

WORLD FIGURE 8® CHAMPIONSHIP SONNY EATON MEMORIAL AWARD

Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®
Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet®
World Figure 8® Championship
Three Hour Endurance Race®
Indianapolis, Indiana

The Pure Power Technologies & UAW World Figure 8® Championship will be held September 8th thru 10th at the Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®. There are so many reasons why this is the Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet®. One reason is honoring the past while rewarding the future of the sport. This feat is perfectly accomplished with the Sonny Eaton Memorial award for the event's top rookie. Racers and fans will travel from all across the country for this amazing event. Incredibly priced 3-Day \$35 SuperSaver Reserved Seats are available, but in limited supply. Make your plans to see this astounding event. For tickets call (317) 353-8206 or visit us on the web at www.speedrome.com.

Sonny Eaton was a many-time Figure 8 champion from the state of Maryland. He was part of the wave of top crossover course talent from across the country that made the journey to Indianapolis for the Three Hour Endurance Race®. He made quite an impression in 1978's second edition of the ultimate motorsports event. He started 14th on that October 1st afternoon driving all the way up to a 7th place finish. He was only bested by 1 Speedrome ace and 5 Michigan invaders. Unfortunately, that would be the only start Eaton had in the World Figure 8® Championship. He passed away not long after the event. His presence was so strong that this award for top race rookie was created in his honor.

It all started with the first recipient in 1979. That was hometown oval ace Rick Tomasik. He was impressive in finishing 9th in what would be his only World Figure 8® Championship start. While no rookie has won the World title, two have come close finishing in the runner-up slot. They were Indy's Rodney Sizemore (1992) and Kentucky's Mark Harmon (2005). Just missing that notch was Corey Turner who came home third in 2004. The late 1980's produced a pair of top race freshman from the northeast Indiana area. They were Joe McKinney in 1986 and "the cobra" Darwin Blankenship in 1989.

By state, there have been 5 racers from Michigan winning the Eaton award. The early 1980's saw Gary Earley, Lyle Heiss, Dempsey Appearson, and Dave Lambert make it four straight. Jeremy Miller took it home in 1999. California has been strong during the past decade. "Barefoot" Billy Ziemann started it off in 2002 and was followed by Rod Proctor (2006) and Jay Henson last year. The lone Florida top rookie is Gordon Brown in 1998. Washington State had representation with Don Eslick in 2000. The Kentucky regions top rookie roster had Bill Riley Jr, Pat Pierce, Roger Vincent, Artie Ware, Danny Smith, and Chris Harmon take home the award. See the complete list of Sonny Eaton Memorial award winners and stay tuned to additional World Figure 8® Championship news on the web at www.speedrome.com.

Tickets for the 35th Annual Pure Power Technologies & UAW World Figure 8® Championship
September 8th, 9th, & 10th, 2011

Order 3-Day World Figure 8® SuperSaver tickets by calling (317) 353-8206 or info@speedrome.com

The 35th Annual Pure Power Technologies & UAW World Figure 8® Championship is a "must-see" motorsports event. Drivers and teams from all across the country will make a quest for the over \$75,000 in prize money during this ultimate racing weekend. Thrilled fans will witness all of the dangerous and intense crossover mayhem. 3-Day Super Saver Reserved Seats are available. The Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome® is located at 802 South Kitley Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana 46219 and proudly in the community and the historical district of Irvington. To view more, log on to our record-breaking web site www.speedrome.com or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. The track hotline is (317) 353-8206 or you can e-mail us at info@speedrome.com.