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Director's Note

What a year it has been! When I started this Region, I was thinking about a couple of events and maybe a Christmas dinner would be it—just to get folks together to have fun around the marquee.

When I ran the proposal by Jim Heady, our national President, we had about 30 or so members in the area. By our Christmas Dinner 2006, we had about 40 members. Today, we are close to 60. We have had 3 weekend trips, a tech session and Kart race, the unveiling of the Gallardo Spyder to mention just a few. Every month starting last February we had an event going on. Finishing this year with our Christmas party, we had a sold out crowd of 40+ in attendance. WOW!

Starting next year, we will add Kurt Shanaman as co-activities chair for Oregon alongside Kevin Cornwell to continue to making improvements to our region. If only I can get hold of another volunteer for Washington State...;-)

This is your club! If you want to organize something, get in touch with me or Kurt or Kevin. It's been so busy, our 2007 calendar is still in planning. We promise to get this out by Mid January so that you can have plenty of time to plan ahead and join one of the wonderful events for 2007.

Albert Lim
Regional Director



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Ferrari & Lamborghini run to Kelowna, BC

August 25-27

By Savitha Finch

Before you read this article, be forewarned that this is my first time writing an article for an "officially" published newsletter. I am especially honored that Albert asked me, a CO-PILOT!!! to write an article for the Lamborghini Club Northwest Region Newsletter given the minor detail that he didn't know if I could write worth a damn. Please also note that the procrastinator that I am decided to start writing this article at the end of October, almost two months after the trip, so some of the details have become fuzzy, but here goes...

As I recall, after the usual "hurry...we are going to be late...you brought too much stuff", we were on our way to meet the gang. It was a lovely sunny day as 15-20 sporty Ferraris, Lamborghinis, and Maseratis, converged at the Lamborghini dealership in Bellevue around 8am-ish. Here we enjoyed some refreshments, took some photos, and conducted our official drivers meeting before our 3-day adventure. We then headed out to our first pit stop, a gas station in the lovely town of Darrington, to meet up with the rest of our Washington contingent. We even had a Vancouverite drive all the way down to join in the fun.

We were then on our way to Marblemount in the North Cascades via Highway 20 where we were to meet up with the BC contingent of Ferraris' and Lamborghinis. This was one of the best driving roads, we kicked ass!!! it was great! After fueling up in Marblemount we were on our way to our final destination for the day, the "hot" town of Winthrop (yes there were wildfires nearby and ash falling from the sky). We stopped in town and had a nice lunch as ash fell from the sky. The waitress said not to worry as the wind was blowing the fires away from the Sun Mountain Lodge where we would be staying for the night.

We finally arrived at the gorgeous Sun Mountain Lodge. We all took a quick break and then we were off to our cowboy camp dinner in a real wagon! The food was yummy and we even enjoyed some cowboy music. Then we got back to the hotel and took over the game room. I unfortunately had my ass kicked at ping pong. Some people had their asses kicked at foosball while others decided to enjoy watching previous trip footage on the big screen. Then it was time to call it a night.

The next morning we rounded up the gang and headed to our final destination of Kelowna. We had

some great driving on our way to Kelowna. Unfortunately someone called the cops on us, but luckily John and Ruth had a police scanner and were able to alert us before any tickets were given. A short while later we attempted to cross the border at the small town of Osoyoos. We didn't get too far as we were all pulled over and our passports confiscated by the police. After a short time, our passports were returned and we were told to move along although with caution.

Again, we were able to drive some really fantastic roads and reached some record speeds. We finally made it to our last destination of our trip, the El Dorado hotel in Kelowna. Kelowna is a beautiful city known for its wines. After getting some rest we headed to Robin Elmslie's home where he had graciously invited all of us to sample some of the wines of Kelowna. We then headed back to the El Dorado for a lovely dinner overlooking the lake.

The next morning it was time to say our goodbyes and start the long journey home. So to sum it up, this was an excellent trip and I must say the best driving that we have done since we have become part of the club. So a big thanks to our esteemed president, Albert Lim, for putting this all together!

