

# Lotus Enthusiasts Organization

NY-NJ Area

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It's been another fun month for your Lotus club. We'll get to the "old business" in a minute. But first take the time to mark your calendars for the following upcoming June events.



## **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: The TOUCH OF ENGLAND car show.**

This is the last call for a gathering on the lawn at the Hermitage House and Museum. We already have enough Lotus cars entered to award trophies to the First, Second, and Third in a special Lotus class. Even if you don't consider your car to be show quality, come on out and enter anyway, it's a fun day...you might win the award for Diamond in the Rough! Bring a picnic basket, take the tour of the mansion house. You and your passenger(s) get in for the price of a single entry. We have lots of door prizes too, something for everyone.



Look what came in on the back of a TR6 last year!

If you are holding off because you are afraid of rain and your Seven doesn't have a roof, and the weather is rainy, call the Hermitage before the event at 201-445-8311, they will have a recording advising whether the event will be held. Heck you can always come as a spectator, there is a nominal fee to get onto the Hermitage grounds.

Don't forget Joe Saturnia is organizing a caravan to the show. It will be leaving from Maplecrest Lotus (River Road, Summit) at 8:30 AM. RSVP at [jsaturnia@audioweb.com](mailto:jsaturnia@audioweb.com) or call Joe at 908-599-9265.



Remember the **Epicurean Road Rally** on **Sunday, June 15**. The drive begins with a sumptuous brunch at the four-star Depuy Canal House in High Falls, NY, and then heads out for a 60-80 mile rally on scenic secondary roads. Along the way, teams encounter Epicurean pit stops in which delightful morsels are served along with brain teasers to be solved for points. The winner will be declared at dinner.

The cost is \$125 per person plus \$25 per car (that's lunch AND dinner folks!) Contact LEO member Richard Solomon 212-223-9545 or [solomonart@aol.com](mailto:solomonart@aol.com).



Our next LEO get together is also a driving event. It takes place on **Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** from the site of the future **Hunting Ridge Motorsports** LOTUS showroom in Greenwich, CT, right close to Exit 3 of Interstate 95. We will meet in the morning at the future showroom for coffee and doughnuts, then drive on some of Connecticut's twisty suburban byways for an hour or so. We will finish up at the current site of Hunting Ridge Motors in Port Chester NY. Should be a lot of fun.

RSVP to Mark Starr at Hunting Ridge Motors at (914) 939-7200 or email him at [markstarr@huntingridgemotors.com](mailto:markstarr@huntingridgemotors.com) . More info on this outing after the Fourth of July.



Of course, **August 15 – 17** is the **Lotus Owners Gathering** in Grand Island, NY. Expect the official announcement to come in the next issue of the Lotus ReMarque. But if you can't wait an entry form is available on [www.LotusCarClub.org](http://www.LotusCarClub.org), the Lotus Limited site. See you there!



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### **Torque Wrench Truths** (Advice from an Aircraft Fabrication Shop):

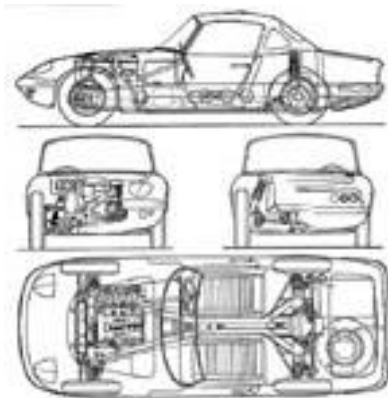
When using a "snap-action" torque wrench, it must first be "exercised." This is nothing more than setting it to 60% of full scale value, and clicking it 6 times at that setting. Then and only then is it set to the desired torque specification and used.



### **Truth in Advertising:** *(Submitted by Gilbert Bohlen)*

Here's what the advertisement said. The Numbers indicate the translation!

**1972 Lotus Elan. White w/black interior. Drophead (1) coupe. Many interesting features: Intermittent wipers (2). Dual-zone climate control (3). Has 100,000 miles (4). Self-lubricating chassis (5). A real head turner (6). Only the second owner (7). Needs nothing (8). Cherry condition (9). Always garaged (10).**



1. Ownership has caused me to slap my own head a few times, but never to drop it.
2. Actually, everything electrical on this car is intermittent.
3. In cold weather: warm on bottom, freezing on top.
4. Equivalent to 300,000 in a real car (think in terms of "dog years").
5. No explanation necessary.
6. If you could read lips, you'd see me saying "What's that noise?" when turning my head.
7. Who'll admit it.
8. It couldn't carry it.
9. If you mean sticky, with some red stuff oozing out. Maybe it's the

trunnions.

10. Even when I don't want it to be.



## Past Event Reports:

In case you don't get to the LEO Website, here's what happened last month!



Jim in the Lotus and David in the Porsche!

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Pete Boccarossa invited all of LEO to a track lapping session at **Hew Hampshire International** Speedway. Diehard trackmeisters David Nagler and Jim Cummings were there, and Reja Bakhshandegi came along to take pictures. From the looks of things they had a lot of track time, and Pete impressed everyone with his Sponge-Bob costume/driving suit!



On Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>, LEO Members Ted Markson, George Jacobsen, and I visited Mark Starr, David Butler, and Mark Nyman to see **Lotus Cars CEO Arnie Johnson** and LCU Marketing guru Kurt Moorhead on the occasion of visiting **Hunting Ridge Motorsports**. We got a lot of information out of Arnie (but then Kurt held up his pen and, well, I seem to have forgotten all the juicy information).

Arnie will be at the LOG so make sure you can make it. He is one of the biggest reasons why Lotus is the best car to own! Always a pleasure to talk to.

By the way, what other CEO do we know of that would do hands-on troubleshooting of an owner's car? Ted Markson will never clean that throttle linkage again now that Arnie has touched it!



Otherwise---It seemed as if it RAINED every weekend in May and June. Oh Well. See you all at Touch of England!

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