



The first words

Formula 1 is keeping us busy, so in this issue you will find all the news! Book news; Johnny Tipler's new Evora book will finally be available next month. And of course some model cars news from the Nuremberg Toy Fair, as far as I did get it until now, more news will follow on the website! Also news about some new employees at Lotus.

I hope you will find the following news items useful, please enjoy this issue!

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News from Group Lotus

Read all about the news items in the press releases section of the website, please follow this link:
<http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Press/index.php>

Recently we did see:

- Lotus Evora Cup
- F1 Driver Heikki Kovalainen tests his first Lotus
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- Lotus puts horse power behind cancer charities
- Continued Growth for Lotus Engineering in the New Decade
- Paul Newsome appointed as Director of Product Engineering for Lotus Cars

New on the website

Of course new items have been added to several sections of the website. A complete overview of what is new can be found at the 'news' page on the website: <http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/new.php>.

Cosworth CA 2010 F1 engines ready to ship

11 January 2010 - Cosworth's first batch of Formula One engines destined for use by its five customer teams in pre-season testing was completed prior to Christmas ahead of schedule, and is ready for shipping from the company's Northampton headquarters

AT&T Williams, Campos Meta, Lotus F1 Racing, US F1 and Virgin Racing are set to use Cosworth engines for 2010-12 inclusive, and the company is preparing for pre-season testing which takes place throughout February. In two months the teams will be in Bahrain preparing for the season opener, the event marking Cosworth's return as an engine supplier for the first time since 2006.



Mark Gallagher, F1 General Manager, Cosworth:

"The first batch of CA2010 units is boxed and ready for our customers to press ahead with installation, fire-up and initial testing. We're looking forward to seeing them all on track next month since there is still a lot of work to do before the season starts. After the very busy summer and autumn months when we were putting our program together it has been very rewarding to see the first engines ready for action thanks to the hard work of everyone here at Cosworth and our suppliers."

Lotus F1 Racing will start the engines on 5 February 2010!

Some historical Cosworth F1 facts (1967 - 2006):

In four decades of F1 competition Cosworth engines have delivered a powerful set of figures:
 176 race wins – including every race in the 1969 and 1973 seasons, enough for triple consecutive drivers championships at the start of the 1980s, the first race victory for Michael Schumacher in 1992 and the most recent in 2003 for Giancarlo Fisichella.

10 Constructors' Championships – including the legendary Lotus performances of the 1960's and 70's, and Williams' first consecutive championships in 1980 and 81.

13 Drivers' Championships – for great names including as Jim Clarke, Jackie Stewart, Mario Andretti, Nelson Piquet and Michael Schumacher.

Lotus F1 Racing confirm 12 February car launch

14 January 2010 - Team Principal Tony Fernandes today confirmed that the Lotus F1 Racing car will be officially launched on 12th February 2010. The location of the launch will be revealed soon, but for the time being F1 fans around the world will be pencilling in 12th February as the first time they will see the team's 2010 challenger, the first Lotus F1 car unveiled since 1994.

For the time being, the Norfolk-based team will be the first of the five new teams to reveal their Formula One car for this season..

28 January 2010 - Lotus Racing today confirmed that the long awaited launch of the 2010 Lotus Racing Formula 1 car will take place on the 12th of February in central London.

The Royal Horticultural Hall has been selected by the team as the perfect venue to unveil one of the sporting world's most eagerly anticipated new challengers, and an audience of 400 guests, including all staff of the newly formed team, will be the first to see the livery of the new Lotus Racing car.



Lotus Cars Limited is sponsoring the Bob Champion 60:60 Challenge

The Bob Champion Cancer Trust is dedicated to improving the detection and treatment of male cancers. Lotus is supplying Bob with a Lotus Evora as he travels the length and breadth of Britain visiting 60 racecourses in 60 days. Bob will start his epic journey on Sunday, 18th April driving his Evora to Ascot Racecourse where the first of the 60 events is to be held and will conclude his 10,000 mile marathon with a return to Ascot on Wednesday June 16th for the Royal Meeting.

