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## EDITOR'S NOTE, From the President

While we have only had a few events this year they have all been great fun. From the sprints at Wainui to the Concourse, we have had a lot of socialising. Once again the most popular is the show and shine, this year we had brunch instead of a breakfast, which allowed people a bit longer in bed on the Sunday morning.

We have had a number of inquiries from other clubs such as the Healy and TR clubs to have joint events. It appears that they are finding number are dwindling, so we have taken the bull by the horns and will be arranging a meeting in May. Once we have got the details, we will let everyone know.

It is unfortunate that Kylie resigned from the Committee and Treasurer late last year. Kylie will be missed on the Committee as she was always full of great idea's. Edward Wild has taken over the position of Treasurer.

With respect to communication it appears every one is contactable by email these days. This News Letter is to be sent out by email and by post, so if you don't get it by one of the methods it means that our records are not up to date, so let me know. You can contact me on the following:- phone's 09 473 8202 or 0274 941 570, email [president@clublotus.org.nz](mailto:president@clublotus.org.nz) or [hazel-hewitt@internet.co.nz](mailto:hazel-hewitt@internet.co.nz)

Robin Stevenson  
Club Lotus President

## Club Sprint - Werenui Road, Wainui. 17th November 2010

The day dawned bright and breezy. Not! As my grandson would say. In fact it was dull and gloomy. As I approached the venue the rain started and I fully expected we would have to cancel. But not so. Four very keen sprinters were there before me, engines revving and ready to go. A wet road would make it more exciting they said and so it was all on.

When I was looking for a gymkhana venue earlier in the year, I had met Steve who owns a property between Silverdale and Kaukapakapa. He had been a Jaguar driver in his earlier life and said he had just what we were looking for. When I visited his property to look at the field, I was excited to find a hillside with a concrete access road and my thoughts immediately changed to "bent sprint". 500m of flat straight, a right hand bend with negative camber, an uphill climb with an 's' bend, an uphill straight and a large area for a 3-point turn before starting the back down again. I tried the route in my V8 seven and found it exciting, particularly the negative lefthander before the finish straight. But that was on a fine day.

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Unfortunately the rain on the score sheet has made some of the names a bit hard to read but here are the results. For simplicity I have shown the best time only but interestingly, as the weather got damper drivers times got quicker. Explain that if you can.

Will Heatley	White Elise	1.06.12
Ian Christie	MGB	1.12.06
M Simpson	MR2	1.16.38
Alistair Jones	Red Cobra	1.12.62
Mike	Red Elise	1.28.25
R Herbert	Alpha	1.13.31
Ed Wild	Jaguar	1.21.94
Wayne Gladstone	Sierra	1.09.1
Toni Herbert	Elite	1.14.62
M Pollard	MR2	1.14.91
R Hampson	Cobra	1.15.25

Many thanks to the crew who manned the BBQ: The steaks and sausages were out of this world. Eat your hearts out if you decided to stay home. Steve the owner of the property was very impressed with our behavior and the condition we left things in and he has invited us back for a repeat performance in 2011 when the road will have been formed into a complete loop.

John McGregor.



Line up of cars ready to go with Will Heatley winning car at the front

### **Show and Shine and Bruch – November 2010**

Show & shines always a good reason to get off the sofa and spend a little time on the car polishing and scrubbing and doing all the little jobs that get put on the back burner for a rainy day. Once everybody had arrived had a chat in the car park kicked a few tyres and had a good look over all the cars they jotted down the name of the car of the day. With all the outside activities finished we ended up in the pub. (Horse & Trapp) Over 30 members sat down for the Brunch making it an excellent turn out, with some new faces and old faithful alike made for a good atmosphere the conversation flowed, food was swiftly ordered then just as quickly devoured.

With all the paper slips counted. Tony Hebert's Elite came in as the top car of the day. Great morning all in all and good to see so many members gathered together.

