



Newsletter

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First issue

There is always a first time. For everything. And sometimes it is also the last time... Anyhow, due to the fact that I enjoy my international contacts and sharing information about Lotus, it seemed logical to put the information in a newsletter and spread it around.

With this newsletter I want to share recent Lotus related news and updates on the Lotus Drivers Guide website.

I do not yet want to make it a quarterly or even monthly newsletter, that will depend on your response and of course on the fact whether there is news or not...

So please let me know what you think about this!

Ronald Ringma

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News from Group Lotus

Did you already see the new website lay-out? It has the same style as the brochures, have a look at <http://www.grouplotus.com> !

The big news for 2008 is of course the most powerful series production version of the Elise to date – the Supercharged Elise SC – and a 240 PS Performance Pack option for the Supercharged Exige S that further reinforces its credentials as a “race car for the road”.



Elise SC

And there is also the Exige Sprint! To celebrate the start of Lotus production at Hethel in 1967, just 40 cars will be built for the UK market and each one will have an individually numbered chassis year build plate covering 1967 to 2007, except for 1982, the year of Colin Chapman's untimely and tragic death. The Exige Sprint honours the colour scheme of the legendary Elan Sprint, which entered production in early 1971, 37 years ago.



Exige Sprint

More information can be found in the Press Releases and Genealogy sections of the Lotus Drivers Guide website.

Model cars

Like myself, many of my friends are model car collectors. For all of you, here is a list of models to look out for in 2008, fresh from the Nürnberg Toy Show:

Minichamps, 1/43

- Lotus Ford 79, M. Andretti 1978
- Lotus Ford 79, R. Peterson 1978
- Lotus Ford 79, J-P. Jarrier GP Canada 1978
- Lotus Ford 79, N. Mansell 1st F1 test Paul Ricard 1979
- Lotus 81, M. Andretti 1980
- Lotus 81, E. De Angelis 1980
- Lotus 88, M. Andretti 1981
- Lotus 88, E. De Angelis 1981

AutoArt

- Europa S 1/43 and 1/18
- Exige 1/18

IXO 1/43

- Exige S2 2006 red

Spark 1/87 !

- Seven S2 1960 green
- Elan S2 1964 yellow
- Exige S2 2004

Spark 1/43

- Sport Elise in black with steering wheel in the middle.
- Elan S1
- 2-Eleven in red
- Europa S1
- Carlton/Omega
- Exige Proton 2005, red (?)
- 19, Innes Ireland 1962
- Europa 47 le Mans 1967
- 23C, Parons Laguna Seca 1963
- 23 le mans 1962
- 62 groep 6 1969 Gold Leaf.
- Elan 26 R, 3 versions: standard, Les Leston and Le Mans 1964
- Transporter Gold Leaf
- 25 Climax
- 25 BRM
- 33 Climax

Schuco Piccolo 1/90

- 49 Zandvoort Jim Clark
- Transporter, green, Team Lotus

Scalextric 1/32 slotracers

- Set including a 49, Clark and an Eagle Weslake, Gurney 1967

Concept cars

I have added new information and images on the Concept cars page in the Genealogy section of the website. On this page you can also follow the little pieces of news that I find about the Project Eagle and the new Esprit.

Events Calendar

Please give me dates and descriptions of your local Lotus Club events and I will be happy to mention these on the Events Calendar on the Lotus Drivers Guide website!

Brochures

For your information I have some images of the latest brochures, all single sheet, printed on both sides.



Elise SC



Exige Sprint



Sport Exige Cup 255



2-Eleven