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A NEWSLETTER FOR LAMBORGHINI OWNERS & ENTHUSIASTS

## Italian Cars at Pocono

The 2007 edition of Le Belle Macchine D'Italia, held at the Skytop Lodge and Pocono International Raceway in Pennsylvania, proved to be another excellent year for displaying a number of fine Italian automobiles. For the 21<sup>st</sup> annual gathering, over 150 cars were on display, representing a number of marques with a great Italian heritage.

This year, the event was dedicated to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Maserati 3500 GT and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lamborghini Countach, but truly became an event where owners and enthusiasts could appreciate the beauty of fine automobiles of any marque.

Fine Italian wine and hors d'oeuvres greeted attendees as the 3-day event was kicked off on Friday evening with a small gathering for early-arriving owners. Several of the owners

were able to catch up since last seeing one another and expectations for this year were beginning to rise.



Saturday morning began early with the Concorso d'Eleganza, and was host to the...

- Lamborghini Owner's Club National Meet
- Maserati Club International's Maserati Owner's National Meet
- Sports Car Market Magazine Historic Maserati Reunion
- East Coast Ferrari Annual Meet
- Pantera of New England / Eastern Pantera Association DeTomaso Owners Meet

- Iso Bizzarrini Owners Club East Coast Annual Meet
- Alfa Romeo Owners Club East Coast Annual Summer Festival

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## Eyes on Design, Honoring Marcello Gandini

Held this year at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, the 20<sup>th</sup> International Celebration of Automotive Design (Eyes on Design) is a unique celebration of design in all forms, but not strictly because of attributes like vehicle rarity, restoration or celebrity ownership. It is the importance of automotive design that drives this celebration, for, without great design, a thriving automotive industry would be nearly impossible!

This year, the Lifetime Design Achievement award went to famous designer, Marcello Gandini. Gandini has added his touch to many well-known auto designs, including the Lamborghini Miura, Espada, Jarama, Urraco Countach, and Diablo (with the exception of the Diablo, all were done while working for Bertone). Gandini also designed the Lamborghini Marzal. Unfortunately, the vehicle never made it further than the concept stage.

Born on August 26, 1938, Gandini began his career working for Nuccio Bertone at only age 27. (Among other well-respected designers, Nuccio Bertone has also earned a Lifetime Design Achievement Award from Eyes on Design, his in 2001.) Besides his work in entirety, many of Gandini's styling cues are timeless and have set the pace for exotic car design, one of the best examples being the scissor doors on the Countach.

This year, local Lamborghini owners came out and really made a great tribute to Gandini at Eyes on Design, bringing eight Lamborghinis to the show: an Espada, a Jarama, a Countach, and five Diablos. The total Lamborghini count was ten with the Gallardo Spyder and Murcielago LP640 that Lamborghini Troy brought to the show. Gandini would have definitely loved to see his design work as it was displayed at the show!

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### 2007 Events:

- June:
  - Italian Cars at Pocono
  - Lamborghini Troy Brake-Fast Club
- July:
  - Italian Car Festival
  - Vintage Grand Prix of Mid Ohio featuring Italian Cars
  - Lamborghini Troy Driving School
- August:
  - Lamborghini National Meet
  - Wheels of Italy
- September:
  - Italian Gathering
  - Running of Our Bulls

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Hello again!

I would like to extend a big thank-you to all of those who participated in the Lamborghini Troy Driving School at GingerMan Raceway, especially to the Lamborghini Club America for really making a showing among the owners who attended the event. Although pulling all of the loose ends together was a task in itself, everyone was able to come together to ensure the day was executed without a hitch.

I look forward to the return of the event next year – and I hope all attendees will bring another car and driver to help grow the event to be even bigger. Seeing fellow Lamborghini owners, sharing stories, and, of course, enjoying open track time will definitely be on the agenda again!

Also, mark your calendars now – The Running of Our Bulls is scheduled for Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual run will gather at Lamborghini Troy and will include a driving trip, a relaxing dinner with fellow Lamborghini owners, and an overnight stay. Last year's trip was a great time – so don't miss out! Please call to confirm your spot on the trip if you are planning on attending. Also, let me know if you are interested in participating on the test run (details coming soon).

I look forward to seeing everyone at the showroom or at an upcoming event!

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## Italian Cars at Pocono (continued from page 1)

In addition to the regional and national meets for the respective marques, Saturday's Concorso d'Eleganza was the opportunity for several spectators to get up-close and personal with the Italian exotics on display. Hundreds of people came out for the event to help support the yearly show – and the weather held up wonderfully this year. It was a beautiful sunny day in the Pocono Mountains, perfect for the event!

