

# The Chapman Report



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## The Big Show *editor*

I guess it's the "Shows of Show", rather than the "Show of Shows." I don't know how many events there are that third week of August. I used to try to make all of them, but found it cost more than a week on Maui. So this year, I didn't get to any auctions or concours.

I went to the Historics on Sunday, saw old friends and old cars. The Indy cars were the 'featured marque'. Problem was, a road course doesn't suit them too well. Especially out of the Corkscrew, they were sputtering along, well out of their power range.

As usual, there was a good collection of Elevens, Twenty-threes, and numbers Eighteen through Thirty. There was even a nice replica of a Series One Seven.

Then, of course, there was a 'non-vintage' Ferrari race. OK, these aren't historic cars, but the drivers do have the proper green credentials to run the Historics.

Toyota, the primary event sponsor, had a nice display of 2000's. I remember watching them race, and one was in a Bond film.

The LOG event is well covered here by Dave Anderson. Lots more photos, but no room.



*Oh, my God, now I have to get this thing to turn a hard right!.*

### September Meeting

**Friday, September 21st, 7:30 pm**

**Host: James McClure**

11238 Bubb Road, Cupertino, 408 257 1463

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## Calendar

|              |                      |           |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------|
| September 9  | All British Car Meet | Palo Alto |
| September 21 | Club Meeting         | See pg1   |
| September 22 | Autocross            | Marina    |
| October 5    | HOD Track Day        | T Hill    |
| October 19   | Club meeting         | TBA       |

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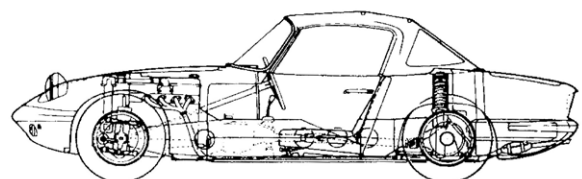
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# Lotus Racers At The Historics

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**Race 4a:** Pete Lovely, Tacoma, WA, 1959 Lotus 11      **Jim Lawrence**, Lafayette, CA, 1958 Lotus 15      **Richard Goldsmith**, Pebble Beach, CA 1958 Lotus 11      **Thor Johnson**, Kirkland, WA 1959 Lotus 15      **Bruce Miller**, Alamo, CA, 1958 Lotus 11 LM      **Stewart Smith**, Santa Cruz, CA 1957 Lotus 11      **Stan Anderes**, Sunnyvale, CA, 1956 Lotus 11 LM      **John Hurabiell**, San Francisco, CA, 1956 Lotus 11      **Tony Hart**, Moorpark, CA, 1956 Lotus 11

**Race 3b:** Patrick Moran, Palo Alto, CA, 1962 Lotus 22 F-Jr.      **Barbara Blackie**, Prescott, AZ, 1962 Lotus 22 F-Jr.      **Pablo Gonzales**, Garza Garza, NL, 1961 Lotus 20 F-Jr.      **Jim Brown**, Fallbrook, CA, 1961 Lotus 20      **Bruce Revennaugh**, Marble Falls, TX 1960 Lotus 18 F-Jr.      **Jack Fitzpatrick**, Rescue, CA 1960 Lotus 18 F-Jr.

**Race 6b:** Tom Claridge, Santa Clara, CA, 1961 Lotus 19      **John Morton**, Los Gatos, CA 1964 Lotus 23      **Peter Read**, Berkeley, CA, 1964 Lotus 23B      **Chris Locke**, San Anselmo, CA 1965 Lotus 23B      **Steven Read**, Berkeley, CA, 1963 Lotus 23B      **Skip Quain**, Foster City, CA, 1962 Lotus 23B      **Don Stark**, Trabuco Canyon, CA, 1964 Lotus 23B      **David Bingham**, Bellevue, WA, 1962 Lotus 23A      **Stan Rinne**, Pt. Richmond, CA, 1964 Lotus 23B      **Si Robin**, Woodland Hills, CA 1963 Lotus 23      **Michael Stott**, Ho Ho Kus, NJ 1962 Lotus 23      **Jay Embree**, Granite Bay, CA 1964 Lotus 30      **Gordon Gimble**, Roseville, CA 1963 Lotus 19B      **Dave Olson**, Tiburon, CA, 1963 Lotus 23B      **Phillip Ribbs**, Santa Cruz, CA 1965 Lotus 23C



*Toyota 2000's, more than I've seen together before. One was raced by Scooter Patrick. I used to take my TR3 to his shop on PCH.*



*Patrick Moran didn't look happy before the race, but finished 1st in 3b..*

# Colorado LOG by Dave Anderson

One of the most fun things about LOG [Lotus Owners Gathering] or a WCLM [West Coast Lotus Meet] is renewing old acquaintances and making new ones with other Lotus owners from a wide area.

The trip from the west coast to Snowmass Village was 1150 miles for your scribe. Folks from the east coast had an 1800+ mile trip.

Around 450 attended the event. The first night coincided with a large motorcycle race (Colorado 500) banquet, which made Snowmass Village (lets abbreviate as SV) very crowded indeed. The official paid entry list exceeded 420.

