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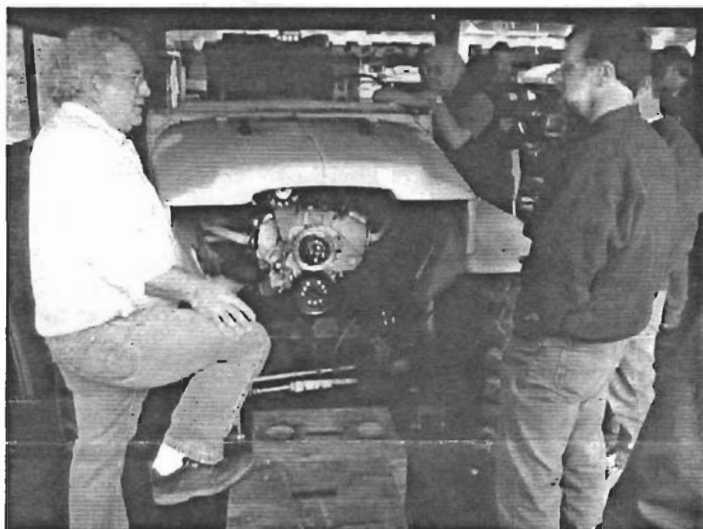
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Morris Garage Tour

By Gary Holt

Bainbridge Island - As a car enthusiast it's always nice to know how the "other half" lives. Getting to see other people's cars, their garage or their shop can be very motivating.



Bob Morris discusses his next project, a Lotus SUV. Photo by David Caley

Seeing someone else's project car or restored car can usually propel me into a full weekend of wrench turning. Following that thought process, that means that a visit to Bob Morris's shop here on this bucolic island should be good for at least a year of work on my Lotus project.



Bob tells a story about the Kent 105 engine. Photo by David Caley

The club was lucky enough to be invited over to Bob's house on March 25th for a private tour of his eclectic collection of automobilia. Bob stated that when he has a hankering for something automotive he goes at it with a passion and immerses himself in it until he eventually moves on to something else. The result of this lifetime of collecting is a house full of Lotus and non-Lotus stuff that us mortals can only dream about.

Upon walking up to Bob's place the garage looks normal, like my garage or your garage. Yea, right... that is, if your garage is two stories, is 3000 plus square feet, and has a full machine shop! Did I mention he has a few cars too?! I counted nine street and race Lotuses, a Tiga racer, a Mini Clubman, an MG TD? and two GRD (Group Racing Developments) Formula 2 cars. Guaranteed I'm missing something tucked in the corner somewhere. Most of the cars are stacked two high and need restoration, but Bob's low mileage 1986 Esprit Turbo HCI sits in one of the front bays and he drives it to club events every season.

Bob started the tour by telling us a little about his machine shop and what he does there. It's obvious that this guy has immense experience machining engine parts and revels in the challenge of taking on the odd one-off part here and there. He told us that he is friends with, and works on complicated machining projects with Carlo Durante. Carlo and brother Lino own Alfa of Tacoma and attract a good deal of the high-end Italian repair work on the West Coast. (Bob mentioned working on one of the McCaw brother's Testarossa.)

As Bob moved everyone through his repair/manufacture/restoration/museum/collecting facility his knowledge of automotive history becomes obvious. Especially his knowledge of the 60's racing scene. He has a bizarre looking Kent 105 series engine on a stand that caught the attention of the group. He explained how some teams had Cosworth modify the engine while staying within the Formula C rules of one liter of displacement and a single barrel carburetor. Bob said the engine developed "120 horse-

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From the Chair

A happy spring to everyone! As I write this column, Seattle has been experiencing spring fever with a string of beautiful days in the upper 50's. Everyone is looking for ways to sneak out of work, or just spending a lot of time looking out the window. If you are a Lotus owner, your thoughts turn to your favorite piece of twisty back road. Blasting along, with the sun glinting through the trees, the wind blowing in your face (if you're part of the open-top crowd) and the wonderful exhaust note singing in your ear, the Lotus becomes a transportation device. No, I don't mean from point A to point B. Rather, the Lotus provides transportation from everyday worries to a place of singular focus, where only the moment exists, and our only care in the world is to clip the next apex perfectly, then squeeze on the throttle as we power out of the turn and up shift. Ahhh, spring!

