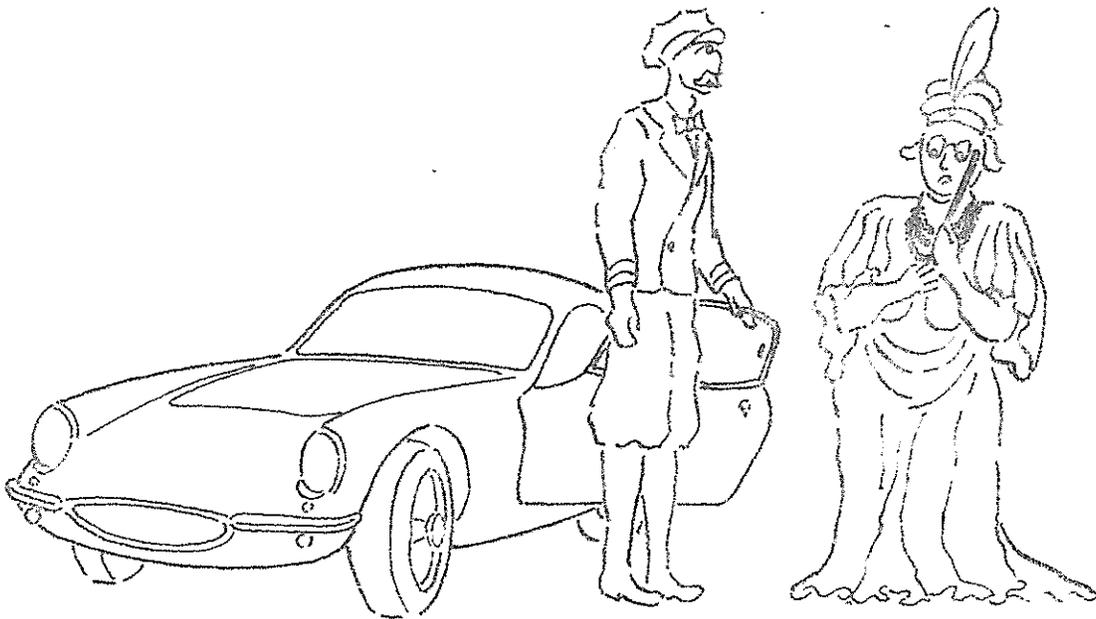


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"YOUR SON BORROWED THE LIMOUSINE FOR THE EVENING"

CLUB ELITE

Dear Members;

This Editorial marks the end of our third year and as usual in the last newsletter of the year we publish an up to date list of Register Members, which we are showing in State order again. We now have 127 Club members and 219 Register Members. A Register Member is an Owner of an Elite in the U.S. We do hope we will maintain this number of Club Members next year and have been very gratified already by some of our members even paying next years dues before we have sent out this newsletter with the renewal form. It certainly is good to know the newsletter means that much to you and makes us feel we are on a permanent basis. Stuart Archibald of Oak View, California has again led the membership in being the first to renew. As you will note, we have attached a renewal form to the list of Register and Club Members, and would ask you to complete this and return it with your dues for 1974/75 which remain at \$10.00. We have enclosed a self-addressed envelope

Our special thanks are due to Dr. Mohr for undertaking last month's newsletter. We certainly enjoyed being on the receiving end of the newsletter, not only because it gave us a break to catch up on much needed correspondence, but also because it is really refreshing to read another person's approach to producing the newsletter.

We are fortunate enough to have the opportunity of sitting back next month and being again on the receiving end. This time the newsletter comes from the West Coast by Dennis Ortenburger. Dennis has a lot of information stored up on the subject of Elites and we daresay he'll be passing a good bit of it on to us.

We should mention at this point that we have offers from Dennis again to do the October newsletter and from Jim Goodman to take over the November letter. We truly appreciate their generosity in taking on this task as the months when we can take a break enables us to catch up on much of our personal business and these days it is an easy matter for it to get on top of us. As a means of showing our appreciation to those who have undertaken this task this year and those who have promised to do so, we will waive the dues for 74/75 as we feel they have earned their membership. We are still looking for volunteers to take on a couple of more newsletters - perhaps July. Maybe, this will be an inducement. How about it?