We are looking forward to catching up with everyone at next year's adventure!



Deanne, Ruth, Pam, Leilani, Erika and Savitha

It's not just about cars and the girls do have fun!



Chuck Wagon Ride to the Cookout



Adrian Lee (our member from Vancouver)



Medium rare please...



Scott and Savitha



Say Cheese...



Kurt and Leilani



Is that a Ford?



Leilani, Albert and Pam

Newport Run

Sep 28—Oct 1

By Mrs. Leilani Ibayan Shanaman

The first Northwest Region Lamborghini Club Oregon caravan went off without a hitch. Our adventure began on a sunny, Indian summer Friday morning. We were a diverse group which included mostly Lamborghinis, some Ferraris, 2 Maseratis, a Panoz and a tricked out BMW M5. Everyone arrived at the NV House Restaurant in Portland for registration, waiver sign-in and a hearty breakfast. Participants were greeted with Lamborghini gift bags which included Lambo key chains (from Italy) for the drivers, rhinestone studded Lambo t-shirts for the co-pilots and the elusive driving directions. After a drivers meeting with a Q & A session, photos and odometer readings documented by our organizer, we were on our way.

The initial leg of the caravan was diverse and technical which allowed the co-pilots to be quite involved. We were a tight cohesive group yet somehow we lost Roy Cats and Kevin Cornwell. I thought they went off looking for Friday night's entertainment, but apparently they just made a few wrong turns and brought up the rear. The first leg ended at Coelho Winery in Amity. The winery is a renovated barn-shaped building with loads of rustic charm and unique local crafted gifts. This was a great place for the co-pilots to enjoy a tasting of Willamette Valley wines. The second leg of the trip traversed the beautiful Kings Valley countryside with long open stretches of country roads that drivers really took advantage of.

Our lunch stop seemed to be in the middle of nowhere at the boutique winery of Cardwell Cellars. This small, award winning winery is noted for their pinot noir. It was a great sunny picnic spot. The last leg of this adventure involved twisties, fresh velvet-like blacktop, red and yellow falling leaves and just plain fun roads. What a great start to the weekend !

As we pulled into our destination, the Hallmark Resort in Newport, we were pleasantly surprised with our designated Lambo parking. They had taken the Northwest Lambo Club logo and laminated multiple copies to distinguish our parking area. The Hallmark did a nice job with the extra special touches such as making sure every guest had an ocean view spa room and even creating the private "Lambo room" for cocktails and dinner in the main hotel. Dinner was buffet style with prime rib and local salmon. Ron Tonkin Gran

Tourismo generously provided the wine for dinner which was purchased from Cardwell Cellars Winery earlier in the day by Steve Wintermantel. During dinner we were entertained by stories told by Roy Cats about adventures from past events and were reminded of how truly fortunate we all are. After dinner, some of the group headed to the Shilo Inn for a few hands of blackjack. The poor dealer, aptly named "14", wasn't expecting our group and quickly lost his shirt. Luckily for him, Saturday night was a different story and he came away the victor- you win some and you lose some.

Saturday morning started with a sunny spirited drive to Heceta Head Lighthouse where we were greeted by a large (100+) Harley Davidson club. The "American" Panoz was surrounded immediately by the bikers who were truly appreciative of an American exotic. Eric Clover, pilot of the Panoz from Gran Prix Imports, and his soon to be wife, Elle, (congrats on your recent marriage) remained in the parking lot to discuss American motor lore with the HD gang . Thanks to them we had great security while we hiked up the hill to the lighthouse and saw the great views. After a quick drive back to the Hallmark, we were off to the Newport Aquarium to meet Harlyn Jenkins for lunch in the shark tank room and a complimentary behind the scenes tour. The tour was phenomenal and it reminded us as to how important it is to appreciate our ocean and its inhabitants. Thanks to Harlyn Jenkins and his brother Steve for the hook up. Nicely done !

After lunch, some of the group split off to meet the Newport Police Department. Apparently, the night before, Albert, our club director, and others had bonded with some of the local heat and today were giving rides to them and their families. A few of the cops even drove our cars. In appreciation, they offered us official Newport police department patches and an escort out of town on Sunday. We gladly accepted the patches but opted out on the escort - Our route "Lambo style" remained confidential.

