



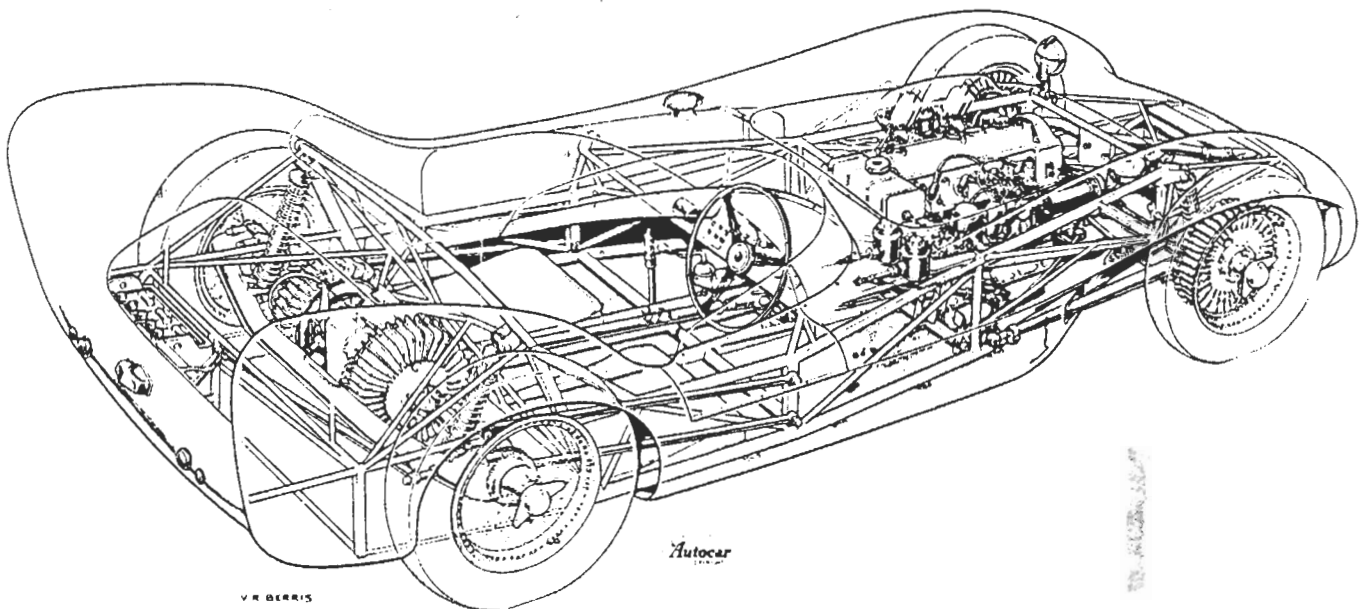
# Lotus Lines

MAY/JUNE 1989

5TH YEAR OF THE CLUB.....37TH OF THE MARQUE

## LOTUS MARK 9

Colin Chapman designed this, his second aerodynamically-bodied sports car, primarily to accept the Coventry Climax 1,100cc engine, and in this form it was used for the first Team Lotus entry at Le Mans, in 1955



## LOTUS FANTASY II

Gary Wood

Yes, it is true. My mind tends to wander at times, but this is a short one.

I've just exited the door of an automobile curio shop with a bumper sticker. I am peeling the backing from the sticker as I approach my Elan Sprint. I can hear mumbling and gasps from the crowd that has gathered around admiring the car. With perfect alignment, the sticker is applied to the Lotus. The sticker says -MY OTHER CAR IS A LOTUS-. Grins broaden.

Well its almost summer time and lots of Lotus fun is comming up. However, a brief word about our April meeting. It was one of the best turnouts in both people and operational Lotus. Several items were discussed at some length and some decisions were sorta made. The two most important items were tools and comming events.

Tools: It was decided that the club shouldk buy a few of the spcecialty type tools needed for Lotus repairs. The first step in doing this is to put together a list of needed tools. Please send any suggestions to me and I will submit the list at the June meeting.

Also, several members have rather extensive home shops and have offered to loan their shops and time if you need help with a project. Right now we have a volunteer in the north end and one south. If you need help, call me and I will get you in touch. If anyone else wants to offer tools, Knowledge, or shop space, please give me a call and I will start a list.

