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The 2011 944-Spec CASH race at the “Porsches at the Point” was full of unusual tricks and plenty of treats over the Halloween weekend of October 29-30.

The strange weekend of trick or treat started Friday afternoon.

Trick: Aubie decided to drive his race car from his house to a gas station just one block away. He was pulled over by the police for not having current registration tags and had his car impounded.

Treat: Friday night at the Foxx “Mothership” with steak, wine, beer and fresh sashimi caught by Charlie Buzzetti from his fishing expedition.

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Saturday Morning:

Trick: The #95 Thunderbolt car decided it did not want to start, the engine would crank but not turn over or when it did start a slight increase in gas would kill it.



Treat: In typical 944-Spec fashion the car was swarmed with fellow 944-Spec racers, one with fuel pump relay replacements, one attaching a spark and fuel injection electrical tester, one attaching a fuel pressure gauge to the end of the fuel rail, one checking on the speed reference sensor and one in the back checking the fuel pump, the rest just have to step back because there was no more room. Long story short, the problem turned out to be a fuse which was “spooky” because a fuse should be binary. A replacement fuse was installed and Thunderbolt started right up.

Qualifying saw 2009 944-Spec National champion Charlie Buzzetti take pole with a 1:57.096 edging Steve Lewis by just .005 seconds!

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The race finish had Steve #72, Dirk #92, Ben #100, and Greg #05 in the



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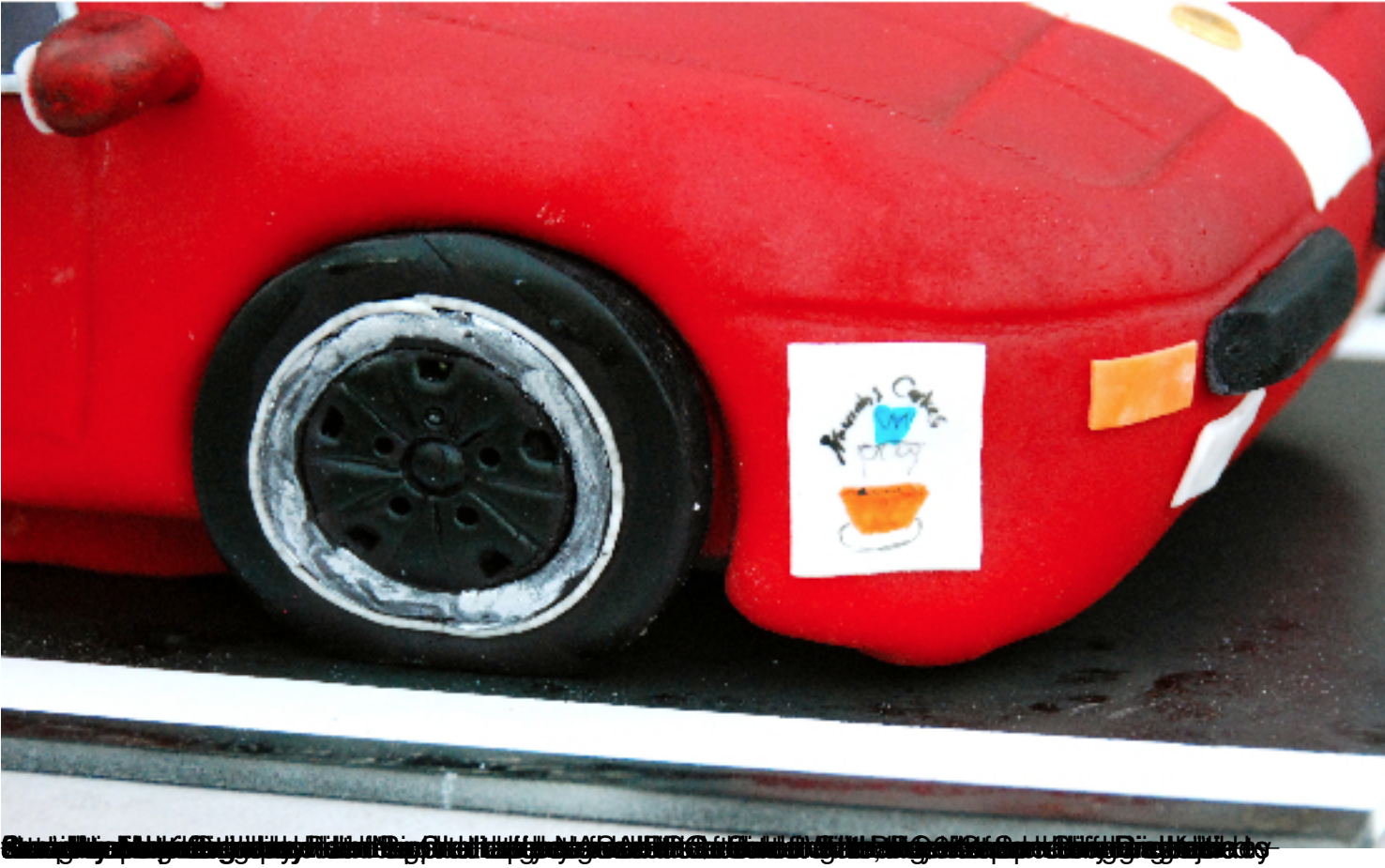
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Ron in 4th keeps in striking range.

