

SOUTHERN LOTUS REGISTER PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

June 2023

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

Hope you are all well and ready for the colder weather which finally seems to be on its way. It's hard to believe that June is already here and our 75th Lotus Anniversary Transalpine seems to be approaching at a very fast rate!

This is my first report as President so hopefully it's not too long / too short or too boring!

Firstly, before moving on to other things I would like to once again thank Phillip Wood for his time as president – two terms in this role is no mean feat so many thanks Phillip for passing the reins over with the club in such good condition. Of course I cannot thank Phillip without thanking Julie Wood for her great support as well – it has been much appreciated. And many thanks also to Murray Falconer for his sterling work in the role of Club Secretary.

Secondly, I'd like to thank the committee members for coming on board, especially John Chartres for once again taking on the Treasurer's role – thank you John.

I'm looking forward to a year of superb motoring, great company, fun and conviviality and as always fostering all things Lotus!

So..... Who's who on the committee?

You can check us out below:

Cheryl Cottle	President	Grant Harman	Vice President
John Chartres	Treasurer	Pete Jennings	Secretary
Murray Wall	Communications		
Allan Honeybone	Amanda Williams	Bev Stevens	
David Crandall	George Cottle	Graham Stevens	
Malcolm James	Web Master		



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2. Committee meeting update

The Committee held their first meeting following the AGM, on 30 May with a great turnout of members and engaged discussions. Key points arising for your information:

- Committee meetings will be held bi-monthly with the next meeting scheduled for July.
- Membership Fees to remain at \$40 for the 2023 – 2024 year. For clarification the membership period will be added to the subscription form.
- Currently there are 67 paid up members – *there are more of us out there so please get your subs paid asap – thanks!*
- Schedule of events planned up to end of this year (2023). Includes runs, garage raids etc. See schedule at end of this update.
- Mid-winter Pot Luck dinner 22 July – mark it in your calendar now! To be held at the Cottle's (West Melton).
- Planning for the Club's annual Christmas dinner underway – looking at a different venue this year. Date: Sunday 3rd December – book it in your calendar now, it will be great to have you there to celebrate another year of successful 'Lotusing'!

A little Lotus trivia:

Did you know.....Roger Moore who played James Bond in 007 in the 1970s, was the first person to drive the Lotus Esprit S1, in 1976's *The Spy Who Loved Me*, which made the car famous!!



3. Mid-winter Pot Luck Dinner

After some Committee discussion thought we'd have a 'pot luck' dinner for this year's mid-winter meal, so following discussion at the meeting you are now invited to share some great food (that you bring!) and great company at Cheryl and George's home in West Melton. We'll get more details out to everyone as it gets a bit closer – keep **Saturday 22nd July** free to come and socialise the Lotus way!

4. Transalpine

The Transalpine Planning Committee have been beavering away – especially Malcolm and AJ who have been doing a significant amount of planning work behind the scenes – thanks guys!

If you're joining everyone on this weekend October 27th – 28th Blenheim / 29th – 30th Hanmer Springs (or if you're doing a longer trip) then you should have all your accommodation booked by now and be thinking of any special preparations you may need to be planning / organising to make sure your car is in tip top condition for a spin around the upper end of our magnificent island!



As you will be aware this is a bit of a special event with Lotus celebrating their 75 Year Anniversary and as well we have a number of the North Island Lotus members joining us. As this is slightly different from our usual transalpine, a longer run for many, and several vehicles with rather limited boot space (poor souls!) the decision has been made to forgo our usual themed fancy dress dinner – however that doesn't mean we don't get dressed up for dinner! We're celebrating 75 years as well as our usual Lotus camaraderie!

Additional updates coming out as planning progresses for those who are participating in the event. Have questions? Please direct any questions to Malcolm, AJ or George.

5. Trophy Awards

For those of you who were unable to make it to the AGM (30 May) you will have received the minutes by now however there are a couple of annual award presentations that I'd like to acknowledge. These awards are coveted by all who receive them and there is usually substantial discussion before the final decision is made!

- McFedries Cup: Awarded to Alan Honeybone for Services to the Club.
- Piston Broke Trophy: Murray Walls. People often do their best to avoid being awarded this trophy! However, for Murray this was awarded in recognition of his speed in getting his race car back on track following a crash.

Congratulations to you both!

6. From The Secretary

Following in Murray's footsteps Peter Jennings has now taken on the role of Club Secretary – thanks Peter, it's much appreciated.

