



LOTUS LINES

Newsletter for the Evergreen Lotus Car Club - April 2010

ELCC STREET CAR LAPPING DAY EVENT AT PACIFIC GP

For those of you who weren't at the special "Lapping Day" on March 17th, you missed a really great event!

There were a total of about thirty-five cars and drivers who took part in the day's activities and I'm pretty sure that I can speak for everybody who was there, in saying that it was a heck of a lot of fun! There were about fifteen ELCC



In addition to the various Lotus cars and their drivers who enjoyed a number of driving sessions on the fun and exciting track, there was an interesting variety of different marques,

including a whole bunch of Tesla cars (very nice looking, but weirdly quiet), a couple of Datsun/Nissan models, two Porsches, Audis, Subarus, an Eagle Talon (driven by one of our members) and even

a 1974 MGB powered by a small Rover V8.

Among all of the people at the track, I think that the Lotus drivers had the most fun.

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Pacific Raceways

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Go online to **WWW.ELCC.ORG** for the calendar of events and photo journals of previous happenings. Don't forget to respond, even if you are uncertain, to the Socializer email invitations that you get, it matters. Don't do the email or web thing, let us know and we'll look to get more details back in to Lotus Lines.....

members and their friends who took part and the remainder of people and cars were drawn from a number of other car clubs and friends of friends.

10TH ANNUAL ELCC SPRING SPRINTS

by Sean Lane

ELCC club members had a 'good run' at the 10th Annual Spring Sprints Karting Championship at K1Speed in Redmond. We had about nine in the field, with everyone running two races and most running a third. Several club members again brought along their teenage children/protoges, with finely honed skills, no doubt a result of countless of hours of karting practice, coaching and cross training. Mario and Michael Andretti -- make room for Alan and Emma or Clay and James.

I think everyone would agree that those karts are dang fun! While you're out on the track, you feel like to you want to drive 'em all day long. But after a 14 lap race you roll into the pits, and soon realize that it's hard work! Especially affected

were your hands - they just ached! Between races, it seemed all but the youngest racers needed to shake out their hands and loosen their shoulders, quickly, before heading right back out for the next go-round. It was a race series of attrition, I tell you -- only those with the strongest hands would win!

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What was it?

The 3.5 liter Lamborghini V-12 that was used the 1990 Lotus 102 Formula One entry driven by British Drivers Derek Warwick, Martin Donnelly, and Johnny Herbert. It was an unsuccessful venture that lasted only one year. This engine is on display, along with Donnelly's 102 at the Automobili Lamborghini Spa museum in Sant'Agata Bolognese.



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESKTOP

er writing this "article" in the middle of March, the weather is nice and sunny and even a little bit on the warm side, but because this is the Pacific Northwest, there is no guarantee that the weather will continue like this in any direct linear fashion through spring and on toward summer, but we can hope!

As you might have noticed, all of the official ELCC activities during March kind of got bunched up toward the first part of the month, namely: the casual "First Thursday" get together on the 4th; the tenth annual "Spring Sprints" kart racing at the K1 Speed facility on the 13th; a showing of the first Formula 1 race of the year at the Three Lions Pub in Redmond on the 14th (Team Lotus finished!!!), and; the special street car "Lapping Day" activity at the PacificGP facility in Kent on the 17th. I'm not exactly sure why all of these activities occurred in the first part of the month, but at least you had a number of interesting options.

During the month of April, the activities and events are a bit more spread out and hopefully you'll find a few things that you'll be interested in taking part in.

We'll be having one of our normal "First Thursday" get togethers. This time it'll be on April Fool's Day, but don't let that discourage you from coming out. We'll be going back to the Smarty Pants grub & brew place in Georgetown, south of downtown Seattle. If you've never been there, the ambiance is interesting and they have nice cold beer and great sandwiches.

The second activity will be the "Sovren Defrost Kickoff" races on the weekend of April 10th and 11th held at Pacific

Raceways in Kent. If you can make it out to these races, I know you'll enjoy yourself and you'll probably bump into a few people you've met before.

