

Feeling Hot, Hot Hot

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I'm told Thunderhill in August can be a cooker but I'm not sure I believe it as the weather for the August 21 & 22 races was beautiful. High 70's to 80's with a light wind was the order of the weekend and as long as you could find shade, you were in good shape. Action out on track provided the heat!



* Sorry for the picture quality but these were taken by my wife who was also taking care of a baby and four year old and behind glass in the main building.

The only people fearless (crazy?) enough to come out and brave the expected heat were Jerry, Ron, and me so everyone was guaranteed a podium. I ran with Trackmasters on Friday to get some experience in the *"normal"* direction since I'd only run Thunderhill as Llihrednuht prior to the weekend. Also, I thought that sweating out 20 LBs of water on Friday would get me closer to minimum weight! As a result, I probably had a bit of an advantage going into Saturday. I managed to grab poll for Saturday's race but the margin was small with Ron second and Jerry third, all within just a few tenths of one another. We were all suffering with various handling ailments in practice and qualifying. Luckily an alignment shop was set up on the level pad and we all took advantage of their very reasonable rates to check and adjust alignment. Ron had noticed a problem with his right rear wheel before leaving home and only had time to rough it in

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so his car required the most adjustment.

Jerry's car and my car were almost dead on our targets so we didn't have a convenient excuse if we were slow.



We were lined up behind two Spec Boxsters for Saturday's race with me on the inside for the left hand turn one and Ron on my outside. I got balked a little bit in turn one when the Boxster that I had gotten alongside of turned in on me, but I managed to keep the lead. Jerry got the drop on Ron at the start (hard for Ron to see the green flag through the Boxster's windows) and held second place. Jerry was on me like white on rice for the first lap or two with Ron right behind but I managed to pull a slight gap after a couple of laps. That was how it would finish. The gap stayed consistent through the race with everyone turning about the same lap time. Understeer was the order of the day so we knew we needed to make some adjustments if we were going to get quicker on Sunday.

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My side of the lap was quick for the start with Jen managing to split the Open Boxsters and he was the

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