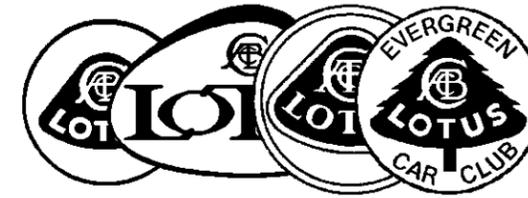




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## Lotus Lines

Newsletter for the Evergreen Lotus Car Club  
July 2003

### Time For The 2003 ABFM!

July 25th and 26th are just around the corner and it's time to make preparations for this year's ABFM being held at Bellevue Community College. We usually have from 15 to 20 Lotus show up for this event each year. Our class structure is broken down by 'generation' instead of by model. So there's class one (LO-01) which is for the early cars: Sevens, Caterhams, Corinas, Early Elites, and the Eleven. Class two (LO-02) is for the second generation cars: Elan, Elan+2, and Europa. Then, for class three (LO-03), we have the latest generation of cars: late Elan, late Elite, Eclat, Esprit, and Elise.

The schedule of events for this year is as follows:

**Friday, July 25th, 7:30 to 9:30pm** – Cocktail Party at Park Place Motors (well, actually behind their main showroom). There will be a no-host bar, hors d'oeuvres, raffle tickets with lots of prizes, and the best photo award (don't forget to bring one of your great car photos, you know, from the box in the basement). Oh yeah, you will also be able to pickup all the stuff you'll need on the field for the event at the pre-registration table. It'll save you from waiting in line on Saturday.

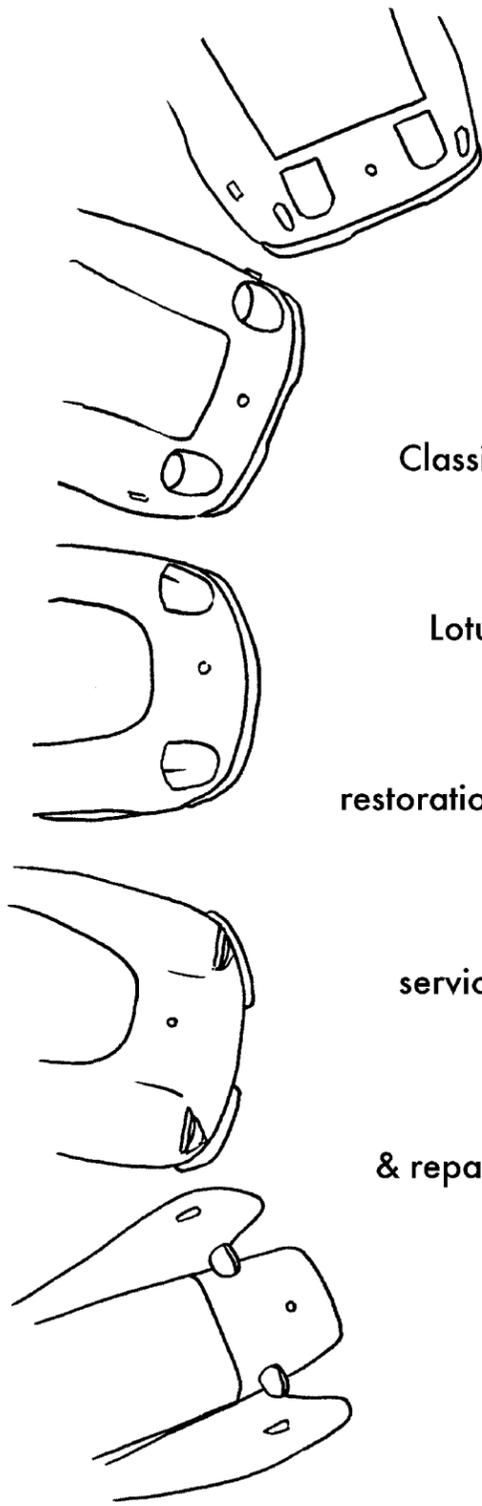
**Saturday, July 26th, 8:00am till 4:00pm** – The actual show is at Bellevue Community College just off the 148th street exit from I-90. There is some construction at BCC this year, so the main entrance is closed. We will be entering BCC via the north entrance off of SE24th. Detour signs are in place and it will be very obvious where to go. There will be about 350 to 400 british cars being shown, plus more in the for sale lot, and you may even find one of those parts your Lotus has been missing in the Swap Meet area (yeah I know, the odds are slim, but it doesn't hurt to have a look anyway). Show up early so you can get your morning latte. Don't forget to bring a picnic lunch or you can buy some 'bangers' and fries from the vendor. Car placement is from 8:00am until 11:00am. Once the cars are placed (at 11:00am) you will not be able to start or move them until 4:00pm.

