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The Way It Oughtta Be!

944 Spec had a banner weekend for the 2010 running at Blackhawk Farms. The weekend's races featured a total of **nine** lead changes, and close, clean racing up and down the field. In true 944 Spec "can do" spirit, the first order of business was installing a refreshed motor into Andrew Cox's car the night before the race *in the Bennington Motorsports trailer*. You see, Cox's new motor had the misfortune of *falling off* the shipper's trailer after it had been rebuilt by Bennington Motorsports about a week before the event. Undaunted, Nick Miller of Bennington built another motor in the week that remained and got the job done at the track - no pressure there – as Cox drove from Minnesota to race the weekend! It seems Nick & his team could build a 944 Spec car from scratch overnight from a pile of parts!

Saturday dawned to unexpectedly dry conditions, and gave up some of the tightest racing 944 Spec has seen. The top 3 cars all turned best lap times with 1/10th second, and finished with a 3 second "blanket" over them. Neal Agran and Eric Kuhns swapped the lead several times, Agran making time under braking, and Kuhns picking up bits of time elsewhere. A battle to the end, Agran ducked under Kuhns in the final corner, and Kuhns went for the classic under/over re-pass, leading to a drag race down the back straight to the checker, with Kuhns pulling out the win by 0.2 sec. All the time, Blazquez was stalking the two, hoping for an error that he could capitalize on. Not finding any, he came in 3rd about 3 seconds back. Andrew Cox held off Sudhir Chhikarra to take the next spot.

Still buzzing from the great racing on Saturday, the 944 Spec racers went into Sunday's dual race format pumped for more action. Class sponsor Bennington Motorsports kept the cars ready with fresh fluid and pads on several cars. The class mixed things up with an inverted grid, and standing start. Chhikarra held his ground from the front row, going two wide through the first 3 corners in front of the field, with Cox, in his newly re-motored 944, close in chase, and Agran picking his way between the two. As the race wore on, Agran & Kuhns moved up front, and again traded the lead more than once. Blazquez used this jousting to his advantage, and closed up on the leaders. When Kuhns overcooked turn one with Agran on his passenger door, Blazquez slotted into second place behind Agran, his best finish this season. Kuhns finished 3rd, and Cox held off Chhikara for the next two places.

The last race started in sync with an incoming monsoon, becoming more a matter of survival than racing. Kuhns saw the front row, consisting of Agran & Blazquez, slide straight off of turn one. Chhikara and Kuhns persevered through the rain, giving Chhikara his highest finish of the season in 2nd place behind a



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very wet Kuhns. All drivers left with their cars straight and shiny, and with lots of stories to tell!

Thanks as well to Michael Palmer, who came out to help even though he was not racing this weekend, and stayed to help clean up through the Monsoon!

Next, it's off to Autobahn, with another opportunity to show 944 domination of the Enduro racing series!

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