



LotusLines

September/October 1991

7th Year of the Club... 42nd Year of the Marque

Bob's Great Adventure and Other Good Stuff by Bob Crichton

Well its already September and the summer is winding down. The weather is still hot at times but boy can it rain. Not to let the rain dampen my spirits I loaded the Seven with my picnic table and chairs and headed for the All British Field Meet in Portland at about 6:00 a.m. Saturday. I had taken all the precautions against the rain, my slicker, my goggles, my scarf and gloves. Now we who own British Sports cars know you do not waste electricity by running your wipers all of the time. So I would turn them on every few minutes to clear the majority of the water from the wind screen. But the further I got into the trip the longer the delay from the time I tripped the toggle switch to the time the wipers would activate. This went on for about 20 miles until the wipers just did not work. Now I am capable of seeing pretty well with water on the wind screen in the day time because it is so close to my face, but looking forward to trying to drive home that night with no wipers just seemed like more of an adventure than I had planned for that weekend. So I turned around and headed home abandoning my attempt to get to Portland. We will have to talk to some one else about their trip to the Field Meet.

Out last meeting and picnic was at Terry and Lezlee Elmore's house, it was the best event all year. We had more Lotus's there than at the Field Meet in Bellevue or Vancouver. Everybody drove every one else's car and the weather was perfect. I will let Terry go into more details as he deserves to have the bragging rights for pulling off a great event.

Two things coming up in September are, our meeting will be at the Car Show sponsored by AutoGear in Bellevue on September 21st. I have not been to one they put on but it would be nice to have a good showing of Lotus's for the people to look at.

On September 25, 1991 is the second track day at Seattle International Raceway. I hope to see a lot of you out there, remember you don't have to be a madman or madwomen to drive on the track. It is fun just to go there and drive around. Speed is not everything out there, just the thrill of making turns when you don't have to worry about oncoming traffic is great. So I will look forward to seeing a lot of people at the AutoGear Car Show on the 21st and at Seattle International Raceway on the 25th.

1991 Calendar of Events: Past, Present and Future

(any questions about the events in the calendar can be directed to the club's contacts as shown on the Newsletter's cover page)

August -

17th, Saturday, picnic/meeting at Terry and Lezlee Elmore's home.

24th, Saturday, SCCA Northwest Region Solo II Competition in Kent.

September -

9th thru 13th, Monday thru Friday, SCCA National Championship Solo II Competition in Salina, Kansas.

21st, Saturday, Auto Show at Overlake Shopping Center, sponsored by AutoGear. Monthly meeting will take place at 1:00pm, entry not required.

21st, Saturday, Alfa Track Day at SIR, be there by 7:30am.

25th, Wednesday, Track Day at SIR, starts at 9:00am thru 5:00pm.

29th, Sunday, SCCA Northwest Region Solo II Competition in Kent.

October -

19th, Saturday, meeting at Frank and Ronette Grabner's home.

November -

No monthly meeting

December -

Holiday party at Noel and Bobbie Keefer's home.

Lotus in Print by Terry Elmore

This marks the revival of a feature we've run on occasion in the past, letting you know of articles in the enthusiast press you might otherwise miss. These include both features on specific Lotus models, and technical articles you may find of use. This time around I'm going to cover the last six months or so of some of the British magazines and then I'll update this with any new articles in future newsletters.

Classic and Sportscar

April - article is Sportscar's Top Ten, includes a rather ratty Elan S4.

July - cover feature and ten page buyer's guide to Lotus Seven.

August - article on today's classics, includes Caterham Seven and Vegatune's Evante, with comparisons to Lotus Seven and Elan.

September - article on restored Elan 26R (found in Oregon!).

Thoroughbred and Classic Cars

March - five page restoration article on Europa S2.

July - comparison road test of Europa S2, TVR, Marcos, Gilbern and Scimitar (the Marcos won).

Your Classic

February - twelve page buyers guide to Elite/Eclat.

Supercar and Classics

August - four page profile of Jim Clark followed by eight pages with great color photos on restored Lotus 25 and two pages on Coventry Climax.

Portland All British Field Meet - August 30th, 31st and September 1st
by Shirley Urquhart

The drive down Friday afternoon was sunny and pleasant, until we pulled into the parking lot at the Red Lion/Jantzen Beach. "Little Red" decided to overheat and spill green stuff all over the ground. An hour and a half later she was all better after Dwaine had pinched her radiator coils and added Barsleak to her radiator where one of the three fans had broken loose and torn a hole. We were very grateful to the night manager of the Chevron station near the hotel for his going out of his way to help us. He was a car buff himself and had a real nice 1970 Camaro.