The car display is from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The balloting deadline is 2:00pm, so make sure you vote often and get the ballot into the official box (located at the ABFM booth) by 2:00pm at the latest! The awards ceremony will start at 3:00pm and the pre-registration (postmarked by June 26th) prize of \$500 cash will be given away to some lucky entrant (great odds!), but you must be present at the awards ceremony to win...

There will be the usual ABFM regalia at the ABFM booth (up near the college buildings) with t-shirts, sweat shirts, golf shirts, etc for you to purchase and commemorate the 2003 ABFM! Or just to have a new shirt to get dirty wearing around the garage...

See you there!!! -- Jim Taylor





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## Editor's Note

Can you believe that I am still in Connecticut? Well, I can't. Actually, right now I am at home, but I am going back next week.

Remember to get your entry in for the West Coast Lotus Meet down in Portland over Labor Day weekend. The form and event schedule can be found in the center of this newsletter.

While you are there (or at any other Lotus club event or any other time you see a Lotus), remember to take photos for the calendar. I have tentatively added a photo selection meeting to the event calendar in October.

July has not been a very good month for me. First, going through a seldom checked e-mail box, I found out that a long-time friend of mine (and avid motorsports enthusiast, though he tended to own Porsches) had been killed back in May (by a commuter train of all things).

Then, this past weekend, one of the top competitors in SCCA ProRally, starting 30 cars ahead of the one that I was co-driving in, was killed (along with his co-driver) when the car struck a tree sideways at speed. I was also a competitor at an event earlier this year when two spectators were killed. These sorts of things are very very rare in US rallying, so to have two incidents like this so close together is quite a shock.

See you next month.

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## More Lotus News (compiled from various sources)

In the March issue of the newsletter, it was reported that two individuals had been indicted for illegally importing Elises and U.S. Customs was in the process of seizing the cars. One of these cars has appeared on the online auction service eBay last month. The seller reports in the auction that he had been ordered to export the car outside of the country (and Canada), even if it was converted to off-road use. The auction completed once, but has to be relisted when it turned out that the high bidder could not import it into his country.

Lotus has issued an "Important Notice To All Lotus Elise Owners". Apparently there has been some problems with surface corrosion on the floors under the rubber mats. Lotus says that is the corrosion is only cosmetic and does not impact the chassis structure. They recommend periodically removing the mat and making sure that the area underneath it is kept clean and dry. Lotus says that "further advice will be issued shortly." All of you Elise owners out there should take note.

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**For Sale:** Car trailer suitable for smaller Lotuses and race cars, \$600. Randall Fehr, rsfehr@seanet.com, 206-782-8951.

**Parts Wanted:** for 1968 Series III Seven. Engine brackets for crossflow, front lower a-arms, handbrake lever, Caterham reprint of Seven Manual. Andre, 206-528-8141, ags58@earthlink.net.

**For Sale:** 1969 Europa S2. White w/red pin stripes. Mild fender flares. 67k miles. \$6900 OBO. Michael 253-973-6893, Gig Harbor, WA.

**For Sale:** From 1976 Mk 4 1500 Spitfire. L&R front uprights with stub axles/steering arms/hubs/brake calipers and discs, L&R rear brake assemblies, i.e., drums with complete backing plate assemblies. I believe these interchange on some Lotus models. Bob Scheib, 509-783-3126, ROBERT.SCHEIB@gte.net.

**For Sale:** Two Solex carburetors for Series One or Two Europa, \$85 for the pair. Bob Cross, 360-652-9260.

**Parts Wanted:** for Type 14 Elite. Any spares you have. Building a car from a bare shell. John Schneeman, 206-854-6706.

**For Sale:** Motorsports Elise. Red. Alignment & ride height changed. Gel cell battery. Spare splitter. Spare alternator. Custom exhaust with optional Supertrapp tip (for quiet days). Custom lower motor mount (lighter and stronger). Set of rain tires. Fuel container and filler. \$67500. Colin, 425-417-3862 or <http://www.lotussource.com/lscclassified/MotorsportElise/summary.htm> for more information.

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**TINGLE'S LOTUS CENTER**

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**For Sale:** 1963 Lotus Elan Series 1. 45700 miles. Red with original gray top and gray center console. Original teak 3/4 dash. Original style steel wheels and hub caps. A great example of the earliest Elans with low miles. Would prefer to sell to a good, local home. \$20,000/Make offer. Maury Montag, 425-391-5359.

