



National Hot Rod Association (NHRA)

A UNIQUE Marketing Platform

June 2013









## NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series

- NHRA's premier racing series, featuring 24 championship series events a year
- A 10 month, coast-to-coast marketing platform that offers the most geographically diverse motorsport schedule in the United States – impact 34 of the top 50 DMAs
  - Expanding into the New England region with a race in New Hampshire in 2013
- Up to 125,000 spectators attend each NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series event
- Dedicated broadcasts on ESPN2 / ESPN2 HD reach over 1.0 million viewers each race weekend
  - Twelve telecasts in 2012 were ranked as the most watched program of the day on the network

Source: NHRA 2013, Nielsen Media Research 2012 – 2013 & ESPN 2012







### **Best National Footprint in Motorsports**

• The NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series has unmatched geographic reach within motorsports - 34 of the top 50 DMAs

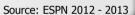






### ESPN2 / ESPN2 HD

- The exclusive broadcast partner of the NHRA and the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series since 2001
  - Distributed to nearly 100 million households across the country
- 130 hours of original programming, with over 110 hours of original programming dedicated to the NHRA Mello Yello Series
- On average, nearly 1.0 million viewers tune-in to watch an NHRA event over the course of a race weekend
  - Twelve Sunday telecasts were ranked as the most watched program of the day on the network in 2012
- Events are also broadcast worldwide via ESPN International, TSN and the Armed Forces Network
  - Between ESPN International and AFN, NHRA race broadcasts are aired in 175 countries and territories







### **Media Assets**

#### NHRA.com

- The official destination for NHRA news and information on the Internet
- Average 1.6 million unique visitors per month

#### Social Media

- NHRA actively engages with its audience via popular social media sites
- Over 430,000 "Like" NHRA's facebook page and nearly 45,000 follow NHRA on twitter
  - ... The number of people that "Like" NHRA increased by 33.0% last year

#### National DRAGSTER

- The official magazine of NHRA Drag Racing
- Publication that is printed 25 times a year
- Companion website, NationalDRAGSTER.net
- Medium that targets the most avid NHRA fans
- Distributed to 70,000 NHRA members and at all NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series events
- Avid weekly readership of 200,000 people

Source: Google Analytics 2012, Lewis & Clark Research 2012









NHRA is UNIQUE

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# **UNIQUE** Sensory Experiences

- The fastest race cars on the earth, a spectacle of high speed, side-byside races in excess of 300 mph
- 8,000 horsepower engines that generate 4 Gs of force and accelerate to over 100 mph in less than a second
- A truly visceral racing experience that you can see, hear, feel and taste







# **UNIQUE** Fan Experience

- Highly engaging and genuine fan experience that provides all-day entertainment on and off the track
- NHRA's open pit environment allows every person attending an event to get up close and personal with the sport's biggest stars VIP credentials are not required







# **UNIQUE** Fan Engagement

- More accessibility to spectators than any other major sports property; the structure of NHRA races provides a continuous flow of attendees from the grandstands to the midway throughout the entire event
- The Nitro Alley and midway areas are open to all spectators in attendance and delivers an opportunity for sponsors to connect with NHRA fans one-on-one in an authentic and approachable format for brand activation
- Spectator gates are open an average of ten (10) hours each day and each race is three to four days







# **UNIQUE** History of Diversity

- NHRA has a rich history of diversity, including women, African-Americans and Hispanics that have competed at the highest level and won championships
- Because of these unique demographics, NHRA provides sponsors the diversity to reach various consumer segments







### **UNIQUE** Fan Base

- Avid and loyal fan base with extremely attractive demographics
- 18.5 million avid fans in the United States, total fan base of 77.9 million
- Strong male fan base, but also appeals to women
- One of the best sports marketing platforms to reach key male demos (age 18+ & 18 49)
- On average, one of the youngest sports fan bases among all major sports properties
- More ethnically diverse than both NASCAR and IndyCar fans
- Live active lifestyles and strongly over-index versus the US population for having participated in outdoor activities

Source: ESPN Sports Poll 2012 & Scarborough Research 2012 (Avid fan = Very interested & Fan = Very or somewhat interested)





