

EVERGREEN LOTUS

NEWSLETTER #1 8 May 1984 this issue written by Terry Elmore

My thanks to those of you who were able to attend our first meeting this past Saturday, 5 May at my house. While the turnout was not as large as I had hoped, with ten people and five running Lotus in attendance, I'm confident that with the enthusiasm expressed both by those who were here, and on the questionnaires by others who weren't able to make our initial meeting, that we can make a go of it. We have a number of exciting events coming up in the next few months, and with your help our own group can be an active part of the proceedings (and possibly we can put on an event or two of our own).

As some of the info in this newsletter is time-sensitive, dealing with the Swap Meet in Vancouver coming up this Sat. I will dispense with any of the usual trapping of newsletters like titles etc. and get this written, copied and in the mail. I'm sending copies of this to everyone in attendance at our meeting, and those who returned the questionnaires and were interested in joining a group but couldn't make it. This is also going out to those from whom I've not yet received any reply- if you're among the latter, perhaps this will further entice you to join us. If you're not interested (perhaps you've sold your Lotus or whatever) I would appreciate your taking a moment, using the SSAE I provided you before, to drop me a line and let me know. If you know of other Lotus owners with whom I have not yet been in contact, please do as I suggested to those here at the meeting- track them down and invite them along to the next meeting.

Speaking of which- our next meeting, as we agreed Saturday, will be on Wednesday evening, June 6th, at the home of Andy Shipp in West Seattle- time, 7:00 PM. Hopefully many more of you can attend this next meeting, which fulfills the wishes you expressed on the questionnaire for a Seattle-area location and a weeknight meeting time. The group thanks Andy for offering his place- hope to see you there; drive your Lotus if you can. Andy's address: 3928 Othello St. SW

Seattle 98136 phone: 932-5191

Looking at a map, I see that this is in West Seattle, a little north and east of Lincoln Park and the Fauntleroy Ferry dock.

It's pretty obvious that we will need to produce a newsletter on a regular basis, especially if we continue to meet in members' homes, so that everyone will get the information on the monthly meeting place. If you would like to serve as editor of this newsletter (as yet unnamed- any suggestions?) please volunteer at the next meeting. I will do it for the next issue or two, until someone else takes the job, but would prefer that someone else take it over. Also, if you have any submissions or articles, of any length on any subject, please submit them either to me or the new editor; tech articles are particularly welcome.

LOTUS BOOKS I have accumulated a fair library of Lotus literature, and so if you're interested in learning more about your car, or Lotus in general, perhaps some of these titles might be of interest to you. I now have the following:

- General Histories
 The Story of Lotus 1947-1960 Ian H. Smith
 The Story of Lotus 1961-1971 Doug Nye
 LOTUS The Complete Story Chris Harvey
 LOTUS A Competition Survey of the Sports,GT and Touring Cars Harvey
 The Lotus 1978 (Japanese publ.)

- LOTUS: The Elite, Elan, Europa Harvey
 Lotus Elan and Europa A collectors Guide John Bolster
 Lotus Elan Super Profile Graham Arnold
 Lotus Esprit (Osprey AutoHistory) Jeremy Walton
 The Original Lotus Elite Dennis Ortenburger
 and from the Brooklands series of article reprints:
 Elite 1957-1964
 Seven 1957-1980
 Elan 1962-1973, and Elan Collections #1 and #2
 Europa 1966-1975, and Europa Collection #1

I have obtained most of my Lotus books from an outfit called Discount Books, in Ross CA which offers 20% off the list price. Below is the Lotus section out of their catalog; they can also obtain any book listed in the Motorbooks, or other companies' ads. Also of note is the fact that Motorbooks is offering a special right now on most of the Lotus titles in the Brooklands series at \$2.95 each, which is less than 1/3rd the regular price! These make most interesting reading, and I recommend that you pick up the titles of interest to you while the opportunity exists to save quite a bit of money. I am going to be ordering a few myself (Elite/Eclat, and Seven Coll. #1) that I don't have, so if anyone wants to order with me let me know (Motorbooks charges a flat \$2.95 shipping fee, whether you order one book or a hundred, so it's worthwhile to combine our order and only pay the shipping once). I will bring these along to the June meeting in case you're not familiar with these titles.