**For Sale:** 1962 Jaguar Mk 2. British green, 3.8 liter, AT, power steering, power brakes. \$23,000. Scott, 206-723-5094, Seattle, WA.

**For Sale:** AP Lockheed Brake Boosters, Model LR17818 Servo Units. Perfect for a variety of makes and models, including Lotus Europa. Brand new, purchased for a '73 Europa. Original units on the car were Girling, so the replacements won't work for concours, and we want to preserve the originality look. Never installed, original factory boxed pair complete with new line and hose. Seller refuses to take returns due to their insurance policy. Cost new \$850 for the pair, will accept best offer over \$700. Contact Sandy at [Lotus118@yahoo.com](mailto:Lotus118@yahoo.com) for more information.

**For Sale:** 1979 Eclat, Black, 40k miles, Automatic, \$7000 obo to good home. Joe Terry, 425-885-0637.

**For Sale:** 1969 Elan S4 DHC. White daily driver. 122,500 mi. rebuilt engine and transmission by Schlossnagel racing at 116,568 mi. in 1995. Full service records since 1982 purchase at 66,3887 mi. and can be e-mailed as attachment. Never wrecked or restored. Always garaged. Stock except Crane Cams optical ignition system, adjustable ZC needles, thermostat electric radiator fan, Michelin X 165/70R13. Factory Service Manual. Black top (never used). Black Tonneau. Felt car cover. Hemmings list good as 14K, CPI list at 12K. Chuck Botts, cbotts@san.rr.com, 858-292-1480, San Diego, CA.

## A Humble Critique of the First Annual SOOT by Tom Miller

*Or The Best Drive You Never Went On*

I had been watching the weather all week, not wanting to see a wash out. I was not disappointed. June 14th started out partly sunny and the weather just got better as the day progressed. I had also been watching the response to the Evite. What? Only 3 other cars besides the fearless leader? Why, there hasn't been an organized tour for months and months. Shouldn't ELCC members be crawling out of the woodwork, yearning for a chance to exercise their minds, bodies and British playthings? Apparently not.

So ... as I return to my narrative, I woke up, got out of bed, dragged a comb across my head. I left the top up on the car all the way to Olympia so the dew would dry before I folded it up for the day.

Greeting me at the meeting point were Jess and Eddie Marker in their '91 Elan and Charles Conti with his '67 Elan. My first words to Jess as I shook his hand were, "Hi, I'm Tom Miller. I'm leading the drive and I don't own a Lotus." To his credit he didn't bat an eye. OK, this is where we take a break and I confess I own a Miata! Although I aspire to own one of Mr. Chapman's creations, for various reasons, I do not. Just remember, unlike the Porsche club (those rotten ninny elitists), this club does not require Lotus ownership to be a member (heart fills with warm feelings,

tears well up in eyes, hold on, I've slopped coffee down my front).

Back to the matter at hand. Up drives Ralph Neil in his Caterham and we are complete. Drivers meeting. I tell them about deer (try not to hit one), I've even seen cattle on the road (try not to hit one) and I don't recall but I may have mentioned trees (try not to hit one). Maps are passed out and Jess lets out a "Holy smoke" or similar upon seeing the mass of wiggling lines. "Uh, it's not as confusing as it looks, follow me."

And we're off. Over hill, over dale, hither and yon. A minor snag with some construction at a major intersection, a time out halfway through, then the more twisty parts, then the even more twisty parts, then the finish, ahhh, we're done. I climb out and Jess opens his trunk asking if I want a coke. "Is it cold," I sniff and darned if it weren't. Jess then pulls out his handheld GPS (what the heck else has he got in there I wonder) and proclaims his top speed "on that fast part", we all immediately recollect the reference, to be 107 mph. Hmm, I saw 110 indicated, Charles Conti says 110 and Ralph trumps all with 113. Oh well, I already knew my speedo was optimistic. With the coke all gone and tales told (Remember that woman screaming at her unleashed dog? Did you see those 2 deer? Hey, that one part was like England without the hedges.) we shook hands and departed for the hot slog back up I-5, and to home.

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## Event Calendar

ELCC events are listed in **BOLD**

July

**4-6 ELCC Corral at SOVREN Pacific Northwest Historic Races, Pacific Raceways**  
11-13 NVRG Historic Races, PIR  
**26 Western Washington All-British Field Meet, Bellevue Community College, WA**

August

**16 "West Side Drive"**  
15-17 Lotus Ltd. LOG 23, Grand Island, NY  
29-31 Lotus Gathering at Portland ABFM

September

13-14 5th Annual Run To The Gorge

October

**TBD Calendar Photo Selection Meeting (tentative)**

November

**TBD Your event here**

December

**TBD Holiday Party**

## From The Chair

The 2003 Historics are behind us, but the ABFM is just ahead. Check out Jim's article on information that might be helpful to getting your car onto the field at Bellevue Community College.