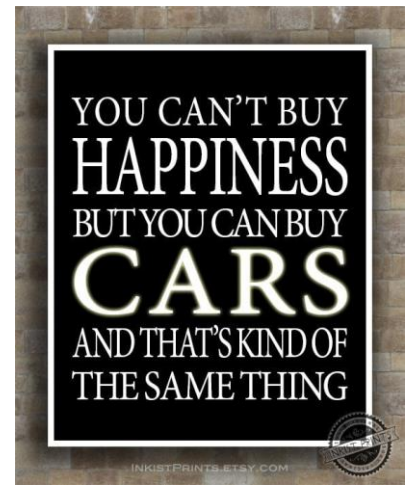


7. From the Treasurer

Just a reminder re your membership renewal for the 2023 – 2024 year: thanks to those who have already paid their subs for this period. If you have yet to pay please make your payment to: **Southern Lotus: 11-7901-0193358-11**. As soon as you are able would be much appreciated.

8. Club Regalia

Julia does a brilliant job of managing the Club Regalia and is in the process of having more caps made. So, if your old cap is looking a bit worse for wear or you just fancy a new one, or perhaps you're after another polo shirt or just need a new Lotus sticker touch base with Julia here: [Julia Flewellen](#) and have an e-chat – thanks Julia.



9. General

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

Don't be shy – we'd love to hear from you! We'll organize it if that's not your thing – just contact one of the Committee members and let us know. The more ideas we have the better! Be great to hear from you.

Also - Lotus Ladies – *'We are the Lotus Ladies from the Southern Lotus Club'* - fancy an evening or weekend day event just for women? Have some ideas? Be great to hear from you – perhaps two or three times a year? Drop me an email via gandc.cottle@xtra.co.nz

Non club events you may like to check out

1st Sunday of each month:

Rodder's Breakfast meeting - Kustom Car Club McLeans Island 8.00am.
Usually a large gathering of motoring enthusiasts with a diverse range of vehicles turning up. Buy some breakfast while you're there.

Last Friday of each month

BellaRat's Gas & Gander for something different. Meet at the NPD, 6pm / 740 Jones Road, Rolleston. BellaRat customs nz | Christchurch

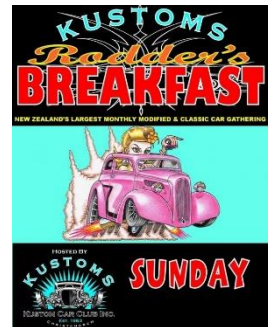
Last Sunday of every month. North Canterbury Classic Car Club

Meet up at Better Half Cafe Leithfield 10am - Grab a coffee / have brunch / lunch - check out the cars and have a chat to other car enthusiasts.

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) – thanks.

Cheryl Cottle



10. Looking ahead

Calendar of upcoming events: Check out the schedule below and don't forget to check the website otherwise keep an eye on your emails for details - pop the dates in your calendar NOW! A couple of events yet to be confirmed and you'll be kept updated about those. We're looking forward to another year of brilliant Lotus motoring - come and join us!

Event Type	Date	Event & Address	Organiser
Garage Raid	June Tuesday 13 7.00pm	Upper Classics 2-4 Halls Place Middleton (off Birmingham Drive)	George Cottle 027 398 6603
Club Run	June Sunday 24th AM: time to be advised	North Canterbury Classic Cars Better Half Café Leithfield	Grant Harman 021 677 929
Club Run <i>Overnight stay for those interested</i>	July Friday 14th – 16th Details to be advised	Geraldine Motor Muster	Grant Harman
	Fri: Registration & Cruise Sat: Public Car Show Sun: Car Museum Tour		
Mid-Winter Diner	July Saturday 22nd 7.00pm onwards	Cheryl & George's Place Shona Lane West Melton Details coming later.	Cheryl 027 5555 016 George 027 398 6603
Club Run	August Sunday 6th Time: TBA	DON'T bring your lotus! Details to come	Alan Honeybone
Garage Raid	August Tuesday 22nd	Indoor Mini golf To be confirmed /details advised	David Crandall
Club Run	September Saturday 16th	Kaikoura Hop <i>Runs from 13th – 17th</i>	Grant Harman 021 677 929
Garage Raid	September Date & time to be advised	Motor Sport Solutions	Alan Honeybone
Club Run	October Sunday 1st Time to be advised	Sheffield Wheels and Wings	Grant Harman
Club Event!!	October 6th – 8th Friday - Sunday	McLean's Island Swap Meet Details to come	George/Cheryl &?? Additional help pls!
Club Event!!!	October 27 th - 28 th Blenheim 29 th - 30 th Hanmer	Transalpine 75th Anniversary	Malcolm James / AJ Williams
Club Run	November Sunday 26th	Selwyn Motor Fest Breakfast run	Grant Harman
Garage Raid	November To be advised	Steve Allan Customs Rangiora	Grant Harman
Do come!! 😊	December Sunday 3rd Add to your diary NOW!	Lotus Christmas Dinner Venue to be advised	Cheryl and co.