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Lotus Elise Sport 190

New Local Lotus Dealer -Mike Galos

The Seattle metro area again has a Lotus dealership. Park Place, Ltd. in Bellevue has added Lotus to their other car lines. They are going all out with the dealership and already have sold one Esprit V8 with another on the showroom floor and two on order. Their racing group bought a Lotus Elise Sport 190 for track days so those of you who have never seen an Elise now have a chance without international air travel.

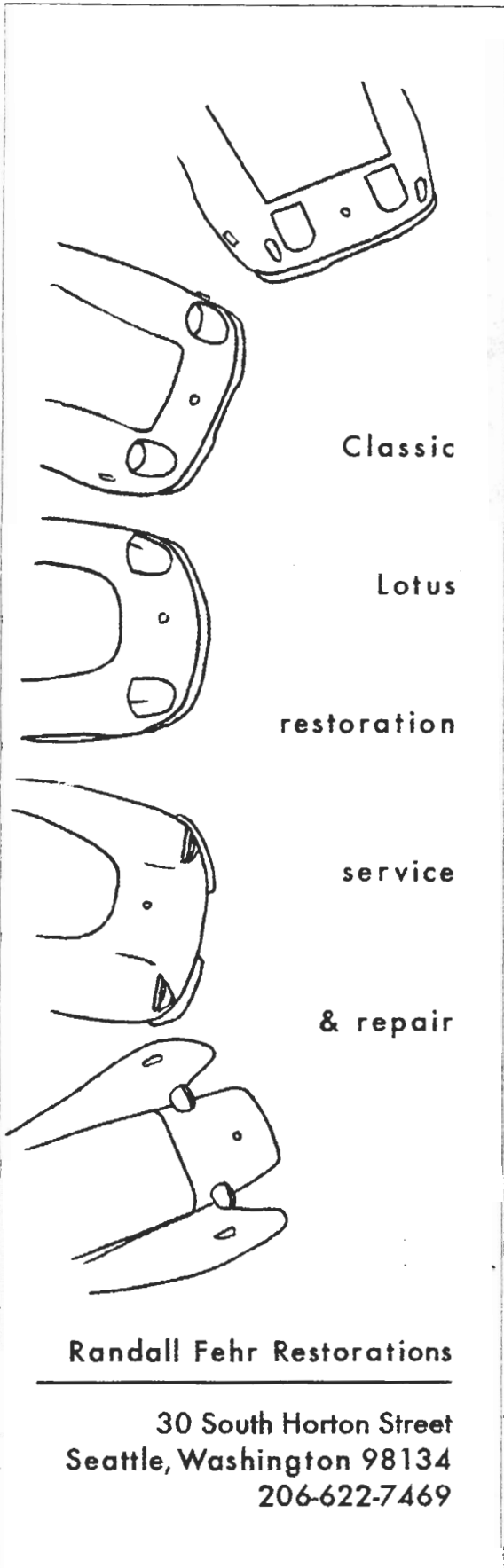
ELCC will be doing several joint activities with Park Place and they are very enthusiastic about working with us so if any of you have any ideas for events let one of the ELCC officers know and we'll try to get it arranged. Current plans include track days, performance driving school and some meetings. Park Place is located at

13710 Northup Way in Bellevue and their phone number is (425) 562-1000.

For Lotus repairs, the new dealership has selected Gemini Auto as their repair facility. Gemini has been doing a lot of repair work on newer Lotuses since Barrier stopped being a Lotus dealer so they've already got experience. The Gemini address is 12402 SE 38th Street in Bellevue and their phone is (425) 746-1655.



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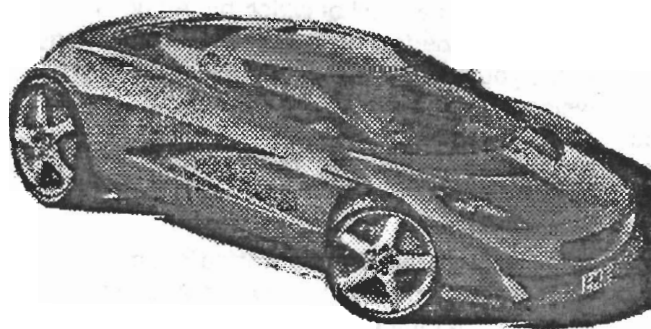


Lotus Cars for the US

After a very long dry spell broken only by the one year availability of the M100 Elan, Lotus will be adding new cars to the US lineup. According to Don Heditsian, the National Sales Manager of Lotus Cars USA, Inc., there will be two new Lotus cars available in the US in the next few years.

The first new car will be a US version of the Elise. Our version will be slightly larger than the current car and will have air conditioning standard. This is, apparently, considered a must have for the US market. The US version will, however, get a 150HP 4-cylinder motor which should offset the additional weight. Park Place is currently taking \$1000 deposits for this car and first deliveries are expected in Summer of 2001. I've already got my reservation in and there are several others so now is the time if you want your Elise before 2002.

