

Looking to LOG 27

By Mike Ingelido

Greetings from the Rocky Mountains and all of us in Lotus Colorado (LOCO)! It is with great pleasure that I extend our club's invitation to Lotus owners and enthusiasts across North America to join Lotus Ltd in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado for the 27th Annual Lotus Owners Gathering (LOG 27) on the 24th through the 27th of August 2007. Hopefully, this article will provide enough information about our event to persuade you to at least consider traveling to Colorado next summer to enjoy our cool, crisp mountain air and join us for a very special and unique LOG!

Over the years, LOGs have continued to become bigger and better events. LOCO has every intention of continuing that tradition with LOG 27. The event will begin with Registration at the Silvertree Hotel on the afternoon of Friday the 24th of August. The Silvertree is located on the slopes of the Aspen Snowmass Ski Area. A reception for all registrants will be held on Friday night with heavy hors d'oeuvres served. On Saturday morning we will begin by offering a variety of Technical Sessions to satisfy various Lotus owners' interests, followed by the LOG Concours/Car Show later in the morning. The Concours gives everyone an opportunity to see all the great Lotus cars participants have brought with them to the event. In the evening we will hold our annual banquet with assorted guest speakers and special guests in attendance. Sunday morning will start with several more Tech Sessions, followed by an Autocross competition for those who may be interested. Throughout the day we will be conducting a fabulous scenic driving tour on many of the most beautiful Lotus-friendly roads in North America. The only thing more spectacular than the roads will be the Rocky Mountain scenery! In the evening we will hold a dinner buffet and awards presentation with additional guest speakers. Finally, on Monday the 27th, we will conclude LOG 27 with a

Track Day at the near-by Woody Creek Raceway. In all, this will be an event that should appeal to everyone who calls themselves a Lotus enthusiast!

While we are committed to hosting the biggest and best LOG ever, we are fully aware that Colorado is a long way for many of you, and we have taken a number of steps to address that issue. First and foremost, we hope you will consider LOG 27 not merely as a car event, but rather as one element of a larger vacation in the gorgeous Rocky Mountains. Aspen is one of the premier summer and winter resorts in North America. It offers a wide variety of outdoor activities for any interest...hiking, mountain biking, rafting, fishing, golf, tennis and just "people watching" for celebrities! Likewise, Aspen also provides for other interests with concerts, art galleries and a wide variety of shops and stores. Our contract with the Silvertree Hotel ensures that our LOG 27 room rates will be significantly less than a typical hotel room during the summer high season at Aspen and they will honor that rate (approximately \$95/night for a standard hotel room and commensurate reductions for 2 and 3-bedroom condominiums which are also available) for as long as you wish prior to, or after, the LOG. Furthermore, many airlines are now providing surprisingly reasonable fares to and from Denver. Air service into Aspen is also available, but renting a car in Denver and driving the four hours or so into the Colorado "high country" is a special treat all by itself, especially if you've never had that opportunity before! And if you are really looking for a different mode of travel consider riding the rails. AMTRAK's California Zephyr has daily service stopping in Glenwood Springs, CO, only 40 miles from Aspen! Finally, if you have the time available, you might consider an even bigger vacation in the Rockies with natural wonders stretching from the Grand Canyon in Arizona all the way to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. I guarantee it will be unforgettable!

One last thought. LOCO recognizes that for many of you the concept of going to a LOG without your Lotus is unthinkable. Well, we have some suggestions for that issue as well. For those of you with non-air-conditioned models, we have negotiated a reduced rate with several of the well-known car transport companies if several cars are picked up and delivered to "common" point. We'll have more details in the near future. For those of you with a "modern" Lotus, loosely defined as one with fuel injection and a functional air conditioner, we suggest you explore the charms of the Interstate Highway System. You paid for it; you might as well use it! Besides, this will put you in the running for the prestigious and highly coveted Long Distance Award and should be viewed as an adventure, and not just a road trip! And finally, who says you have to have your Lotus with you to have fun at a LOG anyway?

In conclusion, we hope this article has given you something to think about as you make your vacation plans for next year. As 2007 progresses we will continue to provide updates as we firm up the details associated with LOG 27, such as the names of our special guests and speakers. You can also stay abreast of our activities on the internet at the Lotus Ltd website at www.lotusclub.org and soon at www.log27.com.

