



Lotus Lines

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Newsletter of the Evergreen Lotus Car Club



An example of Brandy Galos digital photo editing on their Europa S1

November Meeting: A Multi-Media Potluck

-Randall Fehr

Mike and Brandy Galos will host our November meeting at their home in Bellevue on Saturday November 16th beginning at 1pm (see directions on back page). Brandy will show the digitally-edited portraits of members' cars she has created.

Members are invited to bring photos or other media of their Lotus and of any relevant events of the past year. We have several club projects for which these will be useful, all of which will be demonstrated or explained further at the meeting. Briefly, they are:

- ELCC 1997 color photo calendar (twelve photos to be selected and enlarged to approximately 8 x 10, horizontal format preferred)
- Imported Car Collectors' Guide (as described in previous *Lotus Lines*) requests photos

- ELCC website (see separate article)
- *Lotus Lines* (always seeking material)

Please note that we will make a final selection of photos for the 1997 ELCC calendar at this meeting.

Several videos will be shown as time permits, including the 1996

Portland Lotus Festival and All British Field Meet, a documentary on the design and construction of the Elise, and various other Lotus and fast car productions.

Additionally, David and Virginia Caley will have a slide show of their *Automobile* magazine tour of Michigan.

Photos for the ELCC calendar and for the Car Collectors' Guide should normally be composed in such a way that they reproduce clearly and are pleasant to look at. This means that the background does not distract from the subject matter, that there are no stark shadows across the car or trees "growing out of the roof", the car and background colors and intensity are contrasting, etc. Look at car photos in a top-quality auto magazine, including the ads, for hints on good composition.

However, this is not meant to discourage anyone who has a terrific photo that violates all these guidelines! We are hoping for a great shot of someone's heap of barely-identifiable Lotus parts amongst lawnmowers, neglected rowing machines, Rheinlander cans and blackberry vines.

You need not be present to submit photos (call the Galos' or a club officer), but you may want to be present to campaign for your candidate. We anticipate a good turnout.

Chairman's Notepad

-Randall Fehr

News arrived late last week that Romano Artioli at long last finalized the sale of Lotus. The Indonesian car manufacturer Proton and its owner now own 80% of Lotus, while Artioli retains the remaining 20% and a position on the board of directors. Early word is that the new owners have guaranteed continuation of the (less profitable) car making side of the business. In fact, production of the Elise will increase with an additional assembly line at the Proton plant. And an Elise for North America is a top priority.

Lotus Cars USA brought a left hand drive metallic green Elise to Atlanta for the Lotus Ltd. Lotus Owners' Gathering last month. For a small donation to a charity, those at the meet were able to take a lap of Road America with Doc Bundy in the Elise or his Esprit racer. Tom Eckstein of JAE chose the Elise and reports that it looks fantastic in the flesh, is superbly detailed inside and out, and is surprisingly quiet.

Barrier Lotus hopes to have a V8 Esprit on display at the Seattle Auto Show.

Our November meeting promises to be one of the best of the year - see the separate article. We also plan to have a Christmas party in December, and will send out a postcard when details are finalized.

Welcome to new member Dale Cook, owner of a white 1975 Elite.

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Questions? Please contact the Editor.

-Jim Taylor

Well, I guess you haven't heard from me in awhile, so it's about time I wrote something...

You can certainly tell the year is winding down by the size of the events calendar, its gotten pretty short lately. The end of the year brings a small bonus for the *Lotus Lines* writers, photographers, editors, etc as this begins the time when the newsletter only comes out once every two months until May of 1997. So, the next one will be in the beginning of January 1997.

And speaking of newsletter timing, I've tried to get the *Lotus Lines* out at the beginning of the month and am usually close to doing so. A few times it ends up in the middle of the month mostly due to the timing of events and their coverage. I hope the inconsistency isn't too much of an inconvenience.

In this issue you'll find lots of photos, since our next meeting is going to be a visual one, it seems appropriate. The wedding of one of our members, Jerry Parrish, to Valerie featured his 1993 Esprit as part of the wedding. The photo below shows the happy couple and the Esprit.



The new bride demanding the keys to the Lotus, "It's mine now!"
photo by Lynette Johnson