Registration packet pick-up Friday night was well organized and easy to get through. And lots of useful little "goodies" in the packet. The Cocktail Party/Photo Concours was packed with people and lots of good food - too bad we ate before we went. The line was too long to wait for drinks but instant winner tickets worked very well. Just find "Miss Morgan" or "Miss Jaguar" and pick a number for a nice "auto" type prize. We received a big bottle of Meguiar's Auto Polish. Very nice !!!

Saturday morning we arrived at PIR fairly early and were ushered right through the gate with our decal and window ID in the right places. It had been just cloudy when we left the hotel but as soon as we pulled into PIR it started to sprinkle rain. It continued to sprinkle off and on all day and evening so we spent most of the day clustered under the trees and umbrellas talking "Lotus" with friendly enthusiasts from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho. We were pleased to find that we were not the only entrant from Evergreen Lotus. Frank and Ronette Grabner had their 1978 Esprit S1 there and Alan McWain had his 1960 Elite Coupe in the show. Other Evergreen members who showed up sans cars were Bob Cross, Pam and Steve Bator and family.

Noticeably absent from the entire show was any form of Lotus Seven. The consensus of those present was that Seven owners were kind of "wimpy" and couldn't take the trip or the weather or both. Several people asked where some of the "old-timers" were, like: Terry and Lezlee, Bob and Shari, John and Nikki, Dave and Alice ?????

Winners in the Lotus Classes (that I was able to jot down from the awards presentations) were:

LO-15 (Roadsters) -

- 1st, Carolyn Arnquist, 1965 Elan from Portland, Oregon
- 2nd (tie), Dennis Boom, 1969 Elan from Hillsboro, Oregon
- Bob Perry, 1969 Elan from ???

LO-16 (Coupe) -

- 1st, John and Doreen Rapson, 1985 Turbo Esprit from West Vancouver, BC
- 2nd, Alan McWain, 1960 Elite Coupe from Olympia, Washington

LO-17 (Competition/Modified) -

- 1st, Dwaine Urquhart, 1979 Esprit S2 with 350 Chev engine from Kent, Washington
- 2nd, Tony Viskov, 1963 Cortina GT from Portland, Oregon

I believe that Alan McWain also won the Lotus Concours judging for his 1960 Elite Coupe.

Banquet Notes: Lots of good barbecued food, many nice door prizes. Our entire table did not win one door prize however. Oh well - very exciting contest (informal) of helium balloon cargos and a \$1000 cash prize (must be present to win) kept the crowd there until the end (9:05pm).

Other Notes: We could not find the Sunday morning rally at the Red Lion as advertised. The printed program was great with pictures of all the cars submitted. We heard, but not officially, that there were 52 Jaguars and 41 Morgans in the show.

West Coast Lotus Meet by Terry Elmore

While no contracts have yet been signed, it looks to be 95% sure that the 1992 West Coast Lotus Meet will take place the first weekend of June, again at Sears Point Raceway, north of the Bay Area in the Sonoma Wine Country. A Lotus track day and tie-in with the Wine Country Classic Vintage Races will again be features of this superlative meet, which promises to be even bigger and better than the 1990 Meet that Lezlee and I attended. I am volunteering to act as the "promoter" for this meet for this area. I will be bringing you all the details just as soon as I have them. The meet organizers understand the needs of those of us traveling such a long distance to attend and to make our vacation and travel plans well in advance. The organizers will make every effort to provide us with all the details and entry forms as soon as they are available. Mike Ostrov, head of Club Elite and organizer of the Track Day facet of last year's Meet, has already promised to organize some special events for all Elite owners attending the meet, so I'll be making a special effort myself to get as many of our NorthWest Elites as possible down there.

Lotus Tech Sessions by Terry Elmore

As I write this it's 80+ degrees out, but soon enough we'll be into the rainy season and the end of most outdoor Lotus events and time for Fall and Winter projects. So, it's time to rethink/revive our tech sessions which we've done off and on over the years. With this in mind, I'm proposing a series on TwinCam engine rebuilding, using my spare engine as the basis, to be built up using the current ideas and techniques for a Big-Valve engine producing 130hp as a totally streetable engine to be installed in a Christopher Neil "Sprint Kit" Elan. I'll be discussing this further at the meeting/show on the 21st at the Overlake Plaza. If there is sufficient interest we'll schedule the first tech session then.

