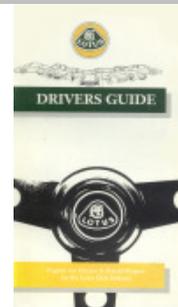


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The first words

Welcome to the start of the fifth year of this newsletter. The first issue was published in February 2008 and nowadays many readers are receiving this newsletter by email every month. Thank you all for the support!

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

Ronald Ringma



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Previous issues of this newsletter are available as free downloads from my website.

Modern media

Next to the website, there is also a page on Facebook, a page on Google+ and I am sometimes using Twitter now. Just search for Lotus Drivers Guide on Facebook or Google+. I'm using Twitter under my own name, so if you like to follow what I'm doing there you will have to look for Ronald Ringma.

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>

In this section of the website you will find the latest news by Lotus, normally unedited.

New on the website

You will find all recent changes and news headlines on the 'news' page of the website. On the opening page of the website you will also see the most recent items.

If you like to know if there is an update on this page, I suggest you become a friend on Facebook, as the updates will be mentioned there. Or you can also get Google+, where I am also giving notice of updates on the website.

Geneva 2012

What will be the surprise that Lotus has for us in Geneva? Group Lotus is teasing the press with: "something breezy, something loud, something ice-cold, and some other interesting elements". And: "we'll blow the roof off..." Of course I am planning to be there and see it for myself, but it is always nice to guess what will be going on. I believe one of the new items we may see there can be the Evora Convertible. Why do I believe this? Because the short press release showed "topless" images, including a man's bald head and a bikini top. And because there have been speculations about a convertible Evora for a while now. For now, we have to wait and see....



"leaked" image of what could be the Evora Convertible

No Club Lotus Show in Donington this year

Club Lotus has announced that there will not be a Donington Show in 2012! The idea is to have the show in April again, as many exhibitors and visitors have asked. Now that April 2012 seems to be impossible for several reasons, it is decided that the next show will be in April 2013. Well worth a visit!

You can read the full story on the news page of the website, just scroll to 24 January and you will find all information that you will need, from Club Lotus.

proActive

The official magazine of Lotus Engineering is called proActive. Since 2005 we have permission from Lotus Engineering to offer you hyperlinks to these magazines. From the website you will be able to read every issue that was published until now, all in pdf format. In order to see these documents and download these, you will need a program like Acrobat Reader or similar software.

Recently issue 43 was published, containing:

- Lotus News
- Global car markets heading in 2012?
- Q&A with Steve Cropley
- Lotus Lightweight Structures
- Proton Campro 1.6 CFE
- Vehicle mass emissions targets
- Inside Lotus with Mark James

Have a look at the website if you are interested. Please remember, all these pdf documents are copyrighted by Group Lotus plc.

The 2012 Formula One car, type E20



On 5 February 2012 the new Lotus F1 Team's 2012 challenger, the E20, was introduced to the world. On the Lotus Drivers Guide website you will find a video showing the presentation of the car. And of course all technical specs can be found in the "genealogy" section of the website.

Compared with 2011, some parts of the new car are a ground-up redesign and in other areas the best bits are further optimised. As the forward exhausts would now be illegal under the new rules these are replaced. These didn't live up to the expectations in any case. The front and rear suspension layouts are substantially revised to try and give better aerodynamic opportunities.

The front wing is a continuation of the concepts the team has worked on since the 2009 rules were published. With the rear wing system, the team has continued to try to work on having a satisfactory level of rear downforce stability, whilst having a maximum DRS switching potential.

Testing the E20 at Jerez



Lotus F1 Team's 2012 challenger, the E20, topped the times during the first day of testing at Jerez with Kimi Räikkönen at the wheel.

And during the second day of testing at Jerez the car demonstrated its reliability, completing 117 laps as the team continued its initial assessment of the car with Kimi Räikkönen at the wheel.

Romain Grosjean made his E20 debut on the third day of testing at Jerez, setting the fastest lap time in the morning, and second fastest of the day. Romain's 1min 18.419secs lap was achieved during the course of a trouble-free 117 laps.

