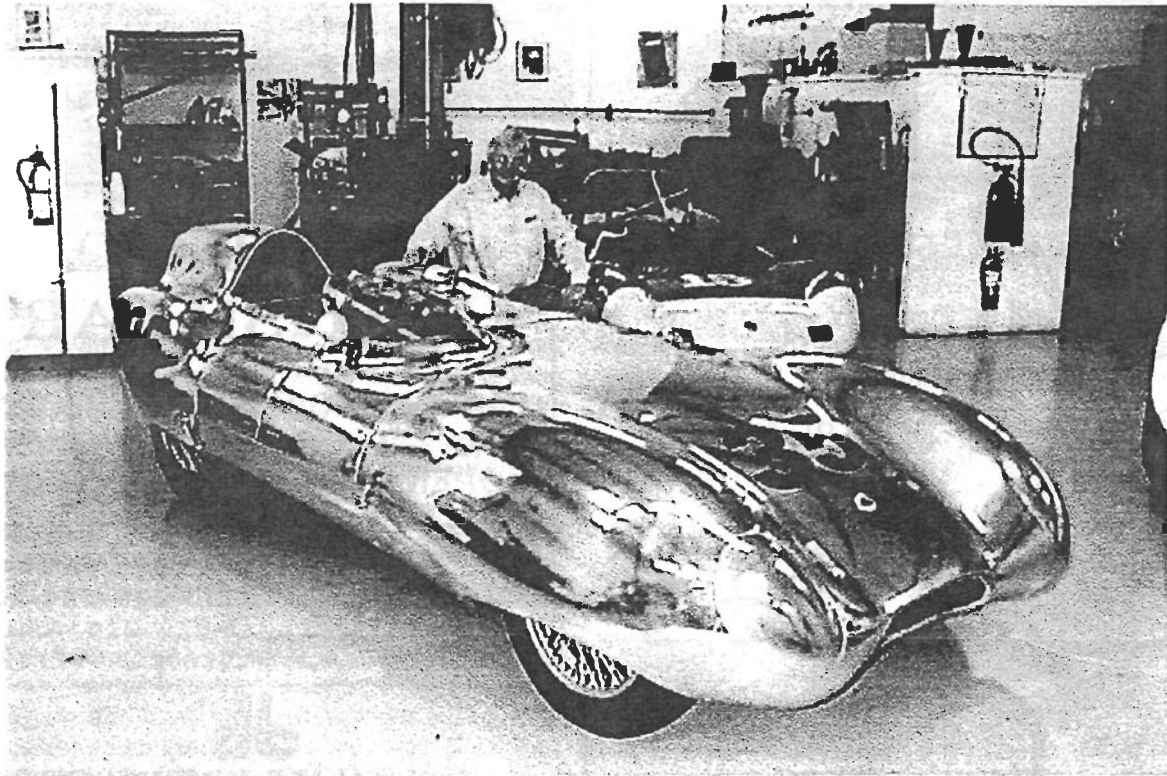


# LOTUS LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE EVERGREEN LOTUS CAR CLUB

FEBRUARY  
1998



Our host from Vintage Racing Motors, Thor Thorson with Lotus Eleven

## Vintage Racing Motors Tour

- Steve Shipley

Our first outing for 1998 was a breakfast meeting in Redmond at the Hotel Cafe and then a tour of Vintage Racing Motors. We had a large turnout for breakfast and it quickly became standing room only as we filled the room. Some of us decided that coffee only might be the best strategy as our waitress had a lot of orders to fill.

After breakfast we were able to see who brought their Lotus out for the event. I was particularly impressed by Scott Whitman's M100 Elan. It was beautifully presented. The paint on the car almost glows. This car was formerly owned by Bob Morris. It has obviously found a good home.

