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Upcoming Events

September

3 Italian Concours d'Elegance

29 – 1 Newport Run

December

9 Christmas Dinner

Player's Run

June 8-11

By Roy Cats (sanitized by the editor)

For the 2006 Players Run I took my 1996 Lamborghini Diablo SVR (#24 of 32). Most of you know this car as the "Stars and Stripes" car that I had purchased a year ago and have gone through it extensively to get it ready for just this event.

My co-pilot and I flew into Los Angeles for the start of the run – leaving

West Hollywood on Wednesday and traveling over 2,600 miles to our final destination - Denver by Saturday afternoon. The run started with 42 vehicles, 5 of which were Lamborghini, up from 2 the year before.

The start of the run was GREAT, we had a full California Highway Patrol Escort out of Hollywood on Sunset Blvd all the way to the Fontana California Speedway. All intersections, on and off ramps were blocked and we traveled well over (deleted) MPH

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Roy "Diablo Man" Cats in his Diablo SVR

Lamborghini Bellevue



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New Inventory



2006 Gallardo (Blue Caelum/Black 6SP)

Taking Orders



2007 Murcielago LP640

Incoming New Inventory

2006 Gallardo Spyder

Grigio Altair (silver) , Nero Perseus (Black) Interior with Grigio Phoenix (light gray) Stitching. Fully Electric and Heated Seats, Gray Brake Calipers, Journey Package, and Leather Package One.

2006 Gallardo Spyder

Rosso Corsa (Special Paint) with Nero Perseus (Black) Interior and Rosso Centaurus (Red) Stitching, Fully Electric and Heated Seats, Heated Mirrors, Onboard Computer, Journey Package, and Leather Package One.

Coming soon

2007 Gallardo Privilegio Special Edition Coupe

Used Inventory

2006 Gallardo (Black/Black, eGear 4k Miles)



2006 Murcielago Roadster



2006 Gallardo Spider

Membership Dues

Lamborghini Club America dues are \$65 per year and is handled by Jim Heady at our national office. For an application form, please go to our web site.

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1/2 Page	\$250	\$500
1/4 Page	\$150	\$300
1/8 Page	\$100	\$200

If you have questions, please contact me.

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2006 Event Calendar

Sep 3 **Italian Concours d'Elegance, Seattle, WA**

Details: www.italianconcours.com

29-1 **Newport Run: Seattle to Portland to Newport**

Kurt Shanaman (503) 702-4186, email: kasphoto@earthlink.net

Dec 9 **Christmas Dinner, Pasta Nova, Woodinville**

Albert Lim (425) 281-2880, email: albert.lim@northwestlambos.com

Lamborghini Bellevue Tech Session & Kart Race May 21st

By Amanda Lim

Lamborghini of Bellevue welcomed the members of the Lamborghini Club to the 1st Tech session of the year. Attendees came from as far away as Portland! A total of 2 Murcielago's, 3 Gallardos, a Jalpa, a Diablo, and even a few Ferrari's lined the parking lot.

Rick Brown, James Maddux, Josh Orr, John Amette (Western Region Technical Services), Andy Meyer and Pat Wiseman hosted the technical session and gave a warm welcome to all of us. Today, Josh covered the inner workings of a Lamborghini Gallardo Spyder that included a demonstration of the deployment of the emergency rollover hoops. Impressive! It also, quite literally, made a few of us jump. It's good to know that it only takes fraction of a second to deploy. John was also available for Q&A on both the Murcielago and the Gallardo and I think all of those (my dad included) who spoke with him learned a thing or two.

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The Gang at Champs Karting

Lamborghini of Bellevue Tech Session & Kart Race May 21st

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For those that came, both Lamborghini of Bellevue and our Northwest Chapter graciously donated quite a few door prizes and everyone went home with a special memento to mark this occasion.