SV is built on the side of a mountain. There is very little horizontal land. If you attended and you are not in this paragraph, somehow I missed you! Sorry! Let me know so I can make a correction!

Judy and I trailed our Elan Sprint thru Reno, NV and Salt Lake City UT. Kiyoshi Hamai trailered his red Elan S2 thru Las Vegas (and got an honorable mention for his hard luck story of his tow truck breaking down). John Lexau drove his Zetec powered Euroopa to Colorado. Brandon and Susan Burke trailered their BDA powered Elan and made it to SV in 2 days(!). Some folks attended but left their Lotus(es) at home: Sarto Rocheleau, Dan and Sharon Wardman, Hal and Connie Gjermann, and Mark



DeFrancisco. Ken Gray attended representing Dave Bean Engineering. Reinhard Auf Dem Venne. Dan Crow. Dennis and Eric Fleming. Jason Wright.

GGLC member Victor Holtorf lived in Burlingame, CA for years but has moved back to Colorado recently. He brought an Esprit to LOG27. This writer did not review the list of attendees and did not expect to see him. It was a very pleasant surprise to get a chance to say hello.

Saturday was the casual concours and group photo event. The parking lot for that was the largest we'd seen on the mountain -- and not all that large. My rough count was that there were 171 Lotuses in the picture. A reproduction Mark 2, several Sevens, lots of M100 Elan and Esprit. A few Elan+2. Several early Elite. A couple Eclat/new-Elite. Lots of Elise! There were about 8 race cars (not counting a couple national-level autocross Elans which were pretty radical). The most impressive might have been The type 72 Formula 1 as driven in 72/73 by

Emerson Fittipaldi and maintained in England by Classic Team Lotus.

The Saturday banquet was (like the entire event) very well run. Alain DeCadenet spoke at length and was very entertaining. He knew nothing of cars but as a young man he discovered girls were attracted to men with fine cars and even more to racing drivers! So he bought a race car and entered a race in the 1950's, saying he'd left his license behind by accident, when in fact he had neither racing license nor road license to drive! He had a long career as driver and constructor. Search for Alain on the web at utube.com for some of his current activities reviewing very special cars.

Emerson Fittipaldi spent a long time signing autographs in the afternoon Saturday before the banquet. After Alain DeCadenet he said a few words [explaining he would have more to say after the Sunday banquet].

Kiyoshi Hamai, Brandon



Burke, and your scribe won very beautiful copper Aspen leaf-shaped-trays for our Elans (votes cast by all the LOG registrants during the concours) during the awards presentation.

Sunday was a day for touring and an autocross. The autocross course was on a lot big enough for a small tight course but no parking! The course was tight but seemed to flow nicely and had the boundaries well marked with chalk and pylons. Esprits were at a disadvantage as on any tight course. Sevens and Elans and Elises were the choice for that course. A national championship level autocross Elan took top time of day (by a couple full seconds).

Sunday night was the final banquet. Peter Darley (Team Lotus photographer in the 60's) and Bob Dance (long time Team Lotus mechanic) narrated slides of a selection of photos from Peter's new book "Life With Team Lotus". The book having many many never-before-seen photos of Jim Clark, Colin Chapman, and the rest of the team. [Published by Coterie Press.] With Emerson Fittipaldi adding comments. Then Emerson Fittipaldi (winner of the F1 championship in the car described below, and 2 time Indy winner) spoke at length of his life in racing and how he got started racing and started with Team Lotus and Colin Chapman.

Monday was the track day. Emerson Fittipaldi drove the Lotus 72 F1 championship car with Bob Dance (and younger folks from Classic Team Lotus) on hand to do any necessary wrenching (the car had no noticeable difficulty, even at 8000 feet elevation). A number of folks got rides (with a factory driver) in the Lotus 2 Eleven race/track car. In the morning one Esprit (from Florida) crashed heavily at the end of the straight and was totally destroyed. One assumes it was just bad judgment: that driver was driving very slowly on the rest of the course.



*An amazing collection of Losuses, left. A fast autocross Elan, top.*



*Eleven and Elise on track day.*



*The 2 Eleven track car.*





*Lotus 33? No, three Elevens at the Historics. Stewart Smith, ..... and Stan Anderes*



*Gullwings, Thunderbirds, Ferraris and more at the RM autcion.*



*The latest Nissan? No, the latest Ferrar, tired of the retro look?*



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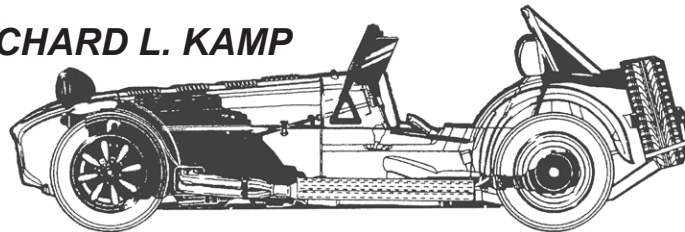
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