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Some photos from the 2023 GGLC Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony: Top—Jonathan Schreiber (left) and Kiyoshi Hamai (right) present Colm Gavin with a well-deserved award for his years of dedicated support of the GGLC AutoX series.

Bottom—A happy Ed Hunter collects an award for his win of the Extreme Lotus Class in the 2023 AutoX series. More photos appear on pp 6-7

February Meet-up

Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:00 AM (gather)—10:00 AM (depart)

Meet at Starbucks 1186 S. Main St., Salinas (site of the weekly Salinas Cars & Coffee gathering).

Our route takes us North on several specially selected backroads, and it ends in Morgan Hill.

Organized by Kiyoshi Hamai

More details are available in the article on page 4.

Message From the Prez: Launching into 2024

by Jonathan Schreiber

As we kick off another exciting year, it is a perfect moment to look back and appreciate the fantastic memories and successes that made 2023 such a remarkable year for our club.

There is no doubt that last year was an exhilarating journey. One that was filled with drives, meets, vendor days, and an unforgettable Lotus-centric trip to the factory and more in the UK. All topped off with a wonderful holiday party and awards dinner.

Before we delve into what lies ahead in 2024, it is with great pleasure and anticipation that I announce the 2024 officers who will continue to lead our club with enthusiasm and dedication. Please join me in welcoming our esteemed team—

President: Jonathan Schreiber

Vice President: Rob Esser

Secretary: Scott Hogben

Treasurer: Laura Hamai

Chapman Report Editor: Joel Lipkin

Marketing & Comms: Kiyoshi Hamai

Membership Chair: Dave Ellis

Track Day Coordinators: John Zender & Scott Hogben

AutoX Coordinator: Colm Gavin

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Congratulations to each of the officers. Your commitment to the club is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead to next year, we have some drives, autocrosses, and track days scheduled.

We are also in the process of planning the 2024 West Coast Lotus Meet tentatively scheduled to take place early in October 2024. Please see Kiyoshi's article (page 5) about the early planning of this much-anticipated and special event.

As always, we want your help in planning drives, or other get-togethers. Please let us know your interests, and we will be happy to help! (We are also known to offer special perks to event leaders to show our appreciation for their organizing/hosting efforts. Contact us for details.)

We are also always looking for people to write articles of interest for this newsletter. Do

you want to share your insights into a project you have worked on, or have planned? Here's your chance. Another creative option for newsletter input would be writing an article about your passion or experience with cars—Lotus specifically.

As we embark on this new year, your involvement is what keeps our club vibrant and thriving.



Let's make 2024 another year filled with unforgettable experiences, cherished memories, and a continued celebration of our shared passion for the Lotus marque.



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The GGLC 2023 Story

by Jonathan Schreiber

On December 9, the GGLC held its annual holiday party and awards ceremony. As president, it was my role to give a "year in review" or "state of the club" address. This typically involves listing many of the club's awesome accomplishments over the year, as well as what we look forward to in the year to come.

So, I could say—in 2023 we had: **some events in the north bay** with meager attendance, **some meets in the south bay** with better attendance, **multiple track days** that were fun, (and let's give a nod to the new approach to novice groups, which should expand our reach), **another busy autoX season**,

...

But you know what? Lists are dull, and it's late in the year. So, putting on my soft dad-voice, I decided it was a better idea to put 2023 to bed the way I put my kids to bed, with **Story Time**.

"So" - I stated to the room, "I think, as a club, if we are all well behaved, we have time for one more story before we put the club to bed for the year.

Gather round, I'll grab a book to read together before we put this year to bed.

Here's one titled "Good Night GGLC - For 2023"

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*Supporting enthusiasts, that's where our club is at its peak!
Drives and meets, filled '23
Vendor days, England, what a jam-boree!*

Track days, nine, across tracks so slick,

Thanks to John and Scott, it's a thrill-a-minute flick!

Colm's AutoX, where laughter reigns,

Jonathan, Colby, they've got the brains.

