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LOTUS LINES

Newsletter for the Evergreen Lotus Car Club - May 2008

RAMBLINGS FROM THE CHAIR:

CONGRATULATIONS! In case you missed my subtle communication in the last issue, we are now members of the. Total that we raised was over \$1500. Thanks to all that helped us reach our club goal. You are true and valued members. The Historics on July 4th-6th are rapidly approaching. Please e-mail me with your Car Corral ticket requests by June 10 deadline, and let me know the

probably be available to the Checkered Flag Club \$100 contributors first. Porsche will be the featured marque, along with Al Unser Sr., and Historic Nascar Stock Cars.

June features a Park Place visit, with a possible 2-11 viewing. We will be observing and/or participating an Alfa Club track day on June 18th, as a "twilight session" on a Wednesday

evening from 4:30 - 10:30pm. Hopefully the weather will co-operate. Bring something for a potluck dinner, and let us know what you will bring on the Evite!

I have also arranged to have a mobile

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day(s) you wish to attend and number of tickets needed. I will then have Andy place the order and write a club check to pay for the requested tickets. He will then send you a return envelope and a bill, payable back to the club.

One of the differences this year from last is that if you wish to have a program it is an additional \$5, and no longer included with the ticket charges. Be sure to let me know if you wish to have a program and pay this extra \$5 charge. REMEMBER JUNE 10th DEADLINE FOR TICKET ORDERING. Let me know.

Ticket prices for car & driver only remain \$25 for one day on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. \$40 for a three-day pass.

Passenger/general admission price for adults is \$25, children 7-16 is \$5, children 6 and under no charge. Because of our Checkered Flag Club donation effort, the club will have available 4 passenger/general admission tickets available free of charge. These will

DYNAMOMETER unit come out to the track. Those of us not experienced or qualified to run on the track, can hook their cars up to the dyno to see how much real HP your car is making. A single pull with computer printout is \$40 (cash or credit card).

Sorry for the short article this month, as I am dealing with some health issues and am not quite on my game.

Hope you all have enjoyed the events so far this year, and it would be appreciated if someone would contribute a "Car of the Month", technical article, or something that the club would be interested in. Seems that communication, contribution, and feedback is a little sparse. Almost feels lonely! Is anyone out there?

EVENTS

6/14-6/15

SOVREN: Maryhill Hill Climb Maryhill, WA

6/5

ELCC First Thursday Smartyants, Seattle 7pm

6/7

Park Place Tech Session Park Place, Bellevue

6/18

ELCC Track Day see details inside

6/18

NWARC: Driving School Pacific Raceways, Kent

7/11

BMWCCA: Driving School Pacific Raceways, Kent



WHAT IS IT?

What Was it?

Last month's "What is it?" photo was related to the story about the Tokyo Lotus Center. Several blocks away from the dealer was a residential zone for single-family homes. The area was neat and quiet with some decent vehicles parked about. The contraption sets behind a single garage door and has spaces for seven cars, six of which are in the air at any one time. The owner of any particular car will open the garage door and punch in his code on an electronic control box and it will deliver the car like a vending machine. In the heart of Tokyo, with the endless sea of tall buildings, the narrow tower car parking vending machines were actually quite prevalent, but in the residential areas, I saw only a few of these.



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ELCC TRIVIA

Is Alan Perry's Elise really legal to drive on the street ?

Last Months Trivia Question: The very first Seattle ABFM was held in 1989. However, it was supposed to occur in the summer of 1988. Why was the 1988 ABFM cancelled ? The winery where the 1988 ABFM was to take place went bankrupt and the receivers wouldn't allow anyone on the property.

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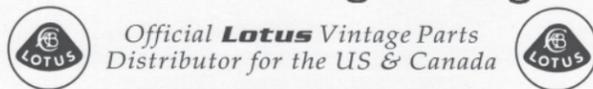
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EVENT DETAILS

ELCC hosted at Park Place Ltd.

Park Place Ltd., 13710 NE 20th St, Bellevue

Saturday, June 7th at 10am.



Come join your fellow club members for our annual visit to Park Place Ltd. Park Place is generously providing pastries and coffee. If you haven't been to the Park Place complex recently, you'll be amazed as it has become a full featured gear-head paradise. Plans for the day include presentation of the new 2008 Lotus models and technical demos, tours of their showroom, new detailing facility and Toy Tech automobilia shop. Also, we'll hear about Lotus' plan for future models as their Lotus rep has just returned from Hethel. We'll see you there!

