



Lotus Lines

August 1996

Newsletter of the Evergreen Lotus Car Club



Some of the Lotus that showed up at the Car Corral at the SIR Vintage Races

photo by Nancy McCraney

COME CRUISE VASHON ISLAND

-Alice Larson

So ok, we took a four year break, but that gave the Club a chance to get lots of new members who have never been to Vashon Island or never driven around it chasing Alice's Super Seven.

So y'all come tour again. Vashon Island is a wonderful place to drive a Lotus. There are no traffic lights (we do have some four way stops), lots of curvy roads and citizens who have already formed a fan club for my car.

August 3 is the date, 9 a.m. the time. Bring a picnic lunch.

First thing, DON'T go to downtown Seattle to catch the ferry. You have to go to West Seattle to get to Vashon Island. We will meet in the FIRST Lincoln Park parking lot (farthest from the ferry dock) at 9 a.m. to allow us to get in line for the 10:15 boat. (Yes, this could

be one reason I am always late to Club events.)

For those of you Puget Sound west siders with other ways to Vashon Island than the Fauntleroy Ferry Dock, we will meet you at the parking lot above the (going to Seattle) ferry dock on Vashon, when the 10:15 ferry arrives.

We will cruise the length and breadth of lovely Vashon-Maury Island, waving at the residents and tourists, pausing for photo-ops and avoiding King County's finest. At approximately noon, we will arrive at Point Robinson, home of Vashon's own Coast Guard Lighthouse and a wonderful place for lunch and a nice walk along the shore.

After lunch, you will have several options: cruise some more, go home or wander over to Alice's house on the west side of the Island near the water for an afternoon/evening of sitting around, maybe some kayaking and beach walking, and more eats and drinks.

You may ask, why don't we just go to her house right off the bat?


It's because I live at the end of a mile long gravel road down which my Lotus has only traveled twice. The road is far better than you old-timers remember, but it is still gravel and "down".

To play at my house, we will need to leave assorted Loti near the top of the road and shuttle down. Not everyone may want to participate, but I hope most of you will come.

A last note, leaving Vashon Island won't be as time-consuming as getting there because more people want to come on a Saturday than want to leave.




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-Randall Fehr



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Questions? Please contact the Editor.

Welcome to new members joined in the past month:

Greg Soter, 1966 Elan S2, red
 Robert Wells, 1973 Europa Special, white
 Mark Hains, 1969 Elan S3, red
 Roger Croshaw, 1971 Europa S2, yellow
 Scott Christie, 1971 Europa S2, yellow

Congratulations to David Sherman who acquired a Europa Special, Dan Morrison who located another 1972 Europa Twincam, and Phil Jones for scoring a Europa S1. Other members may have bought Lotus itself, but we haven't heard about it yet...

Anyone seriously looking to buy a Lotus should watch For Sale ads in *Lotus Lines*, *Hemmings Motor News*, Lotus Ltd *reMarque*, local papers, *Auto Trader*, and on the internet. Also be sure to spread the word amongst members and officers at meetings, in *Lotus Lines*, and with vendors. Some of the best cars are sold word-of-mouth.

Patrick McGoohan, writer/producer/star of the 60s TV series "The Prisoner" and famous Seven driver, was interviewed on the BBC World Service July 10 about the movie version he is currently producing. Speaking from his home in California, he said that he would be delighted to have Mel Gibson play "Number 6", and that the original location of "The Village" will be used. When asked if he is still recognized on the street he replied that is it rare now that he has a long gray beard!

The Corvette Club track day fell on the second day of rain after the mid-month hot spell, slowing even the modern American and German machines. Stan Murray showed with his '56 Eleven and did a dozen slippery laps before turning the car over to his daughter Diana for her first drive in the historic racer. Kudos to both for keeping the car pointed down the pavement in tricky conditions.

