

Lotus Lines

Evergreen
Lotus Car Club

May 2002

A Road Trip to Tokeland

(Georgia has only heard from one person regarding this trip. Please contact her soon if you are thinking about going. Thanks, Ed.)

If there's enough interest, Georgia Conti has offered to organize an overnight trip to Tokeland, WA, later this year. After reading the following, give her a call or send an email to weigh in on the options identified below and she'll tally up the responses to determine if it's a no go or a go and when. She can be reached at (206) 937-6076 during the evening or at Antep9@aol.com.

Background: Tokeland is located on the north shore of Willapa Bay, not too far from Raymond and South Bend. The town was named after the Shoalwater Chief Toke of the Chehalis Tribe, who used the land as his summer home. Tokeland is now home to many artists and fisherman and the Shoalwater Bay Reservation and its casino.

Suggested Lodging: The Tokeland Hotel and Restaurant, a national historic landmark overlooking the bay, has 18 guestrooms. There are rooms with double or queen beds, some rooms with two double or queen beds, one room with two twin beds, one room with a single twin bed, and one room that is rumored to be haunted. Rates during the high season are \$65 double occupancy, \$55 single occupancy and \$10 each for extra persons in a room. Oh, bathrooms are down the hall – none of the rooms have private bathrooms.

The restaurant: A banquet menu is offered with entrees (most items are \$11 but a couple run \$16-18) such as baked meatloaf,

oven-fired chicken, grilled salmon, their famous cranberry pot roast, and daily specials. They also have a non-banquet menu. Desserts include homemade blackberry cobbler and various pies. They are able to prepare meals for anyone with special dietary needs. Breakfast (\$6-7) and lunch (\$7-8) menus provide a selection of goodies, such as freshly made biscuits, eggs benedict, pancakes, eggs any way you want them for breakfast and crab/cheddar sandwich, soups, chicken salad with fresh fruit among the offerings for lunch.

It is a no smoking facility. There is no bar but beer and wine are served.

Dates: According to the club calendar, a trip in August or October would not interfere with other club-sponsored activities and the weather would be more in our favor - we might be able to drive our Lotuses. Less of a chance of rain, if one can predict this sort of thing! For the following options, please indicate any preferred weekends.

Option A: August
Option B: October

Itinerary: Having never driven a Lotus before, I am really not the best person to put an itinerary together for this trip and would welcome your help to devise a good route.

Option 1-A: Take I-5 to Exit 104 (Olympia) to Highway 101 and Aberdeen. From Aberdeen, follow the signs south to the Westport Highway 105 exit. At the Westport junction, follow the highway signs to Tokeland.

Option 1-B: At the Westport junction

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Defrost Kickoff Races

By John Schneeman

This year's Sovren Defrost Kickoff races were held at Seattle International Raceway on Saturday April 20. The expected warm sunny day at the races was slightly over sold from the weather standpoint, but some excellent racing warmed the hearts of race fans nonetheless.

The ELCC had sparse attendance with Hon. Chairman Andre Samson taking the lead. Other members in attendance were John Schneeman accompanied by his son Miles, and Eastern Washington club representative Gerry Snow. Also seen were club members; Gerry Foley, Michael Standing Wolf, and Mike Galos. Club event participants included Fred McDonald with his 23(unfortunately retiring early due to engine problems), Myles Winbigler in his 7 America, Retta Winbigler in her Beach Formula Vee, and Mark Greene in his 18 Formula Junior. Also racing was Chuck Hart in a recently acquired Series 2 Elite. Member Bob Wells does the most honorable thing and works corners.

The best dice of the day went to Myles Winbigler for his Group 1 race with a Porsche 356. The two traded leads several times in close quarter racing from flag to flag with Myles finally finishing ahead in third place. Chuck Hart also made a great effort in his first outing in his beautifully prepared Elite. The SIR track is still in the middle of being upgraded. The temporary long straight was arranged with a couple of new kinks which with the uneven road surfaces and close prox-

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From the Chair

First, thanks to Jim Taylor for producing the 2002 Roster. If you didn't receive one, you probably aren't reading this either, because we didn't get your dues check in time. If you are paid up and didn't get a roster contact Jim.

This was a good weekend for said Seven. The floodgates burst open. Now to see how long the inspiration lasts.

Friday, April 19, after about six weeks of trying to meet with member Cary Tolman, we were finally able to meet, and with tape measure in hand, I was able to get the last (hopefully) measurements needed to build the front of the Seven frame. I may need one more measurement, but Cary has offered me access to his car for any future measurements. And he and the car are in my roster "neighborhood".