On the mic, jokes fly in the air,

At Cars, at drivers, all in good fun, fair is fair!

A new website, Greg's spinning the thread,

Is it ready? Yet to be said!

Joel's newsletter, is bi-monthly cheer,

Updates galore, that much is clear!

Oh, Lotus, dear Lotus, EMIRA is a fairy tale,

Delays and more, will it, in the U.S. go on sale?

2024, fingers crossed, we pray,

In our Lotus dreams, it'll have its day.

In the year ahead, our engines shall roar,

More events galore, a thrilling encore!

West Coast Lotus Meet, a grand affair, Enthusiasts unite, the Lotus love to share!

Drives, meets, and more, oh, what a spree, adventures and fun for you and me!

And behind the scenes, a mastermind, you see,

Kiyoshi, orchestrating, not so quietly.

Golden Gate Lotus Club, let's give it a cheer,

Thanks to you all—what a great year."

And with that, we wrapped our holiday party. Happy New Year to all as we look forward to everything we have in store for 2024.

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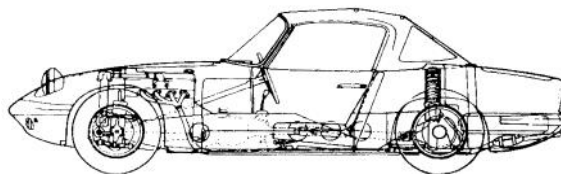
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Special Event: The 2024 Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive February 11, 2024

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The 2024 Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive is heading south, and this year it will also recognize three GGLC members who we lost this past fall, Linda “Lulu” Hiebert, Brian Van Winkle, and Justin Gross.

This is a casual, moderate-paced drive. However, local road conditions can be iffy at this time of the year, so the pace will take into consideration the recent and current weather. The length of the drive is about 70 miles, roughly 2 hours on the road.

We will run “rain” or shine. However, we will postpone if the weather forecast could create unsafe conditions.

ALERT – This drive is scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday, but it should be completed by 1:00 PM. That gives you plenty of time to catch the game’s kick off.

The Start:

We will meet at the Salinas Cars & Coffee at: Starbucks – 1186 S. Main St., Salinas CA

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The Route:

The Salinas Cars & Coffee was a favorite hang out for Linda. You can arrive at your leisure for socializing and snacks. Our planned departure will be 10:00 AM. From Salinas, we use surface streets and backroads to Watsonville and then on to Hecker Pass, Hwy 152, which was a favorite driving road for Brian. Once in Gilroy, we will wander through the hills to Morgan Hill, which was one of Justin’s favorite home towns.

We will cap off the drive in the Target shopping center in Morgan Hill around lunchtime.

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Here is a link to the complete route on Google Maps.

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From a PC - Open the above link in a browser. Then find and click the “Send to Phone” icon. Open the link on your phone and Google Maps will load.

Once the map/route is on your phone in Google Maps, click “Guidance”.

You can also get a PDF of the route here: <https://www.gglotus.org/ChapmanReport/2024HChapmanDrive.pdf>

Note: the route has more turns than is preferred. We will make some roadside stops to gather folks together, and we will also take a short break midway on the drive.

Optional Lunch

Lunch will be optional and on your own. Gather a few friends and pick your place. You will find several possibilities in the Target shopping center, including: Chili’s; Red Robin; a deli; a pizza place; a Mexican place and more.



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Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan 18	Sacto Dinner	TBA
Feb 3	Track Day LCOSC/GGLC (Streets of Willow)	Rosamond
Feb 11	Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive	Salinas
Feb 15	Sacto Dinner	TBA
March 23	GGLC AutoX Round #1	Crows Landing

All dates and events are tentative.
Please see www.gglotus.org for current information about upcoming events.

The GGLC 2024 Calendar Preview

by Kiyoshi Hamai

Altogether, the GGLC family of clubs presented over 60 events in 2023. Amazing! You are likely thinking “My club is insane!”—and you would be 100% correct! So yes, we ARE crazy, but it is a FUN kind of crazy.

