

Hi, I'm a young punk kid

Posted by reallyslow944 - 16 Nov 2014 13:49

Hi, my name is Jeremy! I'm from Washington State and have met some of you already from Sonoma. I work alongside Dos Toros Racing, as well as slowly build my own cars.

I come from little money, which initially had me discouraged from ever being able to race. I used to be pretty heavy into street racing twisty back roads past midnight (stupid I know). Thanks to Greg, Matt and Dave at Fordahl Motorsports - they let me trade slave labor for learning the ins and outs of grassroots racing. After six years of sweeping floors, stripping deadening out, fixing (and learning from) my mistakes, all I realize is how massive the big picture of racing really is.

Everybody I have encountered so far in NASA Pro44 and 944-spec have been nothing but encouraging of my path in front of me with building my own car. Listening to the other drivers' opinions and experience over a few beers are always some of my fondest memories to date. When our race director, Tim helped us tear put weight the night before the big race I was so blown away!

Greg has given me an early model 944 that was meant for scrap, I pulled the motor, swapped in suspension, am about to make an oil pan baffle and rebuild the motor under the watchful eye of the grandmaster himself.

If you told me six years ago I was doing all of that I would have laughed at called you crazy. My story truly is a matter of "if I can do it, why not you?"

Either way before I ramble too much, wanted to say hi! Can't wait to contribute and learn from everybody here.

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Re: Hi, I'm a young punk kid

Posted by Sterling Doc - 16 Nov 2014 16:42

Awesome, welcome aboard! You have found the right class. We share this addiction, and know it's hard sometimes, so we help each other out a lot, from the top to the bottom - as you've seen.

Post up the build as it comes along, and feel free to ask for help.

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Re: Hi, I'm a young punk kid

Posted by cbuzzetti - 20 Nov 2014 11:13

Welcome young one!

Be sure to ask for help when you need it.

Most are willing to offer what ever they have.

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Re: Hi, I'm a young punk kid

Posted by tcomeau - 20 Nov 2014 22:45

Jeremy,

I couldn't believe your car came across the scales at 2711 lbs on Friday? Javier had some quick lap times in spite of this. I came into the weekend telling myself I probably shouldn't work on anyone's car in order to prove I was non-biased, especially to my shop sponsored car of Jim Hicks. But so many people clearly needed help that it became more important to ensure that people got to the grid than it appear I was a neutral party. I'm proud to say that I feel I helped most guys there at least a little. We spent hours on your car, huh? It was fun and thanks for the beer. The best thing you can do is to perpetuate the governing attitude of this class up there in the North West. Helpful, friendly and above all else- LOYAL TO THE CLASS AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR. Every action I've taken since 2003, including this post, has had the best interests of the class in mind. Clearly, there are *some* participants who don't appreciate our class. They need to leave our class and move on to a more open, tinkering class where they can satisfy their egos by trying to outsmart the rules - instead of bringing an equal car to the grid and trying to *cleanly* out drive their brothers.

People like that will be kicked out of the AZ 944 Spec Group, the SoCal 944 Spec group, the Porsche Owners Club and maybe some others until they realize that THEY ARE THE PROBLEM. Their attitude brings grief **where ever** they race. They should go away.....

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Re: Hi, I'm a young punk kid

Posted by norman#99 - 21 Nov 2014 08:49

Jeremy, your story sounds so much like mine, but your wording is so much better, so if you don't mind I will use your story and put my name at the end:)

Although we have our issues, the number of cars that are not in compliance I believe are the smallest in number of any class out there. So like Tim says, you picked the right class. I can say first hand that the regional directors are committed to keeping the class as it was originally intended, equal and inexpensive as possible.

Hope to meet you at a track someday soon!

Welcome,

Norman Hamden

AZ 944spec director

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Re: Hi, I'm a young punk kid

Posted by gnadenstoss - 14 Dec 2014 08:40

Welcome Jeremy, I too am a noob to the world of 944 racing. It sounds like you have been surrounded by good people already. I'm glad to hear that there is another racer in the Northwest, I'm sure we will meet!

Cheers