

# The Chapman Report



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## Evora? *editor*

The new Lotus Evora. It's either named after a town in Portugal that was run by the Visigoths, or Cesaria Evora of the Cape Verde Islands, who sings in Portuguese. I keep thinking that the Evora was one of the things, like a paramecium, that we all saw in high school biology class. OK, the name is odd. The car?

The first spec on the Evora that caught my eye; you can fit a golf bag and clubs in it's boot. This has to be a first for a Lotus car, unless the Excel's could do this.

"The first all-new Lotus since the iconic Elise made its debut in 1995, The Evora enters the sports car market as currently the world's only mid-engined 2+2. Powered by a Lotus-tuned 3.5-litre V6 engine producing 280 PS, and weighing just 1350 kg (prototype specification), the Evora promises breathtaking



performance. -getting in and out of the cabin a less athletic undertaking than it is in Lotus's smaller sports cars-it will accommodate two 6ft 5in tall American males in the front seats.

The Evora will be hand crafted and built - within Lotus's

advanced manufacturing facility at Hethel - capacity limitations will restrict production to approximately 2000 cars a year (*not in Malasia?*)

Toyota 3.5-litre V6 DOHC, 280 HP at 6400 rpm, 0-60 around 5s.



*Famous Visigoth destruction in Evora, Portugal, with tourists eating the local Carne de porco à alentejana*

### **August Meeting**

**Friday, August 15th, 7:30 pm**

Host: Clark Vineyard

# Mike's Place editor

How about Saturday 23 August?

Usual shop day entertainment: glass fibre repair and instruction (bring a project).

Tune up stuff: compression/leak down testing, air fuel mixture, etc. Suspension examination: toe, camber and caster.

Lunch and possibly a drive around the reservoir or we can watch some old vintage race

videos and some unusual Lotus videos, ie "secret life of Colin Chapman" Indy turbine and more.

RSVP to: Mike Ostrov at: (510) 232-7764 or [mikeostrov@webtv.net](mailto:mikeostrov@webtv.net)

# Evora continued

"The Evora is aimed to compete with Porsche's Cayman on the performance side, but will be slightly more practical thanks to its available 2+2 passenger layout. Lotus is promising the Evora's cabin will be the most

comfortable it has produced to date, with easier ingress and egress than any of its other models. Leather seats from Recaro, a closing glove box, and storage bins and cup holders will all be standard equipment.

The car is promised to weigh in under 3,000lbs, resulting in performance that includes a sub-five-second 0-60mph sprint and a claimed 160mph top speed. The front tires sized at- 225/40-18, while the rears- 255/35-19 rubber. The forged aluminum wishbone suspension, Bilstein shocks, Eibach springs.

The car will start hitting dealerships in the U.K. in the spring of 2009, priced at £45,000 apiece.

## Calendar

August 15, Club Meeting, Clark Vineyard,

August 15-17, Monterey Historics  
Lotus Corral on the 17th

August 23, Tech Seminar, Mike Ostrov's

September 7, British Car Meet, Brisbane

September 10th, Lotus Track Day, T-Hill

September 27, Tech Seminar, Mike Ostrov's

October 2-5, West Coast Lotus Meet

For more and up to date information on these GGLC and other events check the GGLC website at [www.gglotus.org](http://www.gglotus.org)

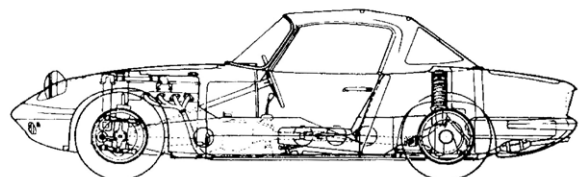
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# Marina Photos

from Larry Bisares



## EBay Loti editor

just like a Lotus Eleven when finished, selling for about \$10k. The suspension is based on the MGB, about as antiquated as you can get.



Reserve Not Met with a bid of over \$20K on this S4 Elan. I'm not sure the owner can get any more in the current economy.

The Twin-Cam Europa did sell for only about \$10k, though the seller's info stated he wanted \$18K??

This kit car, said to look



# NOPI NoMo editor

"An Automotive Lifestyle", they call themselves, they show more silicone than drifting cars, more flesh than fiberglass. Is drifting and 'tuner-cars' still the wave of the future?

