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Chunky's Chatter

A light hearted and sometime irreverent monthly look at the world of Lotus



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photo by Vicky Rowe

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Presidents prattle
With Ashton Roskill



October dawns fine and sunny.....

Thank you to all those who came to the AGM - it was the usual convivial affair with Yiorgas' catering and the reinstatement of your Committee with the notable incorporation of the newly formed Motorsport Committee. Thank you to all the Committee for their continued hard work and for putting up with me for another year. Same goes for you, our members I suppose 😊





Same too to all those who made it to Eggs B. Great fun! Congratulations to Stephen Palmer for taking home the Round the Buckets trophy. And a notable mention to Angus Mackie for a creditable performance first time out in the Elan.

In the final sprint towards the Christmas break please don't forget that we have our Christmas Party on Sunday 3rd December. If you haven't sent Anne a note confirming your attendance please do so now so we can firm up numbers, by the end of the month ideally - anne_blackwood@hotmail.com. And Ed and Kath Burton have kindly offered coffee for all those heading down from Sydney so we will be deviating via Kiama on the way south - thank you Ed and Kath.

In case you have been asleep, Simply Sports Cars and Lotus Australia are teaming up with Targa High Country again and this year there are 26 cars competing. Should be a blast. Giles and I are using it to start getting some "cabin time" 😊 We'll let you know how we get on.

Right, better get this to Tom so I don't hold up this month's CC.

Take care, and keep safe upright and on the black stuff.

Pip pip

From the Editor Tom Devitt



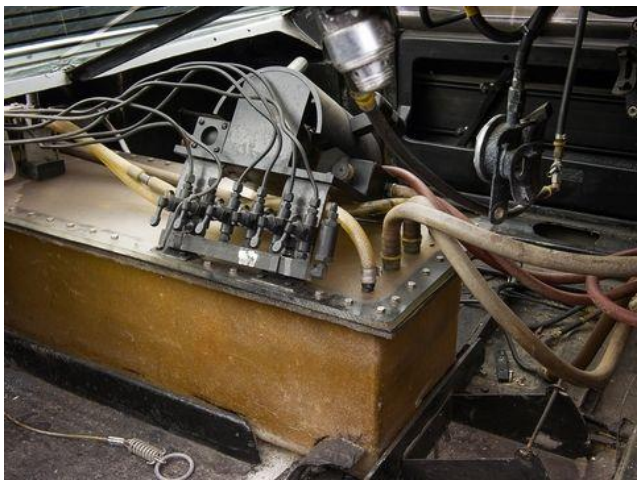
Some of the more eagle eyed readers may have seen this unusually obscure item in the Column 8 of the Sydney Morning herald of Monday September 18

While Alan Gibson's Tesla sighting
May not have been musk
(C8) George Manojlovic of
Mangerton is willing to bet it
Was the latest model roadster "a Lotus Elon".

So what's it all mean? Well I came in a bit late in the discussion bit I can only surmise that it is a play on words of the name of the Tesla boss Elon Musk. When the James Bond movie, the Spy who loved me was made, the production company commissioned Florida Company Perry Oceanography, to build 3 props of the Lotus Esprit which featured in the movie as being able to double up as s submarine. The main one of these, which was motorised and nicknamed Wet Nellie, disappeared for eons only to be discovered in 2013. It was sent to Sotheby's for auction and Elon Musk coughed up US$997.000.00 for it. His aim was to bring it back to life as a submarine car once again.



"It was amazing as a little kid in South Africa to watch James Bond in The Spy Who Loved Me drive his Lotus Esprit off a pier, press a button and have it transform into a submarine underwater," said Musk in a statement. "I was disappointed to learn that it can't actually transform. What I'm going to do is upgrade it with a Tesla electric powertrain and try to make it transform for real."



Sadly, not the inside of the Lotus submarine one would expect

Sadly whilst it looked good in the movie, it never really came close to working so it looks like young Elon bought himself a bit of a dud! It simply is not submarine material and no amount of money thrown at it is going to make it work. Oh well!!

By the way, the Club now has some new outside window CLA stickers. They are priced at $5 for 2 and $3 for one. Keith Edwards has them and will post to you for another $1.00 contact him at pridren@bigpond.com.au Additionally, he and Ashton will also bring them to club events for sale. That's it from me, see you in November and don't forget to tell Anne if you are intending to come to Craigieburn for our Christmas Party on the 3rd of December (anne_blackwood@hotmail.com)
Tom

Welcome new and returning members

Peter Roberts (rejoined) – NSW

James Chan (rejoined) – NSW

Ngan Ha (rejoined) – NSW

Jamieson Chan – NSW

Justin Fengels (rejoined) – NSW

Lee Knappett (rejoined) – NSW

Paul Castillo – ACT

Richard Tassone – NSW

Scott McKay – NSW

Brent Wilson – NSW

Craig Daggar (rejoined) – NSW

Leanne Daggar – NSW

Eloise Daggar – NSW

Rhys Daggar – NSW

Club Lotus Australia CSCA Round 6 conducted by the Sprite car Club Australia Sunday 24th September



Sunday the 24th of September saw the motorsport crew gather at Sydney Motorsport Park's South Circuit for the sixth round of 2017's CSCA sprint season. The penultimate round of the 2017 series was hosted by the Sprite Car Club of Australia and saw an awesome collection of Sprites take to the track alongside the series' traditionally-varied and interesting collection of cars. Club Lotus Australia was very well represented, with Club Lotus cars and drivers throughout the field and one group made up almost entirely of Lotuses.

