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Lamborghini at the Detroit Auto Show

Since the first Detroit Auto Show held in 1907, the North American International Auto Show has really come to hold a high level of heritage and prestige; likewise, any automobile on display must reflect the same. However, Lamborghini doesn't just reflect that prestige – it sets the stage on which most other automakers must compete. Anyone who has visited the Detroit show has come to know that as truth, as they've personally witnessed the constant crowd formed around the Lamborghini display – and this year was no different. Lamborghini's Ad Personam personalization program was the focal point of this year's display. The program is designed to add exclusivity to each Lamborghini by offering a wide range of possibilities for making your Lamborghini uniquely yours. In addition, Lamborghini is also continuing to set the pace with color options – this year, offering matte finishes rather than shiny tones. Highlighting the new matte finish was a new Gallardo Spyder in brown with the interior in a complimentary brown Alcantara, 'Marrone Gaia'.

The eyecatching display at the Lamborghini booth included a new shade of light blue, 'Blu Cepheus', which will soon be available through the Lamborghini personalization program. According to Lamborghini, the pale blue color is "inspired by the purity and transparency of polar ice." It



also notes that the blue tone is "one of the most glamorous shades in fashion today."

Stephan Winkelmann, Automobili Lamborghini's president and CEO, was excited for the new (continued on page 4)

Mr.Vroom and the World's Quickest Lamborghini

With a last of name of "Vroom", one would think that Bernard has a birthright to go fast; as a pilot of aircrafts and the world's fastest Lamborghini, Bernard agrees. It's not that Bernard's Gallardo was slow to begin with – it just wasn't fast enough for Bernard. Bernard took matters into his own hands by contacting Jason at Heffner Performance to add a twin turbo package to his Gallardo.

Bernard has attracted so much attention from his super-enhanced Gallardo, that he even got the attention of Car & Driver!

Performance statistics from Car & Driver magazine:

Zero to 200 mph: 25.7 sec ¼-mile: 11.3 sec @ 137 mph 200-to-0-mph braking: 1770 feet Total time, 0 to 200 to 0 mph: 37.6 sec Dyno results: 749 rear wheel Horsepower To get Bernard's Gallardo to run that fast, a few additions and subtractions were necessary. A few of the specifics: Heffner first lowered the compression (from 11.0:1 to 9.0) via forged pistons with steel liners in the aluminum cylinder block, then he added billet steel rods by Carrillo, and finished by replacing the con-rod bearings. Fuel is delivered by a pair of high-capacity pumps to a Bosch injection system governed by a Heffner-spec ECU from AEM. The upper intake manifold is a Heffner design, as are the stainless-steel exhaust headers, the enlarged airbox intakes, and the high-flow air filters. For weight reduction (to offset the weight of the added turbo modifications), the front differential and half shafts were removed. This change also eliminated any issues with front to rear rolling ratio from the new rear tire sizes (front tires to match the factory rolling ratio would have been hard to find!). (continued on page 6)

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We are just getting 2008 underway and it's already becoming another great year for Lamborghini! The North American International Auto Show was a lot of fun; in large part because of the number of owners who made the trip to Detroit to check out the show – and specifically the Lamborghinis on display. Owners from a handful of states and Canada who made it out to the show this year were able to see some new things Lamborghini is introducing and everyone is full of excitement!

The Lamborghini Club America has done plenty in bringing the community of Lamborghini owners together, and we are definitely following suit. We have plenty of events around the country for Lamborghini owners to look forward to – so keep an eye on the newsletter and club website for updates! Lamborghini Troy, the sole Michigan dealership, will have a number of events focused on Midwest Lamborghini owners (our track event, brake-fast club drives, Running of Our Bulls, etc.) for the upcoming year. But also, on a larger scale, we will be actively participating at Pocono and the Giro, along with other events scheduled for the Monterey weekend.

Email me for a PDF copy of the new Lamborghini merchandise catalog "Collezione Automobile Lamborghini" which has a variety of great new Lamborghini Boutique items!

Weather permitting, the first Brake-Fast will be in March. Please check www.lamborghinitroy.com/events for up-to-the-date local and national Lamborghini events.

