

The first words

In this third issue at the hectic of the Nürnberg Toy Fair and the Geneva International Motor Show are behind us. My guess is that the next hot news will be Project Eagle, later this year. In this newsletter some new models, press releases and a newsletter dedicated to Lotus kits.

I hope you will find these news items useful!

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Easter egg

23 and 24 March; how do you like your egg in the morning....



News from Group Lotus

Recently we did see:

- the introduction of the entry level 2-Eleven and extensive range of Lotus Sport performance options.
- new updated and significantly enhanced range of Europa's
- invitation to celebrate Lotus' Diamond Anniversary

Read all about these news items in the press releases section of the website, [click here](#).



New on the website

Model cars, brochures, press releases, in March we have had to many new items to mention here. I have to ask you to take a look at the 'news' page on the website to see the whole list. Please [click here](#).

Elise variations

In the Genealogy section of the website ([click here](#)) I have added the Elise 72D and the Elise California Special, both being limited editions.

Tesla

Production of this electrical car has started on 17 March 2008. The 2008 model year was already sold out at the start of production and Tesla is currently taking reservations for the 2009 model year Tesla Roadster. Over 900 Tesla Roadsters have been reserved in total (March 2008).

More information on the website, please [click here](#).



Model cars

Spark continues to present new 1/43rd models, we recently did see a new edition of the Type 23, C. Parsons Winner Laguna Seca 1963.



Lotus Type 23 by Spark

And how about the new Sport Elise with central steering wheel?



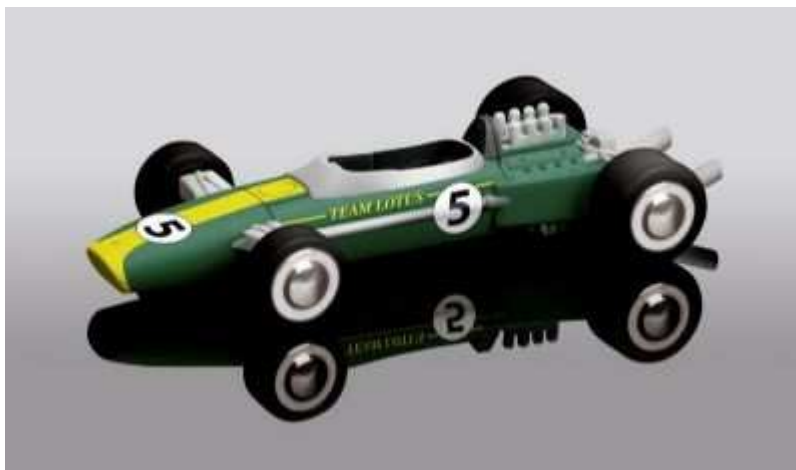
Sport Elise by Spark

For 2008 Scalextric have announced a Type 49 and a Lotus Cortina (September), both being slotcars in 1/32rd scale.



Lotus Type 49 by Scalextric

From Schuco we can look out for a Type 49 and a Team Transporter, both diecast models in 1/90th scale



Type 49 by Schuco



Team Transporter by Schuco

Early March the new Exige arrived at our home....



Exige 1/18th by AutoArt

Another very nice model by Autoart, although the Esprit V8 is of a higher level in my opinion.

Events

Please see our events calendar, [click here](#).

Downloads

There will be a new downloads section on the website, where I like to offer free Lotus related downloads like wallpapers, images, brochures etc.

If you have anything that you like to share with other Lotus enthusiasts and that will not get me into copyright problems, please let me know.

Links

Hot news for the kit builders/collectors; in our [links section](#) we have a hyperlink to the new Kit Lotus pages and bi-monthly e-mail newsletter.