As you will read below, the GGLC, LCOSC, SDLC and Sacramento chapters are not slowing down in 2024 either, as more drives, meets, 10 track days, 8 autocrosses, and the 2024 West Coast Lotus Meet are planned. Plus, we are looking forward to seeing the brand new Lotus Emiras joining the craziness. So let’s welcome the Emira owners, and show them why Lotus owners are unmatched.

GGLC & LCOSC Track Days

The track day schedule is still getting finalized. In 2023, Laguna

Seca got a facelift and Sonoma is about to get resurfaced. In addition, Buttonwillow has a new West track scheduled to open in 2024.

For us, 2024 means more tracks to visit and the schedule includes events at Streets of Willow Springs, Big Willow, Buttonwillow, Thunderhill East, Sonoma, and Laguna Seca.

Tentative 2024 Track Day Schedule:

Feb 3, Saturday - Streets of Willow Springs - Willow Springs Raceway,
Feb 25, Sunday - Laguna Seca (with Lightspeed),
March 31, Sunday - Sonoma (with Lightspeed),
May 3, Friday - Thunderhill East (with Lightspeed),
May 11, Saturday - Buttonwillow,
July 3, Wednesday - Sonoma,
Sept 3, Tuesday - Sonoma,
Sept 24, Tuesday - Laguna Seca,
Nov 5, Tuesday - Laguna Seca, and
Nov 24, Sunday - Big Willow – Willow Springs Raceway.



Scan to see the current GGLC calendar on your mobile device.

GGLC Autocrosses

The 2024 season will have at least 8 GGLC Autocross events across 3 different locations. The GGLCs popular autocross series will take to the concrete of Crows Landing twice in the Spring and again in the Fall. We complement Crows Landing with at least 3 events at the Salinas Airport and then to cap off the season with 2 Fall events at Laguna Seca.

(continued on p. 6)

Tentative 2024 Autocross Schedule:

March 23, Saturday - Crows Landing,
April 28, Sunday - Salinas Airport,
May 11, Saturday - Crows Landing,
June 29, Saturday - Salinas Airport,
August 3, Saturday - Salinas Airport,
August 25, Sunday - Salinas Airport,
Sept 7, Saturday - Laguna Seca, Lake Bed,
Sept 28, Saturday - Crows Landing, and
October 27, Sunday - Laguna Seca, Lake Bed.

GGLC, LCOSC, SDLC and Sacramento Drives

Our clubs are working on the "Drive-a-Month" schedule. First up is the Hazel Chapman Memorial Drive on February 11 (editor: see announcement on page 4). LCOSC, San Diego and Sacramento will have 4-6 drives each in 2024.

2024 West Coast Lotus Meet—Rumors

SAVE October 17-20, 2024.
Yes, we are working on a fantastic WCLM in 2024, and we will have a lot more information and details to share in the March/April 2024 *Chapman Report*. But for now save these dates and think of a location that is 2-3 hours north of San Francisco.

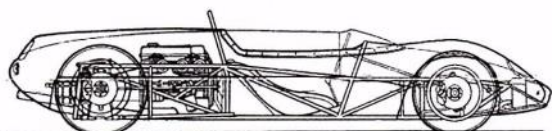
"For The Drivers" and Welcome Emiras

Our clubs LIVE the Lotus motto. We all know that the best way to enjoy a Lotus is to drive it! So, hold up your right hand, and pledge to attend at least one club event each month!

More Photos from the Festive GGLC Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony



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New Lotus Cars Continue to Collect Notable Industry Awards

Abstracted from Lotus Press Release

Highlights:

- Lotus ends its 75th anniversary year on a high with prestigious award
- Carwow judges describe Lotus Eletre as “a really impressive electric SUV” and Emira as “peak Lotus”

London, UK – 5 December 2023 Lotus is ending its 75th anniversary year on a high as it's named 'Brand of the Year' by automotive one-stop shop and media giant Carwow.