Comming Events: The full caneldar was in the last newsletter and available at the meeting for review. However, the following deserve highlighting:

- May 13 All British Field Meet in Vancouver B.C., contact Terry Elmore
- May 20 Evergreen Lotus Club Meeting hosted by Bob and Shari Crichton at 1:00 PM. Peter Wolf will lead a 15 mile, legal speed tour over interesting roads from Redmond to the Crichton's. Meet at the Redmond Park-n-Ride (2 blocks north of the end of I-520) for 11:00 departure. (see maps this news letter)
- June 17 Annual Evergreen Lotus Car Club Picnic and Meeting hosted by Terry and Lezlee Elmore. We hope to have a representative demonstrating McGuires car care products at the meeting. Please bring a running Lotus to this one. If anyone wants to lead a tour to this meeting, please call me and we'll set it up.
- July 21 thur 23, The First Ever Seattle All British Field Meet. Terry says it is really going to happen this time. Location is Bellevue Community College. Evergreen Lotus Car Club will be setting up a display representing Lotus. Anyone having items for the display should contact Terry Elmore or myself. More discussion on this at the next meeting.

It looks to me like we may have some good discussions, so let's have a big turn out for the next couple of meetings.

#### A TRUE LOTUS FIELD TRIP

John Daniels

The other day, I heard a rumer that there was a pack of Lotus parked in a field between Carnation and Redmond. Armed with instructions and a spare newsletter, Nikki and I set out. Low and behold, we found the field and they really were Lotuses. We went down a lane and found a shop full of people working. Not being able to see what they were doing, I made sure Nikki was in front when we got out of the car. As soon as I mentioned Lotus, we were greeted by Jeff Johnson and Adrian. Jeff is a distributor for Spyder frames and a Super Seven like kit car (ed. Silverstone). He also builds Europa bodies and assembles replicas. One example was almost finished with a DeLorean V6 and transaxle installed (good looking package). Jeff gave us a quick tour that included the following cars:

TwinCam Europa - Early Elite (race prepared) - Europa replica  
 Elan Coupe - Turbo Esprit - one off custom design coupe

I guess several of the above may be for sale, but when I offered advertising, Jeff asked me not to do it as he is too busy. If you want more information, let me know.

The opening 1989 Vintage race event in the Pacific Northwest occurred March 25th, sponsored by SOVREN (the Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts)- it was a hillclimb at SIR, consisting of timed runs starting from the back straight, clockwise through turns 3B, then 3A, through turn 1 and on to the usual start/finish line. 20 to 25 cars competed, many of them open roadsters which was impressive as it rained steadily all day. We personally decided not to drive our F3 car (ed. note- John's Effyh), and opted for the Lotus Europa, with wipers, and heater blasting- much more civilized. Some most interesting cars participated- an Allard J2X with LeMans body, which was trying to put 500hp to the wet ground through skinny tires; a quite rapid Porsche 914/6 GT, and several Lotus 7s.

A lunch was served at the noon break- chili, homemade bread and a salad, prepared by this year's SOVREN president Donna Thorson, and served under a large tent- it don't get much better than that!

FTD was posted by Hugh Archer of the VRC (the Vintage Racing Club of BC) in a Porsche 356 (a Porsche- come on you Lotus drivers!).

THE ANNUAL HUNHOLZ HAPPENING Sunday, 28 May 2:00pm

An addition to our calendar since the listing in the last newsletter is this very worthwhile event, hosted by John and Betty Hunholz at their home in the Lake Forest Park area (19529 45th NE, phone 364-8783). This is an annual, pre-race season get-together for the Seattle area race fraternity, and some very nice cars are usually on display, along with the opportunity to see John's collection, as an "unjudged car show" in John's words. All makes are welcome, Evergreen Lotus members are cordially invited to bring your Lotus out, let's see if we can have a good turnout of Club cars.

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To add to the articles by John Hunholz in this issue concerning local vintage racing, and SOVREN (the Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts)- we have been invited to participate as a group at the Vintage Race days on Saturday and Sunday, June 24th and 25th, and those participating in their Lotus will receive two free entries to the races. The group having the largest turnout will also be allowed to participate in the parade laps during the lunch break (sound like a challenge?). There also will be a Club Play-Day at SIR on Wednesday, May 17th- I believe this is in conjunction with the Alfa club.

