

LOTUS LETTER

CHRISTMAS 2008

BRONTE
FALL RUN
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COVER: Back road near Rice Lake, East Fall Run.

Some roads on the Run were not paved. When Duncan Lamb, the organizer of the event, discovered this in the course of the Run he quickly altered the route bypassing the roads. But three drivers, lagging behind, carried on unaware that they were not only unpaved, but neglected, overgrown, rutted, forgotten seasonal lanes. It will be a long time before two Elise and an Esprit are seen on these picturesque highways again. For photos see LCC Fall Runs Photo Essay in this issue.

Photo by Ivan Samila.

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Mike McGraw, Rob Roy, M. Eddenden.....Bronte 2008
Rob Roy.....LCC West Fall Run
Christiane(Chris)Thickett, Ivan Samila,
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Michael Eddenden, Editor/Art Director

The Lotus Club of Canada

meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm
at the **Hare and Firkin Pub** (427 and 401)
2800 Skymark Ave, Unit 28, Mississauga. (905 624 4273)
The next meeting is Monday, January 12, 2009.
The Club's website is <http://lotusclub.ca>.
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Lotus Club of Canada West Fall Run: Stephen Rodger's BDR Seven under scrutiny. Four Esprits, an Elan, an Elise, plus Stephen's Seven participated in the Run.



Lotus Club of Canada BUSINESS

DUES MEETINGS WEST vs EAST THANK YOU



In recent months several issues which need to be discussed, have bubbled to the surface. Unfortunately having no executive, the only forum which represents all members of the Club, or at least reaches them, is this newsletter.

Which is another way of saying, Pay Attention.

The first item is the \$20 Annual Dues. Not a great deal of money but then we don't offer much: the Lotus Club's website and a printed edition of the newsletter for members who either prefer to receive real paper or have no computer. Neither the website, or the printing-posting, costs a great deal. We share the website with the ECLC and Lotus Club of British Columbia. Slightly less than half the membership receives the printed newsletter (Black and white photocopies sent in the mail.) It has been suggested that we should either spend the money on a party or lower dues, or cancel them altogether for a year.

The second item is the Monday night meetings, held every month at the Hare & Firkin Pub in Mississauga. Monday is a problem. Mondays conflict with holidays. Originally the Club met Fridays but that night was not available when we moved to the Highland Yacht Club. Only Monday was. Now that we are meeting at the Hare & Firkin it has been proposed that we move it to Tuesday. Later in the week the crowds and noise of the Pub would not be conducive to meetings.

We will be discussing both issues, such as the Club discusses anything, at the Winter Party set for February 7th at the Highland Yacht Club.

The third item is the recent Fall Run which saw the Club host two separate Runs, East and West, on the same day. This was not the result of an acrimonious dispute, but of a convoluted process, a few misunderstandings and the wish to drive a long Run by a majority, and a wish to drive a shorter run by a sizable minority.

The result? Thirteen cars drove the East route starting in Bowmanville and running to a wonderful dinner at the Inn at Gores landing, Rice Lake, while seven more Lotus met in Milton and drove to Mono Cliff Inn. Both groups had great runs on a perfect day. There was only one complaint heard from diehards on the East Run.

"If they'd held the other Run on a different weekend I could have gone to both," said Andy, Caterham Seven.

Perhaps next year. The Club could easily manage two Runs in the Fall, especially if one was long and adventurous, and the other shorter and more convenient.

Last act in this strange and eventful history is Thank you to all the members who continue to make the Club run. If I will probably forget someone and for this I apologize, but I will attempt to name them here:

Duncan Lamb for organizing the East Fall Run, Stephen Rodgers for organizing the West Run, Stephen White for organizing the Spring Run, David & Georgina Good, Rick and Lois Chapman for organizing the Winter Party and securing the Highland Yacht for the event, Roger Barker for any number of things including the Club Calendar, Doug Howey for printing/emailing the newsletter, Don Horne for making us pay up every year, Don Seibel Membership Roster, Harald Freise for the website, to Kevin Marson, Keith Marshall and Glenn Grainger for hosting the wonderful Garage Tour, and to all those who have written articles and taken pictures for the newsletter. Many of these volunteers have done much more for the Club than is listed here.

We owe them our thanks.

