

# CLASSIC DRIVER

## On the Rocks



**"Lamborghini meets St. Moritz" said the invitation and, in response, herds of Lamborghini owners flowed out of Switzerland, Italy and nearby Germany.**

Some 200 participants brought 120 vehicles to the event, representing almost every model type in the professional history of **Ferruccio Lamborghini** and **Automobili Lamborghini SpA**. There was **Espada** and **Countach**, **Miura** and **Urraco** – plus **Diablo** and **Islero**, a monstrous **Lamborghini LM**, not to mention many variants of the current **Murciélago** and **Gallardo**.







Sitting comfortably within the lifestyle and fashion metropolis of the Alps that is **St Moritz** was the **ArtiMarca Shop** – a designer boutique furnished specially for the weekend in the **Hotel Kempinski**. Exhibits from Sant'Agata had been brought to grace these temporary surroundings. Also brought from Italy were such special vehicles as a red **Lamborghini 350 GT** and **25th Anniversary model Countach**. The newest supercars were on view beside them: **Murciélago LP 640**, **Gallardo Spyder** and **Gallardo Superleggera**, in all variants and many colours.



Legendary test-driver Valentino Balboni, whose name is so closely linked with Lamborghini, was appropriately present. After the gala dinner on the Saturday evening, a film was shown in which Valentino talked with emotion about 40 years of Lamborghini.







Title sponsor of the meeting was [Lamborghini Zürich](#), part of the [Schmohl AG](#) group. Also present were **Lamborghini-Veredler BF-Performance** – with a **Murciélago LP 660** (uprated) and a **Gallardo Spyder** sporting aerodynamic additions and an improved interior – as well as Classic Driver dealers [Lamborghini Porrentruy](#), [Lamborghini St. Gallen](#) and [Bentley & Lamborghini Stuttgart](#). Robert Forstner, managing director of the Stuttgart dealership, had a lot on his plate: he was no doubt thinking about the Driving Academy taking place from 2nd to 3rd July 2007 on the **Adria International Raceway** ([www.adriaraceway.com](http://www.adriaraceway.com)). This meeting offered non-Lamborghini owners the chance to drive the newest models on both road and track. For more details [www.lamborghiniacademy.com](http://www.lamborghiniacademy.com).







On our three-day programme, the time was spent driving, dining and discussing; or perhaps taking a sightseeing trip by helicopter. I had the pleasure of experiencing first the Superleggera, and then the **350 GT** as a car from which to take photographs on the Alpine roads. This latter supercar is hard, honest and Italian: one needs a fast focus, a calm hand and a slim waist in order to take photographs from the window.



The cows at the side of the twisting roads through the **Julierpass** and **Malojapass** looked with interest at the loud bulls driving past. Meanwhile, the locals varied in their attitudes – expressing everything from joy, to envy, to angry insults – yet our engines roared on regardless. Lamborghinis are loved or hated; no one is ever non-committal about the bulls of Sant'Agata.



It remains only for me to congratulate the organisers – in particular, the two people who had the vision to see this event through: **Stefan Sehring** and **Olive Bruetsch**.





But the last word goes to the wicked Italian 'horse-butcher' and his orange **Diablo** with its '*SOTTO IL PROSSIMO!*' livery.



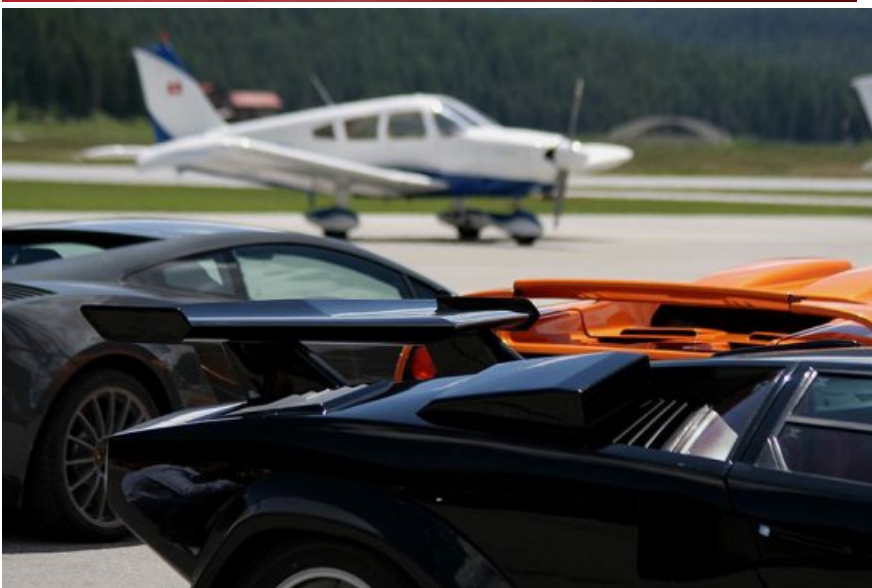
























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