At the Concorso on Saturday, Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A had arranged an exclusive VIP hospitality tent for owners and enthusiasts. On display were publications from the factory containing information on the history of Lamborghini, along with specific model details throughout history. There were also baristas on hand to help serve hot cappuccinos, lattes, and a variety of exotic teas to go along with a wide variety of pastries.

The day wrapped up with an awards dinner and banquet at the Sky-top Lodge. Guests were treated to a five-course meal and a chance to visit with other owners, sponsors, and brand representatives throughout the course of the night. Winners were awarded trophies based on the judging that took place throughout the afternoon at the Concorso. Jim Kaminski and Mario Velardo were the Lamborghini owners responsible for the judging.

On early Sunday morning, the event switched gears and headed for Pocono International Raceway for some closed track time. Several owners and enthusiasts made their way to the track for a chance to either drive on the track with their car or have a ride-for-charity with Lamborghini Professional Test Driver, Georgio Sanna. As expected, the chance to join in on a high-speed run was a hit among all of the visitors to the raceway.

The event at Pocono was definitely a success, for yet another year – and we are already looking forward to next year's event! Don't forget, next year will be the Anniversary of the Lamborghini Islero – so all Islero owners and enthusiasts, mark your calendars now!

This year's winners in the Lamborghini class were:

### Murcielago/Gallardo class

- 3rd place Gallardo – D. Bitonte
- 2nd place Murcielago – Rob Johnsen
- 1st place Gallardo – John Brandt

### Diablo class

- 3rd place Roadster – Charles Volpe
- 2nd place VT – Rick Nardone
- 1st place VT – Andrew Romanowski

### Countach class

- 3rd place – Landon Turner
- 2nd place – Joe Eckart
- 1st place – Kirk Meighan

### Jalpa class

- 2nd place – Jay Molis
- 1st place – Greg Balcerak

### Miura/Islero class

- 3rd place Miura – Gerry Mehner
- 2nd place Miura – Simon Collection
- 1st place Miura SVJ – Simon Collection

Best of Marque Miura SVJ – Simon Collection







## Eyes on Design, Honoring Marcello Gandini (continued from page 1)

If the day could not be any more fun for the Lamborghini owners present, the event provided a special opportunity to meet car designer Bill Dayton. Bill, while working for Chrysler in the late 1980's, traveled to Italy under Lee Iacocca's direction to modify and complete Gandini's design on the Diablo. For two years, Bill was submersed in the Italian culture and really had a chance to add his unique vision to the Diablo. A general conversation about car design with Bill quickly turned into a question-and-answer session on the design history of the Diablo. Bill provided some little-known facts about the Diablo (known as Project 132 in prototype stage): the spoiler is almost completely drag neutral and is 99% cosmetic styling, the center of drag is actually behind the vehicle, and the rear bumper adds important down force to the rear of the vehicle (the Countach was a little light in the rear at high speeds).

Then, in a rare occasion, Bill Dayton loaned his design scrapbook from his days in Italy working on the Diablo to the Midwest Region of Lamborghini Club America to review and copy – an in-depth newsletter feature on the Diablo will be coming soon! The scrapbook contains extremely rare photos and design notes on the Diablo – some of the images not being seen by anyone except those that were present while the photo was taken. One of those special photos is of Lamborghini legend, Valentino Balboni while he is on a test drive in a Diablo prototype! Other photos showed Diablo prototypes in different phases of the design process. Also included is a glimpse into the Italian - American controversy on what the car should look like, inside and out – stay tuned for more details!

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## Lamborghini Troy Driving School

The Lamborghini Troy Driving School, now established as an annual event, was held for the second year, much to the delight of Lamborghini owners and enthusiasts. The event had an excellent turnout and proved to be another occasion that would not be forgotten anytime soon.

GingerMan Raceway, a 1.8 mile road course, is a widely known course that hosts several club and racing events and provides a fun and exciting outlet for those who enjoy racing and automobile fanfare. Several Lamborghinis made it out for the closed-track driving event held at South Haven, Michigan on July 20<sup>th</sup>. There was representation from other marques, as well: a Ferrari, Ford GT, and a Dodge Viper showed up to join in on the action. The 70° weather was absolutely beautiful and provided the perfect backdrop for such an event.