Coming back to earth, our first quarter has been a great one, at least in my humble estimation. We have had 3 well-attended events, with between 19 and 37 people at each one. What's more, we have been having excellent luck with the weather (can I get a collective knock on wood here?) with several members' cars showing up at the last two outings. Thanks to all those who have been driving their Lotus, as it's great to see them on the road. As for my goal of getting every member to an event, we have had 41 different members attend an event so far. This is a little over 40 percent of our total membership, and a great start to the year. If you are one of the 60 percent we haven't seen yet, let me know what that special event is that would bring you out to meet with the rest of the group.

As we come out of the winter, our events will begin to get a little more active. After 3 months of standing around and looking at stuff, we'll be heading out for some driving in April. Actually, "heading out" is the wrong term, as we'll be indoors during those April showers, at Crazy Redhead Raceway for some karting action (see the upcoming event info for details). Now, I know there is going to be a group groan when I tell you that these karts are electric. Yeah, I heard that. But hold on there. These little hummers cost \$20,000 each, come from Belgium, use Swiss motors have active suspension designed by Lotus. OK, maybe the Lotus part isn't true, but the rest is. And as Lotus enthusiasts, we have a general interest in new technology, which is what these karts are all about. Besides, I have it on good authority that these karts accelerate faster than any of the gas-powered chariots at the other indoor karting places. So, I hope to see you there.

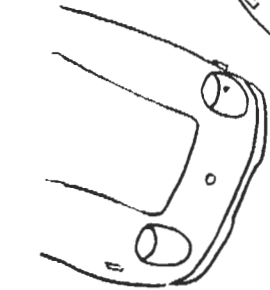
The club will be sporting a refreshed look as we head outdoors this summer. In addition to the canopy that was acquired during the Galos' term, we are in the process of getting a banner, which will better identify us at the Car Corral at SIR, and at the ABFM. In addition, our sandwich boards will be getting an update, thanks to Andre Gene, who has volunteered to sand and paint them. Once this is done, we have new club logo stickers on order to complete them. I also found out, last weekend at Bob Morris', that Michael Standing Wolf originally made the sandwich boards that have served us so well. So be sure to thank both these guys when you see them next.

And speaking of Bob Morris', what an experience. Gary Holt "volunteered", at my insistence, to write up an article on our visit to Bob's in Bainbridge. Gary did a great job, and I'll try not to spoil it for you. But, suffice it to say, Bob's collection of cars, parts, space, tools and knowledge are what Lotus legends are made of. I counted four 907 engines on the shelf, and only 3 cars that can use them parked in the garage. And since one is Bob's Esprit, I know it already has one. This is typical of the gusto with which Bob approaches every project, typically collecting enough parts to build the project twice. I guess you've gotta have spares. Thanks to Bob

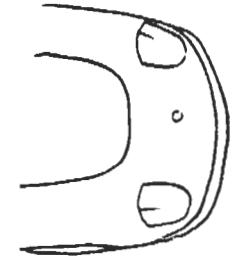
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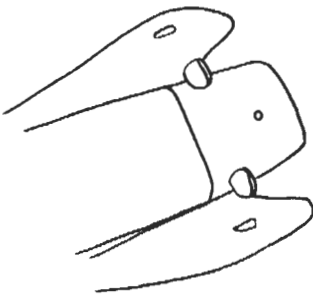


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power from only one liter". It had a strange looking intake manifold shooting up in the air with a Weber carb that had one of the barrels blocked off.

He also explained what GRD stands for. When Lotus Com-

tongue and loves to share his automotive passion. I, for one, say what more could one ask for in a club member? I think that the 20 something members that made it to this event probably agree and that everyone went away happy, having had their fill of Lotus tales and Lotus cars. Thanks for the tour Bob!



Part of Bob's collection.

Photo by Craig Shuck

My vote for Bob's to-do list is the Lotus 23 he has stacked on top of the Mini Clubman. He has slowly been collecting the necessary, hard to find parts and is ready to begin the project. Please Bob, restore that one next. We would LOVE to see it on the track and at club events.

Thanks to the Lotuses in attendance – it's always a pleasure to see the cars. Highlights: Alan Parry's Elise (incognito as a trip permit, Briklin kit car), David Caley's 7 with freely moving radiator fan, Mark Hollingsworth's S2 Europa, John Schneeman's Caterham, Roger Crosshaw's Europa and Matt Graham's TVR. It was also good to see "Fast Bob" Scheib from eastern Washington with pictures of his Europa restoration. I can't wait to see

More pictures onpage six.

ponents, the customer racecar company, dissolved back in the 60's, three of the engineers started Group Racing Developments. This was after the Lotus 31 Formula 3 car I believe. So, although Bob's two GRD formula 2 cars are of a new design, one could say that they are Lotus inspired.

this car on the road.

