

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 Sterling Doc - 01 Apr 2011 05:57

Motors in and running, it's just suspension left, right? The only hard part there is the torsion bars. Drill some holes in the rockers, and get those puppies in. Don't worry about rear bushings - I'm not. The rest is easy. Let us know if we can help!

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by 944Racer72 - 01 Apr 2011 14:15

You might want to use distilled water in the cooling system. I don't know how your water is there but out here, you would have rocks in the engine after a year if you used city water.

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by RacerX - 01 Apr 2011 21:00

It might be running but there is a lot of little stuff left to do. Window net, belts, fire system and other issues. I'll be seeing Nick this Tue. to get it weight and the rear dropped. The rear bushings can wait till, whenever I get to it. I'm movin' as fast as I can, remember it's only me working on it and not 2 or 4 guys in a shop. I only get occasional help once in awhile.

It says on the back of the Purple Ice not to use distilled water. Don't know why it says that but our water here is OK. I know what you mean about the rocks though, thanks.

Got some work done today, picked up the bearings for the camber plate. I replaced both of them cause the one that was still working wasn't too far from not working.

Installed the strut assembly and dialed in as much negative camber as possible with the eccentric bolts. I know it will need an alignment before it hits the track.

I also installed the collector on the exhaust headers. I'll get the rest of the exhaust done at the local muffler shop later next week.

Installed the old wheels and set it on the ground for the first time in months. It seems like a midgets car now that it's on the ground compared to when it was on jack stands way up in the air.

WOW, it moves under its own power. Tomorrow I'll run it up to temp and bleed the cooling system down.

Check out the video below.

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Nuts and bolts for exhaust and camber plates.....\$13.60

Total in car so far.....\$7854.87

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by 944Racer72 - 02 Apr 2011 09:15

Lookin' good!

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by seafeye - 03 Apr 2011 10:40

Is that the Corbeau FX1 race seat? Wondering if it is legal without FIA stamp on it? I like the seats and would like them on my car is NASA is OK with it.

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