



President's Prologue

By Geoff Noble,
President, LCQ.

Again the weather gods intervened, and for the first time ever at an LCQ meet there were no Lotus cars present for our March meeting. (at least there weren't any when I looked – those who turned up later and brought their cars have my apologies!) The March meeting was also the date of our AGM and I thank those who have stepped up to take committee responsibilities. Stepping down was long time treasurer, Wybe Geertsma, and Jason Patullo has taken on the keys to the vault. Co-incidentally, Jason has put down a deposit on a Honda engine conversion so we had better check the bank statements thoroughly! Clive Wade was in fine form, nominating anyone and everyone for positions, and when he was nominated for a position, wriggling out of it by saying that he was already on the 2011 committee. That made me grin, as he had already stitched up Garry Pitt for the Social Co-ordinator's job even though Garry is on the 2011 committee too!

Another new face is Greg Bray as CAMS delegate, thanks for accepting the position Greg. Thanks also to Mal Kelson for chairing the AGM at very late notice!

We still require another Social Co-ordinator to assist Garry with his duties as this position is a very busy one. I would ask that all members consider giving some of their time, step up to the mark and make a contribution. The club exists for the betterment of all members, but it cannot exist with the same people doing the work. We are all busy, but every member needs to put something back, particularly those of us who compete and therefore use the club's affiliation with CAMS for licensing purposes. Something which I find particularly galling is the response to Shane Murphy's email of early March, which asks for volunteers to assist with minor roles of the planning for Lotus 2011 (now under 12 months away!). Shane tells me that he had one only response and that was from someone who is already an active contributor on the LCQ committee. While we're on the theme of contributing, this edition of Lotus Notes carries just one article from LCQ - that would have to be a record, and something of which none of us should be particularly proud. Bottom line – if you want the magazine to continue in hard copy form, then produce some content!

I've delivered my sermon, now it's time to welcome the new members! This month we welcome Bob Licina and family, Giovanni Caso and Nicholas Rochester. Bob has a 1998 Elise, Giovanni has purchased a Silver Europa S from Euromarque, and Nicholas has a 1973 Europa.

Competition for 2010 kicked off with a Motorkhana hosted by the Holden Sporting Car Club on February 21. We were well represented

with Giles Cooper in his Elise, Dick Reynolds in his newly acquired Caterham, and Michael Galletly in Tony's 7. Giles has a particular passion for these types of events and is also very accomplished at them, given that he spent many years in Perth where Motorkhana/Autokhana is very popular. He also organised the 'khana event at Lotus 2009 and it was a lot of fun, so get out there and have a go – it's cheap, relatively low risk, and an excellent way to learn more about car control.

Early March saw plenty of us return to Warwick for round one of the Supersprint series. The weather was ordinary to say the least, with conditions varying between full wet, damp, drying and dry all weekend. Greg Bray debuted his newly restored type 61 Formula Ford and was soon at one with his machine. Peter Boel dusted off the 'Flintstone' for a run, and newbies Wade Greensill and Joe Arico did very well. I had a gremlin just prior to my last run of the weekend and did a quick battery change in an attempt to make the grid. We thought we were back in business and sent Maree off to let the marshalls know I was coming. She took two steps and pulled up lame - a snapped Achilles tendon was the diagnosis, so Mike and Maggie came to the rescue and towed my car home while I took the 'First Lady' to Warwick hospital. To cut a long story short, Maree had surgery to repair her injury (which turned out to be not as bad as first thought) and will be off her feet for a few months. Joe Arico has the full story on the weekend's events in this issue, with pics by Chris Stacey (I hope!)

On the same weekend that we were slipping and sliding around Morgan Park, the Tighe Cams Hillclimb series kicked off at Mt Cotton. Once again we were well represented with Giles Cooper, Ron Prefontaine and John Prefontaine all running Elises in Marque Sports cars. Giles prevailed with a new PB, from John, with Ron third for a Lotus clean sweep!

Club member David Barram raised some eyebrows when he towed his ASP Sports 1300 all the way to Adelaide to compete at the Clipsal meeting in one of the support categories. Despite his share of mechanical drama, he managed to circulate mid field and stay ahead of some of the more fancied and current spec sports prototypes in a vehicle that's decades old and that David has owned since the early 80's when he dominated the Clubman class in Queensland.

April is a quiet month, but things liven up again in May! The MG car club is hosting an MG and sports cars only hillclimb on the 16th, which is a great opportunity for Lotus to go head to head against MG! The following weekend is round 2 of the Sprints at Warwick, and then the last weekend sees the return of the Cootha Classic right here in Brissy! Somewhere in the middle of all this will be the Mclean's Bridge Classic Car display, so once again May is the month when it all happens!

See you at a club event soon!



Next LCQ Club Meeting:

7.30pm TUESDAY 6th April

LCQ Monthly meeting;

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