



# MIDWEST LAMBOS



A NEWSLETTER FOR LAMBORGHINI OWNERS & ENTHUSIASTS

## Lamborghini Shows Off at the NAIAS

The 2006 North American International Auto Show was once again a beautiful showing of some of the most amazing automobiles in the world. With over 70 exhibitors and one million square feet of floor to cover, it took some time to see the exhibits, but you were never bored. It will be some time before the 2006 data is available, but in 2005, 750,000 people attended and over 7 million dollars was raised for 11 children's charities.

Ok, enough of the basic details, let's talk about Lamborghinis! This year's display at the Auto Show was every bit of exciting, besides getting to see the Murciélago Roadster that we all love, most of us

were introduced for the first time to the Miura Concept and the Gallardo Spyder. Spending time with Lamborghini friends and a few Lamborghinis was a nice recharge to get us Midwest guys through the winter months! Among others in attendance were Matthew Vazana and Richard Bell from Lamborghini Troy, Ron Frost and Harvey Ford from Lamborghini Ohio, and Gianluca Siciliano from the Lamborghini Factory.



Along with all of the exciting vehicle details, we were shown Lamborghini's new magazine and the many items available at a Lamborghini dealer accessory boutique. Both are a much welcomed addition to our world of Lamborghini. Something that really jumped out at most of us were the Lamborghini driving shoes, a nice item for Lamborghini driving; besides, who doesn't need Lamborghini accessories? The new Lamborghini

magazine issue #01 "me" was even more exciting; Stephen Winkelmann's opening editorial was very well written, the first paragraph of course being the most powerful. The first paragraph boldly states, "Ferruccio Lamborghini, born under the sign of Taurus, was audacious and ambitious, proud and untamed, overflowing with unbridled creativity and a hot Italian temperament. By ex-

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## Suburban Collection Celebrates Lamborghini Troy

Just when the great warm-driving weather was coming to an end, Lamborghini Troy threw a party and gave us one last chance this season to get out with our cars and meet up with some fellow Lamborghini owners. So I called some friends and we headed out to what we thought would be a small party. When we arrived, however, we were pleasantly surprised to find ourselves among more than ten other Lamborghinis! Doesn't sound like much for a Lamborghini event, but this was just a Thursday night dinner party in October! We had one Countach, seven Diablos, two Gallardos, and one Murciélago! So this event was definitely a good last chance drive-to event before the cars get put away before the winter. Besides having a great time getting our Lambor-

ghinis out for a drive, this event also gave everyone the opportunity to meet some of the staff of Lamborghini Troy, including the Sales Manager, Matthew Vazana, and General Manager, David Butler.

On top of all the car excitement, the event was held at the Il Posto restaurant in Southfield, which included everything from a gourmet dinner to Lamborghini wine and an Italian musician. With Lamborghini videos playing on multiple monitors around the scene, we could not have asked for anything more. It feels great for all of us to finally welcome the new Michigan dealer to our Midwest Lamborghini community!

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### 2006 Events:

- June:
  - Italian Cars at Pocono
- July:
  - Italian Car Festival
- August:
  - Concorso d'Italia at Meadow Brook
  - Lamborghini National Meet
  - Woodward Dream Cruise
  - Wheels of Italy
- September
  - Italian Gathering

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2006 Gallardo SE



2001 Diablo 6.0



2006 Gallardo



## Lamborghini Shows Off at the NAIAS (continued from page 1)

tension the Lamborghini brand is extreme, uncompromising, and Italian.” (Lamborghini Magazine, #001)

With that said, how could any Lamborghini lover not read on? So we proceed through the magazine, enjoying the reading along the way, but not wasting too much time in getting to Valentino Balboni’s writing. If there is a man in the world more humble than Valentino, I have yet to meet him. Anyone that has met Valentino will agree with me without reservation—there is nothing more representative of Lamborghini today than Valentino himself. Hired personally by Ferruccio Lamborghini 37 years ago, Valentino’s words are pure Lamborghini history: “...if anyone has decided on a Lamborghini, it means they want to have something special, it means they have achieved something in life and are expressing an opinion. Only sophisticated people decide upon a Lamborghini.” (Lamborghini Magazine, #001)

As Lamborghini owners we are all part of an exciting history; we can only look forward to what’s next!