The day at GingerMan included 8 hours of track time, to be scheduled at each owner's discretion. So, although the event was a track event, each owner was able to decide how much time to log on the track - at whatever pace they saw fit. Of course, there were some owners who decided to really let the bull out of the pen, in a matter of speaking. In addition to the open track, each driver was assigned a professional driving instructor to ride along and provide tips for driving both on and off the track. For drivers new to track driving, or even just this specific track, those tips proved to be extremely helpful.

Valentino Balboni was in attendance – back for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year – and, in typical fashion, was open and accessible for questions and sharing stories. As the man who has logged the most hours in a Lamborghini, he proved to be a great resource for driving tips and performance tuning. Valentino was also available to provide high-speed rides around the track in a factory Gallardo Spyder. The Gallardo, often referred to as the “Baby Lambo”, proved to be a performer on the track – often surpassing many driver's expectations.

At the break for lunch, sponsored by Premier Financial, several Lamborghini friends were able to reconnect and talk about the events thus far. Everyone was glad to see one another and swap stories of their own. One story came out that a first-time Lamborghini owner, who just took delivery of his new Gallardo Superleggera from Lam-

orghini Troy the previous day, had brought his car to the track. Excitement was high to not only get behind the wheel of his new Lamborghini, but to get in on open track time and with Valentino Balboni looking on!

The event was a huge success – thanks go out to Richard Bell of Lamborghini Troy for organizing the event, and to Premier Financial for assisting with their sponsorship. Of course, a huge thank-you goes to Valentino for making the trip from Sant'Agata, Italy to join us; Valentino's ongoing commitment to the Lamborghini brand far exceeds anything that could be asked of a single person – and for that, he is at the heart of our love for Lamborghini.

For more information on next year's Lamborghini Driving School, please contact Richard Bell at Lamborghini Troy!





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## Lamborghini Chicago Track Day

Over fifty autos were in attendance for the Spring 2007 edition of the Fox Valley Motorcars/Lamborghini Chicago Track Day. Leading the way in typical Italian fashion, there were five Lamborghinis ready to let loose on the course. A number of other marques also made their appearance, including Corvette, Audi, BMW, Porsche, Louts, and Ariel.

The host to the first of the two seasonal track days was, once again, the exquisite Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, IL. Although a schedule for the day was in place for the event, there was still plenty of time for carefree time on the full circuit. All of the drivers were given a chance to hone their skills on the track as professional instructors were on hand to provide specific tips for the more seasoned drivers or ride along with novice drivers. While riding throughout multiple drills on the course, instructors were able to give drivers information ranging from track etiquette, discovering the apex, and brake points to general safety that can be integrated into daily driving techniques that help in making anyone a safer and more experienced driver.

Fox Valley Motorcars/Lamborghini Chicago's next track event, to be held on September 17, is shaping up to be another well-planned event. As usual, everyone is invited to attend – from our returning attendees to the newcomers. Some of the best drivers in the region will be present to share some of their knowledge, along with staff members from Lamborghini Chicago to help with any needs that may arise throughout the day. For more information or to register for the event, please contact Bill Nuccio Jr. at Fox Valley Motorcars/Lamborghini Chicago at 630-231-3400.



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 1999 355 F1 Spider, Narf Blue/Tan 15,458 mi  
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1985 Testarossa, Red/Tan 10,704 mi

## Lamborghini

2007 LP 640 Roadster e-gear, Yell/Blk 150 mi  
 2006 Murcielago e-gear, Fly Yell/Blk 2,517 mi  
 2005 Murcie Roadster e-gear, Lim Gr 2,131 mi  
 2004 Murcielago e-gear, MetBlk/Ivry 4,400 mi



2003 Murcielago, Met Yellow/Black 7,789 mi  
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 2007 Porsche 911 GT3 RS, Black Del mi  
 2007 Porsche 911 GT3 RS, Orange Del mi  
 2005 Porsche Carrera GT, Silver/Blk 1,949 mi  
 2004 Porsche 911 Twin Turbo, Blk/Blk 17,507 mi



1996 Porsche 911 Twin Turbo, Gr/Blk 24,976 mi  
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08 Murcielago Coupe, Green .....	Del mi	08 Gallardo Spyder e-gear, Prl White..	Del mi
08 Gallardo Superleggera, Orange .....	Del mi	08 Gallardo Spyder e-gear, Black .....	Del mi
08 Gallardo Spyder e-gear, Yellow .....	Del mi	08 Gallardo Coupe e-gear, Yellow .....	Del mi
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## Lambos at a N.Y. Airstrip