We then headed over to Champs Karting in Seattle for a little friendly competition and the folks at Lamborghini of Bellevue took bragging rights for the year. Next Year will be different – all you guys will need to drop a few pounds and get some practice in before the race! What a fun day. Special thanks to Lamborghini of Bellevue and the folks there for taking the time to set this up. All I can say is: when's the next one, Dad?



Dave Handa took home the Bull for being slowest...;-)



Door Prizes for everyone that showed up!





Don't Ask Your Accountant...
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A photograph of the Gran Prix Imports building and parking lot. The building is a large, single-story structure with a brick and tan facade. The name "GRAN PRIX IMPORTS" is prominently displayed on the front. The parking lot is filled with various sports cars, including a red Ferrari, a silver Lotus, a black Porsche, a yellow Ferrari, and an orange Lotus. An American flag is flying on a pole in front of the building.

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Players Run

June 6-11 (continued)

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with CHP egging us to go faster, it was nuts!!

Less than a 1/4 mile from the start we passed a Hotel displaying a banner reading "Miss Teen USA 2006". As we passed this hotel, my keen awareness sighted a few of the contestants on the sidewalk waving to us as we passed. I, of course, had to wave back, unfortunately the 2005 Porsche in front of me stopped to wave as well. YES within 2 minutes of the start this darn Porsche had backed into me at about 5 mph! No injuries and only minor damaged was incurred to our hood and it would not latch back down. I thought that I was out of the run but my fast thinking co-pilot ran into the nearby drug store, emerged with clear packing tape. We wrapped the whole front of the car as if it were shrink wrap – bingo we were off!! This tape remained the entire trip and was soon to be know as high quality "Speed Tape". (I guess Roy did not have any luggage).

After 20 plus insane laps on the Fontana Speed track we were off to Las Vegas for the first stop of our run. Arriving at the Four Season's Hotel, Las Vegas was quite a sight with the front area reserved for us all. After a wonderful dinner, stories of the first ticket casualties emerged and for the day the worst was a Corvette clocked at 97 in a 70, no big deal. Off to gamble for some, sleep for others and ...

We awoke Thursday morning 8 am sharp and at the breakfast meeting we were given our route for the day and the poker card pit stop. As we left Las Vegas to Salt Lake City, the temperature began to rise, soon hitting 100 plus degrees. At this point we became aware of the necessity for both air conditioning and or at least windows that would open and being a true track car – it had neither. We resorted to driving shirtless all the way into Arizona and on to Salt Lake.

This day was to be our day for the ticket. As we entered into Utah we were over come with joy to see the speed limit sign reading 75 mph, I thought this only existed in the old pre oil embargo days. Try doing 75 in Washington! I depressed the accelerator, 75, 85, ... (deleted)....then it happened, BEEP BEEP BEEP from my V-1! I slammed on the brakes, it was toooo late. I was stopped and pulled over. He told me he had us at (deleted) in a 75! He was very nice, wrote us our \$244 ticket and stated "keep it under 95 and you will be ok".....HELL I could live with 95.

At dinner, I felt I had a good one to tell – we were not even close. The 2003 Lamborghini Murcielago was traveling at (deleted) mph when captured on radar had won the "BIG ONE" for the day. The Trooper that clocked him had to call ahead as he could not catch him. It turned out to be OK as the Officer only wrote him up for going (deleted) past the speed limit, negligent driving, and a \$875.00 ticket!

After a thundering shower storm all night, we again woke at 8 am. At breakfast we learned that a BMW had broken a rear shock strut and was out of the run. We obtained our next route and it's off to Aspen. This is by far the most scenic. As we crossed the state line into Colorado we were greeted by the Colorado State Police, 6 cars marked, 2 cars not and a Helicopter.....great. Multiple drivers were stopped and cited for minor infractions. A Red Ferrari 512 was even stopped and cited for going too slow and "impeding traffic". The worst, another Ferrari and a Mercedes, were clocked by the helicopter at over (deleted) miles. They were arrested, taken to city hall and made to post \$1000 bail prior to being released.

