
Results....stories?

Posted by comatb - 2008/06/14 20:14

Please let us know how it is going at Miller with results and short stories until full length coverage is available.

Bill

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by F1rocks - 2008/06/15 06:46

Only news I've heard Bill is that Eric lost had his oil cooler loosen and he dumped some oil. He qually'd 10th and was running as high as third when he spun a bearing.

He and Roy are sharing Roy's car today in the Enduro.

He posted over on Trackpedia. <http://www.trackpedia.com/forums/showthread.php?t=4282>

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by cullenwinter - 2008/06/15 07:06

From the RM forums

http://www.nasarockymountain.com/nasa_forums/showthread.php?t=2150&page=2

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by Litespeeds - 2008/06/15 10:27

This is the top five finishers for Saturday.

1. Rick Lofgren (NorCal) :woohoo:
 2. Norman Hamden
 3. Joe Paluch
 4. Jim Foxx
 5. Tim Comeau
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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by comatb - 2008/06/15 17:53

Guys thanks for the updates and links.

Eric I'm sorry to hear of your trouble. Eric isn't it ironic that the sandwich plate problem is exactly what caused Ernie's fire at Grattan last weekend. Good luck to you and Ray in the Enduro. How did Ray do?

Bill

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by Weston - 2008/06/16 12:18

It was a good weekend... my own races left me frustrated (crashed on Saturday in turn 1, then lost 4 positions when I

mistook turn 6 for turn 8 on Sunday), but it's not like I was going to catch Norm anyway. I went to Miller because I wanted to experience a new track and have fun hanging out with everyone, and that's what I did. Thanks to everyone for coming. Saturday night was especially fun.

I've been given a little over 600 pictures, so that might take a little time to sort through, but I'll get them on the web for you guys when time permits. In the mean time, I'll post up the only one that I shot myself, which Chuck seemed to think was the funniest moment of the entire weekend...

When us 944 racers have an argument, it is customary to settle it with a cake fight...

http://www.rm944.com/gallery2/main.php?g2_view=core.DownloadItem&g2_itemId=531&g2_serialNumber=2

Chris lost that one pretty badly. :laugh:

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by pixrken - 2008/06/16 21:21

comatb wrote:

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Bill

Hi Bill,

We miss ya!

Just got back home a little while ago.

The event was a blast and I'm sure there will be lots of stories.

I'm too tired to write anything now.

Sunday's top five were:

1. Norman Hamden
2. David Dirks
3. Rick Lofgren
4. Joe Paluch
5. Jim Foxx

<http://944spec.org/gallery/944ShootOut/944Rockies.jpg>

This group photo is still missing some 944-SPEC cars. (Eric Kuhns, Ray Freundt, Todd Imwold, more Rocky Mtn cars)

<http://944spec.org/gallery/944ShootOut/944group.jpg>

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by tcomeau - 2008/06/16 22:25

Incredible event.

History making. I was so happy to be a part of it.

Super close racing in equally built 944 Spec cars.

Great to meet the faces behind the forum names.

944 Spec rules the nation!:)

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by SvoChuck - 2008/06/16 22:36

WOW What a GREAT Time that was ! the racing was great but the people made it the best NASA weekend I have ever had !

Re:Results....stories?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 2008/06/17 06:18

Despite all the adversity, we had a really good time. LOTS of racing, and great people! Ray & I had great fun on & off the track.

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Sorry about not making the group picture, was under Ray's car replacing an axle :(.

I was a blast, and showed 944 Spec camaraderie at it's best!

Thanks to the RM region, Chuck & Dave especially, for all the hard work in making this happen! Thanks to Tim & Joe for all the advice & help.

Re:Results....stories?

Posted by joepaluch - 2008/06/17 07:20

Well,

Lots and lot of stories. Never in my life have I seen so many 944's racing together. I had a blast and had some really good racing.

Re:Results....stories?

Posted by norman#99 - 2008/06/17 08:15

It was one of my best race weekends too, you know how you usual race the same folks every race weekend at home, this was so different to race new people and I was amazed at how all of the AZ guys that I race at home were kicking my butt at times, I couldn't keep up with Joe, Jon or Jim several times during the weekend, but as it has been mentioned several times now, the fun, crazy people that we share this crazy hobby with was the iceing on the cake!!! I am sorry I had to spend so much time working on my car in stead of socializing, but that wasn't too bad either with everybody stopping by to talk or offer help.

WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO BE YOUR FRIEND, THANK YOU!!!!

I look forward to the write ups and hope to collect my thoughts from my personal hi lites and type them out after I reach Missouri, I am leaving this morning so I don't have much time now.(Approximately a 20 hour drive)

Many thanks to RM Region for a great job, you just keep making it better!!!!

PS: I highly recommend pulling a trailer behind your race car, it's faster, cheaper and the looks you get from people in traffic is fun too.

Keep the write ups coming,

Cheers

Re:Results....stories?

Posted by comatb - 2008/06/17 19:21

I am sorry to have missed such a great event and meeting everyone. But why wait till next year. Come to Mid-Ohio for the Nationals. I'm sure Eric and Ray would like to have 'home field advantage' next time. :) I look forward to hearing more about Miller.

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by pixrken - 2008/06/18 18:13

Joe's excellent report is now online.

<http://944spec.org/944SPEC/content/view/123/1/>

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by joepaluch - 2008/06/19 12:53

Results are up on mylaps and on 944 spec.org
<http://www.mylaps.com/results/showevent.jsp?id=319560>

<http://944spec.org/Results-Points/RMRResults2008.htm>

The event was a cross over for Az and Norcal so results are also posted in those areas.

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by rlofgren - 2008/06/19 18:56

What a great bunch of guys! Fast and clean every one of them. I went side by side through corners during the races at different times with Hamden, Paluch, Dirks, and Foxx. We always gave each other racing room, awesome racing.

Joe Paluch and Todd Imwold: these guys are really fast, pole sunday and pole saturday. how they do it without any horsepower is amazing. watch out for these guys even if they don't have HP though.

Jim Foxx: Fast, fast, faster. Just keep it on the track, man!

Dirks: wow, side by side through 2 on the first lap, you guys go fast there, maybe next year i can figure those corners out.

Norman Hamden: what can i say. the class of the field. humble, smooth, and fast. nice movable aerodynamic device(flipping in the side mirror on the straight). If you can get your wheels all pointed back in the same direction, there will be no catching you.

Rick

p.s. special thanks to the anonymous donor of an almost dead RA1 to replace my left front that was going down during the saturday race(miata debris?). thanks to Bryan of Toyos Only for the quick mount sunday morning before practice.

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by dmdirks - 2008/06/19 19:49

Rick- don't kid yourself. YOU are FAST, MAN!! I drove the freaking wheels off of my car to keep up with you, Norm, John and the others. I won't forget this race anytime soon. B)

And you're absolutely right about Norm. I sure hope I'm as good as he is when I grow up.

Wish I could hang out with you CA and AZ guys more often!!

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by norman#99 - 2008/07/04 16:35

I just remembered my user name and password to sign on to the forum.

Joe, Rick and David D, thanks for the nice words, that is very flattering coming from guys that are as fast as you.

Joe, Sunday morning you were rocking the party on the full course, I think a full second or two faster than me, then being the sport that you are, you coached me through the turns so that I could pick up my pace and ultimately got lucky and won the race as a result of your help. Thanks!!!

Rick, where in the heck did you come from? You are wicked fast too, Saturday's race when I had a 5-10 second leed, I knew if I didn't stay that far ahead of you, I would loose big time, sure enough the 24 hour full course yellow (it seemed that long anyway) it was a matter of a lap or two and you whooped me, you really should have more respect for your elders ya know!!! Congrats, you deserved that one.

David D, you amaze me with only 2 years of experience, you are going to be the one to beat before too long, it's lots of fun chasing you knowing your watching your mirror instead of your turn in point and then watching you loose it! I promise, you won't be making that mistake for much longer and you will be extra hard to beet. You mentioned being like me when you grow up, big secret, DON'T GROW UP racing may not be as much fun if you do!

I could go on and on about the different racers I was batteling with over the three days, Jim Foxx,(beeting the track records on both courses but not in a race that counts) Jon Ariano, (Friday's fun race, Jon could not be beeted!) Ray F, Chris, Jim Richmond, Todd, Timee C etc....