For those who might be inclined to vintage-race their Lotus, I have copies of the eligibility requirements for SOVREN, but in general Lotus would fall in one of two classes:

- Vintage: Lotuses built before 31 December 1961(or later cars built to the same design and specs (for example a 1962 Elite)
- Historic: cars from 12/31/61 to 12/31/69 so, Elans through S4, but not Sprints; Europa (Renault) not Twin Cam

Membership is \$30.00/year, plus a one-time \$10.00 initiation fee. Contact Terry Elmore or John Hunholz for further details. Incidentally, the current President of SOVREN, Donna Thorson, is a Lotus Seven driver.



## *Pacific Northwest Historic Races*

Car club displays.  
All makes of vehicles 1969 and older are welcome!

In conjunction with the Northwest Historic Races  
by Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN).

Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25  
at  
Seattle International Raceway.

There will be car club displays for all types and makes of vehicles.

This is your chance to show off your pride and joy  
and exchange bits and pieces with fellow enthusiasts.

Entry for display cars is free.  
Two adults per entered vehicle will get into race free both days.

All other adults    \$5.00  
Children under 12    \$2.50

There will be eight popular vote trophies and a participation trophy.  
Each car will also receive a dash plaque.

The club that wins the best participation trophy  
will be in the parade lap on Sunday!!

*Contact:*

*Sharon Webster 759-4476 (Tacoma)*  
*Donna Thorson 641-3551 (Issaquah)*

Plans for the Evergreen Lotus Club participation are progressing. We'll be having our pre-meet "detail party" on Friday night, July 21st, at Steve and Pam Bator's shop SUNMARK, in Kirkland, where we can do all the last-minute beautifying prior to the car display on Saturday. Steve has offered us the use of his shop from 5:00 on, and if you wish you may leave the car there overnight- we'll then be leaving from his shop on Saturday morning for a group drive to the BCC site for the meet. Please bring your own materials for working on your car, in particular if you have some "trick" stuff you use that you'd like to demonstrate to others. We want to emphasize that this isn't limited to those members who are entering cars in the meet- you're quite welcome to come along and join in, even if your own Lotus won't be ready until a future Meet, and we can probably come up with a seat for you as well so you can go on the drive to the Meet Saturday in a Lotus. For those so inclined, we can take a break during the evening to head over to the Hyatt Regency (site of the Friday evening Meet activities) to size up the competition.

I would appreciate some volunteers for our committee to prepare our club display for the Meet- I haven't heard back yet from Lotus Cars US, but I'm hopeful they'll support us with some display materials. We need people to work on such things as display cards, with technical info etc. on the individual Lotus types, along with people to man the tent and answer questions, both on the cars and the club, and we'll need people available when the time comes to count up the peoples-choice ballots for the individual Lotus awards; as a reminder, we'll have four categories for the cars: Early cars- Sevens, Elites, competition, and LoCorts  
Elans and Plus 2s  
Europas  
3rd Generation- Elites, Eclats, Esprits

If you're interested in helping, please contact me ASAP, as we now have about 2½ months before the Meet- more discussion of this at the next two meetings as well.

**Friday, July 21st**

<i>Cocktail party at the Hyatt Regency</i>	7:00pm — 9:00pm
No host bar & complementary hors d'oeuvres	
<i>Dist. of pre-registration materials</i>	7:00pm — 10:00pm
Late registration	

**Saturday, July 22nd**

<i>Car show at Bellevue Community College</i>	
Car placement	8:00am — 12:00pm
Pre-registered cars	8:00am — 10:00am
Late registered cars	10:00am — 12:00pm
Food & beverage concessions	10:00am — 3:00pm
Display of British vehicles	12:00pm — 4:00pm
Club information booths	12:00pm — 4:00pm
People's choice balloting	12:00pm — 3:00pm
On-field entertainment	1:00pm — 3:00pm
1969 MGB raffle drawing	3:00pm — 3:30pm
<i>Auto &amp; parts swap meet at Bellevue Community College</i>	
Set-up & placement	8:00am — 9:00am
Parts & cars for sale	9:00am — 3:00pm
<i>Awards banquet at Bellevue Hyatt Regency</i>	
No host bar	7:00pm — 8:00pm
Banquet dinner	8:00pm — 9:00pm
Prize raffle drawing	8:00pm — 10:30pm
Guest speaker	8:30pm — 9:00pm
Awards presentation	9:00pm — 11:00pm

**Sunday, July 23**

<i>Caravan to Kingdome</i>	11:30am — 12:00pm
<i>Parking placement</i>	12:30pm — 1:00pm
<i>On-field display of cars</i>	1:00pm — 1:30pm
<i>Mariners vs. Toronto Blue Jays</i>	1:35pm — ???pm

The above are not set in stone, but will probably stand.