New items on the events calendar include the Third Annual All British Picnic in Abbotsford, BC on Sunday September 15 from 10am to 3:30pm. For information and application contact the Fraser Valley British Motor Club, 9670 Carleton Street, Chilliwack BC V2P 6E3 Canada, phone 604-795-2210 or 604-858-9504.

Another car history project is soliciting photos of Lotuses (and other makes) for publication - this time a mammoth CD-ROM history of the automobile. The Big Room, a branch of the UK-based company Team 17, seeks photos of "prime examples of the marque", which they promise to return promptly. (Mark the back with car data, your name and Evergreen Lotus Car Club.) They plan to have in the region of 10,000 photos on the CD, which member Mike Galos says will allow for reasonably detailed reproduction. Contact Andrew Austerfield, Motorcade Project Manager, The Big Room, Longlands House, Wakefield Road, Ossett, West Yorkshire WF5 9JS England. Telephone 44-1924-267776, fax 44-1924-267658, email BigRoom@team17.com, web <http://www.Team17.com/TBR>.

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EVENTS CALENDAR Pull out and post

Subject to revision - watch for updates.

August

2-4	Fri	OR SCCA race, PIR
3	Sat	ELCC Vashon Tour
3-4	Sat	SCCBC races, Mission, B.C.
4	Sun	BSCC Autocross #6, Bremerton Airport
8-11	Thu	Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Motor Rallye, Mark Carpenter, 503-624-1590
10	Sat	Lotus Car Club BC picnic at Bruce Patrick's home, White Rock, BC; ELCC members invited
10-11	Sat	SOVREN vintage races, Bremerton Airport
10-11	Sat	Monterey Pre-Historics vintage races, Laguna Seca
10-11	Sat	Bible Creek Hillclimb, Willamina, Oregon
11	Sun	WWSCC Autocross #6 (tentative), Kent
11	Sun	Blue Mountain Solo #3, Walla Walla
16-18	Fri	Monterey Historic Automobile Races, Laguna Seca
18	Sun	Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Carmel
18	Sun	SCCA Solo II autocross event #5, Everett
25	Sun	WWSCC Autocross #7, Kent
25	Sun	Sand & Sage Solo #6, Richland
29-1	Thu	West Coast Lotus Convention, All British Field Meet honoring Lotus, PIR
31	Sat	Vancouver Indycar qualifying, Toyota Atlantics race, and North American Touring Car race
31-1	Sat	Bogus Basin Hillclimb, Boise, Idaho

September

1	Sun	Vancouver Indycar, Indy Lights races, Vancouver BC
1	Sun	SCCA Solo II autocross event #5, Kent
2	Mon	Labor Day
7-8	Sat	OR SCCA Double Regional races, PIR
14	Sat	Alfa-Romeo Club track day and time trials, SIR, ELCC members invited
15	Sun	All British Picnic in Abbotsford BC
21	Sat	Whistler Run, B.C., sports car tour
21-22	Sat	SOVREN Fall Finale vintage races, SIR
21-22	Sat	SCCBC races, Mission, B.C.
21-22	Sat	Sand & Sage Solo #7, Richland
22	Sun	BSCC Autocross, Bremerton Airport
28-29	Sat	ELCC Wine Country Tour, Tri-Cities area
28	Sat	SCCA/SOVREN vintage races, Bremerton Airport
28-29	Sat	SCCA Regional road races, Bremerton Airport
29	Sun	SCCA Solo II event #6, Kent

October

?		ELCC meet
6	Sun	Blue Mountain Solo #4, Walla Walla

12	Sat	SCCA Solo II autocross event #8, Bremerton Airport
19-20	Sat	Sand & Sage Solo #8 and #9, Richland
25-28	Fri	Lotus Ltd Lotus Owners' Gathering, Atlanta Georgia, 770-949-3672
26	Sat	SCCBC Enduro race, Mission, B.C.
31	Thu	Halloween

November

8-10	Fri	SCCA Pacific Forest Pro Rally
?		ELCC meeting
11	Mon	Veteran's Day
28	Thu	Thanksgiving Day

