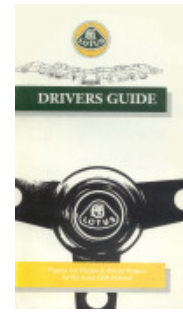


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The first words

Paris was quiet, at least for the Lotus enthusiasts. Especially compared to the big show in 2010... And in Hethel things are changing without any noise, while the factory is concentrating on getting 100% finished products out of the doors instead of having the first customers doing the final testing work....

Anyhow, I did still find news to share with you. I hope you will find the following news items interesting, please enjoy this issue!

Ronald Ringma



Driving simulator at the carshow in Paris. "I found a Lotus!"

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

Digital media

Next to the website, there is also a Lotus Drivers Guide page on Facebook, a page on Google+ and I am sometimes using Twitter now. Just search for Lotus Drivers Guide on Facebook (and give it a "like") 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.

Addresses needed to list Lotus specialists

In order to make the Specialists Section on the website as complete as possible, I am asking for your input. Please let me know the details of Lotus specialists that you would like to have listed on the website.

Remember, by sharing this information you may be helping others!

Exige V6 Cup – first production run sold out.



Meet the new Exige V6 Cup. Based on the Lotus Exige S, this car is a track-focused monster with awesome performance. These are being built in Hethel "as we speak" and the first production run was sold within 48 hours!

There will be two trims. The Track Day version in normal tune for those who want to be entertained, and the Competition-spec model for those who want to be astonished.

The car will have a supercharged Toyota 3.5 liter V6 engine with 350 horsepower. And how about a 0 to 60 time of 3.8 seconds and top speed of 170 mph (275 km/h)?

The Exige V6 Cup is priced at £62,995 for the track day and £74,995 for the competition version.

If you like to know more about this car, please visit the downloads section of the website where you can find a brochure.

Lotus announces 'Lotus Official Club Italia'.

Before we have seen entities like Club Team Lotus and the Official Lotus Club. These are history, but know there is a new initiative from Italian dealers. Here is the official announcement:

(Press release)



From an initiative conceived by the Lotus dealers of Italy comes a new member's only club for Lotus owners. 'Lotus Official Club Italia' is the perfect way to harness their own and their customers' passion for all things Lotus.

Launching in December for the 2013 intake, the upcoming

programme includes a calendar of events and activities from national gatherings and assemblies to organised excursions - including trips to Lotus HQ and motorsport events. Targeted at anyone who owns a Lotus old or new, the only criteria is a love of Lotus!

As well as the regular excuse to drive the incredible roads of Italy in convoy alongside iconic Lotus cars past and present, there is a generous members' benefits package that includes not only discounts on Lotus parts and merchandise but also with Lotus' partner companies offering preferential rates at hotels and restaurants.

To keep members in touch with each other there will be a 'Lotus Forum Official' online portal that will also provide expert technical advice to owners who like to play with their Lotus as well as chat about it!

Lotus Official Club Italia' will bring together motorsport fans, sportscar enthusiasts and Lotus customers from all over Italy to celebrate Lotus in a way that is designed for them - and it gives Lotus the opportunity to give something back to its loyal fans.

Annual membership runs by calendar year and is priced at €99 (including VAT), www.lotusclubitalia.org will be live shortly providing details of all members' benefits and registering applications.

Japanese F1 Grand Prix 2012

Kimi Räikkönen came home a solid sixth, maintaining his third position in the Drivers' Championship, whilst Romain Grosjean finished a classified 19th after retiring from 15th position on track after an eventful Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka. The team remains fourth in the Constructors' Championship with increased gaps of 103 points to Mercedes behind and 24 to Ferrari ahead.

You can read the comments by the Lotus f1 Team on the website, in the Formula One press releases section.

Rebellion Racing dominates Petit Le Mans from the pole



Rebellion Racing claimed their first victory in the American Le Mans Series at Petit Le Mans, Road Atlanta.

The Lola-Toyota coupé driven by Neel Jani, Nicolas Prost and Andrea Belicchi claimed victory in the 1000 miles enduro after dominating since the early free practices and qualifying.

You can read the comments from the team in the Press Releases section of the website.