# **UNIQUE** Fan Base

Personal / household demographics Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2012

	US Population	NHRA Fan	Index
Male	48.5%	74.8%	154
Male 18 - 34	15.0%	18.8%	125
Male 25 - 54	27.2%	41.5%	153
Household Income up to 75K	66.2%	69.2%	105
Household Income 30 - 99K	56.8%	59.9%	105
Employed Full-time	43.4%	47.8%	110
Blue Collar Occupation	23.0%	33.8%	147
Technical / Vocational School	30.1%	37.1%	123

One of the best marketing platforms to reach key males demos, reflect the middle class and a sizeable amount of NHRA fans have strong technical / vocational skills





### **UNIQUE** Fan Base (NASCAR vs. NHRA fans)

Personal / household demographics Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2012

	NASCAR Fan	NHRA Fan	Index
Male	64.0%	74.8%	117
Average Age	48.41	46.00	105
Age 18 - 24	8.7%	12.2%	140
Age 18 - 34	23.7%	27.7%	117
African-American	7.5%	9.9%	132
Hispanic	7.9%	8.8%	111
Asian or other	4.5%	5.1%	113
Blue Collar Occupation	28.4%	33.8%	119

NHRA delivers a better motorsports marketing platform than NASCAR to reach a younger, more diverse audience that is also more likely to have a blue collar occupation

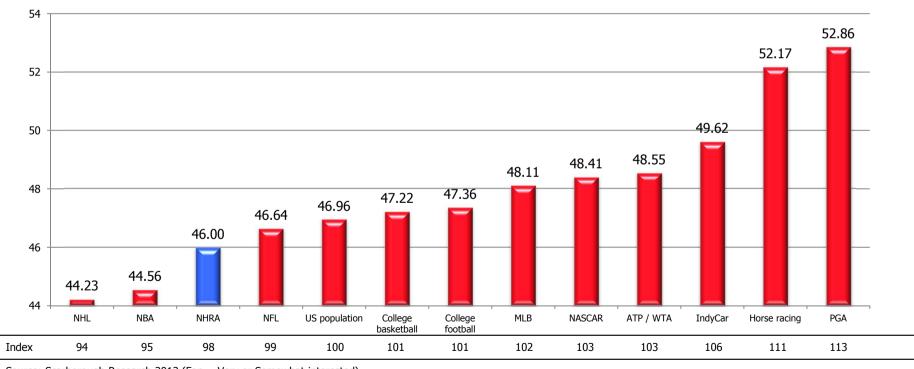




### **UNIQUE** Fan Base (Average Age)

Personal demographics: Age Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2012

• NHRA Drag Racing has one of the youngest sports fan bases in the United States compared to all other major sports



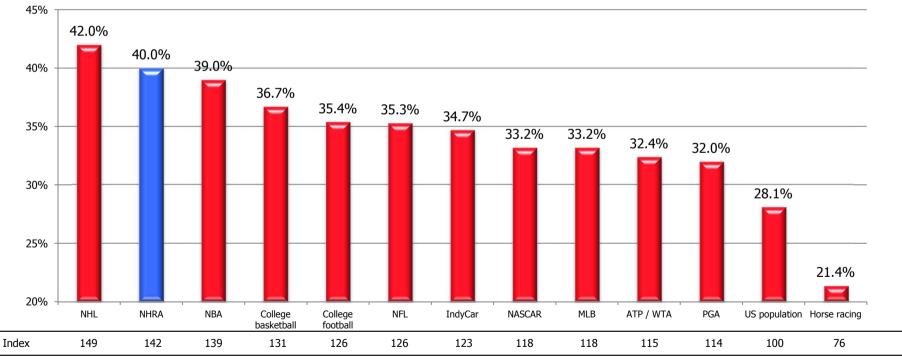




### **UNIQUE** Fan Base (Male 18 – 49)

Personal demographics: Age / Gender of respondent Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2012

 Compared to other major sports properties, NHRA provides one of the best sports marketing platform to reach key male demos







### **UNIQUE** Fan Base (Diversity)

Personal demographics: Race Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2012

