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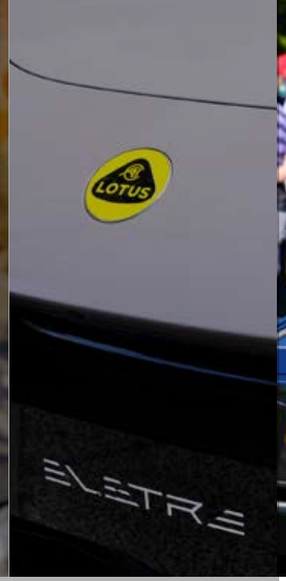

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Dennis Deeley's frustrations building his troublesome Robin Hood kit.

DIY Upgrade

Chris Marson's guide transforms standard **EMIRAS** into phone chargers.

LotusClubCanada WINTER PARTY 2026

...in blurry Pictures.

Chinese EV

Lotus Eletre comes to Canada as tariff-free Chinese EV.

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Photos by **Mike McGraw, Chris Marson, Glenn Grainger, M. Eddenden**

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PRIMARY COLOURS
British Car Day 2025 It may not look it judging by the Sevens and Elans already parked, but the Lotus Esprit is an early arrival.
PHOTO **M. EDDENDEN**

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abstract and brief chronicles of the time

BRONTE II THE DAY

PHOTOS Chris Marson Glenn Grainger Mike McGraw Michael Eddenden

BRONTE has a reputation for glorious weather: warm and windless blue skies. It has had rain; I was soaked one year in a torrential downpour while struggling to erect the Seven's cold stiff top. But last September's Bronte will contribute to the legend of it being the Glorious Day, an autumn day—in the morning refreshing and cool, in the afternoon a dry basking heat. Nostalgia and autumn go together. Which might explain, in part, the exceptional turnout of both old British (sports)cars, and a public eager to pay to see them, year after year.

EDITOR

BRONTE 2025

Primary Colours COVER PAGE

In a society so unenthusiastic about colour—our cars are overwhelmingly black, white or grey and clothes, especially winter coats, are a universal black, seeing the eruption of colours at British Car Day should have been a relief and a surprise. It wasn't. We take it for granted that our sports cars, like the Esprit and the Elans and the Sevens in the photo to come in vibrant colour. PHOTO M.EDDENDEN

Ice Cream THIS PAGE

A Lotus Elise arrives just before the crowds swelled and filled the roadway leading to the Lotus row. The ice cream truck was the culprit. A line-up soon appeared, a very Canadian line-up. It was orderly and self-managing; no one thought of jumping the queue. It formed neatly alongside the road to avoid interfering with traffic, then stretched across the lane to the truck, each person waiting patiently for their order to be filled before moving away from the Order window, completely blocking traffic.

PHOTO MIKE MCGRAW

ARRIVAL

The Sevens THIS PAGE

Protruding through the opening in the hood of **John Schroeter's** highly-modified 1970 Lotus Seven is a 2.4 Honda i-VTEC engine. (It also has a six speed transmission.)
A photo of the engine is on page 84.
Notice the flags on the bonnet: the Union Jack and curiously, the long-discontinued Rising Sun.
As this newsletter was being put together the Seven was bought by **Bill McKenzie** a week after he joined the Lotus Club in March.
Scott Wilkinson's Wankel-powered Replica Seven follows.
Kevin Marson's newly restored 1976 Caterham Seven Twincam sits is in the foreground. Notice the highly original rearview mirrors. Kevin and Scott are Lotus Club members.

PHOTO MIKE MCGRAW

The Esprit

Late arrival of an early Esprit. Driver & Esprit wore matching JPS liveries. The photo on the right shows what the Esprit's driver faced as he turned into the Lotus row.

PHOTOS M. MCGRAW (L) / PHOTO M. EDDENDEN (R)

LEFT
Glenn Grainger and his Series 4 Lotus Seven, the first car in the Lotus row. Here Glenn attempts to get a grasp on his thoughts.
PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN

ABOVE

Neil Drew & daughter **Alivia**. Neil wrote the account in the previous newsletter on his drive in the ***Fish & Chip Run*** along with 253 other Sevens. He drove his Vauxhall VX220 to Bronte.

LEFT

Neil, Alivia, and Glenn Grainger are reflected in the Seven's tilted hood.

PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN

Fellow Enthusiasts.

LEFT **Chris Marson** shares his Emira with a happy enthusiast.

RIGHT **Marchand Lamarre** and **Peter Passariello**: both own 1977 Series 1 Esprits. Marchand and his Esprit were on the cover of the Christmas 2025 LOTUSletter.

PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN

Liveries

LEFT Lotus Club member **Chris Ulyett**; he drives an Elan and drives rallies, but not at the same time.
RIGHT Driver of the black JPS Lotus Esprit on page 6. **PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN**

The Europa

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A BRG-racing striped Europa attracted the public like the father and son seen here as well as other drivers who clustered around the engine bay for most of Bronte.

PHOTOS GLENN GRAINGER

The Europa

By his expression, it was not clear what the Europa's owner thought of all the attention. (above) Club member **Doug Howey** wears a *Wild Hornet* t-shirt. "The Wild Hornets Charitable Fund, States Wikipedia, "is a Ukrainian non-profit charity with the purpose of fabricating combat and support drones for the Armed Forces of Ukraine fighting the Russian invasion of Ukraine." PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN

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A display of Seven engines

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Five Sevens, five engines:

Scott Wilkinson's **NTANUMBER,** 1988 Replica Seven uses a Mazda 1300cc 13B Wankel Rotary engine for 170hp. (previous page left) Scott eyes the camerman.
Vern Vowles' 1985 Replica Seven has a 2.3L Ford Duratec (previous page right)
Glenn Grainger's 1971 Lotus Seven S4 has a Lotus BigValve Twincam (right)
John Schroeter's much-modified 1970 Lotus Seven on the (following page right) uses a 2.4L Honda i-VTEC engine,
William Booty's 2015 Denman SR Seven is powered by a Suzuki GSX-R1300 Hayabusa engine (190hp at 10,000 rpm) a superbike motor. (next page left)

PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN

i-VTEC
2.4 DOHC
HONDA

Three-tone Bentley

Outside the Lotus row there were interesting cars. An unusual Bentley with a striking red bonnet was three-toned; I cannot think of any other car that is three coloured. It suited the stately, formal, traditional Bentley but like a man in Tails with a bright red vest.