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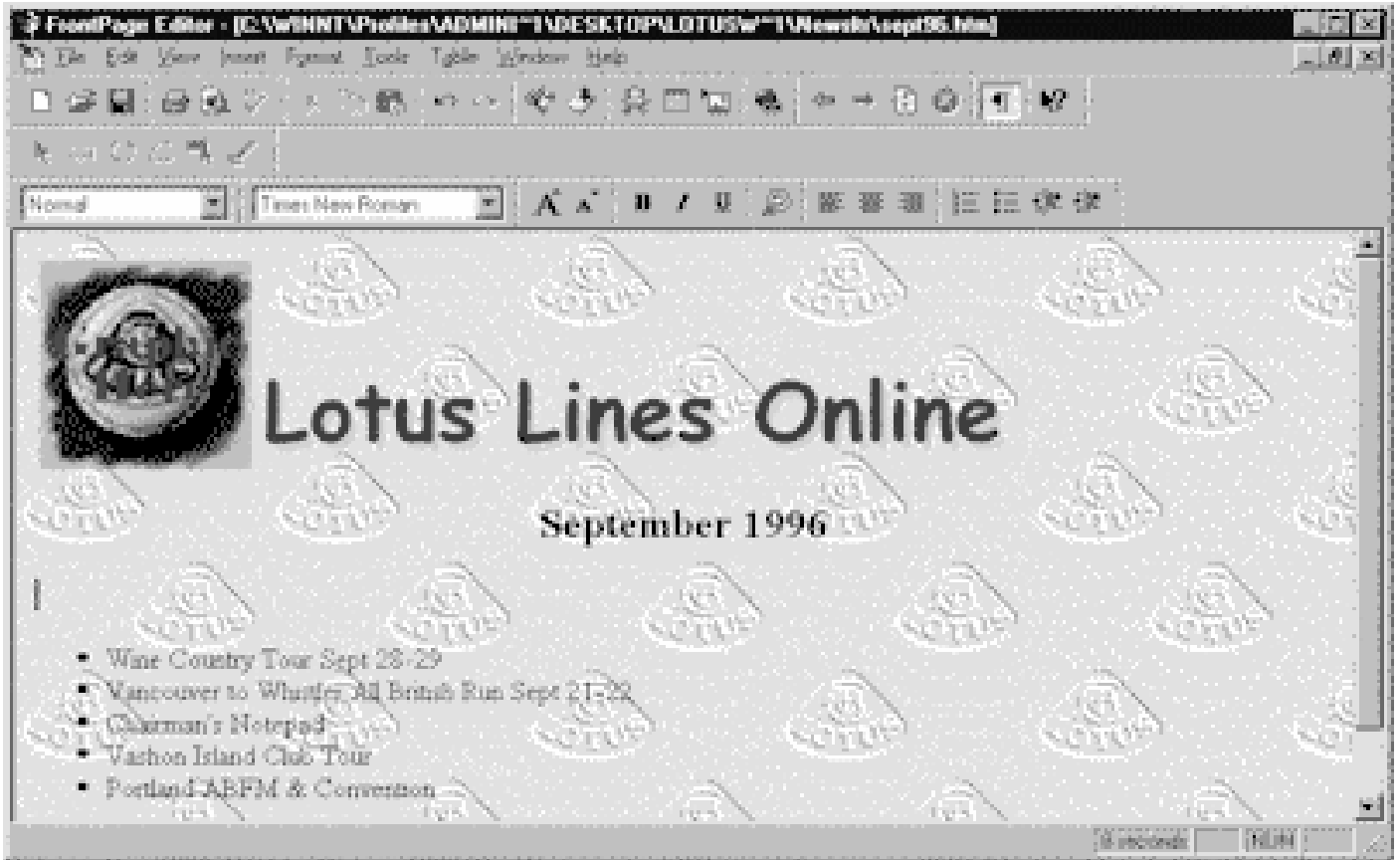
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It took us awhile, but it is finally here. The Evergreen Lotus Car Club has found a happy home in a little corner of the Internet. The site originally went live with a nearly blank placeholder on October 10th and has received over two hundred visits from around the world since then. The completed site should go up as soon as this newsletter is printed. The site will include newsletter articles, events calendar, classified ads, and more! In addition, club members can use it as a launch pad to explore other Lotus sites on the Internet. Future ideas include selling the club calendar, and a guest book

where owners can sign in and display a picture of their car.

I have volunteered my time and effort to help program and maintain the site, but I need your help too. We need club members to help provide content, feedback and new suggestions for the web site. My three main goals for this project are to improve communication with other Lotus clubs nationally, provide club information to other enthusiasts around the world, and most importantly to have fun.

For members plugged into the Internet, please check out our new club site and send in your comments. For those not on the Internet, we will have a computer available at the November 16th club meeting where you can view our new site. Call Mark Clear at 206-803-5340 (home).



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I knew we had a problem ...

-From Club Lotus News, UK. *Graham Arnold, Editor.*

when Steven, my latest husband goes all quiet at the wheel and starts whistling, he's lost. Plain and simply lost. He thinks he has the uncanny direction finding ability of a homing pidgeon, sometimes he has.

All I need to say to cause an explosion is "Why don't we stop and ask, it must be round here somewhere". Any wife can write the script for the many types of angry reply but you can be sure that eventually he will wind down the window and ask somebody. But before he does he says "I am only making sure" and chooses a gentleman wearing an English sports coat with leather patches on the sleeves who is walking a dog and smoking a pipe. Having asked his simple question about directions the man will smile and say "Zigrozniski katrovskia aboblomof niet Engliski" and walk away.

Now there is no descriptive word for the type of rage reserved for such persons, so he just mutters "peasant" and roars off, usually in the wrong direction. Recently, already late for a wedding reception, I spotted a policeman, leaning out I asked directions.