- A rich history of diverse fans makes NHRA the envy of other motorsports sanctioning bodies
- More likely to be African-American and / or Hispanic than NASCAR and IndyCar fans

#### African-American

- 32% more likely than NASCAR
- 18% more likely than IndyCar

#### <u>Hispanic</u>

- 11% more likely than NASCAR
- NHRA events are contested in 7 of the 8 most populated Hispanic DMAs in the United States

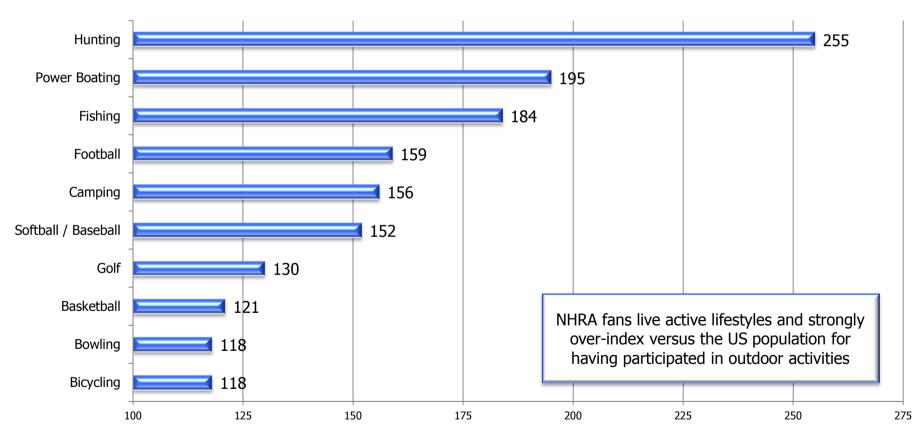




### **UNIQUE** Fan Base (Interests Outside of NHRA)

Activities past 12 months

Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2012









# **UNIQUE** Sponsorship Opportunity



### Why Sponsor NHRA?

- Access to a passionate and sponsor loyal fan base
  - 18.5 million avid NHRA fans across the United States, total fan base of 77.9 million
- NHRA gives sponsors unparalleled access to its fans, providing the ability to create deeply engaging marketing platforms
  - A highly engaging and genuine fan experience that provides all-day entertainment on and off the track
  - Open pit allows fans to get up close and personal with NHRA's biggest stars while Nitro Alley allows sponsors to engage fans in an intimate one-on-one setting
- One-stop shopping for fully integrated NHRA marketing assets makes it easier for sponsors to integrate their motorsports
  program across league marketing assets while providing more activation options
  - An NHRA partnership package allows sponsors to seamlessly integrate NHRA marketing assets including logo usage and
    promotional rights, on-site display and marketing rights, track presence at all NHRA events, ESPN2 broadcast exposure, print and
    interactive and social media
- Value proposition at the team and league level is second to none providing partners a strong return-on-investment performance
  - Sponsors can achieve a proprietary position within the sport, generating a sizeable impact and critical mass for a fraction of the cost of other motorsports properties
- NHRA is "Americana"
  - One of the most relatable and uniquely Ame<mark>rican co</mark>nnection points with consumers: speed, power and the American car culture

Source: ESPN Sports Poll 2012





### Sponsorship Points of Entry

 Various platforms are available to create a leadership position within NHRA Drag Racing, reaching a viable group of passionate fans who support the brands that support NHRA Drag Racing

Official Sponsor of NHRA Car Paint Outs SANCTIONING BODY Series Sponsorships Product Endorsements Race Entitlements Pit Side Hospitality National Platforms Show Car Program On-site Presence Broadcast Regional Activation **MEDIA EXPOSURE** Print Signage VIP Hospitality Interactive Social Media