Cary is a pleasant fellow with enjoyable tales of his 1971 purchase in England of his used Series II Seven, touring Europe in the car with his brother the same summer, fighting losing battles with unstoppable rain and "lift the dot" canvas tops. Too, his stories of racing Bug Eye Sprites in the Northwest years ago were easy to hear. Here is a man with his heart in the right place.

My meeting with Cary lit the fire to contact Lake Washington and Renton Technical Colleges Friday afternoon to see about Machining Continuing Education Classes. These classes seem a lot more affordable than the last time I went to college.

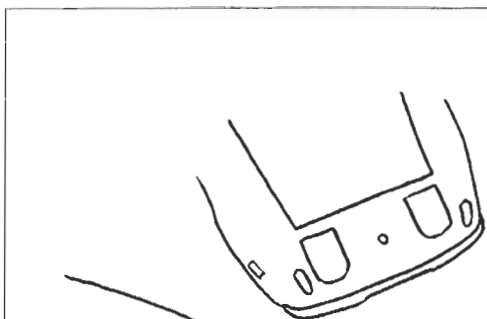
Saturday, cold and almost drizzly, it looked like **only a few ELCC** members were going to make it to the SOVREN Defrost Kickoff Races at Pacific Raceways. Well, don't judge an event by its Evite RSVPs. Look for a report by John Schneeman in this very issue of Lotus Lines.

Having completed Driver Training a couple of weekends ago in Portland, in preparation to get my Conference Racing License again, combined with those small bore Historic and Vintage race cars circulating Pacific Raceways, and getting to drive John Schneeman's R26 inspired Series I Elan to and from the race track, were too much to let Sunday be a day of rest. So off to my friend's garage to spend a morning and afternoon at Lathe Church. This is direct rip off of a concept friend's of mine in Portland, Oregon created, where six of them got together every Sunday till they each built an Optimus Pram. Too, my brother plays volleyball in a Sunday morning pick up league, hence Volleyball Church.

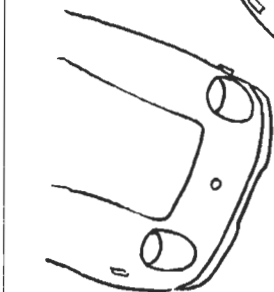
Anyway I spent the day at Jim's reacquainting myself with the metal lathe, and produced some of the threaded inserts for the front suspension pick ups and front anti sway bar mountings. The rest of the time I just shaved aluminum off a piece of 1-1/4" bar stock. What ever I made looks like some official part of something, and it could be pressed into service as a shift knob, or cut in half and made into sheet metal hole bell presses, but hey it was great to get back to the tooling and see those long shaves of metal curl off the stock; the Zen wobbling of the motor's pulley and the clack of the leather drive belt joint staples. That old 1930's Seneca Falls Lathe, still creating. That I should be as serviceable when I'm 70.

Hope to see you at the Eastside Drive. Contact Alex Phillips if you have questions.

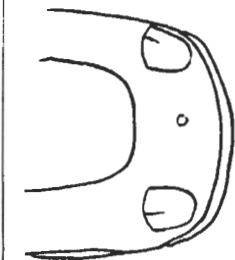
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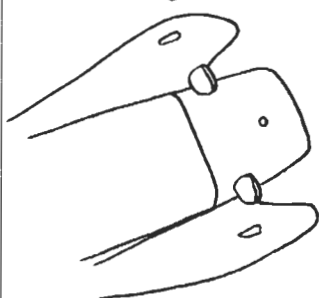


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Member Notes

Compiled by members

Congratulations to Myles and Retta Winbigler. He, in his Lotus Seven, finished third overall in both of his SOVREN Defrost Kickoff Races April 20. She, racing in the same group, completed both her races in her 1970 Beach MKVC Formula Vee.

Fred McDonald wasn't able to sort out his Lotus 51 FF, and so brought his Lotus 23 to Saturday's races. Sadly the 23 too was a DNS as motor problems led to a wise decision not to risk precious parts.

Dave Billings is sending his Elan's engine and gearbox to a local company to get assembled. Bodywork will commence

soon by local artisans.

Gerry Foley has developed a new trio of fiberglass (what else) racing seats. They will come in three widths and three different rakes. Tests proved, un-upholstered, they are very comfortable. With a bit of padding they should be super, and affordable.

