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Welcome to the 40th 'Edition', and 2006, I hope everyone had a festive Christmas and a great New Year.

This year there are going to be a number of changes on the Committee with both Geoff and Ken retiring as President and Vice President respectively. They will be sorely missed from the committee. That's the bad news, the good news is that both Geoff and Ken will be staying on the Race Committee which by the way are still looking for a couple more members.

PREVIOUS CLUB EVENTS

November 19th (Saturday)– 2005 Taupo Sprints & Classic Trial

The day started overcast but with assurance that the clouds would be gone in short order and the scrutineering line would shrink rapidly everyone was ready for a great day.

They were not to be disappointed. The turnout for the day included a dozen Elise drivers and cars an Exige, Europa, Seven, Elan and VX220 to represent the Club also making their presence felt were the Classic trials guys.

After a regulation drivers briefing and a quick sort out of groups it was on to the track for some practice laps.

Well, the track is currently undergoing major surgery and although we were running on the old track the effects of the new one made themselves known to several drivers in very short order. Apparently the corner at the end of the main straight is to be renamed after its most popular visitor "The Richard Price Corner". By the way Richard the farmer wants you back next year to plough the back paddock again!

The change in camber and the resurfacing of the main straight made the track slower than last year so those who managed the same or better times were doing well.

The groups for Single Car Sprints were full to capacity for most of the day and the same with the Classic Trials, it was only as the day wore on and the ambient temperature got to drivers and cars that the groups slowly thinned. Still some diehards had to be shooed off the track as the gates were being locked.

What better way to finish a days at the races than with a barbeque at the motel. This was, as always, well attended and a last chance to improve on the tales of driving prowess for the weekend.

Yet again a successful and accident free meeting was held. These meetings always run smoothly and are a credit to both organisers and entrants as all are enthusiastic and keen to have as many runs as possible. Thanks to all who participated in any way to make a great weekend.

Ken Woodburn

November 28th (Monday Club Night)

Ground-Sky Photography presented a talk and photos. This started with a short talk on how they got started, the way they have grown and the types of events Ground-Sky cover. Once the short talk had been completed there was a barrage of photographs which quite often featured Club Lotus members.

The evening was a great success with about 25-30 members attending, with the photographs featuring members creating some debate and plenty of conversation.

For more details of Ground-Sky Photography visit there website www.groundskey.co.nz.

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December 4th (Sunday).

Again this year the Breakfast was held at the Pakuranga Country Club on the 4th December. A good fine day saw quite a number of Lotus's for the annual Sow and Shine. The show was a highly contested competition with the members voting for the overall winner. The standard of the entries was very high and this year was won by Dean Savage for his Lotus Esprit V8. Congratulations Steve.



Some of the Entries on Display (Deans car is the Red Esprit). Note a few of the judges in deep discussion.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

January 23rd (Monday)

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 whatever 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. 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. 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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February 26th (Club Day)

The Hicks visit has been organised to replace the normal February's Monday Club Night. Attached with this News Letter is the invitation, so fill it out and post it to Dean or email Dean. Don't miss out it will be a great day.

March 27th (Monday Club Night)

This meeting is to be held at a Private Collection of **Maserati's**, at Tait Place, on the North Shore. Tait Place is off Rosedale Road. Take the Greville Road off ramp off the northern motorway, for those coming from the South turn left into Tawa Drive, for those from the north turn right. At the traffic island at the end of Tawa Drive go straight across Rosedale Road into Tait Place. It is less than a 1 Km off the motorway. Normal Start Time of 8,00 pm. This evening is yet to be confirmed as the owner is on holiday at the time of writing this News Letter. In the event of any change this will be posted on the web site and emailed to you. If you have not got email access do not hesitate to contact myself.

April 24th (AGM and Award Evening)

This year the AGM and Award Presentations are to be held on the same evening.

As discussed earlier there are to be a few changes on the Committee this year. So be there to have your say in the running of the Club and support the Award Winners, you may be one of them.

Future directions for Club Lotus (A message from the President)

Every club should evolve over time to reflect the interests and wishes of the members. This has certainly been the case with Club Lotus where over the last few years we have seen a resurgence in interest in events on the racetrack along with a significant increase in modern Lotus ownership. At the same time, interest in social events seems to have waned, reflecting in especially low turn out at clubnights.

CLNZ organised race days have seen over half of the membership attend. A great day out, but with the red tape now required, the downside is the large amount of input required both before and on the day by the organisers. To contain the workloads, we have decided to form a Race Committee that will focus entirely on the organisation and running of track based events. This will be subcommittee of the official CLNZ committee, but obviously anyone on the race committee will not be expected to hold office on the main committee. Thus the main committee can concentrate on providing a range of club events that reflect the interests of all members.

Those volunteering so far for the Race Committee are Ian Christie, Rex Oddy, Stephen van Wonderen, Ken Woodburn, myself and Mo.

I have been President now for four years and Ken Woodburn Vice President for eight. It is now time for a change in leadership for the Club and neither of us will be available for re-election this April. This will allow us to continue a manageable level of involvement within Club Lotus on the Race Committee, balancing this against business and personal commitments.

Having more members involved at Committee level will help reduce the workload on any individual. Please give some thought to what contribution you may be able to make to Club Lotus and come along to the AGM in April.

Regards

Geoff Sparkes

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Upcoming Events 2005

23-Jan-06	MON	Lotus Fun day at Taupo track - members only	CLNZ
28 & 29 Jan	Sat & Sun	Tasman Grand Prix Meeting Pukekohe 2006	MG / HRC
26th Feb	Sun	Hick's Private Collection Visit	CLNZ
4 & 5 Mar	Sat & Sun	Classic Wheels', Taupo 2006 (new circuit)	TACCOC
18 & 19 Mar	Sat & Sun	Formula Libre Pukekohe 2006	HRC
27th March	Mon	Private Collection of Maserati's	CLNZ
02-Apr-06	Sun	Le Mans' racing at Pukekohe 2006	TACCOC
09-Apr-06	SUN	Lotus Sprints - Pukekohe 2006	CLNZ
24-Apr-06	Mon	AGM & Prizegiving	CLNZ
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	SUN	Lotus Sprints - Taupo 2006	CLNZ

If you have any interesting stories, know of places the Club could visit, idea's for Club nights, fun runs etc, please let us know, all idea's suggestions are welcome.

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Notice of AGM

The Club Lotus New Zealand Inc AGM will be held on Monday April 24th at the V.V.C.C. rooms (39 Fairfax Ave, Penrose) at 8pm.

Remits for the meeting must be in writing and signed by the proposer.

The C.L.N.Z. committee must receive them by Monday April 17th.

There will be no remits accepted after this date or from the floor at the AGM.

Nominations are also invited for the following positions, these may be sent to the mailbox or made on the night:

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder Nominee	
			(Must be signed by all three persons)	
President	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vice President	_____	_____	_____	_____
Secretary	_____	_____	_____	_____
Treasurer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Committee	_____	_____	_____	_____
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