

The Chapman Report



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Top: Barry Spencer serves up some celebratory cake at the April 13 Grand Opening of his new shop located in Livermore. In spite of the somewhat dreary, un-springlike weather that day, this event was well attended with about 50 people there to help Barry officially open his doors and to enjoy lots of great pizza and other goodies.

May/June Meet-ups

Casual May Drive

Sunday, May 26, 2024

9:00 AM (gather)—9:30 AM (depart)

Organized by Cristian Moreno

Meet at Starbucks Coffee

**4848 San Felipe Road, San Jose
(Shopping Center)**

For this S. Bay drive, we go through San Felipe/Morgan Hill and Uvas before proceeding on to Mt. Umunhum where we stop for photo ops before reaching our final destination at a Los Gatos Peet's coffee shop (798-1 Blossom Hill Road).

[Starbucks to Peet's Coffee - Google Maps](#)

Note:

As we go to press, a GGLC Casual Drive and/or Informal Get Together for the month of June 2024 has not yet been organized.

Please check the club's website and Facebook Group on a regular basis for possible event announcements.

Editor

Message From the Prez: —2024 Updates—

by Jonathan Schreiber

Club events are revving up, and the excitement is palpable! However, we are still on the lookout for passionate volunteers to take the lead on organizing meets, drives, and other activities. Your involvement not only enriches our community, but it also helps shape the experiences we offer. Plus, as a token of our appreciation, we are offering a free AutoX or Track Day to those who step up to lead an event. It's a win-win for everyone!

Speaking of track events, both Laguna Seca and Sonoma Raceway have been freshly repaved, and the talk of the town are the new Personal Best lap times that people are putting down on the fresh, sticky surface.

As you no doubt know, the GGLC is a great, fun, and, of course, an inviting group to go lapping with. So, whether you are a seasoned track rat, or are brand new to the sport, now is an excellent time to get on track with the GGLC.

In other news, the planning for the 2024 West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) is well underway, and it's shaping up to be an extraordinary gathering. (Editor's Note: more 2024 WCLM event details are being filled in every day as reported in the article starting on page 6.)

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts and celebrate our shared love for Lotus cars. Sign up early to secure your spot. Remember that entry fee prices go up as we get closer to the event. For those in the SF Bay area, you should also note that the 2024 WCLM is a relatively local event since it is happening in Lake County.

On the topic of exciting developments, Lotus Emiras have officially landed in California. Have you had the chance to lay eyes on one yet? With their arrival, there's a buzz of anticipation in the air, and we can't wait to see these stunning machines up close as well as invite in new members who may be first-time Lotus owners with their Emira purchases.

As we dive deeper into the year, let's keep the momentum going strong. Your participation, whether it's leading events, attending meets, or simply sharing your enthusiasm, is what fuels the success of our club. Together, let's continue to make 2024 a year filled with unforgettable adventures and cherished memories.

Keep the Lotus spirit alive and thriving!



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The 2024 Season Kicks Off to a Busy Start for the San Diego Chapter

by Dan Gibson

The San Diego Lotus Club Chapter of the GGLC had a fun start to 2024. We joined our sister club, the Lotus Club of Southern CA (LCOSC), for a track day at Streets of Willow in February. In addition, we organized a back-country drive to a new Cars and Coffee in the beautiful mountain town of Santa Ysabel, located northeast of San Diego.

In April, we joined the 2024 Rolling British Car Day and picnic at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center. It was a very successful event as over 120 British car owners and their support teams had an absolute blast! We had 51 British cars starting from the southern location, plus a further 70 starting from the northern start point. On the way, we meandered through the picturesque hillsides of San Diego on our way to a beautiful picnic.

We are also pleased to announce that we have a new Lotus of San Diego dealership that recently opened, and they were kind enough to bring a brand new Emira to the Rolling British Car Day. They are co-located at the Aston Martin of San Diego dealership, and, at the time of this writing, they have two Emiras available for test drives.

We finished April with a caravan to the April 21 Long Beach Grand Prix. After meeting in Solana Beach, we meandered through the hillsides of Orange County on our way north. We were offered ticketing with Mother's Exotic Car Paddock, which included reserved parking for an amazing selection of about 200 exotic cars.

As an extra bonus, we were included in a raffle to drive one of our cars on the LBGP racetrack (one of our members won the raffle and drove on the Indy Car track!). To top off the excursion, there was some good food, and great seating before our caravan



home, which included a stop at a local brewery on the estuary in Del Mar.