We were also very happy to step away from the track for a few minutes to enjoy a surprise birthday celebration for Zed. Thanks to Zed's family for inviting us to be a part of it, and congratulations on an awesome celebration!

Thanks to Seth Reinhardt for the words and pictures







2017 SA HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP – COLLINGROVE SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10

BY ANDREW STEVENS

The South Australian Hillclimb Championships were held over two days on the 9th and 10th of September, at the tricky Collingrove Hillclimb track in the Barossa Valley.

The Sporting Car Club of SA recently put in a huge effort to upgrade the track, and the results were evident. Lotus had 2 competitors: Graham Smith moving out of Clubman sports into an Elise S in the Under 2L Road Registered, and Martin Wallace bolting a new set of Kumhos onto his recently-acquired Elise 220 Cup to take on the Over 2L Road Registered boys.



Graham Smith in his Elise S

After people dialled themselves in on the Saturday, the fast times were to come on Sunday. The warm but overcast conditions were ideal for hillclimbing, with the sun making regular appearances and the red mist soon descending. The recovery truck did so many runs that it was in danger of having to do a re-fuelling run, and the newly installed guardrail got some unwanted attention.



Martin Wallace blasts up the hill in his 220 Cup Elise

Martin's times improved until he was comfortably leading his class, enabling him to qualify for the top 12 shootout as the fastest two-wheel-drive road registered vehicle. His best time was comfortably under 36 seconds, which is a very quick run. Keeping it neat and quick is the secret at Collingrove and Martin was clearly committed.

Graham overdid things on Saturday at the tight hairpin up the top of the hill, proving just why some people consider the splitter to be a sacrificial item on Elises. After presenting the remnants to his wife at dinner, he fronted up on Sunday to keep a very quick MR2 and the rest of the 2L cars honest.

The extra cubes in the MR2 told at the end, but Graham had a ball, having extracted everything that the 1ZZ was willing to give, and talking about wanting more horsepower, a sure sign that the limit is being approached.

Another example of a couple of well-driven standard Lotus standing out on track, and being very competitive against significantly more modified vehicles.

CONGRATULATIONS MARTIN WALLACE: SA Hillclimb Champion Road Registered 2 Wheel Drive

Quokka Talk

By Eddie Lankhorst

The past month we've had two new Lotus car owners in WA. Firstly, a big welcome to Dave with a very clean and neat Chrome Orange S2 Elise, and Ian with his good as new Titanium S3 Elise 1.6. Both joined us for our EMR this month and are enjoying their car especially in a manner that these cars were designed for. More fun and games will follow for all.

We have been invited to display a range of Lotus cars at the new BritFest car show at the Claremont Showgrounds on Sunday 29th October, so if you are interested in displaying your car and gaining free entry, please email me today or before end of September.

Plans are currently underway for a weekend tour to the Margaret River region, so if you're interested keep Fri 24th to Sun 26th November free on your calendar. An online poll will be conducted on our Club Lotus WA Facebook page, so this will be your opportunity to express your desire to participate.

Our Christmas BBQ is also in the throes of being planned for Sunday 10th December so please mark your calendar now so as not to overlook this very social event. This will be run in conjunction with an early EMR date.

Lastly, next year's Club Lotus WA calendar is being planned and I am looking for high resolution photos of your car (with or without you). Please email me before end of September via vicked3095@live.com your photos and only the best will do.

- October
  - Mon 9th BOAB Meet n Eat 6pm Kings Park
  - Sat and Sun 14th and 15th State Speed Event Series sprints at Collie (either one of these dates qualify as part of WA Club Championship, not both)
  - Sun 22nd EMR 8am from Guildford (delayed due to SES sprints)
  - Sun 29th BritFest car display at Claremont Showgrounds
- November
  - Mon 13th BOAB Meet n Eat at 6pm Kings Park
  - Sun 19th EMR 8am from Guildford
  - Fri 24th Go Karting Cockburn (tbc)
- December
  - Sat 2nd State Speed Event Series at Barbagallo raceway (final round of WA Championship)
  - Sun 10th EMR and Christmas BBQ at John & Robyn's new home.
  - Mon 11th BOAB Meet n Eat at 6pm Kings Park

EMR to Rockingham Beach

By Eddie Lankhorst

The day started fresh and clear at our usual meeting place at Guildford Railway car park with excited banter from everyone while awaiting the late comers. After a safety briefing, we proceeded towards a second meeting point where we picked up Andy with his beautiful V8 Esprit and Dave in his newly acquired Chrome Orange S2 Elise S. A quick hello and onwards we strived through some picturesque roads through the Perth Hills with 10 Lotus cars and one BMW all up. We also had a BRG Elan S3 driven by Graeme, 4x Elise driven by Mike, Gavin, Robyn, Ian then there was 1x Exige S2 with John at the wheel and lastly 2x Exige S3 driven hard by Vicky and Les.





This was a difficult tour to arrange in two respects with us heading to Rockingham. One issue was that Rockingham is usually busy whenever there is nice warm weather. With one restaurant in mind, I struck a problem. They hung up on me twice when I mentioned we wanted to book a table for 22 people, their loss. As I was busy navigating and having trouble juggling two mobile phones, Marilyn (Les's wonderful wife) offered to do a ring around for a suitable café. Wahla, she found a cafe and right on the foreshore, overlooking the beach and Garden Island. Thank you Marilyn you saved the day. The second poser was that the roads leading down to Rockingham tend to be boring and crowded. But I think I hit the best balance of roads that were fun to drive and managed to avoid the endless straight roads and traffic often found in this area. Another successful Early Morning Run for Perth. Thanks guys for your continued support.