December

5	Thu	Hanukkah begins
?		ELCC Christmas Party
25	Wed	Christmas Day

Contacts for Further Event Information:

WWSCC is the Western Washington Sports Car Council, (206) 255-0658.
 SCCA is the Sports Car Club of America Northwest Region, (206) 292-0500, press 1 for membership info, press 2 for event info.
 SCCBC is the Sports Car Club of British Columbia, (604) 856-8957.
 SOVREN is the Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts, (206) 624-7141.
 BSCC is the Bremerton Sports Car Club, (206) 869-5680 or (360) 479-0248.
 OR is the Oregon Region of the SCCA, (503) 697-9649.
 SS is the Sand & Sage Sports Car Club, Richland, (509) 943-2093
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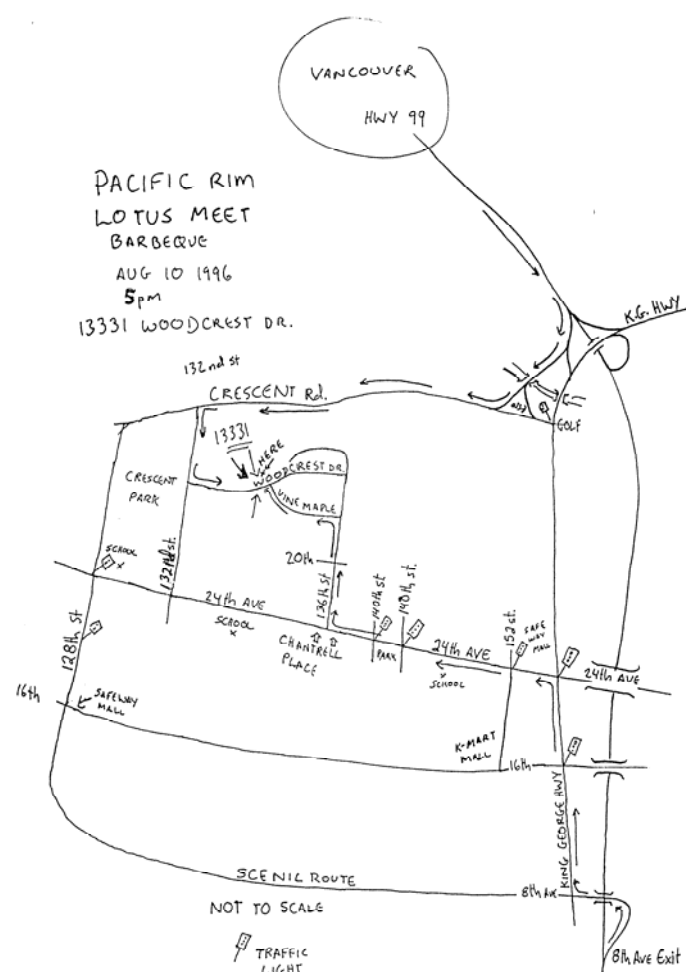


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INFO FROM THE EDITOR

-Jim Taylor

Another month has gone by and time to do the newsletter. As time has gone by, it's gotten easier to put together the *Lotus Lines*. I've been fortunate since taking over as editor in January. Lots of events to write about, some of the best participation I've seen in a long time, and members taking an active role in the Club to get the newsletter out by writing articles and taking pictures. Thanks for your help and keep up the good work.

By now you should have received the 1996 Club roster. If you haven't gotten the roster or if it arrived in pieces, please give me a call at 206-232-2237 and I'll send another one to you immediately. As always, please let me, Randall, Alice or Craig know if you have any suggestions for the newsletter or the Club.

