Circuit of the Americas and 944

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April 29 to May 1st participated in a Speed Ventures event at COTA. There were a large number of Porsche 911's, Cayman S, a few Boxster and Boxster S, not to mention a large number of Ferraris, Vetts, assorted other high horse power cars one vintage F1 car and 1 944. I was the lowest horsepower car by about 30% and for a dozen entries they were shamed by the 944.

The track facilities are just first class as is the track itself. It is not a high horsepower track. The track was designed to challenge an F1 engineer and driver, with two long straights and a serious of corners that require extreme skill. The biggest negative is that two very slow corners precede the long straights. The elevation changes are greater than you think. You got to love high seed esses followed by progressively slower turns then ending in several high speed turns.

This link is to my best session of the weekend. youtu.be/4CPQiUFW8XM

The following outlines the costs.

Transport by 7's Only $1,000

Speed Ventures cost $595 per day

Hotel: I used points but there are many options within 25 minutes of the track at $90-$150 per day.

Food was about $60 per day.

If you fly there Southwest has a non stop that prices $190 to $486 each way. It is not a bad drive suspect two very long days or three easier days.

Good news it is Texas and fuel is about $2 off track.

I put these costs in to show it is not outrageously expensive. The experience is well worth it. Speed Ventures is like time trials. Each run group was 25-30, which on a 3.4 mile track leaves lots of open track time. There are 4 25 minute sessions per day. You gridded by time so many laps will be free of traffic.

Speed ventures goes to COTA once a year so maybe next year we could get several to go and show the faster Porsches with less experienced drivers how racing is done. On more than one occasion someone would ask who was driving the blue 944 as they wanted to find out how to go faster in the turns.

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