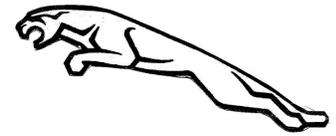




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LAST CALL TO BREAKFAST!! Nov 1 and Dec 6

For this year, anyway! Yes we are swiftly approaching the end of 2014 and if you have not made it to a 1st Saturday breakfast you only have 2 chances to do so before the end of the year. Don't make this the year that you never made it to a club breakfast! You have been missing out on a lot of fun!

Breakfast starts at 9:00 am at the First Watch restaurant at 81st and Lewis Ave. We are always in the back room where we can talk and laugh to our heart's content plus we still have the \$11 breakfast deal. That 11\$ includes whatever breakfast you order from the menu plus your coffee and the tip! Such a deal and the food is always good.

Don't miss on a great start to your weekend, see you at breakfast at the First Watch!

DUES ARE DUE!!

It's that time of year again and your annual club dues are due. We are pleased to announce that once again the Board of Directors has **NOT** raised the club dues. In the face of everything going up and up it is nice to know that you can still enjoy a lot of fun, friendship and great driving for the **SAME PRICE!**

On the back of this "Cat Tale" is the form you need to fill out and send with your check. Please fill out the form completely and legibly as we use this information to update our club roster.

Send in your check and form promptly as we must pay our dues to the National after the first of the year.

NOVEMBER 15 POT LUCK DINNER "VIVA ITALIA!"

Our upcoming pot luck dinner is going to have an Italian theme, so get out those international cookbooks and see what you can come up with.

The main course of **Lasagna** is going to be provided by the club so this leaves all the side dishes and desserts up to members. This certainly leaves a lot of room for creativity and we know there are some good cooks in the club. I recall once quite a few years ago when a member brought home-made *Spumoni*. That certainly was a hit and she did not have any leftovers to take home!



We know there are "undercover Italians" in the club because they also drive Alfas, Lamborghinis and Ferraris so here is a chance to show up driving an Italian car and bring a wonderful Italian style dish to the party.

We ask that you call or e-mail Gary Grover at 918-481 1789 or e-mail him at tiremanogg@aol.com and let him know what you are bringing.

Now here is the important stuff, the party will be held at Gary Grover's home at 4104 E. 83rd St. in Tulsa. That is in the Walnut Creek addition off of 81st St. between Sheridan and between Harvard and Yale Avenues.



Remember the club will be providing a big pan of lasagna and the beverages, so put on your chef's hat and come up with something delicious! This is going to be a fun and tasty evening!

CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY DECEMBER 6



We are going to try something a little different this year to celebrate the Christmas season. Rather than impose on a member to have a party in their home, or go through the hassle of trying to make sure we have enough people to meet a minimum and pay a lot extra for a private room and all the other expenses that seem to get added on, we are simply going to go out to dinner at the **CHALKBOARD** restaurant located in the Ambassador Hotel at 1324 S. Main St. in Tulsa, a well known fine dining establishment.

Here is how it will work. **YOU** must make a reservation at the restaurant for your party. We are going to have cocktails in their bar from 6:00 pm until dinner at 7 so make your reservation for around that dinner time. We will all start gathering between 6 and 7pm for conversation and cocktails and then move to the dining room for dinner where you can order what ever you like from the menu.

The Chalkboard is an upscale restaurant and you can check their menu at chalkboardtulsa.com. This is a dress up occasion and black tie is optional. You can call now to make your reservation at **918-582-1964** and they will be happy to take your reservation that far in advance.

This will be a lovely evening so be sure to make your reservation early and be prepared to enjoy yourself.

Steve McQueen was a huge Jaguar enthusiast. He owned a rare XKSS model but over the 10 years he owned it, earned two driving bans from driving too fast. He finally sold the car but quickly bought it back again and kept it until he died.

BALLOT ENCLOSED

Ok, you had to pick that darn staple out of your newsletter so you could read it but, that staple is holding your ballot for the Board of Directors election. Your vote really does count and what is maybe even more important are your comments.

Those comments let the board members know if they are planning the types of events that you enjoy so please, take a moment to think about the events you have attended and tell us why you liked some and maybe not liked others. The board wants to hear your suggestions for events. They are always looking for new ideas.

The board members really are interested in making the club enjoyable so what you have to say is important so please take a moment to fill out the ballot and mail it today. The stamp is already on it so that is no excuse!

Our Monterey Car Week Odyssey

By Glenn and Carol Larson

They had contacted **Valentino Balboni**, Lamborghini's chief mechanic and test driver (retired), with questions about the Lamborghini Urraco, a model that he was planning to purchase. In their conversation, Valentino asked if he knew of a red Urraco owned by a person named Larson. He said that he had overseen the restoration of this car at the factory in Sant' Agata and probably is one of the best examples around. I replied that it was my Urraco and he asked if I could attend the Serata Italiana, a Lamborghini Club event in Monterey. He said the Valentino would be there as a guest speaker at the gala.



Valentino Balboni and Glenn Larson

The history of my association with Valentino Balboni began in 1985 when I shipped my 1975 Urraco from Saudi Arabia to the Lamborghini factory in Sant' Agata for restoration and DOT regs. Valentino was my contact at the factory and was in charge of the restoration and recommended the upgrades for reliability improvements that were incorporated. He took me on a shakedown test drive of a new Jalpa, where he let me drive it at speed, a day which included a bit of after-work socializing!