Saturday night's award dinner was at Panache, a couple owned restaurant specializing in Northwest cuisine and great service. When we arrived we were greeted with shrimp cocktail, crab cakes and wine generously donated by Shawn Gardner. The delicious entrees of rack of lamb, local halibut en papillote and grilled rib eye steak were enjoyed by all. The awards were presented and included the following: The award for the lowest miles on the odometer went to Eric Clover and his Panoz. The award for the club member who traveled the farthest went to Adrian Lee and his



Desmond picking up his gift bag at the registration desk



The Gang



Adrian and Albert – what some of us do for a photo!



Murcies-r-us at the Coelho Winery



Ted, Roy, Leilani and Kurt



The photo of the cars from the roof of the restaurant!

Christmas Dinner

December 9th 6:30 pm

By Albert Lim

This year's Christmas dinner was held at Pasta Nova, 17310 140th Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA 98074. The restaurant features exquisite Northern Italian cooking and was started in 1998 by two cousins "Fred" Armin Amano and Raphael Aziziano.

Fred and Raphael graciously closed the restaurant to the general public for us with roped off parking for the evening. We packed the restaurant to the hilt and had to turn some members away due to seating capacity.

For the record, we doubled our attendance from the Christmas dinner the previous year! The food was wonderful with a lot of wonderful dishes that came out of Fred and Raphael's kitchen. Yummy!

We also previewed the video of our August run to Kelowna in HD. Thanks to Deanne for the projection screen, Scott for the audio equipment, Lamborghini Bellevue for contributing some of the door prizes and last but not least o Romeo delaRosa for making the arrangements for us to have dinner at Pasta Nova.



Adrian &
LeAnne



Pat, Sally, Desmond, James, Mike, Mary, LeAnne, Adrian



Romeo, Chris and Marissa



Pancho, Scott, Mary, Adrian, Mark, Savitha, Desmond



Leilani, Mary and Savitha



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Murcielago who came all the way down from Vancouver Canada. The award for the most passes goes to Ted Wight-go "black menace" ! The award to encourage you to buy a Lambo went to Shawn Gardner and his BMW M5. Peoples choice award went to Albert Lim and his Murcie. A consolation prize was awarded to Mike Mansfield who during the trip found out his Ferrari Stradale had sold. Because of this, he was awarded a couple beers to help him drown his sorrows for the vehicle he would miss.

Early Sunday morning we headed back to Portland via a different but equally as beautiful a route. Luckily, even with this route, we were able to pass Coelho winery again for a quick pit stop and some shopping. This time it was Albert and Desmond who missed a turn and got separated from the group briefly. Surprisingly, they got lost in the very same tiny town that Roy and Kevin got lost in. Could this be the Willamette Valley's "Bermuda Triangle" ? Let's see what happens next year. After we regrouped, we headed to Gran Prix Imports where they served a BBQ lunch and gave a tour of their beautiful facility. It was now time for the inevitable. Good byes were said and the Seattle group headed home.

Many thanks to all the participants who with their driving skill, common sense and courtesy helped make this such a successful caravan. A special thanks to the driving gods for blessing us with awesome weather and safe conditions.

During the wet winter months to come, I will fondly look back at this adventure and the good times we shared knowing that we drove our cars the way they were meant to be driven. No Bull !

The Northwest Region Lamborghini Club would like to thank and acknowledge the following people and companies for their contributions: Richard Lindell and Lamborghini of Silicon Valley, Joe Williams and the NV House Restaurant, Ramona and the Best Western in King City, Lucinda and the Hallmark Resort in Newport, Dave and Deolinda Coelho and the Coelho Winery, Mr. and Mrs. Chapel and Cardwell Cellars Winery, Steve Wintermantel and Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo, Harlyn Jenkins and the Newport Aquarium, Tom and Linda and Panache, Eric Clover and Gran Prix Imports, Newport Police and last but not least, our organizer Kurt Shanaman. Kas Inc.

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