

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 - 16 Dec 2010 20:16

Wow, very nice, and CLEAN build, on budget! It will be great to finally get you out in W2W! Nick & I are working on a date for a build party to get your motor in.

I think it's awesome that Nick is running the motors in on a stand, before sending them out - makes them a known quantity going into the car. Sounds like you got a great deal for the motor and the parts all for \$3,100!

I heard you're springing for one of Nick's dashes, too - should make for a very well turned out car!

I'm looking forward to picking up my car at Nick's soon as well. You're build is a bit ahead of mine, but I have lots of help and experience to help close the gap!

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by GaryM05 - 16 Dec 2010 21:22

Wow, looks good - it's always fun to look at pics of a racecar-in-progress!

With the engine out, now would be a good time to cover any holes in the firewall and seal them with a fire-retardant material (in case you haven't done that already).

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by JB3 - 17 Dec 2010 15:01

Sterling Doc wrote:

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Did someone say 'dashes'? Pictures? Looking to source a dash or a good idea for one.

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by Sterling Doc - 17 Dec 2010 15:25

My dash build from my last car is shown in the "budet build" thread stickied on the top of this forum. Nick at Bennington fabricates some nice, cost effective dashes, with a full gauge package optional. He's at www.BENMS.com

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Re: NEW CAR BUILD

Posted by 944Racer72 - 17 Dec 2010 18:48

I took the stock dash and stripped all of the padding, foam, and cover from it. The result weighs about 8 LBs. I then cut that in half for about a 4LB dash. I have some Longacre gauge panels and switches that mount in the original gauge area and the switches mount where the vents used to be.

I've got it all apart now for the re-wire but I'll have some pics up soon.

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