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## Suburban Collection Celebrates Lamborghini Troy (continued from page 1)







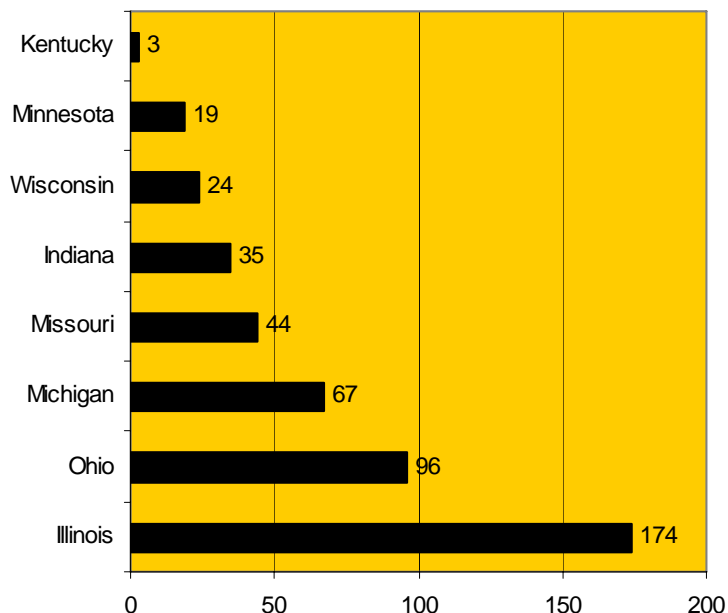
## Midwest Demographics - Michigan

For the next several issues, this section will be dedicated to Midwest Region Demographics. This month we will cover Michigan, while Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Kentucky are to follow in the coming issues. Where and what Lamborghinis are in our area is a very popular question, so we are constantly working to get our database up to speed to gauge and help us understand the demographics of our community. Our data shows there are at least 462 Lamborghini Owners in the Midwest, so although Lamborghinis are a rare site in our region, we have plenty of them here!

