

The Chapman Report



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A special visitor from a Galaxy far, far Away (at least the Mini-Me version of the famous villain) helped Kiyoshi Hamai and Dave Ellis work a checkpoint at this year's Toy Rallye. See more photos on page 10.



Lots of smiles on display at this year's Holiday Party as Brian Turner receives his AutoX trophy for winning the Lotus R-Tire class in 2015. More photos from the party on page 9.

Jan/Feb Meetings

Friday, January 15, 2016 – 7:30 PM

Host: Tom and Cherie Carney

The traditional kick-off meeting for the new year is always a great occasion at the Carneys' home. Be sure to attend to hear all about the club's exciting plans for a fun year of Lotusing in 2016!

Friday, February 19, 2016 – 7:30 PM

Host: Pete and Noni Richen

LotusCup Round 8

The Thermal Club

December 5-6, 2015

by David Anderson

Photos by Caliphotography

Driving five hundred miles from the Bay Area to Thermal, CA, for a weekend is not a usual thing for your scribe, but the opportunity to race on the private Thermal Club track was too tempting to pass up.

The format was two 30-minute practice sessions each morning and a qualifying session and race in the afternoon. So, a pretty standard schedule. Part of the day on track was given over to a BMW performance school and a Lotus Of The Desert customer experience, but neither were on track too long.

The weather in Thermal was great, and a nice change after several cold weeks in San Francisco: it was about 60°F in the AM rising to 75°F in the afternoon.

Overall, the facility is very, very nice. But, while fuel is available, there is no restaurant nor any shop on site. The track features LED light panels at strategic track locations that serve to notify drivers of conditions (rather than flaggers).



DietschMotorSports and Suspension Performance brought their transporters and support from the SF area to Thermal as they have for the CA races all season.

I had very good luck at the start in Saturday's race and gained quite a number of positions on lap 1. But on the outside of a turn, the curb was VERY rough, and my excursion onto that curb tripped the Dietsch-Werks Elise crash sensor, which, in turn, shut down the motor on lap 3! Oh, No! As a result, I sat out the remainder of the race well off the track.

For Sunday's race Rob Dietsch removed that sensor; and I stayed off the curb. But early on in the race I got stuck behind

slower drivers (it was not a great start for me), and a crashed racer left us behind a pace car for a while. While I passed a couple of cars, there was not enough time left in the race to catch up

with the three Production cars I needed to race with.

Other GGLC members did well this weekend, though. Kevin Woods took first in the Production Class both Saturday and Sunday; Brandon Sloan took second; and Ross Jaffe took third.

Just to give you an idea of times: the fastest Lotus (Trophy class) had a 2:12.9 lap (the driver is a Thermal Club member). Kevin's best race time on Sunday was 2:18.9. Mine was 2:27.8. And, yes, there is a crucial key maneuver required to get excellent times at this track. Unfortunately, I only learned that from Kevin after the races were over!

Kevin won the LotusCupUSA season championship, Ross took the season second place, and Brandon took season third place (all in Production Class).

Congratulations to all three.

Robbie Montinola (series director) has announced the schedule of 2016 LotusCupUSA races, see www.lotuscup.us for details.



Brian Buckland Shares Early Elan Restoration Insights

by Jerry Bassler

We had a excellent turnout of GGLC early Elan owners eager to learn more about their iconic cars from noted UK Lotus restoration expert Brian Buckland. This unique opportunity was hosted by Scott Yturria and his wife at their home on November 14, 2015. Scott's in-process Elan S3 FHC restoration project was a perfect teaching tool for the discussion. See adjacent photos for some of the day's highlights.

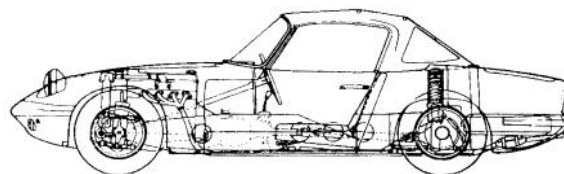


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The GGLC 2016 UK Lotus Excursions—Final Details

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The plans are set! The GGLC will offer its members an opportunity to visit the UK and spend five days immersed in everything Lotus!

WHEN: Two tours are planned in 2016--

Spring: May 30 to June 3 and Fall: September 12 to 16. Currently, the Spring tour is fully booked.