CAMS Club Challenge – Hillclimb WA

By Eddie Lankhorst

A couple of months ago I noticed in the regular CAMS newsletter that there was going to be CAMS Club Challenge in WA. What a great idea this was. The date was 27th August and was being held at Jacks Hill. Yes, a Hillclimb. So I put the word out for people interested in forming teams to compete. We needed a team of three to five cars to enter and the response was a little slow to begin with, but eventually we had a team of 4 cars. Then the word seemed to get around that this would be fun and before I knew it I had another team of four. Awesome.

The day was a team effort. Each car was entered according to their regular Sprint class and each class having a recorded time for the hillclimb. Times were recorded by each team member and points allocated according how close they were to the circuit record for their class. Points were then added together for the team. The best results for the day determined placings.

We had team "Lots of Trouble" with Steve Metlitzky, Richard Cooper, Andrew Graham and Preston Adams. Then our second team was "Usually Serious" with Vicky Rowe, Kevin Fitzmaurice, John Edmondson and me. A great mix of cars and personalities.

The day was a big hoot and was lots of fun with a few spins and misadventures entertaining the crowds, and these were mostly performed by Lotus owners as they got that exuberant driving urge. However, all this exuberance paid off for team "Lots of Trouble" who claimed third place and won Club Lotus WA $800 prize money. Closely beaten by team WRX and WASCC. Well done to all teams and a big thank you to CAMS for a well run fun day. We definitely need more team events in WA.

The prize money will be put towards a practice day on Jack Hill sometime next year.



Steve Metlitzky, Richard Cooper, Andrew Graham and Preston Adams

2017 Eggs Benedict at Ebony Hall

Sunday the 10th of September saw us cruising through to Anne Blackwood's beautiful Ebony Hall to enjoy one of our favorite events of the year – Eggs Benedict, featuring Round the Buckets – in joyful memory of Maurice Blackwood.



We were treated to a stunning spring day, completing the perfect backdrop for our beloved social brunch. The brunch itself was awesome, with Anne even organising a barista to ensure coffee cravings were satisfied with aplomb.

Efforts to raise money for Beyond Blue were very successful and we raised $1,027 on the day. Thanks to Anne for organising and to all who contributed!

Making an already great day even better was the inclusion of our yearly Round the Buckets. How did Round the Buckets eventuate? Well for this, we hand over to Anne:

'The much loved late Hon. John Dawson-Damer, Patron of Club Lotus Australia, started the annual Round The Buckets on his historic property Oran Park in the 1970s.



His property had previously contained a golf course which was smooth as a bub's bum. Now, in those days, alcohol was a huge part of life and motoring and this event was often conducted under the influence. One year, in the wet, we even had a Rolls Royce taking part. (Quite a sight to see 4 tonnes sliding out of control sideways…)



D-D was also famous for distributing hay to his cattle from the whale tail of his Porsche 930. He also had one of the greatest Lotus Formula One collections in the world. All were bought for a pittance and included the FWD 63 which took him to his death at the 2000 Goodwood Festival of Speed. He had a terrible habit with seat belts and they were rarely tight.

At Lotus 1987, in torrential rain, he did not want to disappoint us and brought out the ground effects 79 to demonstrate at Oran Park

Raceway. Another great sight and sound to see him spinning this wonderful toy down the straight at Oran Park and hearing that cranky DFV.

We need lovely, eccentric and passionate people like D-D and he is much missed. He was my friend. The world is definitely a bit vanilla without him and his like.

Anne Blackwood



For 2017 and Stephen Palmer was able to hang on to the John Dawson Damer Trophy for another year, fending off steep competition from Anne, Graham and 2015 winner Peter Walker. Congratulations Stephen!



A monumental THANK YOU to Anne for hosting the event, putting together a beautiful meal and encouraging us to play cars on her lovely property. Eggs Benedict is as pure an expression of the spirit of the club event as can be found, and is a highlight of the calendar each and every year.





Thanks to Gino Valdes for the fabulous photos of the day and to Seth Reinhardt and Anne Blackwood for the words.

60 years ago last month, the Lotus 7 had its first competitive outing

September 60 years ago that the world saw the Lotus Seven compete for the first time. It was on 7th September 1957 at the Brighton Speed Trials on the Madeira Drive seafront at Brighton that Edward Lewis raced Lotus Seven chassis # Mk.7/400 in a



Edward Lewis with chassis 400 at The 1957 Brighton Speed Trials



time of 29.72 seconds **to win the Sports Cars - 1501 to 2500cc. Class.**

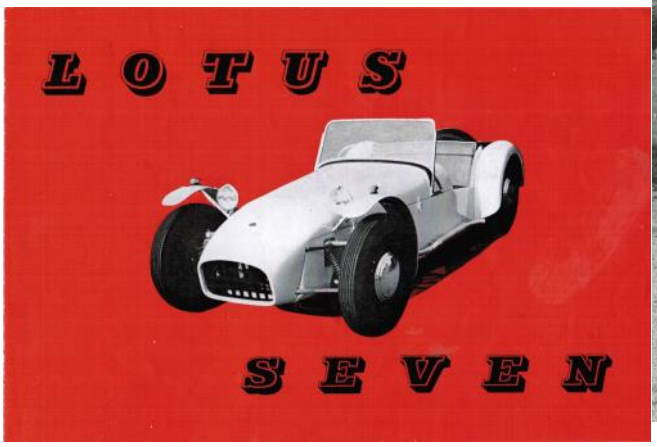
Since then Lotus Sevens have been seen competing on race circuits, sprints and hills all over the world and continue to do so today.

