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As the co-chairs of LOG33 at Corning and Watkins Glen, NY, we welcome you to this year's Lotus, Ltd. Lotus Owners Gathering. We would like to say a few words before the LOG weekend begins this year. We hope you enjoy this year's event and that many of you will share and spread the reasons that make being part of the Lotus community important and meaningful. Following are the opening remarks from your co-chairs. First briefly from a familiar face, Tony Vaccaro. Secondly from someone who would like to get to know the Lotus, Ltd. community a little bit better, Brian Vaccaro.

It is truly wonderful to see you all at the 33rd LOG presented by Lotus Ltd and the 4th LOG presented by the Lotus Owners of NY (LOONYs). The Lotus Owners Gathering has always been about Lotus friends and Lotus family. I hope you have a great time as I pass the driving gloves to the person who has made me very happy joining me on the many back roads we travel. Welcome to LOG 33.

Tony Vaccaro

Ever since I was young I was surrounded by Lotus cars. Sevens, Elans, Europas, and Esprits were normal visitors to my parents driveway. All of these cars had one thing in common, they were driven by people who came to spend time with another Lotus owner, my dad Tony Vaccaro. The closest I came to joining this world of British cars were the occasional club breakfasts, club parties, or national events I went to. Throughout my childhood I woke up Sunday mornings to hear the Caterham rev up and my dad leave before I woke up, not knowing where he was going. But I always heard the stories about someone named Bill, David, Will, Frank, and many others.

Not until I was 16 did I begin to join the car world. I received a red Mazda Miata, which became affectionately known as the "Training Lotus", and I began to join my dad on the weekly Sunday club breakfasts. I soon began to realize why anybody, when given a choice, would wake up early on a Sunday to go 50 miles out of their way to meet up with other people who did the same. The more time I spent with the club the more stories I began to hear. The more stories I began to hear, the more I wanted to know about the cars. I started working on Elans and Caterhams with my dad. And while the mechanic aspect was fun, not to mention necessary for Lotus ownership, I began to realize why I wanted to keep going to these events.

I have been fortunate to be around these cars from an early age so the cars themselves lack a certain unobtainability that my friends experienced through their awe and amazement when these cars in the garage for the first, second, third, or twentieth time. But the amazing part to me about these cars are their ability to bring people together; people who never would meet under normal circumstances. A computer technician in Buffalo meets up with a car dealer from Geneva, a chemist from Batavia, a college administrator from Ithaca, and with many others with careers and locations that expanded well beyond the borders of Buffalo or even New York State, and sometimes this country. We all find common ground, and friendship, in the craziest places sometimes. Now instead of listening to my dad's stories I have developed my own which include the same names as above but many more which I have met along my own way that includes Russ, Lyn, Joe, Bob and what feels like a hundred others as well.

It is with this feeling of camaraderie that I welcome you to LOG 33. May you find here what I found at the diners and driveways of fellow Lotus Owners of New York club members many years ago. And for those of you well versed in what it means to be part of this Lotus community I have only one thing to say, thank you and keep sharing with new and old members alike what makes this club truly special. Enjoy your weekend and I look forward to meeting you all.

Brian Vaccaro



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