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Intermarque Ellerslie 2004

Report by Michael Keenan

Lotus cars featured in three displays at the 31st Intermarque Concours d'Elegance event held at the Ellerslie Racecourse in mid February. Ross Vaughan's Lotus Seven was included in the Classic Trial Register's display. Roger Phillips of Lotus N.Z. Ltd. presented a commercial display of three cars: a late model Esprit V8, an Elise Series 2 and a Sport 111.

The Club's display included a range of the production models: an Elan, Europa, Elan+2, Esprit, Excel, and Elise. Of particular interest to Club members and members of the public were a Lotus Mark 6 and Type 14 Elite; in each case one of only two or three of its type in New Zealand. Special thanks to Ivan Cranch and Gary Brown for making those cars available.

Thanks too to the other exhibiting members – Ken Walsh, Robin Stevenson, Tjeed Huizinga, Dean Savage, Rex Oddy, and Peter Schnell – for making their cars available, and for spending time through the day fielding questions from interested spectators.

Club Lotus gained a place on the Organizing Committee of the Intermarque event this year, by election, and will receive a significant financial benefit from its involvement in planning and running the event.

A repeat of that benefit next year depends on the Club being re-elected to the Organizing Committee at the AGM in May, in competition with other car clubs, and having a representative who is willing to work on the Committee to plan and run the event in February 2005.

Michael Keenan, who was the Club's representative for this year, will not be continuing in that role next year. So there is room for a volunteer to take over – and something to discuss at the Club's AGM on Monday 26 April.



Lotus 6 owned by Ivan Cranch
Photographs by Rex Oddy



Lotus Elite (Type 14) owned by Gary Brown

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Pukekohe 6th March 2004



Rex Oddy Lotus SE
Photographs by Ross Vaughan

Steve van Wanderen Lotus 7

Long awaited return to of Club Lotus to Pukekohe, building on the success of the Lotus Sprints at Taupo over recent years. The opportunity to include a major round of the Classic Trial series at the meeting made this appear to be a financially sound venture and enabled the Club to respond to members request for an Auckland venue. On Road's kind offer of their East Tamaki facilities for scrutineering on the Friday evening was a real bonus, cutting the admin work at the track first thing on Saturday. After a few late withdraws 554 cars completed on the day, 27 in the single car sprints, making 3 grids, and 27 in the Classic Trial. It was rewarding to see that 50 % of those cars were CLNZ members. The late arrival of the marshals, due to some internal miscommunications with their club, delayed the start slightly, but once underway there was plenty of track time for everyone. An Elan rear screen blowing out on the back straight gave the track crew plenty of exercise with brooms and a few cars suffered the odd mechanical problem (or ran out of fuel!) needed towing back to the pits. Everone had a practice and five races, with the opportunity for the really keen to have a final sixth run. Funny how this seemed to be mostly CLNZ members! Feedback was very positive from all competitors. Thanks to all competitors for getting to the dummy grid promptly so we could keep the flow of races going, thanks to all those who helped organise on the day. Also to the club members who came along to watch and show their support.

Geoff Sparkes.

Fish and Chip Run

Date Sunday the 21st March

Time 10,30 am

Start Front carpark, BP Service Centre, Motorway Papakura.

Join us to experience a combination of NZ back roads, and award winning fish and chips!

Going through some of the back roads that you tend not to travel in the Hunua, Maramarua area. Finishing at the award winning Kaiaua Fish and Chip Shop on the shores of the Firth of Thames where you can rest and enjoy the tranquillity. You have the choice of a couple of routes home. All roads are sealed and offer a combination of contours etc. Also bring swimming gear if you wish to visit the Miranda Hot Springs while you area in the area.

Turn up on the day with a gold coin donation to receive the instructions.

Steve v Wanderen

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AGM

The 26th April is Club Lotus' AGM. As well as the Club's Status and General Business, there will be the election of the Club Committee. Both James Christopher and Michael Keenan (Treasurer) have indicated that they will not be standing for re-election. James has done a lot of good work for the Club including setting up and running the website. Michael also has done a lot of good work as the Treasurer and a lot of hard work in getting the Club's Constitution in place. Both James and Michael will be missed at the Committee Meetings.

Due to the resignation of Michael, the position of Treasurer will be required to be filled. The Treasurer's position is an important position for the Club's smooth running. If any one is interested and has some accounting experience please let one of the Committee members know. The position will require attendance at the committee meeting (every second Monday of the month) and 3 or 4 hours work each month.

Nut Run

Due to inclement weather conditions the Nut Run scheduled for February was cancelled and has been rescheduled for the 16th May.

Date 16th May 2004

Time 10,30 am

Start Main Carpark – North Harbour Stadium (off Apion Way)

Take a pleasant drive through some of the North Shore and Rodney Districts' most beautiful countryside. The drive has a mixture of winding and straight roads that will please most drivers, concluding at the "Macadamia Farm and Café.

The Macadamia Farm and Café is set in park like grounds and has some pleasant walks around the orchard and lakes. The Café has a wide range of food available from light snacks to full lunches and of course samples of Macadamia Nuts.

Robin Stevenson

For Sale

1969 Lotus Europa S2
Yellow fitted with a Renault 16TS engine
\$ 10,000.00
Call Ian Hamilton (04) 389 5598

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Up and Coming Events

07-Mar-04	Sun		SCCNZ Sports Car Expo. 1030 to 1600	
13 & 14 Mar	Sat & Sun		Targa Bambina	
19-21 Mar	Fri - Sun		National Motor Show - Mystery Creek	
21-Mar-04	Sun		CLNZ Fish & Chip Run (gold coin entry)	CLNZ
22-Mar-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
27 & 28 Mar	Sat & Sun		<i>HRC racing at Pukekohe</i>	<i>HRC</i>
16-18 Apr 04			Rally of NZ	
18-Apr-04	Sun		<i>TACCOC at Pukekohe (Le Mans)</i>	
18-Apr-04	Sun		British & European Car Show & Swapmeet - Te Awamutu Racecourse	
25-Apr-04	Sun	10:30	Invite - Austin Healey Run ex Botany	MultiClub
26-Apr-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ AGM	CLNZ
30Apr- 2May			V8 Supercar Pukekohe round	
02-May-04	Sun		<i>MG Otaua hillclimb</i>	<i>09 445 3826 eve</i>
09-May-04	Sun		<i>TACCOC at Pukekohe</i>	
16-May-04	Sun	10,30	CLNZ Nut Run (gold coin entry)	CLNZ
24-May-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
28-Jun-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
26-Jul-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
23-Aug-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
29-Aug-04	Sun		Driver Training at Pukekohe	CLNZ, Jag & BMW Clubs
27-Sep-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
25-Oct-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
13 & 14 Nov	Sat & Sun		Whittakers Meeting at Manfeild (provisional date)	MG Wlg
21-Nov-04	Sun		Lotus Sprints at Taupo	CLNZ
22-Nov-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ

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