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Lane Motor Museum Finds One-of-a-Kind 1939 Fiat 508 C Balilla 1100

Nashville TN, March 8, 2006. Continually adding to the Museum collection, Lane Motor Museum has acquired a 1939 Fiat 508 C Balilla 1100. Fiat introduced the Balilla in the 1930's after opening a new five story factory with a test track installed on the roof. The Balilla model proved to be successful as they had a modest purchase price, were easy to service, and maintenance costs were low.

This 1939 Fiat 508 C is a one-of-a-kind special-bodied race car, with a front engine and rear wheel drive. The 1100 cc, 4 cylinder engine had a top speed of 80 miles per hour. Racing Balilla's were competitive for the two seasons they ran before the outbreak of World War II.

The 1939 Fiat 508 C joins other Museum Italian exotic cars such as a 1975 Maserati Bora and a 1976 Lamborghini Urraco. Other Fiat's in the Lane Motor Museum include a 1936 Fiat Topolino, a 1970 Fiat 500 Autobianchi Bianchina, and a 1996 Fiat Cinquecento Rally Car.

About Lane Motor Museum

Lane Motor Museum showcases over 150 unique cars and motorcycles from around the world. Cars on display represent countries from Asia, Europe, North America, and South America and date from 1922 to 2003. Highlights of the museum include the largest Czechoslovakian vehicle collection outside Europe, microcars, amphibious vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, competition cars, and prototypes. The museum also offers a display of automotive art, a special play area for children, and a gift shop.

Lane Motor Museum welcomes guests Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesday & Wednesday; Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and free for children 17 and under. Group rates are available. Lane Motor Museum is located at 702 Murfreesboro Pike just minutes from Downtown Nashville. For more information on visiting the museum, call (615) 742-7445 or visit our website at www.lanemotormuseum.org.

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