We will be having a "Shop Tour" of the British-European Ltd. repair and restoration shop at 2445 Aurora Avenue North in Seattle starting at 10:00 on Saturday, April 17th. See more details about this event elsewhere in this newsletter and

look for a "Socializ" e-mail invitation about this when the date gets a little closer.

Then, on Saturday, April 24th the "LaConner Tulip and Daffodil Rallye" is going to occur. This isn't an official ELCC event, but it's something that I know is going to be a lot of fun. The rallye is hosted by the MG Car Club and they tell me that there are

usually several hundred cars (of all different marques) that take part in this non-speed/time "gimmick" rallye. My wife and I, plus at least three other ELCC members and their cars are going to take part in this event... and, if we get at least five cars driven by members, we can award a trophy within our own group.

So you see, spring is definitely here which means warmer weather and summer can't be too far off and I for one am very happy to see the cold and rainy weather go away.

I'd like to encourage you all to take a look at our club's activities and events calendar at www.elcc.org/events.asp because Don Christopher has been doing a great job of keeping it up-to-date.

Get out there and enjoy your Lotus!



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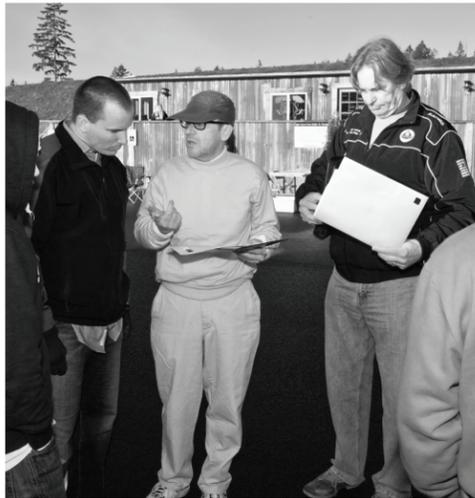
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LAPPING *continued from the cover*

Some of the more powerful cars could have gone faster if the track was longer, but because the track is relatively short and "technical" (read - full of lots of curves and corners!), the Lotus cars probably went around it the quickest... there were many driving techniques demonstrated, including smooth and careful as well as "on the edge" and seriously enthusiastic, including a few spins and some un-scheduled "off-roading" (a lot of mud, but no harm/no foul!) by one of the Elise drivers.

Everybody had a good time and I didn't have to announce the



pizza & soda pop lunch twice.

Next time you see Trevor Cobb, thank him for all of his efforts. Our club simply couldn't have pulled this event off without his knowledge and guidance. And, at the last minute Jeff Cochran stepped up and

volunteered to help out all day instead of interviewing for a new job... now there's a guy who's got his priorities straight.

The next time we have one of these street car track days, you owe it to yourself to seriously consider coming out... you'll enjoy yourself even if you only get on the track as a passenger.



SPRINTS *continued from the cover*

An ELCC international team of judges met in Geneva, Switzerland earlier this year -- and decided that this year the trophies would be awarded according to those with the fastest lap times across however many races they wished to participate. We had trophies for the top three places -- and introduced a new tradition here on the 10th Anniversary of this event -- a revolving First Place trophy. The First Place trophy is to be passed on from year to year, from champion to champion. The trophy itself is an engraved decanter commemorating the event -- but to make things more interesting and to encourage competition, we also filled it with fine Scotch whiskey. It is a Champion's responsibility to empty the whiskey before passing the trophy on to next year's champion (If you are having trouble -- bring it to the Holiday party and we'll all help).

Without further ado, the winners of this year's event...

There was a tie for second/third -- two racers had a fastest lap time of 19.75 seconds that they achieved in their third race. We then looked at their second fastest laps. So, in Third place, with fastest laps of 19.75 and 20.16 was James Prow -- son of Clay. Second

place went to Emma Perry (aka Alan's daughter) - with fastest laps of 19.75 and 19.79.

First Place went to Clay Prow -- with very consistent results of 19.43, 19.65 and 19.83.

See you at next year's event!