Aspen is beautiful and I would love to go back. Saturday we learned that we would be crossing the Rocky Mountains into Denver via the oldest highway, including numerous one lane passes and reaching an altitude of over 12,000 feet. At the top, it was amazing to be able to play in the snow in late June with 80 degree temperature's.

Our trip from Aspen to Denver was delayed 10 miles outside of Denver as we were all brought together by the Colorado Highway Patrol. This time to a different tune! They had decided in the interest of public safety, they will escort all of us into downtown to the finish line. What an ending, 90 MPH through the freeways of Denver, past the baseball stadium and right into downtown to closed streets. There were numerous fans cheering and waving as we crossed the finish line.

At our farewell dinner that night some cried, some exchange e-mails and numbers. Friends made in less than 4 days had now become friends for life. All the Lamborghini's made it to the end and we had only lost 4 cars to failure. As the awards were handed out, I was shocked and elated to find that for the second year in a row, a Lamborghini had WON "Best Car"MINE!!!

With this award the 2,600 mile ride in a car with no AC, no radio, no windows, no shocks, racing seats with

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heavy 5 point harness and straight pipe racing exhaust, was well worth it. I did not have a single mechanical issue. In speeds from 5 mph with rear end accidents to (deleted) mph straight away's, the Lamborghini stayed true to my heart, it gave me everything I needed and more. Again another successful Players Run and again I will be on it next year!!



Roy fixing his bodywork



If you can't sleep in it, sleep on it!



Ferrari / Lamborghini Club Run to the Vancouver Car Show June 16—18

By Albert Lim

This was our 1st weekend event for the Lamborghini Club. I would like to thank Dave Handa for making the arrangements for the weekend.

A total of 9 cars from the Lamborghini Club and 10 Ferrari's from the Ferrari Club met at Northgate for the run up to Vancouver via Chuckanut Drive. A fine conversation with a few state employees at Larrabee State Park ensured that this was a memorable drive! I think he was looking for the guy driving a silver Gallardo – hmmm, I think he is indisposed...;-)

After the excitement, we crossed the border (I think they too were looking for the same guy) and lunched at the Riverhouse Restaurant – good scenery and good food. While in Vancouver, we participated in additional wining and dining with a visit to Cioppino's at Yaletown on Friday night and for the Club dinner on Saturday – The Stone Grill on Granville Street. What a treat that was, yummy! While I am on the subject of food – I want to thank Roy Cats for his generosity for quietly picking up the Lamborghini Club dinner for everyone who attended. His continual generosity to the community amazes me.

Sunday started with a quick clean of all the fine Italian machinery followed by a short drive over to Lamborghini Vancouver to meet up with folks there for the convoy over to Waterfront Park in North Vancouver. As you can see, even the ladies had fun!

The show was filled with some of the worlds finest Italian Automobiles as well as classic Italian bicycles and motorcycles such as Vespa, Moto-Guzzi, Ducati, Cagiva, Parrilla, Pinarello, Cinelli, DeRosa, Bianchi and many others. Fine cars, fine food, fine women (can I say that?) and good friends – what more can one ask for! The pictures speak for themselves.



Scott and Savitha in their Gallardo

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Erika and Romeo



Jonathan Cats' new hairdo



Dinner at the Stone Grill...Thanks Roy!



Kelly, Leilani, Erika and Pam



Girls just want to have fun!



Checking how "green" suits me...

Newport Run

September 29-October 1

By Albert Lim and Kurt Shanaman

This is the first Oregon run for our chapter and Kurt and Leilani have done an admirable job of organizing the event. The run will go from Portland to Newport via some of the most interesting roads in the area. If you are interested in going, please make your hotel reservation now as it is a peak season. All that is left is to register with the club.