10-year-old Myles Schneeman has made it to two events in a row.

David Caley passes along an invitation to the more marque open-minded members, to an Open House, from Group 2, Inc., the Northwest distributor for Ginetta Cars Ltd. They are introducing the street version of the G20. May 4 from 1-5 pm. Group 2, Inc. is located near Fisherman's Terminal on the Magnolia side of the Locks - 4442-B 27th Ave W. 206/378-0900.

2002 West Coast Lotus Meet

The West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) has been a frequent event for nearly 20 years. What began as an event between Lotus West in Southern California and the Golden Gate Lotus Club (GGLC) in Northern California has grown to encompass four Lotus clubs on the West Coast. The pinnacle was in 1995 when the GGLC hosted the WCLM in conjunction with the Monterey Historics (Lotus was the featured marque). Then nearly 800 Lotus enthusiasts and nearly 500 Lotus cars gathered. The GGLC is very pleased to announce that the WCLM is back for 2002!

WCLM 2002

Dates: October 24-27 (Thurs-Sun)
 Location: Monterey, CA
 Track: Laguna Seca Raceway
 Hotel: TBD
 Tie-in Event: SCCA Fall Vintage Races honoring Lotus, Oct. 25-27

WCLM 2002 Overview

The 2002 WCLM will be held in conjunction with the SCCA-SFR Vintage weekend that will feature Lotus. Scheduled are special Lotus races and special Lotus cars.

The WCLM will have a very full schedule of fun and unique events. The Monterey area is perhaps the most scenic area in the North America and is home to not only one of the best race tracks in the world, but is home to top wineries, Lotus-type roads, shopping, beaches, museums, aquariums and so much more.

Set in this area will be the WCLM events that are planned. The schedule of events is packed (subject to change).

Thursday, October 24
 WCLM Registration

WCLM Opening Reception
 WCLM Tech Seminars

Friday, October 25
 WCLM Wine Tour #1
 WCLM Autocross
 WCLM Vintage Race Lotus Paddock
 Laguna Seca Track Touring Session
 SCCA Vintage Races with Lotus Feature Races
 WCLM Barbeque

Saturday, October 26
 WCLM Vintage Race Lotus Paddock
 WCLM Casual Concours
 Laguna Seca Track Touring Session
 SCCA Vintage Races with Lotus Feature Races
 WCLM Tour #2
 WCLM Banquet & Special Guest Speaker
 WCLM Door Prizes & other Surprises

Sunday, October 27
 WCLM Vintage Race Lotus Paddock
 Laguna Seca Track Touring Session
 SCCA Vintage Races with Lotus Feature Races
 WCLM Farewells

In addition to the WCLM events the SCCA SFR Vintage Races will include a number of Lotus feature races and other special Lotus events.

Registration and costs will be announced shortly. Watch the GGLC website for the most current info, www.gglotus.org.

Plan now to be in Monterey at the end of October to enjoy a four full days of Lotusing!

Contact info: Kiyoshi Hamai at kiyoshi.hamai@na.teleatlas.com

Pack Ratitis

By Dan Morrison

I walked out into my garage the other night looking for a book. Now most people would look for a book *inside* their house, but a lot of my books, shop manuals, and let's face it, more of my belongings than I should admit to, are still in boxes that are as yet, still unpacked from my move almost two years ago. It's not that I don't have good intentions of unpacking, but I also had work to do on the inside of the house so I would have a place to put the stuff after unpacking. Well, needless to say, the work inside the house did not progress at the pace I would have liked and so the boxes remain unpacked.

I also gazed around the garage at all the stuff (stuff being a relative term), which is where I seem to do my accumulating. I have accumulated over time, not just cars and car parts, but many other things that I couldn't live without. Many things I have bought in anticipation of some far off project, thinking that, "This would be perfect for <insert-project-name>!" But there it sits, unused and untouched, unless to move it out of the way for some new piece of stuff.

I wondered if being a pack rat is classified as a sickness from the beginning of the accumulating period, or just when you loose the ability to stop moving around; the garage in my case. If it's the latter, I feel pretty safe. I still have a path through the garage from the garage door to the house, and one to my tool box. There are also a couple smaller paths that allow me access to other areas, depending how much I've had to eat that day.

There is good news, which may put me on the road to recovery. I have tentatively sold the Elan body and chassis that I have owned for over 10 years. With that gone, it should free up a 5 ft. by 12 ft. area and allow me to start organizing the garage. In doing so, I may be able to find more of my books, tools and other lost objects. But then again, that does free up room for more stuff...