Bob has names, dates and technical data at the tip of his



More special projects!

Photo by David Caley



Bob Scheib shows off pictures of his Europa restoration.

Photo by David Caley



(L-r) Alan Perry, Mark Hollingsworth and Mark Clear enjoying snacks after the tour.

Photo by David Caley



19th Annual LaConner Tulip Daffodil Rallye

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Celebrate the millennium by driving the 19th Annual LaConner Tulip/Daffodil Rallye. There will be some new twists to this year's event. There will be the rallye tour plus a car show. For the rallye portion, each car club will have a first place finish "bragging rights for the year". Non-club entrants can win in "open" class. Car show entrants must participate in the rallye.

This year's course will revisit the beautiful countryside around LaConner and Mt. Vernon. You and your navigator will enjoy spectacular scenery while touring, so don't leave your camera behind.

This event will be a gimmick rallye, where questions take the place of time/ distance checkpoints, so anyone should be able to compete successfully. All you need is a sharp eye and a sense of humor. Please note -- speed is not recommended! You might want to pack a picnic lunch or a salmon barbecue put on by the Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club to enjoy while the scores are being tabulated.

Please fill out the form below and send it, along with \$8.00 U.S. or \$10.00 Canadian per car to the MGCC at the address shown below. (\$10.00 US or \$12.00 Canadian to register the day of event.) Dash plaques will be offered on pre-registration/pre-pay basis at \$5.00 U.S. each. Please remember to bring along some canned food for donation to Northwest Harvest. For more information call Ken Bottini @ (425) 883-9615. See you there!

Directions: From I-5 take exit 230 and head east on Highway 20. Take a right at stoplight onto South Burlington Blvd. Take a right at next light onto Cascade Mall Drive. Go straight until you see the red-and-white MG Car Club tent, where you will check in. All rallye information and car number will be issued on the day of the rallye.

If you saved last year's Skagit Valley Tulip Festival's brochure, you can find many great places to stay if you want to make a week-end out of this year's event. Some local accommodations are listed on the back.

YES!! I want to win fame, fortune and glory in the 19th Tulip Rallye!

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Mail to: Tulip Rallye, c/o K. Bottini, 12835 N.E. 36th St., Bellevue, WA 98005-1323

Date: Saturday, April 15th
Time: 9:30 am (Rallye Start)
Place: Cascade Mall
I-5 Exit 230



April Meeting

This month, join us for a visit to Crazy Redhead Raceway. This indoor karting facility sports state-of-the-art karts from Belgium that, according to my inside sources, are faster than any other kart you've driven (unless you have raced shifter karts before). These are serious karts, capable of 26mph. I have it on good authority that everyone should bring driving gloves, and a crash helmet if you own one. Loaner helmets are available at the track. Cost is \$5 for membership, and \$15 per 10 minute session. If we get enough people, they will put together a one hour sprint program, including heats and a runoff. Contact Dave Billings if you have questions, at 206-241-2116 or bilcoh@home.com. See you there.

