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NASAAZ hosted another summer morning event at Firebird West Course on August 20-21. With action starting at dawn and wrapping up by 11ish, a qualifying race on Saturday and race on Sunday it was a fast paced weekend. The small bore race group included spec 944, 1 spec Ford, 1 Honda, and 2 spec rx7s. Joining the spec 944 group was NASAAZ boss Tage Evanson borrowing Dave Hauck's rental 944 (8), along with first time 944 racers Rob Giorgio (489) and Pete Dimuzio (4).



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Saturday's qualifying race gridded up as follows: P1 Elliot Freireich (56) spec Ford, P2 Norman Hamden (99) 944, P3 Joe Paluch (94) 944, P4 Dave Hauck (08) 944, P5 Tage Evanson (8) 944, P6 Steve Marlow (47x) 944, P7 Darren Griffith (7) 944, P8 Doug Evans (95) Honda, P9 Pete Dimuzio (4) 944, P10 Rob Giorgio (489) 944, P11 Paul Seiferth (011) rx7, P12 Rick Downing (74) rx7.



The pack gridded up nicely and took the green with a clean start. Griffith (7) got by Marlow (47x) on lap 1, and they both got by Evanson (8) on lap 2. It was obvious that Evanson (8) was on tires that must have been retrieved from a dumpster sometime in '05 as he spent more time sideways than straight, but managed to keep it on the track. Rob Giorgio (489) was conservative at the start, this being his first race, and was passed by both rx7s. He managed to get them both back by lap 2. Dimuzio (4) the other rookie, held his position off of the start and began to make passes by lap 3, getting by the Honda of Evans (95). By lap 5 Dimuzio (4) got by Evanson (8) as cars started dropping like flies due to the heat. First to go was Downing (74) rx7. On lap 6 Marlow (47x) and Evans (95) Honda retired as Giorgio (489) got by Evanson (8) who was in full drift mode and would retire on lap 7.

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With training signals, we built the size model. We found that backfiles were being hit at a rate that was skewed

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