



North Kent Lotus Group



September 2008

Dear Enthusiast

Quite a lot has happened since last month, the Summer picnic on the 17th, was down on numbers as rain was a big possibility, but as it turned out, the weather wasn't that bad and we all had a good time. The driving tests were, once again a lot of fun but my gap judgement wasn't up to much in the first part of the test although I fared better with the blindfold on for the second part - I hope that doesn't say too much about my driving! Anyway, I let John H have a go in my Elise and he managed to demolish a cone and almost my number plate during his run. Anyway, thanks to John & Joan for organising a very nice day.

Following the picnic, we had the mid-week run on the Wednesday after the Bank Holiday. Neil and Valerie took the lead for the first part of the run to a lovely little tea-room at Beech Court garden at Challock for coffee and cakes, we then headed off to the Walnut Tree at Aldington which was kind of ok - we had a pub lunch but don't ask the girls about their chips! I'd found this place on the Internet, which is a bit of a hit and miss method so it occurred to me that we need to build up a list of traditional pubs that serve good food in the Kent/Surrey area - if you've got any you can recommend please let us have details. You can email them to the address above. Anyway after a quick run down to the seaside in the Dymchurch area, we ended up at the miniature railway station for a final cup of coffee and a close-up look at the trains.

Now's a good time to outline the details of the Komosa Cup. We'll be starting from the White Rock with a 10.30 (sharp) starting time. So get

there at ten o'clock to give yourself plenty of time. The finish will be back at the White Rock at around 2.30 Frank the landlord wants us to let him have the food order (for those that want to have a meal afterwards) before we go so he can be prepared for when we get back. The treasure hunt should be a fairly straight-forward affair with plenty of clues to pick up along the way. It's going to be a good day and it'll be good to see you there.

We've got the Goodwood Revival coming up this weekend and Sue and I have made a full weekend of it this year having two days at the circuit Friday and Sunday with Saturday to have a look around Chichester or Arundel. I know there's quite a few going from the group so we'll see you there.

I hope the weather there is a bit better than it was a couple of weeks ago for the trackday. John U, Magnus, Chris and myself all braved the elements.

The morning wasn't too bad and we did manage to get a few semi-dry sessions. Magnus was having tyre problems with virtually no grip and dodgy tyres on a wet Goodwood isn't a good idea. The afternoon just got worse, but saying that, we still had a good day and ten car sessions are far better than the old five format, Chris Parker helped Club Elite this year and I think everybody appreciated the extra track time.

The weather didn't put off the regulars; Lawrence, Simon, Barry, and both John H's all come to soak up the atmosphere (and the rain!!). It was good to see Lawrence had pretty well recovered from his back op he was suffering with back in May.

Don't forget the photographic competition. You've got until the end of this month to get those snaps off to Pauline and if the one I've submitted is anything to go by, you've got a very good chance. So send your photo to; Pauline Smith, 96 Queensway, Coney Hall, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9DY

Well, Howard has done it again, this time it's a Caterham. He picked it up on the day of the meeting, so I haven't got full details or a picture - hopefully more news next month. All I can tell you is that it's black and the engine was originally worked on by Minister Power. I knew he'd been looking for one for a while and he found this one in Manchester via Pistonheads.

Neil passed on info of a solar panel battery trickle-charger at Maplins which is on offer 'till the end of September for just £9.99 (half price). It seems like a good deal and comes with connections for cig lighter socket or crocodile clips. You can order on line at the Maplin website or buy in a Maplin near you.

Website news, the good news is that our site is now linked to Club Lotus, Terry managed to make it happen. Also if you now type North Kent Lotus Group into Google or Microsoft we also appear at the top of the lists. Terry would like anything you think suitable for the website; members cars, events, content ideas etc so email your stuff to the club email address.

And whilst on the topic of the Internet etc, we're trying to build up a list of email addresses of members so that we can pass on any info regarding short notice gatherings and

events etc. Obviously the addresses would be used by the group only and only to announce events etc. So please send yours to the above address.

I gave the 60th celebrations at the factory a miss this year but I know a few went up - any offers of a write up?? Let me know. One thing I did see that was going to be there was a £150,000 Europa with over £100k of diamonds embedded into the interior - I think there's only one question - why?

Next month will include the Christmas menu. Yes, it's that time of the year again and it will be at the Bottle House as usual on Friday 5th December.

Chrissie has supplied us with a write-up of her "Scare Yourself" day at the factory with Roger over the page and there's also some photo's from the picnic and mid-week run. So, if I don't see you at Goodwood or on the Komosa cup run I'll see you next month at the White Rock on the 8th and don't forget those photographs before the end of September!!

John

Komosa Cup

28th September

Meet at the White Rock

10 a.m.

for 10.30 start

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