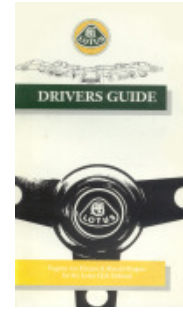


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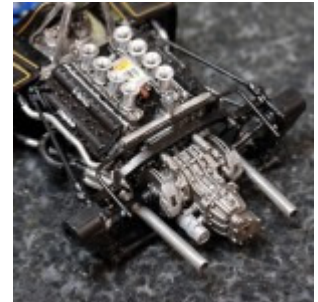
September 2012

The first words

Apart from successes in races, it has been quiet in Hethel for a while. But I do have news about modelcars and some interesting 1:1 scale Lotus cars that are for sale.

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

Ronald Ringma



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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!

Silverstone Circuit offers fun with an Evora

If you are still waiting for a chance to have some fun while driving a Lotus Evora, this is good news for you.

The people from the Silverstone Circuit are offering so called experiences. There are now two of these that are very interesting for us, being Lotus enthusiasts.

1: Lotus Evora Thrill

3 laps or equivalent around one of Silverstone's fantastic circuits

20 min safety and technique briefing

5.7 miles/3 laps approx. in the Lotus Evora

Experience duration: 40 minutes approx

2: Lotus Evora Experience

10 laps or equivalent around one of Silverstone's fantastic circuits

30 minute safety briefing

9.8 miles/5 laps approx. in the Lotus Evora

7.9 miles/4 laps approx. in the Lotus Evora

1 lap: high speed passenger ride

Debrief & driver assessment

Experience duration: 3 hours approx

In order to get more information, please follow this link:

<http://www.silverstone.co.uk/experiences/driving-days/lotus-evora/>



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Lotus in racing

I will not cover everything that has been going on the last weeks, but I like to show you some highlights.

August, 2012

2012 FIA WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 6 HOURS OF SILVERSTONE

Rebellion Racing extended its lead of the LMP1 privateer field after a strong result:

4th place overall at the 2012 6 Hours of Silverstone

Both of the team's Lola-Toyota cars finished the race

1st and 3rd in FIA WEC LMP1 Team Trophy

Bad luck for Lotus LMP2 at the 6 Hours of Silverstone.

The Lotus LMP2 car number 32 with start driver James Rossiter had to start from the pit lane and with one lap down into the race. Reason for this penalty was an engine change on Friday after the engine failed. Rossiter made up many positions, but had to bring the car to garage after the exhaust broke. His crew fixed the car again, but just a few laps later, Kevin Weeda had to stop the car after another engine failure.

Car number 31 finished the race in 12th position of the LMP2 class. Due to an unplanned service in the last lap it was not possible to have a better result.

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2012 FIA WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 6 HOURS OF SAO PAULO

Lotus LMP2 showed a strong performance at the 6 Hours of Sao Paulo and finished the race with both cars.

Vitantonio Liuzzi (#32) was starting the race and was fighting for positions with other cars. The Italian driver climbed up to third position, when he handed over the Lotus LMP2 to his team mate. After six hours, Liuzzi crossed the finish line in sixth position. Car #31 kept out of trouble during the race and finished in eighth position in LMP2 category. The result does not represent the real performance Lotus was showing today. Car #32 lost valuable time in the garage after an unreasonable decision by the marshals regarding the headlights. Nevertheless, Lotus is building on this great performance and is looking forward to the next round in Bahrain.

Lotus F1 team 5th place for Räikkönen in Italian GP, you can read the full story in the F1 Press Releases section of the website.

Lotus F1 Team 6th and 7th in Singapore GP, you can read the full story in the F1 Press Releases section of the website.

The Goodwood Revival Glover Trophy race resulted in Lotus cars finishing first and second. Andy Middlehurst and Nick Fennell in their Lotus type 25s presented a great show!



Rare cars for sale



This Lotus 61 is offered for sale in Florida. Recently completed frame off restoration. Rebuilt Holbay prepared Ford Kent engine, 1600cc 4 cylinder.