Read more in the "Press F1" section of the website.

Barcelona test finishes early for Lotus F1 Team

During initial runs in the morning of 21 February with Romain Grosjean at the wheel, the team identified an issue with the chassis. After investigation at Enstone, initial plans to bring out chassis E20-01 to Barcelona have been held in order to give the team enough time to rectify the situation.

Lotus F1 Team will be back on track next week in Barcelona (1-4 March)

Romain Grosjean, Lotus F1 Team Race Driver: "We completed a few aero runs and then started timed runs, but I was very quickly aware that the car wasn't responding as it should. It's far better that we have an issue like this now rather than in Melbourne."

Alan Permane, Trackside Operations Director: "This morning was our first shakedown of our second chassis. Once the car was on track it was soon evident that everything wasn't quite as it should be. As a precaution we are returning the chassis to Enstone for further investigation.

James Allison, Technical Director: "Before we were due to fly chassis E20-01 out to Barcelona in replacement of chassis E20-02 - damaged this morning - we ran a series of simulations at the factory based on the data provided by our brief running on track today. As a result, we were able to identify an area which requires some additional work. It will be more productive for us to carry out these modifications to both chassis at Enstone rather than send E20-01 out to this week's test. We'll put the right measures in place and we will be able to fix the problem before next week."

Eric Boullier, Team Principal: "This is a minor setback to our overall test programme. Fortunately we accumulated good mileage in Jerez. If this is the only issue we have during testing then we will still be well prepared for the start of the season."

"Not running this week has been a tough decision to take, but we feel that our choice is the right one. On the positive side, we have quickly identified the issue with the chassis and our design office has already devised a solution. We will be present at next week's test in Barcelona. We draw faith from the fact that the E20 was quick out of the box in Jerez and showed its reliability there. We have a lot of work ahead of us over the next week but everyone at Enstone is ready for this challenge."

David Hewitt, Operations Director for Group Lotus, has joined a select list of captains of industry to promote manufacturing in the United Kingdom.

Deputy prime minister Nick Clegg names Lotus director "Industry Champion" for "Make it in Great Britain" campaign



The Make It In Great Britain campaign calls upon individuals, businesses and media to get behind British manufacturing and challenge the misconception that "Britain doesn't build anything anymore" – an outdated view that restricts investment, finance and recruitment to one of the country's most vital sectors.

Business Minister Mark Prisk said, "The outdated perception of the manufacturing industry does not match the reality of today. Make it in Great Britain is all about encouraging support for the sector, dispelling myths and encouraging greater interest in industry by young people and investors ."

David Hewitt has a wealth of experience and knowledge of the modern manufacturing environment, making him best placed to spread the good news we have to tell. That is why I want industry champions like David to generate excitement and interest amongst our young people and future workforce".

David Hewitt joins 29 other experienced executives, from some of Britain's most successful and reputable companies, in promoting the government-backed campaign. Group Lotus is one of just five automotive enterprises represented, the others being the Williams F1 Team, Jaguar Land Rover, Ford and Nissan.

Group Lotus is at the forefront of Britain's high-tech and automotive engineering industries. Since the first Lotus car was built in 1948, the Lotus brand has been synonymous with innovation, style, and success on and off the race track. With five exciting new models in the pipeline and £509 million pounds planned investment at its factory in Hethel, Norfolk, over the next five years, Lotus is a proud British company with a strong future.

"Britain is a nation of innovators," explains David Hewitt. "Just look at all the brilliant products and inventions that have originated right here in the UK.

"Lotus is a great British company with a rightful place among the very best our country offers in both manufacturing and engineering," Hewitt continues. "I want to show that British manufacturing can be an exciting, challenging and rewarding place to be."

Rare cars for sale



This 1963 Lotus Elan S1 is available at Vanderveken in Brussels, Belgium. Looks like a good example but will need some work, of course the first thing you will notice are those wheels....
And I believe that Elan experts will see more.