We are now looking forward to more events through the summer and fall including backroad drives, another track day with LCOSC, Formula 1 watch-parties, and, of course, the 2024 WCLM 2024 scheduled for October 17-20 in NorCal.

A few photos from our events are included on the next page.

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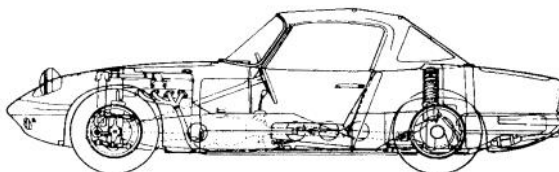
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Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 3	GGLC Track Day—Thunderhill E. / 3-mile	Willows
May 11	AutoX—Round #3	Crows Landing
May 11	LCOSC/GGLC Track Day	Buttonwillow
May 25-26	Driving Clinic / Practice AutoX (with PCA)	Alameda
May 26	South Bay Drive	San Jose
June 1-2	B'walk Lotus Customer Driving Clinic / Practice AutoX	Alameda
June 29	AutoX—Round #4	Salinas

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

SoCal Socializing—Lotus Style

by Ted Garland (Photo Credit: Sam Gao)

On Sunday, April 7, the Lotus Club of Southern California sponsored another great social event and celebration of the coming Spring driving season.

The gathering this time was held at the Hanger 24 Orange County brewery and tasting room in Irvine. It featured cars (and car talk, of course) plus lots of socializing along with some good drinks and snacks.

Roughly 30 people attended, including some welcome new faces!



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



2024 West Coast Lotus Meet

—Updated Details—

(Registration Will Open Soon)

by the 2024 WCLM Team

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 resort 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 partici-

pants. 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:

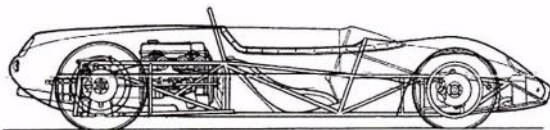
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Use the code "lotus2024" at check-out to receive a 15% discount. (Please note: this offer cannot be combined with any other lower rate, e.g., Senior, AAA or AARP.) The discount code can be used for stays beginning October 14, and it is available through 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

Morning Drive
WCLM Lunch
WCLM Autocross
WCLM Banquet

Sunday, Oct 20

WCLM Lotus Car Show,
Lunch and Awards
(ends at roughly 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 Opens May 15

We plan to open Registration for the 2024 WCLM on, or before, May 15 on Motorsport-reg.com. - <https://www.msreg.com/wclm2024>

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

Entry received before June 30:

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

Entry received between July 1 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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2024 GGLC Autocross Season —Updates for Rounds #1 & #2—

by Kiyoshi Hamai

The 2024 GGLC Autocross Season began with a FAST start, and Rounds #1 & #2 are already in the books!

Round #1 – Crows Landing , March 23

It felt great to start a new season at the open expanses of Crows Landing. The day started out sunny with a brisk breeze and large, fluffy clouds. As the morning progressed, we could see more clouds gathering. However, all of the morning run groups were able to get in dry runs.

The course was a bit unusual with the start on the east end. The first corner was a big sweeper followed by a few deep-weaving corners. After a U-turn and few slaloms, the course featured a late

apex corner that required drivers to look far ahead and ignore what appeared to be the apex and instead rotate their car and aim to apex on the back side of the corner.

As our lunch break started, the clouds were getting dark, and we could see rain falling nearby. Within minutes, we were struck by a HUGE downpour mixed with hail! Everyone scrambled for shelter. Then, within just a few more seconds, the water had piled up enough to cover the base of the cones.

Lunch was extended to allow for the rain to subside. As a result, the course looked to be drying as the first group started their afternoon runs.

Then the fun began as an MX5 spun and slid off the concrete into

the adjacent field, which had become a quagmire of deep, sticky mud. Although it was stuck axle deep, we successfully extracted the car after finding 4-5 pieces of tow straps, a chain and a rope, and enlisting the help of a 4X4 tow vehicle. Because of the time loss, we cut the group short and also shortened the time available for the next group. But, guess what—this time it was a Porsche that spun and found itself stuck in the mud!

We were able to free the Porsche and got the event going again, but the clouds had a different idea as more hail and more rain ensued, so we took the “hint” from Mother Nature and called it a “day”.