Kimi Räikkönen looks forward to another year with Lotus

Currently occupying third place in the Formula 1 Driver's World Championship – with an impressive six podium finishes along the way – Kimi has certainly silenced the critics during his comeback season in Formula 1. With solid foundations now in place, the Finn is looking for more with the team in 2013...

What have you learnt from your return to Formula 1 ?

This season has shown me that I still love racing as much as I ever did. Obviously, I would have not come back to the sport if I did not feel like this. Driving a Formula 1 car still gives me the same inspiration and I feel the same passion for it.

Lotus F1 Team is your fourth team in Formula 1 : how have things gelled ?

I have been very happy with the team ; how they work, how they approach the races and how they invest in developing the car. I think with the progress behind the scenes at Enstone we could be fighting for the podium even more often next year and also be able to make a stronger challenge for the Championship.

We, and around 500,000 other people, recently saw you signing an enforced contract on YouTube. How civilized was the process with Lotus F1 Team in comparison ?

Well the team did not need to tie me up and blackmail me with a photo album, unlike certain other contracts you may have seen me sign recently. That was not necessary on this occasion.



How strong is your motivation heading into the last races of this year and looking ahead to 2013 ?

My motivation is as strong as it's always been. I'm keen to race on.

How can you build on your experience from 2012 next season ?

We have proven as team that we can build and develop a strong and reliable car. This year has been a good platform to put down strong foundations for what will hopefully be an even better season next time around. We know what we need to do to improve in some important areas, which

should help us get even better results next year. All in all I'm looking forward carrying on working with the team to achieve more good things in 2013.

What have you learnt from this year ?

I think there were a few people who had doubts about how I would perform after being away for a while. Personally, I didn't feel I stopped racing at all. I may have been doing something different with rallying, but after coming back to Formula 1 I immediately felt fit enough – and fast enough – to start racing again. My hunger for winning is exactly the same as always and I think I've shown that I'm capable of fighting for victories. Obviously there have been none so far this year, but we have come close a few times and for sure we'll keep on trying for as long as it takes to start winning again.

What's the main focus for you in 2013 ?

Of course, the main thing is to do my very best every time, every weekend, every race. I think to be able to perform better in the races I have to find more from myself and from the car in qualifying. This season has shown that you have to be on first two rows to be able to win every time. It's important to improve our grid positions for 2013. That's one of main targets for me.

Indian Formula One Grand Prix 2012

Kimi Räikkönen took seventh while Romain Grosjean finished ninth in a solid but frustrating Indian Grand Prix where both drivers finished right behind the cars ahead. Kimi maintains third position in the Drivers' Championship on 173 points ; 54 away from Fernando Alonso ahead and six in front of Mark Webber behind. The team remains fourth in the Constructors' Championship on 263 points ; 43 behind McLaren and an increased 127 in front of Mercedes.

You can read the complete story covering what happened during this Indian weekend in the F1 Press Releases section of the website.

And if you like to have information about the Lotus F1 Team and the drivers, you can visit the Racing section on the website or of course the team's website: <http://www.lotusf1team.com/>



Lotus LMP1 - 6 Hours of Shanghai

Lotus Rebellion Racing closes the 2012 FIA WEC with their 6th win!



Results:

- 6th win of the season in FIA Endurance LMP1 Trophy (Spa, Le Mans, Silverstone, Sao Paulo, Fuji and Shanghai)
- 4th place overall at the 6 Hours of Shanghai
- Winner of the 2012 FIA Endurance Trophy for LMP1 Teams

Please read the teams comments on this race in the press releases section of the website.

Lotus LMP2 at the 6 Hours of Shanghai

After being on Pole Position, James Rossiter in car #32 had a moderate start and did not push too much. The Briton did not use his tyres too hard as otherwise he would have had problems at the end of his first stint. It was a wise decision as the cars in front of him struggled with the tyres and so, Rossiter could catch up with the class leader. Unfortunately, car #32 had to retire because of some brake problems.

Please read the teams comments on this race in the press releases section of the website.

Rare cars for sale



This 2011 Lotus Evora 2+2 "Naomi for Haiti" Edition now offered for sale, seller is asking USD 69.900 and can be contacted in the USA at 310-938-8704

This car was (re)designed by famous supermodel Naomi Campbell in conjunction with Lotus Design Director Donato Coco to raise money for relief efforts in Haiti. This is chassis #1 of 8 units produced and was originally purchased by Naomi's Russian Billionaire Boyfriend Vladimir Doronin for nearly \$500,000 USD.