"You are right opposite the hotel you require, madam" he said with a smile glancing at my long legs and a sticker that said "Tax Applied For". He leered and started to fill out a ticket for not displaying a tax disc. "Could get even more serious" he said walking slowly round the car to look at the tyres. I tucked the ticket instructing us to produce our documents at the local nick into my bra and winked seductively at the cop as Steve engaged first gear. He resisted the desire to do a tyre smoking u-turn in the middle of the road.

Then he entered us in a rally. It was called a Treasure Hunt to stay within the law. I don't know whether it was organised by the Young Farmers Club, Young Conservatives, Hitler Youth or the Nuns of the Order of St Margaret and Mary. We just had to collect a badly photocopied piece of paper from a pub, and we were off. Before I had time to get my act together Steven was a mile away and topping 7000 rpm. "The first question is Who is the Licensee of the Dog & Duck? Wasn't that where we started?" Back we drove and Steven jumped out and ran inside. Meanwhile I wrote down the name of the two licensees from the sign over the door. "Kevin Stubbs" he shouted.

I just muttered "and Mable Dryden".

"What did you say?" he enquired.

"I said drive on" I replied. The next questions was "Within two miles what celebrates an old king?"

"Another pub" shouted Steven over the noise of bouncing valves, "the Kings Head is up here somewhere." We passed two or three of our friends, who were also in the rally. They were looking at a red letter box attached to a post by the cricket ground exactly 2 miles from the pub. They waved and Steven hooted. "Oh dam, it's called the Hemlock & Murderers now" he yelled as four miles came up on the mileometer. "Go back to the cricket ground, I have an idea" I replied. We hooted and waved as our friends passed us going in the opposite direction. There it was, that nice old red letter box with GR under the royal crown. "George Rex", I wrote. "Now let us slow down, more haste less speed" I counseled. "OK" he said grudgingly.. The next clue suggested that within three miles down Old Barn Lane (narrow road with passing places and deep ford) we would be able to answer the question "What famous person lived here and when?"

"No need to go there it is a cottage with a plaque that says "Milton the Famous Poet Lived Here and a date."

"But what date" I replied.

"Dammit don't ask me" he muttered and off we went with stones kicking up under the wheel arches. We got to the the cottage, the plaque announced that Robert Graves (poet) had lived there and gave the dates. "Well I knew it was somebody like that" said Steve, "Now where to?"

"Within six miles, along the B2214 which party is involved?" I replied.

I gave instructions from the map and he actually said "Why the heck did they have to bring the rally so close to our house?" Then as we were about to pass the house I said "Six miles are up and look there is a big sign outside the house announcing your party, all the other cars are parked round the corner. Happy Birthday."

He was not well pleased but everyone else thought it was great fun.

EVENTS CALENDAR

November

- 8-10 Fri SCCA Pacific Forest Pro Rally
- 11 Mon Veteran's Day
- 16 Sat **ELCC Meeting, Galos residence, 1:00pm**
- 28 Thu Thanksgiving Day

December

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

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**November 16th,
Saturday at 1:00pm**

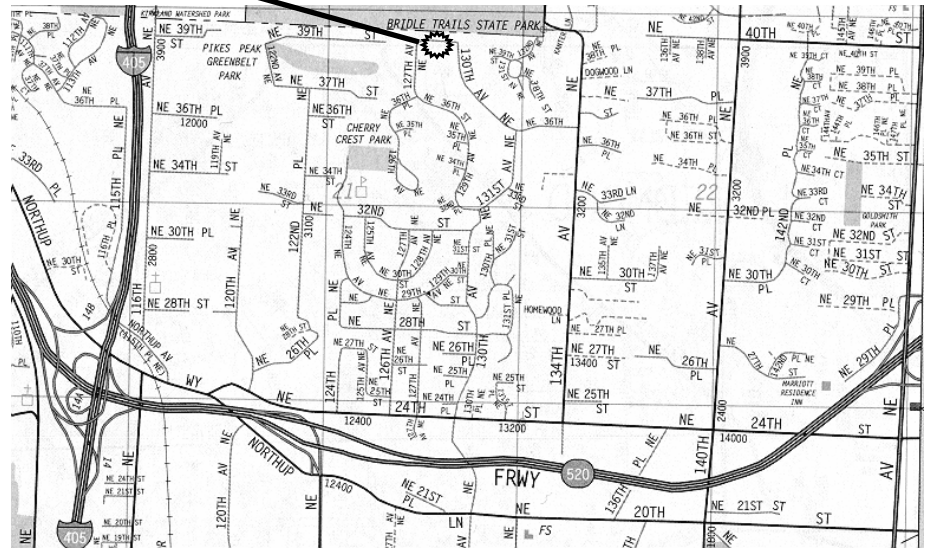
**Club meeting for exhibition of photos,
videos, slides, etc, and selection of
pictures for 1997 ELCC Calendar.
See article on front page.**

**Hosted by Mike and Brandy Galos at
12804 NE 39th Street, Bellevue.**

**Phone: 206-881-7398, call for
directions.**

Highlights:

- **Portland Lotus Festival Video**
- **Caley's Michigan Tour Slides**
- **Galos digital Images**
- **Photo Calendar Contest**



December

**ELCC Christmas Party
Date and location to be announced.**

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