Please read more in the Press Releases section of the website;
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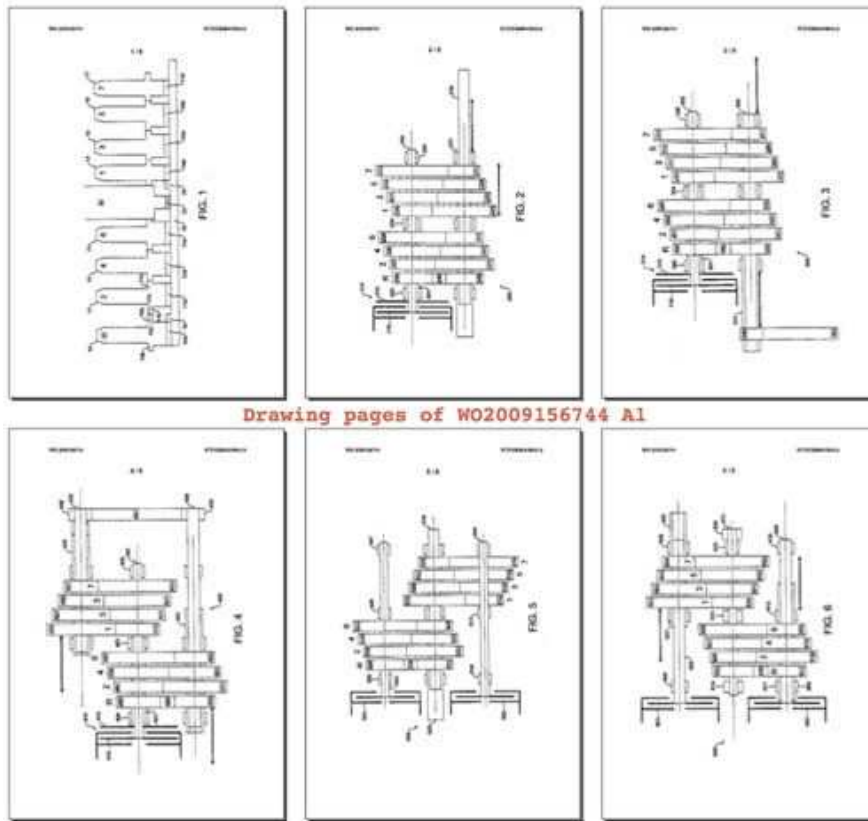
Lotus files patent for a lighter and simpler DSG

"Simplify, then add lightness." Those are famous words spoken by Colin Chapman, one of the automotive world's great geniuses. Recently, Lotus has entered a patent application for a lighter, simpler and more compact version of the complex dual-clutch transmission.

As you may know, DSG stand for Direct Shift Gearbox and was originally designed by Borg Warner. The twin-clutch transmission, or dual-clutch transmission, is an automated transmission that can change gears faster than any other geared transmission. Twin-clutch transmissions deliver more power and better control than a traditional automatic transmission and faster performance than a manual transmission.

Now, where can this new DSG be used? Lotus has not officially announced the use of DSG in its cars. Maybe this new DSG will be ready for production in a short period and if so, my best guess is that the Evora may not get the planned Toyota Camry automatic.... And how about the Esprit successor? I consider it very possible that this car will follow in the footsteps of the Ferrari F458 and McLaren MP4-12C and use a twin-clutch transmission.

I believe that having the option of a DSG will make Lotus models more accessible to more drivers, something that will no doubt help Lotus to sell more units.