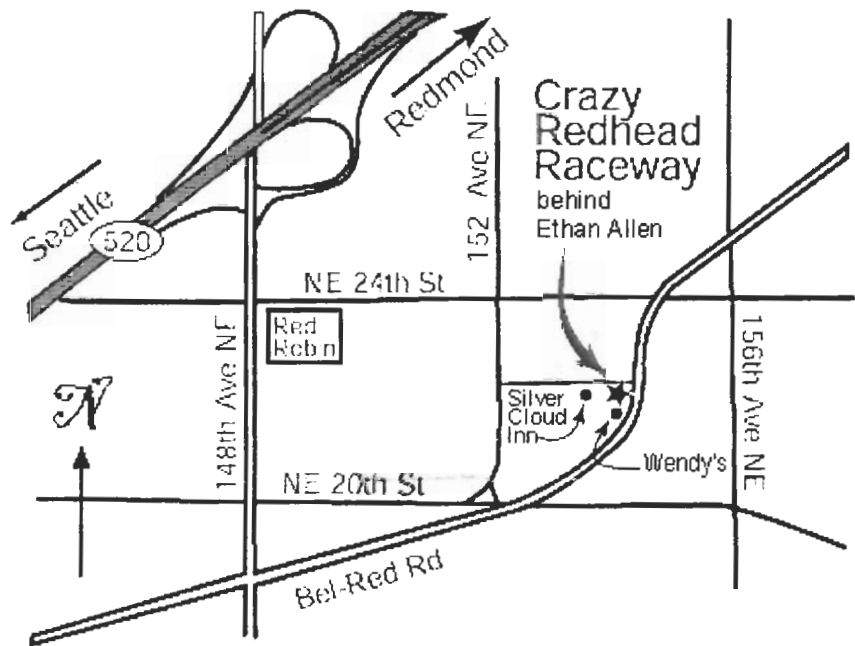
When: April 22, 2000

Where: IHOP at 9:15am

Crazy Redhead at 10:45am

IHOP (Meet at 9:30am)
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Bellevue, WA 98007
425-747-5975

Crazy Redhead Raceway
2207 Bel-Red Road
Redmond, WA
425-462-7209



Lotus Europa Census Site

This arrived on the Lotus Europa Internet mailing list from one of our French Europa owners. If you are interested in registering your car please visit his web site and register.

Dear LOTUS Europa owners,

Just a few words to inform you of the creation of a new web site dedicated to the Europa.

I am a french Lotus Europa S2 owner and my curiosity takes me to try to know how many Europas are still in France. After about 2 years of search (never finished!), I try to extend this to the world (!?...). That is the reason of the creation of a web site : <http://perso.club-internet.fr/dherrero> dedicated mainly to this census.

If you want to contribute, your information are very welcome. In other respects, would you please give info of the existence of this site to the other Europa owners that you know.

Thanks a lot. I look forward reading from you.

Lotus Regards.

Daniel Herrero

dherrero@club-internet.fr

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for welcoming us into his home and sharing just a few of his stories with us.

I guess that's about all for this month. Oh, thanks to David Caley, who has been our on-the-spot photographer at the last two events. Hopefully, he'll be at Crazy Redheads to take pictures of the great

racing action. I hope to see you all there.

1/2 Price Sale on Calendars



What better way to day dream over your favorite marque than with the new ELCC Photo Calendar?

The calendar is the result of an annual club photo competition voted upon by ELCC members, depicting (mostly) members' Lotuses. Road and race models from the Seven to

the new Elise Sport 190 are included in beautiful photographs digitally processed and directly printed (approximately 8" x 10") for each copy of the calendar (no color photocopies). In addition, club events, historic Lotus events and legends' birthdays are also noted.

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*In the fore round, one of many machines in Bob's shop.
Photo by David Caley*

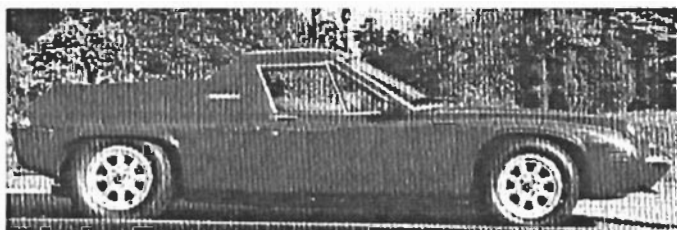


Bob animates one of his stories.

Photo by David Caley

Editor's Garage

By Dan Morrison



No article this month. Look for more next month.

-Dan



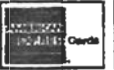
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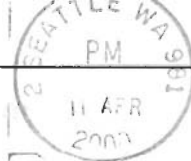
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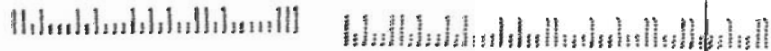
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ELCC 2000 Event Calendar

April 22, Indoor Karting, Crazy Redhead, Redmond, WA

May 19-20, Vancouver ABFM, Vancouver, BC

May 27 & 28 - Run to the Gorge 2000

June, Rally

July 1 & 2, Pacific Northwest Historics, SIR

July 16, Forest Grove Concours, nr. Portland

July 22, 12th Annual ABFM, Bellevue Community College

Aug. Rally

Aug. 5, Kitsap Rally - location TBD

Aug. 18-20, LOG 20, Ottawa

Sept. Calendar Photo Session and Drive

Sept. 1-3, Portland ABFM/Club Lotus Northwest Meet. - PIR

Sept. 27 - Oct 1, 2000 West Coast Lotus Meet, Napa, CA

Oct. Calendar Photo Selection (may move to Nov.)

Nov. TBD

Dec. Christmas Party

Something fun!