

The first words

The 60th Anniversary celebration was a day I will not forget! We started with a traffic jam going to Lotus, we ended with a traffic jam leaving Lotus, and in between it was a great day, with too many things to see and do in just one day. Dear Lotus people, make it a weekend next time please! It was also very nice to see old friends again and meet new friends, a perfect Lotus get together!

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

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60th Anniversary



For me this must be the most impressive Lotus event this year. I attended with my wife in our Elan and with lots of Lotus cars and Lotus people and the sun shining all day it was just perfect! The organisation was very good and for those who attended there were so many things to do and see that one day really was not enough...

To give you an idea of what was going on:

- Owners clubs presentations
- Fairground

- Engineering tour
- Project Eagle development story
- Factory tour
- Technical talks
- Auction
- Pit stop challenge
- Cars of special interest
- Merchandise for sale
- Red Devils landing

And believe me, this list is not complete. When we left after a very satisfying day, we realised that we had not seen everything! So I like to see votes for celebrating the 61st Anniversary next year please....



The parking area, Lotus as far as the eye goes...



Some of the 400+ pictures that I have made....

News from Group Lotus

Recently we did see:

- The 2009 Model Year Lotus Exige Cup 260: Add Lightness to Increase Performance
- New Lotus Cup Europe Race Series
- Lotus Europa receives diamond treatment
- Lotus Evora Aluminium Structure Celebrated
- Lotus Developing Hybrid Drivetrain for Motorsport



Evora aluminium chassis

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>

Electric Europa?

The Dodge EV (Electric Vehicle) prototype looks very familiar....



Dodge EV prototype

Dodge EV prototype, continued...

The instant high torque of the 200 kW electric-drive motor accelerates the Dodge EV to 60 mph in less than five seconds. Thanks to the latest advanced lithium-ion battery technology, the Dodge EV has a continuous driving range of 150 to 200 miles – more than triple the average daily commute of most consumers. To recharge, plug into any standard 220-volt household outlet for four hours or 110-volt outlet for eight hours. CNBC News video: <http://www.cnbc.com/id/15840232?video=864784364>

Colin Chapman museum

The Colin Chapman Museum and Education Centre was setup by a group of enthusiasts who love Lotus and want to preserve this important heritage site. The directors and trustees are wide ranging in their interests and include amongst others Alan Morgan, Chairman of Club Lotus, to Michael Oliver, a well respected Motor Sport Historian, whose books on the 49 and 72 are considered leaders in the field to John Scott-Davies, President, owner of a replica Lotus 6, retired racing driver and total Lotus fanatic.

The aims of the charity are to promote the achievements of Colin Chapman and Lotus cars in the field of engineering and design. The museum will promote the value of engineering as a career path for young people and we aim to establish links with Universities who provide graduate courses in this field. The original workshops will be restored and exhibits of cars and racing cars of the era will be there. Please see <http://www.colinchapmanmuseum.org.uk/>

New on the website

Of course the new pages have been made for the press releases section, new items have been added to several other existing pages. A complete overview of what is new can be found at the 'news' page on the website: <http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/new.php>.

Evora development

At the 60th Anniversary Day there was a display showing the development of the Evora. Here are some images that you may enjoy:



Evora future plans

The new Lotus Evora was just presented and there is already some information about what the future will bring us. As far as I know now, the convertible version will be available in the year 2011. There will also be a 320 BHP version, as the standard version will have 280 BHP. The fastest version will be the Evora S with a supercharged engine and 400 BHP.

I haven't got a clue about the year when the 2-seater will be available. Yet.



Model cars

Spark will continue to release Lotus models, in the near future we can look out for the following models:

- Lotus Type 23 #48 Le Mans, 1962
- Lotus 340R, 2000 (silver)
- Lotus Carlton, 1990 (dark green)
- Lotus Seven S2, 1960 (green)
- Lotus Elan S2, 1964 (yellow)
- Lotus Exige S2, 2004 (black)

Matchbox did make a limited (550) edition of the Evora model, produced for the London Motorshow 2008, limited to 550 pieces in a box signed by Russel Carr, Steve Crijns and Anthony Bushell, here is an image:



Matchbox limited edition

Pinko of Italy have presented an other version of the Mk XI Climax, this time it is the car used in 1958 on the Monthlery Circuit. An image can be found on the website.

New in the **Superslot** series by De Agostini (Spain) is a 1/32nd scale Type 49 (Graham Hill) slot model. An image can be seen on the website.

Books

Recently I did find a very interesting book: Coventry Climax Racing Engines, by Des Hammill. Seen through the eyes of an engineer and including the detailed recollections of those who were there, this is an account of the trials and tribulations of leading edge race engine design from 1952 to 1966. It is now listed in the books section of the website, please see <http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Books/Technical.php>

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>.

Monday 13th October 2008

The Lotus Cars ultimate **trackday** at the grand prix circuit at Silverstone. For Lotus owners wishing to secure a place, please contact RMA on (+44)(0)845 26 4545 or at their website www.rmatrackdays.com

Lotus Cars will also be operating a half-day itinerary with driving opportunities for potential prospect customers on the same day, which will include an array of current models. Please contact your nearest dealer for more information.

May 21-25 2009, Lotus Club Holland International Meeting



More information will be available soon on the website, <http://www.lotusclubholland.nl>
If you need information or assistance I will be happy to help you.

Downloads

From the website you can now download the manual and partslist for the Lotus Europa, please have a look at either our download page or the manual section of the website.

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.