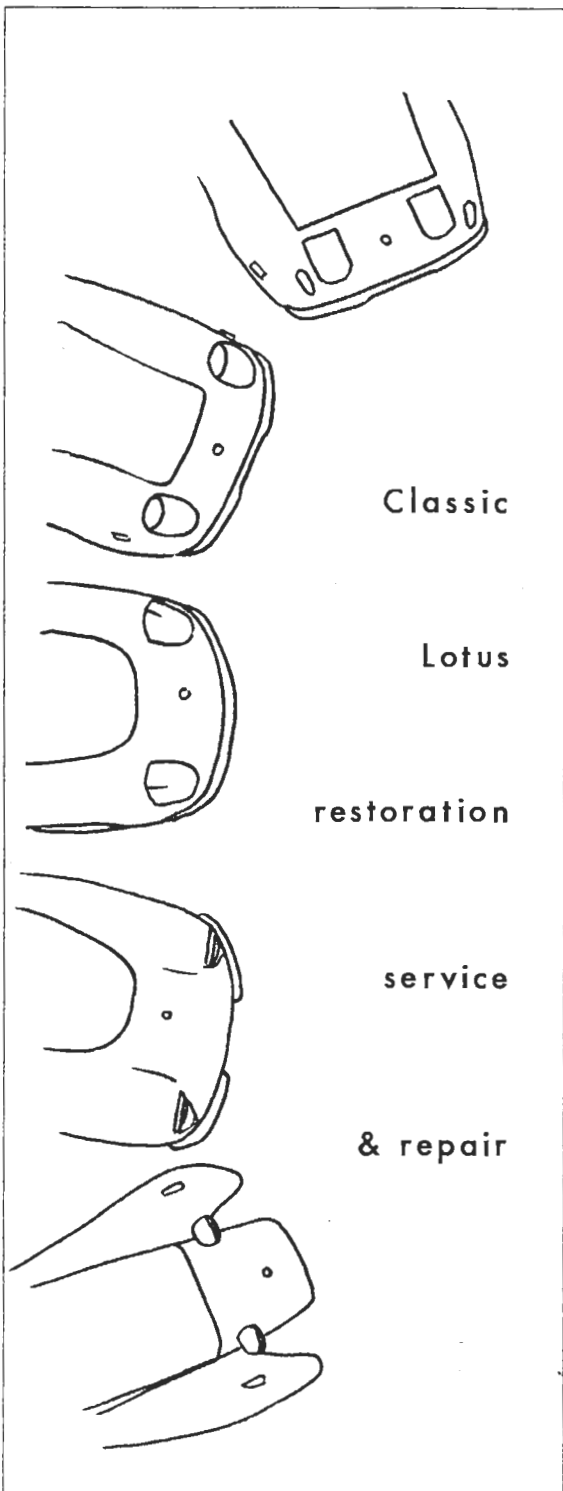
After breakfast we formed a variety of caravans and we were off to VRM. It has been three years



New year, Bright morning, Old friends

since our last visit to this shop so I was looking forward to the display. They had turned a working shop into a vintage car showroom. Everything was spotless and the cars were arranged as if you were on the floor of a

*(Continued on page 3)*



Classic  
Lotus  
restoration  
service  
& repair

---

**Randall Fehr Restorations**

30 South Horton Street  
Seattle, Washington 98134  
206-622-7469



**Lotus Parts Specialists**  
Raymond D. Psulkowski  
290 Raub Road, Quakertown, PA 18951  
Phone (215) 538-9323 Fax (215) 538-0158  
e-mail [rdent@rdent.com](mailto:rdent@rdent.com)  
<http://www.rdent.com>

**BROOKLANDS  
BRITISH CAR**

**PARTS-SERVICE-RESTORATION**  
LOTUS ELAN/EUROPA/ECLAT/ESPRIT  
OPEN M-F 10AM-6PM OR BY  
APPOINTMENT

8235 SO. TACOMA WAY. TACOMA, WA 98499  
SHOP/TECH ASSISTANCE: 1-206-584-2033  
PARTS/MAILORDER: 1-800-244-4648  
\_MASTERCARD\_&\_VISA\_GLADLY\_ACCEPTED\_



**dave bean engineering**

Official Lotus Vintage Parts  
Distributor for the United States & Canada

636 east saint charles street • star route 3 • san andreas ca 95249 • usa  
Phone ..... (209) 754-5802 Fax ..... (209) 754-5177  
US & Canadian TOLL-FREE FAX ORDERS (800) 469-7789



**JAE** Independent Lotus  
& English Ford  
Parts and Service

**Jay, Jeff and Tom**

805.967.5767  
805.967.6183



(Continued from page 1)



Bob Chase, Roger Croshaw, and Mike Galos drive the  
marque to VRM

dealership. It's an interesting phenomena when you put automotive enthusiasts together with the objects of their enthusiasm. The shop floor transforms into a party-like atmosphere with the people and the cars mixing. And if you're buying into the cocktail party analogy, you should have seen who attended. I was able to identify approximately 25 members and with guests there were probably 50 people .

But in this world, the cars are the stars. I have notes on 20 cars but there were more that I didn't. Our favored marque was represented by the Lotus Eleven Club in the picture on the front page as well as a Lotus 22 Formula Junior and a Lotus 23.