And how about this 1957 Eleven, chassis 271, that is for sale in France? Restored by Mike Brotherwood and very little used since. Original chassis and log book. New aluminium polished body and FIA windscreen. Some of original panels come with the car.
Contact the private owner at +33 (0)4 79 85 01 30





This Lotus Seven S1 from 1959 is for sale at Christano Luzzago, Brescia, Italy

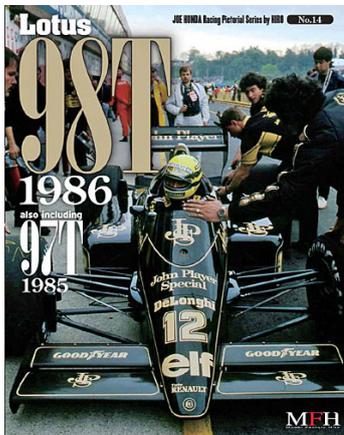
Just totally restored, wire wheels. Complete with the original hood frame , windshield frame and glass .

This Elise is set up for production-class racing within the Elise Trophy and Lotus Cup UK series, for sale at Hangar 111.

See the classifieds section of my website.



Books and video



Joe Honda Photo Book Vol15, Lotus 98T

This book is a modelling guide produced for Model Factory Hiro, based on the work of Japanese motorsports photographer Joe Honda. Plenty of race action and of course the all important close up photos of the cars.

Obviously it is intended to compliment one of the Hiro kits of this car but this book will be interesting for F1 and Lotus fans in general.

Lotus 2-Eleven

The content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online.

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Lotus 2-Eleven

Lotus Cars, Lotus Edge, BCR mini engine, rear wheel drive, Turbo, Supercharger, Toyota 2Z engine, 1800 four sport, manual transmission



Model Cars

Roadace Replicas of England

These models were made in the 1970's until the 1990's by Ken Dolton, a retired optician. He started by making a master model, made a mould and then hand detailed the models. Everything is hand made and detailed. Even the lettering on the base and Lotus logo is hand done. Simply incredible work done on an incredibly small scale (approximately 1:100). Hard to find these days. Here are some examples that I like to share with you;



1961 **Lotus 21** Formula 1 Racer by Roadace Replicas of England. This car moulded in dental plaster measures about 3,5 cm in length. The wooden base measures 3,5 x 6,8 cm. This is a model of the car driven by Rob Walker and Sterling Moss.

1962 **Lotus 25** Formula 1 Racer by Roadace Replicas of England. This car moulded in dental plaster measures about 3,5 cm in length. The exhaust pipes extend the length a little bit. The wooden base measures 3,5 x 6,8 cm.



1965 **Lotus Elan** Coupe Racer by Roadace Replicas of England. This car moulded in dental plaster measures about 3,5 cm in length. The wooden base measures or 3,5 x 6,8 cm.

Now to the news I want to share with you.

Something unusual to start with, these handmade models from the Dutch company **Exclusive Model Cars**, see www.exclusivemodelcars.nl. These models come in various scales and are made from (translated from Dutch) silver pewter. Never heard of it before, but they look great!

I did see these two, the **Lotus 49** #5, that won the 1967 British GP with Jim Clark steering, and the...





...**Lotus 97T** that took Senna to his first F1 victory in Portugal, 1985. Scale app. 1:20

Lotus Exige S

Pull back car which was a gift from a canned coffee called "SUNTORY BOSS". The colour of the body will change at a temperature around 27 degrees Celsius to another colour. Size is approx 5cm long. So the scale is about 1:87 I guess. The word is that this model is part of a "Lotus Collection". Who knows more??



This Lotus **Elite S2** is announced for release soon by **Spark**, scale 1:43

This is the new **Exige S**, in white as presented at the Frankfurt show in 2011. This **Looksmart** model is made for Lotus Originals in a numbered series of 50 pieces.



Image © Lotus Originals

Looksmart will produce more versions of their 1:43 Lotus **Exige S** model. There will be 59 pieces of each of the following colours:

- LSLT01A - ICE WHITE
- LSLT01B - MILITARY GREY
- LSLT01C - RACING GREEN
- LSLT01D - ARDENT RED
- LSLT01E - STARLIGHT BLACK

So we now have the version that was given to Lotus staff to celebrate the introduction of the Exige S, on a plinth with badge and packed in the well known green Lotus box. This must be the most rare version I guess.