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EVENT DETAILS

ELCC Twilight Lapping Day Tutorial & Dyno Day

Wednesday, June 18th, 4:30-10:30 PM

Pacific Raceways, Kent, WA

Alan Perry

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or 206-499-5501

Lapping Day 101, Everything you always wanted to know about Lapping Days but were afraid to ask! Either would be appropriate titles for this event.

We are trying to get the club back on the track again as a group, sometime in the future. However, times have changed. Finances and insurance costs hinder our abilities as a club, so individual member effort and participation with larger and wealthier clubs is the only way at this time. But it requires doing some homework and preparation.

The Alfa Club is running the show on this day and has a good program, and we want as many Loti owners and cars in the pits as possible to observe and learn. If you are familiar with track days and plan on participating at this event, it is important that you have met all of the car, safety, driving, and registration requirements set by the Alfa Club on their website. <http://nwalfaclub.com/track/welcome.php>

For those that have been wanting to do a lapping day, but don't quite know the procedure, this is the event that could get you informed for future participation.

Come and enjoy the late afternoon, have dinner, ask questions, watch the procedures, support participating Lotus club members, and bring your cameras and stopwatches! Photographers should be able to get some interesting "twilight" calendar photo shots of cars on track.

In addition, we are trying to get a mobile dyno <http://www.jetcitytuning.com/> to come to our event. The cost for hooking up your car and running one pull on this rig is \$40, if you wish to do so, and includes a computer printout of the results. He has a number of different

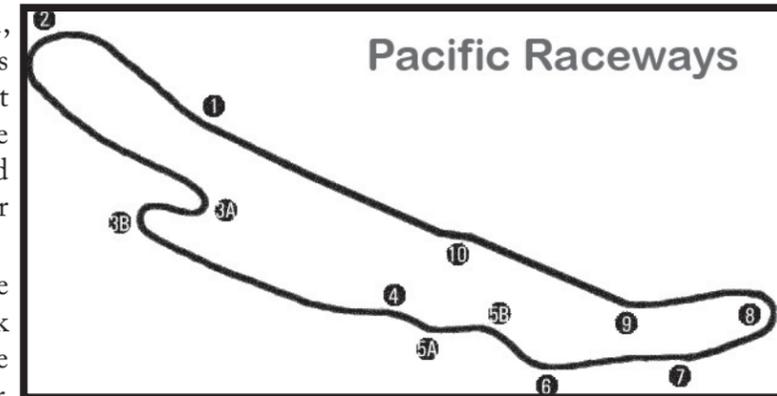
tuning packages available, as well. Find out what rear wheel HP your car is actually producing. This rig will be there for the Alfa Club members (courtesy of Evergreen Lotus) and for any others, as well, but with Lotus Club members getting initial priority. He can do about 2-3 cars per hour. He is insured and is concerned with proper strapping points. A waiver will naturally have

to be signed, and car and tire conditions met.

This is an unusual WEEKDAY club event, held in the late afternoon/evening, so a light potluck dinner would be enjoyable. The club will bring plates, utensils, and napkins.

Please let us know on the Evite what you might bring to our trackside picnic!

Hope to see you there!



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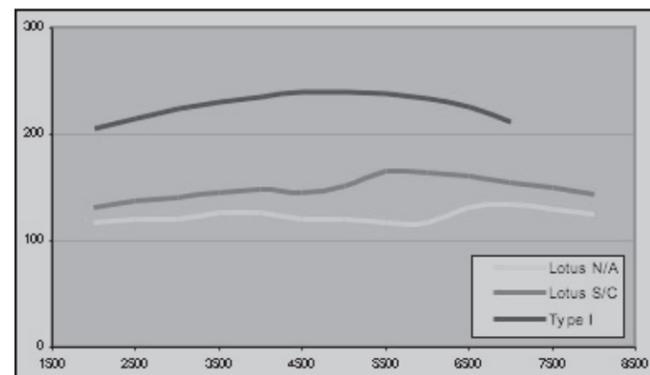
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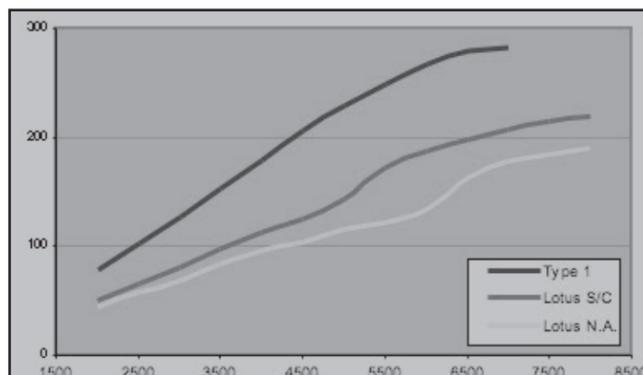
LOT UN-SOLD