Oh yes, I found the book I was looking for, but I had to look through six boxes and it took me 30 minutes.

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tion, we could go to Westport and drive the coast loop to Tokeland.

Option 2-A: On the following day, we could return home the same way we came.

Option 2-B: Or, we could drive to Raymond and take Highway 6 back to I-5.

Option 2-C: Or, someone has suggested a much longer route - driving from Aberdeen to Forks and around the Olympic Peninsula to Port Angeles, Bainbridge, and Seattle-area.

Other activities: Bird watching, boat ride from Westport, time at the casino, exploring the beach, , kite flying, not doing much of anything except hanging around with each other. The Fireplace Room, a cozy room off the lobby, is the perfect place to curl up on the sofa after a hard day's drive. You can enjoy the fire, read a book, or just relax. Board games, cards and jigsaw puzzles are available. Because there is supposedly a haunted room (#3 for those of you who don't want to sleep in that room), we might consider playing some sort of mystery game or Clue.

Option C: The proprietor of the hotel says that the community would love to organize an event to highlight the cars if we'd like to showcase them. Would you be interested in staging a brief car show?

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imity of the jersey barriers, nearly lead to some pants changing moments as the cars made their way around the modified course. Hopes are that we will see new road surfaces and a better straightaway in the future.

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ELCC Club Regalia

by Gary Holt

Have I got a deal for you!? No, actually there's no need to haggle price and no, this is not about buying a used Lotus project car. You can buy a brand new 2002 model year ELCC shirt of your very own with a 3-year bumper-to-bumper warranty, roadside assistance, and all scheduled maintenance (except washing) included. Yep, fresh from the factory in England, the club is making available club T-shirts and polo shirts to members this summer. Shirts will have the green, yellow and white ELCC logo on the chest and come in a variety of styles and colors depending on member interest. Prices will range from \$15-\$30 depending on style and number ordered, with low, low factory financing available.

So get up off the couch and run, don't walk, and let Gary know if you are interested in pre-ordering a shirt or buying one at a future club event. Speak up and let us know what styles and colors you think should be made available. So far the obvious choices are white T-shirts w/logo and green polo shirts w/ logo. Anyone want a yellow shirt? Let me know.

4th Annual Run to the Gorge (Puget Sound British Automotive Society) May 25-26, 2002

4th Annual Car Tour and Rally

We will be leaving from Jaguar of Tacoma, located in the Fife Auto Mall, just west of I-5. From the North take I-5 South and exit at 136 turn Right to first Signal turn Right onto Pacific Highway go North about 1/4 mile dealership is on the Right. From the South take I-5 North exit 136B go over Freeway turn Right on Pacific Highway go North 1/4 mile dealership is on the Right.

The 4th Annual "Run to the Gorge" is open to all Cars. This tour, on your own, will take you South through the back country to the Washington side of the Columbia Gorge, to our final destination at Hood River Or. The Hood River Inn will be our host hotel. We have arranged a dinner where we will have the opportunity to go over the days events and award prizes. On Sunday morning, we will meet up again and head north using a different route. These are roads you have probably never driven. Through great places like Kelso, Napavine and Onalaska. **This is not a rally, there are no traps.** Run in the style of European events you will be given maps and instructions to make your drive a pleasant one.

You will arrive at the Inn around 3:00pm and have time to take a dip in the pool before meeting for Cocktails and Dinner. Can't stay overnight? You can still join us for the Drive only or stay for dinner and you could still be back in the Seattle Area by Midnight.

Hotel Accommodations

The Hood River Inn is holding rooms for Saturday night, to make reservations please call 1-800-828-7873 You must mention the All British & Classic Car Tour to get the group rate. Please make reservations early, as rooms are only being held through May 1, 2002.

Event Schedule

May 25, 2002

9:00am Drivers Meeting/First Car Out
4:00pm Approx. Arrive at Hood River Inn
6:00pm Cocktails, Dinner and Awards Gorge Room, Hood River Inn

May 26, 2002

10:00am Hotel Parking Lot Drivers Meeting

Memorial Day Weekend

Questions

Contact Arnie Taub (425) 644-7874 or by email at ataub@worldnet.att.net / Sign-up: <http://www.abfm.com/signup.htm>



Eastside Drive

Celebrate Colin Chapman's 74th birthday the best way possible - by driving a Lotus!

On Sunday, May 19, the ELCC is having a drive from Monroe to Snoqualmie Falls.

