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## Empire One Car Club fulfills dream of driving the world's most coveted cars

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How would you like to get behind the wheel of a brand new orange coloured Lamborghini Gallardo Superleggera, or maybe a Porsche 911 Twin Turbo Techar Type 2 or a Ferrari S430 Spider?

Car enthusiast and restaurateur Harvey Sanghera, is launching Western Canada's first and only premiere car club. The 36-year-old owner of Surrey's Mahek Restaurant is the founder and president of Empire One - Vancouver's inaugural private luxury car club for car aficionados who have a taste and the budget for the finer things in life.

"I have always spent a lot of money on cars as a hobby, and one day I decided that if I could start a private car club, I could offer other car buffs a chance to drive some of the world's most coveted cars," says the British-raised Sanghera. "Back in England, my one indulgence had always been purchasing high-end cars."

He had heard about private British car clubs but before he had a chance to join, he had an opportunity to immigrate to Canada.

"When I moved here I began to research it, but there was nothing like this available in British Columbia."

So, Sanghera, who grew up surrounded by luxury cars, created his own club for, as he says: "True enthusiastic car buffs like myself."

"I want to attract those men and women who will look after the vehicle as if it was their own," adds Sanghera.

He knows there is the risk of people damaging his cars, but with the hefty membership fee, Sanghera feels quite certain he will attract the right clientele.

The idea behind the club is simple. It is similar to the time share concept.

Essentially, members are provided with 1,200 points and 9,000 kilometers, which count towards driving time on any of the 10 vehicles (depending on their availability).

You pay a one-time membership fee of \$7,500, then there's an annual membership fee of \$32,998. Members have the option to choose monthly payments of \$2,995.

"That gives each member 50 to 70 driving days a year, and members can book any vehicle up to 30 days in advance for a maximum of seven days in a row," adds Sanghera, adding the point system takes into account high and low seasons and days of the week.

For that costly price tag, you get the keys to a fleet of 10 prestigious vehicles which sell anywhere from \$250,000 and up.

Sanghera says that Empire One will give members the ultimate driving experience - all the

pleasures and thrills of driving an exotic or luxury car without the burden of ownership.

Once launched, Empire One expects to expand the stable of 10.

With an Empire One membership you receive the ultimate exotic car share experience with rights to a private, million+-dollar car collection.

"Members will have unprecedented access to the most desired vehicles without any of the drawbacks and costs of ownership," says Laura Murray, media relations for Empire One.

Whether you are looking for a vehicle upgrade for a weekend getaway, or you wish to fulfill your dream of driving some of the world's fastest cars, Empire One has models to cater to all wants and desires.

Sanghera plans on launching his club on Saturday, March 29 in time for the Vancouver International Auto Show. (Empire One will be there in booth #98).

Empire One will have its grey 2008 Bentley Continental GT Speed - which is one of only two in British Columbia and is worth a cool \$270,000 - available at the Auto Show.

"We will be showcasing the Bentley, which people at the auto show can feel, touch and even sit in it," Sanghera says.

There's been a lot of interest so far, but Sanhera wants to ensure they have a quality program available before accepting applications.

This is the ultimate indulgence for the serious and wealthy car buffs only.

To find out more information or to join this exclusive private club, visit [www.empireone.ca](http://www.empireone.ca) or call 604-762-5999.

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