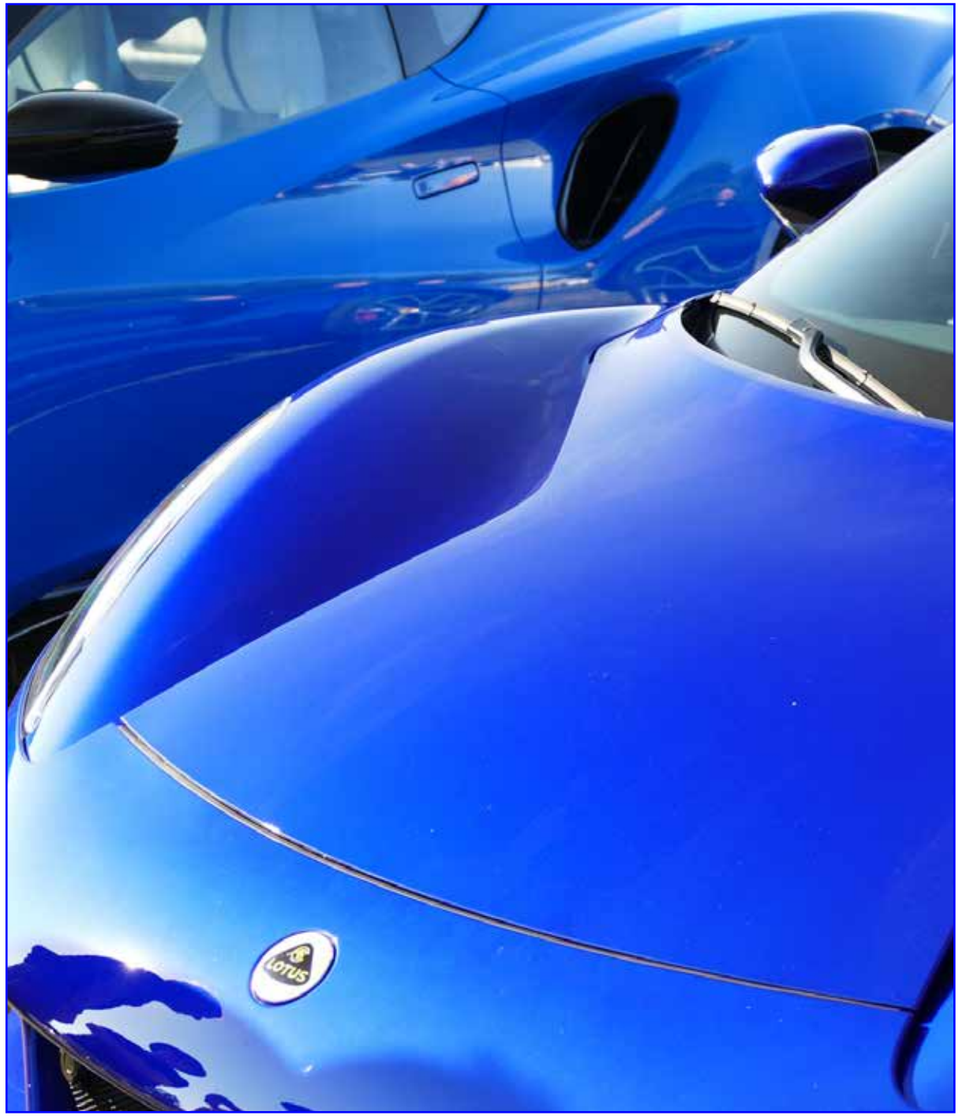
PHOTOS CHRIS MARSON

Ben Moody's silver 1997 Lotus Elise S1.

PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN

Front end evolution: Lotus Elise Series 1 and 2.

PHOTOS GLENN GRAINGER



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Feminine curves: Lotus Emira
PHOTOS MIKE MCGRAW

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21st Century Lotus
PHOTOS CHRIS MARSON

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Morgan 3-Wheeler

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Club member **Peter Marie** CATERHAM HPC takes in the 3-wheeled **1937 Morgan Super Sport**. His Seven has a 180 HP 2L Vauxhall engine; the Morgan coaxes 10.96 HP out of a V-twin 1096cc J.A.P. Peter liives nearby. Instead of driving the Caterham, he rode his mountain ebike.

PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN

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HATS HATS HATS

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On the windless field the sun beat down everywhere. It was a day of hats, especially floppy, broad-brimmed Tilley hats: see **Rob Cattle, Jamie Caswell, Don Horne and Iain Thomson** on the previous and following pages. They weren't ubiquitous like baseball caps but they were more noticeable. Those wearing them looked prepared for a Safari. **Matt Crossley,** that sartorial voice in the wilderness, was the only one wearing a cap.

PHOTOS M.MCGRAW / PREVIOUS PAGE LEFT M.EDDENDEN / PREVIOUS PAGE RIGHT M.EDDENDEN / NEXT PAGE

ABOVE & RIGHT

The red Lotus Elan Plus 2 — belongs to the man on the right? PHOTOS M.MCGRAW

LEFT Club member **Jamie Caswell** raises the LotusClubCanada flag. **PHOTO MICHAEL EDDENDEN**

RIGHT Club member **Murray Graham** and his 1979 Esprit S2. **PHOTO MIKE MCGRAW**

Gracious Dining

Some came prepared. The Basic's brought their garden suite.
Somehow it fit in their Esprit. Plus wine.

B TO F : **Mariana & Mike Basic, Rosanna & Peter Passariello.**

The Esprit in the foreground above is the Basic's.

PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN (L) / G.GRAINGER (R)

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Kevin Marson displays the Club Flag. There was no wind. It would be a nice touch if the Lotus Esprit posed behind Kevin belonged to Kevin. It doesn't.

PHOTO M. EDDENDEN

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The record is 69 Lotus.

BRONTE	2024	2025
Lotus Seven	1	1?
Lotus 7 S4	0	1
Caterham 7	11	11
Replica 7	4	4
Elite	0	1
Elan	4	4
Elan Coupe	1	1
Elan Plus II	0	2
Europa	2	2
Cortina	1	0
Esprit	7	6
Elite/Eclat	0	1 / 0
Elan M100	1	1
Elise S1/2	9	2 / 8
Exige	1	1
Evora	4	4
Emira	5	5
TOTAL Lotus & Caterham (with Replica 7)	47 (51)	51 (55)
TOTAL All British cars & motorcycles.	898	900

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FOR THE RECORD

Mike McGraw

Mike's photos have appeared regularly in the **LOTUS***letter* for many years despite owning an MGB and a Morgan and being an honorary Lotus member. Here he strides forth to take photos at this year's British Car Day.
He uses a Panasonic Lumix DMZ-FZ 1000 Bridge camera with 24-400mm zoom lens.

Glenn Grainger

Glenn has been a member of LotusClubCanada almost from the beginning. The Lotus Seven above and in the photo to the right, is his rare Series 4.
He used a Canon D MK4 with 15mm prime and 24-70mm zoom lens at Bronte.
Glenn was a professional photographer once, unlike the rest of us.

Chris Marson

Chris is one of the founding members of the Club, and has owned a Lotus Plus 2, a Caterham Seven, a Lotus Elise, and now an Emira.
His new camera is a Canon R6 MK2 with 24-105mm zoom lens.

Michael Eddenden

Michael, the editor, drives a Caterham.
His camera, which he hopes to supplement one day with the X-T5, is an aging Fuji X-T3 with a 90mm prime lens and a wonderful but, '*My God this thing weighs a ton*', 8-16mm zoom.