During the week we heard from the Organizers of the Morgan Meet that this year they have chosen not to extend an invitation to visiting Clubs to participate in their celebrations. Whilst regretting this decision, it is easy to understand their reasoning but we have enjoyed and are glad to have had the opportunity to participate in the Pocono Week-end with them for the last two years. Therefore, as Pocono is excluded, the location of this year's Meet has boiled down to Greenfield Village, near Detroit. We have received offers of help to organize this Meet at this location. In order to have a more definite idea about the popularity of a Meet and the possibility of Club Members attendance, we have a small section in the Renewal Form and if you have some interest in coming to this Meet, please

indicate so. We are not asking for firm commitments but for some sort of idea of the popularity of this location and an estimate of people attending would be useful at this stage of planning.

With this month's front cover, we hope to open a new section for the artists in the Club. Tom Sargent produced this cartoon and we are hopeful that others in the Club will pursue this idea as Tom indicates in his letter -

"With all the artists in our Club, some visual humor, would seem to be a logical inclusion in the newsletter. Although the cartoon enclosed is no prize winner; it might get the log rolling and additionally, some of the people who will be doing some future newsletters might welcome the opportunity fill half a page. I have 2 or 3 more ideas for cartoons kicking around in the back of my head if it is decided that cartoons are a worthwhile inclusion."

The Club's files were particularly enriched this month with receipt of books and magazines articles from our Australian Member, Mr. Adrian Schagen. Amongst these were four very rare "Sports Car and Lotus Owner" which were magazines published by Lotus in the late 50's and early 60's. Mr Schagen had some duplicates and kindly contributed to the Club. We will publish one particularly interesting article in May which relates to Jay Chamberlain. You will recall from the chassis listings that Mr. Chamberlain was responsible for importing most of the Elites into California. If any of you have information regarding Mr. Chamberlain now we would certainly like to know. We wonder if he is connected with racing at all, or if he still retains his Lotus automobile dealership. Mr. Schagen also sent us negatives of some of his other non-Elite articles which we enlarged and reproduced and will publish shortly as they make good reading for the Sports Racing Section.

We were also glad to receive another addition to the library from Gary Koller who sent an article entitled "Coventry Climax History" which was not in our collection.

Through the helpful efforts of Club Members our library is increasing and we intend to produce as many of the articles during next year as we can. In the meantime we send our thanks to both Mr. Schagen and Mr. Koller for their donations.

You will note in the newsletter we have taken the opportunity to copy the U.S. Lotus XI Register recently published by Russ Hoenig and have added it to our own Elite Register. Russ tells us he has located about 41 XI's. We wish him well in their organization. Russ and his wife Jeane live in Charlotte, Michigan and it is through their endeavours that the Club for XI owners has been formed.

We are extending an invitation for the XI owners to meet with us at Greenfield Village. We feel sure it will be an enjoyable and interesting Meet. Some of the members of our Club are XI owners and we would naturally like to see them at Greenfield Village; and so we hope that our two Clubs can together.

We are continuing the Elite chassis listing this month as well as the XI chassis listing.

We can now verify that the new Lotus luxury four seater will be named Elite. We don't think they will use any suffix II as was previously understood. We hope its quality will live up to that of its namesake. It does appear to be following its tread path by also missing the International Geneva Motor Show for its debut!

Jim Goodman has taken five Club letterheads and installed the insignia in a plastic covering, which makes a nice badge to stick on the back of your Elite. These are being given to the first five interested members free of charge.

Best Wishes,

Barbara and Bill Hutton.

News Flash - Don Plettenberg has just called us and most generously offered to take the July newsletter. Our sincere thanks go to Don and Chris. He also tells us that the new Elite is featured in this month's Road and Track which we look forward to reading.

FOR SALE

#1377 PXEB 1377 Series II 1962 LHD Stage I - MG box, Body and mechanical excellent. Interior shot. 5 brand new Michelins - \$1750 or offer - C.A. Smith, 950 Alta Vista Drive, Altadena California (213) 798-6033.