Simon Craddock

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### **Winning Car Tony Herbert' 1960 Elite**

Lotus Elite S1 Chassis # 1144 left the factory very early in 1960, one of a batch going USA importer Jay Chamberlin in California. It had two owners in the US the first kept the car 'til 2001. He had refurbished the car in the mid late 90's with the intention of going Historic racing but never quite finished it or got to race it. The second owner bought it but never got around to it, being more involved with Hot Rods and re-offered the car for sale two years later. #1144 was imported to NZ late 2003 by Tony Herbert after being tipped off about the car by Mike Ostrov, long time Elite secretary of Club Elite USA.

The car needed various things redone in order to get compliance and registration in NZ, this was eventually achieved in March 2004 since when the car has been in very regular use, done several long trips/tours around the South Island, and occasionally competes in Classic Race and Hill climb meetings.

Elite's were not produced in LHD until the S2 model was introduced in mid 1960, so though most of the earlier S1 models were in fact sold into the USA they were RHD. The car has been upgraded with the later optional ZF gearbox which provides closer ratios and the benefit of a syncro first gear, which coupled with Stage 3 1460cc Coventry Climax engine, provides excellent performance for a 50 year old car.

Tony Herbert

### **12 & 13<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Concours d'Elegance, Ellerslie**

As suggested a few members completed the fun run up to Wenderholm, The route took us through the back roads of Rodney arriving at Wenderholm for a picnic. Once at Wenderholm we were joined by the Austin Healey Club, along with Capri's Rovers and of course Edward in his Jag. Everybody seemed to picnic together and there were several debates of Lotus v Healy etc. It ended up being a very social event.

On the Sunday we put on a display of seven cars at the Concours d'Elegance from old to new. George Maddover's Exege, Maurice Andrews Lotus 7, Alister Nicholls Esprit, Tony Shacklock Europa S, Tony Herberts Elite, Simon Cradocks's Elise, and My Europa S2. Even though a couple of containers block the stand off from the road, there was still a considerable number of people through the stand, If Alistair had a \$ for every photograph taken of his car, he would be a rich man, and Gorges car created a lot of interest as it had been on the web during its rebuild. I would like to thank everyone who put their car on the stand, everyone obviously put a lot of effort in cleaning and polishing them getting them ready for the day.

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## **Up and coming events**

### **Kawhia 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Meet Sat 9,30 for a 10,00 am departure from Bombay Service Centre Car park. Taking the back roads through Franklin to Pirongia for morning tea departing at 11,30 for lunch at Big Apple Waitomo, 12,30. leaving the Big Apple for Kawhia at 1,30 and arriving at Kawhia 2,30 – 3,00 pm. On the Sunday we are proposing a Harbour Cruise (depending on numbers) before departing back home at about lunch time.

Accommodation for Kawhia is to be arranged by individual at the following:-

Kawhia Motel 078710865,  
Camping Ground 078710863

Kawhia Hotel 078710700,  
Kawhia Backpackers 078710795

You are welcome to start anywhere along the route.

If you are planning on coming please let Simon Craddock know, so we can expect you. It will be a great weekend, the roads are good (all sealed) and I can assure you the company will be fun.

You can contact Simon on 021 1462 186 or [home-craddock@xtra.co.nz](mailto:home-craddock@xtra.co.nz)

### **AGM Taupo. Huka Falls Resort 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April**

To enable all Club Lotus Members in the North Island to attend the AGM it has been decided to hold the AGM in Taupo

The AGM will be held at 4,30 pm on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> April, at the Huka Falls Resort, Taupo.

The format is basically the AGM at 4,30 pm followed later with a meal in the Restaurant, and Track day on the Taupo Circuit on the Monday.

For those who want to go in convoy it is suggested that we meet at Bombay Service Centre Carpark Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> 9,30 am for a 10,00 am start heading for lunch at Cambridge and then Taupo by 3,00. Roger has worked out a suitable route. Contact Roger at [roger@drivenzclassic.com](mailto:roger@drivenzclassic.com) or 09 235 0057 for further details

Accommodation is to be arranged by individuals at:- the Huka Falls Resort, they have all types of accommodation from Studio's to small houses, The contact at the Resort is Morgan 07 367 02

If you are already in Taupo on the Sunday there is parade of E Type Jags at the track.

### **Fun Run May 22nd**

10 am Smales Farm, Takapuna for a run out to the Historic Riverhead Tavern. This will be a run in association with other clubs.

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