2nd Annual Overlake Fashion Plaza/Auto Gear Classic Car Show

by Leslie Spagnola, Marketing Consultant for the Classic Car Show

Thank you for your Club's interest and participation commitment in the upcoming Classic Car Show at Overlake Plaza on September 21st. The excitement is building as the final arrangements are made for this large event. Eighteen car clubs are committed - five additional clubs over last year! We have also added an unusual Vintage and Contemporary Fashion Show, plus a clown with balloons for the kids and merchandise prizes. The day promises to be a fun one for car owners and spectators alike. Here is some more information:

New Best Club Display Award

This award will be given to the club with the most creative, best executed display. Some ideas to get you started:

- Country of origin flags
- Educational/Historical display
- Club activities display
- Banners/flags
- Costumes
- Your ideas - be creative!

We hope your club will get involved with this fun new award.

Car Count/Placement

As we need to allocate display space in the parking lot, we are asking that involved clubs let us know the number of cars you expect will turn out for the event from your club. (Editor's Note: please let Bob Crichton or Terry Elmore know if you are coming as soon as possible so that we can have enough space reserved for all of our cars).

Registration Fee

A reminder that there is a \$5.00 per participant registration fee. There will be no additional charge for multiple entries.

Car Display

Cars will be displayed by marque with identifying signage at the area reserved. The parking lots North and West of Sears near the Red Robin have been reserved as the display areas. Please enter via NE 24th Street or from 148th Avenue NE. The Information/Registration table will be located near the SouthWest corner of Sears.

General Information

The event is from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Car arrival time is 9:00am thru 10:00am. You will be directed to your club's place by a site director. After parking your car, please visit the Information/Registration table for registration number, etc. We will have People's Choice Awards voting until 2:00pm. The Awards Ceremony will be at 3:00pm.

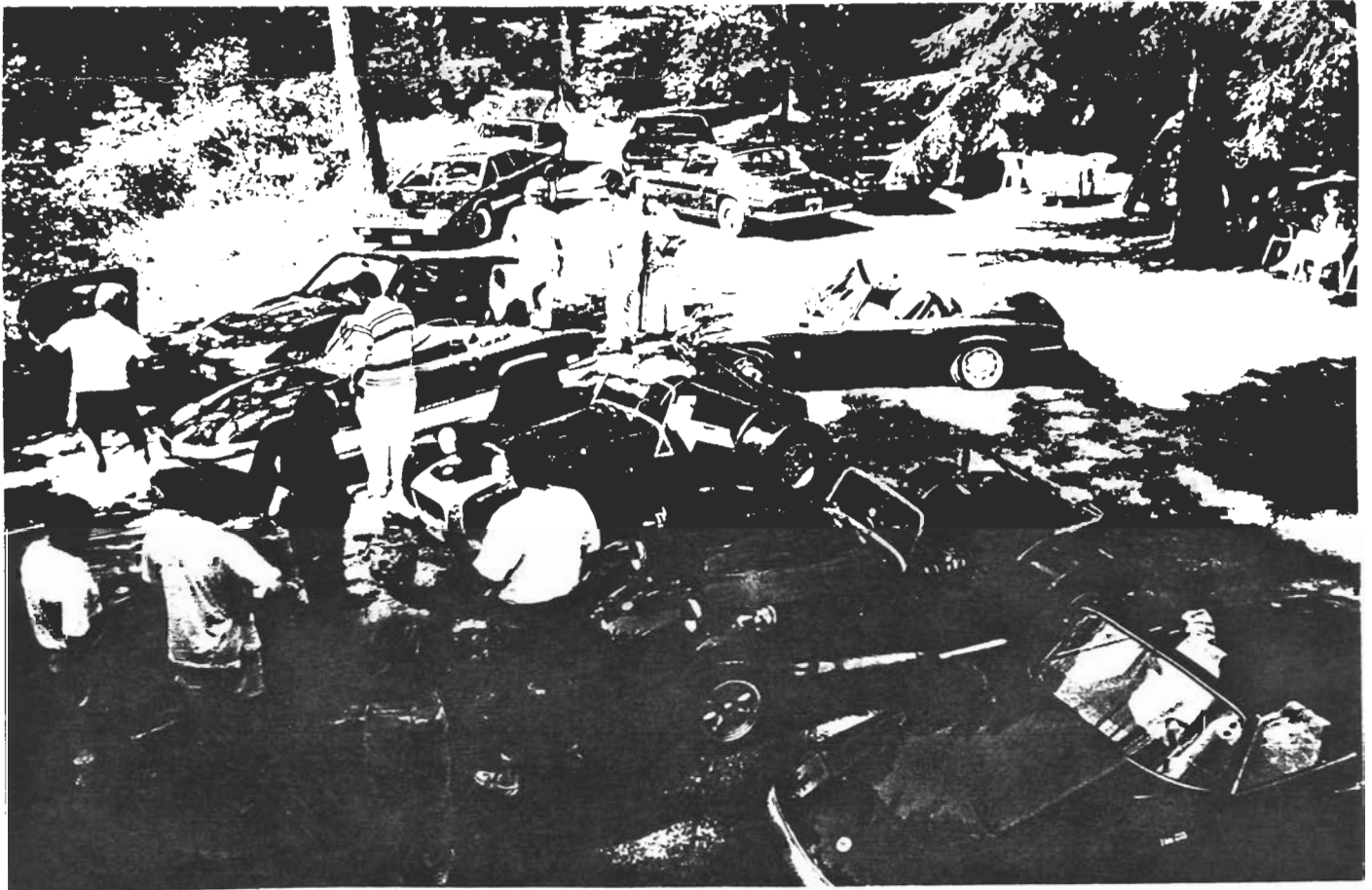
If there are further questions please call Jeff Girard at 562-1800 or Leslie Spagnola at 282-2656. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st!