**Prices:**

<i>Hotel:</i>	<b>Bellevue Hyatt Regency</b>	<b>Room Rates</b>
	900 Bellevue Way NE	Singles \$89
	Bellevue, WA 98004	Doubles \$99
	(206) 462-1234 or	Triples \$104
	(800) 228-9000	Quad \$109

<i>Vehicle:</i>	<u>Before 6/30</u>	<u>After 6/30</u>
	\$20	\$30

*Banquet ticket:* \$25  
*Swap Meet:* Vendor & car for sale \$15 per 10 x 10 area

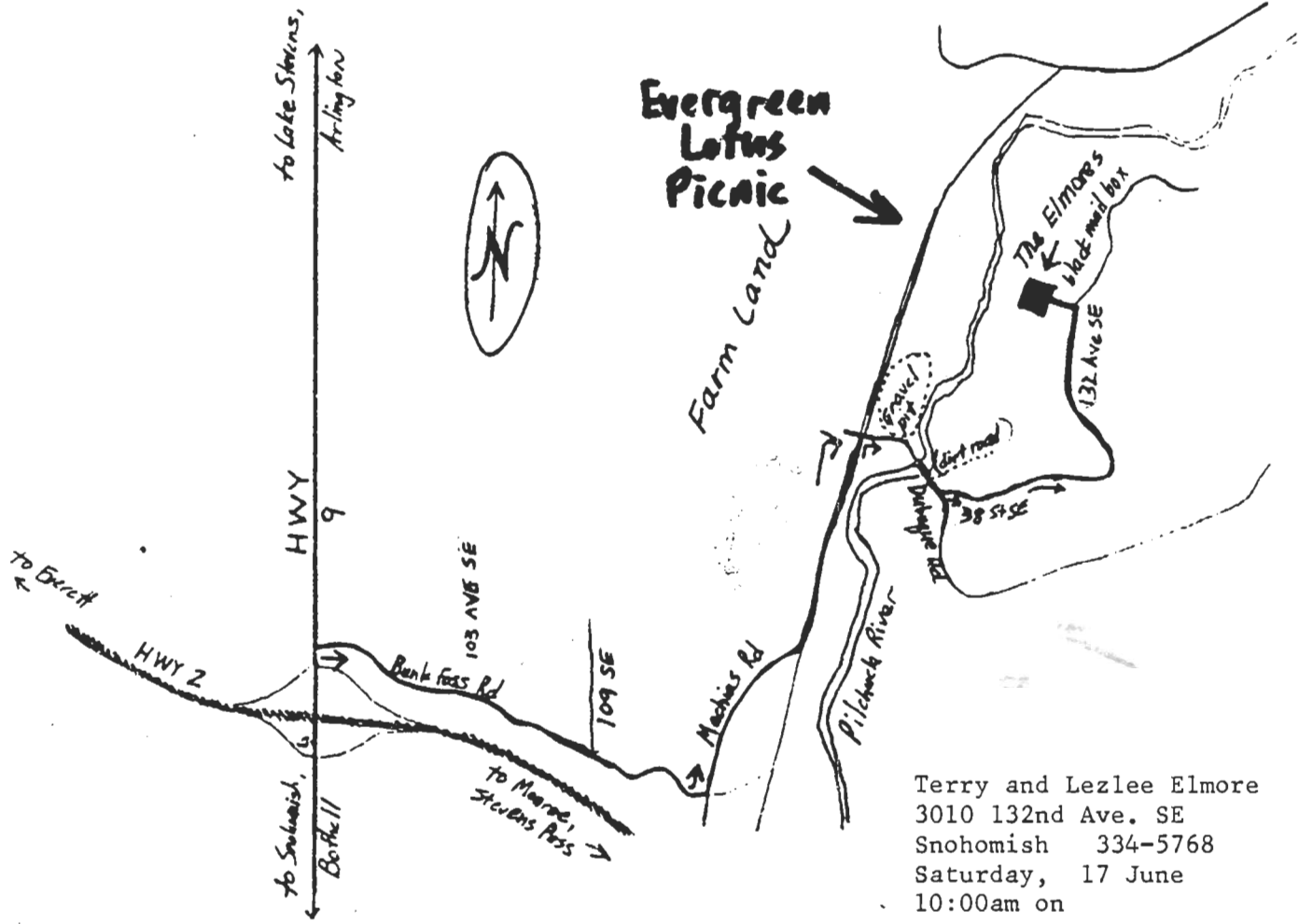
*Box seat ticket, Mariners vs. Blue Jays:* \$8.50