Michigan area owners: be sure to get your Lamborghini ready for the driving season! Contact Dan Bembas at 248-341-5200 to get your Lamborghini scheduled for a fluid change and inspection.

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program for customers: "This allows them the ability to reflect their own personality and style. Many of our customers take advantage of this program as a tool for owning an even more exclusive Lamborghini."

Another dynamic addition for new Lamborghinis is the interior leather offerings. On display at the Auto Show was a Murciélago LP640 Roadster with an untreated leather said to be "inspired by the natural leather found on horse saddles and leads to natural changes in color over time", according to a Lamborghini press release.

Announced at the Auto Show, too, was the establishment of Automobili Lamborghini America, LLC. The addition comes for one critical reason – American dealerships will now be able to offer the level of service that customers expect when spending six figures on a new car. The US dealership network will have a local address with which to coordinate, instead of dealing directly with the factory in Sant'Agata, Italy.

The American subsidiary will also provide product planning input back to the factory. Since the United States represents the largest market for Lamborghini (sales rose from 100 units in 2001 to 900 in 2007), this addition can only help in reaching their customer base.

The annual black-tie Charity Preview Gala was host to the legendary pop-rock band, Barenaked Ladies, who performed inside Cobo Arena at the show. To experience the heritage of the North American International Auto Show in the Motor City, a number of people were present, including several Lamborghini owners from around the Midwest, representatives from Automobili Lamborghini, and staff from the local dealership, Lamborghini Troy.





Special thanks to NthImages for the event photos!

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Mr. Vroom and the World's Quickest Lamborghini (continued from page 1)

Making this car rear-wheel drive did change the feel of the car, but Bernard likes the feel; he commented that once the BFG rear tires are heated up, the car launches even better than it did in all-wheel drive with the Pirelli tires!

Bernard describes his twin turbo Gallardo as truly a dream street car: plenty of power when you want it and still very much a regular Gallardo when you are driving in heavy traffic. All operating temps are in the stock Gallardo ranges, so there are no heat build-up issues at all. The clutch is the same as what is installed in newer factory Gallardos - it is an improved stock clutch with more holding power, while still allowing it to be an easy car to drive in stop-and-go traffic. In normal driving situations, the only give-away that this car is not stock is the exhaust - which is downright thunderous!

Bernard's twin turbo Gallardo can be seen in a number of places on the internet - from pictures to video - take a look to see what you can pull up! If you are a lover of all things fast, you will love what you see. As Bernard has experienced, many passengers in the twin turbo G-car are speechless - but their faces tell the entire story of excitement!

Like Bernard's modifications? Interested to find how you can speed up your own Lamborghini? You can definitely schedule some time to speak with Jason at Heffner Performance – but be aware he already has a list of eight Lamborghinis set to have modifications completed.

Special thanks to Bernard Vroom and Jason Heffner for providing all the information for this exclusive article!

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Lamborghini Houston's First Annual TRACK DAY took place on Saturday, October 20th, 2007 at Motorsport Ranch Houston with over 350 people in attendance. There were 70 exotic and sports cars participating including Lamborghini, Ferrari, Porsche, Lotus, Ford GT's and others. Factory track cars, the 2008 Superleggera and Gallardo Spyder were available to make test runs on the track and Lamborghini Houston displayed a Gallardo Coupe, Gallardo Spyder and a Murcielago.

Owners signed up for professional driving instruction and open track time which allowed them to experience the dynamics of running on a track. The event featured a Show & Shine which included exotic cars of all makes. The winners of the Show & Shine were: Best of Show- Luigi Ballatori 1999 Lamborghini Diablo VT Alpine, Best Contemporary- Jose Fuentes 2005 Porsche 911 TT, Best MidTimer- Steven Curtice 1999 Lamborghini Diablo VT



Roadster and People's Choice- (tie between) Luigi Ballatori 1999 Lamborghini Diablo VT Alpine & Jose Fuentes 2005 Porsche 911 TT.

Sponsors included Executive Jet Management, Houston Signs, Icon Magazine, Lennox Barbecue, Woodside Credit and Houston Grand Prix.

The event was also attended by Dan Pastorini, past Houston Oiler's Quarterback. He has a race team that includes two Gallardos sold to him by Lamborghini Houston. The event raised money for the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Houston.



