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October 9 & 10 have been circled on my racing calendar all year because that's when we hold our annual **"Porsches at the Point"** event at Infineon Raceway(Sears Point) which is put on by the Porsche Racing Club or PRC in conjunction with NASA. Masuo Robinson and the people of the PRC always put on a great event but it's made even better by the hard work of Ken Huey and the generosity of Art at Autopoint Motors who donate cash prizes for 944 drivers.



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Nine drivers showed up saturday including a few faces we haven't seen in awhile. Aubie Schmidt took time out from his growing family to bring his pumpkin orange 924S to the fight for the first time this year, as well as Dan Lofgren who could only stay for saturday's race because of birthday plans. Dan was not aware that he was having a surprise birthday party that included his parents who flew all the way from Maine to attend, as well as Rick Lofgren and David Saliba who left the track minutes after Dan to get to the party first! The word is Dan was very surprised and delighted! Greg Brandau has moved to a new region but made the trip north to race with us one more time as well. The regular crew rounded out the field including Cameron, Ken, Jerry, and me. Steve Lewis' father was in town from the east coast to watch his son try and beat perrenial favorite Rick and was treated to some great racing.



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Saturday's Race

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Lefty and I were side by side on the start but he got to turn 3 ahead of me and we got inline and

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payed \$1000 cash to the flag fellow with the Quarter and everybody else. My second place finish

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Sunday's Race

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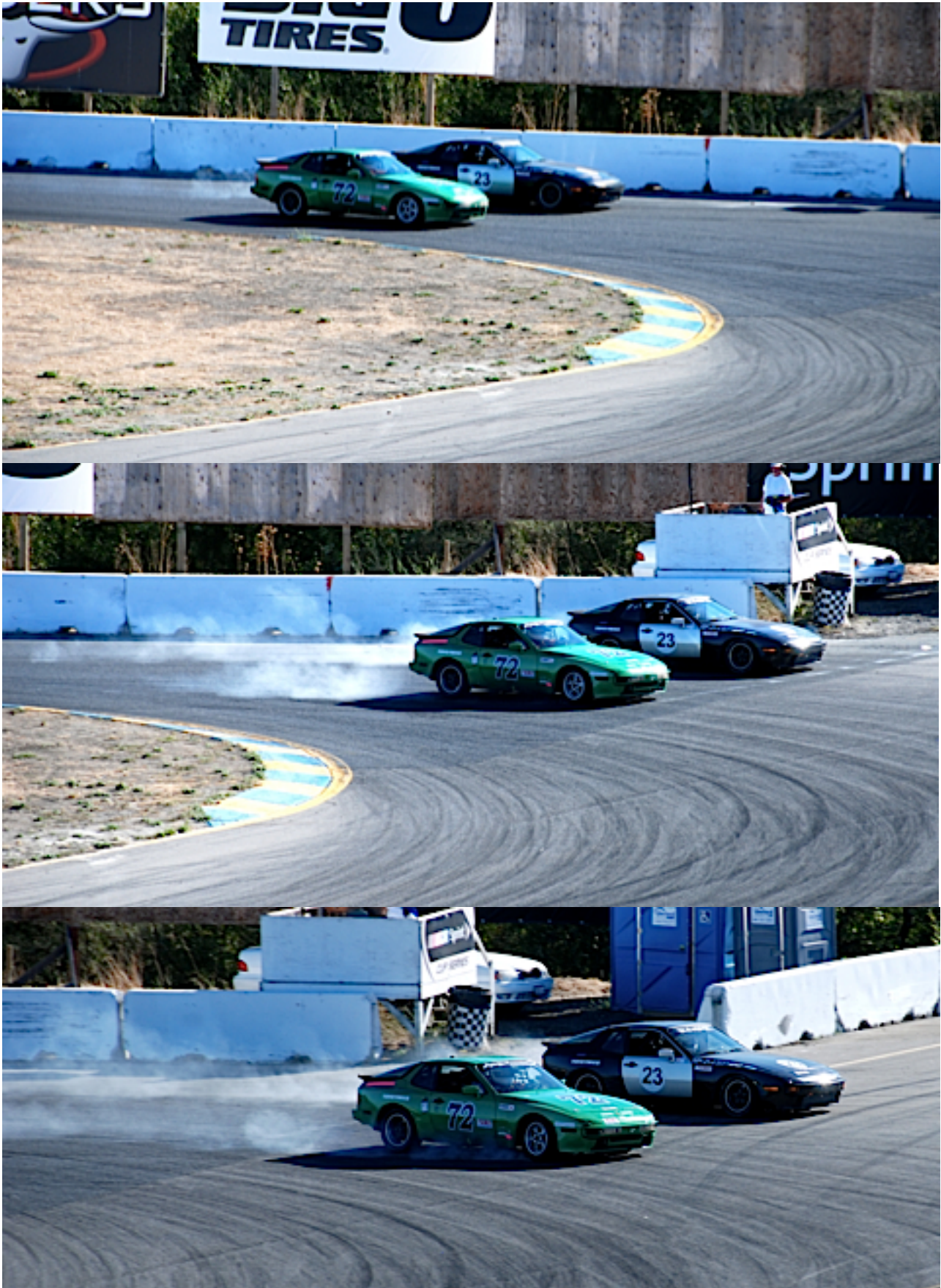
Sunday BOTH of Steve's parents were in attendance as well as his wife and kids so he was obligated to give them a good show, which he did in grand style! The race between Rick and Steve was from all accounts the best in awhile. PRC drivers from other classes on track with us said it was fun watching them go at it. Rick led from pole but couldn't shake Steve, who seemed more determined to make up for his DNF of saturday. From the moment we lined up on grid, they weren't separated by more than few feet! The few glimpses we had of them on track seemed more like a case of road rage than racing, one trying to take the bumper of the other off in an effort to settle some score!



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My only ally at the start was the engine, and I was fighting it as a guide to the pole. This time, at the finish

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Ron Dale and his wife, thanks to all who have supported and motivated for the great challenge and other