The West Side Drive is coming up August 16th. There is nothing like making a day of it driving a sports car about the countryside. The August newsletter will have the invite, an Evite should be out just after the ABFM, but put August 16th on your calendar.

The West Coast Lotus Meet in on for August 29 through September 1, just down the road in Portland, Oregon, that sunshine destination that never sees inclement weather. I've put

## Member's Notes Compiled from members

Submit your notes to the Chairman or the Editor.

BOB CROSS has absolutely no news to report.

## Lotus News Compiled from various sources

Lotus has reportedly issued a press release asserting that they will continue to use the Rover K16 engine in the Elise, except in some markets (such as the US where that engine is not emissions-certified). Some reports have stated that the US market Elise will be a "World" car, implying that all Elise production will shift to the new engine (still strongly rumored to be a Toyota VVTL-i (their variable valve timing technology) engine from the Celica GT-S).

All of the rumored engines for the US market have higher power output than the Rover, so Lotus is likely concerned about killing sales of current inventory.

Lotus Engineering have partnered with Garrett to build a demonstration vehicle to show the performance and fuel economy benefits of small displacement turbocharged engines. The vehicle was a Jeep Liberty with the 3.7L V6 engine replaced with a 2.4L turbocharged engine and was debuted at a Garrett-sponsored event back in May.

Lotus was responsible for packaging the engine with the turbocharger and calibrating the engine and the transmission controllers. The engine met its goals of exceeding the perfor-

a listing in the Upcoming Events section of the website, with a link to the Golden Gate Lotus Car Club site that has the most up to date information.

A Thank You goes to Tom Miller for leading SOOT, the South Of Olympia Tour. Look for an article in this issue.

And since Alan Perry thanked me in the last newsletter, I'll thank him in this one. He continues to put out a clean and timely info source for the membership. I almost enjoyed doing the mailing the last four issues. Almost. But I did enjoy feeling I was helping him out.

Andre

Welcome to new ELCC member TIM TOWEY of Bellevue.

mance characteristics of the V6 while improving fuel economy.

This work was done at the Lotus Engineering's US office in Ann Arbor, MI. Lotus says that an increasing proportion of their business is generated there.

The Elise has been selected as the pace car for the FIA Sportscar Championship and Lotus has provided two cars for the task. Each car is a 160bhp version of the 111s and has only had a roll cage and warning and signal lights added.

The FIA Sportscar Championship has rounds at Estoril in Portugal, Lausitzring in Germany, Monza in Italy, Oschersleben in Germany, Donington Park in the UK, Spa in Belgium and Nogaro in France.

The Lotus Cars USA web sites says that the "U.S. Spec Elise II is coming 04/04". The color choices will be Ardent Red, Starlight Black, Nightfall Blue, Magnetic Blue, Racing Green, Artic Silver, Storm Titanium, Saffron Yellow and Bordeaux Red Pearl.



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# 2003 West Coast Lotus Meet

Entry is now open for the 2003 West Coast Lotus Meet!

The 2003 West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) is scheduled for August 28-31 on the banks of the Columbia River in Portland, Oregon. Hosted by Club Lotus Northwest and the Golden Gate Lotus Club.

A VERY full schedule of Lotus activities is set! You won't want to miss any of these fantastic Lotus events. Plan now to be there.

## Thursday - Aug. 28th

- Registration and Opening Reception

## Friday - Aug. 29th

- WCLM Lotus Track Day at Portland International Raceway
- WCLM Lotus Bar-B-Que

## Saturday - Aug. 30th

- SOVERN Vintage Races featuring Lotus
- British Field Meet
- WCLM Concours and Lotus Corral
- WCLM Banquet

## Sunday - Aug. 31st

- SOVERN Vintage Races featuring Lotus
- British Field Meet Tour
- WCLM Lotus Corral

Entry is only \$110 per person for the Lotus Convention and includes everything except the optional Lotus Track Day (\$120 per driver).

Be sure to book a room at the DoubleTree Hotel Jantzen Beach by calling (800) 643-7340.

Double occupancy rooms are only \$76/night!

Registration form is enclosed. Fill it out and mail it in TODAY!



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**ABFM Convention Display** Saturday & Sunday August 30 & 31st, 2003 8:00am-4pm

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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**Registrations received after August 16th add \$10.00 extra**

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ (signed by each registrant)

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