Contact de seller at 01 772 299 9788

Yes, this is the famous Hexagon Lotus Elan S4 Elanbalance, one of only two that are made. This car was reproduced in 1:43 scale by Spark.

Recently offered for sale on the Ebay website, item number 320970490094. Offered with full history, fully restored in 1994.



This 1976 Lotus Elite is offered for sale on Ebay. The car seems to be like new, with 33,250 original miles. Like new. Everything works including the A/C, all the work that was needed has been done. Currently in the USA. Ebay item number 290776786994.



Works Team Competition Lotus MK1 Cortina, JTW 498C. Raced in period by Jim Clark, Jack Sears and Sir John Whitmore at Goodwood, Silverstone, Crystal Palace, Brands Hatch, Oulton Park and Snetterton. Restored to original specification, full documented history.

Contact the seller: +44 (0)1621 879579



Books and video

No news this time.

Model Cars



Ebbro created this Lotus **Type 47** in scale 1:43. On the left you can see the 1968 Silverstone version....

.... and on the right, the 1968 Brands hatch version.



This is the new **Evora GTE** 1:43 scale model that was recently announced by **Spark**.

Finally, a **Lotus Type 92** model! **Jarmark** has announced 3 versions of this car and as far as I know now, these 1:43 scale models will become available has hand built miniatures. Who knows more about these? Will there be kits available as well?

On the right, the 1983 Brazilian Grand Prix version (De Angelis)

1983 Monaco Grand Prix (Mansell)



1983 Detroit Grand Prix (Mansell)



Starting in 2013, **Corgi** presents the **Lotus collection**. This will be a series of die-cast 1:43 scale model cars. Each model carries an authentic Lotus livery and comes complete with a collector card detailing information about the car modelled. The model is presented in a plastic case of which it can be removed for display. This series of models includes Lotus road cars and motorsport, including Lotus Formula One.

Here are images of the cars we will see in 2013:



E20 Raikkonen



E20 Grosjean



Evora GT4, British GT Championship 2012



Evora S

Minichamps has shown us two "limited edition" 1:43 scale models representing the **Lotus Renault 2012 Showcar** and a "Kimi Comeback" model, which is the same model in a different box.... Notice from Minichamps: The "Kimi Comeback" model is an exclusive item that was made for a German seller, this is not a standard item.



Lotus Renault 2012 "Showcar", on the right the "Kimi Comeback" version.



Another brand that is not a regular guest in this newsletter is **Bburago**. I can show you their new **Evora S IPS** model, scale 1:24.





Bburago Evora S IPS



Bburago Evora S IPS

New release from **Spark**, **Lotus Type 33**, 2nd 1967 Monaco Grand Prix - #14 G. Hill, 1:43



Another new release from **Minichamps** is this **Lotus Renault R31** F1 2011 Bruno Senna

News from **Axel'r**, this **Lotus Elan 26R**, winner of the Tour Auto 2010

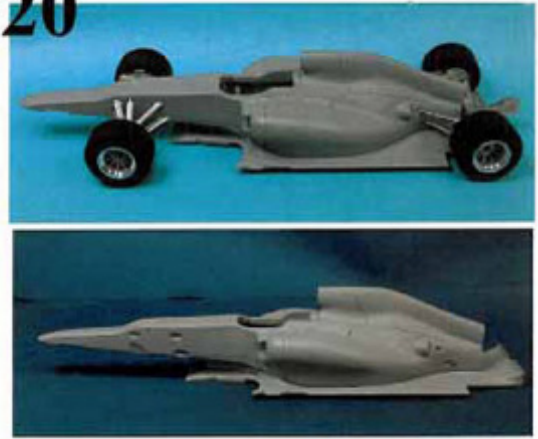


This is the new **Lotus type 72D** 1:43 kit, produced by **Model Factory Hiro**. This is a very high detail kit, for the more experienced builder.

New from E.Jan; a 1:20 scale multimedia kit representing the 2012 Lotus E20. This is a very well made resin & metal kit, similar in quality to Studio 27.

(image courtesy of Grand Prix Models)

E20



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.

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