



## The first words

At this moment I am looking forward to visiting the press days at the Paris Motor Show, very exciting! I will bring my laptop to Paris and try to spread the news from there.

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

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

## 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>

## 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.

## About Paris

What to expect from Lotus at the Paris Motor Show? I have published what I have heard on my website and in the August newsletter. Here are some more news items regarding this show:

- \* Quote from Lotus: "The people who still believe that we are presenting only one or two new cars in Paris, should maybe think again."
- \* There has recently been a photoshoot at the Goodwood circuit, that gives reason to expect not only cars, but also the presentation of lifestyle products from Lotus at the Paris Motor Show. I have seen images of leather clothes and no doubt there will be more.
- \* At the Paris show there will also be information about the continued partnership with Toyota in the (near) future.

## Team Lotus name back on the grid in 2011?

Autosport reported that Lotus Racing will use the old Team Lotus name, starting next year. The story is that team boss Tony Fernandes purchased rights to use the name from former owner David Hunt. The official announcement will come during the Singapore GP.

## Formula One results

Please have a look at the "Press F1" section of the website. I will collect all the Lotus Racing news there, and you can also find the results of recent Grand Prix weekends as well as the team and drivers standings. Please see [http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Press/Press\\_F1\\_Team.php](http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Press/Press_F1_Team.php)

## Lotus – Toyota relationship

Lotus commemorated their successful relationship with Toyota on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September at a celebration at the British Embassy in Tokyo where Lotus CEO Dany Bahar presented Toyota Motor Corporation President Akio Toyoda with a specially equipped Lotus Elise powered by the last ever Toyota 2ZZ-GE VVTL-i engine. The 2011 model year Elise R is white with a black interior. The occasion marked the end of an era and the start of an even stronger relationship between the two companies.



President Toyoda was also presented with a commemorative plaque encased in a leather wallet alongside the keys to the Lotus Elise R housing the final Toyota 2ZZ-GE engine produced: serial number 2ZZ 0188375.

As part of the celebration, Lotus CEO Dany Bahar said: "The presentation of Toyota's last 2ZZ engine in the Elise is a symbolic gesture of our continued respect and deep appreciation for our partner not only acknowledging our past but also looking forward to our future together."

Toyota Motor Corporation President Akio Toyoda responded: "A Toyota engine in a Lotus car creates a completely unique drive feeling – a special blend featuring the best of Lotus and Toyota that we hope many

car lovers continue to experience and enjoy."

Just moments after this President Akio Toyoda, unable to wait any longer, took his new toy and Dany Bahar for a spin around the British Embassy much to the delight of the waiting media.

Based on the successful cooperation with Toyota so far, Lotus has decided to take the relationship with Toyota to a new level that will enable Lotus to create tailor-made powertrain solutions for future Lotus cars.

For more details on exactly how Lotus will be partnering with Toyota in the future, simply look to the Lotus global unveiling at the Paris Motor Show on September 30th where Lotus will showcase their new line up to the world's media. The eagerly anticipated event marks the dawn of a new era for Lotus and will highlight exactly why both companies are so proud of their relationship.

### **State of California recognises Lotus as expert in lightweight vehicles**

The State of California awarded \$2 million research programme to Lotus Engineering for a study into efficient, lightweight cars of the future. Lotus Engineering will conduct a detailed structural design and analysis of the prototype vehicle from an earlier study to demonstrate it meets the crashworthiness and stringent safety requirements for vehicles sold in the United States.

In April this year, Lotus Engineering concluded the first part of the study, released by the International Council on Clean Transportation in California, which recognised that a reduction in vehicle mass of 38% can be achieved for medium volume vehicles (around 50,000 units a year) with just an increase in 3% in vehicle cost and giving a 23% reduction in fuel consumption.

This study will be led by Lotus Engineering's Michigan, USA office with completion in April 2011. The vehicle design will use a mixture of materials best suited to its application including aluminium, magnesium, composites, high strength lightweight steel and plastics.

More information in the press releases section of the website.

### **Lotus-Renault?**

September 8, 2010. Will history be repeated? Rumours, I have to admit. It is said that Lotus Racing was not happy with the gearbox in the T127 and was looking for a new supplier of gearboxes and transmissions for next year. It looks like Renault is happy to cooperate. But Renault did also bring their engine to the attention of the team. According to Autosport a deal has been agreed in principle for Lotus to get the Renault customer engines for 2011. If that will happen, the team will receive the same specification of power-unit as Red Bull Racing. And Lotus and Renault will be working together in Formula One after 25 years, as the last time this happened was 1986.