To those that couldn't make the haul do to gas or what ever reason, I am sorry to have missed you, Bill "Comat" from Canada, really sorry I didn't get to meet you in person after our conversations about meeting in UT, maybe next year things will be better or I am hoping while in the mid-west I can get a weekend off sometime and see you guys racing around here. Unfortunatly my car is sitting in Sedona with a big dent and a crappy alignment at the moment, so I won't be racing it.

Special thanks to all that helped me out with trying to get my car's alignment fixed as a result of the red neck from hell that thought and still thinks "Dive Bombing" is a good and normal thing to do, (Wow, glad I'm over that one!)

I MIGHT look into renting a car for the National's at Mid Ohio, if somebody knows who has the biggest number of cars, spec or Cup, please let me know, If there is a big difference in size of the groups, I would like to run with the larger group. By then with no track time, I am not counting on any prizes, but it should be fun.

With regards to Miller, Thanks for the memories!!!

PS: If you find yourself in Branson, please look me up, I should be easy to find, I'm the only skinny one around here!!!

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by comatb - 2008/07/04 20:22

Norm, great reading, wish we could have made it. Ernie has cars for rent. You can contact him at ernie@mantisracing.com or 905-844-6219. As of July 2nd there are 5 944 Spec cars and 25 944 Cup cars. There were 36 for Hyperfest at Summit Point. I got a 4th and 6th. I would love to meet/race you at Nationals.

Bill

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 2008/07/04 21:14

Norm, you could (and should) supersize and race both Spec & Cup - the extra track time will help you get up to speed faster as well. It'd be great to have the fastest man in 944 Spec at Nationals! I'd also echo that I had a great time at Miller, even though most of it was in a borrowed car with pillows behind me so I could reach the pedals (thanks Ray!).

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by comatb - 2008/07/05 07:44

Eric is the possibility to run Spec and Cup a reality? Have the classes been separated?

I bet you just want another shot at Norm in your own car and on a familiar track. Count me in!:lol:

Bill

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by rlofgren - 2008/07/05 11:29

looks like cup and spec are both in the same run group. though 2007 nationals, the spec cars were with the GTS cars so you could run both spec and cup. maybe we get the same this year if we ask nicely?

p.s. norm, what are you doing in branson, i thought you live in tucson?

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by norman#99 - 2008/07/05 13:53

Fastest man in 944-spec? There were faster lap times during the weekend at Miller, but thanks for the unofficial title anyway. It would be fun to run with you guys again, Bill are you racing with spec or cup? Doing both would be a blast!!! If they are in two different run groups I will have to look into what the cost would be, I am really interested in seeing how big of a difference there is in the two cars and would like to have both cars maxed out to there legal limits. By the way,with no seat time between now and then, I should also get a half lap head start!

My home is Sedona, but while in Dubai, I thought that this is so much fun, why haven't I worked in different places before, now there seems to be good opportunities in Branson for the travel industry, I will only be here until I don't want to be here anymore, my home base is Sedona were the economy is sucking at the moment, when it comes back, I will more than likely head back there, until that time I may find my way to Kauai or back to Dubai, The Dubai Autodrome was a blast! Wish I could afford to take my race car to all of these places.

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by SvoChuck - 2008/07/05 15:04

I would hate to see Norm get beat by a faster car and a slower driver...

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944 Spec and Cup

Posted by comatb - 2008/07/05 19:05

Norm Eric and I ran Spec and Cup last year at Nationals. I certainly hope to do both again this year. The issue is that some Spec guys want to run Spec and GTS.

At Hyperfest there were thirty-three Cup cars, plus Super Cup. I used Hoosier's on Fuchs(you know them well) and added a header and DME with a chip. I was not dyno'd there but at home I was 7-8 Hp below the Cup allowed 146 for a 2.5. On Saturday I qualified and finished fourth. On Sunday I qualified fifth, six tenth off of pole. I think that changing tires and DME with a chip is doable between race groups, although headers are not.

So a Spec car can be competitive and maybe a winner with a better driver than me. Case Crowell, who is seventeen, ran on Toyo's at 2530lbs and was ahead of me both days.

