Club Lotus South Wales

CLUB NEWS



We have started the year well, so let's keep it up.

For those of you who identified the Castle in the last newsletter, well done. Dolbadarn Castle being a 13th century native Welsh Castle, stands some 80ft, above Llyn Padarn close to the Llanberis Pass on the eastern side of the main A4086 between Caernafon and Snowdon. All names were put into a hat and Targe won the opportunity to arrange a drive run to the area. The run will include a visit to the Canolfan Tryweryn white water rafting centre, for those brave enough to take the 20 minute run down the river. Based near Bala, North Wales (so we need an early start), the centre was the first commercial white water rafting operation in the UK.

The castle on the right is situated closer to home, some 10 miles south east of Cardigan, can you identify this one?.

Send your answers to mail@clsw.co.uk along with your name etc, we will place all correct entries into to a hat, the winner will be drawn out at random and will get the chance to organise a drive run to visit the Castle during the next few months.

Below is some of the stuff we have been up to during the early part of 2009.





Chilly Willy Run

One of our first little outings, very, very cold but worth it all the same.

12th March Club Night, Guest Speaker.

A very welcome turn out saw the Tynant packed with club members. Andy Bradshaw came along to talk about his fantastic Lotus type 30 and many of his other experiences with owning and building Lotus cars over the years. Many thanks Andy for an excellent talk.

Lotus Show at Donnington

Fantastic show (again) great to see such a variety of Lotus cars & stuff under one roof. Great drive up as well thanks to Steve W for showing us the Pork Roll Farm shop as well, umm yummy.

10th May Pencoed Classic Car Show

Cracking early summers day brought along a really good turn out from our club. Highlights of the day included looking at the fantastic cars on show and buying lots of rusty old junk from the auto jumble.

Andy's lovely fiancee Samantha begged to buy this Mk 1 Escort from Andrew of S&T Tyres, who is the proud owner, however, he could not be persuaded to part with his pride and joy though.





23rd May Club Lotus <u>Track day</u> at Castle Combe.

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the charity events on the Club Lotus Day at Castle Combe on the 23rd of May. Over £1600 was raised by the Passenger rides given by the Lotus on track cars, QMECH's Caterham the 211 and Exige S from Group Lotus and the driving instruction from Castle Combe's David Da Costa. Proceeds to Teenage Cancer Charity.

Great to see Rob C's Rocket ship taking to track for some initial testing, car looked super fast, but Rob C said that he needed to finalise the cars suspension set up before giving it any serious beans.

13th June Fish & Chip run to West Wales.

Many thanks to Mel for organising the run to Lampeter where we stopped for a lovely bit of cod and chips. Another cracking day with full sunshine, ('note to self' keep hat in Lotus for next run) This run took us through Pontarddulais and over the Black Mountains on some of the best roads around.





What next for 2009?

Events

27th June Llandow Action Day with SELOC.

- T.B.C CLSW Track Day at Llandow
- T.B.C Lotus Chassis Factory Visit with Stratstone Lotus Cardiff.
- T.B.C Lotus Summer BBQ
- T.B.C Terry Sanger talk
- **T.B.C** Lotus Elise Track set up talk and Demo, by QMECH Lotus & Caterham, and Rob Francis.
- **T.B.C** Building and Racing a Caterham talk by Andy Stanford.
- **T.B.C** Brake upgrade talk by EBC.

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Saturday 27th June at Llandow will see approx 40 Lotus Cars from the SELOC group taking part in a track day at Llandow Circuit.

Andy from QMECH Lotus & Caterham will be there giving trackside mechanical support and advise on car set up etc.

We are planning to hold the summer BBQ a bit earlier this year, say sometime in July, this will gives those who holiday abroad in August a chance to come along and enjoy this great family get together.

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