

Results....stories?

Posted by comatb - 14 Jun 2008 12:14

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:944 Spec and Cup

Posted by Sterling Doc - 06 Jul 2008 04:10

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 antiway 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 - 06 Jul 2008 10:41

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Re:944 Spec and Cup

Posted by comatb - 06 Jul 2008 11:10

Eric I agree with you.

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

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Re:944 Spec and Cup

Posted by Sterling Doc - 06 Jul 2008 12:37

rolfgren 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.

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Re:Results....stories?

Posted by Karl @ ART - 07 Jul 2008 08:55

Has anyone run a 205/50 R15 RA1?

$$205/25.4 = 8.07\text{'}$$

$$225/25.4 = 8.86\text{'}$$

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.

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