Evergreen Lotus Picnic by Terry Elmore

Hopefully others will have made their own comments in this issue on this year's Picnic, so you're not just reading my perspective. I would like to say that I think this year's event was a great success and we're already looking forward to and planning for next year's which will be even bigger and better. Our new feature, the drive sharing was, I'm sure you'll all agree, a hit and will definitely be continued. In fact our only disappointment was that we didn't have any cars or members from the BC or Oregon clubs, which is something we will also definitely change for next year. We'll be mailing personal invitations directly to their memberships and to our own as well. If you have any suggestions for changes or improvements for next year, by all means let me know, we would welcome your comments and ideas. This year we had over thirty people and fifteen Lotus in attendance - what say we double those figures next year?

Editor's Quiz:

Can you find all of the Lotus cars hidden in this picture? Maury's and Terry's Elans aren't in the photo (taken by Shirley Urquhart). There are thirteen of them in this picture. Yeah I know, a photo-copied photograph leaves a lot to the imagination, but give it a shot anyway. Hint: there is one Mazda Miata in the picture.



Event Reminders, Remarks and Reconnaissance by Jim Taylor

Yes, the Annual Picnic was a great success and a lot of fun, a lot of food and a lot of driving. The driver/car swapping got off to a slow start, but everybody soon warmed up to allowing their car to be driven by other club members and we were off and driving!!! There were no breakdowns, no problems and no tickets (there was an officer of the law with radar on a particularly nice twisty road just waiting for some speed demon to go by). Everyone was careful and courteous with their borrowed car. I drove a Europa and an Elan. What great cars!!! Even though I have owned a Europa for over three years this is the first time I have ever driven one. I just GOTTA get mine going by next spring!

Remember that a track day that has been scheduled on Wednesday, September the 25th. We will be setting up between 8:00am and 9:00am with driving starting at about 9:00am. We will be running rain or shine. So bring your Lotus or whatever will run and come out for some fun at SIR!!! (Don't forget your helmet.)

The members of Evergreen Lotus have been invited to a track day at SIR by the North West Alfa Romeo Club on Saturday, September the 21st. An entry form and further information is in this issue of the Newsletter.

Please note that the October meeting is going to be hosted by Frank and Ronette Grabner at their home in Lake Forest Park at 1:00 on Saturday the 19th.

Also, this issue of the Newsletter covers September and October. Monthly issues will start up again in March of 1992.

A change has been made in the handling of the Membership and dues payment. Effective this month I will be handling all of the membership responsibilities. I talked this over with Bob Crichton and it was decided that since I already have all of the membership's information in my computer for use in putting together the Newsletter, that I might as well handle the whole thing. So I will be accepting the yearly dues at the beginning of 1992, as well as keeping track of the Club's financial situation. Nikki Daniels has been doing a swell job of this for the Club, but Bob felt it was time to consolidate the functions. Thanks Nikki, come to a meeting one of these days. You too John.

