

The Chapman Report



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*Top: An impressive lineup of recently delivered Lotus Emiras took advantage of the GGLC Cars & Coffee Emira welcoming special event at Trackspec on June 9.
Bottom: Victoria and daughter Harley welcome Cars & Coffee participants to Trackspec.
See more photos, and learn more about this event in the story starting on page 8.*

July/August Meet-ups

Casual July Drive

Saturday, July 6, 2024

8:30 AM (gather)—8:45 AM (depart)

Organized by Don Curtiss

Meet at Starbucks Coffee

12960 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd., Saratoga

Take a scenic drive in the South Bay Area hills post Independence Day. The drive will pass many iconic locations such as the Saratoga Gap, Skyline Blvd, and Alice's Restaurant. The ride will also go down to Boulder Creek, as a bonus. The time duration is about 2 1/4 hours depending upon the stops we choose to take.

August Get-Together

Sunday, August 11, 2024

11 AM—1 PM

Jim McClure's Place in Pacific Grove

Bring your Lotus and share some stories about it and your various travels while gathering at Jim's place for a get together and some light snacks on the Sunday before the kick-off of this year's Monterey Car Week.

RSVP to "ChapmanReport – at – gglotus.org" for address

Message From the Prez: —Back in the Game—

by Jonathan Schreiber

What an incredible year we have had so far! Our club events have included memorable drives, exhilarating track days, thrilling AutoXs, and engaging meets. They have been uniformly fantastic, and, as a result, it has been a joy for me to know that so many of you are participating and sharing your passion for Lotus cars.

I have had a few members reach out, wondering about my whereabouts. Have I been missing in action? Well, sort of. I underwent cervical surgery in January and have been focusing for a while now on my recovery. I'm happy to report that I'm healing well and should be back in action by mid-to-late July. Needless to say, your well wishes and support have meant a lot to me during this time.

While I might not have been as visible at events as I have been in the past, I am still working hard behind the scenes with our other club execs to keep our club thriving.

For instance, we have been actively planning this year's amazing West Coast Lotus Meet, which promises to be an incredible event you won't want to miss. (Editor's note: see the latest info on page 6.) Additionally, I've been assisting Greg with the redesign of our website to ensure that it serves our community even better. Let's face it, although the old site was informative, it definitely needed a redesign.

And, of course, I've been involved in planning all sorts of fun GGLC shenanigans to keep the spirit of our club alive and kicking.

I want to assure you that, despite my temporary absence, my commitment to the Golden Gate Lotus Club remains unwavering. We are dedicated to providing exciting events and opportunities for all Lotus enthusiasts, and I am looking forward to re-joining you on the road and track soon.

But here is where I make that same ask of all of you! We try to hold at least a drive and/or meet monthly, and, to that end, we are always looking for people to host or lead an event or drive. We even spice up the offer by throwing in a free event, track day, or AutoX for your troubles. Interested? Just email me at prez@gglotus.org or events@gglotus.org. Thank you all for your continued participation and enthusiasm. Let's keep this momentum going strong and make the rest of the year even more amazing.




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Joint Buttonwillow Track Day Provides Opportunity to Preview A New Track Car Option

by Ted Garland

(photo credits: Ted Garland and Sam Gao)

On Saturday, May 11, 2024, the Lotus Club of Southern California (LCOSC), in conjunction with the GGLC, held another track day at the famous Buttonwillow Raceway Park, just off Interstate Highway 5 in SoCal. We ran the "standard" CW13 configuration. It was a warm day, but not too bad. And, thankfully, no rain this time, unlike our December 30 outing!

The turnout was good, but we did not quite sell out. The event stats included: ~53 paid attendees plus ~5 board members. We had a decent number of Lotus cars/drivers (~10), but they did not dominate the field. Porsches (~9) and Miatas (~9) were a close second and third, followed by BMWs (~7) and Mustangs (~5).