And we have the same model, but numbered from 1 to 50 as sold by Lotus Originals for GBP 270,00. And we have the versions in different colours.



Images © Looksmart



This is the new Nakajima version of the **Type 99T** in scale 1:43 by **Réve**. The image shows the 1987 British GP – Silverstone – car.

It looks like this 1:43 scale **Evora Hybrid** (2010) from **Spark** will become available soon, after being announced a while ago.



From **Ebbro** we can expect this **Europa S2** in red, scale 1:43



As I did write in my Nuremberg Toy Fair edition, **Truescale Miniatures** has announced a 1:43 model of the **Lotus 72E**; 1973 Italian GP Winner #2 R. Peterson. Here is an image.



Image © MFH

New from **Minichamps** is this Lotus Renault GP **R31** Lotus F1 2011. With this car Nick Heidfeld finished third during the GP of Malaysia, this was the first podium for LRGP in the 2011 season.



Lotus 16 Climax, Dutch Grand Prix 1959, driver Innes Ireland. By **Spark**, scale 1:43. This model is not yet in the shops.

And yet another version of the Lotus Renault GP **R31** by **Minichamps**. This is the '1st Podium' - Australian GP 2011 – Petrov version.



More news:

Earlier this month I did publish an extra issue of this newsletter with information about new modelcars. I have to correct something as the **1:18 Lotus Type 33** that is announced by **Spark**, is the Jim Clark Germany 1965 version.

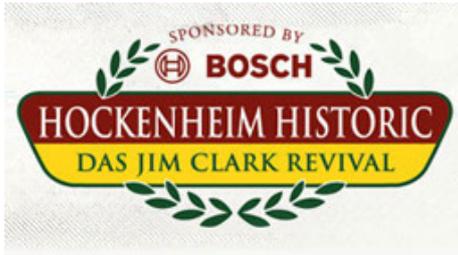
Ebbro has plans for a Lotus **Type 49** 1:20 plastic kit

Minichamps has announced a 1:43 scale miniature model of the new **Lotus F1 Team 2012 Showcar** in a Räikkönen version and a Grosjean version. The showcars differ from the 2012 race cars in that they are the previous season's shape finished in the team's new livery. So we are looking at a R31 and not an E20 I guess....

Spark will produce a 1:43 model of the new **Exige R-GT**

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>.



13-15 April 2012

Hockenheim Historic – The Jim Clark Revival.

For information, please see <http://www.hockenheim-historic.de/>



20 May 2012

Great British.

Event on the Zandvoort Circuit in The Netherlands. On the program are "show and shine", free driving on the circuit, slalom and a race.

For information, please see <http://www.greatbritish.nl/nl/home/show/996/home.html>



28 June – 1 July 2012

Goodwood will be honouring Lotus with the main 'Central Feature' installation, displayed prominently outside Goodwood House.

The Festival of Speed is the largest motoring garden party in the world – a unique summer weekend that brings together an impossibly heady mix of cars, stars and motor sport 'royalty' to create the largest car culture event in the world. Held in the immaculate grounds of Goodwood House, this annual hill-climb event is a true celebration of motor sport and all things automotive.

For information, please see <http://www.goodwood.co.uk/festival-of-speed/welcome.aspx>



18 & 19 August 2012

Lotus Festival will return to Brands Hatch on the historic Grand Prix circuit for 2012.

Full support race programme on both days.

- * Classic Team Lotus display and demo's
- * Lotus Motorsport support
- * Lotus Club Displays
- * Inter Lotus club karting competition
- * Huge Lotus trade village
- * Fairground
- * Lotus race programme includes 2 x Elise Trophy & a 1hr Lotus Cup UK race
- * Full race support package
- * Soap box race
- * Special Lotus parade
- * Celebratory guests from Lotus past and present

More information: <http://www.lotus-festival.com>

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