

Another new build is begun ...

Posted by JB3 - 21 Jun 2010 06:34

and with any luck around a year from now we might even do some shake down laps. 2012 is the first season I expect to run.

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Re: Another new build is begun ...

Posted by JB3 - 20 Dec 2010 08:18

A good start. Main hoop, forward hoops, dash bar, windshield bar, and roof bar installed. You can see Hank made a custom mod for me, locating the windshield bar high up and behind the box at the top of the windshield. Got some extra long drivers to accommodate. (Not me).

Talk about a tight fit! Fortuitously, I just had my SnapIn 20 ounce digital A-pillar Adjusting Tool calibrated. If you don't have that kind of specialty tool a large hammer will do.

Slightly out of sequence - don't tell Hank!

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Re: Another new build is begun ...

Posted by JB3 - 27 Dec 2010 05:38

Well, my welder is visiting for the Holiday so it's off to the Eastern Shore. Snowing outside and below freezing. Radio says a storm is coming up the coast. North Carolina declared a state of emergency. We may not get home but by golly we'll get some cage built!

All set to get started. No reason to do out of position welds as it's so easy to rotate the chassis. Especially on the sheet metal.

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Re: Another new build is begun ...

Posted by JB3 - 27 Dec 2010 05:44

Hanksville did a custom location of the windshield bar up and back. So the only way to weld some tops was to remove the roof (hey it's been done) or drop the front cage section - if possible. Turns out it is. Lucky us. First we welded the dash bar and as much of the windshield bar as possible. Then removed the main hoop and the front section rotated down. More importantly we were able to rotate it back up!

Laura welds the top of the roof bar, windshield bar, and attaches the gussets.

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Re: Another new build is begun ...

Posted by JB3 - 27 Dec 2010 05:49

I provide the unskilled labor. Have grinder will travel. Gotta clean up the tack welds before we re-install the forward section.

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Re: Another new build is begun ...

Posted by JB3 - 27 Dec 2010 05:55

Good days work. We're pleased to get this far. Front section of the cage is installed. Lower door-bars are tacked in place. Upper section is just wedged in for fitment check. Hung the doors to check the fit. Perfect! Can't put too much paint on or the doors won't close! Check the location of the windshield bar. I wanted this because I've seen tall drivers have difficulty fitting in the 944. This gives them an additional 2 inches of vision.

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