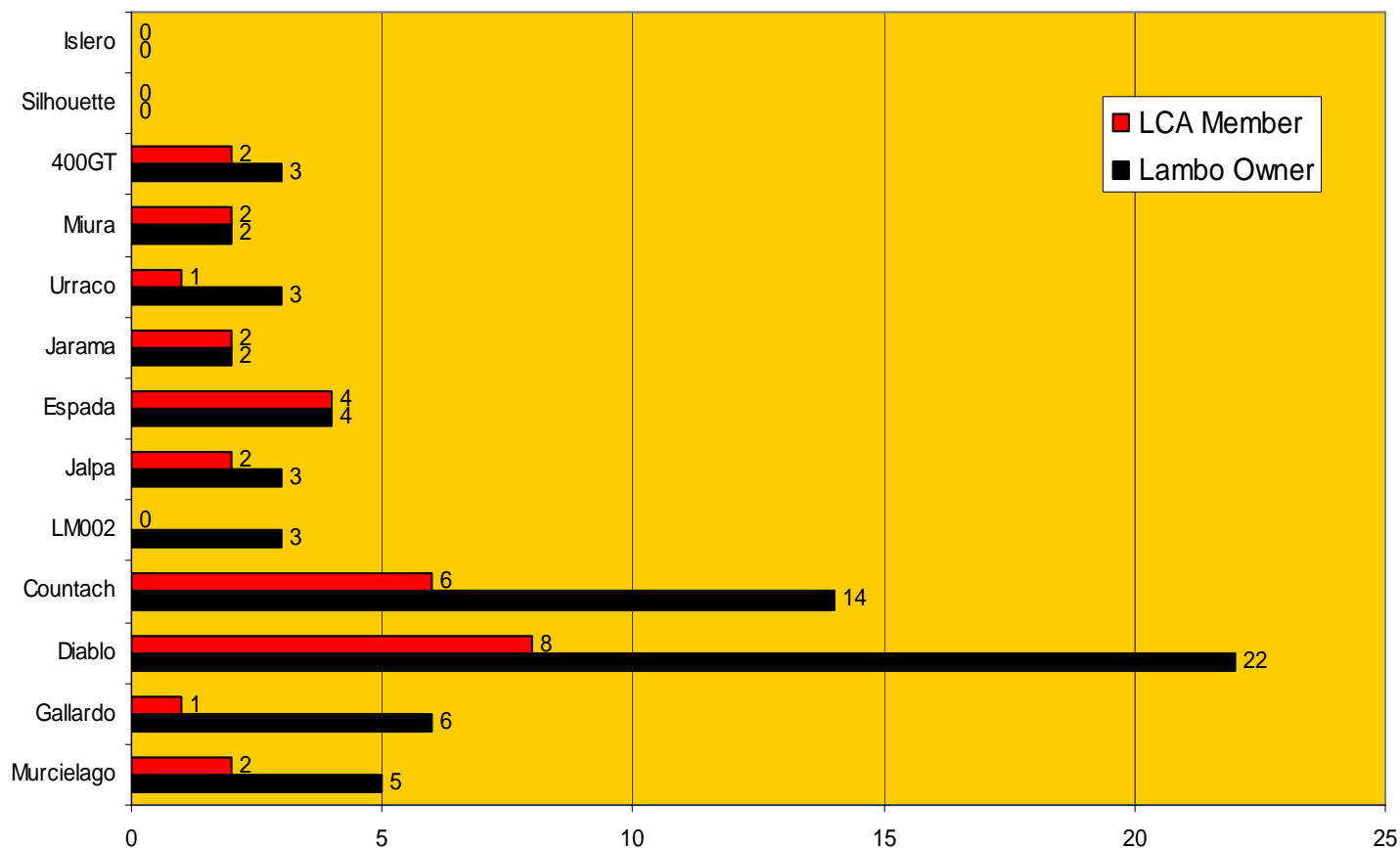
For those of you who have not heard, Gallardo production has topped 3000 units making it the highest-production Lamborghini to date! (The previous leader was the Diablo at 2,903 units.) Besides the success of the Gallardo helping Lamborghini into the black for the first time since Audi's involvement, the Gallardo production numbers are helping our community to grow faster than ever! Thinking about a new Gallardo? They are out there, but the word is that most of the 2006 Gallardo Spyders are already spoken for!

Even though Michigan has 67 or more Lamborghinis, the Lamborghini Club is only in contact with 33 of them! So your help is important in reaching more Lamborghini Owners! Many of us are particularly curious as to who has the LM002s... and where are they located?

