

NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by RacerX - 16 Dec 2010 14:40

A brief history about myself. My name is Ken Frey I live about 60 mi. SW of Chicago in the Midwest region. I've been in TT for the last 4 yrs. and decided to get into W2W. It was hard to pick a group but finally decided to go with the 944 Spec. I purchased my car in Jan 09 with intent on getting it finished in time for the 2009 season. A 85 1/2 944. That never happened because of an addiction to my 04 GTO. Trying to run in TT and build a car at the same time doesn't work well. Well the GTO is gone now, sold....RIP, memories are fond but it's time to move on. (sniff sniff, tears welling up)

The build started in Feb 09 but stalled for reasons stated above but began again in earnest a few months ago. I will also try to share the cost with you as we progress. Lets hop in the time machine and go back to Feb 09..... I purchased the car for \$850 and began to strip it. I set up an Ebay account and started selling the parts. After selling fees I've netted \$663.21 from the sale of parts, SO FAR. I still have some to sell but wanted to finish the build before I get rid of the rest of the parts. I have \$186.79 in the car.

We had a motor removal party in Feb 21 2009

MORE TO COME.....

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by RacerX - 05 Sep 2012 18:40

A few more pics of everything installed. Now it's time to get it all adjusted and feel the car out. With all this new stuff, it's going to be a very different feeling driving it.

In conclusion, (yes, it's finally all done, except for adjustments!!!) I'd like to thank all the people who've helped me. Especially my family, my son's for one, I couldn't have done it without them. My right hand man through the build, Dan. He was there through thick and thin. Eric and Neil, for the countless questions I asked them. Jim and Kelby too.

The two most asked questions since the start.....1 Why didn't you buy one already built? What's out there for sale, while ok to start with, is actually the hard way to do it. Especially if it's not to your liking. You'll have to change so much you might as well spend the time and do it right the first time instead of tearing out what someone else put in. You learn so much about the car when building. When you buy one done and it breaks, what do you do, where do you start, unless you already know the car inside and out. Building is not for everyone though. You can get a good one but I believe they're the exception to the rule.

And the second question was...Would you do it again?? My answer is YES, in a heartbeat. It was great fun and I learned a tremendous amount about Porsche, 924's, 944's and it's history.

All I need to do is get some more track time with the car and learn to be a better driver. I have a long way to go on that one!! Thanks for following all the posts. I hope it encourages somebody to build one or at the very least, helps them out with their build or problem.

Total in the car as it sits, is about \$9600

See you on track.....

Thanks,

Ken

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by AgRacer - 06 Sep 2012 07:45

Are you just using 1 Aero Catch hood latch? I bought a set as an impulse buy one of these last times I was at the race track and am trying to figure out how to install it. Also, where do you suggest getting a steel pin for the latch?

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by RacerX - 06 Sep 2012 08:44

Yes, just one in the middle. You can pick up steel pins at most autoparts stores. Just make sure that the Aero Catch latch pin fits the steel one you buy. If it's close you can drill it out a bit.

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by AgRacer - 06 Sep 2012 09:02

Awesome! Thanks. I think if there were an easy way to use two of them, it would be okay to use the aluminum pins but if one is enough with a steel pin, then that's what I'll go with and try to sell the other one to another 944 racer. I think I already have someone in mind too.

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Posted by Jabidasuk - 18 Nov 2012 05:54

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