In the meantime, we hope to see you next summer in Colorado where we air-condition the whole state...or at least all of it above 6,000 feet! ☺

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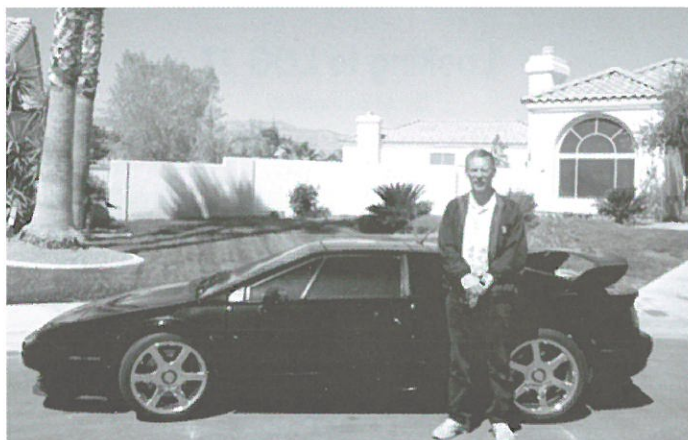
"Who We Are"

Article by Mark Pfeffer • Photo courtesy of Dave Weinberg

From muscle to fitness

Southern California is known as the hot bed for a wide variety of things, not the least of which is hot rodding and drag racing. At age 19 Dave Weinberg was in the thick of bracket racing in California with a '68 Dodge Charger RT producing around 500HP from the Mopar 440 V8. Nicknamed "California Earthquake" Dave's Charger ran high 11's in the quarter. Not bad for a 4,400 pound muscle car. About the weight of 2 1/2 Elise. Unfortunately the old adage "How do you make a little money racing? Start with a lot!" held true and Dave's bracket days came to an abrupt end.

Dave and His Esprit Enjoy the Las Vegas Weather Over the years, Dave had heard about Lotus, namely regarding Team Lotus' F1 exploits with Mario at the helm of the Lotus 78 and 79 but had never considered Lotus until recently when his wife Tina gave him the go ahead to begin the search for a "super" car. The budget kept marques like Koenisegg and Bugatti from The Weinberg garage. His initial direction took him toward an Aero SSC (??) only to discover the value of an Esprit V8. Research, research, research was the word at hand. Since Lotus had been around since the invention of the wheel (in today's super car speak I presume) an Esprit was just the ticket. Fast, sexy, reliable and relatively affordable. Long time Lotus Ltd. and LOG supporter Bill Nuccio of Fox Valley Motors in Chicago had a black 2000 V8 with Dave's name on it.



Let the fun begin. Dave contacted Esprit V8 guru, Johan Hybinette for some magic on the Esprit V8 ECU (engine management computer for you guys with carburetors and distributors) and it's been smooth sailing ever since. In true Lotus fashion Dave comments "I could probably fill this whole page on all of the great Lotus people that I have encountered but they may ask for royalty rights." It doesn't stop there either. Dave and fellow Las Vegas resident Cory Newberry started the local Lotus Ltd. chapter, the Southern Nevada Lotus Car Club (www.SNLCC.org) for like-minded people around the area. I can't help but hum a tune from The King "Viva Las Vegas". Too bad Elvis didn't drive a Lotus in the movie.

Dave considers himself lucky (Yes Dave, Tina is nice!) driving his Esprit to work, as the head sound engineer, at the Flamingo Hilton six days a week because of the great Las Vegas weather. Co-workers often enquire "What do I think my next car will be?"

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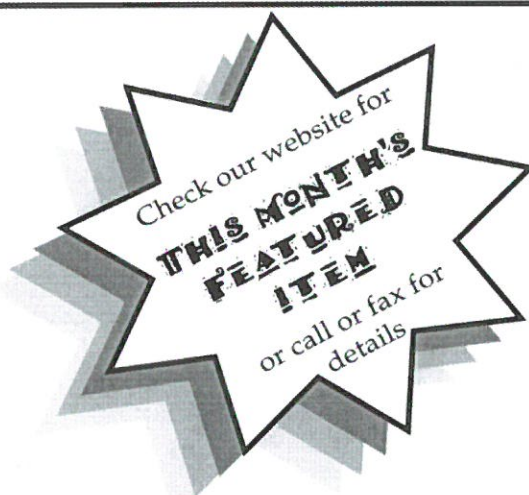
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