

LOTUS LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE EVERGREEN LOTUS CAR CLUB

APRIL 1999



Passing on the front straight. Funtasia International Raceway

- Photograph A. Adams

Power to the People

-Steve Shipley

Now that I've been the newsletter editor for one year plus, I've found what makes the club run. The efforts of people. And in the tradition of most car clubs, the efforts of a few people. So that's why we've missed a few events and missed a few newsletters. The few who make the club go have had other priorities (like the intensive care unit!) so things have been a little quiet.

But May is a very busy month so you can drive to Long Beach as well as learn about the paint process as part of automobile restoration.

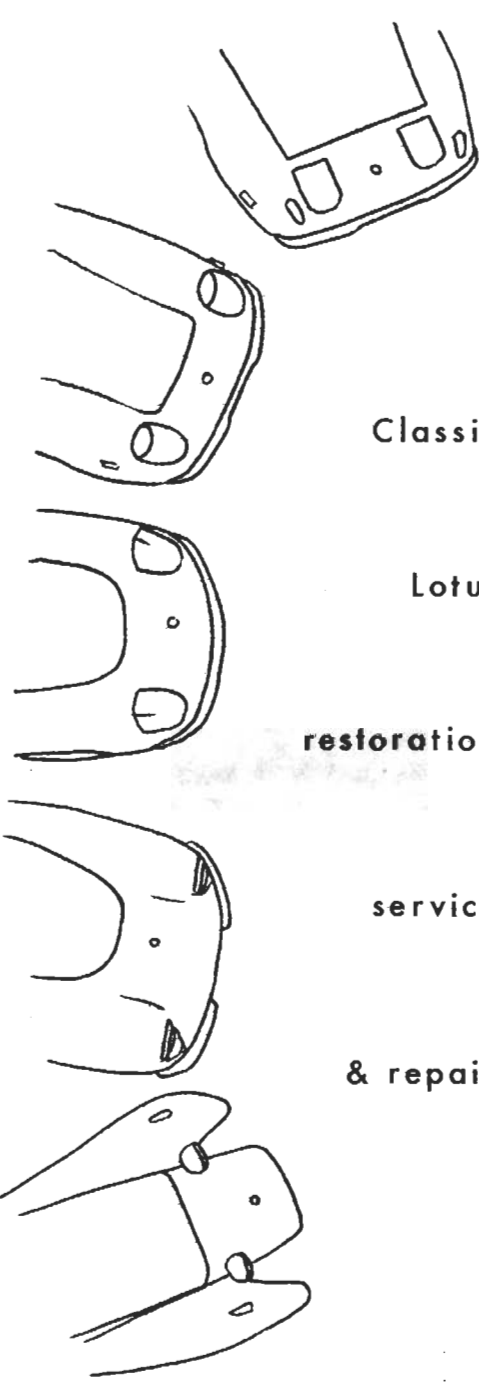
But since ELCC has been a little quiet, and since I've become acutely aware of how the few make these organizations go, I'm going to talk

about the people and an organization that has been looking out for us for a few years.

I've been a member of the Jaguar Club for approximately 10 years when I got an incredible "deal" on an E-type roadster with a bad piston.. As I haven't done anything for that club (or the car!) other than slurp the drinks and enjoy their excellent technical sessions, I was looking for a manageable task that would allow me to give something back.

I really picked a winner. I am now the Jag club representative to the Washington Car Club Council. This is a grassroots political organization which is watching and influencing the legislative process so you and I can continue to enjoy the automotive hobby.

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So what does the WCCC do?

"Our sole purpose is to promote and protect the automotive hobby. We strive to keep clubs, interested groups and individuals informed of proposed actions that may have an effect on the automotive hobby. We also work to promote enactment of legislative, executive, or administrative actions that further the interest of our members and the automotive hobby."

The Washington Car Club Council has worked for legislation allowing fenderless street rods, blue dot tail lights, preventing restrictions on the purchase of automotive paint, and a bill that called for the scrapping of old cars to provide pollution credit for industries that pollute the air.

My personal favorite, as I currently own cars in the 1969 to 1975 era is the relaxation of emissions testing. Vehicles more than 25 years old will be exempted from the state's emissions test requirement beginning Jan. 1, 2000 and 30-year old collector cars will be exempted this year.

I'll have more to report in the future as I'm getting a real education on the political process, but the current challenges seem to fall into three areas, emissions testing, your right to keep your cars on your property, and registration requirements. So think about what is involved in the automotive hobby. Have you modified an engine, owned an unrestored car, needed used parts, painted a car yourself, or tried to get an older or modified car through the emissions test? The WCCC has been working for your interests.

So the WCCC has been working for you, now you're thinking.....what can I do for the WCCC? There are two bills that need your support.

1. House Bill 1174 will limit the ability of cities, counties and municipalities to enact zoning regulations that will keep hobbyists from storing parts cars and other vehicles on their private property, providing the vehicle is properly stored.