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Running of Our Bulls

For the second year in a row, Midwest Lamborghini owners got together for a run organized by Richard Bell of Lamborghini Troy. In typical fashion, it was another great success. The run began at Lamborghini Troy where everyone met on Saturday morning for a briefing of the run – it was easy to see the excitement building in everyone's faces.

Prior to starting the route to the destination of Kalamazoo, the group stopped at a fellow club member's garage to see his collection of cars. The collection was truly amazing – a wide array of makes and models of today's most modern super cars! Special thanks for the unique opportunity! From there, the group made their way down to Michigan Avenue, which they followed most of the way westward toward Kalamazoo. After arriving and settling in at the hotel (VIP parking, of course!), the group gathered together for a short walk to a nearby restaurant – only to find another Gallardo parked outside! The car didn't belong to any member of the group, it was owned by a local who saw the gathering of Lamborghinis and decided to stop by...a nice addition! After dinner, everyone joined back up to have a few drinks while being able to share stories from the past year of Lamborghini ownership.

The next morning, everyone awoke to a nice breakfast at the hotel and prepared for the day. Planned ahead was a trip to the Gilmore Car Museum – the museum has nearly 200 special automobiles spanning more than 100 years of automotive history. The museum sits on 90 acres of picturesque land with beautifully restored historic barns to house the cars; it was quite the opportunity for photos. As special as the cars were that were on display, the group of Italian Exotics created quite a scene on the lawn for the other car enthusiasts visiting the museum! A special thank-you goes to the Gilmore Car Museum for hosting the Lamborghini owners.

The run had owners from Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana and the cars covered 33 years of Lamborghini history – the earliest car being a

1974 Espada and the latest being a 2007 Gallardo Superleggera! Unlike last year with the rain throughout the run, this year was sunny and in the 80's all weekend: plenty warm enough to have the tops down on the Gallardo Spyder and the roof off of the Diablo Roadster!

Richard Bell of Lamborghini Troy planned an excellent run and put himself among the group of dealerships that go above and beyond for Lamborghini owners – it was definitely a wonderful trip! For more information on the next Midwest Running of Our Bulls in October of 2008, please contact Richard at Lamborghini Troy.





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Turkey Run for Charity - New York

Another great event in the NY area on November 18th, 2007 was organized by Exotics Rally, a project put together by Hovik Gevorgyan (Tristate Lamborghini Club and LCA Tristate Events Coordinator) and Seth Rose (LCA and Tristate Lambos member). The event, amusingly named The Turkey Run for Charity, included over 120 exotic cars ranging from an Enzo, Carrera GT, SLR, F40 to an LP640, Gallardo Superleggeras, a Countach, a Diablo, a variety of other Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Porsches, and several others.

The day started at Lamborghini Long Island with registration of the participants, breakfast and rides in Seth's Ariel Atom for those who were brave enough. The parking lot was full of eye candy - millions of dollars worth of extraordinary cars from classic to modern.

Nassau County Police Department was kind enough to block off a couple of the roads leading to the highway and also close down the Long Island Expressway for the group to safely enter the highway and stay in one group. The site of the open three-lane highway with zero traffic, with a full range of skittle-colored cars covering all the lanes was amazing. The safe driving environment allowed the cars to drive speeds otherwise impossible on public roads, let's just say that some cars were in excess of three times the speed limit.

When the group reached the rest stop gas station, it completely took over the area - creating a havoc with the wide open eyes of regular motorists staring in awe at what could be called a huge car show on the move. The end of the event was a plated lunch at Milleridge Inn, where many prizes from the sponsors were given away to the winners of the event-sponsored raffle.

The participants' donations were forwarded to a nonprofit organization called The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) that provides food for the homeless and less-fortunate people on Long Island.

With this event, Exotics Rally launched a series of one to three day events in the tristate and other areas of the US starting Spring 2008. Please visit www.exoticsrally.com for more information and make sure to sign up for their email updates to be informed of the events coming to your area.

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LAMBORGHINI OHIO TECH TALK ON LAMBOPOWER.COM

Can you put a Murcielago engine into a Diablo? Can you increase your wheel size safely? Are there aftermarket carbon-fiber kits for your Gallardo? Can you put carbon-ceramic brakes in a Diablo? Is there a difference between the E-gear packages in 2005 and 2008?