HAPPENINGS IN HETHEL

The 80th Geneva Motor Show was a major event for the lads from Hethel. First Lotus announced that eight special edition 'Naomi for Haiti' Evoras have achieved in excess of €1.4m (~\$1.9M) at auction. As part of a collaboration with Naomi Campbell and the White Ribbon Alliance's Fashion for Relief campaign, Lotus designed and donated eight charity cars to help raise essential funds for mothers, children and babies struggling to survive in the aftermath of the tragic earthquake that hit the Haiti on 12th of January. Also at Geneva Lotus unveiled the Evora Carbon Concept with a purposeful stance and aggressive use of carbon fiber structure in the roof and Lotus Motorsport influenced carbon diffuser and splitter.

Lotus continues to renew its racing presence and along with Cosworth announced a strategic partnership. The new partnership includes the supply by Cosworth of high

performance engines based upon existing Toyota engines for future Lotus cars and the assembly by Cosworth of racing engines for all motorsport activities, which are also based on Toyota powertrains. The first application of these race engines will be for the V6 engine in the new Lotus Evora Cup racing car.



Lotus and Cosworth also entered a technical and commercial partnership with established IndyCar competitors KV Racing Technology to run in the 2010 IndyCar Series. The Lotus-Cosworth IndyCar will use the classic Racing Green and Yellow livery used on Lotus Racing cars in the 1950s and 1960s and this new livery will debut at the first USA round of the

IndyCar Series. Driving the Lotus-Cosworth IndyCar will be the former F1 driver Takuma Sato.

Lotus competed for a number of years in the IndyCar Series in the 1960s, winning the Indianapolis 500 race outright in 1965 with the pioneering Lotus Type 38, driven by Jim Clark, and narrowly missing victory to come second in 1963.

THE SEASON'S FIRST FORMULA 1 RACE:

by Doug Jackson

As we've been discussing here in Lotus Lines, the Lotus name is again involved in Formula 1 Racing; the official name is Lotus F1 Racing. The Cosworth-powered 2010 Lotus T127 had been quickly pulled together by a consortium of people beginning with the Proton Company of Malaysia, who if you didn't already know own the Lotus Companies now.

This new car had its "coming out party" on Sunday, March 14th and going into the season opening race in Bahrain team principles said their goal was to just finish the race. And they did... they finished the race! And, even though the really good looking British Racing Green and yellow car was two laps behind the winners (Ferrari took 1st and 2nd), it crossed the finish line with one of the Ferraris, so it's just possible it'll appear in photographs of these cars, which was pretty fun.

The English-style Three Lions Pub in Redmond featured this race on their big flatscreen TV and a friendly crowd of about twenty people (five from

the ELCC) watched the race, ate fish & chips, hamburgers, and enjoyed an ice cold beverage or two of their choosing.

You might like to keep an eye out for an e-mail message about the showing of the next Formula 1 race, which will probably be shown at the Three Lions Pub again... it's a pretty good time!

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EVENT DETAILS

**Shop Tour, British-European Ltd.
Saturday, April 17, 10AM**

Host: Doug Jackson

For those of you who would like to take part in a tour of a small-scale, but seriously competent foreign car repair and restoration shop, you might like to consider joining us at the British-European Ltd. shop at 4225 Aurora Avenue North in Seattle (206-634-3990) at 10:00 in the morning of Saturday, April 17th.

The owner, Robin Purington, will guide us through his shop and explain a number of the repair and restoration projects he has on-going at the time. He may even tour us through his panel-beating and painting facility while we're there which could be pretty interesting.

Contribute to Lotus Lines

Submit articles by the 10th of the month to get them into that month's issue. Submit often, let us know what you're up to with your ride. Remember, Lotus has spanned the automotive world in many ways, you don't need a supercharged Exige, an historic Seven, or an elegant Elan to be part of the Lotus world.

The LaConner Tulip and Daffodil Rallye Saturday, April 24

For those of you who'd like to enjoy driving your car out in the country this spring in the company of quite a few other automobile enthusiasts, with no particular marque emphasis, you might consider taking part in the "LaConner Tulip & Daffodil Rallye" to be held on Saturday, April 24th.