WHAT:

Group tour led by Richard Parramint (ex-Lotus marketing). The tour begins and ends at London's Heathrow Airport.

Day 1: Gather and depart from Heathrow. Stops at the original Lotus location in Hornsey and Cheshunt location of the Lotus factory. Continue to Norwich and check into our hotel.

Day 2: Relaxing day. Tour of Norwich and a drive to picturesque North Norfolk.

Day 3: visits to--

- Lotus factory
- Classic Team Lotus
- Ketteringham Hall
- Chapman's final resting place
- East Carlton Manor*

Day 4: Optional Lotus Driving Academy Day. A full day of driving on the Hethel Test Track, which includes review and practice of driving techniques in the morning, and full, on-track, driving activities in the afternoon. Folks not attending the Lotus Academy Day will be treated to A Magical Mystery Tour.

Day 5: Possible visit to Zenos factory and return to Heathrow.

*Our visit to East Carlton Manor will be quite special. We are working on obtaining permission from Mrs. Chapman to visit these extensive grounds. We would be asked to contribute Sarah's Charity. Colin and Hazel's daughter, Sarah Payton, died from breast cancer, and the charity was set up to fund Help in the Home for cancer sufferers.



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Our stay in Norwich will be at the Maids Head, the oldest hotel in England, reputedly haunted by various “spirits”—including a past maid whose job it was to sprinkle lavender on the beds to make them smell fresh, as they were not changed on a regular basis. But there is no need to worry, as today the beds are changed daily!

More about the Lotus Driving Academy Day: This is a full-day, special corporate package at Hethel. The morning will feature demonstrations and practice of three activities: understeer/oversteer, braking and slalom. For the afternoon, the activities will focus on learning and practicing on-track techniques. You will get



Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan 9	Breakfast/Meet LCoSC	LA
Jan 15	Meeting/Social	Burlingame
Jan 20	Dinner/Meeting	Sacramento Chapter
Jan 30	Anti-Football Drive	San Mateo
Jan 30	LCoSC Club Kick-Off Event	LA
Feb 13	Breakfast/Meet LCoSC	LA
Feb 17	Dinner/Meeting	Sacramento Chapter
Feb 20	Meeting/Social	San Francisco
Feb 22	Track Day	Laguna Seca
See www.gglotus.org for additional information about upcoming events.		



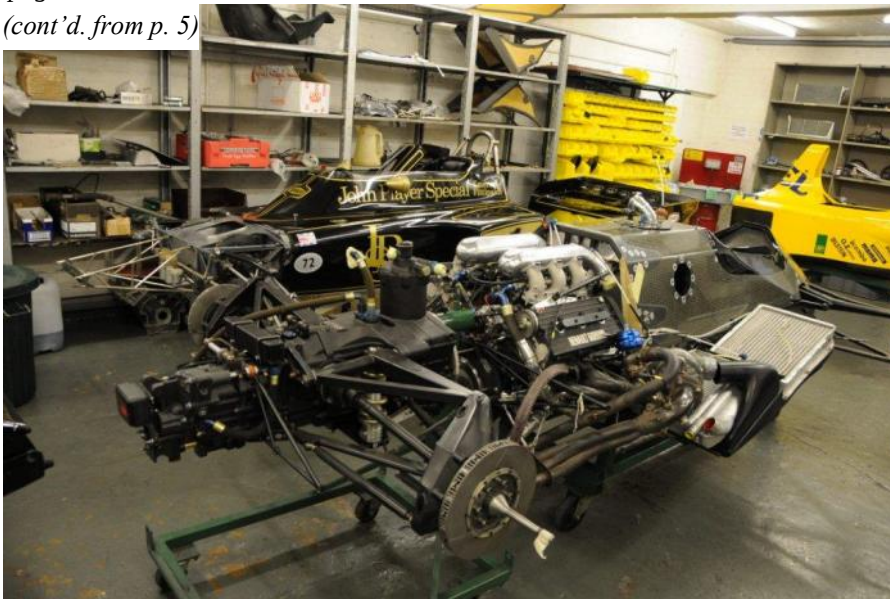
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to drive and ride in Lotus cars available in other parts of the world, and you will get the ride of your life with an instructor behind the wheel!

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Our tour guide, Richard, will bring his deep knowledge of Norwich and Lotus history. He also will be sure to entertain and inform during your visit. Most likely

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there will also be some other "special" thing to see and do and people to meet during our stay in the UK.