Lamborghini Ohio's factory-certified Lamborghini technicians, Eric Hargett and Parker Moffett, take time once a week to help answer your technical Lamborghini questions in the LAMBORGHINI TECH TALK forum at LAMBOPOWER.COM. Here are some recently asked questions:

Q: Can a Murci 6-speed transmission be put into a Diablo 6.0?

- A: You will not be able to use a Murci transmission in the 6.0. The reason is that on a Murci, the viscous coupler is in the front differential. On the 6.0, it is in the transmission. You would end up causing damage to the transmission or the differential or both. You would also feel like the car is in all wheel drive all the time.
- Q: There has been quite some talk about putting 19" or 20" on a Murcie. I would like to put 19" all around. Do you advise against this or...?
- A: It is possible to go to 19" but Lamborghini does not recommend it. You can cause front differential failure if the tire revolutions per mile are not correct.
- Q: My 2005 Gallardo 6 speed was throwing the engine message showing banks 1 5 and 6 10, the car was running rough...really bad, car went to dealer - they went through it, and said all my plugs were fouled due to the driver's door being opened and closed many times without starting the car...they said the car gets primed each time the driver's door is opened and you can hear the fuel pump each time the door is opened...Have you heard of such a thing?
- A: The fuel pump does not run when the door is open. The only time it will prime is when the key is turned on. It will only run a few seconds. Normally what fouls the plugs is if you start the engine then shut it off before the engine reaches operating temp. The only pump that you can hear when the door is open is the e-gear pump. This is only on a car with e-gear.



Q: Can I put carbon-ceramic brakes in my Diablo 6.0?
A: It is possible, however Lamborghini does not recommend it, and it will require a lot of work. You will need to replace the wheels, spindles, rotors, calipers, and hubs.

More questions answered on Lamborghini Ohio's forum at Lambopower.com.

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GALLARDO ROADSHOW & VIP PARTY AT AZURA NIGHTCLUB IN COLUMBUS

On Friday, November 9th, Lamborghini Ohio hosted a Gallardo Roadshow and autocross event for select clients in the Midwest area. The event was sponsored by UBS and Executive Jet Management (a division of Net Jets). The event took place in the the parking lot of the Ohio Historical Society, and attendees enjoyed catered foods while they waited to autocross the new 2008 Gallardo Superleggera and coupe. They were also invited to take street drives in the 2008 Gallardo Spyder.

Later that evening, Lamborghini Ohio threw a Champagne VIP party at Azura Nightclub. All of the door proceeds that evening benefited the Arthritis Foundation. More than 20 Lamborghinis and Ferraris were parked in the VIP area, along with other classic muscle cars. The club was packed with invited guests.

Lamborghini Ohio staff mingled in the VIP room with Midwest owners who enjoyed complimentary food and champagne in the VIP room and hot music throughout the evening. A great time was had by all and we look forward to getting our cars out in the Spring of 2008 - Happy New year!







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Lambo Jack and his 250,000 mile 400 GT 2+2

After reading an article in Road and Track and taking a ride in the famous 350GT, a focused lifelong love affair – and the pursuit of a dream – started for Jack Riddell. At the time, the dream did not include a record-setting 250,000 miles on the odometer – but that is exactly what has been realized today.

Spending months scouring through countless publications, Jack finally found a suitable 67' Lamborghini 400GT 2+2 – more than six years after his first ride in a Lamborghini. In 1972, Jack purchased the car in Los Angeles, California and thus began Jack's story...

While serving in the United States Navy, Jack brought the car along with him throughout his numerous relocations in the country – and world. After having seen multiple countries and continents, once the 400GT made its way back to the United States, it soon assumed the role of a daily driver for Jack - an uncommon and rather rare characteristic for vintage exotics.

Jack's longest individual excursions included several trips he made between San Diego and Vallejo, California while he was in the Navy; he lived in San Diego and was 'commuting' to a guided missile school in Vallejo. The total mileage comes to about 800 miles – one way. He made the round-trip three times in his Lamborghini! During his final trip home from Vallejo, he decided to open it up and see just how fast he could get his car going. The speedometer hit 155 mph and then Jack immediately slowed it back down. He commented that, surprisingly, the car was very stable even at the top end – the 400s were truly grand touring machines.