Cosworth general manager of F1 operations Mark Gallagher said: "As with the other new teams, Lotus has a fixed term three-year contract with Cosworth and we are very pleased it is happy with our engines and the job we have done for it during its first season in Formula 1."

Comments of Mike Gascoyne: "We've got a contract with Cosworth and there is no further comment to make."

### **Lotus-Renault?(2)**

September 13, 2010. The story is now continued, here is a statement by Cosworth:

Cosworth and Lotus Racing have reached agreement in principle to end their three-year F1 contract at the end of the current season.

Lotus Racing is known to have been in negotiation with another supplier for some time, seeking a

deal which also includes provision of a gearbox.

A recent statement confirmed: "Cosworth has reached an agreement in principle with Lotus Racing whereby the team's Cosworth engine supply agreement will come to a conclusion at the end of the current Formula One season. This agreement is subject to contract and until the agreement is signed, neither party will be making any further comment."

Now that the deal with Cosworth will be terminated, Lotus is free to use engines, gearboxes and transmissions from Renault, that is also supplying to Red Bull Racing.

But....

The Italian language Autosprint reports that Lotus could actually announce a technical cooperation with Toyota Motorsport, that raced in Formula One between 2002 and 2009. Several former members of Toyota's F1 team are now working with Lotus, such as sporting director Dieter Gass.

"We have to do something different and it will be done soon," team boss and owner Tony Fernandes told the BBC at Monza last weekend.

"Lots of negotiations have gone on over the last couple of weeks and we're very happy with the outcome," he added.

### **FIA announces 20 Formula One races for 2011**

Formula One racing's governing body, the FIA, has released the calendar for the 2011 world championship. The addition of the Indian Grand Prix makes for a 20-race season - one more round than in 2010 and the longest in Formula One history.

The Bahrain Grand Prix will kick off proceedings on March 13, followed by the Australian, Malaysian and Chinese rounds, before the championship heads to Europe. The inaugural Indian event will take place towards the end of the year on October 30, with the season drawing to a close in Brazil on November 27.

Whilst the 2010 calendar features three back-to-back races, the 2011 season will have four, with the Malaysia/China, Spain/Monaco, Germany/Hungary and Japan/Korea events all taking place on consecutive weekends.

2011 FIA Formula One World Championship calendar:

13/03 Bahrain  
27/03 Australia  
10/04 Malaysia  
17/04 China  
08/05 Turkey  
22/05 Spain  
29/05 Monaco  
12/06 Canada  
26/06 Europe  
10/07 Great Britain  
24/07 Germany  
31/07 Hungary  
28/08 Belgium  
11/09 Italy  
25/09 Singapore  
09/10 Japan  
16/10 Korea  
30/10 India\*  
13/11 Abu Dhabi  
27/11 Brazil

\* Subject to the homologation of the circuit

## Model Cars



**Minichamps** is promoting the older **Lotus 97T** model, to be more exact it is a reissue, the Ayrton Senna - 15th anniversary commemoration (01-05-1994 to 01-05-2009) version. Diecast, scale 1/43 and made with 24 parts and 42 decorations.

**Ebbro** has launched their new **Lotus Elan S1** model, scale 1/43 and made from resin (by Spark). The model is available in two colours, white or green.



**Kyosho** recently released new versions of their 1/43 scale Lotus **Europa Special**, you can choose from green and black. Or get both...



It is always nice to learn. Here is something new (for me, that is). In the 1970's **Hot Wheels** has made a series 1/43 models including a Lotus **Europa**. This is a model I did not see before and I have added this to the Europa page in the modelcar section. Colours I have seen are silver, red, blue, green metallic, gold metallic





A new **Lotus Elise** by **Hot Wheels** in their 'mystery car' series, scale 1/64.

The Mystery Cars were originally a Hot Wheels mail in offer in which the car received was left a mystery.