In order to maximize the experience, we are going to try to keep the size of the group down to 8 people. If there is more interest, we can double the size. Richard is also offering a separate tour to the Goodwood Revival weekend in the UK, which takes place the week prior to the Fall GGLC Lotus Tour in September. You can tie both tours together to make it a spectacular UK trip! We will post information about this option in the coming weeks.

COSTS:

The cost is £2250 (about \$3,350) per couple sharing a room, or £1125 per person (sharing a room). This includes ground transportation, accommodations with breakfast (4 nights), Lotus factory tour and Classic Team Lotus tour. The final cost may be slightly different depending upon exchange rate fluctuations and if we add any new activities.

The Lotus Driving Academy Day requires a separate fee of £720 per person.

All ground transportation starting from Heathrow on Day 1 and

returning to Heathrow on Day 5 of the tour is included; however, individuals are responsible their own transportation to and from Heathrow before and after the tour.

RESERVATIONS:

If you are seriously interested, send an email (webguy--at--gglotus.org) indicating your interest and your preference for the May or September tour. We will start taking 10% deposits in late January 2016 for both the Tour and the Lotus Academy. Full payment for the tours and optional Lotus Driver's Academy will be due 8 weeks in advance of the Tour.

Cancellation Policy: You will be able to cancel and get your deposit back until 8 weeks in advance of the tour. If you need to cancel in the final 8 weeks, we can

refund your fees providing we are able to fill your space. If we are unable to fill your spot we will refund 50% of your fees. The GGLC is passing through the raw costs plus any handling and fees. This an exclusive event for GGLC members.

TRAVEL:

If you need help with your travel arrangements to London and to any other places in the UK or Europe you can contact Lucie Villones at Dugan's Travel. Lucie is familiar with our tour dates and can assist you with flights, hotels and more at no extra charge to you:

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The South Rises Again! (But not to Worry)

by Mathew Kaplan

With the power of a handful of emails and the magic of a few weekend breakfast meetings, a new chapter of the Golden Gate Lotus Club has been formed. The Lotus Club of Southern California (LCoSC) is now active and accepting new members throughout the southern part of the state.

Since Los Angeles just got a day and a half of rain, and the temp dropped below 60 for a bit, we figure we are through the rough patch and should now have about 360 days of prime Lotusing weather ahead of us.

The club's kick-off event will be held January 30th at the Arts District Brewing Co in downtown Los Angeles (check the LCoSC.org events page for details and updates) so be sure to sign up soon.

During the rest of our sunny days, a number of events will

be spread across the OC, the IE, SD, the Valley, and many other abbreviated places, which only make sense to those of us in the southland. Folks in the Bay Area may not know that we have at least a few good miles of PCH and lots of mountain roads, not to mention Willow Springs, Chuckwalla, the Thermal Club, and the Fontana Speedway track venues in our back yard. We are also working in conjunction with the GGLC team to co-host a track day in a place we totally consider to be part of Northern CA called Buttonwillow.

Also, since we are in the car culture capital of the world, we have countless opportunities to meet up with fellow Lotus enthusiasts at Cars and Coffee events, charity car shows, auto-crosses and local drives. As you can see, Southern California is



more than just a good place to throw on a bikini for a quick escape from the fog!

So, if you live in Southern CA, and you want to be part of the action, please join us. If you are already a member of the GGLC, all you have to do is email your membership director (David Anderson) and let him know you want to declare your affiliation. If you are not yet a GGLC member, what are you waiting for? Sign up online, and just be sure to click the little SoCal box when you do.

As a new club, we have plenty of opportunities for members to be as involved as they would like to be. Our current officers only number about a half dozen, so we encourage anyone who would like to step up and be on the inaugural team to contact the LCoSC president, Jared Northrop, by email at LotusClubSoCal@gmail.com or reach out to us through our website, LCoSC.org. You can also keep up with us on Twitter and Instagram (@LotusClub_SoCal) or our Facebook Group (Lotus Club of So Cal).

See you in traffic!

2016 Annual Anti-Football Drive

January 30, 2016

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The Annual Anti-Football Drive will be Saturday, January 30, this year, and the event returns to the Peninsula. This is a casual and moderate-paced drive. The road conditions can be somewhat unpredictable at this time of the year, so the pace will take into consideration the recent and the current weather.

