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CLUB NIGHTS

NOVEMBER

Unfortunately the guest speaker we had lined up cannot make it until next year. In its place we will be playing the second part of the History of Lotus video. If you have any other interesting videos, please bring them along.

DECEMBER & JANUARY

No club night in December (27th!) and not at the clubrooms in January as we have the FREE track day at Taupo during the day. Club nights at VCC clubrooms resume again on Monday 28th Feb 2005.

Kart Evening

It is easy to see why the Kart Evening is an annual event and once again it was very enjoyable and successful evening. This year there were eight teams of two and Mal Clark who for what ever reason completed the race by himself. Each driver completed 16 laps before changing (there was some fancy pit work).

The McCarthy Brothers won the event completing the 64 laps in 47:10.85 second was Rogan and Geoff completing 62 laps in 47:15.19. The fastest lap was one of the McCarthy Brothers (there was some debate who's it was but I do believe it was Paul with a time of 40.67 seconds.

The fastest laps for all teams were between 40.67 and 43.37 seconds, so as you can tell there was some very close racing.

Wine Extravaganza

Another good day out organized by Steve Van Woonderen, The weather treated us with respect. The tour took us around the roads in the Franklin District finishing at Cooks Landing, where most enjoyed a pleasant lunch with a live music in the background. A great day all round, thanks Steve.

EVENTS

CLUB LOTUS TAUPO SPRINT MEETING (20/21 November)

Entries have been coming in thick and fast and we are now oversubscribed. We have closed off entries and there will be no late entries and none on the day!

If you are not competing, we would welcome any extra assistance in running the event.

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The intention this year is to make the Weekend more Social for Club Lotus Members. Meeting on the way to Taupo for Lunch and then cruising on down to Taupo for a social evening at the Cascade Motor Inn followed by the Sprints on the Sunday.

Ken Woodburn has organised some discounts for Club Lotus Members at the Cascade Motor Inn. Rooms will be let on a first come first in basis so get your booking confirmed ASAP for a great weekend at Taupo. I believe there are a limited number of rooms still available.

DECEMBER

December will see the annual Club Lotus, Show and Shine and Christmas Breakfast. Last year saw a great turnout of cars. This year the Breakfast is at the Pakuranga Country Club on the 5th December 8,30 start for 9,00 am Breakfast.

We have a Mult Club invite from Morgan Club:

Matakohe Kauri Museum and lunch at the Gumdiggers Cafe.

Date: Sunday 12 December.

Time: Meet at Albany Pub Carpark at 9.30 a.m. and leave from 9.45 a.m.

The trip through the back roads takes approximately 2 1/2 hours.

From the Albany Pub Carpark, up the hill to the Coatesville turnoff. Left into Highway 28, onwards to the roundabout into Deacon Road, picking up Old North Road which will lead into Kaukapakapa, leading on to State Highway 16.

More details will be sent out nearer to the event. After lunch at the Gumdiggers Cafe, there will be time to look through the Kauri Museum. Any queries, either email (aduffy@xtra.co.nz) or phone Gail Duffy on 5248171 Please let Gail know numbers by 26 Nov so that we can book at the cafe for those who wish to have lunch there.

MARCH

A weekend in Corromandel is on the agenda for the 5 and 6th of March. Cruising along the beautiful coastline of the Corromandel. We will be staying at the Anchor Lodge Motel. They have rooms from \$20 to 150 per night. Lunch on the way and a visit to the Rusty Brook Railway on the afternoon of the 5th, followed by a BBQ in the evening back at the Motel. More details of the motel can be obtained by visiting www.anchorlodgectoromandel.co.nz

There is plenty to see and do in the area i.e. visit the Gold Stamp Battery. On Sunday either return directly back home or carry on around the peninsula and visit Whitianga, Tirua etc. At this stage it is open to Lotus Club Members only. Those interested (to obtain an estimate of numbers) please contact Robin Stevenson, either at hazel-hewitt@internet.co.nz or phone (09) 473 8202.

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JANUARY

SPECIAL EVENT

CENTENNIAL PARK RACETRACK, TAUPO

Monday 24 January 2005

Club Lotus have booked the track for the day for members and their families to come along and have a low key fun day on the track with what ever car you want to bring. Definitely NOT a raceday, just a fun day out. Swap cars, let family and friends drive yours, whatever you like. Practice your lines around the circuit in a way you could never do in practice at events. Go out with a race driver for some 'training' on technique and racing lines. Teach the kids along the lines of a driver training day.

Only ever two cars on the track at a time, no times recorded and no racing.

Make a long weekend of it. Take the Monday off work. Come to Taupo for the day, or include the weekend, have the day at the track and then make your way home afterwards.

No charge for members and immediate family. \$25 for non members by invitation – this includes all Classic Trial members. The clubhouse will be open and we will have the barbeque fired up.

Requirements:

Car - must have WoF and Registration or racecars with logbook.

Driver - NZ driving licence, or MNZ clubsport/race licence.
- Helmet (some will be available to borrow) and clean cotton overalls.

Book your accommodation now and let us know that you intend to come so we can plan accordingly. Let us know of anyone else you would like to invite.

Email to president@clublotus.org.nz or ring 027 494 8119.

Once again the Cascade Motor Inn will be the place to stay. Phone Catherine (07) 378 3774 or email enquires@cascades.co.nz Don't forget to mention Club Lotus for your discount.

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EVENTS CALENDER

13 & 14 Nov	Sat & Sun		Whittakers Meeting at Manfeild	MG Wlg
21-Nov-04	Sun		Lotus Sprints at Taupo	CLNZ
22-Nov-04	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
05-Dec-04	Sun	9am	Christmas Breakfast - Pakuranga Country Club	CLNZ
12-Dec-04	Sun	9:30	Morgan club invite – Matakohe run	
15 & 16 Jan	Sat & Sun		Classic Car & Hot Rod Show, Kumeu	
24-Jan-05	Mon	day	CLNZ Club day at Taupo circuit - FREE to members	CLNZ
06-Feb-04	Sun		MOTAT Galaxy of Cars	
11 - 13 Feb	Fri to Sun		Intermarque Concours d'Elegance Weekend	
19 & 20 Feb	Sat & Sun		TACCOC Classic racing - Taupo	
26 & 27 Feb	Sat & Sun		Pukekohe Swap Meet	
28-Feb-05	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
12 & 13 Mar	Sat & Sun		Automania Car Show & Swapmeet - Puhinui, Mangere	
12 & 13 Mar	Sat & Sun		Targa Bambina	
19 & 20 Mar	Sat & Sun		HRC Classic racing - Pukekohe	
28-Mar-05	Mon	8pm	CLNZ Clubnight	CLNZ
09-Apr-05	SAT		Lotus Sprints & Classic Trial - Pukekohe	
17-Apr-05	Sun		TACCOC Classic racing - Pukekohe (Le Mans)	
25-Apr-05	Mon	8pm	CLNZ AGM & Clubnight	CLNZ
08-May-05	Sun		TACCOC Classic racing - Pukekohe	
1 & 2 Oct	Sat & Sun		TACCOC Classic racing - Taupo	
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