Here is the official description:

With reference to Figure 2, the present invention provides a transmission unit comprising: a first set of shaft-mounted input gears (206, 207, 208, 209) each of which meshes with a respective one of a first set of shaft-mounted output gears (220, 221, 222, 223); a second set of shaft-mounted input gears (210, 211, 212, 213) each of which meshes with a respective one of a second set of shaft-mounted output gears (224, 225, 226, 227); a first clutch (215) associated with the first set of input gears (206, 207, 208, 209); and a second clutch (216) associated with the second set of input gears and the second set of output gears (210, 211, 212, 213). At least one of each meshed pair of input and output gears can freely rotate on the shaft on which the gear is mounted and a gear ratio selection mechanism (231) is provided to select a gear ratio by locking a freely rotatable gear to the shaft on which the gear is mounted. In use of 'the transmission unit (200) either the first clutch (215) is engaged and the second clutch disengaged (216) and drive is transmitted via a selected pair of the first set of input and output gears or the second clutch (216) is engaged and the first clutch (215) disengaged and drive is transmitted via a selected pair of the second set of input and output gears.

I am not a technician, so I am asking the reader who is a technician the following question: do we have an 8 gear automatic here?

Roger Becker announces his retirement from Group Lotus



Roger Becker, Lotus' Director of Vehicle Engineering is retiring from Group Lotus after a long career of 44 years.

Roger, 64, joined Lotus in 1966, working on the Elan assembly line at Cheshunt, but his natural driving and engineering skills came to the attention of Lotus founder Colin Chapman and Roger was quickly moved to the vehicle development team where he worked directly with Mike Kimberley (former Lotus CEO) on the Lotus Europa Twin Cam – his first Lotus car development project.

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Lotus F1 Racing testing at Jerez and Barcelona

Mike Gascoyne, Lotus F1 Racing Chief Technical Officer, has confirmed this week that the team is a week ahead of schedule on its build process and making excellent progress in all key areas in its efforts to be ready for the forthcoming Bahrain Grand Prix in March.



Asked for an update, Mike said "We had been looking at firing up our engine for the first time on 12th February, but with the efforts everyone's been putting in we have now been able to bring that forward to 5th February. This is obviously a great boost for everyone involved in the team, and shows how much hard work has already gone in since we had our entry confirmed on September 12th.

"With the engine fire up date now in the diary, we are also in a position to confirm that we will be on track for the first time at the third official test at Jerez from 17th February, and then at Barcelona from 25th February. We are also aiming to run chassis two for the last two days of that Barcelona test."

Mike also looked ahead to the forthcoming season and announced that the development programme will see a major update at the Spanish Grand Prix in May. "We have said we are aiming to be ahead of the new teams when we all reach Bahrain, but we would also like to be pretty close to the midfield teams after the first few races of the season. The update we have planned for Spain will see a boost in performance when we reach Barcelona which will give us the chance to start fighting with the slowest of the established teams which, given progress so far, has to be the next goal for us."

Andreas Prillmann appointed as Chief Commercial Officer of Lotus Cars

An other Ferrari employee joins Lotus...

Lotus continues to expand and strengthen its Senior Management team with a further appointment to announce Andreas Prillmann as Chief Commercial Officer responsible for Sales, Marketing and After-sales functions.

Andreas comes to Lotus from Ferrari where he held the position of Director of Business Development, a role that involved the reorganisation of the worldwide business model and dealer development.

Prior to Ferrari, Andreas enjoyed roles at Aston Martin, Porsche and General Motors. Specialising in the management of sales, after-sales, the dealer network, marketing and PR activities for both brands and products, he brings to Lotus a wealth of skill and experience.

More information in the press releases section of the website;
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New Esprit for sale

No, I am not referring to the new supercar that will follow-up the Esprit. Recently I noticed a brand new LHD Esprit V8 for sale, only 27 miles on the clock and built in the year 2000.

Silver exterior, black leather interior and OZ Wheels.



Just thought it would be nice to share this information with you. The car is for sale in Canada Gentry Lane Automobiles 770 Dupont St. Toronto, Ontario.

Image © Gentry Lane

Lotus Evora Cup

Lotus Motorsport announced the Evora Cup race car together with an innovative European points based race series for 2010. The race car made its first public appearance at the Autosport International racing car show in Birmingham, UK on the 14th January 2010.

The Evora Cup race car has been developed by Lotus Motorsport and is designed to offer a level of performance that would make it competitive in GT4 racing. The race car will be eligible to compete in a number of different national and international series, with options for endurance racing and sprint racing.