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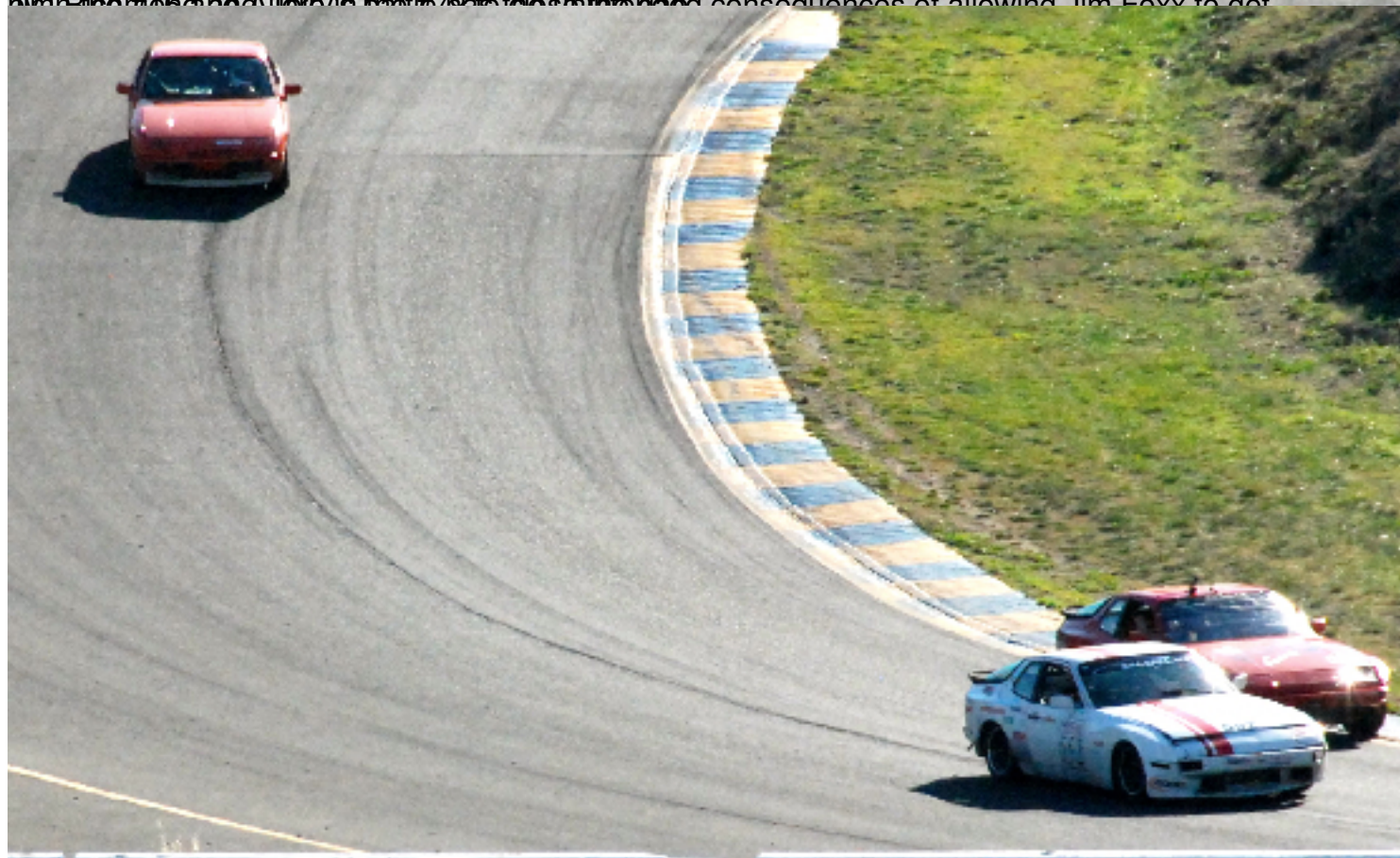
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Jim Richmond in the #89 car defending against Jerry in the #552



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Don Lofgren in the #4 waiting to capitalize on any mistakes



George Hill in the #4 waiting to capitalize on any mistakes

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