**Matchbox** has just released an other version of their 1/64 **Lotus Europa**, this time it is green.

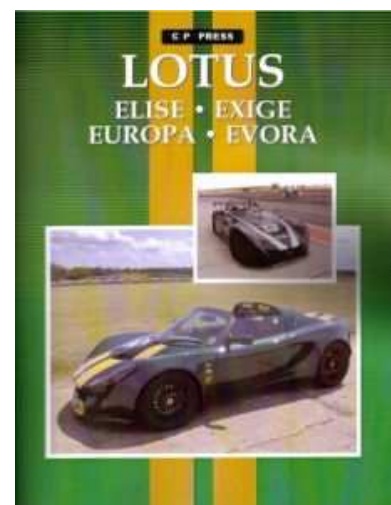


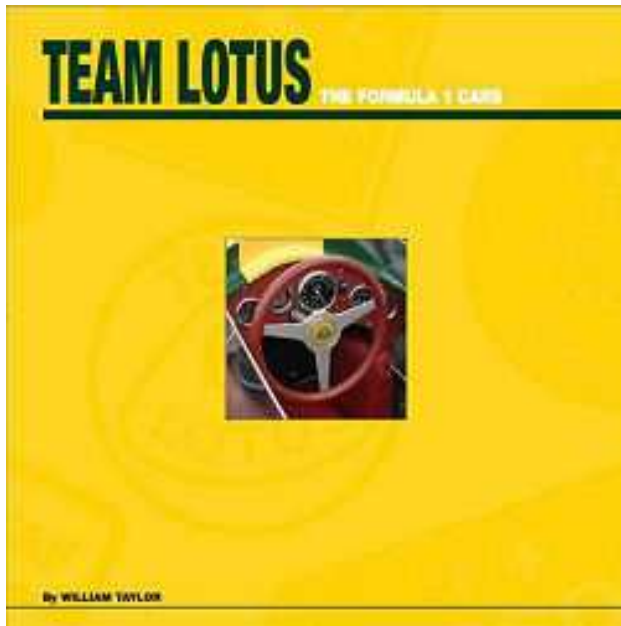
The following model was seen by one of the readers, a SMTS Europa S1 with special decals to resemble the car that once drove the Targa Florio



## Books and videos

New by Colin Pitt; Lotus Elise, Exige, Europa and Evora. A collection of articles on these cars, 80 printed pages, paperback.





Team Lotus - the formula one cars by William Taylor is an exclusive edition of just 1000 books and has been produced by Coterie Press specially for the Lotus celebration event at Snetterton on the 20th of June of 2010. This book is a fascinating look at every Formula 1 car designed, built, or raced, by Team Lotus.

Starting with the Coventry-Climax engined Type 12 which competed in the first Grand Prix for Team Lotus at Monaco in 1957, the book outlines every Type number, through the DFV engined classics of the 60s, 70s and 80s, such as the Types 49, 72 and 79, to the final 1994 Mugen-Honda powered Type 109.

With an extensive appendix section at the back of the book which lists all the Lotus Grand Prix wins, Lotus Grand Prix drivers, and Team Lotus results for every Grand Prix they competed in, this book is a must for any Lotus or Formula 1 fan.

60 printed pages, 125 studiostyle colour photographs, 279x279 mm

## 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>.

### **September 29-30, 2010 – Lotus track day at the Nürburgring, Germany**

Lotus at the 'Ring 2010 is a Lotus-only trackday held over two consecutive days in September. Entry is strictly restricted to Lotus-badged sportscars. You can participate in your own car, or take part in one of our special school programs in our 2010 Exiges. Speak to Tom for more information about any of the options.

A Lotus only day at the famous Ring, including:

- 5 hours on the Nürburgring F1 circuit
- 5 hours on the Nürburgring Nordschleife
- Instructive Nordschleife Trackwalk
- Meal and evening drinks
- Accommodation

Options include:

- Four star accommodation
- Guests (driving and non-driving)
- Lotus 2-Eleven hot laps

More information can be found here:

[http://www.rsnurburg.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&id=33&Itemid=75](http://www.rsnurburg.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=33&Itemid=75)

### **October 9, 2010 – Club Lotus Parts Fair**

Location: Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcs, WR13 6NW, England  
Information: (GB) 01362-691144 or 694459 , e-mail [events@clublotus.co.uk](mailto:events@clublotus.co.uk)

The Club Lotus Autumn Parts Fair is a great opportunity for Club Members, Lotus owners and the trade to sell new and used Lotus Cars, Lotus spares and parts, Lotus accessories, Lotus publications and memorabilia.

## 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.

**Familiar faces in the Winner's Circle:**



**CLARK WINS "INDY 500"  
WITH A TIGER  
IN HIS TANK!**

Jimmy Clark, one of the brightest stars in international Grand Prix racing, has now carried away the Indianapolis "500" trophy. He put a Tiger in the tank of his Lotus-Ford to set a new track record for the Classic at 150.686 mph. Special Esso Racing Fuel powered Jimmy past the fastest field in Indy history.

Since A. J. Foyt rode the Tiger to victory in last year's "500", nearly all major U. S. Auto Club races have been won with fuels and motor oils supplied by Humble.

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