

Early Spring, Late Start

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California's wet winter has kept most of us Nor cal 944 racers away from the track for the first two races of the season, but with great weather in the forecast, five drivers left their raincoats at home and brought out their racecars to Thunderhill this past weekend for some action and to shake off the rust from the long offseason.



Steve Lewis arrived at the track Friday morning and unloaded his car only to find it had broken a torsion bar in transit which threatened to end his weekend, but after a few calls he was able to track down a set of 25mm bars from me which came out of my donor car.

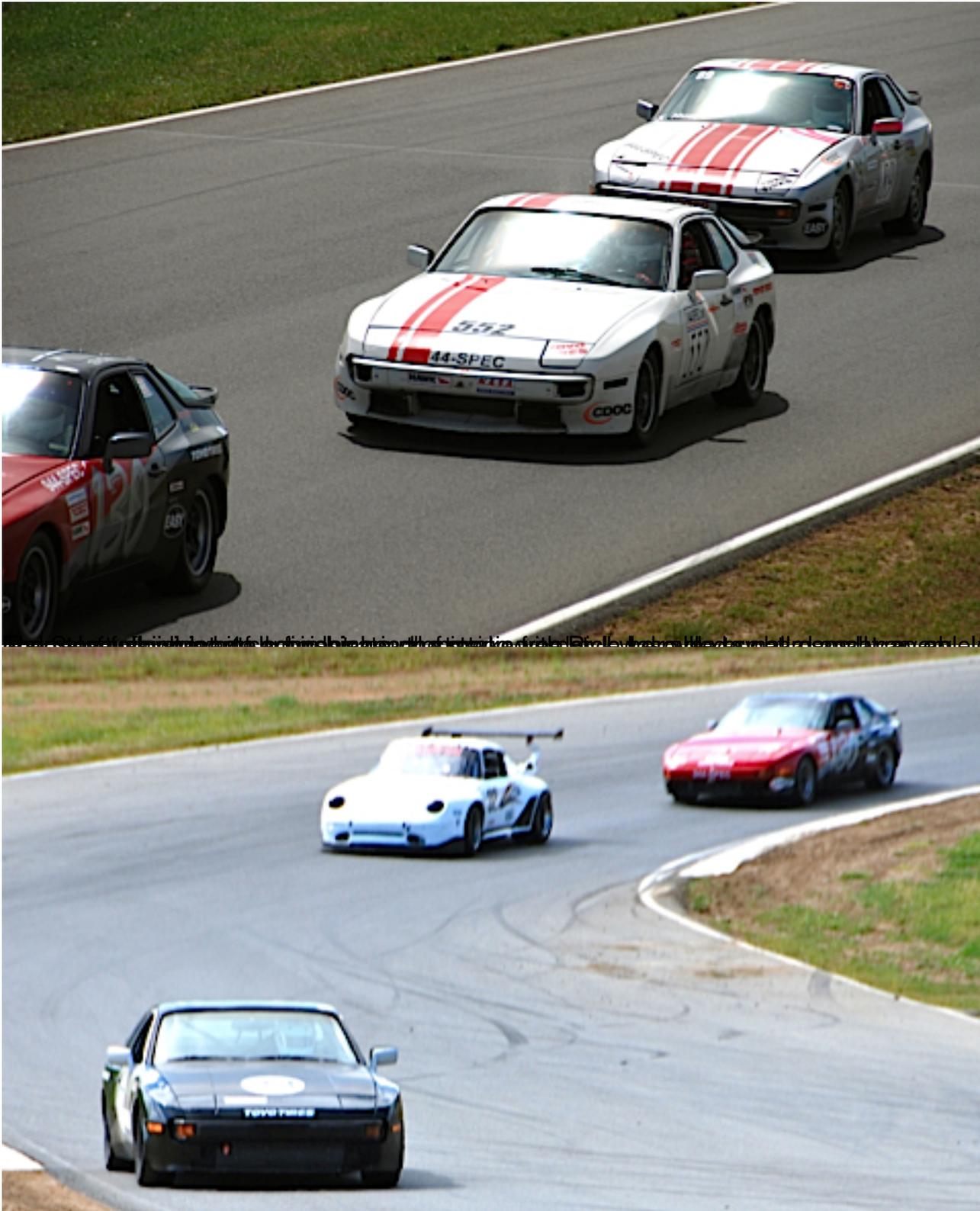
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Sunday

Sunday qualifying was a mirror of Saturday with Rick setting an untouchable time, the difference this time however was it cost him a motor. During a fast lap a small ticking turned into a loud knock which quickly turned fatal for the engine. Rick's self-imposed rev limit didn't help but it did make the race very interesting. I now moved up to pole for the first time with Jerry next to me and Steve behind. Ken in his usual incredibly gracious manner offered his car to Rick for the race. A mad rush was on to try and squeeze Rick's tall frame into Ken's car and room was finally made just in time for the green!

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