

TEAM WASHINGTON READY FOR WORLD FIGURE 8® CHAMPIONSHIP RUN

Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®
Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet®
World Figure 8® Championship
Three Hour Endurance Race®
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The 35th Annual World Figure 8® Championship Three Hour Endurance Race® presented by Pure Power Technologies & UAW the Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet® will be held September 8-10, 2011 at the Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®. One of the major reasons this event is so spectacular is the effort that all the exceptional Figure 8 drivers from around the nation make to be here. Don Eslick, Brian Gunderson, Nick Gunderson, and Ricky Dietz will make the long journey from the state of Washington this year.

Riel-Slick and Gunderson Motorsports are busy preparing for their trip to Indianapolis in September. The 3-car team will be piloted by veteran crossover champion Don Eslick and formidable Figure 8 father/son duo of Brian and Nick Gunderson. The team also hopes to make it in early enough to also race in the Speedrome One Hour Figure 8, the track's oldest event. If so they would be the first Washington drivers to ever compete in the Dad's Truck & Auto Late Model division. The Washington region has been supportive of Figure 8 racing for many decades. This group is part of a growing movement of World Figure 8® Championship style cars competing in their own series of events at the South Sound Speedway, Evergreen Speedway, and various addition venues.

Marysville, Washington's Don Eslick has raced in the World Figure 8® Championship on 4 occasions and was one of the first from his state to do so. His initial foray came in 2000 when he charged from his 22nd starting spot to an 11th place finish earning him the Sonny Eaton Memorial award for top race rookie. Don received plenty of praise from the fans for his dedication and determination the following year. After his car ended up on its roof during a mid-race accident, the crew repaired the machine and he drove it to a very respectable 19th place result. 2003 and 2004 were his other Three Hour Endurance Race® starts with a notable runner-up finish in his 2004 Friday night qualifying race. The car Don is bringing this year far exceeds his past effort, so keep an eye out for the #49.

The Gunderson family from Maple Valley, Washington has been in the sport of Figure 8 racing for over 20 years. Father Brian has led the way during those decades and continues to do so today. He is a past winner of Evergreen Speedway's famed 60 Minutes of Fear, the oldest Figure 8 race west of the Mississippi. He is also the current point leader in the inaugural year of the North West Outlaw Figure 8 Series. Son Nick has started off the 2011 campaign strong with a podium finish in the NWOFF8 opener. He went to the next level by grabbing the victory in the most recent series 100-lapper on July 16th at Evergreen. By the way, dad did finish second. The pair is bringing a proven chassis design to Indy.

Both Gunderson's will be making their rookie appearance in the World Figure 8® Championship. So far, only Washington State racers Eslick and Ricky Dietz have competed in the big dance. This will not be the first time however that the family has challenged the Speedrome stars. Brian was 4th and Nick was 5th in a 2008 One Hour Figure 8 race won by reigning World Champion RJ Norton Jr out in California. The Gunderson's should be one of the early favorites for the Sonny Eaton Memorial rookie-of-the-race award this September. We are proud to this family as a part of the World Figure 8® Championship.

Ricky Dietz has been ready for his returned to the World Figure 8® Championship since he last left the Indianapolis fifth-mile racing surface in 2003. The veteran crossover ace known as "the Kid" has been upgrading his effort the past few seasons in laying the groundwork for his second start. Ricky is having a strong season so far in NWOFF8 series action. After 4 events, he is just 2 points behind standings leader Brian Gunderson. Dietz has been fast capturing victories in 2 of the 4 main events held, both at the South Sound Speedway. He looks to add that title gold to his resume. The hard-charging racer will put on a

show here in September. This is a record-breaking list from that Washington. We are excited to have them all here for the spectacular event.

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