Autoweek: NOPI Motorsports, which hosted import drag races, drifting competitions and car shows, has canceled the rest of its 2008 season, citing "an organizational restructuring in light of severe adverse affects of a disappointing spring season."

Though I'll get static for inserting this photo, this is NOPI, with models, geeks with cameras, but no one in the bleachers to pay the bills. Their perceived audience either doesn't exist, or is an audience with NO MONEY, which may be worse.

My friends and I, who are vintage car fans, will definitely not go in this direction.





## 2008 West Coast Lotus Meet

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Time is running out to take advantage of the Early Bird registration for the 2008 West Coast Lotus Meet!

Register by August 15 and registration per person is only \$125 (goes up \$162 per person August 16 on).

The 2008 West Coast Lotus Meet (WCLM) will be held October 2-5, 2008 in Canyonville, Oregon. The Golden Gate Lotus Club will host the 3-day event with assistance from other Lotus clubs on the west coast.

The WCLM will be a Lotus Celebration! Since the introduction of the Elise in 2004 to North America, there has been a renewal of the excitement for Lotus. The Elise was joined by the Exige and most recently the Lotus Two-Eleven and Exige S240.

The WCLM is set-up to be the ultimate Lotus experience for the loyal Lotus enthusiast.

The fun begins with an Opening Reception at the WCLM hotel, Seven Feathers Casino Resort Hotel in Canyonville, Oregon on Thursday October 2nd.

Also on Thursday, October

2<sup>nd</sup> will be an optional Solo I style time trials on a closed track at the Jackson County Sports Park in White City, Oregon about an hour's drive from Canyonville. The tight twisty course will challenge drivers to find the quickest way around.

On Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> WCLM entrants will have an opportunity to explore the area. Beginning at the Seven Feathers Resort the WCLM day will kick off with a private tour of the CD Lumber Company, the largest producer of cedar lumber products in the U.S. You'll get a chance to see this huge saw mill in action!

After the CD Lumber saw mill tour you'll have a choice of touring to Crater Lake or to the incredible Oregon Coast or visit some of award winning Oregon wineries.

Friday ends with an amazing and exclusive riverside Bar-B-Que of ribs and chicken on a private ranch. If you like fly fishing this spot is a piece of heaven with Steelhead and Salmon filling the South Umpqua River.

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is another busy day for the 2008 WCLM. The day opens with the WCLM Autocross. This is an opportunity for every WCLM entrant to enjoy their Lotus near its limits. The WCLM Autocross will run all day. Or, you can opt to go on a wine tour of some of the finest wineries in North America.

Saturday evening will open with the WCLM cocktail hour followed by the WCLM Banquet at the Seven Feathers Resort.

After the WCLM banquet you can see the Cabaret show (the WCLM will reserve an entire show just for our delight!) or entertain yourself by trying your luck at one of the slots, card tables, craps or poker games.

The 2008 WCLM will conclude on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> with the WCLM Concours and Awards Picnic. The WCLM Concours will be set among tall pines and fir trees.

And after the WCLM awards are announced you'll sadly have to say good-bye to all your WCLM friends, but the memories and stories will last a lifetime.

The 2008 WCLM will be headquartered at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort and Hotel. Special rates have been negotiated for WCLM entrants.

There's more information and registration at [www.gglotus.org](http://www.gglotus.org). Register today and take advantage of the Early Bird Discount Registration.

The all in one registration fee includes Concours, Reception, Picnic, Bar-B-Que, Autocross, Tours, Saw Mill Tour and Cabaret show. There is a separate fee for the optional WCLM Time Trials.

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# 2008 West Coast Lotus Meet

October 2-5, 2008

Canyonville, Oregon

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Sept 15, 2008

2008 West Coast Lotus Meet REGISTRATION	
Name #1 _____	Name #2 _____
Address _____	Name #3 _____
City, State _____	Address _____
Country, Postal Code _____	City, State _____
Day Ph _____	Country, Postal Code _____
Ev Ph _____	Day Ph _____
Email _____	Ev Ph _____
Lotus Model _____ Yr _____	Email _____
Shirt size (circle) XXL XL L M S	Shirt size (circle) XXL XL L M S
Registration includes – Reception, WCLM Shirt, Tours, Autocross, WCLM Picnic, WCLM BBQ & Concoors, Saw Mill Tour, Awards Brunch & much more!	Qty _____ X \$162 = _____
	<b>EARLY BIRD SPECIAL</b> - \$125 per entrant. Must register before August 15, 2008
	Qty _____ X \$125 = _____
	<b>\$180 after Sept 15, 2008</b>
<b>IMPORTANT NOTICE – SPACE LIMITED FOR THE POST-BANQUET CABERET SHOW, 1<sup>st</sup> come – 1<sup>st</sup> served. Do you want to attend the Caberet Show (no additional cost): Yes / No</b>	