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Lotus Parts Swap in Vancouver this Saturday, 12 May

A number of you have expressed your interest, and are planning to go up for this event, which I highly recommend (even if you don't find any parts you need, it's fun to see the Loti in attendance, and meet the members of the hosting Lotus Car Club of BC). Since some of you are also thinking about taking some parts up with you to sell, and are wondering about the potential hassles at the border, I called Canadian Customs in Vancouver, and unfortunately the news is not good. You will have to pay 11.4% duty, and 9% tax at the time you enter Canada with the parts, assuming that is you are declaring them; this is whether they are new or used; you may not bring up a chassis to sell (any other parts are OK); for any parts you do not sell and wish to get a refund of the 20.4% you paid previously you will have to file for a refund, which apparently you will not get at the time but will have to wait for (I talked to three different people on the subject of this refund, and couldn't get a clear answer out of any of them, but apparently they'll mail it to you, and who knows how long that would take). So, be prepared for some problems should you want to take some parts along with you to sell- it may be worthwhile to instead just take along a listing, and perhaps photos of your parts, make your deals, and then arrange for the transfer of parts down here. For any parts you buy up there, it's considerably simpler bringing them back- the duty rate is about 4% for any stuff you declare, going through US Customs.

Any volunteers want to work on setting up a similar Parts Swap Meet here? If you'd like to, and have a place to have it in mind, bring it up at our next meeting.

Further on the subject of events in British Columbia, I would like to bring to your attention three other events of note. First is that the next monthly meeting of the Lotus Car Club of BC, on Wednesday 13 June or one week after our next meeting, is their Annual General Meeting, and will feature a most interesting guest speaker. I don't have his name to hand, as I loaned my latest issue of the CAM JOURNAL to someone at the meeting on Saturday, but he was with Lotus in the early halcyon days c. 1957, when they were racing XIs at LeMans, and introduced the Elite; he apparently has some slides of these early days which will be shown and would be most interesting to see. I'll have more information on this at the next meeting in June. Granted it's a long drive up on a weeknight (two hours from my house) but perhaps a few of us can make the trip up.

Next on the calendar is the Vintage Weekend at Westwood track, the weekend of July 7-8. If you're at all interested in vintage racing you won't want to miss this event. Loti in attendance last year included several XIs, a 19, a 23, and an Elite racing, and several street Loti on display in the concours area. More info on this later as well.

Last will be the First Annual Pacific Rim Lotus Meet, set for the last weekend in August (24th through 26th), one week before the All-British Field Meet in Portland. I've included copies of the two info sheets I have for the Pacific Rim Meet with this newsletter, and hope that as many of you as possible will consider going up for this. I will definitely be going- if "Emma" isn't running by then, and she probably won't be I will be buying another Lotus so as to have one to drive up.

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 c/o Cone Race Craft
 PO Box 1200
 Auburn WA 98071
 h/w 631-1951
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 h 546-5517
 w 353-3800 or 355-3875
 '69 Europa S2

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 8121 NE 145th St
 Bothell WA 98011
 h 488-0567
 w 342-3641
 '72 Europa

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 1211 Yew St.
 Bellingham WA 98226
 h 676-5979
 w 676-2139
 '71 Europa

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 h 377-9997
 w
 '74 Europa TC Special

LEACH, Loren
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 Bremerton WA 98312
 h 373-5288
 w 396-4224
 '70 Europa S2

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 h 935-7197
 w
 Elan

McDONALD, Fred
 9364 NE 120th
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 h 823-1965
 w 342-5411
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 '65 Elan S2
 '65 Elan S2
 '64 Elan 26R

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 Eureka CA 95501
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 w (707) 443-7461
 '64 Elan S1