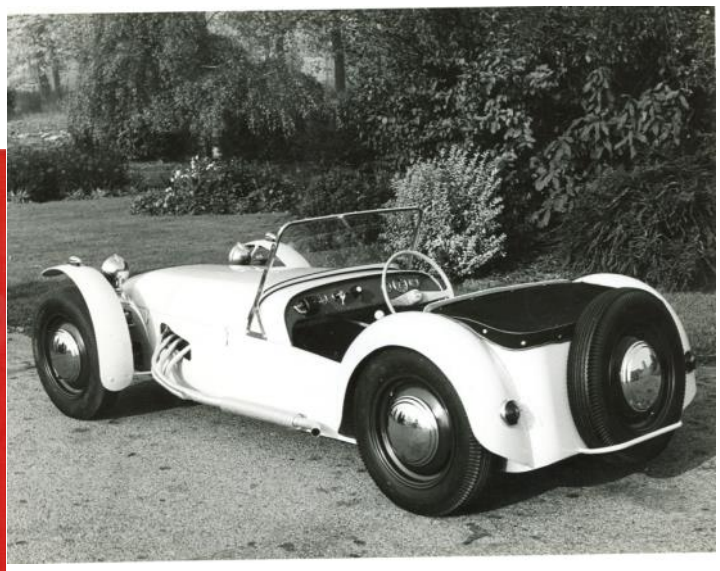
Happy Birthday Lotus Seven!

From

John Watson,

Lotus Seven Historian





Factory photo of the first 7

2017 Grand Prix de France Historique held at Neves Magny-Cours on the 1st and 2nd July

Our own Bill Mair managed to get Press Accreditation for the event and sent us these marvellous pictures



Classic Team Lotus arrive at the Circuit



Lotus 81 in the Classic Team Lotus Garage



Lotus 77 driven by Gregory Thornton tippy toeing in the wet



It wouldn't be a CC without a Grid Girl this is toe Umbrella girl for the Lotus 77



Starting Grid and the Lotus 71. Jean Alesi was guest of honour



Lotus 77 exiting the chicane to pit straight



The eventual winner of race 1 Michael Lyons in a 1980 Williams FW07. It was an FW07that took Australian Allan Jones to his world championship in 1980

A new Jim Clark Museum gets the go ahead with finds from UK national Lottery and the Jim Clark trust

Scottish Borders Council has successfully secured almost £635,000 National Lottery funding to support the redevelopment of the existing Jim Clark Room.

At the same time, The Jim Clark Trust confirmed it had reached its fundraising target of £300,000 thanks to the support of thousands of public donations.

The £1.6m project, which is being delivered with over £600,000 of Council funding and the £300,000 raised by the charitable Trust, will see the existing small exhibition space in Duns redeveloped to create a modern museum to celebrate the life and achievements of Jim Clark, a double Formula One world champion.

Sir Jackie Stewart, Honorary President of The Jim Clark Trust, commented: "I am thrilled that the dream has come true that sufficient funding is going to permit a great Scottish hero to be honoured by what will be an excellent testimony to his success as one of the world's greatest racing drivers of all time.



Sir Jackie Stewart having a bit of fun with a chequered flag

"I am so proud to have been a friend of Jim's. I learned so much from him and I miss him dearly. This initiative will recognise one of Scotland's greatest sporting heroes in the very grounds that he so much loved.

"I would like to thank the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Borders Council and The Jim Clark Trust and all who have financially supported this endeavour to honour a great Scottish sportsman."

Councillor Euan Jardine, SBC's Executive Member for Culture and Sport, said: "It is wonderful that the Heritage Lottery Fund has given its support for this project and that The Jim Clark Trust has also reached its ambitious funding target. Thanks to these funds, combined with the Council's own commitment, we can now look forward to a much improved museum.



The current Jim Clark rooms in Duns

"This project will create a visitor attraction which will bring in tourists and Formula One fans from across the world to Berwickshire in bigger numbers than ever before and will really be a fitting legacy to Jim Clark."

The new museum will provide expanded exhibition space showcasing memorabilia and the trophy collection, two of Jim Clark's race cars, new image galleries,

film footage, interactive displays, technology and an education zone. It will continue to be operated by Live Borders.



Lucy Casot, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Scotland, said: "We are delighted that, thanks to players of the National Lottery, we're able to support the transformation of the Jim Clark Room into a visitor attraction worthy of his sporting greatness. It's certain to attract people from far and wide benefitting the Border's tourist economy."

The Jim Clark Trust and representatives of the Jim Clark Memorial Room Trust have been involved throughout the project development, and have played a key role in fundraising.

Doug Niven, Trustee and cousin of Jim Clark, stated: "On behalf of the Trust I would like to thank Heritage Lottery Fund and Scottish Borders Council and the thousands of individuals across the world that have supported our £300,000 charity fundraising campaign, without whom this project would not be possible.

"Those people should feel justifiably proud having contributed to today's announcement. We look forward to a new museum celebrating the life and achievements of Jim and his legacy for Scottish motor sport to promote heritage, education and inspire future generations."

Over the past five years the project has received widespread support on a regional and national level and from the international motor sport community. Supporters of the project include motor sport luminaries such as Dario Franchitti, Allan McNish, David Coulthard, Clive Chapman and Lord March, all Patrons of The Jim Clark Trust.