START:

Meet at 9:00 AM at Starbucks:
111 De Anza Blvd
San Mateo, 94402.

(This location is near the 92/280 interchange.) We will depart at 9:30 AM sharp.

Route maps/directions will be available at the start. I can

promise an interesting route, though, as we make our way to the lunch stop in Campbell.



LUNCH:

Lunch should be between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM at:

Rock Bottom Brewery
1875 S. Bascom Ave #700
Campbell 95008.

MUSEUM:

Our final stop for the day is the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum. After arrival, please go immediately to the lobby so we can enter as a group. There will be a Tomb Tour at 1:30 PM that we can participate in, but we need to be at the museum promptly.

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Lots of Good Times at the GGLC Annual Holiday Party December 12, 2015

editor

Thanks to Prez Rita Satulovsky's planning and organization as she worked with the friendly folks at Flames restaurant in San Jose, we rang in the Holiday Season in fine style. There was a great turnout of club members, and the evening featured AutoX awards, White Elephant gifts, door prizes and plenty of food and wine to keep everyone happy. The accompanying photos capture some of the fun.



Annual Toy Rallye Features Star Wars Theme December 5, 2015

by Dave Ellis

Once again The Rallye Club put together a challenging A/B rallye event with all of the donated "entry fee" toys going to benefit the San Jose HomeFirst charity. The GGLC did its part by providing workers at the two rallye checkpoints. Kiyoshi Hamai got the checkpoint teams organized and helped with costumes. Star Wars was the theme of this year's event in keeping with the current media blitz surrounding the release of the new movie, and that gave the checkpoint teams several options to have fun with the rallye participants. Check out the accompanying photos to see how it all played out.



The 2016 GGLC Calendar

by Kiyoshi Hamai

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Record Run on a Lotus Bicycle

editor

In the March/April 2015 issue of the *Chapman Report*, Olivier Boss (Mel's cousin) introduced us to the world of bicycling distance records (The Hour) as he described his unique opportunity to use a Lotus Type 108 track bicycle in a planned record breaking attempt. More importantly, the record he was after was his own that he set in 1995 at the Velodrome de Genève.

Olivier made the attempt on November 17, 2015, and he was officially recorded as covering 45.679 km in one hour. His still standing record from November 1995 is 46.608 km. So this 20-years later attempt came up only a little short (~2%), but in Olivier's words, "It was fun and done on a Lotus!" Congratulations to Olivier and his team.

Save the Dates: October 8-9, 2016

by Lee Cohee

The fall Sierra Foothills tour originally planned for October 2015 was postponed due to the devastation caused by last fall's Butte fire. This tour has been re-scheduled for October 8-9, 2016. The format and schedule will be the same: starting with a Saturday morning Open House at Dave Bean Engineering in San Andreas followed by lunch and a driving tour to our overnight stay in Mariposa. Sunday will include more local touring and lunch. Watch this space for more details as the plans progress.






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For Sale: 1970 Lotus 7 S4. This is the last genuine (made by Lotus) generation of the iconic 7. This example came with and retains a Lotus Twin-Cam engine. The VIN is LS42946TC--chassis numbers reportedly started at LS42650, which would make this the 296th car produced of about 700 made. While not as rare as the Series 1 or maybe the Series 3, the Series 4 is a very rare compared to the series 2 and more real and rare than a Cater-

ham or any of the other pseudo-sevens.

I call her "the BIG one" because the S4 was longer and wider than its predecessors. I am 6'1" and do not fit in the S2/S3 cars. However I do fit the S4, and I can look through the windscreen rather than having my line-of-sight blocked by the top of the windscreen frame. There is more leg and foot room too!

The US S4 kits came with either the ubiquitous 1600 Ford pushrod crossflow, or less commonly the famous Lotus Twin-Cam as in this one.

This car is ready for café runs or to go to Peet's for coffee, as

well as for Laguna Seca, or any other track.

She was body off reconditioned by me, with many new and rebuilt parts. Many additions for the track, such as driver safety equipment, and a fuel cell and a dry-sump oil system. All track additions are bolt-on wrench removable and stock items, such as the factory roll-over hoop and windscreen, are included. This car has wear and tear for sure, but also many improvements, especially for track use.

Looking for offers no less than \$16K.

Many photos available. Contact: Stawsh at "Stawsh--at--Corsiglia.net" or (408) 264-6812.

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