Round #2 – Salinas Airport, April 28

Three weeks later, we headed to Salinas Airport for Round #2. The weather was near perfect. We had a smallish turnout, which gave everyone lots of runs.



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The remainder of the club's Autocross Schedule is given below.

Upcoming Schedule of 2024 GGLC Autocross Events:

May 11, Saturday - Crows Landing
June 29, Saturday - Salinas Airport
August 3, Saturday - Salinas Airport
August 25, Sunday - Salinas Airport
September 7, Saturday - Laguna Seca, Lake Bed
September 28, Saturday - Crows Landing
October 27, Sunday - Laguna Seca, Lake Bed

Driving Clinic and Practice – Alameda Naval Air Base, May 25-26

The GGLC is partnering with the PCA-Golden Gate Region to present a Drivers' Clinic on May 25 with a practice event the following day. There is room for 45 students who will be paired with driving coaches to guide them through various exercises to learn, and hone, a variety of skills that are the foundation of performance

driving and autocross. Those newly learned skills will then be put to practice in the afternoon and then again the next day.

From our 2023 clinic, a student driver shared:

**"All three exercises helped me exponentially with understanding my car and weight transfer."
"Great instructors. Terrific feedback and learning from several instructors to get new perspectives."

Boardwalk Lotus and GGLC Driver Clinic/Autocross, June 1-2

Boardwalk Lotus is presenting a customer event for Boardwalk's Emira customers on the weekend of June 1-2. This special event will include dinners, a drive and a Drivers' Clinic plus an Autocross (presented by the GGLC).

Driving Coaches Needed! Are you interested in Coaching Emira drivers? Please contact me if you are an

experienced autocrosser and you are interested in helping with the Clinic and/or coaching. It's a great way to promote the GGLC and welcome new Lotus owners to the Lotus family! Email: autocross@gglotus.org

Join the Fun!

Come join the fun! If you are new to autocrossing, it is a great way to enjoy your Lotus in a fun, safe, and educational way. Drop us a note and we will be sure to find someone to guide you through an event and give you a few tips and helpful hints.

Some photos from Round #1 are included on the next page.

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Lotus Announces North America Order Opening for the Eletre

(Abstracted From Lotus Press Release)

Dateline: Plymouth, MI—April 16, 2024

Lotus today has announced the pricing of its electric hyper-SUV Eletre in North America. Customers are invited to customize their vehicle and place an order starting today, and they can expect to receive their cars beginning in Q4 this year. MSRP pricing begins at \$107,000.00

Eletre is the first in a new breed of performance SUVs from Lotus. It blends Lotus' design DNA and expertise in advanced active aerodynamics, with the latest technologies – offering a car that is not only fun to drive but also versatile and practical for everyday use.

Eletre Overview: **The perfect companion for every adventure.**

Eletre provides drivers with the confidence to go anywhere with its hyper-fast charging. It can reach a range of up to 250 miles in just 20 minutes, and it has a maximum range of 354 miles with a 350kW-DC fast charger.

Sportscar levels of performance in the comfort of an SUV.

The standard Eletre is one of the most powerful SUVs in the world (0-100km/h in under three seconds). The Eletre R variant features 905hp and 727lb ft (985Nm) of torque, which covers the benchmark (0-100kmh) sprint in just 2.95 seconds, and it can reach 165mph (265km/h).

Advanced active aerodynamics for the ultimate performance.

Eletre features up to six driving modes including Tour, Range, Sport, Off-Road, Individual, and

Track. All cars are fitted with powerful 414mm steel brakes clamped by 6-piston calipers as standard, and, on the Eletre R model, an even larger 10-piston 420mm carbon ceramic option is available. These provide drivers with Lotus' signature dynamic handling capabilities, as well as a car that is ultrapowerful and pragmatic for day-to-day driving.

Room for everything.

The Eletre includes an expansive and practical cabin that has plenty of head and leg room in both the front and rear seats. The car also has foldable rear seats, which can be lowered down to become an armrest with two deployable cupholders. There is enough storage for all of the driver's needs with a rear boot capacity of up to 54.1 cu (1,532 litres).

New-luxury travel experience.

The Eletre has been designed with a range of sustainable materials including Econyl, Alcantara, and Re-Fiber, which are key touchpoints in the Eletre and offer a modern and sleek interior that makes every entrance and journey feel luxurious.

Next-generation innovation, designed to be intuitive and enhance the driver experience.

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