The following are some items that we've either found or had sent to us that you may find interesting. Remember any and all information provided within this newsletter related to products or services is provided strictly as information. The author, editor, and officers of the Evergreen Lotus Car Club make no assurances as to the validity of any third party offering. Use product information at your own risk.



Secant Vehicle Engineering LLC sent us a Press Release that introduces a set of product offerings based around a GM Ecotec™ 2.0L supercharged powertrain developing 280 HP @ 6600 RPM and torque to 241 lb-ft @ 4500 RPM with an Eaton M62 roots type supercharger providing a maximum boost of 17 PSI. This power package is called a Type I and is reported to be designed for long term reliability and backed by a limited powertrain warranty. They report working on a Type II to get power over 300HP that would include beefing up the internals, the sump and

inter-cooling system with of course ECU mods. The neat thing about this Type II is that they are looking at making smart enough to adjust for the octane content of gasoline you may be using. SECANT reports to have worked with Brembo® to develop a big brake upgrade that offers 328 x 28 mm drilled and vented 2 piece cast iron floating rotors with billet aluminum hats for superior durability. They also offer wheel & tire packages from Team Dynamics designed to accommodate the Brembo® brake package. The wheel/tire packages offer an additional 30 mm of contact patch at each wheel and are optimized for balance both on road or track. Though intended to be paired with the Type I Supercharged package, wheel, tire, and Brembo® brake packages are available separately. Their website shows that kits can be acquired for the brave do-it-yourselfers or get them your car and they'll do the work. (www.secant vehicles.com)



Let us know if you learn more about their products. It looks like these are designed for the Series 2 and Federal Elise family so it might make for an interesting project.

On Craig's list Alan spotted: RARE! L-Block 1973 Lotus Europa Special 5 speed 25k Orig Miles! By the time I got to it, the ad had been removed but the author had listed the car as a Racing variant of the Europa. This provides some humorous misinformation for if you know about Europas, the "R" in the VIN means that its is a Federal (US) Europa, not a "racing" version.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This month's Lotus Lines presented a bit of challenge for us, as time simply was shorter than usual. I just returned from one week of business travel, Japan again, followed by two weeks of very over due vacation and our very gracious printer, Mark Parker, is also going to take a well deserved vacation. This time we had just a couple of days to pull the whole thing together.

We'll take the opportunity to share some thoughts, starting with an un-apologetic plug, again, for members to contribute to the newsletter. We would like to have a feature article for each month's issue of Lotus Lines, something for a center spread. One idea has been profile articles on individual member's cars. I'd love to hear about the Series 1 Elises out there and how they wound up in our member's hands. I am an Elise/Exige Lotus enthusiast, and although I find the older Loti to be quite cool, especially the racing Types, I am not likely to be researching or writing articles on the older cars. The newsletter should have someone to represent the older cars with what might resemble a regular feature on things classic Lotus.

Our first issue had a carry-over article from last year and Don Christopher has provided the trivia questions, everything else in this run of Lotus Lines so far has been the compilation of effort from a just few folks. Mark Sterner has done a great job providing engaging articles but if you weren't aware, it actually takes a lot of time to put "ramblings" that well done together; they haven't been stream of consciousness articles, like this one.

On a related topic, consider for a moment, the amount effort it takes to arrange an event like the Whitten, Armstrong, or Land Speed Record tours. The event coordinators invest a considerable amount of time and effort orchestrating these events and one of the little things that we can all do that would be a huge help is to simply respond to the email invitations that get sent out. For the upcoming Lapping 101 event, the email went out to a hundred and twenty nine people. Typically, ten or twenty people reply and then forty may show up. This is something of a real burden, as the coordinators can't say up front with any accuracy what our host should expect so they have to guess. This affects time, parking, space, and other logistical details. Please, reply to email invites. Make certain we have an accurate email address for you. Or, tell us to take you off the list because you won't look at it anyway. If you are uncertain about whether you will attend but you might, use the "maybe" response, which is a world better than no reply at all.

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