Some of the local rallying clubs have events on a regular basis. One of them is held on the second Friday night of the month. Show up around 6:30pm to 7:00pm, first car out is by 7:30pm. Meet at the Puget Power parking lot next to the John Danz Theater in Bellevue located at 10608 NE 4th. Plan on being up late since it takes about three hours to run the event and tabulate the results. The rally I went on ended up at a Godfathers Pizza place at around 10:30pm. The next events are September 13th, October 11th and November 8th. Call Debbie Sjodin at 776-2249 or Mike Daily at 783-0971 for more info. There is also a North West Rally Council 24-hour hotline for the latest rally schedules, the number is 767-7060. I had a lot of fun when I went and the events are well run. Bring a watch, a stopwatch, a clipboard and pencil, a calculator and a flashlight (unless you don't mind driving with your interior light on;

then again, we are talking about Lotuses aren't we; better bring a couple of flashlights) so the navigator can read the instructions when it gets dark.

I got a look at the pictures Dwaine and Shirley took at the Portland All British Field Meet and here is a list of the Lotus in attendance:

one new Elan (supplied by dealer), four Cortinas, three Esprits, one 1st generation Elite, one 2nd generation Elite, two Europas, four Elans and one Elan +2.

And last but certainly not least, here is a list all of the cars in the Picnic Photo. Starting at the bottom left are an Esprit Turbo and a Europa. Starting at the bottom right is an Elan, a Seven, another Seven, an Elan, another Elan (center of photo), then the Miata. Continuing back and then going clockwise is an Esprit S1, a Europa, an Elite, an Elan and an Elan +2. The most difficult one to find is the Seven parked behind the tree in the upper right corner of the picture. That makes thirteen in one photo!!!

Lotus in Video by Terry Elmore

I am presently compiling a videotape library of all the Lotus appearances on TV and movies that I can obtain, which thus far includes these:

- all the Elan, Europa and Plus 2 scenes from The Avengers
- the Seven lead sequence from The Prisoner
- an Elite scene from Murder She Wrote
- the Europa chase sequence from 11 Harrowhouse
- the Esprit scenes (both S1 and Turbo) from the James Bond movies
- an Elan chase from the first Inspector Clouseau movie with Alan Arkin
- the Esprit Turbo scenes from Pretty Woman

If anyone can suggest any other movies that have included a Lotus, or you have managed to capture a TV show or feature that included or featured a Lotus, please let me know so I can include it.

For Sale

1977 Caterham Super Seven S3, Lotus Big-Valve TwinCam engine, polished aluminum body, full weather gear, roll bar, heater, seven Caterham wheels, stainless steel exhaust, oil cooler, electronic ignition, 8000 original miles. Make offer or consider trade for other Lotus. Call Pete Wolf at home: 788-2793 or work: 867-8634.

1974 Elite, 2000 miles on rebuilt engine, transmission, differential and rear brakes. All new suspension bushings, tie-rod ends, ball joints, rebuilt trunnions. New u-joints between steering column and rack. New Comp T/A tires. Needs some cosmetics, but runs great and is reliable. Want to sell so I can get back to working on my Europa. Asking \$10,000. Call Jim Taylor at home: 232-2237 or at work: 587-2053.

Alfa Antics XIX - September 21st by Marilyn Williams of NWARC

Its time for our second track date at Seattle International Raceway for 1991 and our annual time trials. This is your opportunity to compete against the clock with trophies to the fastest. A limited number of participants will be permitted at this event. Registrations are first-come, first-served. Other marque clubs have been invited as well, so make plans now to attend. (the cost for Evergreen Lotus Club members is \$90.00 per entrant.) The format will consist of three practice sessions which are open track time and which will run from 9:00am until early afternoon. This will be followed by two timed sessions during which cars will be individually timed. There will be awards for both Alfas and non-Alfas, the awards are to be presented at the post-event reception. Registration for this event will be limited to forty cars to ensure that this is a quality event for all participants. We are not contemplating that this limit will prevent anyone from participating, but if there is any doubt, please call me (Marilyn Williams) at (206) 935-3979. At 7:45am is registration and technical inspection. At 8:45am will be a driver's meeting. The participant rules and a registration form follows.