*Regalia:* Available before 6/30 only

T-shirt, \$9    Sweatshirt, \$18    Add. Dash plq., \$5

Those interested in helping out should give Rob Broderick a call at 881-2438.

Please remember that this is a "people's choice" show, not a Concourse d'elegance..



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CARS FOR SALE

1974 Lotus Elite good overall condition, 45,000 miles best offer  
John or Nikki Daniels 788-2729

Europa S2- there is a basketcase Europa at a truck dealership north of Bellingham- turns out the owner took it in on trade. Needs a ton of work; I was quoted a price of \$2500 (very much off the top of his head) but have no doubt that he wants to unload the thing before it deteriorates even more, and if you hit him at the right time, with cash in hand you could no doubt get it for much less. I'll have a few photos of the car at the next meeting- the car is located at I-5 Truck Sales, 4942 Pacific Hwy, Bellingham 384-2600.

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### WHEELS

I had my set of steel wheels trued by an old wire wheel shop. Call Ben Foster at Foster Wheel, 789-5353. Ben can easily get wheel run-out below LOTUS specifications. Upon request, he will check tolerance with a dial indicator. I suggest you ask. Ben does very good work.

### EXHAUST

It is possible to use VOLKSWAGEN exhaust gaskets to replace the all asbestos stock gasket. The VW gasket is made of a sandwich of asbestos between two sheets of aluminum. I have had no leaks so far, and these gaskets will not stick to the aluminum head. The VW part number is: 111251261B.

### CLUTCH

The clutch slave cylinder is held in place on the clutch assembly with a circlip, LOTUS part number 026Q6006. The circlip is illustrated in the Bean Catalog on page J59. Substituting an external snap ring makes removal and installation much simpler.

### INTERIOR TRIM

On the Elan S1 and S2, it is possible to replace the rear interior trim willnuts and 4BD screws with locally available parts. Wellnuts are available at many boat and marine suppliers (Doc Freeman's in Seattle) and stainless screws from most industrial hardware stores.

### BRAKES

Do not wire brush or sand blast the brake caliper assemblies. These units have protective plating that may be damaged with mechanical cleaning methods. Clean parts with denatured alcohol and a brush. Apply a coat of epoxy paint for additional protection.

If your Elan still has the chrome plated steel caliper pistons, they are likely seized. R&D Enterprises has stainless steel replacements that will not give you any future problems, and your brakes will work TOO!

Check if your brake pads are correct. Did you know power assist systems use a different pad than the leg-strong systems?

Warning! It is recommended you don't separate the caliper assembly.

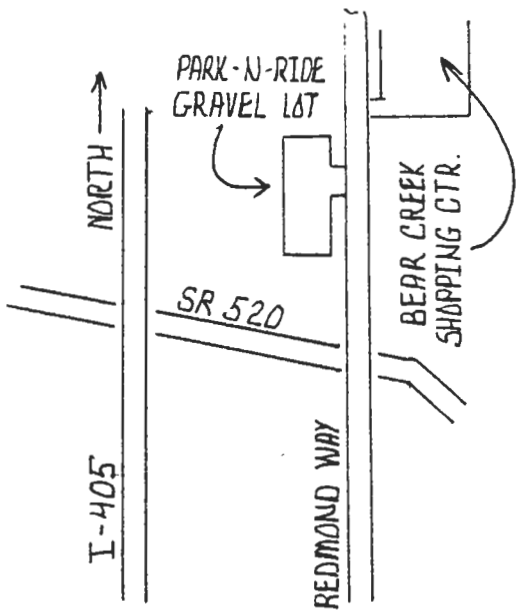
### AUTOCROSS

Come out and watch or drive. It's a lot of fun. Location is the Boeing Kent Space Center. Take the Orilla Rd. exit from I-5 and go east into the valley. The Boeing facility will be on your left. Call the Autocross Hotline for more information (524-5020). Everyone is welcome.