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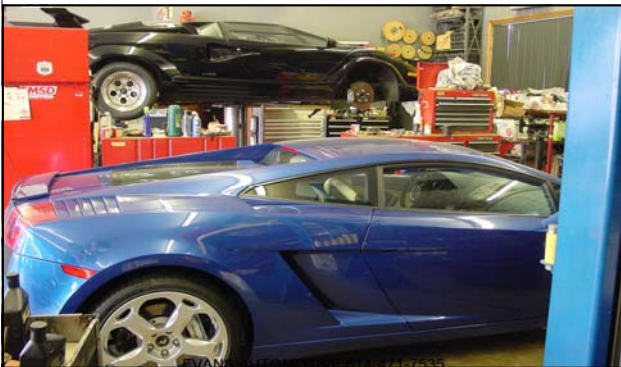
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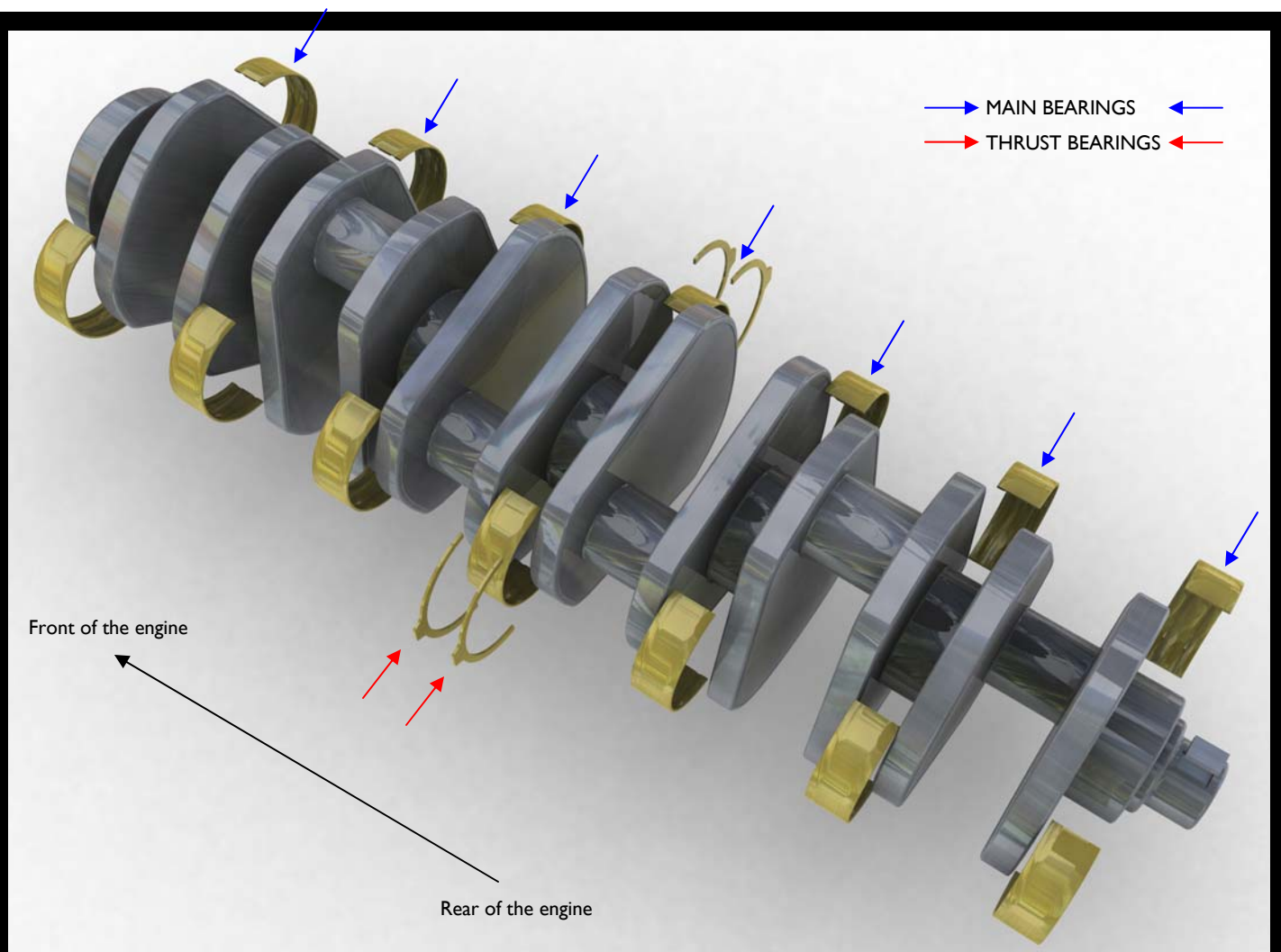
## Technical Talk - Crankshaft Thrust Bearings

Most people, including myself, have never heard or thought of this, but on the Countach and Diablo it is better on the engine to start the car with the clutch pedal not pressed in. Although you have to be safe—and certain that the vehicle is NOT in gear, this practice significantly reduces wear on the thrust bearings in the engine. The thrust bearings are the two bearings located on each side of the center crankshaft bearing (they keep the crankshaft in position from front to back). When the clutch is pressed in, the crank is either pushed or pulled depending on your clutch setup, causing the crank to be pressed against the thrust bearing. The thrust bearing was designed for this load, but on startup the bearing is dry. Now, although much of the engine's moving parts are dry on start-up, this bearing wears substantially when dry because of the force exerted on it by the crankshaft. Once the thrust bearings are worn, the side-load moves to other parts connected to the crank, which were not designed for side-load. If the crankshaft travel is bad enough, parts of the engine can be damaged. This is not an issue on most other cars because they have larger/tougher thrust bearings, but the Countach/Diablo thrust bearings are not as robust, causing this problem.

Some argue it is bad practice to start the car with the clutch pedal not pressed in because it places more wear on the starter. Although this is true (because the starter then has to spin the clutch and transmission shaft in addition to the engine drive train), starter wear is far less expensive compared to the cost of replacing thrust bearings.