The Evora Cup show car is finished in Epsom Green with a Solar Yellow stripe down the centre. It is an evocative sports car that will offer a great platform to race in high level motor sport.



At the heart of the Evora Cup race car is a new 4 litre V6 race engine that boasts more than 400 PS and a dry sump system for the high cornering forces encountered during racing. The mid mounted engine is mated to a Cima six speed sequential paddle shift dog gearbox, which is designed for international motor sport.

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"Performance through light weight" is a Lotus philosophy and the Evora Cup race car has been pared down to less than 1200 kg, which translates into a reduction of more than 200 kgs over the production car. This weight saving has been achieved by using high performance parts and materials and deleting parts not required for motor sport.

The Evora Cup race car will come with adjustable motor sport dampers and six piston front brake callipers, with two piece aluminium belled brake discs. The car has an electrical cut off, fire extinguisher, traction control and is designed to have all the relevant FIA compatible motor sport equipment to race.

The Evora Cup race car will go on sale at £120,000 excluding taxes.

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Elise makes 2nd place for car of the Decade

Autocar.co.uk readers have chosen the Lotus Elise MK 2 as 2nd in the Autocar car of the decade vote. Autocar's car experts nominated 17 cars launched during the past ten years for readers to choose from – or voters could suggest their own star car. The Range Rover came first with 18% of the votes, followed by the Elise taking 12.5% of the votes and both the Veyron and GT-R taking 8.8%

The top ten:

1. Range Rover
2. Lotus Elise Mk2
3. Bugatti Veyron and Nissan GT-R
5. Vauxhall VX220
6. Toyota Prius Mk2
7. Tata Nano
8. Mini Cooper
9. Ford Focus
10. Jaguar XF

A very good result, bearing in mind that the Elise did beat cars like the Bugatti Veyron and Nissan GT-R!

Jarno Trulli: better than expected!

Although Jarno is very realistic when stating that the team is focussing on a low-profile season, he did also say that his situation is better than he expected; "Considering we're a new team, we're in a better position than I had hoped for," He was referring to the team's headquarters in Higham, a location where Le Mans MG cars used to be constructed. The team is very well equipped in a pretty new and modern factory, with an excellent wind tunnel and even facilities to manufacture carbon fibre.

Compared with Toyota, the environment is a big change, but bearing in mind that the Lotus F1 Team organisation is smaller it may well prove to be more efficient.



Lotus F1 Team HQ

Engineers join Jarno Trulli

Two former staff members of the Toyota team recently joined Lotus F1. These are Dieter Gass, former chief race and test engineer of the Toyota team and Gianluca Pisanello, former race engineer to Trulli.

With several drivers changing Race Engineer for 2010, Trulli will still be working with Pisanello, with a working relationship already firmly established. Dieter Grass also worked with Mike Gascoyne at Toyota.

F1 Driver Heikki Kovalainen Tests his first Lotus.

Another F1 celebrity has recently visited Lotus. F1 driver Heikki Kovalainen visited the home of Lotus Cars on 29 January 2010 to meet the Lotus family and choose the scheme for his personalised Lotus Evora.

It was an opportunity for the Lotus workforce to see Lotus F1 Racing Driver Heikki as he was given a personal tour of the production facilities, and even more exciting for those few employees who got a rare chance to be driven by the F1 star as he tested the Lotus Evora on Lotus' own test track for the first time.

During his day with Lotus Cars Heikki was given a special tour of the Classic Team Lotus workshops by Clive Chapman, son of Lotus founder Colin Chapman, during which he chatted to Clive and engineer Bob Dance about their first hand experience of some of the most successful and iconic F1 racing cars of all time. The tour was steeped in Lotus history and included some of the F1 cars that helped Lotus to achieve 79 GP wins, seven constructor's titles and 6 drivers' championships, including Emerson Fittipaldi's Type 72.

