Hello Forza Nation, what a week it’s been! We rolled out the first set of hoppers this week with 2 more sets to come this month. These hoppers are focused on the team racing aspects of Forza Motorsport 3, with the next set due on the 16th. We’ll get to the hoppers in a bit, because aside from that and title update #4 we also rolled out the 4th car pack this month. Brought to you by Jalopnik, this DLC features sleek cars such as the 1992 Bugatti EB110SS , the 2008 Mazda Furai, and the 2010 Porsche 911 Sport Classic. If you haven’t checked it out yet or are on the fence there’s a free DLC pack available now that features the Civic Type-R Mugen Hatch as a taste. The “Jalopnik car pack” is 400 points and available in all regions. I picked my copy up Tuesday morning and after waking from a 30 minute trance, caused by the Furai’s out of this world rear lights, I managed to take the rest of the cars out on the road. It’s been so busy here that this was my first time playing with the cars in the pack, which was pretty fun as I was running around trying to find which toy to play with first, well the first toy after the Furai. I have a feeling everyone who picked up this pack, has already given the Furai a full run , wicked sound, amazing visuals and sticks to the track tighter than those on-rail cars at Disney world. It has definitely earned a spot in my car rotation. After playing with the Mazda for a bit I think I’ve settled on the Porsche 911 SC as my second favorite of the bunch with the Bugatti coming in right behind it (so fast).

While we are on this, I want to again congratulate the winners of the Jalopnik “Guess the Car” DLC contest they ran last week. I want to apologize for the delay on the codes. We are waiting for them to be sent over to us and they will be sent out to the winning emails the moment we have them ready. Sorry about the hold up.

So, as if this week was not packed enough we also rolled out a new title update and new set of hoppers. This marks the fourth title update for Forza motorsport 3 which covers a range of fixes big and small as well as some tweaks to make the upcoming team hoppers play nicely with each other. A fix has also been implemented for the shift and transmission exploit some users were taking advantage of improve their leaderboard times. Those of you caught using this exploit will be permanently banned from all features of Forza Motorsport 3 online. You can read the full patch notes [here.](http://forums.forzamotorsport.net/blogs/turn_10s_forza_motorsport_blog/archive/2010/03/08/forza-motorsport-3-title-update-3-9-2010.aspx)

Along with the patch notes, is the addition of many new hoppers that will be rolled out over the month of March. There is a good mix of serious racing and “fun and games” modes such as Cat & Mouse added to the Team Playground. If you want a recap of the entire list you can see what is on the schedule for this month, but we’re going to cover what was released on Tuesday this week. This week a new category called Team Playground was put up and included inside are new team based racing and game events such as Cat and Mouse, Team Tag (Keep the It), Team Multi-Class Racing (LeMans style racing), Team Last Car Standing, Team Stock Car (slingshot!). And a new addition to the Playground category: Tag (Virus) on Benchmark High Speed Ring. Also added to the very popular Circuit category is something you guys have asked for since the introduction of the DLC and that’s a hopper with the DLC Track in its rotation. Check out A-Class (DLC) in the circuit playlist and get in on the GP action!  
  
I wanted to clear up some confusion in regards to questions gamers have had with their Truskill ™ rank in modes where the rank is now hidden. Truskill™ has not been disabled, but the rank has been hidden to keep users from being kicked from games because they were a high rank or just starting to work their way up the ranking system. We will be rolling this change over the other hoppers through the coming weeks, again the rank is still being kept it is just hidden.

Some of you may have noticed that the RWD only lobbies were trimmed down to just one A-Class AWD. Unfortunately due to their activity leveI we closed down rooms with little to no rooms. It was a decision based solely on numbers. I would not lose hope so fast though, the other classes of RWD hoppers are not gone forever, It’s up to you guys who want the RWD to stay to vote with your game time.  
  
Our hope is that with A class RWD being the only RWD the fans of that hopper will be less splintered and as a result the RWD fans will have an active and full hopper that can hopefully grow into more classes. So, if you are a RWD fan I encourage you to get some A class tunes going, turn off the TCS and get to racing!