PHOTOS M.EDDENDEN EXCEPT ABOVE BY MIKE MCGRAW

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WANTED

LOTUS SEVEN REPLICA *or* CATERHAM SEVEN

I am looking for a Caterham Seven or Replica Lotus Seven, (preferably Birken 7 quality), in Roadworthy condition.
I am new to the Lotus Club and I am hoping to get a Super Seven before the summer season.
I would like a car that is fairly reliable. I don't mind doing a few repairs and regular maintenance, but I am not looking for a fixer upper. If you have one or know of one for sale, please contact me.

Bill McKenzie bought a 1970 Lotus Seven before this newsletter was finished.

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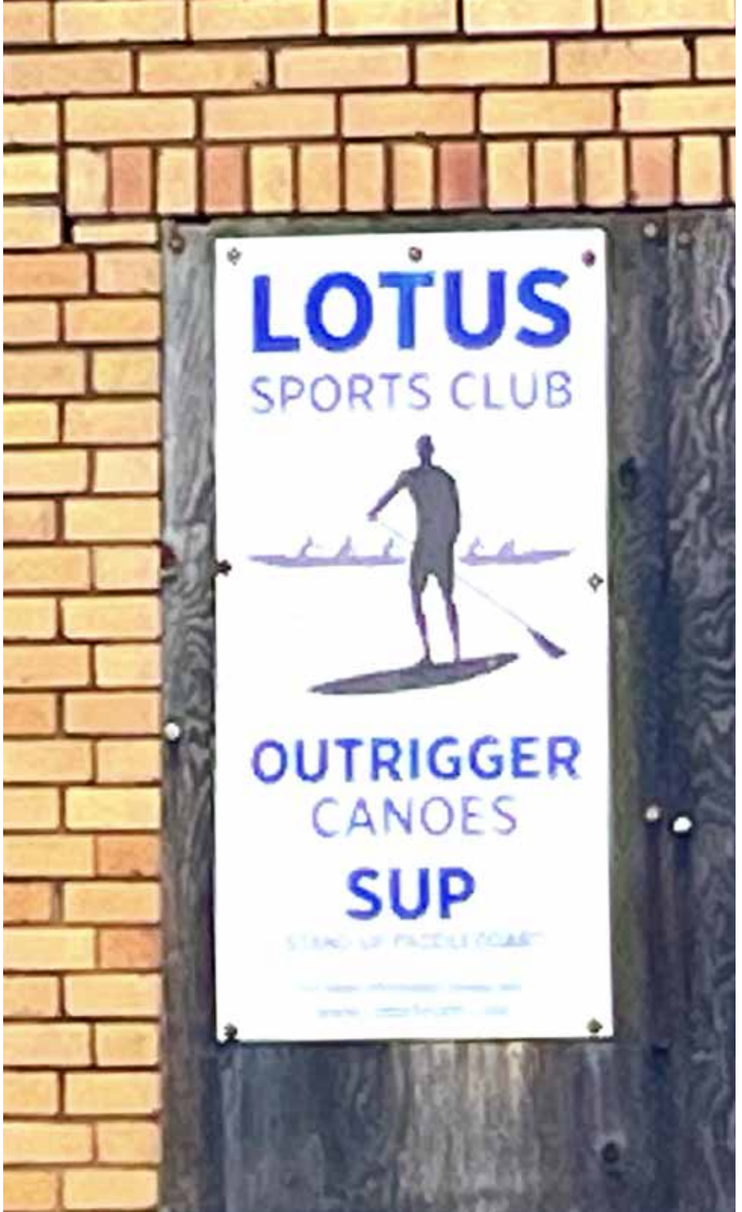

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The sign was on the side of a four bay brick garage at the Barnett Marine Park near Vancouver. The **Lotus Sports Club** offers Dragon boats, outrigger canoes, conventional canoes, and Stand-up Paddleboards, but no cars. They are looking for new members.

The park is a narrow strip of land wedged between Burrard Inlet and a foothill crowned by Simon Fraser University. A kilometer to the west, tankers were taking on oil from the Trans Mountain pipeline. Atop one tree a bald eagle watched us. Although it was the first week of February snowdrops were finishing; as I write this, mid-March, the snowdrops in our backyard are just opening. It was the first snowless winter in 43 years. Even for West Coast winters Spring was very early.

CELLPHONE PHOTOS DONNA ENG (URGED BY THE EDITOR WHO DIDN'T BRING HIS CAMERA.)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

WE MEET LAST WEDNESDAY, MOST MONTHS, TO TALK SHOP AND HAVE A BITE & A BEER. VENUES CHANGE REGULARLY SO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE PUB WE ARE CURRENTLY PATRONIZING.

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