

Lotus Enthusiasts Organization

NY-NJ Area

Dateline: April 22, 2002



With the warm weather we have had lately, I hereby declare the Driving Season of 2002 Open for Business! Is your Lotus ready for use?



DeLorean Expo '98.

Got any color besides Silver?

Time to see and be seen, and our first opportunity to do that this is coming **Saturday**, April 27th, in Flemington, NJ, at the **LEO Spring Car Show** event, also known as the DeLorean Mid Atlantic Spring Social. D.M.A.S.S. organizer Dan Deutsch is making things sweet for us Lotus owners, with a special "Best Lotus" prize in the people's choice awards. As an additional tease, there will be a special appearance by an extremely rare car at the show...can't tell you any more than that!

So, get out and hobnob with your fellow Lotus (and DeLorean) owners this Saturday. The place is **Don's Jaguar Service**, 22 Junction Rd (Rt. 523), Flemington, NJ (call 908-788-1982 for directions). The time is **9AM**. Cost is \$5 to spectate, and \$10 to show your car. Breakfast goodies are included either way. (See last month's LEO News for details on ALL the weekends events.) For more info contact Dan at Danrc30@hotmail.com .



At The Cherry Blossom Festival, Belleville, NJ
April 14

Lotus Technical Support Services a HUGE Success! Yes, emboldened by my article on swapping the springs on my Esprit, Anton Karnaukh and I tackled his S4s the Saturday before Easter. We managed to do it in one day. It sure is easier the second time around.

Is your car prepped for the season? Oil changed, brake and cooling systems changed, suspension and tires checked? Investigated those new noises? It doesn't take long...and there are always fellow owners willing to help. If you ever want to **send an invitation to the LEO troops** for repair assistance or an impromptu drive let me know and I'll send it to the distribution list. We have lots of people experienced in many aspects of our cars. Take advantage of it.



NJ Collector Car Inspection

A couple of years ago, the State of New Jersey instituted a new category, the "New Jersey Collector Car". This enabled an owner to be exempt from the normal safety and emissions inspection processes. The restrictions were that the car was not to be driven more than 3,000 miles a year and had insurance limiting coverage to that many miles or less.

Several of us met the criteria but found the new policy to be poorly communicated to the motor vehicle




NJ Collector Car Inspection Sticker

agencies and the vehicle inspectors. Even though the cars were not required to pass through the long inspection lines of the time, the lack of knowledge on the behalf of the administrators led to extended and often confusing processing ordeals.

Now the initial Collector inspection stickers are expiring, and renewal time is near. Has the situation improved? You be the judge after reading the following story.

The process started in December for me, when I received the registration renewal documents in the mail from Trenton. There was no mention of renewing the Collector Car Inspection Voucher, so I tried to contact the DMV. The lines were always busy with long wait times, so after two attempts on the phone I tried to email them using the contact page of the NJ State web site, <http://www.state.nj.us/mvs/>, at correspondenceunit@dot.state.nj.us.

 Call Toll Free in NJ: 1-868-486-3339
Out of State: 1-609-292-6530

APPLICATION FOR COLLECTOR VEHICLE STATUS

(See Other Side)

Plate No _____ Initial Renewal

Owner/Lessee's Name _____

Owner/Lessee's Driver License or Corporate No. _____

Owner/Lessee's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Vehicle Identification No. (VIN) _____

Actual Current Odometer Reading _____

Insurance Company Name _____ Policy No. _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTOR VEHICLE STATUS

(See Other Side)

For a vehicle to be designated as a "collector vehicle," the owner or lessee must apply at time of registration or renewal and provide evidence of the following:

1. The vehicle is not qualified as an "historic vehicle," under N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.3 et seq., or a "street rod," under N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.27;
2. The vehicle is not driven more than 3,000 miles per year; and
3. The vehicle is insured as a limited use "collector vehicle." (Proof must be supplied at time of odometer verification.)

The Division shall verify the odometer reading of a "collector vehicle" and may require that the vehicle be equipped with an odometer lock. A special decal, valid for two years, will be issued indicating that the vehicle is exempt from safety and emission inspection. Initial decal is \$25 and \$10 per renewal.

All "collector vehicles" must be taken to a state inspection station for odometer and insurance verification. Please visit the exit end of the station. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, and one evening a week until 7:30 p.m. They are also open Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Submit the completed application and fee to:

Collector Vehicle
P.O. Box 016
Trenton, NJ 08868-0016

Collector Car Voucher, Form SS-66, Back and Front

My query was as follows:

I have received renewal documents for a car that I registered as a NJ Collector Car in 2000. (Original Form SS-66) There is no mention of the fee for the Collector Car Voucher, which according to the SS-66 form, is \$10.00 for renewals.

What is the procedure for renewing the registration on a Collector Car?

The reply was,

You will receive a renewal application in the mail for the collector sticker. They are mailed separately.

This proved not to be the case. As the time drew closer, I posted more emails to the same person, and was not answered, until the middle of March when the renewal was due and it was too late to perform any transactions by mail. So I visited the local Motor Vehicle Agency in Randolph, NJ, to renew the regular registration and get the new Collector Vehicle Voucher.

