

MICHIGAN INVADERS HAVE STRONG TRADITION IN WORLD FIGURE 8® CHAMPIONSHIP

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 8-10, 2011 at the Bryant Heating and Cooling Indianapolis Speedrome®. There are so many reasons why this is the Greatest Figure 8 Race on the Planet®. Drivers and teams from the Flat Rock and Toledo Speedway Figure 8 hotbeds were a huge part of the foundation of the Three Hour Endurance Race®. Their never-say-die survival racing skills were unmatched during the first two decades of this grand event. Racers and fans will travel from all across the country. Incredibly priced \$35 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 <http://www.speedrome.com/>.

From the first green flag of 1977's inaugural running, Michigan area aces have played a prominent role in the long-distance Figure 8 showcase. A victory has come oh so close for these legendary crossover competitors who always had "staying power". Bob Studt is one of the all-time greats in the World Championship. He was the race runner-up on 3 occasions and has 9 top ten finishes including 7 coming in the top five. Islip World titlist Chuck Hall was 2nd in 1983 after a pair of previous 3rd place results. Hall would give winners Kenny St John and Wayne Arnold all they could handle in the early days. Bob Belz was the inaugural 1977 event runner-up. He also finished 6th in 1979.

Talk about racers who put on a show. Legendary never-say-die drivers Jack Dandy and Ray "the Animal" Gaddis have each reached the podium. 6-time top ten race finisher Dandy was 3rd in 1989 when Gaddis came home third in 1985. Ray had 5 career top ten results. Also near the top of finishing consistency is Robbie Loving. The current Michigan all-star has 6 finishes inside the top ten. Additional area racers with top ten World Figure 8® Championship listings on their resume include John Briggs, Billy Simmons, Ben Benedict, Gary Earley, Danny Appearance, Mike Baas, Mitch Diekman, Ken Ahlgren, Jeremy Miller, and Greg Studt.

Briggs won the state's only event pole in 1978 while 4 have led laps. Hall bests that statistic with 291 circuits led followed by Bob Studt with 46, Simmons with 31, and Earley with 3. In 4 races, Michigan drivers occupied 4 of the top ten finishing spots. Those campaigns were 1981, 1986, 1987, and 1990. The all-time laps completed list has 4 entries inside the 20 best. Loving is 11th with 4802 circuits turned. He is joined by Gaddis 4189 (15th), Bob Studt 3671 (16th), and Dandy 3591 (17th). You will find the record books littered with names from this fantastic Figure 8 region. The World Figure 8® Championship Three Hour Endurance Race® has its foundation built by these racers. We are proud to have them a part of its history.

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 web site <http://www.speedrome.com/> or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.