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The 944 Spec Series enjoyed an extended weekend, starting with 5 entries in Friday nights endurance race. Outside of a dropped drain plug, the rest of the cars successfully completed a 3 hour enduro. The Bennington Motorsports sponsored entry of Eric Kuhns and Ray Freundt had some early race excitement with a flat tire in the warmup session. Some quick pit work, and an impact gun borrowed from a generous CMC team allowed this team to quickly get back in the race, and move through the field from last place to an overall win. In celebration of this achievement, Nick Miller from **Bennington Motorsports** came up with a traveling "enduro spanker" award - an oversized paddle to be signed by each winning enduro team through the NASA Midwest endurance series. The challenge for future enduros has been laid down! Kudos to Jon and Ben Wilson for completing their first race with NASA Midwest in the BENMS rental car. The teams of Anhil Blazquez/Michael Palmer, and Micheal Dalton/Tim Blythe also finished in the top 1/2 of the field, rounding out an impressive display of racing for the 944 Spec gang.

All cars were back up running for the weekend's races. Kuhns moved out to an early lead in the rainy conditions, but Freundt moved through the field in traffic to take the win in the BENMS rental car he took over for the weekend after it's successful enduro stint with the Wilsons. Anhil Blazquez was less than a second off the pace in changing conditions to take his first podium of the season. Series newcomers Neal Agran, Sudir Chhikara, and Michael Dalton enjoyed some clean, close racing further back in the pack to finish in that order. Despite the wet conditions, there were no incidents, and everyone finished smiling.

Sunday also dawned to some uncertain weather, but race time arrived dry, and again Kuhns & Freundt battled for the lead, Kuhns making two passes on the open track, and Freundt getting by in traffic. Lots of high speed, side by side racing, and tire-punishing out-braking maneuvers made for an exciting, but clean race between the two racers. In the end, Kuhns prevailed this time. Freundt was later DQ'd over an unfortunate post-race incident, earning Neal Agran second place. Blazquez was on pace until he had to pit to put back up a loose window net - sometimes it's the little things! Dalton edged out Chhikara to round out the field, both with clean racing.

The 944 Spec Drivers leave Putnam with each of the drivers taking a share



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of nearly \$700 in contingencies for the weekend, as well as free food & beverages all weekend provided by series sponsor Bennington Motorsports. The series would also like to thank **A Part Above**, who provided the "hard luck" award to Neal Agran for the second weekend in a row - maybe he can get a more reliable drain plug among his winnings from the Porsche used parts specialist. Finally, 944 Spec welcomes new series sponsor **Apex Performance**, who is offering a generous discount to 944 Spec racers starting this year.

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