The most interesting thing that was part of this track day turned out to be participation by Fresno Powersports who showed up with three of their Rush SR "sport racers", which were also available for test drives. I would like to offer a BIG thanks to Jeff and Michael Schneider for sharing this opportunity to experience the Rush SR with us!

As you might guess, these cars are not street-legal, but, if you think a Lotus Elise/Exige is the ultimate raw driving experi-

ence, just wait until you try one of these!

Fifteen of us were able to do just that.

First of all, if you don't know about these cars, browse on over to <https://rushautoworks.com/> to check them out. The basic specs are: 1,130 pounds dry weight, 145 horsepower at the wheels, 11,800 redline on a motorcycle engine, 3.3 seconds 0-60, left-foot braking, a no-lift and autoblip paddle-shifted sequential transmission, low running costs, and a starting price below \$40,000.



It will definitely take you a few laps to figure it all out. In my case, I failed to wear ear plugs, and the noise from the engine was so loud that I always felt I was going WAY faster than I actually was—even while keeping the revs way below the redline. This made me lift and brake into corners much more than needed. On the plus

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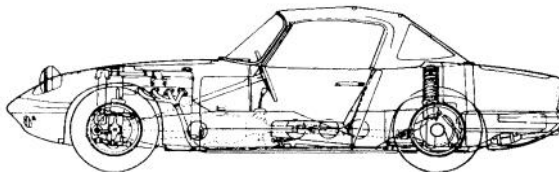
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side, however, the tires on the car were Nankang AR-1, which I have used a lot, so there were no surprises there. Needless to say, having a chance to drive this impressive machine was a special addition to this Buttonwillow track day event. Please see the adjacent photos that capture some of the day's fun.

Next up on the LCOSC track day schedule will be an event at Big Willow on November 24, so give thanks and mark your calendars!



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Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 3	GGLC Track Day—Sonoma Raceway	Sonoma
July 6	Casual Drive	Saratoga
August 3	AutoX—Round #5	Salinas
August 11	Casual Get Together at Jim McClure's	Pacific Grove
August 14-17	Monterey Motorsports Reunion	Monterey
August 16	The Quail Auto Show	Quail Lodge
August 25	AutoX—Round #6	Salinas

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



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



2024 West Coast Lotus Meet

—Updated Details—

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 9!

by the 2024 WCLM Team

Register by July 9 and save.

The 2024 West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) will happen October 17-20, 2024, at Kelseyville, CA. Kelseyville is roughly a 2-hour drive north from San Francisco. This area is home to scenic Clear Lake, one of the largest lakes in California, and it is teeming with parks, redwood trees, vineyards, wineries and, of course, twisty Lotus roads.

2024 WCLM Resort

The 2024 WCLM will be headquartered on the western shore of Clear Lake at the Konocti Harbor Resort and Spa. This expansive, cozy, rustic re-

sort is secure, and it features gated access. In total, the resort spans over 100 acres; including a private marina, restaurants, mini-golf, gym, workout room, spa, concert hall, tennis and pickle-ball courts, swimming pools, kayak rentals and tons of parking. Every room has recently been renovated, and each room has a view of the lake.

Rooms are now available for reservation. We have been able to lock in the resort's 2023 room rates in addition to a 15%

discount for WCLM participants. See below for links and instructions to book your room.

Reserve Your Room Today!

You can book your room today! (Room reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to your arrival date.)

The daily room rates that have been negotiated for the 2024 WCLM are:

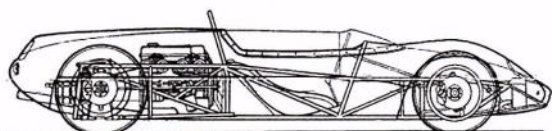
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Use the code "lotus2024" at check-out to receive a 15% discount. (Please note: this offer cannot be combined with any other lower rate, e.g., Senior, AAA or AARP.) The discount code can be used for stays beginning October 14, and it is available through October 21, 2024, (if you would like to arrive a few days prior and/or stay Sunday October 20).

