The Chapman Report

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SF Auto Show

editor

Yes, in our humble opinion, the GGLC had the best display of the entire auto show. Actually, there were many visitors to the show with the same opinion.

The hit of the display appeared to be the 1963 Elite of Frans Nelson. It is absolutely immaculate, but most people were amazed that such a beautiful design could have been created so many years ago.

But we had may examples of classic Lotuses:

1959 Lotus 11 of Richard Ruff
1959 Lotus 7a of James McClure
1960 Lotus 18 of Jack and Judy Fitzpatrick
1963 Lotus 7 of Tony Bates
196- 7 chassis of Franklin Rudolph
1963 Lotus 23 of Stan Rinne
1966 Lotus Cortina of Bruce Miller
1966 Lotus 41 of Kiyoshi Hamai
196- Lotus Elan of Kiyoshi Hamai
1972 Lotus Elan of David Anderson
1970 Lotus Europa of Tom Carney
1980 Lotus Esprit of John Zender
1991 Lotus Elan M100 of Mel Boss

Many others donated their time, and we want to thank them, along with the above. This was quite a concession for many to take the time and energy to show their car. The length of time and the logistics of Moscone Center made this more of and effort than driving to the local concours for the day. I'm hoping that they, like me, now see this effort as worth it to show the public what wonders can come from a small car company from England.

Holiday Dinner/December Meeting

Saturday, December 10th,

Host: **Capellini Ristorante**
310 Baldwin Ave.
San Mateo, 94401

Calendar

December 4	Toy Rallye Check the Website for complete details.....Great Fun!!!	Fremont
December 10	Annual Xmas Party Ristorante, San Mateo Check the Website for complete information. Prices there soon.	Capellini
January 20	GGLC Meeting Cherie Carney; and Christmas Tree!	Host: Tom &
February 20	GGLC Track Day John Zender gets us there and will put on a great event, as usual!	Laguna Seca

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

Wine Tour Photos

Club Officers for 2006

The elections for the 2006 GGLC Officers are closed. Members that attended the gala opening of the San Francisco Auto Show logged their choices and the poor b*stards that are to be dubbed officers in 2006 are:

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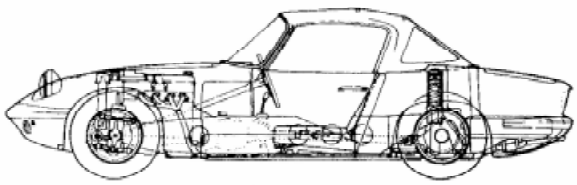

Untouched Lotus 7 Found in Barn! *Editor*

OK, there are no barns down here in Cupertino, so how about a garage, where it's been parked for the last ten years.

It is a Seven, though one of the less sought after Series IV's. That does mean that it has more leg room, though. It has the big valve twin cam with Strombergs. Very original, with very little fiberglass crazing. It actually turned over and started, with one of my batteries connected and lots of starting fluid. The carbs would not allow it to keep running and will need a rebuild. It can be expected that other systems will have to be dealt with. You just can't let a car sit for ten years and expect it to be just as you left it.

And, it is for sale. There will be more information in next month's Chapman Report, along with a classified ad.

Toy Rallye *by Kiyoshi*

GGLC & TRC Present The Toy Rallye Dec 4, 2005 Benefit Car Rallye to collect toys for needy families. Time: 11-4 (Registration is open from 11-1pm, rallye should finish by 4pm) Where: Start is located in Fremont in the parking lot at Hugo Dr and Ice House Terrace off of Auto Mall Parkway between Fremont Blvd and the 680 freeway Entry Donation: One new, unwrapped toy (worth at least $15). Receipts available upon request. Toys are donated to EHC LifeBuilders (formally known as Emergency Housing Consortium). The GGLC has been co-presenting the Toy Rallye since the mid-70s! The Toy Rallye is an A-B Rallye.

Wine Tour

by Kiyoshi Hamai

Surprisingly it's been a couple years since the GGLC has had a wine tour. But, the occasion arose this past April when Laura and I attended a fund raiser with a silent auction and bid on and won a private wine tour and tasting at the Byington Winery in the Santa Cruz mountains. Our first thought after winning the tour was, "Okay, we won, but do we have 30 friends that we can invite?" It's a good thing our second thought was, "it will make a cool club event!"

The Byington Winery is a small family owned winery that is known for their Pinot Noir. Located on Bear Creek Road about halfway between Hwy 17 near Los Gatos and Boulder Creek. We set the tour for an 11am start and figured we arrange for a short run up the hills via some backroads.

8 cars met at the Rancho Shopping Center in Los Altos on Foothill Expressway. In the group were Tom and Cherie Carney (Europa), Mel and Darlene Boss (M100), Harvey and Cynthia Laskey (Esprit Turbo), Mark and Renee Alloy (M100), Brandon and Sue Burke (Elan), Grant and Angie Larson (Morgan), Alex Komlik with his sister, Natasia visiting from the Ukraine (Elise) and, of course us. We picked up some picnic supplies at the shopping center and headed out going south on Foothill.

Our route avoided freeways and we continued on Foothill as it became Stevens Canyon. Following Stevens Canyon past the reservoir we turned right to continue on Stevens Canyon, up through some beautifully forested two-lane and then left onto Redwood Gulch.

Redwood Gulch narrows to a single lane just before Hwy 9. We turned right onto Hwy 9 and continued up the hill to the summit. At Skyline (Hwy 35) we turned left and passed a WHOLE bunch of C5 Corvettes gathered in the summit rest area.