#7979 EB 123 7979 Ex Larry Dent Elite (see newsletter Vol. 1, No.2, for chassis number explanation ) LHD, ZF, needs some work - Asking \$2000. Edward Derrick, 2029 West 69th Place, Chicago, Illinois 60636 (312) 436-2372.

#1160 1160 - RHD - Series I - MG Box - Dual SU's, straight car worthy of restoration - Driveable but needs diff. bearings \$1250. Dean Price, 494, Ellis Street, Pasadena, Calif. 91105. Tel 449-2437.

#1179 1179 - LHD - new body replaced damaged original, MG-Stage I, only 25000 miles. New Michelin X's, new battery, pearlized white, red interior, very good conditions, except cracked rear glass. Ray Stevens, Route 3, Box 7A, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. Tel: Business (301) 228-4242.

#1718 EB1718, RHD, S.E. Stage II, Dual SU's, ZF, 57000 miles. Konis rear, new battery and exhaust system. Engine in good shape. All gauges and controls working except speedo and choke cables broken, A very solid car. Wires are tight and tires are good. Interior just carpeted. New yellow paint. Over \$1500 cash and 500 man hours invested. Need ready cash \$1700 firm. Mike Middleton, 210 Gilbert Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana, 47401. (812) 336-6941.

#1086 1086, RHD, excellent body, partially restored, Konis, Cosworth Ford engine with full synchro transmission (rebuilt) - Jim Davis, 175C, South Hamlin, Orange, California, 92669. (714) 532-2817. Also has for sale or swap, Elite parts - 2 seats - 1 black, 1 tan, 1 Dunlop Rim and hub; SI radiator - new core; 1 set of front stainless; 1 steering column and wood steering wheel; 1 dash, 1 tach; 1 speedo.

1561	10200	ELC 50193	24/1/62	F. W. Cole
1562	9185	ELC 896	29/12/60	F. Stewart
1563	10473 4322	RK 50647 ELC 50397	2/5/62	A Foster
1564	9268	RK 50115 EK 50555	30/11/61	F. Stirling
1565	10461	RK 50579	11/4/62	C S Clifton
1566	10487	EK 50384 RK 50716 EK 50463	15/4/62	J G Stewart
1567	9333	ELC 933	6/3/61	Hanni Motor Service
1568	10474	RK 50623 EK 50415 RK 50545	30/4/62	C B Edwards
1569	9709	EK 50361	3/4/62	Martin Harry Roy
1570	10290	ELC 50232 EK 50232	10/2/62	Col. ...
1571	10491	RK 50625 EK 50435 EK 50468	2/7/62	... Lasswell Young
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1573	10575	RK 50724 EK 50466	17/5/62	F Brookes
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1575	9882	RK 50481 ELC 50295	9/3/62	G. ...
1576	10647	ELC 1114 RK 50584	17/8/62	... ..
1577	10510	EK 50328	13/4/62	B Barnes
1578	10137	ELC 50100 EK 50100	6/1/62	E. F. ...
1579	10735	RK 50926 EK 50578 RK 50776	3/6/62	A.M. ...
1580	10585	EK 50499 RK 50567	1/6/62	S S Vetch
1581	10470	EK 50377	10/4/62	R H Martin
1582	10447	ELC 50175 RK 50194 EK 50686	20/1/62	S. E. ...
1583	10470	EK 50443	4/5/62	J A McLaughlin
1584	9765	ELC 50356	22/3/62	Mr Wood
1585	10527 40207	ELC 50356 EK 50227	7/2/62	... ..
1586	10387	ELC 50127	7/2/62	... ..
1587	car only	SP 4983	10/8/62	Sports Motor (M/C) Ltd
1588	9347	ELC 1041 RK 50748	16/11/61	... ..
1589	10574	EK 50571	7/4/62	AC Clarke
1590	4421	ELC 50155 EK 50236	12/2/62	K. ...
1591	9192	ELC 1519	20/1/61	... ..
1592	9000	ELC 1529	11/2/61	... ..
1593	9004	ELC 1529	11/2/61	... ..
1594	9169	ELC 1568	5/2/61	... ..
1595	9165	ELC 1533	27/1/61	... ..
1596		ELC 1563	20/1/61	... ..
1597		ELC 1567	20/1/61	... ..
1598	9637	ELC 1772	20/1/61	... ..
1599	9175	ELC 1567	15/1/61	... ..
1600	9365	ELC 1524	9/3/61	... ..