WCLM Events & Activities

The WCLM Team has been hard at work putting together a packed schedule! Here is what we are currently planning (subject to change):

Thursday, Oct 17

Registration & Opening Reception (late afternoon)

Friday, Oct 18

Morning Drive and Lunch
WCLM Funkhana
WCLM Casual Dinner
WCLM Evening Event
(TBA)

Saturday, Oct 19

WCLM Car Show & Lunch
WCLM Afternoon Drive
WCLM Banquet

Sunday, Oct 20

WCLM Autocross (ends around 1-2pm)

You are encouraged to participate in all, or as many of these events as you like! Each event will bring more smiles, and by Sunday afternoon we guarantee your cheeks will be sore from grinning!

WCLM Registration is Now Open

Go to Motorsportreg.com. - <https://www.msreg.com/wclm2024> to sign up.

The 2024 WCLM Registration fees are summarized below (all fees are per person).

Entry received before July 9:

Member or guest of member --\$450.00,
Non-Member--\$500.00.

Entry received between July 10 and August 31:

Member or guest of member --\$500.00,
Non-Member--\$550.00.

Entry received between September 1 and October 5:

Member or guest of member --\$550.00,
Non-Member--\$600.00.

No Registrations after October 5. (email the WCLM team after October 5 at wclm-team@gglotus.org)

Entry fee includes all WCLM events and WCLM meals (3 lunches, hosted reception on Thursday, Friday casual dinner, and Saturday banquet). Note: Entry fee does not include breakfasts, which will be available to purchase from the resort restaurant and grill.

Regarding Lotus Club Membership—all current members (and their spouse or significant other) of any regional, national, or international Lotus club qualify for the Lotus Club Member entry fee.

The WCLM Registration Fee does not include hotel costs. Entrants are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

Reserve your room and register today! You will not want to miss the 2024 West Coast Lotus Meet!



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Lotus Cars & Coffee Features GGLC Welcome to Emira Owners

by Kiyoshi Hamai

This highly successful event was held June 9 at Trackspec Autosports in Fremont. Simply put, the participation and general excitement around this gathering far exceeded my expectations.

I was thinking we might see 30-40 cars and maybe 6-8 Emiras. Nevertheless, after posting on the GGLC Facebook page, I noted the reaction was pretty significant, but that is, at best, an unreliable gauge.

In the end, there were at least 51 cars (likely closer to 60 since a few avoided the Lotus Limbo bar and came in from the back. Jonathan counted 22 Emiras!

Jon and Victoria were awesome hosts who generously opened their shop to us. Calvin brought jugs of brewed coffee, a selection of coffee beans, and coffee making equipment that all arrived in his Dad's JPS TC Europa.

Calvin served up yummy cups of java, and I grabbed waters and 6 doz Krispy Kreme doughnuts to satisfy those with a sweet tooth.

There was lots of GGLC signage, not to mention amazing energy emanating from the attendees. In addition, Greg scattered WCLM promo cards to the crowd to advertise our

major upcoming GGLC fall gathering while Boardwalk Lotus brought their demo Emira (and gave a few drives). Boardwalk also had their Eletre there to show.

For most of the new Emira owners, this was their introduction to the club. I think they were impressed, and many expressed their interest in joining and using their 1-yr complimentary membership.

The adjacent photos capture this successful introduction of new Emira owners to the GGLC.



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For Sale: Dave Bean's custom-made, all-aluminum trailer for his 26R Elan. Currently owned by (and CA-registered to) Dave's nephew. Dimensions: 158" to V, 128" deck, 64" between fenders. New tires and spare, built-in ramps. Wheels are 26R style converted from knock offs to studs. Trailer is located in Puyallup, WA, but I make occasional trips to the Sacramento/Fairfield area and can deliver the trailer to that area if an arrangement is worked out. Asking \$3900. Contact Greg at "glovell2000—at—yahoo.com" or (253) 332-3157.



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