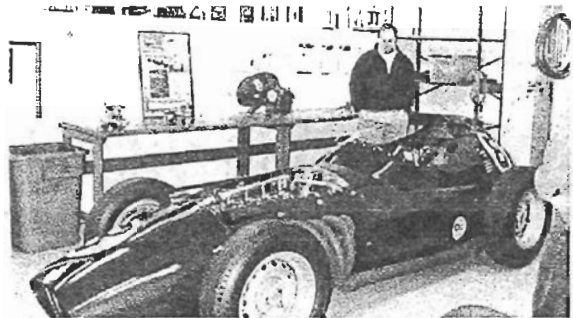
Gerry Foley and Bob Cross with Ken Miles' "Flying Shingle" and Lotus 23

returned from J&L after having the chassis rebuilt after a shunt last year at SIR.



Mike Standing Wolf with Carrol Shelby's only CanAm car

In addition to the McLaren/BRM the other formula cars included a Brabham BT21 and my personal favorite, a 1958 BRM 1.5 liter Formula 1 car formerly driven by Harry Schell.



Bob Wells with 1958 BRM

So now that you've been to the party but maybe feeling a

(Continued on page 4)

### Evergreen Lotus Car Club FYI and COA

*Lotus Lines* is the official newsletter of the Evergreen Lotus Car Club. Opinions expressed in *Lotus Lines* are those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of the ELCC or its officers. Use all technical information at your own risk. Please submit all articles, art work, advertising, and photographs to the Editor. All other official business should be directed to the President. Other Lotus clubs are welcome to use the material printed in the *Lotus Lines*, provided that the ELCC, *Lotus Lines* and author are duly credited. The ELCC is not affiliated and does not represent Lotus Cars Ltd., Group Lotus, Team Lotus, or any other Lotus related organizations.

**Classified Advertising** for Members is free.

**Advertising Rates** for Businesses are:

Business Card	\$5/issue	\$30/year
Quarter Page	\$10/issue	\$60/year
Half Page	\$15/issue	\$90/year
Full Page	\$25/issue	\$150/year

Questions? Please contact the Editor.

Although Lotus as a marque was well represented, VRM had a variety of marques, vintages, types, and classes. For those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend, we now know what a BRM V-12 sounds like when started. There were a variety of Can Am cars including a Cooper Monaco, a Mirage, and a McLaren M8C. Multiple Elvas and Brahbams. Alfa Romeo, Bentley, Bugatti, Jaguar, and Reynard. And a beautiful twin cam special whose heritage is unknown. The Shelby had just

*(Continued from page 3)*

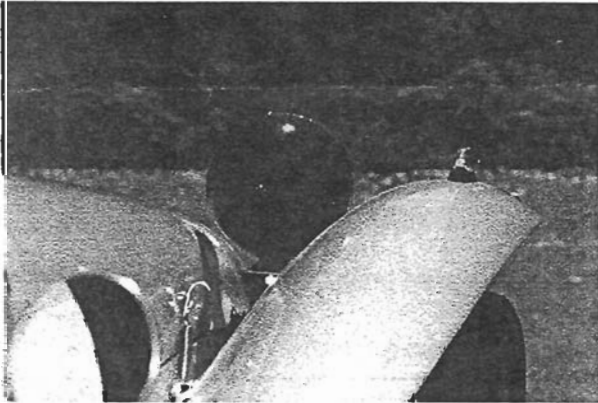
little lonely? VRM has the answer! You can go racing in your editor's number one choice mount. Priced at the low end of the market at \$17500, a Lotus Seven, the car too fast to race.



Nancy, Alice, and Ann with vintage ready Seven

## Looking Back, Looking Forward

-Steve Shipley



Your Editor's Lotus Seven. Photograph by Brandy Galos

In the summer of 1987 I had just assembled my Westfield 7 and although the engine was equipped with a single throat carburetor and the state of tune could only be described as embarrassing, an ELCC member, now forgotten, told me what a great car i'd built and encouraged me to join the club. I recieved such a warm welcome from everyone, even though I didn't even own a Lotus, I thought these people were worth hanging with. By my count, that's been over ten years and the bond has developed to a point where I am going to do something more than show up a meeting once a year.

I'm looking at two years of deadlines and membership apathy. But I'm fueled by some rather unique experiences that wouldn't have occurred without my involvement with the marque and more importantly, the people that Lotus seems to attract. The Internet has allowed us to contact 'Lotuseers' that are outside our local membership so I now know that the kind of Lotus people I have met in the Puget Sound area are also living in California, Kansas City, England, Switzerland, and Australia. It's going to be a lot of work but someone has to step forward from time to time. So I'd like to look back and thank everyone who has gotten us this far.

