
Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by joepaluch - 2008/03/27 07:46

Ok time for the roll call for Saturday April 5th at Firebird East.

We have not raced this track in many years in 944 spec and the track record is horribly slow.. Ha I still have it and it was set in Sept 2002! :ohmy:

So ... Time for a new track record... Who is going to try and take it away from ME! :P

Racing 944 spec

1. Joe Paluch #94
2. Glenn Gormley #924
3. Cliff Orbach #77
4. Hal Dunn #51
5. Steve Marlow #74
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HPDE 944 Spec

1. Austin Newmar #44
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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by joepaluch - 2008/03/27 07:59

Here are some pictures from that September 2002 Race at Firebird East.

Starting grid.

http://members.renlist.com/m758/134-3457_imga.jpg

Pole = Joe Paluch #94 (Same car as now, but the old "rattle can" paint job)

Outside Pole = Tom Hettinger #61 (Same car as now, but original paint work)

3rd = Jon Arinao #76 (Different car, but same number)

4th = Some Ford no longer racing

5th = Paul Bloomberg #51 (Now racing a Honduh.. old car in so-cal active in POC)

6th = Steve Sapareto in Dan Webbs #19 (The #19 car was out at our Comp school last event)

7th = Jan Shank #02 (This became Glenn's red car that was wrecked, but parts live on in other 944 spec cars)

Post race group shot.

http://members.renlist.com/m758/134-3478_img.jpg

4 of 7 Racers are still in 944 spec today.

Back Row Left: Joe P, Jon Ariano, Dan Webb, Trophy Girl, Steve Sapareto

Front Row Left: Paul Bloomberg, Tom Hettinger, Jan Shank.

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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by wild4a914 - 2008/03/27 09:34

I'm registered!! I'll be watching you defending the track record against Glenn from a safe distance!!:woohoo:

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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by joepaluch - 2008/03/27 09:39

Defending my track record. Ha... I am guessing the new record will be 3 seconds faster. Given the track is 1.2 miles or so that is HUGE!

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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by hhdinyuma - 2008/03/27 09:55

I,ll be there.

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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by Motul 47x - 2008/03/27 20:20

Hi Guys,

I will be there in HPDE 2 driving the 944 spec car formally known as the War Wagon!
It's going be fun!

See Ya there,

Austin N.

P.S. what is the current track record?

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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by joepaluch - 2008/03/28 11:46

Austin,

The old track record is a 1:10. I figure the new record will be at least sub 1:08.

Have fun the old #44.

BTW... If it formerly the war wagon... what is called now? :P

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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by norman#99 - 2008/03/30 01:55

April 29,2006 Firebird East Track

best time

mylaps.com - 99 Norman Hamden 25 28:43.883 1:07.471

The 1:07.471 was the lap record for SCCA done on Toyo's

During practice

Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by norman#99 - 2008/03/31 10:27

I am not so sure I would have gotten a track record this year anyway! It's wide open for you guys to grab.

Speaking of fun, my friend Jan (yon) the Belgium rally champion knows a lot of racer from all over the world, he has been involved with racing for 25 years. Last night we met some of his German friends at a middle eastern restaurant for dinner and to smoke the Hookah, (sheesha) real flavored tobacco, not the wacky weed!!! One of his friends is Nicole (very hot) who works for BMW F1's team and is here for the race in Bahrain on Sunday, they know these drivers personally and have some really good stories on them. Nicole says that they are all like kids and F1 starts training these drivers at a very young age to act a certain way to portray themselves as family oriented normal people and in reality they are not at all. Probably wouldn't be proper to post their personal stories here, but that was soooo cool to hear first hand stories on these guys.

Have fun on the east track, if you have a good windsheild, I would tape as much of it as possible.

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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by spec944#74 - 2008/03/31 21:49

joepaluch wrote:

Steve,
Sorry to hear that. Did you ever get that noise issue fixed. I remember you having an issue. I wonder if that is part of the reason for the clutch issues?

No, I haven't got it straightened out yet and it is getting beyond frustrating. I'm actually hoping the clutch/flywheel may be the vibration issue because here is the list of what I have done so far to try and get it solved:

1. replaced both transmission mounts
2. replaced both rear axels and cv joints
3. replaced both rear control arms
4. replaced both front wheel bearing
5. pulled and inspected the torque tube and bearings (nothing found)
6. pulled and inspected the tranny gears and lsd clutches (nothing found)

If I can't get this figured out pretty soon I am seriously considering looking for another car.

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Re:Az Firebird East April 5th Roll Call

Posted by joepaluch - 2008/04/01 06:37

Well,
The clutch and engine are all that is left. Lets hope that it was the clutch.

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