2008 WCLM Time Trials – October 2, 2008 (optional event)	
Driver _____	Additional Drivers in same car _____
Lotus Model _____ Yr _____	Driver #2 _____
Mods _____	Driver #3 _____
Car (non-Lotus) _____	Qty _____ X \$60 = _____
WCLM Track Day Entry – Helmets (Snell 2000 or better) & seat belts required. All cars must pass tech inspection. Mandatory Driver's Meeting at 8am in pad-dock.	
<b>DRIVERS MUST BE ENTERED IN WCLM.</b>	

WCLM Misc. Items	
Additional WCLM Shirts (Note sizes) _____	Qty _____ X \$25 = _____

Registration deadline Sept 15, 2008 - No on-site registration	
Full Entry Fee payment must accompany this completed form. Make checks payable to Golden Gate Lotus Club.	
Shirt size and availability cannot be guaranteed after August 15, 2008	
Make Checks to: <b>Golden Gate Lotus Club</b>	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____</b>
Mail to: 775 Paul Ave	
Palo Alto, CA 94306 USA	

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**WAIVER and RELEASE** (must be signed by every participant and returned with WCLM entry & entry fees)

In consideration of being permitted to enter the 2008 West Coast Lotus Meet, or being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or for any purpose participate in any way in the event, the undersigned, for himself, his personal representatives, heirs and next of kin acknowledges, agrees and represents that he has, or will immediately upon entering any of such restricted area or areas and his participation, if any, in the event constitutes an acknowledgement that he has inspected such restricted area and that he finds and accepts the same as being safe and reasonably suited for the purposes of his use, and he further agrees and warrants that if, at any time, he is in or about restricted areas and he feels anything to be unsafe, he will immediately advise the officials of such and will leave the restricted area.

1. Hereby release, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the promoter(s), participants, racing association, sanctioning organization(s) and subdivision thereof, track operator, track owner, officials, car owners, drivers, pit crews, any persons in any restricted area, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees or premises used to conduct the event and each of them, their officials and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "releasees", from all liability to the undersigned, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence or the releasees or otherwise while in the undersigned is in or upon the restricted area, and/or, competing, officiating, observing, working for, or for any purpose participating in the event.
2. Hereby agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned in or upon the restricted area or in any way competing, officiating, observing, or working for, or for any purpose participating in the event and whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.
3. Hereby assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage due to the negligence of releasees or otherwise while in or upon the restricted areas and/or while competing, officiating, observing or for any other purpose participating in the event.

The undersigned expressly acknowledges and agrees that the activities of the event are very dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of California and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

The undersigned has read and voluntarily signs the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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### Hotel Information

The WCLM has reserved a block of rooms and townhouses at the headquarters of the 2008 WCLM. These spaces will be held through Sept 1, 2008. Contact the Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort directly and mention the WCLM or Golden Gate Lotus Club for the special rates.

Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort  
I-5, Exit 99 or 98, Canyonville, Oregon  
Tel: (800) 548-8461  
Sevenfeathers.com

Entrants are not required to stay at the Seven Feathers and are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.

### WCLM Contact Information

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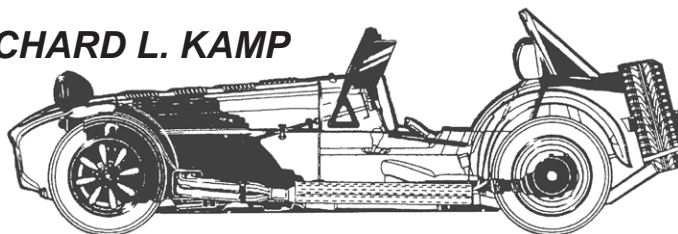
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