Registration:

The cost for the event is \$140.00 per person which covers all meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner on Friday and Saturday Dinner. If you are going, please reply all on this email and please send in your payment by Sept 8th by check to:

Lamborghini Club America, Northwest Region

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Or via paypal: paypal@northwestlambos.com

Thursday, September 28th (Seattle drivers only)

People traveling from out of the area for this adventure are encouraged to come down to Portland Thursday afternoon or evening. If you are interested in driving down together, please contact Albert Lim (email: albert.lim@northwestlambos.com).

We will meet at Southcenter by Bahama Breeze (15700 Southcenter Pkwy Tukwila, WA 98188-2827) before heading South.

Hotel (Thursday Night):

Our hotel for Thursday night will be the Best Western Northwind, 16105 SW Pacific Hwy (route 99) King City, Oregon 97224. Please contact Ramona Hormann (office manager) Phone 503-431-2110 and let her know that you are with the Lamborghini Club. The hotel has great parking and is within 1.5 miles from NV House – our breakfast location on Friday. Further details and directions will be sent via email.

Friday, September 29th – Sunday, October 1st

Hotel Information (Fri and Sat night):

We will be staying Friday and Saturday nights at the

Hallmark Inn right on the beach in Newport. The club has made special arrangements to have all ocean view spa rooms for our group. Our price is \$124 per night plus 10.5% lodging tax. We have blocked 16 rooms which will be held until Sept 8th (deadline extended). Make your reservations now at 1-888-448-4449 ask for the Lambo club northwest group rate. Any questions ask for Lucinda, director of sales. The Hallmark has been most gracious in creating our own parking zone complete with a hose to wash our cars.

Friday:

Our adventure begins Friday Morning in Portland with a special breakfast at the NV house restaurant (13405 SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard, OR 97223 503.598.8030) beginning at 9:00 am.

After a tasty breakfast, we will depart at 11:00 am sharp for Oregon's wine country. Our planned route has some incredible roads (our exact route will only be disclosed at breakfast) and plans are being made to have a picnic-style lunch along the way to the coast expecting to arrive around 6:00 pm.

Friday evening will be cocktails and dinner at Georgie's beach side grill followed by a complimentary marsh mellow roast at a bonfire just below the restaurant. Georgie's is conveniently located next door to our Hotel so our cars will be safe and we can walk.

Saturday:

Saturday begins with a planned drive to one of three lighthouses in the area followed by whatever you wish to do. For those that wish to, a tour of the Newport bay aquarium can be arranged. Newport has great beaches and great shopping within walking distance of the hotel. Saturday we will meet at 5:00 pm or so for cocktails at Georgie's and then at 6:30 pm we will walk a few blocks to Panache for dinner. Panache is owned by husband and wife Tom and Linda and they have offered to close their restaurant to all but our club. Panache serves awesome northwest cuisine. For more info. you can go to www.panachenewport.com Dinner at Panache will include a short awards ceremony. After dinner we walk, stumble and or crawl back the four blocks to our hotel for a good nights rest.

Sunday:

Sunday we are up bright eyed and bushy tailed to de-

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part by 9:30 am. Breakfast can be had at Georgie's grill next door to the Hotel. We will have an incredible drive Back to Portland with a coffee stop along the way. Gran Prix Imports has offered to host our pit stop in Portland. Make your plans now for what will be an incredible close to our summer driving season. We encourage members from Ferrari club to join us for what will be an adventure of a life time. No Bull!

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Kurt Shanaman (503.702.4186), email kas-photo@earthlink.net or Albert Lim (425.281.2880) Albert.lim@northwestlambos.com



Additional Photos from the LaConner Lunch Drive...



US Dealer Introduction of the LP640

August 7-8

By Andy Meyer

Pat Wiseman (our new Sales Consultant) and I attended the U.S. Dealer introduction of the new 2007 Murcielago Coupe held at the California Speedway in Fontana, California. The event was attended by all management of Lamborghini including President/CEO of Stephan Winkelmann.