Bill

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Re:944 Spec and Cup

Posted by Sterling Doc - 2008/07/06 12:10

I have emailed NASA National that I am agreeable to separating Cup & Spec into separate run groups, and I know Dave Derecola has as well. If the option of running with GTS-1 also exists, I would choose that, as I prefer NASA passing rules to Cup passing rules, among a few other minor issues. I received an email back from JWL that he would do his best to make this all happen for us, and he had forwarded our wishes to Ryan Flaherty, who is doing the run groupings. I do not have anything definitive on this yet, though.

Spec Cars have been competitive in Cup, though this is partially because only Jersey Joe has brought a Cup car built to the limit of the rules so far. Last year, my Lap times were 2nd fastest in Cup at Nationals, doing nothing but bolting on a set of 16" wheels with Hankooks, adding 50lbs of ballast, and adjusting my rear antisway bar. My lack of experience/racecraft, landed me in 4th place, after having caught the second place car with two laps to go:(. With an LSD, real antiway bars, and no weight penalty (due to changes in Cup rules) my car should be more competitive, and hopefully the driver, too.

Spec ran with GTS-1 last year, and to my knowledge, I finished ahead of those guys, so we can be competitive there as well, at least until someone maximizes the GTS-1 ruleset.

With trackside support, moving between Spec & Cup/GTS setups is very doable. VFC made that happen for me last year, and I'm sure Mantissport could as well. You could either take out ballast to get to 2530 (if the car is light enough) or add on Hoosiers/Hankooks/Khumos +/- DME to make the car faster in Cup/ GTS-1. I think tires are worth more than 70lbs, but more expensive than weight.

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Re:944 Spec and Cup

Posted by rlofgren - 2008/07/06 18:41

so running a spec car in cup, you would have a choice of staying spec with toyos and 2530lbs, or running more weight and better tires/dme/headers?

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Re:944 Spec and Cup

Posted by comatb - 2008/07/06 19:10

Eric I agree with you.

rofgren, a 17 year old, Case Crowell is able to run at 2530. I'm not and it's not the car's fault.

Re:944 Spec and Cup

Posted by Sterling Doc - 2008/07/06 20:37

rlofgren wrote:

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Yes.

With a lot of effort in little things (scraping undercoating, removing wiring, lock mechanisms, 924S hatch, etc,etc,etc.), the car can get there with a light driver, but it's tough. I do not think 2530 is a reasonable minimum weight, but we didn't have input in those rules. Bolting on tires & swapping a DME is much easier, and likely faster.

Re:Results....stories?

Posted by Karl @ ART - 2008/07/07 16:55

Has anyone run a 205/50 R15 RA1?

205/25.4 = 8.07"

225/25.4 = 8.86"

Rims are 7" wide. I've yet to put a track mile on the 944 so I really don't know, but the math says the tire is too big for the rim.

The Hoosier is cantilevered. The Toyo is not.

We went from 15 x 6 rims to 15 x 7s in the early days of SM while still maintaining the 205s. The tires wore better and the lap times dropped.

Re:Results....stories?

Posted by comatb - 2008/07/07 20:44

Karl in Cup(as in PCA) you can run wheels up to 8's and 9's as a Cup car at 2600Lbs. As a Spec car at 2530 you must run by Spec rules which means only the 225/50-15 Spec tire and wheels.

Bill

Re:Results....stories?

Posted by Sterling Doc - 2008/07/07 21:30

Nope, tire size is specified in the rules. The tires seem to wear well as is. I squeezed 225/50/15 RA-1 on the 15x6" rims on my old 924S (before it was a race car) - that looked goofy, but didn't work too badly. I'm sure 15x8's would improve things a bit, but are pricey and rare, hence not in the Spec rules.

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Posted by joepaluch - 2008/07/08 08:30

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Going to a 205 instead of 225 will not have the same impact as going from 6" wheel to a 7" wheel with a 205. Using a 8" wheel does not fit in goals of 944 spec.

We use 15x7's in 944 spec since they were the most common stock wheel use on these cars. 75% of donor cars a came with 15x7 wheels (either phone dials or cookie cutters). The 924S came with 6" wheels, but can run 7's. There were some optional 8" wheel used on these cars, but they are rare and only in one offset. As such 7's are the only way to make sure everyone is on the same size wheels.

As for the 225 fitting on the wheel it does fit properly is in the recommeded size range for the Toyo 225/50 tire.

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