Driving along 35 the cloud cover had broken up and the sun was filtering through the redwoods and we could peek between the trees and see the valley below. Just a bit after 10 am we picked up Adrian and Laurel Cockcroft, who live on Skyline, as they were waiting in their driveway for us!

Adrian led our caravan down a 1½ lane wide Skyline to Bear Creek. Those tight twisty corners were a nice workout for the arms!

Our arrival timing was perfect. David and Judy Anderson were just pulling into Byington as our group pulled in just behind them. David and Judy had planned to meet us in Los Altos, but their Europa developed a small problem forcing them to switch to their Elan (This is the reason why you NEED to Lotus in your garage!). So, they had called and told us that they would meet us at the winery.

The folks at Byington had kindly saved some parking slot right in front of the winery over looking their vineyard. We gathered in our designated area and were greeted by Louis who then took us on an extensive tour of the grounds and facilities, entertaining and informing us of some of the fascinating details that go into making fine wines.

At various stops he had us sample various wines. We started with a Chardonnay from a Santa Cruz mountain vineyard. It was delightful, fruit, a bit acidy and very dry. At the crusher he had us taste another Chardonnay but from grapes that were grown the Carneros region of the lower Napa-Sonoma valleys. It was sweeter, not as acidy, and less dry.

It was the up the stairs to view the fermentation tanks and sip some Pinot Noir that was grown in their surrounding vineyard. It was top notch Pinot! We then continued down the bottling area passing through some barrels full of wine. Louis then led us into their tunnel, which was cut into the hillside just behind the winery building. There we tasted a very elegant Cabernet.

As lunched finished we departed at our leisure not wanting to leave the delightful surroundings and weather. All in all a grand day and one that convinced us that we need to do these wine tours more often!

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EBay Watch:

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Lotus Bytes: *editor, et al*

from David Anderson A gentleman walked up to the GGLC booth and asked if I'd heard of Hornsey, England. In 1955 (or 56) when our visitor was 21 years old he'd visited a shop in Hornsey and the proprietor, a Mr Colin Chapman, invited him to pick up the frame of a Lotus 11. The gentleman, being strong, said yes, and standing in the middle of the empty frame bent down and picked it up. He was stunned when the frame turned out to weigh only 45 pounds.

One man said how much he admired Frans Nelson's Elite. He then stood mesmerized in front of it for 20 minutes without moving...

More Classifieds

FOR SALE: Lotus 907 engine and 4 Spd Transmission for sale from Jensen Healey. Located in Bend Oregon. $500. Contact Lars @ 541-350-4961, or email to larsco2002@yahoo.com (private party) Many other JH parts. (12/05)

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? Mike McHugh (650)593-5040 ansonracecars@sbcglobal.net

Wanted: I am looking for a Lotus Elan from 1963 to 1973 to purchase. Convertible. Please email photos, details and price. Thank you. JOHN J. GARVEY, jgarvey2@cox.net, 405-760-3883, 1724 Dorchester Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73120

FOR SALE: Lotus 7 A. New reinforced chrome moly frame, new suspension and Spax shocks, all new hydraulics, 2 rib cage transmissions, close ratio gear set, 2 BMC 1100 blocks and cranks, new APT prepared cylinder head with valves and springs, 2 Triumph 10 rear axle housings(one with no cracks), Wingard tail lights, original radiator and fuel tank, proper red upholstry material from England, etc., etc. Needs aluminum skin and hood.Assembly required. Will not seperate. $8000 firm. Locater in Templeton, CA (805)434-2980

For Sale: 1977 Lotus Sprint (Eclat) been sitting in garage for 20 years. $4000. Contact Chuck Nelson hansel@aol.com

Classifieds

(non-comercial ads are free to GGLC members and will run for three issues before requiring renewal)

For Sale: 1971 S2 Europa $1500 or best offer. 64k miles on engine. New water pump, battery, and hoses. Ran last month but then the starter died. Has some body damage to rear. Almost all original. This is a good project car or a great parts car. Please call Cody at 925-356-6965.

For sale: four minilite (genuine) wheels,bolt on 31/4x4 ,13x5 with mounted set of avon 5:00x13's includes lug nuts(7/16&1/2).both wheel and tires brand new,never run.correct offset for lotus elan and spitfire.for info call Joel Mauser 209 477 4198 or email mauserja@aol.com (8/05)

For Sale: We are selling our 1993 DeDion Caterham. I have had the car since 1994 and purchased it thru 7's & Elans. It has the 1700 Super Sprint, oil cooler, limited slip, adjustable seats, heater. The car has the original optional 16" tires and wheels and also a set of 13" wheels w/Avon tires. $27,500. contact Gene: phone 530-722-9127, fax 530-722-9119, email bbg@c-zone.net.

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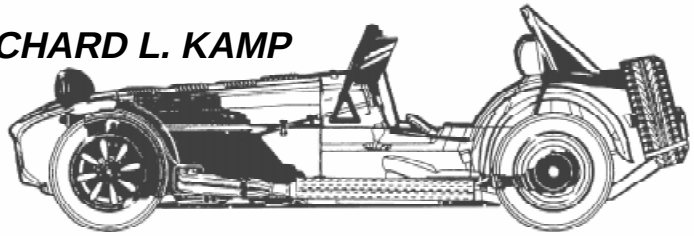

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For Sale: '69 s4 fixed head. please feel free to call me a 805-559-7772. thanks, david

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