

Lotus Enthusiasts Organization

NY-NJ Area

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Hello all, and welcome to another season of warm weather Northeast driving! Is your Lotus ready for the summer? Check the fluids, bleed the brakes and clutch, avoid the potholes, and enjoy the drive!

Some of our fellow members are already preparing to enjoy their cars! In doing so, they have made my job a LOT easier by preparing articles to share with you. So without further ado...



Autocross at Palisades Center Mall, March 25, 2001 *by David Nagler*

Fellow LEO Member Bob Prescott and I went autocrossing with the Westchester Sports Car Club (www.wsccl.org) this past Sunday. They have permission to use the gigantic commuter parking lot at the Palisades Center Mall. The event was well organized and ran smoothly. We got 5 runs per car!

The venue is fantastic! There is plenty of room and the course was wide open and fast, with only one really tight corner. WSCC has tons of cones and the course was even chalked outlined! It was very straight forward, and not confusing at all.



Bob's Lotus next to David's faux Lotus (944)

The course started with a 90 degree right hander and headed down hill in a two pylon "s." Then into a three gate, off camber 180 and back up the hill in a very fast, long, lazy "s" which was almost, but not quite, straight. (At least for me. It probably was straight for Bob in his Elan.) Then, slam on the brakes for sharp right hand gate. Straight out of the gate you had to set up for a sweeping not quite 180 degree left hander feeding into a two gate dog-leg straight. Hit the brakes for a medium speed 90 degree left, 90 degree right sequence which then fed a large 180 left hander, to a short straight into a tighter 180 degree right hander. Then a quick zig-zag through two pylons and you hit the braking box.

Bob's time was a 38.099 seconds. FTD was in the mid-34s.

In the Battle over West Nyack, the English won again as Bob bested me in his '65 Elan by only about .040"! Damn, that Elan is one tough autocrosser. But, I have Bob shakin' in his driving shoes, as this was my first time autocrossing the Porsche and I got better with each run :-)



Bob Prescott tearing up the track

I hear this was a typical type of course for WSCC. We should add this schedule to the LEO letter and see if we can get some folks out for some excellent autocrossing! This is also a very "significant other" friendly venue :-)

The next one is **this Sunday, April 22nd**, followed by Sunday June 3rd.

<http://www.wsc.org/2001Events.htm>

Let's do it!



Lotus Loves Lime Rock *by David Gurgel*

On June 23, 2001, about twenty-five Lotus owners plus additional guests (informally organized as "Lotus Loves Lime Rock") plan to attend the Ferrari Challenge at Lime Rock Park (LRP), Lakeville, CT. I was the organizer for this informal event and have paid for admission tickets for forty and have arranged for a parking corral for twenty-five Lotus vehicles. (General parking is free for those not parking in the corral.) Admission to the Lotus parking corral will be limited to those with an official placard. I have also arranged and partially prepaid the official LRP caterer for forty lunches.



The track admissions and the cost of the catered lunch are not refundable to me (or to you) in case of rainout or cancellation. I am collecting my actual costs for every item offered here except the Lotus Corral Parking.

The parking corral has been furnished free to me, and I am charging \$12 for the placard. However, I will refund the \$12 to everyone who purchases one if they show up at the appointed meeting place before the event to pick up the placard. In other words, I am using the possible loss of \$12 to keep the number of no-shows for the limited number of placards to a minimum.

I will accept reservations from any interested person. Placards are for parking Lotus (any flavor) vehicles only. Reservation amounts will be paid in two payments as indicated below. There are no refunds. Those reserving now who change their minds are not obligated to make the second payment, but the first payment (25%) will not be refunded.

If through cancellations or placard no-shows, funds collected exceed costs, the excess amount will be informally returned at LRP to those joining in the catered lunch. The intent is to make this a nonprofit event in every way.

Event Schedule

Saturday, June 23

6:45 AM Northern NJ attendees meet at Sloatsburg rest stop on NY Thruway for start of caravan. (More details will follow.)