From 1954 on Graham Hill worked as a mechanic at Colin Chapman's company "Lotus", always looking for a chance to drive a racing car himself. Finally, in 1956 Chapman allowed him to build up his own racing car, which was exactly the Lotus 11 with VIN 208 which is offered here.

Contact the seller at 0049 610 370 69062



This 1955 Lotus Mk 6 is # 55 of approximately 120 ever built. Complete History starts with the first owner.

The car is offered for sale in Germany, contact the seller at 0049 172 2129021

Books and video



New in the French comic series Chapman, issue 2. I understood that these French comic books will be translated in the near future. For now, if you want to keep your book collection complete, you will have to accept the French version.

By Christian Papazoglakis, French,
ISBN-10: 2723489973, ISBN-13: 978-2723489973

Model Cars



This is the new 1:18 JPS Team Lotus **pit crew**, made by **Truescale Miniatures**

It took a while but here is, from **Spark**, the new **E20** 1:43 model in the Monaco 2012 livery, both the Räikkönen and Grosjean versions:



Räikkönen



Grosjean

Jarmark will be producing an other hand built Lotus model, this time it will be the **Lotus 93T**, scale 1:43. the following version swill be available: De Angelis, Monaco 1983, Long Beach 1983 and Holland 1983. And Mansell, Holland 1983. I do not yet have any images to show you.

Model Factory Hiro has announced a new **Lotus Type 49** 1:43 kit. There will be two different kits, representing the early version ('67 Dutch GP #5J.Clark / #6G.Hill - '67 Belgian GP #21 J.Clark / #22G.Hill - '67 French GP #6J.Clark / #7G.Hill - '67 British GP #5J.Clark / #6 G.Hill) and the late version ('67 German GP #4G.Hill / #3J.Clark - '67 U.S.GP #18M.Solana / #6G.Hill / #5J.Clark - '67 MexicanGP #18M.Solana / #6G.Hill / #5J.Clark - '68 South African GP #5G.Hill / #4J.Clark) of this model.



1/43 Scale Multi-Material kit

Team LOTUS TYPE 49



Spark will soon release this **Lotus Type 16**, the Team Lotus car used by Alan Stacey during the British GP 1958....





...and this version, as raced by Cliff Allison during the 1958 German Grand Prix

Now that collectors also seem to be interested in airplanes and helicopters, **Spark** will bring out this Essex Team Lotus Bell 206B 'Jet Ranger II', scale 1:43.



This is the **Lotus Type 18** as driven by Moss during the 1960 Monaco Grand Prix, another **Spark** model that is about to be released. Scale 1:43

It seems to me that more and more 'limited editions' are appearing. As a collector, you will have to decide if you like to add all these models to your collection. I am really interested in your opinion about these models and their prices. Please let me know what you think.



Anyhow, on the left, an **Ebbro Lotus type 47** model 'Bill Friend Racing'.

Here is some extra information on the original car:

Chassis: 47/GT/14
 Original owner: Rob Slotemaker, NL
 Next owners: => E. Buchholz => G. Guellert => Bill Friend
 Theo Kinsbergen became Dutch national sportscar

champion with the car. Crashed, rebuilt with 47/GT/79.

And about chassis 47/GT/79

Original Owner: Theo Kinsbergen, NL

Next Owners: => Buchholz => Unold => Güllert => Manfred Trint => ... => ?, Japan

Used to rebuild chassis 47/GT/14.



Did you know that **Nichimo** is still (or again) producing their 1:12 scale **Lotus Europa**? Anyhow, if you have missed this before, it is still available in Japan!

This is the latest Lotus model by **Looksmart**, the 1:43 scale **Lotus Exige S Roadster**, available in the colours Ice White, Persian Blue, Arden Red and racing green. Again limited to 59 pieces of each colour. Looksmart has sold out so you have to contact your modelcar specialist if you like to obtain one.



Sun Star recently produced this 1:18 version of the **Lotus Type 49B**, as driven to victory by Jo Siffert at the 1968 British Grand Prix.