LP640: The new version the Murcielago LP640 gets its name from its "longitudinale posteriore" engine position and its 640 HP power. Designers and engineers reworked all aspects from the engines, brakes and electronics to the interior and exterior. It remains the most extreme and fastest car in its class. The major changes include:

- Engine increased to 640 HP and 6.5 liters
- 0-100 km/h times lowered from 3.8 to 3.4
- More aggressive with new front and rear bumpers
- Exhaust system outlet has been incorporated into the rear bumper diffuser.
- Glass transparent engine hood available.
- Drive-by-wire engine management system
- New suspension springs and stabilizers
- Carbon Ceramic Braking System
- Leather interior features new lozenge-shaped stitching called "Q-citura" on the seats, door panels and headliner.
- Kenwood Navigation System

Driving: I consider myself a novice track driver and have driven very few Lamborghinis on the street. When we got to the track the eight cars were split into two groups. Each group has their own lead driver who was a trained instructor. The drivers were split into two groups and given 90 minutes to drive. We went over the track layout, given safety instructions and thrown the keys. There were both E-gear and 6 Speeds to drive. All with the Carbon Ceramic brakes. While we did not have the "NASCAR" style banks and long straightaways to drive on, we had a nice track in the infield that allowed speeds approaching 150. (I only got to 130).

I drove myself most of the time and did sit as a passenger for a few runs. The cars were driven hard all day. After three laps at speed, a cool down lap was needed to stabilize engine and brake temperatures. I did better with the e-gear version. Changing gears in the

manual slowed me down. I was a full 10 MPH faster with e-gear. The manual at speed took some time to master the shift gate.

The car is awesome. The brakes were impressive and saved many of us from leaving the track. With big power and big brakes the LP 640 was manageable all over the track.

Lamborghini of Bellevue will have our first LP 640 just in time for the Seattle Auto Show in late October. We look forward to having a full selection of brochures in the near future. Please call us at (425) 646-3111 for more information.



Bull Run to La Conner for Lunch

July 8

By Albert Lim

With all the summer activities in full swing, several of us took advantage of the fine July weather and met up at Lamborghini of Bellevue for a run up to LaConner for lunch.

This was a casual event and although we did get lost once while driving around in the woods, everyone had a great time. It was a fine day to take the Lamborghini out!

I will also note that parking in La Conner can be challenging but we improvised, check out Scott's 3 point turn in the middle of town! Food, well, could have been better but the beer was cold, the engine was running right and the camaraderie was wonderful.

I would to thank Lamborghini of Bellevue and Marie Jackson once again for making arrangements for the refreshments and hosting the kickoff of our drive.



Clear Bras Northwest

Our newest advertiser!

Please welcome our newest advertiser, Clear Bras Northwest (425) 789-1068. I can vouch for the work that Christian Moraga puts into his installations as I recently had the front bumper of my Murcielago covered. The work is the best that I have seen – perfectly smooth and with no bubbles. If you are looking to have this installed, give Christian a call.

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Christmas Dinner

December 9th 6:30 pm

By Romeo Delarosa

This year's Christmas dinner will be held at Pasta Nova, 17310 140th Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA 98074 (425) 483-3716 on December 9th starting at 6:30 pm for beer/wine (cash bar) and dinner at 7:00 pm.

The restaurant feature exquisite Northern Italian cooking and was started in 1998 by two cousins "Fred" Armin Amano and Raphael Aziziano. Fred and Raphael will be closing the restaurant to the general public and will cater to the Northwest chapter of the Lamborghini Club of America for the evening. We will also have roped off parking for the evening – so plan on driving your Italian car to the event.

If you are interested in attending, please send me an email: albert.lim@northwestlambos.com by the end of September so I can get a headcount. Registration materials will be sent out early October for the event.



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Heading over to Champs Karting for a little friendly race! Photo: Rick Schott