Also among his numerous trips were a couple from San Diego to Death Valley for the Furnace Creek Runs a few years ago. "It was a



real hoot driving on those long, near-empty roads at pretty high speeds" said Jack. That event was subsequently cancelled when the Nevada State Police got wind of the driving event that exceeded even Nevada's liberal speed limits!

Thinking back, Jack has made a total of 26 round trips to Monterey. At 1000 miles per trip, 26,000 miles have been accumulated just for the Monterey meets!

In addition to driving so many miles in his Lamborghini, Jack has completed all of the maintenance and service work himself for the past 35 years! "I had always done most of my own work on the cars I owned and decided to do the same with this one. I changed oil at regular intervals (all 12 quarts!), and in terms of maintenance, took good care



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of the car. The DOHC V12 engine and the six Weber side draft carbs looked pretty intimidating, but the truth is, the engine is pretty straight-forward and not all that difficult to work on. I bought several books on the Webers and soon became pretty adept and rebuilding and tuning them. Valve adjustments took a while to master, since the process involves using shims and a feeler gauge. Over the years, I replaced whatever needed replacing, and overhauled the engine a couple of times. A few years ago, I completely rebuilt the engine with new everything, rebuilt the suspension system, repainted the car (I did the paint at home in my garage), and paid a local expert, Louie Meza, to replace the entire interior, top to bottom - the result was flawless. I replaced the scratched side windows, the windshield, all the rubber on the car, and had the Borrani wire wheels restored by Cork Adams. I replaced the entire exhaust system in stainless steel."

Having two engine fires over the years, Jack recommends that any vintage car owner should carry a fire extinguisher with them in their car; they saved his car from disaster on both occasions. Speaking to his model Lamborghini, fires that occur are usually caused by problems in the Weber carburetors. These problems can cause fuel to leak into the venturis and the air cleaner boxes, after that, the car is one backfire away from an engine fire.

In addition to the 400GT 2+2, Jack also owned a 1972 Espada series II for just over a year. It was a black metallic model that he repainted and later had re-upholstered. He ended up selling that car to James Dilorio who later installed a Countach QV engine into the car and created the infamous "Mad Max" Espada. With the new engine and other modifications lames made, the Espada will now give even Diablos a good run for the money!

When asked about his favorite part of Lamborghini ownership, Jack comments that the friends he has made over the past 35 years rank at the top. Being a Lamborghini Club America member since 1980 and running into countless owners over the years, Jack has a lot of great friends in the community.

In fact, after his own personal experiences - through the ups-anddowns, and the mass of information he gathered and compiled over the years, lack wanted a place where he could share his experiences. Together with his friend Paul Paroutaud, also a 400GT 2+2 owner, they started Vintage Lamborghini Garage in November of 2002. The group has been helpful to several owners with similar questions and continues to provide an additional connection to the Lamborghini community.

So, is Jack up for another 250,000 miles on the car? Jack says that because of the mileage restrictions with his new collector car insurance, that won't be possible. He will, however, continue to enjoy driving and upgrading the car where he can. He already has several plans for the car, including a complete strip-down to the metal for a repaint which he is going to do himself (the current paint has been on about 15 years now).

As for where Jack stands when compared to other high-mileage Lamborghinis, the next-highest mileage car the Lamborghini Club could find was another 400GT 2+2. Owner, Bill Russell (the famous ex-Boston Celtic basketball player), drove his Lamborghini regularly and has totaled over 150,000 miles on his odometer. Behind that, a newer Lamborghini in the 80,000 mile range takes third place. Given the tally so far, it seems unlikely that anyone will catch Jack's mileage recorded anytime soon.

To see photos of the many adventures that lack and his 400GT have had, visit: www.lambojack.com



"I have to admit that my favorite part of Lamborghini ownership in my 35 years with my 400GT is the friends that I have made, Lamborghini owners are truly exceptional people"







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Carla's Fall Run in Chicago

The LCA Chicago Chapter squeezed in another fall driving event on October 7th – but one big surprise, it was a scorching 90 degrees!

