

Nationals Sonoma Wreck

Posted by 944Racer72 - 11 Nov 2014 20:07

I'm editing this post in the hopes of making this thread constructive. My competitor, Javier, did contact me today and we discussed the incident. From my point of view, I was cleanly alongside and he came over and forced us off track.

I won't speak for Javier's position on what/why it happened.

If this had happened somewhere else, we might have had words but it probably wouldn't have been a big deal. Due to the location, both cars are destroyed and we're lucky we essentially walked away.

Here's the video from my car:

Full speed

Slo mo

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Re: Nationals Sonoma Wreck

Posted by 944Racer72 - 12 Nov 2014 18:16

Marty, thank you for posting that. It echos what Javier told me today and what I assumed all along. I never thought or said to anyone that he moved over on purpose. No one would do that in our racing series.

I accepted immediately that it was a mistake (or less likely a mechanical failure) but that mistake cost me a car and possible serious injury. I felt Javier needed to own up to the responsibility and was very angry and frustrated when that wasn't forthcoming immediately. I've had very little contact in my 10+ years racing but my experience has always been that whoever caused it, if it could be clearly established, apologized and offered help ASAP. I may have underestimated how hard it would be for a "kid" (yes I'm old) to own that but it does show a lot that he had the guts to call me.

The location of the mistake unfortunately made minor contact a major wreck. I do think better mirrors would have helped but when someone disappears from your view, you leave room and make no sudden movements because they didn't vanish - they're somewhere. That speaks to a lack of experience in

wheel to wheel racing and I hope this very expensive lesson is carried forward. At least the cost is only in the form of money and time to rebuild.

Thank you again for posting this. It means a lot to me and I suspect to the whole community. There is no "requirement" in the process to be a stand up person but that is certainly the spirit of our class.

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Re: Nationals Sonoma Wreck

Posted by Sterling Doc - 12 Nov 2014 19:42

Alright guys, how are we going to help these get back on track?

Teardown/build party?

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Re: Nationals Sonoma Wreck

Posted by MikeA - 12 Nov 2014 20:14

Well I have heard from several NW guys about not just a build party but putting laguna on the schedule for next year.

Good news is we have several shells around here and I'm sure Javier/Marty will choose the right one. Heck I have a fully caged car just sitting (that i need to get for sale) due to playing with e30s the last two years and a rental 944 that's up for sale.

I'm sure we will find a way to get these guys going soon.

Steve I'm sure its easier to source down there but know we have a couple early and a couple late model rollers around if you are struggling to find one.

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Re: Nationals Sonoma Wreck

Posted by BritRacer - 12 Nov 2014 20:23

Steve, you know where I am. Give me a shout anytime and I will be there to help in anyway I can.

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Re: Nationals Sonoma Wreck

Posted by cbuzzetti - 12 Nov 2014 23:43

I dont live locally but if you do a weekend build party I could make it up there.

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Re: Nationals Sonoma Wreck

Posted by 944Racer72 - 13 Nov 2014 07:51

Thanks guys. I'm a slow and methodical builder so a build party probably isn't my ideal but your offers for help are greatly appreciated.

I've got a couple of irons in the fire for replacing the car already. We'll see how it goes...

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