This long-running event is a so called "gimmick rallye" during which your only responsibility is to enjoy driving out in the country, looking at the acres of beautiful tulips and daffodils in bloom at that time and to keep an eye out for and keep track of a whole bunch of things along the way. This is not a timed event and there's no speeding called for, but it ought to be fun anyway.

The rallye begins in Burlington, Washington at 9:30 AM (and there's a "host" motel, if you're interested in driving up the day before) and concludes a few hours later in a location with enough space for the several hundred participants to park their vehicles.

This is not an ELCC event, but if we have five or more members participate, we'll be able to award a First Place winner for our group, so if you are going to take part in this rallye, please let the Chairman of our club know.

If you'd like more information about this rallye, contact Ken Bottini of the MG Car Club at ken.bottini@verizon.net

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2005 Elise. Yellow with Black Interior. 31K miles. Touring, and soft top. \$27,991, BMW Bellevue (877) 368-8471.

1976 Eclat. Yellow, 43K miles. Requires interior work, great project. \$7,500 obo. Vancouver, BC (778) 867-8685

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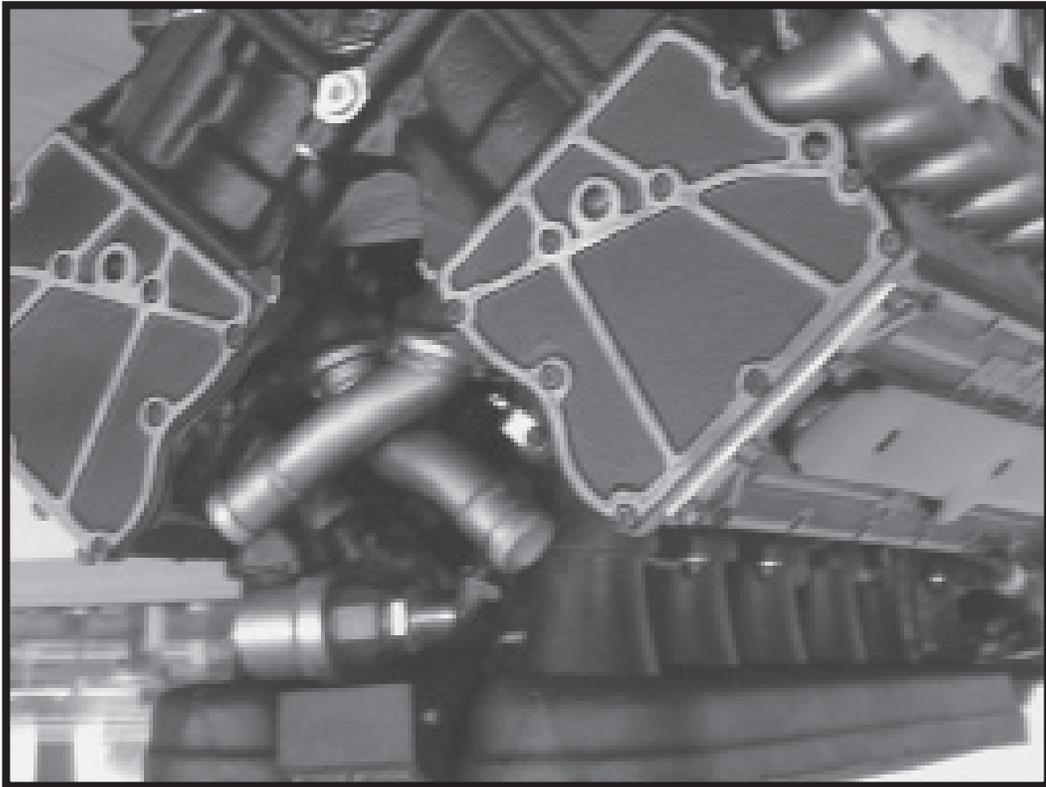
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