

## Texas crowns new Regional Champion

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Congratulations to Kevin Webb, winner of the 2011 NASA Texas Regional Championship!!!!



(left to right, Al Fernandez, Kevin Webb, Todd Covini)

The Texas season ended with a four race event at Eagle's Canyon, a very hilly and challenging course. Eight 944Spec cars were in attendance for this final event of the inaugural Texas 944Spec season. Chris Blazer and Steve Coomes came down from Kansas to join Texas regulars BJ Meyer, Ryan Patterson, Todd Imwold, Todd Covini, Kevin Webb, and Al Fernandez.

BJ drew first blood, taking the win in R1 after a tremendous fight with Chris. Todd Covini got up on the podium, holding off Kevin and the rest of the field. R2 featured an inverted start from R1 results, and the group dived over and over for advantage. Steve managed to hold off Chris for a well deserved win while Al Fernandez closed out the podium. Unfortunately Covini suffered a cracked radiator end cap which would sideline him for the remainder of the weekend.

Saturday night NASA Texas treated the all drivers and friends to a grilled dinner lubricated by plenty of beer from the dual station kegerator. After that a special feature of Airplane showed on the giant projector while the drivers told lies about their prowess.

Sunday began with a wet and foggy track, really skewing qualifying times. It was dry and cool for the race though, and Chris showed it with a scorching 2:11.292 lap time and a solid win followed by Kevin and Al. It was down to R4 for the Regional Championship though, with Kevin

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holding a slim 25 point lead. Al did what he could, taking the last win while passing and being passed by BJ multiple times, but it wasn't near enough with Kevin taking the 3rd spot.

Congratulations to all of our Texas 944Spec drivers, families, and friends. Its been just an incredible first year for 944Spec in this region, with 14 drivers scoring points and an average car count of 6...considering in January there was one 944Spec car that had run an event with NASA Texas this is a strong testament to the attractiveness of the series! Next year the competition will be even stronger with several new cars and drivers already mid build and working on their licenses!! See you in January!