It's time to look forward to a new season. For some of us that means driving, for others it's that restoration project that keeps us in the garage. But this year is Lotus' 50th Aniversary. That means a jump in the energy level of these people I admire to celebrate the event. At the present time there are three events that the Lotus enthusiast should consider.

- Donington March 15th
- Brands Hatch June 6/7
- Atlanta September 26/27

I have copied the cover to the announcement for Donington. This is a yearly event which from what i understand will not be up to the standard of Brands Hatch or Atlanta. But its the first out of the gate and in low season for European travel. Might present an opportunity to attend a special event for the lowest cost. For a short stay, this event could probably be accomplished for under \$1000.

But it sounds like Brands Hatch and/or Atlanta are were you want to be. Brands Hatch is going to be a racer's weekend with the extra intensity and expense that this entails. It is also the weekend before the Goodwood Festival of Speed which has been described as a European version of Monterey. When Lotus was the featured marque at Monterey, that wasn't to be missed. Brands Hatch should offer a similar experience.

But it sounds like people are already gearing up to get themselves and their cars to Atlanta. The east coast clubs are promising a good show that should make it a great event.

*(Continued on page 5)*

*(Continued from page 4)*

But speaking of events, I am unaware of an ELCC event for February. Much of the communication about the club is done via Email as most of us are using computers both at home and at work. I had difficulty during a software upgrade and may have missed some messages. But I've made some phone calls and am still unaware of the February event.

So as a potential activity I'd like to offer the "Project Europa" as a potential event. I've been notified of a running 1974 Europa described as "needing work". There are several members who have already offered to help me look at the car so I'll extend the offer to all. So if you'd like to examine and perhaps purchase a Europa, leave me a voice mail message at my work phone (206-684-5033) and I'll contact you when we check this "prize" out.

As another non-club activity for those of you with \$300 and a free weekend I'll pass on my activity for February 28th / March 1st. I'm taking two classes that weekend, Beginning Aluminum and Beginning Steel. These classes are being held by Ron Covell Creative Metalworking at Louie Shefchik's Puyallup shop.

Louie Shefchik has extraordinary fabrication skills and I've always felt lucky that he was kind enough to perform some of the more difficult aluminum work on my Seven. When not working on small projects for me, Louie does vintage projects for people like Bruce McCaw.

Ron Covell seems to be a bit more of the hot rodder and classic car restorer. He writes a column in Street Rodder magazine and will answer metalworking questions via email which I find invaluable.

So when two people like this offer a class where I can begin to understand how someone would build a body for a Lotus Eleven, for example, I'm there. Contact for information: 800-747-4631

## LOTUS 50 YEAR ANIVERSARY

### BRANDS HATCH - JUNE 6/7

1990 will mark the 50 Year Anniversary of Lotus and to celebrate the occasion THE FORCE run by David and Lorina McLaughlin are coordinating a two day event at Brands Hatch over the weekend of June 6/7.

'...we are aware of course that there will be other meetings in 1990 but above all else Lotus drivers are racers and there was clearly a need for an event where owners of all types of Lotus could get together at a circuit to celebrate this anniversary. Discussions with Lotus owners and clubs produced great enthusiasm and John Nicol at Brands Hatch has been most supportive, so our aim now is to make this the Lotus event of the year.'

The weekend will include a Track Day on Saturday when Lotus owners of all types will be able to drive their road, sprint. or race cars on the circuit. Sunday will features races exclusively for Lotus with outings for Sports Racing cars Elans, Elites, Cortinas, 7's and of course single seaters of all classes from Formula Junior up to Grand Prix cars.

During the course of the weekend there will be demonstrations of many important Lotus cars including their World Championship winners as well as club meetings, concourse automobile sales, dealer demonstrations, and many other events.

High spot of the weekend for many will be the Jim Clark Commemorative Dinner to be held on Saturday evening. 1990 also marks the 30th anniversary of the death at Hockenheim of this great Lotus driver and to celebrate his career, drivers, owners, mechanics and other 'Lottiseers' will attend a dinner at Brands, the scene of so many great wins for the Scottish double World Champion.

David said 'we already have incredible interest not only from the UK but we expect Lotus enthusiasts from Canada, USA and Australia as well as Europe to attend. We truly believe that June 6/7 will mark the greatest assembly of Lotus there has ever been'.