The Carwow team was full of praise for the “automotive ingenuity” demonstrated by Lotus across its latest all-electric cars – the Eletre hyper-SUV and Emeya hyper-GT.

Carwow's Eletre test-drive film shot at the Lotus EV production facility in Wuhan, China, earlier this year has been

viewed more than 1.5 million times.

Mat Watson, Chief Content Officer at Carwow, said: “Lotus is right back on form and it's great to see. The Emira is peak Lotus: light, responsive and fun; the Eletre shows that the British brand isn't scared to embrace the future with a really impressive electric SUV; and the new Emeya gives me plenty of reason to think the company has a bright future.”

Conor Horne, Commercial Director, UK and Ireland, Lotus, said “Winning ‘Brand of the Year’ from Carwow is a fantastic finale to our 75th anniversary. With Eletre now in the hands of customers across the UK and Europe, and the world premiere of Emeya generating a huge amount of media interest



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and reservations, 2023 has been an amazing success story for Lotus. It's just the start – there is so much more to come in 2024 and beyond.”

This year has also seen Lotus open new experience centres in London, Paris, Munich and Oslo, and launch in multiple new markets around the world, most recently India and South Korea. Lotus also received a ‘Highly Commended’ award for the Lotus Emira in the ‘Pleasure of Driving’ category.





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Lotus Emira GT4 Takes First and Second Place at Macau Grand Prix

Abstracted from Lotus Press Release

Highlights:

- **TORO Racing drivers Luo Kailuo and Adam Christodoulou complete 'clean sweep' 1-2 victory**
- **Black and gold Emira GT4 race cars paid tribute to 75 years of Lotus motorsport success**
- **Race-ready Lotus Emira GT4 homologated for competition in global GT4 classes**

Macau, China – 13 November 2023

The Lotus Emira GT4 completed a stunning 'clean sweep' victory in its international race debut at the Macau Grand Prix in China. TORO Racing drivers Luo Kailuo and Adam Christodoulou took first and second positions, holding a commanding 12-second lead over the third-place finisher.

Both Emira GT4 race cars paid tribute to Lotus' 75 years of successful motorsport heritage and showcased the brand's classic black and gold livery.

Locking out the front row of the grid, they led from the start and were in complete control when the race was stopped early following an on-track incident. Race organisers determined the final positions based on the order before the stoppage, resulting in Luo Kailuo and Adam Christodoulou taking first and second in the GT4 class. Their best lap times were 2:31.392 and 2:31.724 respectively.

The Lotus Emira GT4 has been homologated for competition in global GT4 classes and, thanks to a comprehensive options list, the car is also eligible for other non-homologated and specialist race series around the world.

The car is powered by a Lotus-tuned 3.5-litre V6 with Motec engine management and

it features a Harrop TVS 1900 supercharger.

The Emira GT4 employs a Hewland six-speed sequential transmission with paddleshift actuation and limited-slip differential.

Power output is 455 bhp with 500Nm of torque, though both were reduced slightly for the Macau Grand Prix to ensure a fair race with all competitors.

Ringo Chong, Team Manager at TORO Racing, commented: "The Emira GT4's three greatest strengths in the race were: first, the centre of gravity is very low, like flying on the ground; second, the car's steering is flexible, which gives the car a good advantage in the sharp corners of the Macau Grand Prix circuit; and third, we have added tuning for the city track and the mountain track to meet the demands of more intense driving."

Feng Qingfeng, CEO of Lotus Group, was trackside to see the stunning 1-2 finish. He commented: "A racetrack is the only place better suited for a Lotus than the road. Lotus has been competing on the racetrack for 75 years, and championships have been a long-standing tradition for Lotus."

Established in 1954, the Macau Grand Prix is renowned for its challenging circuit. As one

of the oldest street races in the world, it combines intricate twists, sharp bends and demanding terrain, pushing high-performance cars and the best drivers to their limits.



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3) 1973 5-speed Special. Big valve twin cam, headers. Black and Gold original colors. \$15K. All cars are located in SoCal.

Photos available on request.

Contact: Gary (949) 769-9799

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