Overall I spent nearly two weeks at the factory where they gave me the run of the place. I was able to take pictures of their new car line and restoration center as well as the various stages of restoration of my Urraco. The staff and workers were

very friendly. Valentino was a lot of help and a very interesting individual.

Back to Monterey. Unfortunately my mechanic did not live up to his promise of having my car ready for the event. So I was unable to drive the Italian Stampede where a group of 100 Italian cars drove from LA to Monterey. Since we already had our event tickets, we packed the Audi and headed to Monterey. On highway 101 we passed seven Stampede participants lined up alongside the road with two State Troopers handing out tickets! But, I'm getting ahead of myself. Carol had a book on Route 66 landmarks, so leaving Tulsa and following Interstate 40, we decided to photograph every Route 66 attraction on the way to Monterey. After an overnight in Tucumcari, New Mexico, we drove to Long Beach (to visit a friend), making it from Tulsa in two days.

Day 1 - Arriving in Monterey, we checked into the Hilton Garden Inn, in rooms blocked for the Lamborghini Club. Other Clubs were also staying at the hotel, so the parking lots were filled with Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Maseratis, a Porsche, a Bentley GT and a couple of Jaguars and, oh yes, our Audi A7! As you can imagine, the noise was deafening. This was our alarm clock every morning during our stay! Later that evening we attended the 'Italian Stampede Welcome to Monterey Party'. Great time, nice people, good food and much to drink, with lots of gorgeous models with the Italian Stampede logo tattooed (faux) on their lower backs, handing out hors d'oeuvres and drinks.



Carol and Glenn Larson

Day 2 - We toured Monterey and attended several car auction previews. I was amazed at the estimated values of some of these cars. Luckily, Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row and the Auction centers were in walking distance from our hotel, as the traffic was horrible! Hot Rods, sports cars, exotics were everywhere! Lucky for us (and my feet) the Wave Shuttle bus system was great.

Day 3 - We attended the Concorso Italiano, a concours style event at Bayonet Black Horse golf course. More than 800 cars were entered. Lamborghini featured the Gallardo's replacement, the new Huracan. The Gallardo had been Lamborghini's all-time best seller with a ten-year production span.

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There were large numbers of Ferraris, Maseratis, Alfa Romeos, Panteras and a few Porsches, MGs and Jaguars. Celebrating 95 years as a Coach-Builder Zagato Atelier was represented by Zagato collectibles such as Aston Martin DB9 Spyder Centennial Zagato, Ferrari 550 Barchetta Zagato, Lamborghini 5-95 Zagato and a Alfa Romeo Zagato.

During this event I was able to catch up with Valentino Balboni, quite the celebrity with lines of people seeking his autograph. Carol and I were lucky enough to be seated with Valentino during the Lamborghini Club's Gala Dinner at the Pasadera Country Club later that evening. He told me that my Urraco was his first restoration job at Lamborghini and he was glad to see that I still owned it. We also talked about what he is doing in retirement; he spends a lot of time attending Lamborghini Club events around the world as a guest speaker. He is in big demand with Lamborghini enthusiasts and celebrities such as Jay Leno. All in all, it was a perfect and enjoyable day.

Day 4 - Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. I think everyone should attend this event at least once during their lives. Lucky for us, the Lamborghini Club provided a shuttle for club members from our hotel to Pebble Beach, as parking and traffic were impossible!

The various marques concept cars were amazing, as well as the cars that were being judged. Ruxtons, Packards, Dusenbergs, Hispano-Suizas and Rolls Royce pre-war classics were fabulously beautiful. Sports car classics Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Bentleys and Alfa Romeos were in abundance and to die for! There were only three Jaguars, a 1937 SS100 Roadster, a 1951 XK120 Fixed Head Coupe and a 1952 streamlined XK120 with a single bubble canopy.



My favorites were a 1935 Riley MPH Roadster and a 1937 Bugatti Type 57 SC Atlantic. Also I really enjoyed the 1936-1969 Streamlined Tattras. There were eight models displayed, several that I had never seen before.

The weather was perfect, the food was good and the events were totally awesome. The cars at both the Concorso Italiano and the Pebble Beach Concours were outstanding. We closed out our visit to Monterey with a whale watching cruise and a drive to Carmel and Big Sur. Driving home we toured Yosemite, Sequoia and the Grand Canyon National Parks and the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert, plus every Route 66 landmark that we could find! Our Audi served us well on this adventure.



Glenn Larson's Lamborghini Urraco upon it's arrival in Italy in 1985.



One of several Tattras at Pebble Beach



1939 Talbot-Lago T 150c-ss

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- Nov 1- Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00am**
- Nov 15- Pot luck dinner at Gary Grover's house. Details on page 1**
- Dec 6 Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00 am**
- Dec 6-Christmas event- Dinner at the Chalkboard. Details on page 1.**
- Jan 3- Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00 am**

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Erma Bombeck

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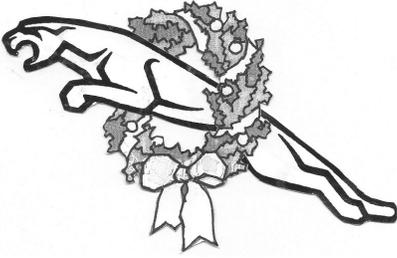
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