If your engine is out of your car for maintenance, checking these bearings is a good idea. All that is required is a dial indicator and some force on the other end of the shaft to check for play. A good Lamborghini mechanic, however, will already have this on his list of things to check for while the engine is out for service.

Special thanks to Evans Automotive for their continuing technical support.



Computer drawing of the Diablo crankshaft and bearings



## Miura Concept Unveiled

After spending fifteen days straight at the North American International Auto Show, I heard just about every comment possible about the Miura concept. After spending a great deal of time with her, the first thing I would like to say is "Welcome Back!"

Some people remarked that they felt she is too new and does not have enough of the original flair—I beg to differ. I feel Lamborghini has 'grabbed the bull by the horns' on this one and brought a piece of automotive history into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Everything from enhancing the original style of the wheels and enlarging the lower air scoops, to keeping the same side intakes at the windows makes this update great.

Not that the Miura needed a facelift, but now her eyes are perfect, her cheeks are well-rounded and pronounced to show you she is still as young as ever and just as fast! Her rear (if you'll forgive me) has had the slightest lift to help show off her strong stance that is ready to charge and run down any Pony! We can only hope that Lamborghini will hear us when we say 'Encore!' and once again have the vision to give us another true sports car. Lamborghini and Walter de' Silva have grabbed the bull by the horns as only a true matador can!

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Lamborghini President & CEO Stephan Winkelmann unveiling the Miura concept at the North American International Auto Show



## Events for 2006

### **January 14th-22nd - The North America International Auto Show - Detroit, Michigan**

Entering its 18th year as an international event, the North American International Auto Show is among the most prestigious auto shows in the world, and is one of the largest media events in North America. The NAIAS is the only auto show in the United States to earn an annual distinguished sanction of the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles, the Paris- based alliance of automotive trade associations and manufacturers from around the world. Don't Miss It for the World!

Press Preview Days will be held Sunday, Jan. 8, through Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006. Industry Preview Days will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 11 and Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006. The Charity Preview will be held Friday evening, Jan. 13, 2006. The public is encouraged to call 888-838-7500 for more information about purchasing tickets to the 2006 Charity Preview. Public Days are Saturday, Jan. 14, through Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006.

The NAIAS Web site: [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com)

### **June 23rd-26th - Italian Cars at Pocono - Pocono, Pennsylvania**

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### **July 9th - Italian Car Festival - Canton, Ohio**

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### **August 6th - Concorso d'Italia at Meadow Brook Concours - Rochester, Michigan**

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## August 18th-20th - The 27th Annual Lamborghini Club National Meet - Monterey, California

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Friday, The Annual Concorso Italiano - [www.concorso.com](http://www.concorso.com)

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## August - Wheels of Italy - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention all Midwest Lamborghini owners! In August our annual Wheels of Italy car show will be held again at the Lake Calhoun Executive Plaza in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Last year's event had around eight Lamborghinis but there are a lot more already planned for this year and we are always looking for more!

The event is FREE to both spectators and owners! Registration as well as some photos from last year's show are available on the WOI home page at [www.wheelsofitaly.com](http://www.wheelsofitaly.com)

## September 3rd - The Italian Gathering - Dublin, Ohio

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The main purpose of the LCA Midwest Region is to provide a resource for fellow Midwest owners in addition to bringing owners together on our website, events, and other Lamborghini-related interests. Until recently, many of us thought that Lamborghinis in this area were extremely rare, but we found that there are quite a few owners in the Midwest, we just don't know each other! Thanks to your support, that is changing faster than many of us expected. With that said, we have some great times to look forward to!

Currently, we are in contact with well over 200 owners in the Midwest and other parts of the country. With your help we can extend that contact base and build our community even more; please take a moment and update us with your current contact info (this information is kept confidential to Lamborghini Club America).

Lamborghini Club America would like to acknowledge the sponsorship of this newsletter by Lamborghini Troy, Evans Automotive, Complete Hydraulic, and Lamborghini Ohio. Without their sponsorship, we would be unable to provide this newsletter to Lamborghini Owners in the Midwest Region.

I appreciate your time in reading this newsletter and I look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming events!

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