This was truly an exotic car drive, we even had a guest appearance of a Bugatti Veyron! The parking lot slowly filled with one exotic car after another. After everyone arrived, we wrapped up our conversations and took off for a scenic drive through the back roads of Barrington, Illinois. Our destination was the annual Apple Festival in downtown Long Grove, Illinois. As we wound through the back roads and enjoyed the scenery with the changing of the leaves, residents enjoyed watching us caravan through their neighborhoods.

Upon arrival in Long Grove, the streets were filled to capacity with the unexpected summer-like weather. A luncheon was arranged at Enzo & Lucia's Italian Restaurant in the heart of town. With cooperation from the town of Long Grove, parking was arranged for our cars in the parking lot of the neighborhood art gallery; how fitting was that! Our cars really added to the festival atmosphere and everyone had a wonderful time.

After a delicious lunch featuring pumpkin ravioli, we split off to wander around town and take home apple pies and taffy apples. The Chicago Chapter is growing by leaps and bounds – and we are always looking to meet more Lamborghini owners and enthusiasts. For more photos or information, please check us out of the web: www.LCAChicago.com

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Lamborghini Boston's Gallardo Roadshow

During the last week of September, Lamborghini Boston held our second Gallardo Roadshow on a beautiful fall day in New England. Held at our second BMW service facility and headquarters for the Lyon-Waugh Auto Group located in Peabody, MA, we established a fantastic closed-course autocross track that was nothing but exciting. The day included a chance to drive the 2008 Gallardo line with professional instruction provided by Skip Barber Racing School, a fine catered lunch, and a viewing of a live Formula I race. The closed course gave our customers a very safe environment while launching the 520 & 530 HP cars for the first time.

Over 100 current customers and prospective owners came out providing our parking lot with a car show of its own! The event was a great success with even a few Lamborghinis being sold to new owners; we could not be happier how the event turned out. From all of us at Lamborghini Boston, we would like to thank Lamborghini, Fuse Communications, Skip Barber, Fiji Water, and Creative Catering for their support. A very special thank-you to all of our current and new customers that made it out for the event; we look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. Stay tuned to www.lamborghiniboston.com for updated information!

Kind Regards,

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The San Diego Meet

Jack Riddell – Meet Sponsor, October 19th-21st

It began as a typical San Diego October weekend: temperatures in the low 70's, clear skies, and no rain in sight. The Lamborghini folks began to arrive at the Bay Club Hotel, our focal point for the weekend, around mid-afternoon. By 5:00 p.m., the hotel parking lot was half-full of multicolored Italian masterpieces and, as usual, the public was fascinated by the cars. At 5:30, I herded all of the Lambo people away from the hotel bar and out to the assembly area across from the hotel for a short drive to our evening's kickoff event. The original plan was to have a dinner in a brand new Italian restaurant called "Solare" on the site of the old Navy boot camp in the former San Diego Naval Training Center. Unfortunately, the building permit process had held up construction and we had to quickly formulate a "Plan B" for dinner. It was decided by the restaurant owners that they would honor our contract by providing an outdoor venue with fully-catered, gourmet Italian food and fine wines. As it turned out, the weather was perfect and the event was a huge success. The food was excellent, wine was top-notch, and we even had a jazz trio for our dining entertainment. Our tables were set around a large fountain and we had placed three Lamborghinis on the grass facing our seating area as our centerpiece. It was a beautiful sight and a great way to kick off the weekend.

On Saturday morning, I once again hustled everybody out to the assembly area to get ready for our forty-mile drive out to east San Diego County for a special lunch event at historic Barrett Junction Café. Once everybody had finished taking pictures of all the cars in the assembly area, we headed off. It was a stunning sight to see all those Lamborghinis (about 25) driving in a line on the San Diego freeways and back roads. "Thumbs Up" was the sign of the day from the passing motorists, and it was a lively drive on winding Highway 94 to the café. Joining the Lamborghinis in the parking area were numerous motorcycles; the café is a favorite destination for many of the local car and motorcycle clubs. Lunch consisted of slow-cooked barbecued baby back ribs with a homemade BBQ sauce, fried whitefish with tartar sauce, green salad, refried beans, hush puppies, rice, and more food than anybody could finish off! During lunch, we were entertained by a four-piece band playing some rock and blues music. It was a monster lunch and a great time to loosen up and have some country fun! The owner of the café, Leon Herzog, commented that the weather forecast called for some strong Santa Ana







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winds the following day it was an ominous statement and a portent of bad things to come. One of the major fires in the county began in Potrero, just a few miles from Barrett Junction and almost burned down the café. Luckily, it was saved only by some heroic actions by fire fighters, but that is the beginning of a whole other story.

