

The first words

Last month a long time Lotus enthusiast did ask me what my goal is with the website. The best that you can do with information on a hobby is sharing it with others, that is what I believe. By doing this, you will make sure that the information will not be lost forever when we are no longer around. That is my goal with the website, register anything Lotus related that you have for me and anything that I can find on the internet, in books, in magazines etc.

It may well be a lifetime job and let me tell you a little secret: It is great fun!

I hope you will find these news items useful!

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News from Group Lotus

Recently we did see:

- Spyker Cars N.V. and Lotus Cars Ltd. announce the signing of a cooperation agreement.
- Clark Type 25 Elise SC



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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>

Project Eagle

There is more information available about the exciting new Lotus. During the first week of May, the Lotus Eagle was tested at the Nurburgring. This car has recently been undergoing a series of shake-downs including cold-weather testing in Scandinavia.



Project Eagle

It is expected to be powered by a mid-mounted 3.5-litre petrol engine borrowed from Toyota.

Dealer representatives who have been driving as a passenger in the new Lotus say it is an exciting vehicle with lots of room. One person is 193 cm tall and he still had about 10 cm head room. So far only Lotus test drivers/engineers are allowed to drive the car but I have heard that it is comfortable and the car has typical Lotus road holding characteristics.

I just can't wait. When the Elan M100 came on the market I was invited by the Norfolk Motor Company to drive it. If there are any Lotus people reading this, 😊

New on the website

Model cars, books, press releases, a complete overview of what is new can be found at the 'news' page on the website: <http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/new.php>.

Model cars

Last month I did write about the 1/43 Type 19 made by the Italian company Topmodel. These models were offered to me being diecast but turned out to be resin! Quite nice though!

Thanks to one of the readers I am now able to display the Type 19 made by RD Marmande. Here is one image, more images are to be seen at the website. These 1/43 models are scratch built from wood!



Type 19, Monte Carlo 1960, 1/43 by RD Marmande

Talking about scratch built, here is a rare model of the Lotus Three-7 made by Mike Serrurier, built from scratch in resin



Three-7 by Mike Serrurier, 1/43

The Three-7 had a Seven Series 2 chassis, Elite-based 5 link independent rear suspension and differential, double-wishbone front suspension. Disc brakes all around and a dry-sumped Cosworth-Ford 1499 cc/125 bhp engine. Only one was ever made as the production capacity had to be used for the racing Elan S2.

Spark has published an image of the 1/43 Gold Leaf Team Lotus transporter on their website, so keep your eyes open!



Gold Leaf Team Lotus transporter by Spark, 1/43

You can find more information and images in the model car section of the website, please follow the hyperlink <http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Modelcars/index.php>.

Axel'R announced some new models:



26R Royal Elysees, Gele – Richard, Le Mans 1964, by Axel'R 1/43



26R Chequered Flag Team, J. Stewart, 1° Mallory Park 1965, by Axel'R 1/43

Axel'R models are made from resin, sold as kit or pre-painted kit and as a built model on special order.

Events

If you like to have your (Club)event listed on our calendar, please let me know! You can find it here: <http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Events/index.php>.



The **BIG EVENT** this year will be Lotus 60th Anniversary.

You will be able to find all information here: <http://www.lotus60thanniversary.com/>
I have received my tickets now!

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.

Books

I usually take some hours every week to search for Lotus related information on the Internet. Recently, I found reprints of Lucas manuals made by 'Bestbritbooks' These are offered for sale on Ebay and can be very useful for the first generation Lotus owners.



Reprinted Lucas manuals

Another recent find is the JDM World Car Guide book on Lotus. A Japanese book, printed in 2006 (all in Japanese!) that covers the period from early Lotus cars until 2006. Lots of images on 207 pages. There are a some English words in the book. More information can be found here: <http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Books/General.php>



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That's all for now, I hope you will find this information useful, please give me any comments you may have.