

New 944 Spec in the Mid South

Posted by Steve_M - 13 Aug 2012 12:47

Hi folks, I have been a member here for a little while as I was interested but had no car. There is a TON of incredible information on this site and has been very helpful. So, I wanted to make my first post, introduce myself and say Hi, and offer my many thanks. Lots of things looked familiar once I started in because I had been here first.

My name is Steve Myers and I now have a car. The leaders of NASA Mid South are trying to kick off 944 Spec in the region and I think they have succeed. We had a build party this past Saturday and there were 7 candidates and one parts car sitting there when we arrived. 17 people showed up to help, 4 chose cars, another was waiting to look at a candidate he found on Craig's List, the race director is going to build one and the regional director is thinking about it, as well.

I chose a 1984 that, up until that day, had been the Race Director's auto-x car. I had a chance to drive it during our last auto-x during the fun runs and was very impressed with the handling and the strength of the motor. Even when I saw the pictures posted on the Mid South forum, I had no idea that it was one of the choices.

Doing my homework, I had decided I wanted a running early car to work with, if available and I hit the jackpot.

Saturday I was able to get most of the interior yanked out, then Sunday I went back to start to work on the wiring mess that was exposed when I got the center console out. Well, much to my chagrin, the fuse panels are under the dash, not under the hood like the later models were. So, I yanked the steering wheel and stalks trying to make room to get to the wiring harness, but things were still in the way. Off came the dash and that was a little bit better, but not good. I then pulled out the heater box and air conditioning system and was finally able get to the fuse box and start tracing wiring to it, but I ran out of steam and time.

Next weekend I am going to focus on tackling the wiring and get it down to a point I can rewire the rest. I don't have a fuse/relay layout diagram, so I am going to have to trace things back wire/bundle at a time.

Oh, the pictures I have so far:

[Pictures of my build](#)

I will keep the album and this thread updated as I progress.

Again, thanks and hello!

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Re: New 944 Spec in the Mid South

Posted by tcomeau - 25 Nov 2012 20:46

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Re: New 944 Spec in the Mid South

Posted by Steve_M - 25 Nov 2012 21:13

tcomeau wrote:

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Heh, yeah, my bad. Should have read 2446 and 2637, not 1446 and 1637. Oops.

Before the long race on Sunday at our last event, I filled it up and ran it over the scales. It was 2652 full tank and fully suited driver. Not sure what weight I will end up at, but I am going to wait until I get the suspension under it before I do the final corner weighting and ballast.