For Saturday evening, we once again assembled the cars and made a 15minute drive to the Little Italy neighborhood of



San Diego, which had been decked-out with Lamborghini banners and flood lights for our arrival. The city closed Date Street and converted it into a private parking/display area for our cars. The event brought out 33 cars, from the 400GTs to the newest LP640 Murcielagos. It was a first rate public display and attracted hundreds of people. Dinner was set up at Zagarella's restaurant on India Street; we were served in a large patio area in the back where a local opera tenor, Rallo Gaetano, provided some live entertainment during dinner. All the wine collectors in our Lambo group had been given permission to bring in their own wines with no corkage fee, to complement dinner. As a result, there were some outstanding wines served, including some first-growth Bordeaux's and collectible Brunello's!

The following morning, everybody enjoyed a couple hours of extra sleep before we headed over to the Marine Base for our fabulous brunch overlooking San Diego Harbor. There, we received a surprise visit from the base commander, General Angelina Salinas, who took time to socialize at each table and thank us for supporting the Bay View Club. After brunch, most of the Lamborghinis cranked up and hit the road for the trip back home. Sunday evening, we had a "stragglers" dinner at a local gourmet dining spot and then called it a weekend. Unfortunately, the weekend was destined to have a catastrophic conclusion, as by Sunday night, the wildfires had already started their destructive advances. Whipped by the fierce Santa Ana winds blowing out of the desert, the flame fronts spread with relentless speed over hundreds of acres, taking out houses, barns, cars, and sadly, some people, too. By Monday, I had already packed all the items on my evacuation list and was ready to leave if needed. Jim Kaminski of the Lamborghini Owner's Club, had been my guest for the weekend – he was a great help in getting the meet set up. When it was obvious the fire was heading our way and we would be forced to evacuate, we decided to move my Lamborghini to a safer place. A big thankyou to Jim for helping in that effort!

By Tuesday evening, being already evacuated, we watched as the flames crested the hills above our house and I feared the worst. Fortunately, the winds finally died down and the combination of helicopter water drops and fire fighters on all of the streets in my neighborhood stopped the fires from reaching our neighborhood. By Wednesday morning, I was given permission by the fire marshal to go home, so my wife, Elise, and I thanked the RV owners who had graciously put us up for the night in a spare bed and headed for our house. Other than a lot of ash that had blanketed everything, the property was in great shape. We were very lucky and owe those fire fighters a huge debt of gratitude.

I received some nice "Thank You" e-mails from the folks who had come down for the weekend but most of them noted for the next meet, I can leave out the fireworks!







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In this issue we are proud to have three extreme Lamborghinis, the quickest in the world (Bernard Vroom's Twin Turbo Gallardo), the highest mileage known on a Lamborghini (Jack Riddell's 400 GT 2+2), and the centerfold photo of the most expensive Lamborghini ever (the Reventón). In three very different facets, these cars show us that Lamborghini is still – and more than ever – a brand to be excited about.

It is becoming old news now, but there is still quite a bit of talk around the community about the possible sale of Lamborghini. Discussion began after a statement by Wendelin Wiedeking, a VW supervisory board member, when he was asked about the future of Lamborghini in the Volkswagen group. He was quoted as saying "no toys anymore"; now, although that can be taken in a number of different ways, making a new sales record for the company (in 2007 over 1,000 Lamborghinis were sold in North America) and the continuing record profit on Lamborghini's books speaks to its security within the company.

Looking ahead to the next newsletter, we are working to present test drive data and information on the new Lamborghinis in a fashion similar to Road & Track or Car & Driver. Being that there is no other printed material that reaches more Lamborghini owners than this newsletter, this should be a perfect medium for Lamborghini owners to get first-hand information on what the new products are like.

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Thanks again to all of the Lamborghini owners and enthusiasts for your ongoing support of Lamborghini Club America!

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