

Running of the Bulls East Part II

RICHARD SOLOMON does not rest.

Before the plumes of tire smoke had cleared from last November's inaugural Running of the Bulls East, the organizer of the event and director of the Eastern Region of the Lamborghini Club America was busy planning the next step in his revival of Lamborghini club activity in the New York metro area. Running of the Bulls East II on June 12 added to this momentum by again bringing classic and late-model Lambos to public roads.

"We were overwhelmed with the response to the first Running of the Bulls," said Solomon. "We expected 50 cars and got double that."

Running of the Bulls East II included a fantastic

array of Lamborghinis and other exotics. Dodge Vipers, Ferrari Modenas and Porsche 911s rubbed shoulders with Diablos and Countachs.

Groups of cars rendezvoused at locations in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York City before embarking on the drive to East Haddam, Connecticut, site of *Consumer Reports'* automotive testing grounds, where they went through their paces.

Concours winners proved democracy reigns—at least in the world of exotic cars—as Best in Show went to a car with a prancing horse on the hood and not a stampeding bull. Michael Barber's 1984 Ferrari Berlinetta Boxer (opposite page), with 2400 original miles, took top honors. —NICK KURCZEWSKI



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EVENTS

Sept. 29-Oct. 3 Fall Carlisle Carlisle, Pa.

Visit carsatcarlisle.com or call (717) 243-7855 for more on this 30th annual collector car show.

Oct. 1-3 Lonestar Nationals Fort Worth, Texas

At the Texas Motor Speedway. Log onto good-guys.com or call (925) 838-9876 for details.

Oct 1-3 NSRA Golden State Street Rod Nationals Sacramento, Calif.

Call (901) 452-4030 or go to nsra-usa.com for more on this National Street Rod Association event.

Oct. 2 Bridgehampton Vintage Auto Rally and Classic Car Tour Bridgehampton, N.Y.

Call (631) 537-1088 or visit bridgehamptonrally.org for details on this rally around Long Island.

Oct. 2 Home Depot Open Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show Auburn, Ind.

Call (260) 925-0714 or visit auburnproductionsinc.com for additional event information.

Oct. 2-3 Houston Mopar Show and Race Houston

At the Houston Raceway park. Go to houstonmopars.org or call (281) 997-7914 for details.

Oct. 3 19th Annual Auto Parts Swap Meet and Car Corral Monticello, Iowa

Call (319) 465-5380 for additional information on this event for all types of vehicles.

Oct. 3-8 Forza Mille Vergennes, Vt.

Check out vintagerallies.com or call (800) 645-6069 for details on this prestigious exotic car rally.

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THE COLLECTION GROWS

THE GILMORE CAR MUSEUM WELCOMES THREE NEW ADDITIONS

MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO THE home state of the Motor City and one place the enthusiast road map will point you to is the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners on Michigan's western side. If the museum's 90-acre showcase of 200-plus cars from more than 100 years of the automobile isn't enough to make you stop by, then an expansion—the largest since it opened 38 years ago—should be.

Three buildings—each resembling an old barn—have been added, increasing the size of the museum by nearly 50 percent.

One is for the Pierce-Arrow Foundation to preserve the famed luxury cars. Another is an octagon addition to the 1890s barn, now home to the Classic Car Club of America Museum. The third and largest of the barns houses an exhibit of automobiles, such as the Checker, Roamer and Barley, all built in nearby Kalamazoo, billed as "The Other Motor City."

The three-barn expansion is just one phase of the Gilmore Museum's master plan. An Automotive Heritage Center is slated for the future to provide

space for the museum's offices as well as room for curriculum-based exhibits, educational programs, retail and banquet space.

Existing displays have also been spruced up amidst the expansion. *The Gnome-Mobile* exhibit, featuring a larger-than-life movie set and the 1930 Rolls-Royce Sedanca Deville used in the 1967 Walt Disney movie, *The Gnome-Mobile*, has been updated, and a collection of nearly 600 automotive mascots and hood ornaments has joined the show.

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