I did manage to make it to both the Vintage Races at SIR and the ABFM at BCC. Ahhhh, Vintage racing... the cars, the sounds, the heat and the dust. It had to be the hottest day of the year and, sorry sunshine fans, as a native Washingtonian I start melt-down after about 80 degrees. Anyway, back to the races. I drove the Porsche, so I could get in on the parade laps. Hopefully I'll get a Europa out there soon so that I can show the proper spirit for the ELCC by driving a Lotus. Although I did get some strange looks driving the Porsche whilst wearing my ELCC shirt. Yes, the race, well I'm not much into racing, but I know that Club members Ginger Clark and Greg Whittten were both out there with their Elans. Nancy accompanied me and really enjoyed her first time on the track, slow parade laps, but on the track non-the-less. We had a good time watching the people, talking to some of the other cars clubs, and seeing a variety of very interesting cars in the parking lot.



BELLEVUE ALL BRITISH FIELD MEET REPORT

-Randall Fehr

More than three hundred cars showed up for display at the eighth annual Bellevue ABFM. Spectators were treated to warm weather and the rare sight of sixteen beautifully turned-out Lotuses, including Phil Jones' Elan restoration project with the body off for a good look at the carefully finished mechanicals. Phil and the other owners answered many questions and patiently listened to innumerable "when I was young" stories.

For the first time, enough Lotuses were entered to constitute separate popular choice award classes for each model or generation as defined by the organizers. In votes cast by fellow ABFM entrants, these awards were presented with congratulations to ELCC members:

First Generation (Seven, Elite, Eleven, etc.):

Best in Class, Bob Crichton, Super Seven S3

Second, G. Claude Dennis, Super Seven S2

Third, David and Virginia Caley, Seven S2

Elan, +2

Best in Class, Greg Soter, Elan S2

Second, Jess and Eddie Marker, Elan M100

Third, Randall Fehr, Elan Coupe S3

Europa

Best in Class, Eric Wyss, Europa Special JPS

Second, Mike and Brandy Galos, Europa S1

Third Generation (Elite, Eclat, Esprit)

Best in Class, Craig Shuck, Esprit S1

Second, Jess and Eddie Marker, Esprit S2 JPS

Third, Craig Shuck, Elite

And finally, organizers saw fit to honor ELCC with a silver plate recognizing us for "Club Participation" in the ABFM, based on the proportion of cars displayed to total membership.

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Meeting Locations

August Vashon Tour and Picnic

Saturday August 3rd, 9:00am

See details inside.

DIRECTIONS:

I-5 north or south, take the West Seattle, Fauntleroy Ferry, Vashon Island exit (it can say any or all of these). Follow the road over the West Seattle Bridge and you are on Fauntleroy. At the third light, the road forks, you want to stay in left-hand lane (stay on Fauntleroy). Keep following this road to Lincoln Park (nice Green space after the Texaco station). Pull into the first Lincoln Park parking lot (farthest from the ferry dock) . If you pass the ferry dock, you've gone too far.

West Coast Lotus Convention August 29th through September 1st

Club Lotus NW is pleased to host the 1996 International Lotus Convention in the beautiful City of Roses, Portland, Oregon. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Europa, our featured model.

Convention headquarters will be at the Red Lion Columbia, located a mile from PIR & situated along the Columbia River. They have allocated a limited number of rooms at the special price of \$92 per night (single or double). A special secured Lotus parking area will be provided by the hotel. Space is limited so call as soon as possible to reserve your room and be sure to mention the convention for the special rate. Phone the Red Lion at 503-283-2111.

The preliminary schedule for the convention has been set. Our event will run in conjunction with the 20th Annual All British Field Meet (ABFM), saluting Lotus and Daimler. Convention festivities will take place at Portland International Raceway and the Red Lion Columbia. Some of the highlights include an all-English car track day at PIR sponsored by Club Lotus NW, an English car display area at PIR with a special Lotus corral, a swap meet, an autocross, a wine tour, etc. We will also have several self-guided tours from which to choose. The combination of events will prove to be quite a celebration, one that should not be missed. See you in August!

If you need any information about the convention call: Karl & Sylvia Schick at 1-503-650-4735, Robert & Debbie Davis at 1-503-293-0491, leave a message at: JIMM@Teleport.Com, or write Club Lotus N.W., P.O. Box 541, Oregon City, OR 97045.

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