ORR, Alan
 16017 198th NE
 Woodinville WA 98072
 h 788-6380
 w 771-7350
 '65 Elan S2

PRICE, Mike
 2433 Sleater-Kinney Rd NE
 Olympia WA 98506
 h 456-1253
 w 591-5588
 '65 Super 7

RAMEY, George
 1325 N 171st
 Seattle WA 98133
 h 542-4072
 w 872-7500
 '67 Cortina w/Lotus TwinCam

REYNOLDS, Bill
 2371 Hughes Ave. SW
 Seattle WA 98116
 h 937-5449
 w
 Europa (R)

ROBERTS, Rob
 20 300th NW
 Stanwood WA 98292
 h 629-2730
 w
 '67 Elan S3 FHC

SHIH, John
 4004 Beach Drive SW #201
 Seattle WA 98116
 h 932-2404
 w 932-1621
 '74 Europa TC

SHIPP, Andy
 3928 Othello St SW
 Seattle WA 98136
 h 932-5191
 w
 Elan S2

STINE, H. Paul
 4 View Point Dr. NW
 Gig Harbor WA 98335
 h 265-3743
 '74 Europa TC

SPRINGER, Darryl
5109 23rd Ave. W
Everett WA 98204
h 347-7734
w

Elan S4 FHC

WALLACE, Steve
641 SW 138th
Seattle WA 98166
h 244-2177
w 583-8700
'65 Elan S1

WILBUR, Charles H. "Chuck"
Quarters S, Navseawarengsta
Keyport WA 98345
h 779-9855
w 396-2345
'74 Europa TC

WYSS, Erik
13711 32nd NE 312
Seattle WA 98125
h 364-7615
w
'74 Europa JPS

LOTUS CAR CLUB OF BC
1357 West 7th Ave.
Vancouver BC V6H 1B8

ELMORE, Terry A.
3010 132nd Ave. SE
Snohomish WA 98290
h 334-5768
w 355-7155
'64 Elan S1, now S2

LOTUS CAR CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Fellow Lotus Enthusiasts:

I am pleased to announce that The Lotus Car Club of British Columbia is planning the First Annual Pacific Rim Lotus Meet to be held August 24 to 26th, 1984 in sunny Vancouver, B.C.

We have tentatively planned a cocktail party and social for Friday evening, a rallyette and clean car concours for Saturday, and a slalom or funkanha and technical sessions for Sunday. On the Saturday evening, a banquet will be held as well. There will be trophies for the concours, rallyette and slalom as well as door prizes at the banquet.

The Lotus Car Club of B.C. is an independent Lotus enthusiasts/owners association with a membership of fifty-five. We have members throughout British Columbia, Alberta, Washington State, Oregon and California.

As this is a "First" event of this size, we would like as much support from all Lotus owners and enthusiasts as possible. Drop us a line at the address shown below to indicate your status of participation.

Please note that hotel rooms have been reserved for this event at corporate rates.

Hope you can attend.

Yours Very Truly,

Malcolm Muir
Vice-President
Lotus Car Club of B.C.

LOTUS CAR CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

THE INAUGURAL PACIFIC RIM LOTUS MEET

WHEN: AUGUST 24 to 26th, 1984

WHERE: INTERNATIONAL PLAZA HOTEL
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North Vancouver, B.C.
V7P 3E9
Tele: (604) 984-0611
Tlx: 04-352628

ENTRY FEE: \$35.00 for driver and car (includes social & banquet)
Extra Banquet tickets available at \$25.00 each

HOTEL RATES: \$59.00 per night - single
\$69.00 per night - double

All prices are Canadian Funds. Rooms to be booked through the Hotel.
Entry Fees & Banquet Tickets are to be bought through:
The Lotus Car Club of B.C.
1357 West 7th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.
V6H 1B8

Please circulate this letter to all your members and reply by August 1st, 1984.

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I can/cannot attend the First Annual Pacific Rim Lotus Meet.

Name: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ Year of Car: _____

_____ Model: _____

Phone: _____

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