Wider aspirations for the museum project feature an extension in the future to showcase more race cars with a celebration of Scottish motor sport, a classic car restoration programme, support for technology skills apprenticeships and a Jim Clark driving tourist trail through the scenic countryside of the Scottish Borders incorporating historic venues such as the old race circuits at Charterhall and Winfield Airfield, local market towns and Jim Clark's grave at Chirnside.

Lynne Irons, Director of Managed Services at Live Borders, said: "Live Borders is delighted that the efforts of all the partners has led to successful fundraising targets being reached and look forward to working with them to create a first class museum and visitor experience for Duns and the wider Scottish Borders.

"The expanded museum will be a modern and vibrant celebration of Jim Clark's life and career for visitors from all walks of life to celebrate his life and achievements."

Development funding of £53,100 was awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund in March last year to help progress plans ahead of the full funding application.

Jim Clark won the Formula One championship in 1963, becoming the then youngest ever World Champion. He followed it up with victory again in 1965 and in the same year also won the prestigious Indianapolis 500 in America. He remains the only driver to have won both the Formula One and Indy 500 titles in the same year.

Clark tragically died at Hockenheim in Germany at the age of just 32. He was much admired for his modesty and humility alongside his remarkable natural ability in all forms of motor racing.

He is still considered one of the greatest ever racing drivers and remains to this day one of Scotland's most admired sporting heroes.



Jim Clark trophies and memorabilia currently on display

Members of the public can keep in touch with the redevelopment plans, news and future events by registering at **www.jimclarktrust.com**

This Article **Sir Jackie Stewart 'thrilled' by green light for new Jim Clark Museum** appeared first on **The Lotus Forums**.

Ed Holly's Lotus Elite Chassis number 1405 is back on the road

Ed Holly writes," I have owned 1405 for 8 years, John Partridge owned her for about 18 years before selling to me and it was last driven in October 1990, 27 years ago before it had quite a nasty accident at Lakeside Qld. The car still has a lot of cosmetics to finish off such as interior, bumpers, etc, but it is mobile and in the 11 miles done it never missed a beat.







Lotus PLC delivers radical financial turnaround for FY 16/17

- **Profit Before Tax improvement of £10m in second half of FY 2016/17**
- **Positive EBITDA of £2m for FY 2016/17 (up £18.2m)**
- **Sales up 57% in mainland Europe and six-fold sales growth in North America**
- **Lotus is now self-sufficient and sustainable, and on target for full year Profit Before Tax for FY 2017/18**



Marking a major milestone in the history of Lotus Group International Limited (LGIL), the company finishes the financial year 2016/17 on plan. Lotus closed the year with positive EBITDA of £2.0m, a major achievement compared to 2015/16 where a £16.3m EBITDA loss was recorded. There has also been a significant improvement in Profit Before Tax. From a £41.2m loss in FY15/16 to a £11.2m loss overall in FY16/17, with the company recording a Profit Before Tax improvement of £10m in the second half of FY16/17 compared to the first six months of the year. Looking ahead, it allows Lotus to concentrate on the next stage of the business' development, and a return to full year Profit Before Tax for FY17/18.



Key to this turnaround has been the successful introduction of a completely revised product portfolio, with new benchmark sports cars within the Evora, Exige and Elise model ranges together with the new Lotus 3-Eleven.

Focusing on its core strengths of engineering and core brand values, Lotus is now producing its strongest ever lineup of cars, and the results pave the way for future investment and the development of new models. Recently the company has launched products in new markets, including the US, and opened new dealerships across the globe, increasing from 138 sales points in 2014 to 215 today.

Announcing the news, Jean-Marc Gales, CEO, Group Lotus plc said, "This is a proud moment for Lotus and to have achieved so much is testament to the hard work of all our staff. Our vastly improved profitability, together with an increase in revenue means that for the first time in many years Lotus is now a self-sufficient and sustainable business.

We have emerged from the last three years a fitter and more effective business, where we are fast in bringing new sports cars to market and agile in adapting to new opportunities. We are now in a perfect position to develop the next generation of Lotus sports cars and the 850 highly skilled staff at our headquarters in Norfolk and around the world who have such passion for the business and are ready to take the next steps in the exciting history of the company. The recent announcement that the Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co. Ltd (Geely) has acquired a majority stake holding in Lotus provides an environment in which the company can flourish. This includes continuing the development of new vehicles and technologies, as well as growing sales internationally."




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ENJOY MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN ROADS WITH THE LOTUS TOUR AT TARGA HIGH COUNTRY

Lotus Cars Australia has announced the Lotus Tour at Targa High Country 2017, which will run as part of the 2017 Targa High Country Rally over the 10th to the 12th of November this year. Spaces in the tour are extremely limited, so if you're interested get in touch with Richard at Lotus Cars Australia ASAP!

The Lotus Tour is a non-competitive category within Targa High Country that will see you driving the same route as the competition cars. It's a chance to enjoy the atmosphere of the event and the astonishing winding roads that it takes in. The roads are closed to incoming traffic, and as long as you drive safely within the normal posted speed limits, you're free to enjoy them in a spirited manner.

The tour is based in Mount Buller, and each day starts and finishes atop the mountain. You will travel in a group following a Lotus Tour Leader car and run ahead of the competition field each morning. In the evenings, the group will catch up over a social dinner with other Lotus Tour members as well as the Lotus competitors and crew.

The tour will run for five nights at a cost of $4,500 per car including GST. a 50% deposite is required to secure your space, with the balance payable by the 31st of August, 2017. Entry is limited to just 12 cars and spaces will be secured on a first come, first served basis.