At the MV Agency, I was advised to fill out a new Application for Collector Vehicle Status (form SS-66, attached). I wrote RENEWAL on the top.

At the time of processing, I was asked to provide proof of limited mileage insurance. I pointed out that according to the form, this was to be verified at the Inspection Station. Being savvy with the ways of the DMV, however, I had the documentation with me!

After the normal processing time, I was summoned to the payment window, and was told that the fee was \$25. I objected that renewals should be \$10. The clerk asked her supervisor, who said the Collector Car fee was \$25! I circled the fee area on the application and the clerk brought it to her supervisor again, who finally called Trenton for clarification.

It was determined that the only Collector Car rate schedule in the DMV computer was for the initial application, so the fee had to be put through manually as being \$10. But at last I was successful! The elapsed time was 90 minutes.

Compared to the documentation fiasco, the actual inspection process was a piece of cake! Just drive to the re-inspection area (the "back door"), have the inspector check the lights, read the odometer, drive around the parking lot enough for the inspector to verify that the odo was working, and have the sticker applied!

Judging by the past experience, within a few months there will be enough renewals for Collector Car Status to streamline the renewal process, just as the initial application procedure is routine now. (This is really the best way to go if your car is modified or you anticipate problems passing the emissions test.)



A TOUCH OF ENGLAND: Lastly, in the spirit of self-serving newsletter editors everywhere, I'd like to encourage all LEO Members to attend this car show that I am co-chairing, on **Saturday, June 8th**. To be held at the **Hermitage House and Museum in Ho-Ho-Kus**, this is the show that was formerly held in the town center park of Westwood. Please join us, the grounds are beautiful and your entry includes a tour of the house and grounds. There is a flyer and application at the end of the newsletter.



Richard & MaryAnn Vinelli's Esprit at Westwood last year

See you all in the coming months,

Atwell Haines
'88 Esprit
Succasunna, NJ
973-927-3765 Evenings

The New Jersey Triumph Association proudly presents:



The 11th Annual



A Touch of England

A Gathering of British Motorcars

Saturday, June 8th, 2002

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

 **NEW LOCATION!** Now at The Hermitage House and Museum, 335 North Franklin Turnpike, 

 Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423, 201-445-8311 

JOIN US for a gathering of beautiful British cars, with an informal **British Car Show**. **VISIT** the **Hermitage House and Museum**. Winners will be chosen by **Participant's Choice**. **AWARDS:** Best of Show, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place awards in Class (as determined by preregistration).

Dash Plaques to the first 70 cars. Car Club displays Welcomed!

200 CAR LIMIT! Register early!

Contact: Bill Smith, Chairman 201-825-9754 OR
Atwell Haines, Registrar 973-927-3765 or email Karbuff@optonline.net

Entry Fees: \$8 Preregistered, \$12 after June 1st or at the show. Entry fees include admission to the Hermitage for car owner and guest. Additional fee for spectators.

ENTRY FORM ON REVERSE SIDE



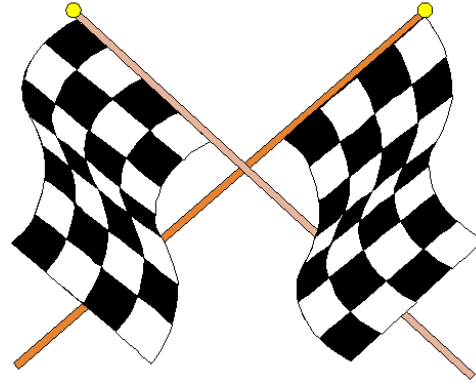
**In case of inclement weather
call 201-445-8311**

Directions: FROM

Route 17 (north or south) to Hollywood Avenue exit. Bear left after exiting. Take Hollywood Avenue west to Franklin Turnpike, turn right onto North Franklin Turnpike and go 1/2 mile to The Hermitage on the left.

Garden State Parkway to exit 165, go west 1/3 mile on Ridgewood Ave. to Route 17 North on right. Follow the directions above.

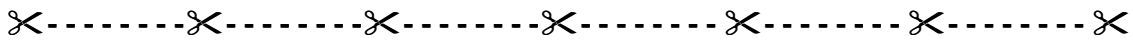
Route 287 to Route 208 South. Exit on Ewing Avenue and take Route 502 (Franklin Avenue) East. 502 will become Wyckoff Avenue. Turn right onto Franklin Turnpike in Waldwick, The Hermitage is on the right.



A printable Version of this Entry Form is available at www.NJTriumphs.org

Make checks payable to: NJ Triumph Association
Fees: \$8.00 before 6/1/2002, \$12.00 thereafter or at the show
Mail entry form to: "Touch of England", 22 Ridge Rd, Succasunna, NJ 07876
Registrar: Atwell Haines Inquiries: karbuff@optonline.net

200 Car Limit. PLEASE Register early!



"A Touch of England" Registration Form: PLEASE print neatly!

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Club _____

Car Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

How did you hear of this event? _____