Lotus owners wishing to attend can obtain more details from  
THE FORCE Tel: 01306 730517  
Fax: 01306 731250



**LOTUS-98**  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

# EXHIBITION

**DONINGTON PARK EXHIBITION  
CENTRE, CASTLE DONINGTON  
NR DERBY**

**SAT 14TH & SUN 15TH  
MARCH 1998**

**HUNDREDS OF CARS  
AND THOUSANDS OF PARTS**

SPONSORED BY CLUB LOTUS AND ORGANISED BY MOTOR CLUB MANAGEMENT  
SUPPORTED BY FOOTMAN JAMES INSURANCE



# EVENTS CALENDAR

Subject to revision - watch for updates.

<b>February</b>	
21st	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
<b>March</b>	
14th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
<b>April</b>	
18th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
18th or 25th	La Connor Tulip Rallye
<b>May</b>	
2nd and 3rd	ELCC Event, Tour to Longbeach
16th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
16th and 17th	SIR Spring Sprints
15th, 16th, and 17th	Vancouver ABFM at Van Dusen Gardens in British Columbia
<b>June</b>	
27th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
<b>July</b>	
3rd, 4th, and 5th	SIR SOVREN NW Historics
11th and 12th	Zupan Vintage Races at PIR
17th, 18th, and 19th	Western Washington ABFM at Marymoor Park in Redmond
18th	ELCC Meeting / Event at the Western Washington ABFM
<b>August</b>	
8th and 9th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
<b>September</b>	
4th, 5th, and 6th	Portland ABFM at PIR
19th and 20th	SIR SOVREN Fall Finale
26th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
25th thru 28th	LOG 18 in Atlanta Georgia
<b>October</b>	
24th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
<b>November</b>	
14th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA
<b>December</b>	
5th	ELCC Meeting / Event, TBA

## Contacts for Further Event Information:

WWSCC is the Western Washington Sports Car Council, 206-255-0658.  
 SCCA is the Sports Car Club of America Northwest Region, 206-292-0500. [www.nwr-scca.org](http://www.nwr-scca.org)  
 SOVREN is the Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts, 206-935-4109.  
 BSCC is the Bremerton Sports Car Club, 206-869-5680 or 360-479-0248.  
 OR is the Oregon Region of the SCCA, 503-697-9649.  
 SS is the Sand & Sage Sports Car Club, Richland, 509-943-2093.  
 NWARC is the NorthWest Alfa Romeo Club, 253-582-0803.  
 BMWACA is the BMW Automobile Club of America, 206-481-9571.

## FOR SALE - WANTED - ETC

**For future reference:** If you have a classified ad or an ad that you want to continue to use from one *Lotus Lines* to the next, please give me (Steve Shipley, 206-932-4123) a call and I'll be happy to put it in again. Thanks.

**FOR SALE:** 1976 Elite, Dual Weber carburetors. 5-speed transmission. Recent Engine & Trans overhaul. Factory shop manual and some parts. asking \$7500 obo. call Dale Cook 425-643-3556

**FOR SALE:** 1973 Lotus Elan sunroof coupe, serial# 36/0028J, never registered - still on MSO, driven only 5,800 miles, white exterior, black interior, original and complete, all books, records, and the window sticker. My brothers and I were Lotus dealers in Waterloo, Iowa for many years and this car was the last Elan sold to us by the importer, SCU Industries. This car has been in our possession since November 21st, 1972. Your chance to own a piece of history. Contact Pat Lind at 319-354-2550 (work) or 319-351-8033 (home)

Evergreen Lotus Car Club FYI and COA		
<b>Chairman:</b>	Mike Galos	425-881-7398
<b>Membership:</b>	Jim Taylor	206-232-2237
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Craig Shuck	425-788-1900
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	Steve Shipley	206-932-4123
<b>WebMaster:</b>	Mark Clear	425-803-5340
<p><b>Membership</b> in the ELCC is \$20/year and is prorated in three month increments. This includes nine issues per year and a club roster.</p>		
<p><b>Mailing Address</b> for all ELCC correspondence is:            Evergreen Lotus Car Club            P.O. Box 40481            Bellevue, WA. 98015-4481, USA</p>		
<b>ELCC WebSite</b>	<a href="http://www.fastcorner.com/lotus">http://www.fastcorner.com/lotus</a>	



First Class Mail

Bellevue, WA 98015-4481

P.O. Box 40481

EVERGREEN LOTUS CAR CLUB