To book, contact Richard at Lotus Cars AustraliaRichard at Lotus Cars Australia to register your interest.

Targa High Country was a highlight of 2016's Lotus calendar, and we're sure it will be again in 2017. Check out our coverage from last year here to get a feel for the event.

Read on for some further details thanks to Lotus Cars Australia.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?



A road registered Lotus vehicle
A navigator (or co-driver) willing to share the experience
A first aid kit
Reflective triangles

Absorbent material for oils spills (e.g. kitty litter)
A CAMS Level 2 non speed licence for both driver and navigator. Cost is $85 each. Licences are valid for 1 year so can be used at many motorsport related events and track days.
Helmets, special race suits, harness, cages and other equipment usually associated with competition cars are not required. If your car is road worthy and registered, then it is eligible.
WHAT IS INCLUDED?
Event entry fees and levies for 1 car and two people to complete all stages of the event
5 nights twin share accommodation
Vehicle support from Lotus Cars Australia technicians
Lunch each day full day of competition for driver and co-driver
A dedicated Lotus Tour leader and event guide
5 nights dinner package. Selected beverages included in 3 nights. Self purchase on the other 3 nights
Road books for all stages of the event
Competition lanyards and official invitation to compete
Entry to the official welcome party for both driver and co-driver
A set of Targa High Country vinyl door panels and number plates
Finishers medallion for driver and co-driver (on completion of the event)
WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED?
Fuel
Cost of getting to and from Mount Buller
Vehicle transport. Many Owners do drive their vehicle there and back, although vehicle transport can also be arranged

The Lotus Forums Picture of the Month

One of the many great images taken at this year's Lotus Festival, this striking Evora S with an equally eye-catching Lotus 110 on it's roof was irresistable. Both owned by TLF member TomE,

The Lotus 110 is the road-racing version of Chris Boardman's iconic 1992 Olympic Gold winning track bike (the Lotus 108). This was the rider and bike combination that kick-started an unprecedented era of British cycling success, so many cyclists would probably recognise the bike long before the car!

Taken and kindly shared by Picture of The Month regular Malcolm Feth, it captures one of the many unforgettable sights you get to see at the Lotus Brands Hatch Festival every year.



CLA 2016–2017 Financial Statement

Thanks to Greg Cliffe

Profit and Loss

CLA Inc
For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

Income	2017	2016
CLA CSCA events	14,720.00	14,605.00
Clubshop	259.00	201.00
Credit card handling fees collected	159.00	0.00
Interest Income	305.83	688.71
Membership subscriptions - renewals	17,860.00	7,879.00
Other Revenue (calendars and badges)	955.00	0.00
Social events (Christmas party member contributions)	1,950.00	2,445.00
Total Income	**36,208.83**	**25,818.71**
Expenses		
Affiliation fees	1,430.00	2,060.00
Bank Fees	461.27	405.60
CLA CSCA events expense	13,440.50	12,913.40
Combined club non-competition events	2,000.00	240.00
Clubshop expenses	0.00	3,762.00
General Expenses (prize, badges etc)	1,593.31	594.65
General meetings	990.10	2,371.46
IT/Website	10,268.00	7,844.00
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,856.65	895.67
Publications	0.00	2,804.08
Social events - ACT, SA, WA Branch Christmas party subsidies	1,003.73	450.00
Social events - CLA Christmas Party	3,600.00	4,800.00
Social events - Eggs Benedict	1,371.32	1,239.78
Total Expenses	**38,014.88**	**40,380.64**
Net Surplus (Deficit)	**(1,806.05)**	**(14,561.93)**

Balance Sheet

CLA Inc
As at 30 June 2017

Assets	2017	2016
Cheque account	10,795.13	7,584.32
Term deposit	23,960.72	23,654.89
2013 National Meet account	0.00	187.69
Total Assets	**34,755.85**	**31,426.90**
Liabilities		
Double payments to be refunded	130.00	0.00
Elite Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Dinner 12 August 2017 (77 x $65)	5,005.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	**5,135.00**	**0.00**
Net Assets	**29,620.85**	**31,426.90**
Equity		
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the year	31,426.90	45,988.83
Current Year Earnings	(1,806.05)	(14,561.93)
Total Equity	**29,620.85**	**31,426.90**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE YOUR LOTUS AT MOUNT PANORAMA

Simply Sports Cars, in association with Challenge Bathurst, are offering 12 entrants an awesome opportunity to unleash their Lotus around Mount Panorama this November 16th & 17th.

The team will be participating in November's Challenge Bathurst, which offers two days of track time on the iconic circuit. Simply Sports Cars will provide support and will be bringing along four-time Bathurst 12-Hour class winner Mark O'Connor to act as a guide.

The cost for the event is $3,299 including GST, and entry includes:

Entry to the 2017 Challenge Bathurst Sprint Group (a vehicle can be shared by two drivers)
Two days of track time including 8 20-minute sprint sessions
1 familiarization run
1 practice
6 timed sprints with Mylaps timing
Simply Sports Cars support for both days, which includes a mechanics and engineers team, as well as access to the wealth of knowledge that the team has gained from winning multiple Mount Panorama racing events
A dedicated Lotus pit garage
Lotus Pit Suite
Gourmet lunch for both days
Comfortable 40-car grid

If you're interested in this opportunity to drive your Lotus on one of the world's greatest race circuits, simply go to the Simply Sports Cars website



Mark O'Connor in the 2015 Bathurst 12-Hour, thanks to Martin Duursma

Answer to last months "Now who Said That?"