-- May 14, SCCA NWR SOLO II Regional #3 -- May 21, NWSCC

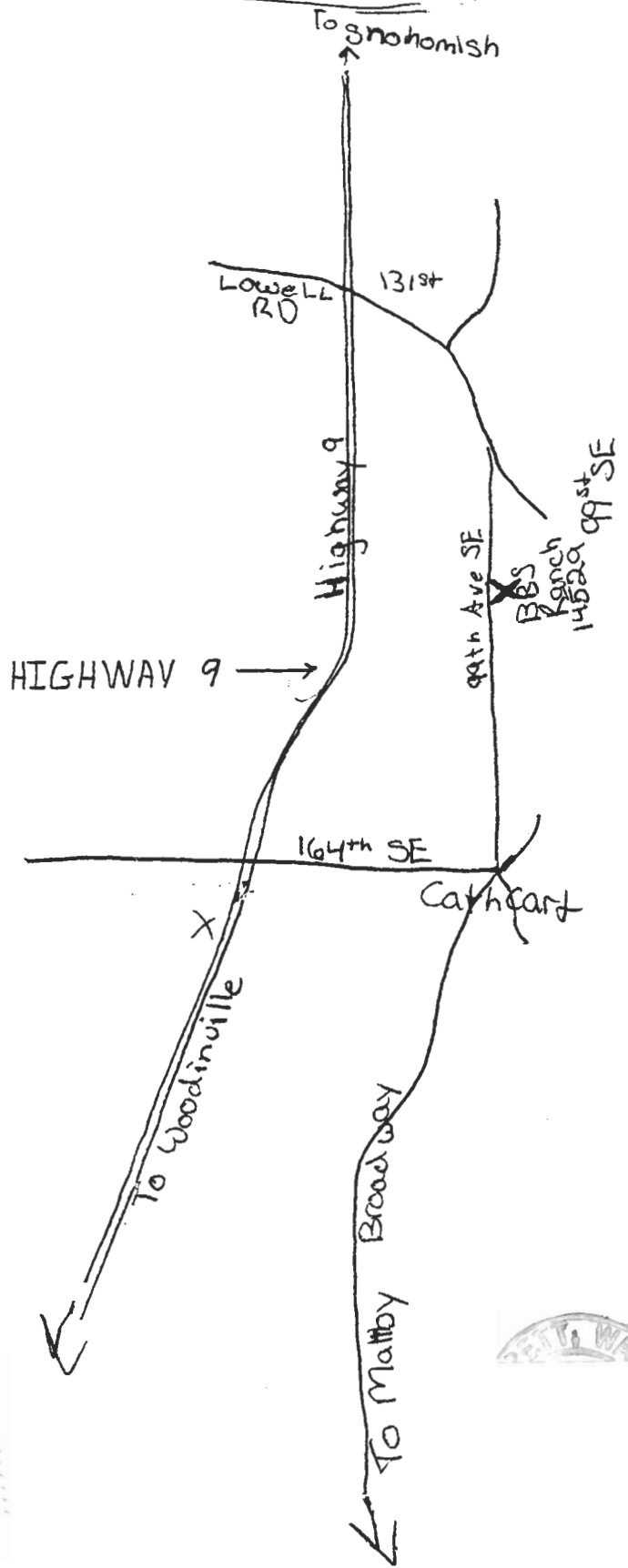
-- June 3, SCCA NWR Drivers School (\$10) -- June 4, SCCA NWR SOLO II #4

-- June 24, SCCA NWR Drivers School -- June 25, SCCA NWR SOLO II #5



MAY MEETING TOUR  
 START MAP  
 11:00 AM DEPARTURE

MAY MEETING  
 Saturday, May 20th 1:00PM  
 Bob and Shari Crichton  
 14529 99th Ave. SE  
 Snohomish 668-6841



CLUB OFFICER: John Daniels, Chair 788-2729; Nikki Daniels, Membership  
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