

# Lotus Enthusiasts Organization

NY-NJ Area

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**Welcome All to the New Year** and (without a doubt, finally) to the new Millennium! It's been a hectic period of time for a lot of us, me included. I have to apologize for suspending this newsletter for a while, the computer nightmares that we all hear about finally happened to me. To make a long story short, I had to format my hard drive because I didn't have all my systems backed up as well as my files. Lesson Learned.



Lots happened while we were "away". In August after the LOG we led a group of Lotus and Triumph owners to a British Car Day at the **Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome**...a great place with lots of interesting machinery (both airborne and ground-based). Several members participated in the September **Lotus Limited/Watkins Glen Vintage Festival** and track day. Meanwhile, some of us sold our Loti and others purchased Loti (and became members of our ranks). So the Group continues to evolve.



Lotus Corral at Watkins Glen Vintage 9/2000

**Mike Fennel** has purchased the S4s Esprit that was previously owned by Gary Schotland. **Steve Worthing** is the proud owner of a rather nice '83 Turbo. And our

newest member, **David Gurgel**, has purchased an “almost new” S4s with less than 1000 miles on it! Welcome all, and we look forward to meeting you in the coming year. We also welcome **David Kayser** who lists three Loti in his roster, including an original Type 14 Elite S2, the first in our little association. Welcome!



What will be **happening in the coming year**, you ask? Once again in the deepest depths of winter, the first LEO event of the year will be David and Sandy Nagler's "**Driving Fever**" party.



Checking out David's Elan Restoration

As a ca(r)tharsis from snowy, salty roads, we'll congregate to enjoy lots of Lotus talk, including plans for the year's upcoming events. We may even get to watch the Lotus historical videotapes that we didn't have time for last year.

Practicing for Couch Potato duty won't be the only thing going on, as the **slot car racing** on the high banks

of the Nagler International Speedway can get all-consuming. And talking about consuming, Sandy is

threatening even more delicious snackie-treats than last year! Rather than talking of last year, here are some pictures so you can see for yourself.

So don't miss it. It's a great chance to get together and meet the faces of LEO!

The date is Sunday February 11th at 12:30 in the afternoon (snow date February 18). The location is David and Sandy Nagler's house in Chester, NY. **Please RSVP to David** at [cutels@optonline.net](mailto:cutels@optonline.net) or (914) 469-6001 **by February 4th**. Directions are printed at the end of this newsletter.



Speaking of planning for the coming year, **anybody have any ideas** for activities they would like to see? We'll get together the first weekend of May again for the British Car Festival at Lewis Morris Park, unless someone knows of a different venue. It's something to think about before the meeting.

One thing that seems like a “go” is a weekend “**Lotus Loves Lime Rock**” trip on **June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. Dave Gurgel has arranged a fun weekend with Lotus owners and their cars

at the Ferrari Challenge at Lime Rock Park. We won't get on the track ourselves, but Dave has plans as follows: a mega-Lotus caravan to Lime Rock Park, a day at the races (whether you cheer or boo the red cars is up to you), a cookout/dinner afterwards, an overnight stay, and a Sunday brunch before we all head back to our own domiciles. There will be no charges other than actual costs, which will be communicated when available. It should be quite a weekend, so attend if you can. Currently about 20 Lotus owners have expressed an interest. **Dave can be reached** at [dgurgel@energyfor.com](mailto:dgurgel@energyfor.com) or 973-467-9560 if you would care to join us.



LOG Track Day at Lime Rock (1994)

Is everyone aware of the changes in the Lotus, Limited's **Lotus Owners Gathering (LOG)** for 2001? Previously scheduled for Wisconsin in mid-September, the locale has been changed to somewhere in New England (depending on track day arrangements) and the date is once again up in the air. Once finalized, we can again plan for a caravan to the event as we did last year.



Lastly, if there are any changes **to your personal information**, please let me know so that we can update our list. Please note that my ISP has changed so my email address has as well!

That's about it for now. See you at the Naglers' in February!

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### **Directions to the Naglers:**

(If you are coming from a different direction e-mail David at [cutels@optonline.net](mailto:cutels@optonline.net))

1. Take the NY Thruway (Interstate 87) to Exit 16 (State Route 17 West)
2. Take Route 17 West to Exit 126 (Chester).
3. RIGHT at traffic light at the end of exit onto Route 17M.
4. Make sharp RIGHT at next traffic light on to Kings Highway.
5. Make your first left (~ 0.4 miles) onto Laroe Rd. (County Rte 45).
6. Go 1.1 mile, then make left onto Vincent Dr. (If you go up a hill and see a pond and cows on the left you went a little too far :-)
7. Third driveway on the left with a little bus shelter next to the driveway (house is a tan colonial).