2. House Bill 1175 will allow kit and assembled vehicles to be licensed as "Street Rods" and enjoy the benefits of operating without fenders, hoods or windshields. Kit cars would also be exempt from emissions testing.

And supporting the Washington Car Club Council

is easy. Call the legislature hotline at 1-800-562-6000 and they will take your message of support for HB1174 and HB1175

The WCCC meetings have been held on the first Tuesday of the month in Overlake. In an effort to make the meetings easier to attend for the clubs outside of metropolitan Seattle, the meetings will now be on Saturday at 9 in the morning and will rotate from Seattle to a south location to a north location. This is intended to encourage participation and should create interesting little car shows as people bring their toys to the meetings.

What has been revealing to me is how this process works. Scott Cedergreen seems to be the prime mover in this organization and his knowledge is extensive. He knows which elected officials are "Car People" and he stays in contact with them to help promote bills that are friendly to our hobby and defend against the bills that take away from our hobby. As an example, there was a bill that would have eliminated the exemption for emissions testing for cars older than 30 years that was in committee. Having relationships with the committee members is part of the process of derailing unfriendly legislation.

One of the current initiatives of the WCCC is to determine the legislative districts that the various car clubs and their membership reside. By tying club membership with their representatives, the WCCC will have an even greater influence on the legislation that affects our hobby. Another technique to make the political process operate so that you can continue to enjoy your vehicle.

Evergreen Lotus Car Club FYI and COA

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Questions? Please contact the Editor.



**Saturday May 8th 10:00am
 ELCC Tech Session
 Phantom Restorations
 30 South Horton Street
 Seattle
 206-622-7469**

**Saturday 5/1/98 - Sunday 5/2/98
 Evergreen Lotus Trip
 to Long Beach
 Call Nikki Daniels for Reservations
 (425) 348-3553**

Member Greg Soter will conduct an informal body work and paint tech session at his shop near downtown Seattle. All aspects of prep and paint will be discussed and questions answered. Several paint projects will be on view, including member David Caley's 1963 Lotus Elite.

Phantom is located on Horton Street (two blocks north of Spokane Street) between First Avenue South and the waterfront. Look for a low rust-red building and enter the garage door near the west end.

It's time again for Evergreen Lotus to hit the road for a weekend at the ocean. We'll be meeting at the Denny's in Fife at 7:30 am on Saturday for those who would like to meet for breakfast with the group leaving at 9. We have 5 suites reserved at the Chautauqua Inn. Each suite has 2 rooms, one on the ocean side with a queen size bed and foldout couch and the back room has a queen size bed. Each room has a bath. The suites are 100 dollars a night but with 2 rooms per suite they can be shared with no loss of privacy. There is one smoking room available.

1999 West Coast Lotus Meet

May 15-16, 1999 Willows - Thunderhill Raceway, California USA 775 Paul Avenue
□ Palo Alto □ California USA 94306 (650) 424-0333 Fax (650) 852-9778

The Golden Gate Lotus Club is pleased to present the 1999 West Coast Lotus Meet. Two days of incredible Lotus Fun! We invite you to join hundreds of Lotus Enthusiasts from around the world for this celebration!

Saturday May ¹⁵

Mid Day Arrivals and Check-In

1999 WCLM headquarters - Willows, California - 1 hour north of Sacramento

Lotus Country Tour

Tech/Safety Inspection

Gala WCLM dinner

Lotus Track Day Ground School & Chalk Talk

Sunday May ¹⁶

Lotus Track Day -A full day on the 15 twisting turns of the 3 mile Thunderhill Raceway
(optional event)

Lotus Track Day - Fun, Grins

Tech Inspection & Driver's Meeting for all Cars & Drivers

Drivers & Cars grouped by experience and car preparation

Driving Coaches for Novice & Intermediate Groups

Special Group for Vintage & Race prepared Race Cars

Groups will get more than 100 minutes of track time

Lotus Track Day Lunch

Rides and Drives on the 15 turns of Thunderhill

Lunch time Track Tour with passengers

Giant Group Photo of all the WCLM entrants and cars!

Lotus Country Tour This 2-3 hour tour of the Sacramento Valley and eastern Sierra foothills will be filled with Lotus roads, scenic views and entertaining roadside stops. Low key and fun! Included in WCLM registration.

WCLM Dinner A casual dinner for WCLM participants. Get to **know** Lotus enthusiasts from around the world. Share your stories and knowledge and make new Lotus friends! Included in WCLM registration.

1999 West Coast Lotus Meet Track Day

Sunday, May 16th - Thunderhill Raceway – The Lotus Track Day will be held on the 3.0 mile, 15 turn Thunderhill Raceway. This track will challenge drivers and cars to the ultimate test.

Drivers will be divided into groups reflecting driving experience and car preparation. The NOVICE GROUP will be for drivers with little or no track experience. The INTERMEDIATE GROUP is for drivers with some to considerable experience. The ADVANCED GROUP is for drivers with competition licenses and race prepared cars. The Novice and Intermediate Groups will be broken into smaller groups and assisted by Advanced drivers familiar with the finer points of high speed driving.

