

New 944 Spec National Director

Posted by Sterling Doc - 16 Nov 2010 20:38

Following the resignation of Chuck Taylor as National Director, I have accepted the position of 944 Spec National Director at the request of John Lindsey (NASA co-owner).

John & I had a good conversation today, outlining future goals and direction for 944 Spec. The press release and formalities are coming, but as I feel a pressing need to move on, John gave me the go ahead to go public with this now.

I would like to thank Chuck for his years of service in this role - I bought my first car from him back in 2007. Chuck will continue as Rocky Mountain Series Director, and in a collaborative role with the other 944 Spec series directors on national issues.

While I have much to process, and plan, I want to present a short term agenda:

***Bring closure to the rules debate, and let the drivers know their voices have been heard.** I will post definitively on the big issues tonight, and we will work towards hashing out the small issues very shortly. Any recommendations for changes will be sent to NASA for confirmation, and any needed clarification. See the rule change forum for details, and updates.

***Bring a positive attitude/tone to the forums by:**

- **Posting positive articles, tech tips, money savers etc**, drawing on the body of knowledge from the series directors, experienced racers, and 944 technical experts. I would also encourage the addition of good ideas & questions/topics from individual drivers. We are putting together an article on cost-effective engine tuning & building tips, and some tips on car set up, soon.

- **Starting a racecraft forum** (Ken?), where we can work on driver development, sharing tips, good videos, data, etc. I would like to see a spirit of cooperation to make the new guys feels at home, and get up to speed quickly. If we share information & tips, it raises everyone's game.

***Series directors will set an example** in sharing their data publicly, and encourage (though not mandate) data sharing to build a class of top notch, clean drivers. I would like this to be one of our hallmarks, as a class. Everyone enjoys learning to go faster/drive better, and its free!

***Open a direct line of communication with individual 944 Spec drivers** throughout the country to gather information, answer questions, and promote an open spirit of communication. My email is *eric dot kuhns at gmail dot com*

. I have an "open door" policy. I can't make every request & pet project happen, but I will do my best to thoughtfully consider and respond to all questions & concerns.

***Foster pride in the great series that has been built** - spread the word! Talk to your friends, get together for build parties, social events, and suck your friends into this fun addiction we call 944 Spec Racing. I think it was Paul Newman who said "Racing is an addiction that makes Heroin seem a vague longing for something salty". Racing a Porsche in a cost effective series with a great bunch of drivers is the best variety of addiction there is!

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Re: New 944 Spec National Director

Posted by mcmotorsports - 17 Nov 2010 00:25

Congrats Eric!

Best of luck to you in your new role.

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Re: New 944 Spec National Director

Posted by joepaluch - 17 Nov 2010 07:15

Eric,

Welcome to the number 1 spot.

Firstly. Chuck. Thank you for your time as Natinoal Director. Chuck will remain as RMR director to keep that region growing strong. Chuck as done a great job over the years an was instrumental in generating the large fields at Nationals for the past 2 years. Plus going back even further he help elevate 944-spec to higher level in NASA overall. Nice work Chuck.

Eric has been 944 Director in Midwest for some years now. Stepping up to the National director is good move as we also need to remember that Nationals will be on his backyard next year. I am certain Eric will do great job leading our series into 2011 and beyond.

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Re: New 944 Spec National Director

Posted by JerryW - 17 Nov 2010 07:47

Sterling Doc wrote:

Thanks all.

I have a tentative plan to visit you guys out west by coming to the **25 hours of Thunderhill!**

I know it's short notice, but I'd like to meet whoever is local in person.

I'm hoping to be there crewing but if not I'll make a visit up there anyway to meet.

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Re: New 944 Spec National Director

Posted by pixrken - 17 Nov 2010 09:33

Eric,

Thanks for accepting this role and the time it takes.

Chuck,

Thanks for your time as National Director.

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Re: New 944 Spec National Director

Posted by norman#99 - 17 Nov 2010 09:49

Thanks Chuck for your at least 5 years of service that I have known you, I hope that you can take your retirement fund from this and spend more time on track just having good fun and your biggest problem now will be figuring out a way to pass Mr Dirks (national champion)!!!

Eric, congrats on your new role, change is good!!! (I didn't make that up, O'bama did)

Hope to see you in AZ soon, the weekend after Thanksgiving would be a good time to come down for some sunshine, good racing and meeting the 944 spec group. Also good food!!!

Best of luck and please let me know if I can be of any assistance,

Norman Hamden #99

AZ region

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