



President's Prologue

By Geoff Noble,
President, LCQ.

Our April club meeting went off without a hitch, except that I managed to misplace the club "bag", which contains

the school bell used to silence the throng at meetings. It was sorely missed, with a number of methods used to quell the noisy mob – someone said "but where's the bell?" – I don't remember who it was, but the Pavlov's Dog Award goes to them! The good news is that the 'bag' has been located and the bell and other contents will be pressed back into service at the next meeting.

The April meeting was also noteworthy in that the weather fined up in time to see a number of Lotus back in the car park, and also for committee newbies Jason Patullo and Garry Pitt giving their inaugural reports with Jason emulating Wybe and giving the merchandise a hard flogging with some good deals on offer. Garry came up with a new concept for the social co-ordinators job, whereby he enlists the help of various members throughout the year to host the various activities.

One new member to welcome this month in Barry Flegg. Barry came along to one of our meetings last year and has a racing pedigree in Lotus clubmans and F3 back in his native UK. He currently owns a Turbo Espirit which he bought with a blown engine and has rebuilt it all himself ; as well as being a handy steerer he is an A grade mechanic.

In competition news, round 2 of the Tighe Cams hillclimb series at Mt Cotton went ahead on the 17/18th April. Another round and another PB for Giles Cooper, who picked up the class win from (again) John Prefontaine and Ron Prefontaine. Giles needs to find another 7 tenths to get the class record that he's been chasing for a few years and I reckon he can do it! Club member Mick Cullum also had a run in the open sports car class in his gazillion horsepower turbo MX5 and picked up third place in his first visit to the hill in years. The meeting was also noteworthy as long time hillclimb stalwart, Bill Norman, joined the 'Under 40 second Club' with a run of 39.75. His 'Gek' is the first non open wheeler to achieve this feat.

I have spoken to a representative from the MG club about some inter club networking at the MG and Sports car hillclimb on May 16th, and they think it's a great idea! So, everyone with a L2S Cams licence and the other necessities should seriously consider having a go at "the hill". Given that there will be no Tin Tops, no

Open Wheelers, just Sports Cars only, we should get through the runs very quickly, which means more track time! This is a great opportunity to get some competition experience without having to commit to any series, or travel any great distance. Giles or myself will be distributing entry forms (via Shane's email) when they are available, so keep your eyes peeled and jump in and have a go!

Hopefully, this issue will be out in time to give you the 'heads up' about the McLeans Bridge car show on Mothers Day, May 9th. This is our surrogate 'Concours', with trophies for Best Presented Lotus and runner up. As well as Lotus there are all the other marques as well, and something interesting emerges from someone's collection to attract the crowds. I believe that this is the final year at the current venue, so dust off your pride and joy and join in the fun – it's all over by lunchtime, so you can get to spend time with Mum as well!

Later this month we have round 2 of the sprints at Warwick, then in June Garry has planned a day run to Byron Bay. Hopefully this will run inland via the Lions Road and other twisty bits before the lunch stop at Byron and returning up the Pacific Highway. I believe that it's been 5 or so years since we've done this run, so lets see if we can invade northern NSW with as many Qld Lotus as possible!

Until next month...



Next LCQ Club Meeting:

7.30pm TUESDAY 11th May

LCQ Monthly meeting;

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