"It was a bee's dick off pole, but at least I'm on the front row. I'll sleep fine tonight. "



Well, that one was a bit of a shock since no one got it. The correct answer was our very own Mark Webber
Said on qualifying a tenth of a second shy of pole position and Red Bull team-mate Sebastian Vettel at the 2010 Australian Grand Prix.

The other one I like is when asked whether he's ever been tempted to punch Sebastian Vettel he replied...

"My dad always said you shouldn't hit boys..."

Now, Who said that

A monthly quiz and OK you can use Wikipedia if you like! And remember there is now a mention of the originator of the quote, elsewhere in this newsletter!



This months' quote, and he is speaking about Formula 1, and it's a lot easier!!

"There used to be a lot more familiarity and camaraderie, but on the downside, there were so many people getting killed."

Winner announced next month

And remember, the quoted person is mentioned somewhere in this newsletter!!

Expressions of interest called for CLA Christmas Party at Carigieburn in Bowral



Having enjoyed two Christmas parties at Bombini in Kincumber, it's time to change up the venue and go for a run in the opposite direction. Preliminary arrangements have been made to hold the Christmas party at Peppers Craigieburn, but we need to confirm numbers to proceed.

The Christmas party will be held on Sunday the 3rd of December and the current venue of choice is Peppers Craigieburn (Centennial Rd, Bowral NSW 2576, www.peppers.com.au/craigieburn).

The cost will be $55 per head for a casual buffet lunch, not including beverages. Children are, of course, most welcome. We are sad to say that this year we will be unable to subsidise the cost of the meal.

To get us there in good company, we will organise a run south and enjoy our cars, great roads and New South Wales' beautiful countryside along the way. Arrangements will be made to park and display our cars at the venue. Details will be confirmed closer to the date.

In order to go ahead, we need to confirm numbers by the end of October. Please get in touch with Anne Blackwood by Friday the 27th of October and confirm who is coming (you, your partner and any children that you would like to bring along.)

anne_blackwood@hotmail.com

The expression of interest date is final and if we do not have sufficient numbers by the 27th of October, 2017, we will progress alternate arrangements.

We have traditionally enjoyed an excellent response to our Christmas events, so we're looking forward to celebrating another year with the Club Lotus family at this lovely venue!

CLA NSW 2017 Diary

Month	Day Date	Event	Time	Location
October	Sunday, 1 October 2017	FoSC	8.00am	SMP Amaroo
	Sunday, 15 October 2017	Tyre Kick & Coffee	9.00am	Gough Whitlam Park Tempe
	Sunday, 15 October 2017	TSOA CSCA Round 7	8.00am	Wakefield Park
November				
	Sunday, 19 November 2017	Tyre Kick & Coffee	9.00am	Gough Whitlam Park Tempe
December				
	Sunday, 3 December 2017	CLA Christmas Party	11.00am	TBA

CLA WA 2017 Diary

Month	Day Date	Event	Time	Location
October	Monday, 9 October 2017	Meet n Eat	6.00pm	BOAB
	Saturday, 14 October 2017	State Speed Series	8.00am	Collie
	Sunday, 15 October 2017	State Speed Series	8.00am	Collie
	Sunday, 22 October 2017	EMR	8.00am	Guildford
	Sunday, 29 October 2017	British Auto Classic	8.00am	Claremount S/ground
November	Monday, 13 November 2017	Meet n Eat	6.00pm	Kings Park
	Sunday, 19 November 2017	EMR	8.00am	Guildford
	Monday, 27 November 2017	Go Karting		Cockburn (tbc)
December	Saturday, 2 December 2017	***Round 7 Sprint Championship***	8.00am	Barbagallo (SES)
	Sunday, 10 December 2017	EMR + Christmas BBQ	8.00am	
	Monday, 11 December 2017	Meet n Eat	6.00pm	Kings Park

For Sale

Lotus Europa for sale

Please find attached photo's of John's (my father's) Lotus. He has a heap of information re the car's rebuild and I wasn't about to dig through it all so I can't exactly say when the car was converted to RHD. One or two of the photo's I've provided gives a brief account of the cars history which may be of interest?! John bought the car restored. The car is stored at one of John's properties but he mainly lives at another. The car is stored at Ballarat but he would be more than happy to travel there in order to meet any serious prospective buyer





The cars presents and drives beautifully. John is asking $45k for the car. The car is currently on club permit and therefore registration is non transferable.

Please don't hesitate to give me a call (0413 008 408) for any further information. I'd provide you with John's phone number but he lives in an area with little to no mobile phone coverage!

Thanks so much for your assistance

Regards, Matt





For Sale

From Texas the right-hand-drive 1984 Lotus M90 Prototype for sale here in Australia. *Thanks to Tom Smith. For further details, or to ask any questions, please the seller via email the link to which is on the CLA website*

The car is also listed with Hemmings, and you can get to the listing by their website

1984 LOTUS M90 PROTOTYPE FOR SALE



This 1984 Lotus M90/X100 is the only one produced in this color combination, and the only one with a manual transmission. In fact it's the only one Lotus ever made.

Lotus designed and built the M90/X100 intending it to be the replacement for the Elan. Even though only one was produced, it was built using full body molds and everything was done assuming it would go into full scale production. So things like a jack, and owner's manual were provided. Nevertheless, there is some hard to find, but tell-tale evidence that this is a hand built prototype, such as scribe lines where the bolt holes were marked in the firewall, or the use of stainless steel for the fuel tank, which would have been carbon steel in the production model.