Model Cars

The **James Bond Esprits** are still popular amongst collectors, here is an other diecast 1/43 model made by **Edicola**, from The spy who loved me:



Underwater Esprit by Edicola, 1/43

Kyosho has presented their latest version of the **Caterham Super Seven** with cycle fenders, nice details, in green or red



Caterham Super Seven by Kyosho, 1/43

The **Spark Team Lotus JPS transporter (1972)** should be available soon now, here is the press photo with as you can see the cigarette promotion blurred. And here is the **102B** that Hakkinen drove in 1991, also from **Spark**.



Team Lotus JPS Transporter by Spark, 1/43



Type 102B by Spark, 1/43

Minichamps have just released a new version of their 1/43 **Ford Escort Twin Cam**, this time it is the Team Broadspeed car that was used in 1971 during the Brands Hatch race, driver J. Fitz-Patrick. The following image is from the press release:



Ford Escort MkI 1600 TC by Minichamps, 1/43

Minichamps have announced the following diecast models for 2010, I am not yet sure if these are all 1/43 scale models:

- 400 800012 LOTUS 81 · E.DE ANGELIS · 1980
- 400 800011 LOTUS 81 · M.ANDRETTI · 1980
- 400 810011 LOTUS 88 · E.DE ANGELIS PRACTICE GP LONG BEACH · USA 1981
- 400 810012 LOTUS 88 · N.MANSELL · PRACTICE BRITISH 1981
- 540 431501 LOTUS 97T · 1985
- 436 720006 LOTUS FORD 72 · E.FITTIPALDI · GP ITALY WORLD CHAMPION 1972
- 400 700014 LOTUS FORD 72 · G.HILL · MEXICAN GP 1970
- 400 790099 LOTUS FORD 79 · N.MANSELL 1st F1 TEST PAUL RICARD OCTOBER 1979
- 400 790102 LOTUS FORD 79 · TEAM LOTUS C.REUTEMANN · ITALIAN GP 1979
- 400 790101 LOTUS FORD 79 · TEAM LOTUS M.ANDRETTI · ITALIAN GP 1979
- 400 780055 LOTUS FORD 79 · TEAM LOTUS J-P. JARIER · GP CANADIAN 1978

From **Ebbro** we did recently see the Europa model, new is that we can also expect an **Elan S1 1963** model in 2010, resin, scale 1/43. (on the background: so boring that one falls asleep???)



Ebbro Elan and Europa, 1/43



Mini Moke and Lotus 47 by Spark, 1/43

Here is the new **Spark** set of **Mini Moke and Lotus 47**, scale 1-43, made from resin. Not yet in the shops, but it will be soon...

Also new for 2010 will be the **AEC Lotus "Gold Leaf" race transporter** in the **Schuco** Piccolo series, scale 1/90. Don't run to the shop yet, this is an announcement for a release later this year.



AEC race transporter, Schuco

Books and videos

Finally I have some news for you about the new book by Johnny Tipler. I did recently get a message from Jo Taylor of Coterie Press, the title of the book will be "Lotus Evora – sublime supercar". This new Coterie Press book will be on sale starting March 2010.

Events

If you like to have your (Club)event listed on our calendar, please let me know! There is no charge. You can find the calendar here: <http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Events/index.php>.

Lotus Film Festival, 20 and 21 March 2010

The Racing Lotus Film Festival will take place over the weekend of March 20th/21st 2010 at the Hawkwell House Hotel in Oxford.

Organised by the team behind the 2008 Jim Clark and 2009 Legends of Le Mans Film Festivals, the event will feature three hours of archive footage of Lotus in motor sport, focusing mainly on the period 1960-75.

Several anniversaries will be marked, including 40 years since Jochen Rindt's Formula 1 World Championship victory, 40 years since the introduction of the Lotus 72 and 50 years since the first victory for a Lotus 18.

A guest speaker panel session will also take place, featuring personalities closely associated with Team Lotus

and the anniversaries being marked. Guests already confirmed include former Team Lotus chief mechanic and racing manager Dick Scammell and 1970 works Team Lotus Formula 1 driver and team-mate to Jochen Rindt, John Miles, with more guests to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

The highlight of the Festival will be a gala dinner on the Saturday night, at which the guest panel members will be present.

