

2014 West Coast Championships @ Sonoma Nov 7-9

Posted by 944Racer72 - 24 Mar 2014 07:25

Since there's an east coast thread, might as well start a west coast thread.

Who's planning to go? Barring any unforeseen problems, I plan to be there.

Looks like registration doesn't open until June for this event:

www.nasaproring.com/event/1864

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Re: 2014 West Coast Championships @ Sonoma Nov 7-9

Posted by capt squid - 13 Nov 2014 10:28

Post your video. It will take more than a girlie Miata to injure me. Great racing with you. My video of you and I fighting it out Saturday is posted on the SoCal forum.

For those who are interested, the Miata, who was all alone, tried to race our pack of 3 944s. Rather than back off and let me by, he misses his marks, goes off, comes back on, hits me and puts me into the tire wall. I spin, he does not get on his brakes, hits me again and destroys the front of my car. Head up the rear driving on his part.

youtu.be/LJelHiz8B4s

Unfortunately my video does not show much of our three wide action out of 10.

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Re: 2014 West Coast Championships @ Sonoma Nov 7-9

Posted by afonseca - 13 Nov 2014 11:53

Hey Jim, it was great racing with you too! You drove well out there and it's a shame what happened but glad you are okay.

Yeah, that Miata was just in the way and looked like he was trying to keep up and should have just let you by. I didn't realize that happened behind me and could just have easily been me. Here's what my rear view camera caught, edited to zoom in on the crash.

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Re: 2014 West Coast Championships @ Sonoma Nov 7-9

Posted by Sterling Doc - 13 Nov 2014 18:44

Damn, that Miata was a heat-seeking missile locked to you, Jim.

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Re: 2014 West Coast Championships @ Sonoma Nov 7-9

Posted by afonseca - 16 Nov 2014 14:45

Now with the race behind us I was wondering if folks would be interested in sharing what tire pressures you were running throughout the weekend. Being our first time at the track we tried different pressures starting out but ended up running 29-30psi cold and reading 34-35psi hot. We tried lower pressures earlier but they didn't feel good to me so that's what we went with. The track definitely seemed to get slicker from Friday to Sat/Sun so my times progressively fell off each day.

I'm sure those that run at Sonoma regularly have a better handle on setup but wondering what you guys came up with in general that felt the best for you.

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Re: 2014 West Coast Championships @ Sonoma Nov 7-9

Posted by cbuzzetti - 16 Nov 2014 16:16

I run lower pressure than most at 31-32 hot. My starting pressures were 26-28 depending on time of day.

4.1 degrees camber front 1/8" toe out

3.0 rear 1/16" toe in

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Re: 2014 West Coast Championships @ Sonoma Nov 7-9

Posted by Sterling Doc - 16 Nov 2014 16:39

Alberto, you'll find we'll share setup info most any time, as Charlie is graciously showing. It's something of a 944 Spec tradition to get the newer guys up to speed - makes the competition better out on the track, and that means more fun, and all of us better drivers/competitors.

Most of us run 2-3 lbs more in the tires. If you can get a tire pyrometer with a probe, you can figure out optimal pressures for your setup, and driving style.

The RR's like a lot of camber. Charlie's settings are about typical, maybe slightly more camber by a tenth or two.

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