The M90 project stalled when company founder Colin Chapman died in 1982, as Lotus found itself in financial trouble. David Wickens of British Car Auctions ended up taking a controlling interest in the company, and the project was started up again, but renamed the X100. After redesigning the car to be a convertible, the go ahead was given in 1984 to make a single prototype. For the power plant, Lotus sourced a Toyota 4AGE drive train, as used in the 1984 Corolla GT, with a Toyota 5 speed manual transmission.

This is the last road car project designed under Colin Chapman, and is prominently featured in a newly released book, A Life in Car Design, by its Chief Designer, Oliver Winterbottom (2 full chapters with numerous photos and drawings). This unique piece of Lotus history has just undergone a frame up restoration. It is sold with a Texas title and is street registered with 1250 indicated miles. Everything works. There are a few minor flaws including small tears and stains on the convertible top, a small stain on the carpet in the driver's footwell, and a small scratch inside the driver's door jam. The tires have less than 50 miles, but should be replaced due to age. As can be seen in the pictures, the car is right hand drive, and has a small back seat. Sale includes spare parts, extensive documentation including import paperwork, bound owner's manual, full photo documentation, and a log book detailing the restoration. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lotus_M90 for more info. Car is in Houston, Texas.

Vehicle is available locally for pickup. Buyer is responsible for shipping if needed and payment must be received in full prior to release of vehicle to shipping carrier. When arranging shipping, note that the original windows, passenger seat, miscellaneous spares and documentation are included with the car. The current owner will assist with arranging pickup with shipping carrier.

Title is in-hand and clear, and is being sold by an individual, not a dealer. Car is sold as-is, with no warranty.

Additional information



Powder coated frame

All interior and seat upholstery is new.

Driver and passenger door windows are light weight, bespoke polycarbonate with scratch-resistant coating as used in race cars. Electric window function is maintained. The original laminated door glass windows are included, but are severely cracked and barely hold their shape.



All lights, wipers, turn and hazard lights work. All instruments, warning lights and gauges work

Suspension is based on Lotus Excel. Stainless steel exhaust and fuel tank. Custom fit indoor car cover in fair condition. Future stereo –There is a DIN radio cutout behind the commemorative plaque. Car is prewired for a stereo with power, speaker wire to the doors, and connection to the (working) power antenna. Future AC – Air conditioning is not installed, but could be added as there is room for all the components and dashboard controls are existing. A new compressor (uninstalled) is included. Will need to buy/ install an evaporator and housing, evaporator fan, hoses, and wiring.

Technical Specifications:

Wheelbase (at design mid laden) is 2308 mm (90.86 inches). Mid laden is half way between bump and rebound.

Suspension at mid laden:

Front, Front toe in 3.2 mm, Camber 0.5 degree negative, Castor 4.0 deg, King Pin inclination 9.5 deg, King pin ground offset 48 mm, Anti dive 40%, Roll centre height 26 mm

Rear: Toe in 4 mm, Camber angle 0.5 deg, Anti squat 0%, Roll centre height 50.8 mm

Steering: 2.9 turns lock – lock, Turn circle kerb – kerb 28.5 feet, Ackermann 29 deg – 31 deg full lock positive

Fuel tank 12 gallons



Max engine speed 7600 rpm, Max power 123 bhp at 6600 rpm, Max torque 104.5 pounds feet, (DIN) at 5200 rpm

Front track 1440 mm, Rear Track 1460 mm, Overall length 3921 mm, Width 1698 mm, Height 1187 mm, Ground clearance 130 mm (below exhaust system), Kerb weight 895 Kg

Price: $86,000 negotiable

For Sale



Reluctant Sale of a 1965 Series 2 Lotus Super Seven. I do not have the time or money to race the car as it deserves & it needs to be used as a fun car as often as possible. Brilliant, easy to drive sports car.

Fascinating race history amongst the RAF community in Singapore from 1965 & all previous owner history traced & verified. No expense spared restoration to its 1968 Johore Grand Prix winning specification. HSRCA Certificate of Description. Freshly rebuilt pre cross flow motor with a spare & unused rebuilt rare Cosworth big valve head. Both heads flow tested & beautifully worked internals. Austin Farina rear end for racing & escort rear end when road registered. Huge list of spare parts including clamshells, nose cone, bonnet, wheels etc. for road use & price includes an electric braked dual axle enclosed registered trailer. $40,000 AUD. Can be inspected in the Blue Mountains. Please ring Chris for more information 0412 414 775 or chris.reid777@gmail.com



First built, first owner first registered!

CAR BOOKS FOR SALE

The LOTUS ELAN & EUROPA A Collector's Guide by John Bolster

Autobooks Special Workshop Manual LOTUS ELAN & Plus 2 (1962/74)

LOTUS ELAN The Complete Story by Mike Taylor

LOTUS ELAN Super Profile by Graham Arnold

Autosport File LOTUS 1976-1987

LOTUS TWIN-CAM ENGINE A comprehensive guide to the design, development, restoration and maintenance of the Lotus-Ford twin-cam engine

BY MILES WILKINS (Hard Cover copy in as new condition)

WEBER CARBURETTORS Owners Workshop Manual to 1979 By Haynes & Legg

THE DEVIL BEHIND THEM By John Bentley – Nine Dedicated Drivers Who Made Racing History – Shaw, Varzi, Moss, Nuvolari, Ascari, Seaman, Sommer, Caracciola & Fangio.

Please contact Geoff HALL geoffxhall@optusnet.com.au or phone (02) 94494720 to make an offer.