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## **CLUB NIGHTS**

### **June**

Kevin MacLeod (KII Motorsport) and Ernest Schlappepper (Switec Engineering) hosted Club Lotus to look over their latest creation a replica 962cDereck Bell Signature Edition. The car was estimated to be worth \$1.8m, and was a true example of excellent Kiwi Engineering. The meeting was attended by nearly 30 members and friends who all took the time to scrutinize in detail the car. Many thanks to Kevin and Earnest for hosting us and Tony Ingram for arranging the meeting.

### **July's Fun Run**

The fun run was a great success with around 17 cars turning out of various marques. Most people were glad to finally dust off the cobwebs after a long period of non motoring weather. There was a mixture of Elise's, Esprit's, Elan's, a Fraser and of course a Europa, Westfield XTR2, three TVR's, Jaguar and some Morgan's to mix it up. The run started from the Auckland Domain and carried on out the North Western Motorway to Westgate shopping centre, to pick-up the North Shore and West based people. In convoy we then headed out in fine style towards Helensville. We turned off towards Parakai and followed the road to the Macadamia Nut Farm. We had a very pleasant lunch along with indulging in Choc Macadamias and an opportunity for photos and meet some new people. After lunch some of the group proceeded up towards South head with some lovely twisty roads and an opportunity to open up the taps. We got as far as we could before we hit dirt roads, so that was it. A final gathering there and we made a spirited trip back home.

Kylie Smith



### **July – Club Night**

Club night in July was hosted by Craig Stevens of Toyo Tyres. Craig went through the range of tyres, which opened up a lot of debate from the floor on, tread depths, pattern, profiles, compounds etc, etc, The night was enjoyed by about 20 members, Thanks to Toyo Tyres. To contact Craig his mobile number is 027 270 8055.

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## **August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Lotus Club day at Pukekohe brought about 60 cars to the track for Classic Trials and Sprints. There were a wide variety of cars from Honda Civics to Lamborghini Gallardo. While I suppose not strictly competitive, there was a lot of competition in between the Elise's. The weather was a bit nippy in early morning but the sun came out for a wonderful day of motor racing.

## **September 11th**

A fun run up to the Salty Dog at Snells Beach. Meet at North Harbour Stadium Appian Way (just off Oteha Valley Road) at 11,00 am, for a casual drive up to Snells Beach.

## **September 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Annual Karting Evening. Henderson Cart Track, The Concourse Henderson. It s an 8,00 pm start so be there early to get organised

## **UP AND COMING EVENTS**

### **November – 2005 Taupo Sprints**

Our traditional date has already been taken so the only time available this year is Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This has been booked, but the club would like some feed back from those who had intended to go that this change of date will still be OK. Email [president@clublotus.org.nz](mailto:president@clublotus.org.nz)

### **November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Concorso Euro: A Calibration of the best of European Automotive**

Concorso Euro is being sponsored and promoted by NZ Classic Car and Lotus Cars NZ Ltd, with proceeds to the Starship Foundation. Cncorso Concourse Euro will be held in the grounds of Lotus Cars NZ Ltd, 165 Kitchener Road Waiuku, with an exhibition of cars on the Saturday followed by a tour on the Sunday. Those who wish to enter their cars contact Peter Scnell at [committee@clublotus.org.nz](mailto:committee@clublotus.org.nz).

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Club Lotus welcome the following new members and look forward to meeting you all at the next Club night.

Jason Scoobie	Honda Civic
Nina Heatley	S2 Elise
Nigel Locke	
George Maddever	
H Anderson	

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## CLUB LOTUS RACE COMMITTEE

The club is considering forming an informal sub committee, separate from the main club committee to run our two successful track meetings held annually at Taupo and Pukekohe. We as a club are currently relying on just two club members to substantially run these events. This situation has a very limited life span. If one of them was to become unavailable then the meetings would just cease and it would be very hard to get them going again. We therefore need to put these meeting in the hands of a larger group.

There have been four vounteers from the main club committee but we are looking for some other club members to also be involved in the planning and management of these days. There are quite a few people in the club that either don't currently have a suitable car or do not have a lot of interest in getting involved directly in track activities. We are expecting that some of these people will be keen to be actively involved in making our meetings happen. The events we hold are successful, and are very well run. The planned end result of having a race committee is to raise our professionalism to that of the big boys and we are not currently far away from that position but more importantly to enable the club to continue to run these very popular events.

