

The first words

Thank you all for responding to the first newsletter, published in February 2008.

There are a few news items that I like to share with you, so enough reason to produce the second Lotus Drivers Guide newsletter this month!

I hope you will enjoy reading this issue and please, please continue to sent me your information so that it can be shared with other Lotus enthusiasts! Every piece of information will be used on the website, but sometimes you have to allow me some time. I still have a large part of my brochure collection to scan and put on line, I still have many car models that I have to put on the website, etc...

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News from Group Lotus

Lotus Engineering and Mubadala Development Company (Mubadala) have signed long-term Memorandum of Understanding. The joint aim is to further enhance Abu Dhabi's position at the forefront of environmentally orientated technologies and accelerate the development of its manufacturing and business infrastructure.

Lotus Sport, the motor sport division of Lotus Cars Ltd, has unveiled the MY2008 Lotus Sport Exige Cup 260.

Lotus Announces Introduction of Hybrid & Electric Vehicle Group

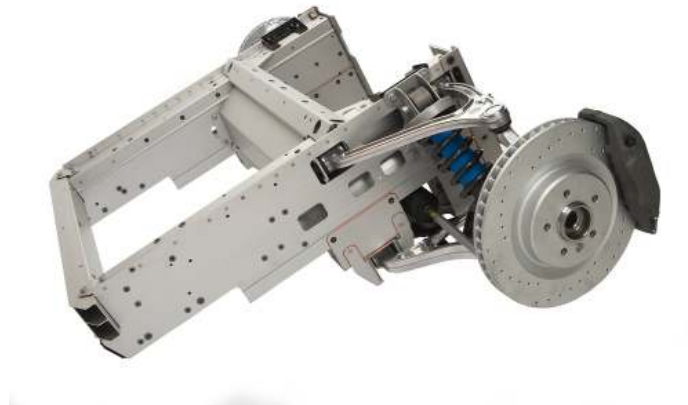
Lotus Engineering, the automotive consultancy division of Lotus, and Continental Division Powertrain have presented the results of their "Low CO2" research collaboration. The Low CO2 vehicle concept is being proposed as a practical option for manufacturers to reduce their fleet average CO2 emissions.

Exige 270E Tri-fuel is the next stage of Lotus Engineering's long-term sustainable, synthetic alcohol research. Lotus Engineering, unveils its latest development towards carbon neutral road transport at the 78th Geneva International Motor Show.



Exige 270E Tri-Fuel

Group Lotus plc unveiled the first glimpse of the eagerly awaited Project Eagle at the 78th annual Geneva International Motor Show.



Project Eagle front module

Please see the Press Releases section of the Lotus Drivers Guide website for more information on the above mentioned subjects.

New on the website

Model cars, brochures, press releases, in February 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. I did also include the main menu on the first page now, in order to make navigation through these web pages easier.

Esprit

The latest what I learned about the new Esprit: The engine will be made by BMW! Lotus will use the new BMW 4.4 twin-turbo V8 for the next generation Esprit.

This engine will first be used in the new BMW X6 where it will have 420bhp. Lotus suggest that their version will deliver over 500bhp.

The other new car, known as Project Eagle, is supposed to get an other engine, a 3.5 Toyota V6 with 300bhp.

True or false? Time will tell....

Model cars

First, I like to show you some images of new Spark models as shown at the Nürnberg Toy Fair in February 2008:



2-Eleven



Team Lotus Transporter

And another image, the Proton Elise in red, as announced by Spark in 1/43 scale. Here are the 1/1 model and the scale model:



Spark has also announced a 1/43 scale replica of the Lotus 340R for 2008!

Oops!

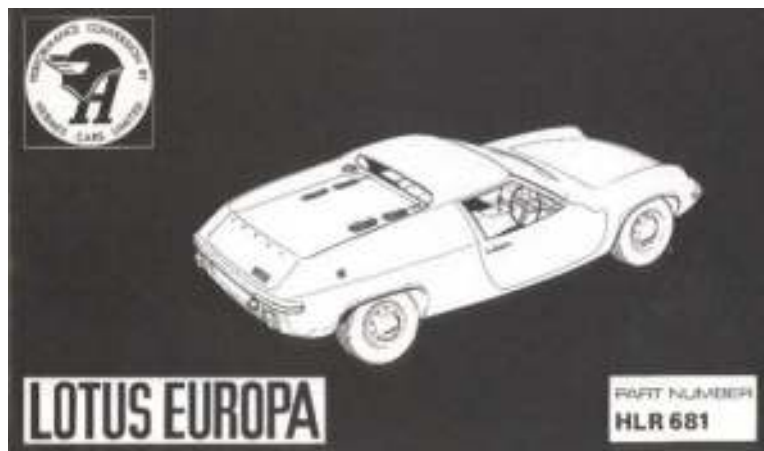
An error in the February newsletter, in 1981 the drivers of the Lotus 88 have been Elio de Angelis and Nigel Mansell and NOT Mario Andretti...

Events

On the events page you can download information and application forms for the Jim Clark Revival, 24-27 April 2008. Read about the world record plans!

Brochures

I have added some images en descriptions of rare brochures on the website, like the Europa Hermes Kit brochure. But also some of the more recent brochures have been added. If you are interested in Lotus brochures, you should have a look in this section of the website! And please, send me your images (scans) of missing brochures.



Lotus Europa Hermes Kit brochure