

SOUTHERN LOTUS REGISTER PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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1. Kia ora tatou – Hello all Lotus club members!

Hope you are all well and enjoying the sunshine between the intermittent cold snaps!

We have enjoyed some great events since the last update and it has been super to have so many members participate! There is never any lack of conversation, sharing of knowledge, general catch ups, swapping news and general club friendship!

So... what have we all been up to??



A small group of us made our way to the Geraldine Motor Muster on a lovely July weekend. This was a new event and the planners, who were actually from Timaru did a great job for their first foray into the world of car shows! Worth keeping on our calendar for next year! A lot of cars on display that we hadn't seen before certainly kept everyone's interest piqued.

It was really great that three of our newer members were able to join us for the weekend – Marg who travelled up to Christchurch from Queenstown in her Elise 220 joined us at our starting point on the Friday for the run down to Geraldine along with Gabrielle in her Mercedes SL 500, whilst Dean travelled up from Dunedin in his Elise joining us in Temuka on the Friday night. The weather couldn't have been better and it was great to have a number of other members join us on the Saturday. We had a cool display of cars and rolled out our new flag to let everyone know the Lotus team was there!



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We were treated to another spectacular day weather-wise not to mention the amazing scenery on our recent 'Don't bring your Lotus' run! Thanks to Allan H for another incredible journey up into the back 'o beyond that showcases our amazing country! Couldn't have picked a better day, better scenery or better company to enjoy our picnic lunch!



A truly idyllic location with not a ripple in the lake's water providing a mirror image.

LAKE TAYLOR

Depth: 40 meters

Area: 207 ha.

Altitude: 579m

The weather wasn't quite so kind for the evening of our Pot Luck dinner! Thanks to everyone who made their way out to our place (Cheryl & George) on a very miserable, wet and windy evening! And a big thank you for bringing food to share – a great menu that saw us all with full plates and full stomachs! Great company & great conversations! Thanks everyone for a wonderful evening!

2. Committee meeting update

Thanks also to all members who braved the pouring rain and made it to the recent Committee meeting and thanks to Allan H for once again allowing us to use his business premises for our meeting.

Key points arising for your information:

- **Membership** - Currently 58 paid up club members– *Committee members to follow up with a number of people re their membership status.*
- **Schedule of events** – check out our website for all our upcoming events.

PLEASE NOTE: Mini-golf evening at the Caddyshack **22nd August** – see you there! See the separate attachment or check out our website for further details. Let David Crandall know asap if you're coming – we need a few more people to make this a

- success so put it in your diary now! A fun evening.....and you might just win a prize!!
- **Christmas dinner** – **Sunday 3rd December**. If you haven't got this in your diary please add it now!☺ Looking forward to celebrating another year of successful 'Lotusing'! Venue to be confirmed shortly.
- **New sponsor's** – Great to have two new sponsors come on board. Please see below and feel free to check out their websites for information on services offered etc.

-  **Steve Allan Customs Rangiora**
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www.steveallancustoms.com

- **K W Historics** Auckland Check out their website on www.lotus.co.nz



- Nick's Garage and Lighthouse Lighting continue their welcome sponsorship of the club – thank you.

It's great to have these businesses provide sponsorship, and while it provides advertising and potential clientele for their business it also provides opportunities for club members to have a 'touch point' and access to services as required.

- **Swap Meet** – George C is looking for additional support in setting up and manning the display this year - weekend of 6 – 8 October. If you're able to be part of the Swap Meet Gang touch base with George gandc.cottle@xtra.co.nz . We'll put the call out for display cars etc a little closer to the time. This is another opportunity to promote the Lotus marque and usually attracts a good level of interest from the public.
- **Facebook page** – discussion around reactivating a Facebook page that had been set up some years ago - not previously well promoted or used. Decision on this to be finalised at the next Committee meeting, we'll keep you updated.
- **Project** – Murray W raised the idea of the club having a project with members working jointly on an identified project. Something to think about, and for further discussion. If you've had experience with this type of project from a club perspective then we'd love to hear from you – touch base with Murray or me.

3. Transalpine



Planning for our 75th Lotus Anniversary Transalpine is ramping up now with final preparations being confirmed and all information material nearly ready to go out to everyone! The Planning Committee including Club Lotus members have been doing an amazing amount of behind the scenes work as the event draws closer – not long to go now! You'll find all the information on our website – check it out!

If you're interested in purchasing any of the limited edition range of 75th Anniversary apparel, orders must be placed and paid for by 30th August – see details on the website.

From The Secretary - Peter Jennings

Peter is happy to table any items you would like raised for discussion at any of the Committee meetings, or ideas you have for additional events etc.



4. From the Treasurer - John Chartres

Just a reminder for any outstanding membership fees - renewal for the 2023 – 2024 year is now past due, payment can be made to: **Southern Lotus: 11-7901-0193358-11.**

5. Club Regalia

Need to spruce up your Lotus summer wardrobe?? New cap, polo shirt etc - touch base with Julia: [Julia Flewollen](#) and have an e-chat – thanks Julia.

6. General

Got ideas rattling around for a run, garage raid or other event??

We'd love to hear from you! This is your club and we encourage you to have a say!

We'll organize it if that's not your thing – just contact one of the Committee members and let us know.

Also - Lotus Ladies – *'We are the Lotus Ladies from the Southern Lotus Club'*– Don't forget to send any ideas to me for any 'ladies only' events. Be great to hear from you – drop me an email via gandc.cottle@xtra.co.nz

Your contributions are welcome!

If you have any special Lotus news or items of interest to include in future newsletters / updates please get in touch with Murray Walls or me (Cheryl)

Cheryl Cottle



Just a few snaps and potentially what might have eventuated on the Don't Bring Your Lotus run!! Happy motoring and stay safe everyone!

Catch up soon☺



BRING A LOTUS, THEY SAID

IT'LL BE FUN, THEY SAID