<u>Chassis No.</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Engine/Gearbox</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Axle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Customer</u>
507	Sports	100E		BMC 4.5	16.2.58.	J.Black
508	Le Mans	Stage II 1100 FWA	5327	De Dion 4.5	26.8.58.	Hon. F.A. Howard
510	Le Mans	Stage II 1100 FWA	7329	De Dion 4.5	1.3.58.	S. Greene
511	S.II	Stage II 1100 FWA	FWA 400/9 7443	De Dion 4.9	1.4.58.	J. Savoye
512	S.II	Stage II 1100 FWA	7447	De Dion 4.5	22.4.58.	Siersing
513	Eleven	1100 FWA	7700 8033	De Dion 4.2 ZF		Schuster
515	Le Mans	1100 FWA	7701	De Dion 4.2 ZF		Frost
516	Sebring Special	Stage II 1100 FWA		De Dion 4.5	19.4.58.	Wheeler
517	Le Mans	100E	Own engine	4.5 N/M	14.12.57.	Tweedy
518	FWGS	100E		4.5 N/M	22.3.58.	Laurence Brown
519	Le Mans	FWM 750		4.5 N/M		Crombæ
520	Sports	100E		4.5 N/M	15.3.58.	A.W. Watson
522	Series II Eleven	FWA 1100 Stage II Climax	7749	De Dion 4.5	21.5.58.	Heath

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523	S.II Eleven	FWA 1100 /2	7456	De Dion 4.5	4.6.58.	Thomas Scott
524	Club	1100 FWA Stage II	7158	4.9 N/M		Danilo Tesini
525	Le Mans	1100 FWA Stage II	7452	De Dion 4.5 ZF	18.8.58.	J.R.Lowe
526	Le Mans	1100 FWA Stage II	7457	De Dion 4.5 ZF	18.8.58.	J.R.Lowe
527	Eleven	Replacement chassis/body unit			25.7.58.	M.Dickens
528	Mk II S.II	Climax Stage II	7487	4.5 ZF		J.Chamberlain
529	Mk II	1100 Stage II	7476	4.5		J.Chamberlain
530	Mk II	1100 Stage II	7486	4.5	18.9.58.	J.Chamberlain
531	Mk II/2	FWA /2	7478	De Dion 4.5 ZF		J.Chamberlain
532	Mk II/2	FWA /2	7465	De Dion 4.5 ZF		J.Chamberlain
533	Mk II/2	FWA /2		De Dion 4.5 ZF		J.Chamberlain
534						Sports Motors

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CLUB REGISTER: This yearly Register of chassis numbers and addresses of Lotus Elite owners in America is compiled and sent to interested persons at no charge. If you are not a Club Member and would like to continue receiving the Register, please return this form in the enclosed envelope with your name and address and your Elite's chassis/serial number

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: If interested in joining or rejoining Club Elite, which includes receiving a monthly newsletter such as the March letter attached enclose \$10.00 for (new) or (renewed) 1974-75 dues.

\$ Free of Charge amount enclosed. *for compliment Bill*

ANNUAL CLUB MEET:

This year the Annual Meet has been set for Greenfield Village, Michigan, for the 1st or 2nd week-end in August. Please indicate in the space below if you would be interested in attending and in helping with arrangements. This is not a reservation form, but it would help us to have an indication of the numbers we might expect to attend. Details of the arrangements will be published in the May and June newsletters.  
Would like to attend to Annual Meet at Greenfield Village \_\_\_\_\_  
Would be able to help with organization \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERSHIP CHANGE: If you have parted company with your Elite, we should be most grateful if you would supply us with the new owner's name and address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Chassis Number \_\_\_\_\_

POTENTIAL

REGISTER MEMBERS: If you should know any Elite owner who is not listed on this Register, please give us his name and address, so that we may contact him.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Chassis or Serial Number if available \_\_\_\_\_