The spots we need to fill are

**Race Secretary** - Refer to Rex Oddy for more information, telephone 09-479-3105 evenings

**Assistant Scrutineer** - Refer to Ken Woodburn for more information, telephone 09-535-6126 evenings

**Clubsport Organisers Warrant Holder** - Refer to Rex Oddy for more information, telephone 09-479-3105 evenings

**Reserve Safety Officer** - Refer to Stephen van Wonderen for more information,

Those that are currently involved wish to stay involved. This is a good indication that the process works and it is enjoyable and satisfying. If you have been thinking about getting more involved, this is a good opportunity, you won't be thrown in the deep end. For further information contact Rex 09-479-3105 evenings

## FOR SALE

Two Lotus Elites,

1976 – Red automatic and 1978 Yellow 5 speed manual. David is open to offers on these cars as he requires the space. David can be contacted on (09) 426 6484 evenings.

## BITS & PIECES

Auto Trader (NZ's no 1 auto magazine) has to our Club Lotus Members should they be considering selling their car/s this month. The offer is that members advertise their car/s in the Auto Trader then instead of running for two weeks it will run for four weeks. The pricing varies from \$190.00 to \$60.00 and the beauty of Auto Trader is that there are 5000 cars for sale so people who buy the magazine are ready to buy a car. As well as being in the magazine, the car will be also in our internet site [www.autotrader.co.nz](http://www.autotrader.co.nz) where there are 50,000 cars for sale For further information contact:-

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If any of you have any news, articles and information that you think other club members would be interested in please let me know.

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## Upcoming Events

### 2005

18-Sep-05	Sun		HRC Icebreaker Classic Racing - Pukekohe	HRC
11-Sep-05	Sun		Fun Run to Salty Dog. Snells Beach	<b>CLNZ</b>
<b>26-Sep-05</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>CLNZ Clubnight - Karting</b>	<b>CLNZ</b>
1 & 2 Oct	Sat & Sun		TACCOC Classic racing - Taupo - old circuit	TACCOC
24-Oct-05	Mon		Racing at Pukekohe prior to Targa stage (Labour Day)	Ray Green
<b>24-Oct-05</b>	<b>Mon</b>		<b>Labour Day - NO CLNZ Clubnight - cancelled</b>	<b>CLNZ</b>
12 & 13 Nov	Sat & Sun		Whittakers Meeting at Manfeild	MG Wlg
19-Nov-05	<b>SAT</b>		<b>Lotus Sprints - Taupo - new circuit</b>	CLNZ
<b>28-Nov-05</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>CLNZ Clubnight - TBA</b>	<b>CLNZ</b>

### 2006

<b>23-Jan-06</b>	<b>MON</b>		<b>Lotus Fun day at Taupo track - members only</b>	<b>CLNZ</b>
28 & 29 Jan	Sat & Sun		Tasman Grand Prix Meeting Pukekohe 2006	MG / HRC
4 & 5 Mar	Sat & Sun		Classic Wheels', Taupo 2006 (new circuit)	TACCOC
18 & 19 Mar	Sat & Sun		Formula Libre Pukekohe 2006	HRC
02-Apr-06	Sun		Le Mans' racing at Pukekohe 2006	TACCOC
09-Apr-06	<b>SUN</b>		<b>Lotus Sprints - Pukekohe 2006</b>	CLNZ
<b>24-Apr-06</b>	<b>Mon</b>		<b>AGM &amp; Prizegiving</b>	<b>CLNZ</b>
07-May-06	Sun		Domain hillclimb 2006 (if allowed)	HRC
14-May-06	Sun		Autumn Classic' Pukekohe 2006	TACCOC
mid Sept??	Sun		HRC Icebreaker Classic Racing - Pukekohe	HRC
7 & 8 Oct	Sat & Sun		Spring Classic Taupo 2006	TACCOC
26-Nov-06	<b>SUN</b>		<b>Lotus Sprints - Taupo 2006</b>	CLNZ

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