**RACE TEAMS** 

RACE TRACKS



### Strong Portfolio of League & Team Sponsors

























































































































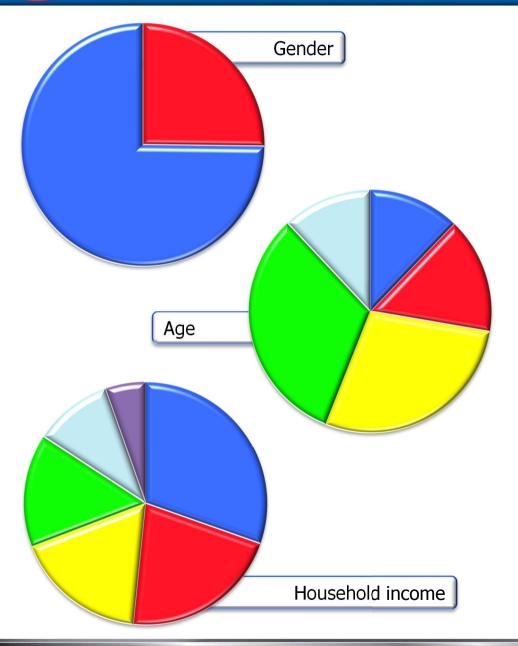
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#### 2013 NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series Schedule Norwalk, Ohio February 14 – 17 Pomona, Calif. July 4 – 7 Denver, Colo. February 22 – 24 Phoenix, Ariz. July 19 – 21 March 14 – 17 Gainesville, Fla. July 26 – 28 Sonoma, Calif. April 5 – 7 Las Vegas, Nev. August 2 – 4 Seattle, Wash. April 19 – 21 Charlotte, N.C. August 15 – 18 Brainerd, Minn. April 26 – 28 Aug. 28 - Sep. 2 Indianapolis, Ind. Houston, Texas May 3 - 5Atlanta, Ga. September 13 – 15 Charlotte, N.C. May 17 - 19 Topeka, Kan. September 19 – 22 Dallas, Texas May 30 – Jun. 2 September 27 – 29 Englishtown, N.J. St. Louis, Mo. June 14 – 16 October 3 - 6 Reading, Pa. Bristol, Tenn. June 20 – 23 October 24 – 27 Epping, N.H. Las Vegas, Nev. June 27 – 30 Chicago, Ill. November 7 – 10 Pomona, Calif.







#### Gender

Male	74.8%	(154)
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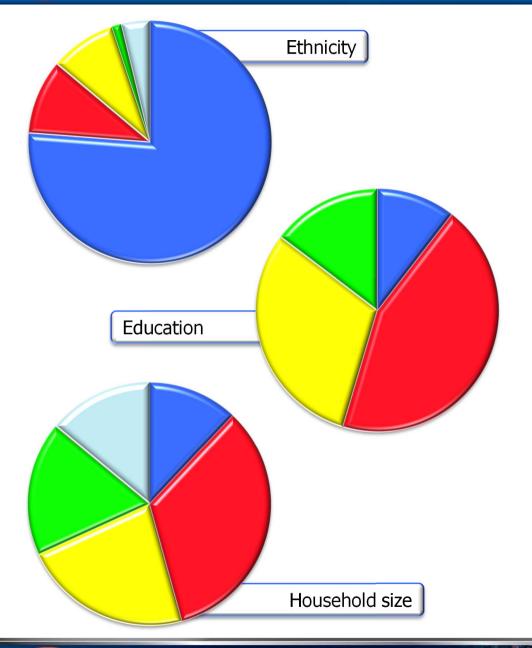
#### Age

<b>9</b> 18 – 24	12 2%	(102)
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#### Household Income

9 \$34,999 or less	9	\$34,999 c	or less .				30.4%	(102)
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### Ethnicity N/bite

White	(110)
• African-American 9.9%	(93)
→ Hispanic 8.8%	(61)
• Asian 1.3%	(50)
Other	(119)

#### **Education**

Some High School or less	10.5%	(102)
High School	44.1%	(129)
Some College	30.7%	(104)
Ollege+	14.7%	(57)
Vocational / Tech School	37.1%	(123)

#### **Household Size**

9 1	12.0%	(92)
<b>9</b> 2	33.7%	(108)
<b>9</b> 3	22.5%	(110)
<b>9</b> 4	17.8%	(97)
<b>9</b> 5+	14.0%	(83)

