

KENTUCKY RACERS ADD TO WORLD FIGURE 8® CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®
Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet®
World Figure 8® Championship
Three Hour Endurance Race®
Indianapolis, Indiana
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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®. Many drivers from the Kentucky/Southern Indiana area have played a big role in the grand event. Their presence with fast cars and skilled wheelmen make them a threat to win every time out. And so far, 2 legends have accomplished that mountainous task. Racers and fans will travel from all across the country. Incredibly priced 3-Day Super Saver Reserved Seats are available. Make your plans to see this amazing event. For tickets call (317) 353-8206 or visit us on the web at www.speedrome.com.

The Kentucky/Southern Indiana area has been a hotbed for Figure 8 racing over the decades. Drivers have brought their talents north from the Sportsdrome Speedway, Louisville Motor Speedway, Fairgrounds Speedway, and Charlestown Speedway just to name a few. They began making their mark from day one when Louisville's Ron Hargesheimer won the pole for the inaugural 1977 race. During those first few efforts, Rance Harmon became a contender with finishes of 9th (1978) and 3rd (1982). He was the runner-up in 1985 before winning just one year later. He made history by being the first non-Speedrome driver to take the World crown and the richest. That 10th anniversary edition paid a record \$10,000.

During that initial decade, the Kentucky area was well represented by crossover aces such as Steve Browne, Danny Blackwell, and Larry Harmon. But one racer emerged from that pack, his name was Leonard Basham. The legendary pilot thrilled Indy fans with his daring all-or-nothing style. 1988 saw his familiar #9 reach victory lane with maybe the largest group of fans ever assembled to this day. Rance finished second. Basham has added many top five finishes to his World Figure 8® Championship resume and is still a contender today. This next dozen years saw the appearance of new faces such as Jerry Whitten, Jerry Brown, Pat Pierce, Tom Wagner, Roger Vincent, Scott Box, Dan Wright, and Buddy Vertrees.

The new millennium decade saw a wave of success for the Kentucky/Southern Indiana stars. Drivers such as Tony Anderson, Artie Ware, Calvin Crain, Danny Smith, Raymond Johnson, Zeke Skaggs, Brian Wolfe, Butch Winters, Jerry Newkirk, and Art Groulx had some impressive results. But two racers really have stood out and contended for the World Figure 8® Championship crown. Harmon cousins Mark and Chris have both finished in the runner-up position. In addition to those results, the pair has ended up in the top ten several times in the last half dozen contests. 2011 can be the year that a Kentucky area driver takes home the \$20,035 check. We salute all of them for making this event great! Learn more about this annual event and its people over the coming summer months via many press releases and 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 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. The world famous fifth-mile asphalt short track has been featured in the New York Times as well as SPEED, Spike, and ESPN television in addition to racing publications around the country. We proudly celebrate our 70th anniversary season in 2011. Please join us for the best in short track motorsports entertainment most notably the Pure Power Technologies & UAW 35th Annual World Figure 8® Championship held September 8th thru 10th.