We'll gather at the Safeway Parking lot in Monroe at 12:00 PM, then drive on various 2-lane highways up to Snoqualmie Falls. From there, you can get on I-90, see the falls, go golfing, or find some exciting way to get back home.

Total drive time should be under 3 hours, and we can stop along the way to pick up ice-cream or just have a break.

The organizer of this drive is Alex Phillips, and he can be reached on his cellular phone: (206) 200-3653. Please call at any time if you have comments, questions, or suggestions!

Safeway information:

19651 Stevens Pass Highway (Hwy 2)

North side of the street
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Event Calendar

May

- 4, Team Continental Driver Training, PIR - Portland, OR
- 11-12, SOVREN Spring Sprints Races, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA
- 18, NWARC Lapping Day - Bremerton, WA
- 19, ELCC Eastside Drive - Monroe and environs**
- 18-20, Vancouver All British Field Meet, Van Duesen Garden - Vancouver, BC
- 18-19, ICSCC Race #3, IRDC, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA
- 25-26, Run to the Gorge, Puget Sound British Automotive Society

June

- 1-2, ICSCC Race #4, CSCC, PIR - Portland, OR
- 8, Test Tune Lapping Day with IRDC - Bremerton, WA
- 15-16, NWMS / SCCBC Driver Training
- 21, NWARC Lapping Day - Bremerton, WA
- 29-30, ICSCC Race #5, SCCBC, Mission - Vancouver, BC

July

- 5-7, ELCC Lotus Car Corral** at SOVREN Vintage Races, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA
- 12-14, NVRG Zupan's Historic Races PIR - Portland, OR
- 12, NWARC Lapping Day - Bremerton, WA
- 13, IRDC Driver Training, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA
- 17, Corvette Marque Club of Seattle School Days, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA
- Forest Grove Concours - Forest Grove, OR
- 26, Western Washington ABFM Cocktail Party, Park Place Inc., Bellevue, WA
- 27, ELCC Awning** at the Western Washington All British Field Meet - Bellevue Community College, WA

August

- 9, Cascade Sportscar Club Driver Training, PIR - Portland, OR
- 10, SOVREN Speedfair Races, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA

- 10-11, ICSCC Race #6, CSCC, PIR - Portland, OR
- 11, SCCA, NW Region Vintage Grids - Bremerton, WA
- 17, NW Motorsports Driver Training, Spokane, WA
- 17-18, ICSCC Race #7, IRDC, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA

24, ELCC Event TBA

- 24, Team Continental Driver Training, PIR - Portland, OR
- 30, Club Lotus Northwest Track Day, PIR - Portland, OR
- 30, ICSCC Race #8-9, TC, Thunderhill - CA
- 31, Portland All British Field Meet, PIR - Portland, OR

September

- 1-2, Portland All British Field Meet - Portland, OR
- 1-2, SOVREN Labor Day Races, PIR - Portland, OR
- 1-2, ICSCC Race #8-9, TC, Thunderhill - CA
- 7-8, ICSCC Race #10, SCCBC, Mission - Vancouver, BC
- 14, ELCC Olympic Peninsula Wine Tour, - WA**
- 21-22, SOVREN Fall Finale Races, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA
- 20-23, Lotus Limited Lotus Owners Gathering (L.O.G.) 22 - Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
- 27, NWARC Lapping Day - Bremerton, WA
- 28-29, ICSCC Race #11, CSCC, PIR - Portland, OR

October

- 5, NWMS Driver Training, Spokane, WA
- 5-6, SOVREN Maryhill Hillclimb and Concours - Maryhill, WA
- 5-6, ICSCC Race #12, IRDC, Pacific Raceways - Kent, WA
- 12, ELCC Event TBA**
- 20, SCCBC Enduro Race, Mission Raceway - Vancouver, BC
- 25, Cascade Sportscar Club Driver Training, PIR - Portland
- 26, Cascade Sportscar Club 8 Hour Enduro, PIR - Portland
- 26 NWARC Driver Training - Bremerton, WA

November

- 16, ELCC Event TBA**

December

- 7, ELCC Annual Holiday Party**



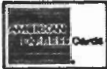
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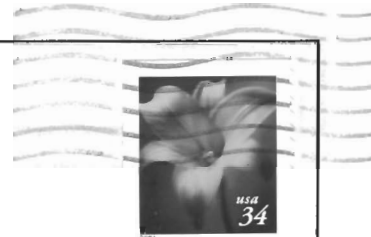
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