About a year after the US Elise arrives, Lotus will be producing a car midway between the Elise and the Esprit. The car, currently code named "Emas" (Malaysian for gold) will have a new 6-cylinder motor rumored to be around 220HP. Unconfirmed rumors from the press show the car as a targa roofed coupe similar in appearance to the Elise GT1 that raced at LeMans. Expect this car around Summer 2002 for a price between the Elise and the Esprit.



Lotus News and Rumors

In the "News and Rumors" department, Lotus introduced four new cars (not for the US) at the Geneva auto show.

Elise 111S

The Elise 111S was originally supposed to be named the Elise Sprint until someone in the Lotus legal department realized that they had sold the "Sprint" modifier during financial hard times. Despite the name change, this new model is the Elise what the Elan Sprint was to the original Elan – a car with a higher state of tune and improved performance. The engine gets the Rover VVT variable valve timing which boosts the performance and smoothes out the torque curve. Aerodynamics are improved with the addition of a small rear spoiler.

Elise 340R

Perhaps the wildest car produced by Lotus, the Elise 340R show car has been moved to limited production. For those who haven't seen it, the 340R is an extremely minimal version of the Elise with exposed drive train and cycle fenders. It skips such luxuries as a roof, windows or doors in a quest to be a "7" for the new millennium. Power in the production version is a 170HP version of the Rover engine in the Elise. This is achieved at 8000RPM. Weight has been pared down to 586KG (1290Lbs.) This gives the street

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Evergreen Lotus Car Club FYI and COA

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version of the production car a 0-60 time of 4.4 seconds clearly putting it into supercar class.

Lotus Motorsport Elise

For those with a taste for racing, large sums of available cash but limited time, Lotus Motorsport has produced their own version of the Elise. The Motorsport version is strictly designed for racing. Lotus has organized a series of races throughout Europe for the car. Drivers buy the car but the maintenance and preparation is done by the Lotus Motorsports. All the driver has to do is arrive at the track and drive the race.

Esprit V8 Sport 350

The last new car at Geneva was a tweaked version of the Esprit V8. This variant is distinguished by the race designed carbon fiber rear wing. Although horsepower remains about the same as the normal V8, the power band has been improved as has the car's handling. Lotus expects the car to primarily be used for club racing.

Opel (or Pontiac or Saturn) Speedster

An additional Lotus related car was also shown at Geneva. The Opel Speedster uses a Lotus designed chassis based on the Elise. Current rumors say that this car will be available in the US with either a Pontiac or Saturn nameplate so it looks like the first Elise variant in the US may not be from Lotus. More as the rumors solidify.

SOVREN Pacific Northwest Historics

The Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN) held their annual charity event for Children's Hospital at Seattle International Raceway on the July 4th weekend. ELCC was there with cars in the club corral. Those of us who braved the rain to attend got the fun of doing some rather spirited parade laps of the SIR 2.25 mile road course.

In addition to the club corral, the weekend was a great place to see some of Lotus' finest race models out in their element. The "Small Bore Vintage" class had a showing of Lotus 7s and a Lotus Eleven. "Small Bore Historic" had Europas and Lotus Cortinas. The Formula Cars class had a great turnout of single seat models including Lotus types 18, 22, 27, 35, 51 and 69. The class, however, that looked most like an all Lotus event was the "Sports Racers" class which looked more

like a Lotus 23B reunion tour joined by some 26R race Elans and a few non-Lotus cars filling out the field.

Perhaps the high point for Formula 1 fans was the appearance of both a Lotus 49 and Lotus 77 being run out of Pete Lovely Racing. There is nothing like the sound of couple of Cosworth DFV engines at full song to make a gray day exciting. This is an annual event so those of you who missed it can start planning for next July 4th weekend and the 12th Annual.

All British Field Meet

Our signature event, the "ABFM" is right around the corner. This year, the opening cocktail party and registration will be held at our own Lotus dealership, Park Place, Ltd. on Friday, July 16th from 7:30-9:30PM. Those of you who already registered can pick up your packets there and those of you who have procrastinated (like me) can register then.

The actual car display event for the ABFM will be at the Clise Mansion at Marymoore Park just like last year. You should arrive between 8:00 and 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 17th. The public will be allowed in from 11:00 until 4:00PM and the awards ceremony will be at 3:00.

This is always one of the most fun events of the year and the Marymoor venue makes for a pleasant show. Bring your cars even if they are not perfect. After all, this event features hundreds of cars, all of which have Lucas electrics so perfection is not expected and any Lotus you can drive, tow or haul will be welcome.

ELCC to Affiliate with The Official Lotus Club

Lotus Cars in the UK has started a factory-sponsored club for Lotus owners and fans. Called "The Official Lotus Club", benefits include the quarterly glossy "Pure Lotus" magazine, access to a club web site and discounts on Lotus items.

ELCC will be included as an affiliated club. This will allow ELCC members to join The Official Lotus Club" at a discount. Details are still being

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

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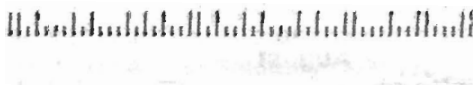


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