Speaking of racing, Takata wrapped up their competition last week picking the final design that will be wrapped around James Elterman’s Subaru on March 27th. Forza community painter Jason Dakins, known to you as Dakins24, submitted the winning design that will dress James new 2004 Subaru Impreza WRX STi. The build process has begun with James team of mechanics and sponsors working hard on getting the Takata branded Scuby ready for the track. He’s currently on the boards posting daily updates on the builds progress, he’s keeping a couple of his secrets under wraps but still providing a really cool look as to what goes into preparing a car for Time Attack competition. You can check out the thread [here.](http://forums.forzamotorsport.net/forums/thread/3716399.aspx)  
  
I’m also really excited about the reception to the VIP car battles we’ve had, the participation has grown since our first one very steadily. I want to let you guys know there is going to be a change to the way we roll out the VIP car battles which will be spread out to happen once every two weeks. While this may bum you out to hear that, this will allow us to put on a more exciting, varied and unique car battle for you guys. Up this week for example, our VIP Car battle will give you the option to choose which car will be host to Phredesigns Perfect Dark Livery due out next week. It is going to be a fight to the finish with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ squaring off against the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If you’re like me you spent many hours throwing down in PD many years ago, Rare’s bringing the magics to Xbox Live Arcade this Wednesday for 800 points.

That’s it for me this weekend, I look forward to sprinting out Nurburgring GP this weekend with the rest of you guys. I’ll be driving around in a 911 SC or the Lotus 2-11. See you guys online!

**Week 11 – Touareg on Camino**  
  
**What:** Official Turn 10 Featured Time Trial Challenge  
  
**When:** Now until Friday March 19th at 12:00PM PST  
  
**Where:** Time Trials in Forza Motorsport 3.  
  
**Track and Car:** Camino Viejo Full Circuit Reverse – 2008 Volkswagon Touareg R50  
  
**How:** Navigate to the “Leaderboards” menu and scroll down to “Time Trial”. Scroll down to Touaregon Camino and “Press A to Start Race” at the top of the leaderboard. Set your best possible lap time!

**Forza Nation Magazine Issue One Available Now!**Something definitely worth checking out, members from the Forza Community have banded together to create an interactive web magazine that has car reviews, tips, interviews and track guides. [Go look!](http://forums.forzamotorsport.net/forums/thread/3684481.aspx)

**Generations Photocomp Ver. 2**There’s a really creative photo tournament going on riught now that is being hosted by everybody’s favorite palm tree sporting snapshot AMPLiiFIED. The goal of this photoshoot is to display the evolution of a specific car like the BMW 3 series or the Lancer EVO family tree. [Click here.](http://forums.forzamotorsport.net/forums/thread/3715576.aspx)

**Weekly Photomode Competition #4**  
Chronoszero is back this week as well with Photomode competition #4. The photocomp has pit together some of the most talented Forzatographers in has so far resulted in some really close voting. If you want to showcase your photography check them out. You can see the winners of week #3 [here.](http://forums.forzamotorsport.net/forums/thread/3707531.aspx)   
  
**Drift replica/fantasy paint**  
Winners of the Drift replica/fantasy paint have been chosen this week and there is some awesome work stored here in this archive. Definitely worth a look, a lot of the stuff you see here you can pick up on the storefront as well. [Link here.](http://forums.forzamotorsport.net/forums/thread/3540214.aspx)

**\*GSW\* World Tour Contest**Round 2 of the GSW world tour contest is underway, a really wild tuning competition that is sure to leave you guessing just as much as the tuners! [Click here](http://forums.forzamotorsport.net/forums/1/3539893/ShowThread.aspx)

**3 million cr Hot Lap Challenge and Photo competition**A combination competition with one half photo comp and one half hot lap comp. Big credit rewards inside, deadline is March 16th so get in soon if you want a spot.[Claim a spot here](http://forums.forzamotorsport.net/forums/thread/3713149.aspx)