

THE OFF-SIDE UNDO

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‘A gentleman does not motor about after dark.’ —Joseph Lucas

Europa Chronicles/Boondoggle

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Many of my friends in the English Motoring Club of Mississippi are very familiar with my story regarding my long-lost Lotus Europa. As club members know, I have always had a fondness for cars under the Lotus banner. A particular model that I've lusted after was the Europa.

In 2013 I located a Europa model S2 and purchased it! I had no thought of a complete restoration only to make it a reliable streetcar. I had the Lotus shipped to New Orleans and drove it directly to a friend's garage only to discover that it was really in bad shape. The shop owner is a very good friend of mine, and we proceeded with a partial disassembly of the vehicle. I quickly realized that my friend and I had very different methods of repair. What does that mean you ask? I couldn't stand to work with him on this project. This went on for several weeks, and my discontent only grew. Enter Richard Winter, the proprietor of Europa Engineering in South Port England. This gentleman has built and restored over 300 Europa's. What would one more be? I started correspondence with Richard who seemed willing to take on one more project. Letters were sent via email outlining the intended use of my car. After contracting with an export broker, I had to build a wooden shipping container, complying with rules and regulations of the federal government. The wooden container was completed in November 2014. The disassembled car was arranged within the wooden shipping container and picked up by the export broker.

CHAPTER 2 THE WEIGHT BEGINS.

Photos of the painted Lotus Europa S2 are included below





Will the Europa make it back across the pond? Will I ever get a chance to enjoy my Europa? Stay tuned and wish me luck as I continue with this adventure.

Happy Motoring!
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