Michael Eddenden, Editor

LOTUS CLUB OF CANADA

WINTER PARTY

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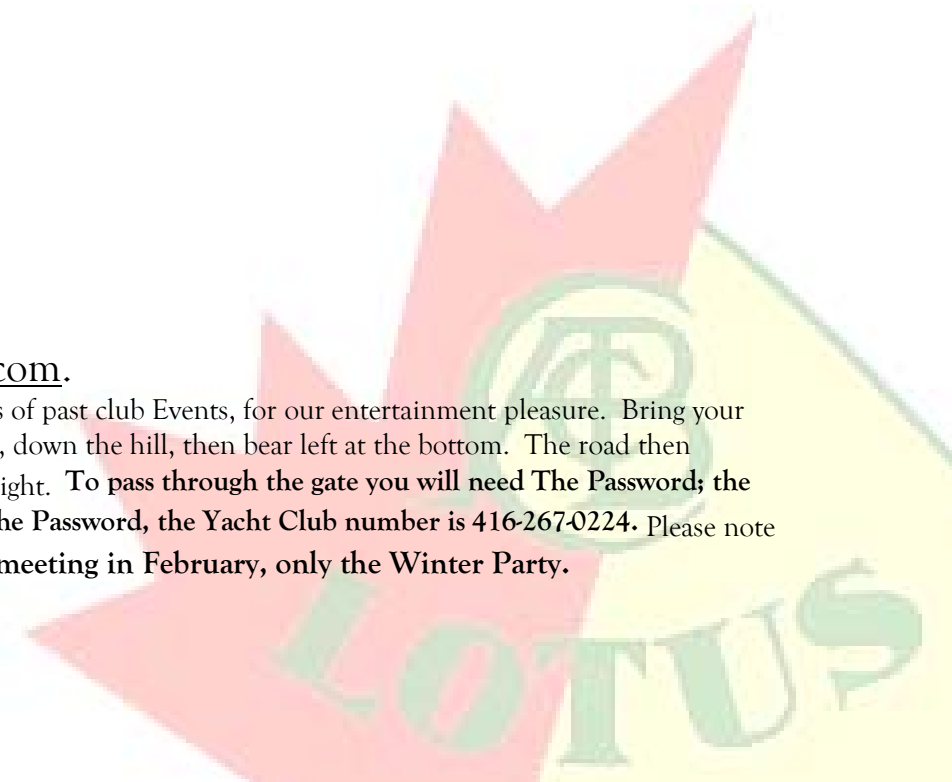
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HIGHLAND YACHT CLUB

RSVP/VOLUNTEER contact Roger Barker H: 416 621 9068 email rogerfbarker@hotmail.com.

The evening will comprise the bar, appetizers, various dishes, salads and dessert. Someone (that's you) will likely bring Videos and DVD's of past club Events, for our entertainment pleasure. Bring your photos for Don Seibel to scan into our Archives. To reach the Highland Yacht Club take Brimley Road heading south off Kingston Road, down the hill, then bear left at the bottom. The road then follows the shoreline, Scarborough Bluffs on one side, Lake Ontario on the other, until it reaches the Yacht Club's entrance gate on the right. **To pass through the gate you will need The Password; the Clubhouse is far enough away that shrieking and honking will do no good. To obtain the password call Roger Barker. If you forget the Password, the Yacht Club number is 416-267-0224.** Please note that the Winter Party supersedes the February Monthly Meeting at the Hare & Firkin Pub in Mississauga. **There will be no monthly meeting in February, only the Winter Party.**



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Before

*As worn by Chris & Kevin Marson
on Fall Run !!!!*



After!

PHOTO ESSAY LOTUS CLUB OF CANADA

FALL RUNS 2008









Previous pages: Unpaved backroad (I.Samila); The humped wooden railway bridge outside Port Hope (D. Eng); Autumn colours south of Rice Lake (C. Thickett). Opposite: The Inn at Gores Landing (M. Eddenden), Top above: Roger Barker's Elite on a wooded lane (D.Eng); Above: Four Esprits on the West Fall Run (Rob Roy); Next page: Member portraits at the inn (C. Thickett); The sign warning of the perilous roads ahead (I. Samila). Last page: Parking lot of Inn at Gores Landing, Rice Lake. (M. Eddenden)



Lotus Operandi...sort of.

Well, the Club's Fall Run, the Official Eastern version as opposed to that Upstart Western version, has come and gone. They were the best of roads, they were the worst of roads. For the most part, the route was colourful, twisty at times, and paved. To cover my ass I did say at the start that I had not driven the entire route.

Underline entire. And wouldn't you just know that the only part I had not covered, wasn't covered. Or paved.

In fact the term "road" is apparently stretching it quite a bit. So, a special "Good for you" goes out to Chris and Kevin Marson, Ivan Samila, Tom Thomas and his date Stephen White, and non-member Chris Atkins, for using that rare "off road" switch which I believe is unique to the Elise, some Seven's and one red Esprit. And OK, OK, I'll also own up to the fact that some of the signage at some of the intersections was, shall we say, a bit hard to make out. (Read non-existent).

I did try, honest, to keep us all together but some of you get distracted easily and the concept of left and right takes a mental flip. And at least one of you had GPS for God's sake. Anyway, sorry that for some of the participants my mea culpa became your problem. Oh well, all's well that ends well and for the Off-roading contingent, Bravo!

See you next year?

Duncan Lamb, Organizer of the East Fall Run