For more information and to book tickets, go to www.legendsfilmfestivals.com

Contact: Legends Film Festivals, 15 Meadow View, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX28 3TY.

17 and 18 April 2010, Club Lotus Annual gathering, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, WR13 6NW England. Club Lotus is planning to add some new attractions to the event to run alongside the regular favourites. Chief amongst these is a Lotus car and memorabilia auction which although yet to be 100% confirmed looks very likely to happen. There will also be the live practical technical demonstrations which proved to be very popular.

There will be lots of specialist Lotus trade stands selling everything from new cars to spare parts and accessories plus a large Lotus Autojumble. Other attractions inside the hall will include Lotus club displays

and a private used car sales area – in fact something for everyone. Lotus Aftersales will be selling a wide range of new and classic spares from the factory at specially discounted show prices plus Lotus clothing and merchandise.

Opening times:

09.30 to 4.00 both days.

Admission prices:

Adults: £7.00 per day for Club Members if ordered in advance from Club HQ (£9.00 on the gate Saturday, £7.50 on the gate Sunday).

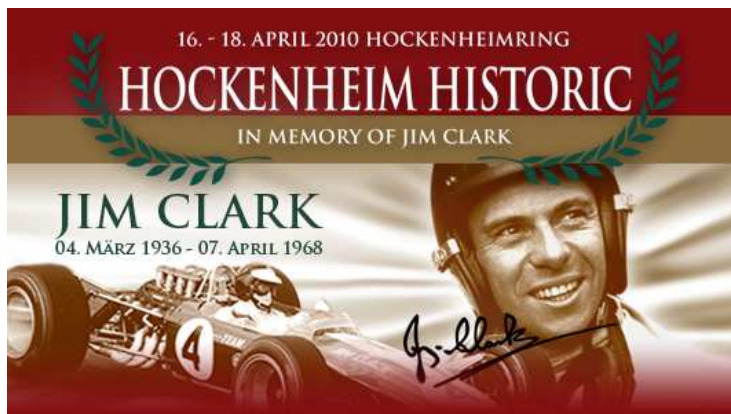
Children 7-14: £2.50.

Under 7's free.

Ample Free parking

Hockenheim Historic – in memory of Jim Clark, 16, 17 and 18 April 2010.

Three days of historic racing, lots of Lotus cars and owners.



All information can be found here: <http://www.hockenheim-historic.de/>

Le mans Classic, 9-10 July, 2010. See www.lemansclassic.com. When the "Le Mans Classic" was launched in 2002, there were a lot of positives working in its favour. Firstly, one of the world's most

legendary races did not have an event celebrating its past. Furthermore, the company S.A.V.H. brought together two experts within their respective fields: the Automobile Club de l'Ouest, creator and organiser of the Le Mans 24 Hours; and Peter Auto, specialist in historic motor racing. Last, but by no means least, the fame of the French endurance race and the use of the actual 24 Hour circuit added the finishing touches.

After the first event, it became clear that the concept was fundamentally solid. For the second edition of the Le Mans Classic in 2004, it became obvious and from the third edition in 2006 Le Mans Classic has followed the racing line of its two predecessors and had a growing number of spectators.