Please be aware that high speeds can be attained and there is risk and danger. The number one goal is safety. **THIS IS NOT A RACE!** Passing is restricted to safety zones for Novice and Intermediate Groups. The course will be manned by professional corner workers. Any behavior seen as unsafe will be grounds for dismissal. We cannot over emphasize the need for level heads and safety first attitudes from all involved. All cars must be tech and safety inspected prior to going on track.

WCLM Track Day entry fee includes WCLM Track Day lunch. WCLM Track Day lunches may be purchased separately for those not entered in the WCLM Track Day.

Costs

WCLM Registration \$31.00 per person

Includes tour, dinner & track day chalk talk on Sat. May 15, Lotus track day spectator, ride alongs, track tour on Sun. May 16.

Lotus Track Day \$175.00 per driver Includes 100 plus minutes of on track time, ride and drives, three groups graded by experience, and track day lunch. Space is limited.

Lotus Track Day Lunch \$15.00 per person

Lunch on Lotus Track Day for non-drivers. (included in Lotus Track Day entry for drivers)

Where To Stay

WCLM Headquarters Golden Pheasant Inn Willows, CA 249 North Humbolt Ave. Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-4603 **\$58.00/night** (Std double) **\$68.00/night** (Deluxe dbl) Entrants must make their own reservations. Tell them you are with the WCLM for special rates. WCLM rooms held through April 30th

Deadlines

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 30, 1999

LATE ENTRY: After April 30, 1999 - Add 50% Late Charge

DROP DEAD LINE: No entries will be accepted after May 8, 1999

Information and News - Call or Write

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Places to Stay - WCLM / Lotus Track Day entrants are responsible for making their own reservations

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Days Inn 475 N. Humbolt Ave. Willows, CA 95988 (530) 934-4444

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1999 ELCC Event Calendar

May

- May 1-2** - Long Beach Weekend
- May 8** - Tech Session Phantom Restorations
- May 9** Sun BMW Club Track Event
- May 14-16** Fri- SOVREN races
- May 15-16** - West Coast Lotus Meet
- May 22/23rd** - ABFM Van Deusen, B.C.
- May 24 - 30** - British Car Week
- May 29/30th** - 1st Annual All British "Run to the Gorge".

June

- June 5** Sat Alfa Romeo Club
- June 12** Sat BMW Club Track Event
- Saturday, June 26th** - TBA

July

- July 1-4** - Seattle Historics
- July 10** Sat Alfa Romeo Club Track Event
- Saturday, July 17th** - ABFM Marymoor Park
- Thursday July 22** - The Corvette Marque Club of Seattle
"School Daze" track day will be at SIR.
- July 24** Sat BMW Club Track Event

August

- Saturday, August 14th** - Picnic
- August 15** Sun BMW Club Track Event

September

- SEP 18-19 Sat- SOVREN races**
- Saturday, September 25th** - Photo Shoot

October

- Saturday, October 23th** -Photo Selection

November

- Saturday, November 13th** - TBA

December

- Saturday, December 11th** - TBA

1999 Track event schedule:

BMW ACA events info: contact Jacqueline Kahn at 206-481-9571
 Corvette Marque Club event info: contact John Bell at 360-653-1247
 NWARC events info: contact Pete Bristow at 253-661-3580
 SAAC event info: contact David Sklover at 425-482-0848
 evenings before 9pm, or v-davsk@microsoft.com

Club Lotus Northwest event info: contact Karl Schick at 503-650-4735
 General information regarding track events: contact Randall Fehr at 206-782-8951

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
 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.

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.

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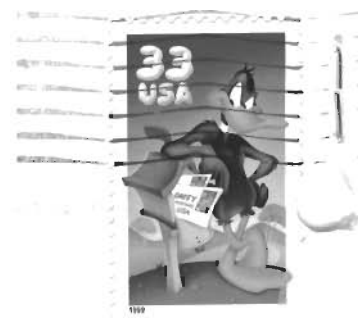
FOR SALE: 1974 Elite White 5 speed air original running gear with factory shop manual Approx 65,000 miles passes emissions. 99% complete, 95% correct. 2nd owner Car has won second and third place in shows. Runs and drives nicely but needs rear brakes. \$8000 obo Don Francis 206-723-4731

| Evergreen Lotus Car Club FYI and COA | | |
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| Treasurer: | Craig Shuck | 425-788-1900 |
| Newsletter Editor: | Steve Shipley | 206-932-4123 |
| WebMaster: | Mark Clear | 425-803-5340 |
| Membership in the ELCC is \$20/year and is prorated in three month increments. This includes nine issues per year and a club roster. | | |
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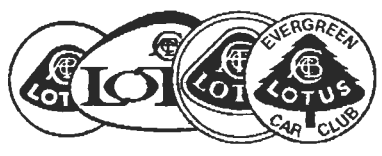
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