8:30 AM – 8:50 AM Northern NJ caravan and other caravans join at Citgo at the intersection of Routes 4 and 7 about nine miles south of LRP for distribution of corral parking placards. **Placard charges will be refunded to those attending this event only.** Lotus Loves Lime Rock corral placards will be handed out to others at the gate at about 9:05 AM – 9:20 AM.

9:00 AM – 5 PM Attend Ferrari Challenge as spectators at Lime Rock Park. (Park opens about 7:30 AM.)

11 AM – 1 PM Catered lunch at LRP. (See attached menu.)

7 PM – 10 PM Informal get-togethers at one or more area restaurants for dinner for those staying overnight.

Sunday, June 24

10 AM – Noon Informal get-together for brunch in Lime Rock area for those staying overnight.

Accommodations

I have six people in my party staying overnight. Several others have told me of their plans to stay overnight. I am sorry that I cannot offer assistance in making reservations.

Reservations

Please see the attached reservation form. **Send applications to:**

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Reservation Form

Please return this form by mail only with your check to David Gurgel, c/o Energy For America, Inc., 675 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. Placards, admission tickets, and lunches are first-come, first-served. Those who previously indicated an interest are being sent this letter by email on April 11 and one placard and two admissions will be held for each until April 25. Thereafter all remaining placards and admissions will be distributed to others.

Admission tickets will be sent to you when received from LRP. (They have been prepaid but are not yet printed.)

Lunch tickets will be distributed at LRP.

Placards will be distributed as discussed above.

David Gurgel will acknowledge receipt of each check by mail.

Item

Cost

Each lunch includes the items on the menu for that item. Each lunch also includes your choice of one beer and one soft drink, or two soft drinks. Each lunch also includes all utensils. Ice-filled chests will be provided for sharing.

Reserve _____ (limit one) parking placard _____ (\$12.00 each)

Reserve _____ admission tickets _____
(\$12.00 each)

Reserve _____ (Menu Item A) Assorted Premade Sandwiches _____ (\$20.00 each)

Reserve _____ (Menu Item B) Southern Fried Chicken _____ (\$24.00 each)

Reserve _____ (Menu Item C) Bag Lunch _____ (\$16.00 each)

Total _____

----- Request for Reservation -----

I (the undersigned) am sending a check (payable to David Gurgel) for a nonrefundable reservation deposit of 25% of the total above for the reservations indicated. I will send the balance by check to arrive no later than May 25, 2001. If I do not send the balance by May 25, 2001, my reservation may be cancelled without a refund.

I agree that all payments are nonrefundable in all cases including cancellation of the event. David Gurgel is relieved from any liability for injuries or damages to persons or property while traveling to or from this event or while attending this event. I will not permit any illegal use of alcoholic beverages by anyone in my party during this event.

_____ (signature and printed name)

_____ (date)

_____ (street)

_____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip)

_____ (phone)

_____ (fax)

_____ (email)

Menu

Catered Lunch, Lotus Loves Lime Rock

A. Tray of Premade Sandwiches

Assorted Smoked Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef
On Arthur Avenue Deli Rolls
Chef's Choice of Two Salads
Pickles, Pepperocini, Condiments
Potato Chips
Home Made Cookies & Pastries

B. Southern Fried Chicken

(1/2 chicken per person)
Chef's Choice of Two Salads
Texas Toast
Home Made Cookies and Pastries

C. Bag Lunches

Deli Sandwich
All Smoked Turkey
Seasonal Fruit
Potato Chips
Triple Chocolate Brownie



Lastly, A Reminder:

The **Britfest** car show at Horseshoe Lake, Succasunna is coming close! The date is **Saturday, May 5th** 9:00 AM to 3 PM. We didn't get enough entries to deserve our own Lotus class, but that won't stop us from attending! Bring your Lotus no matter what its condition, all the better to spread the Lotus enthusiasm! As an additional reminder, anyone that wants can visit me after the show, I only live a mile away. Join us. See <http://www.geocities.com/~mgcarclub/reg01.jpg> for Britfest information.

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