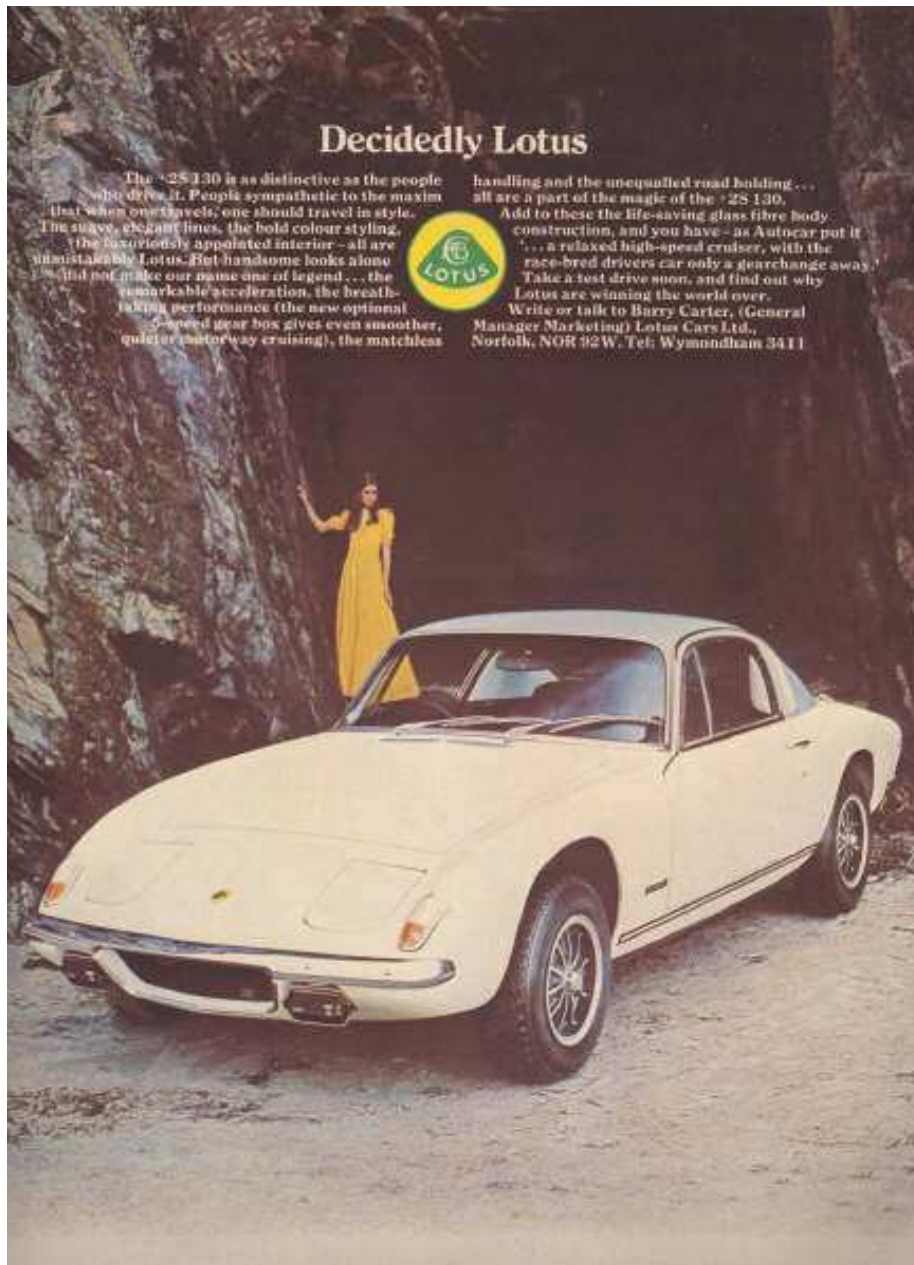
2010 will be the 5th edition of this event.

Downloads

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. I am happy to make it available from the website.

New item this month: Evora Cup Brochure

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Decidedly Lotus

The 2S 130 is as distinctive as the people that when on travels, one should travel in style. The suave, elegant lines, the bold colour styling, the luxuriously appointed interior - all are unmistakably Lotus. But handsome looks alone will not make our name one of legend... the remarkable acceleration, the breath-taking performance (the new optional 5-speed gear box gives even smoother, quieter motorway cruising), the matchless handling and the unequalled road holding... all are a part of the magic of the 2S 130. Add to these the life-saving glass fibre body construction, and you have - as Autocar put it... a relaxed high-speed cruiser, with the race-bred drivers car only a gearchange away. Take a test drive soon, and find out why Lotus are winning the world over. Write or talk to Barry Carter, (General Manager Marketing) Lotus Cars Ltd., Norfolk, NOR 92W. Tel: Wymondham 3411

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