Participant Rules:

- 1) Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited.
- 2) Helmets (1975 or later Snell rating) are required for driver and passengers. Eye protection is required for drivers and passengers of open cars (glasses will suffice).
- 3) Open cars must have a roll bar. If you are fitting a roll bar for NWARC events, contact Marilyn Williams, NWARC Competition Chairman, at (206) 935-3979 for specifications.
- 4) Factory installed three-point seatbelts or five-point racing harnesses are required.
- 5) All drivers are required to attend a driver's meeting at the track.
- 6) All drivers are required to work turns at some time during the event.
- 7) This will be a QUIET day - all cars MUST be equipped with street legal mufflers in order to run!
- 8) Invited marque club members must drive their invited marque cars.
- 9) All drivers who have not driven at a NWARC track event before will be required to have a designated club member ride in their car before being allowed on the track alone.

Additionally, a secured fire extinguisher is recommended. Bring a full tank of gas, increase you tire pressure to 36 psi (air is easier to let out than to add at the track), change your oil and filter and bring extra oil and coolant. Take time to inspect your car before you come to the track.

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail with check to Kim Buty, NWARC Treasurer, 8315 Jones NW, Seattle, WA 98117

Name(s): _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Mail Code: _____ Phone: _____/_____

Marque: _____ Model: _____ Club Name: _____

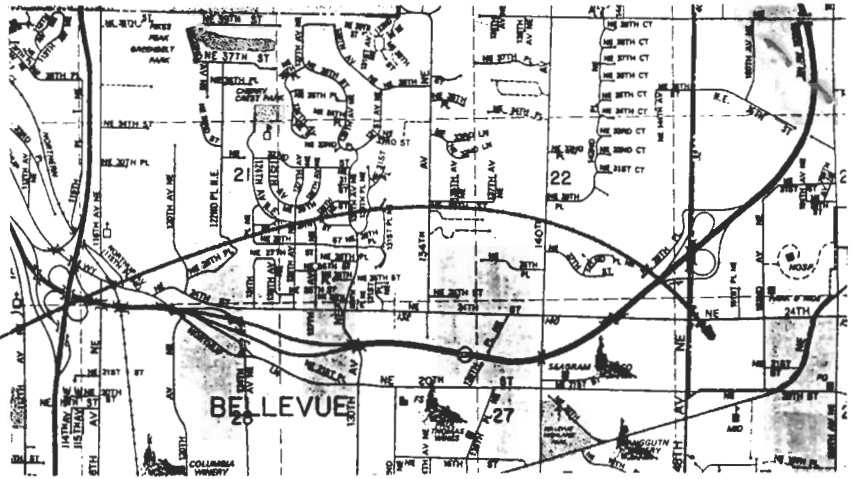
Make checks payable to NWARC

Meeting Locations

September Meeting

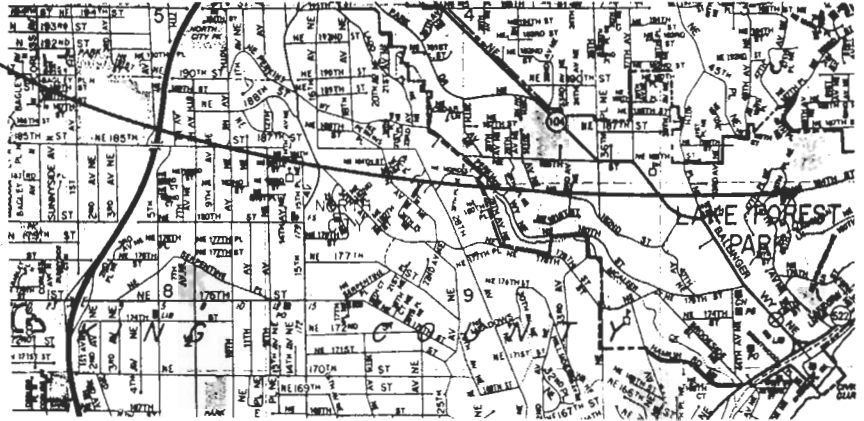
Saturday the 21st at 1:00pm
during the Classic Car Show
at AutoGear in Overlake Plaza
148th NE and NE 24th
Bellevue, WA
Call Bob Crichton
at (206) 668-6841

Here
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is



October Meeting

Saturday the 19th at 1:00pm
Frank and Ronette Grabner
4922 NE 184th
Lake Forest Park, WA
Phone: (206) 361-6990



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