In a very different type of driving event, the Lamborghini Club America Tri-State Region (NY/NJ/CT) recently held a Lamborghini event at Floyd Bennett Field, an airport landing strip-turned-park in Brooklyn, NY. The turnout was lower than expected due to the forecasted rain, but there were still about 20 Lamborghinis present. Of the Lamborghinis present, there was a Muira SV, and several Countaches, Diablos, Murcielagos, and Gallardos. In addition to the Lamborghini owners who made the event, there were also notables from other makes – Carrera GT, Noble, Ford GT, and a few different Ferraris. Lamborghini Bergen County assisted with the event by planning a tent with light refreshments for all attendees. As everyone began to arrive, the mere sight of the expansive and open runway immediately heightened the excitement of the crowd. Conversations among the group also got everyone in the mood for a high-speed run on the strip. Although the park rules were set for 25mph on the strip, some cars managed to reach those high-speeds – up to 180mph!

After the show and mini-run on the strip, a more conventional run was held. The weather managed to hold up for the run, which went through some of the scenic coastal highways of Southern Long Island – talk about a beautiful drive! The driving event ended at a restaurant where the group had lunch and continued to share stories of ownership.

The event ended on a very positive note, with establishing a very good start for the Tri-State Region. Several more events are planned, including group drives, charity shows, networking dinners, and much, much more! If you are in NY/NJ/CT or nearby areas and would like to be updated with the upcoming events, please feel free to contact me for more information!

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## Events for 2007

### August 17th-19th - The 28th Annual Lamborghini Club National Meet - Monterey, California

This is one of the largest Lamborghini gatherings in the world! Many Lamborghinis and Lamborghini friends!

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

Saturday, Laguna Seca Historic Races - [www.laguna-seca.com](http://www.laguna-seca.com)

Sunday, Pebble Beach Concours - [www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net)

Lamborghini Club event info - [www.lamborghiniclub.com](http://www.lamborghiniclub.com)

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### August 26th - 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 information, along with some photos from last year's show is available on the WOI home page at [www.wheelsofitaly.com](http://www.wheelsofitaly.com)

### September 2nd - The Italian Gathering - Dublin, Ohio

Get ready for what is expected to be the largest gathering of Lamborghinis in Midwest! In 2006, the Italian Gathering had the largest Lamborghini turn to date in the Midwest. This will also be where the Midwest Region of Lamborghini Club America will have its annual meeting.

This event will be held on the grounds of Wendy's International Inc. Corporate Offices, #1 Dave Thomas Blvd., Dublin, Ohio 43017

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The Italian Gathering 2006: [www.evansauto.com/ig2006.htm](http://www.evansauto.com/ig2006.htm)

### September 14th - Running of Our Bulls - Michigan Freeways

Get ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Michigan Giro "The running of OUR bulls" Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be on the west coast of Michigan spending the night in Ludington then taking "10" across to I-75 and south home.

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Fellow Lamborghini Owner:

2007 is continuing to be an exciting year for our club of owners and enthusiasts – thanks for enjoying the ride with us! Our Midwest Lambos newsletter is currently undergoing a transition from being a Midwest Region publication to the Lamborghini Club America national newsletter – the growth we've seen has far exceeded my expectations for our club newsletter. Both during and after this transition, your support of the club is very important – feedback and suggestions on how to make this a better club for all of us, and well as ideas for the next phase of our newsletter is greatly appreciated!

In addition to the great news for the club, Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A has announced the birth of "Lamborghini North America", July 1, 2007. Based in Auburn Hills, Michigan, Lamborghini North America is the only corporate base of Lamborghini outside of Sant'Agata!

The purpose of this newsletter is to share the experience of ownership between owners and provide resources for a better Lamborghini experience. At present time, this newsletter is mailed to well over 1,200 Lamborghini owners in the United States. With your help and participation in the club, we can continue to grow and make this club what it deserves to be! For those of you who are not current club members, please take a moment to update your club membership status, your support is essential to the existence of the club.

Lamborghini Club America would like to acknowledge the generous sponsorship of this newsletter: Lamborghini Troy, Lamborghini Ohio, Lamborghini Chicago, MotorCars International, Evans Automotive, Complete Hydraulic, LamboStuff, and Premier Financial Services. Without their support, we would be unable to create this newsletter of such quality for the Lamborghini Community. Please support these businesses, as they have helped to make Lamborghini ownership a better experience.

Thanks again to all of the Lamborghini owners and enthusiasts for your ongoing support of Lamborghini Club America. To all those attending the Monterey weekend in California, I look forward to seeing you there!

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