



President's Prologue

By Geoff Noble,
President, LCQ.

It must be the cool weather that is keeping our monthly meetings a low key affair (too chilly to drive the Lotus perhaps?), as again our August meeting followed the winter pattern of relatively small attendance. With the formalities out of the way, Derek gave us a rundown on his recent trip to the UK, visiting the Goodwood Festival and the Classic Team Lotus Day, with tales of blagging his way into venues as only Derek can! It has the makings of a good article, although a couple of LCV members covered both these events in last month's mag.

Mal Kelson gave us the latest on Lotus 2011, with the main thrust of his talk was that it's now time to put your money where your mouth is! That's right, August 31 was the deadline for initial deposits, so if you haven't booked, get in and do so without delay. The best accommodation will go to the early birds, so don't blame me if you finish up in the barn! I would urge all members to consider attending this – these national events are so much fun I can't explain it! Not only that, we need troops to defend our much prized "Interstate Trophy" from the southern invaders! Even if you are unable to attend next Easter, then please support your club by purchasing some of the excellent merchandise which is now available (I'm starting to sound like Wybe!) All info at www.lotus2011.com.au

Again, no new members to report this month, but Shane has managed to chase up most of the chain draggers and our paid up members are bubbling along quite nicely at just over the 100.

A big, big thanks to club member, Tim Moore and his wife Carol, for hosting the Ploughman's Lunch on August 1st. I wasn't able to attend this one (too busy renovating, an all too familiar tune!), but apparently it was a very well attended day, starting with a 'run' for coffee, then on to lunch at Tim's and Carol's place. Peter Upham has kindly written a piece for this edition about the event, so thanks to Peter as well. I should also add that Tim and Carol donated all the catering for the day, so I hope that everyone appreciated their hospitality!

Another weekend, another record! Giles Cooper has been at it again, no sooner had I reported his success at the Noosa Hillclimb that he goes to the Rocky sprints and does it again! Class win, in the top ten outright, and a class record. Then at the latest round of the Tighe series at Mt Cotton, he finally gets the big one, the one he's

chased for 5 years, the Marque Sports Cars 1600 – 2000cc record has finally fallen his way! The trials and tribulations that he's faced during the last few years, with the 'minor' inconvenience of a life threatening illness, are now well and truly behind him. Well done! Here's to many more years of competition and camaraderie!

So to other competition news. July 24 and 25 saw the running of Historic Warwick at Morgan Park with plenty of our number competing. In 'Regularity', we had Greg Bray, John Barram, Doug Lucas guest driving John Lungren's Seven, and Sean Conway in a Porsche 928 (wrong marque again, Sean!), while in the combined Formula Ford and Junior ranks we had, Peter Boel, David Reid, Allan Conway and Mike Goodfellow. All the Regularity competitors went well, with Greg happy to get more familiar with the 61, Sean winning one of the trials, with John Barram picking up a minor place in another. The racing guys weren't so fortunate in their Juniors though, with a number of DNF's recorded. It's a bit hard to shine combined with a field of newer and faster Formula Fords anyway. Read John Barrams report on the weekend in this issue.

Lakeside has also seen a few of our number recently, with Mick Cullum venturing back on August 1 for a sprint meeting. Despite a brush with the armco which sent him home early, and a battle with the noise meter on the laps he did complete, Mick still managed 2nd fastest time for the day. The following weekend, August 8, was Lakeside Classic Speed Fest, with Sean Conway again running regularity and David Barram running (and dominating again) in his Asp.

Coming up, we're back to Warwick for the final round of the regular season Sprints, before things get a little more serious as in, the State Championship in October and the National Championship in November. The new track extensions will be used for some of this competition, and I'm itching to get a go on the new layout. There was a recent race meeting on the extended track, and for those familiar, it looks like you can add 20 to 25% to your old lap times for a "ball park" figure.

On the social side Garry has had a busy year, with even more runs planned now that he's got his car back, so look out for those.

Until next month..



Next LCQ Club Meeting:

7.30pm TUESDAY 7th September
LCQ Monthly meeting;

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