GT 40's that crashed last year, also.



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'74 Europa, low mileage in original rare shade of green (Lotus designation L17 - no one seems to know what it is). Mechanically excellent after some much needed TLC. The only things that don't work are the windshield washer motor and the thermo-fan (otter) switch, which has gotten a little sporadic so I just by-passed it. All the gauges work, as do all the lights. Car starts easily, runs well and tracks straight, and sounds, well, like a great Lotus Twin Cam should.....sold for almost \$10k.

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Another '05 Elise sold, from a dealer in New Jersey. \$49k, yellow but no special options.

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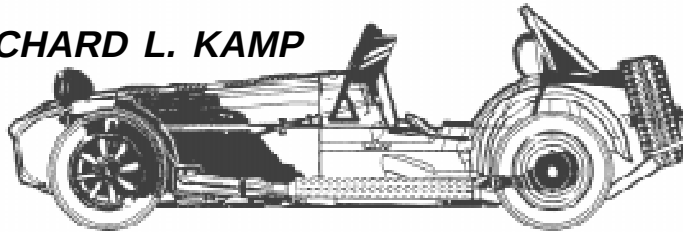
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