



National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) A UNIQUE Marketing Platform July 2014









# 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
  - Expanded 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 nearly 1.0 million viewers each race weekend
  - Twelve telecasts in 2013 were ranked as the most watched program of the day on the network

Source: NHRA 2014, Nielsen Media Research 2013 – 2014 & ESPN 2013







# 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 2013
- Events are also broadcast worldwide via ESPN International, TSN and the Armed Forces Network







### **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 700,000 "Like" NHRA on facebook and nearly 68,000 follow NHRA on twitter
  - ... The number of people that "Like" NHRA increased by 39.0% 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 readership of 200,000 people per issue

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
- 10,000 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
- 18.9 million avid fans in the United States, total fan base of 78.5 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 2013 & Scarborough Research 2013 (Avid fan = Very interested & Fan = Very or somewhat interested)





### **UNIQUE** Fan Base

Personal / household demographics Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2013

	US Population	NHRA Fan	Index
Male	48.5%	74.6%	154
Male 18 - 34	15.1%	20.4%	135
Male 25 - 54	26.7%	41.7%	156
Household Income up to 75K	66.0%	70.7%	107
Household Income 30 - 99K	56.6%	58.1%	103
Employed Full-time	43.4%	47.1%	109
Blue Collar Occupation	21.8%	32.3%	148
Technical / Vocational School	29.7%	37.2%	125

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 2013

	NASCAR Fan	NHRA Fan	Index
Male	62.8%	74.6%	119
Average Age	48.53	46.02	105
Age 18 - 24	8.7%	12.0%	138
Age 18 - 34	22.4% 2		123
African-American	7.4% 9.4%		127
Hispanic	7.8%	10.4%	133
Asian or other	4.4% 5.2%		118
Blue Collar Occupation	25.7%	32.3%	126

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



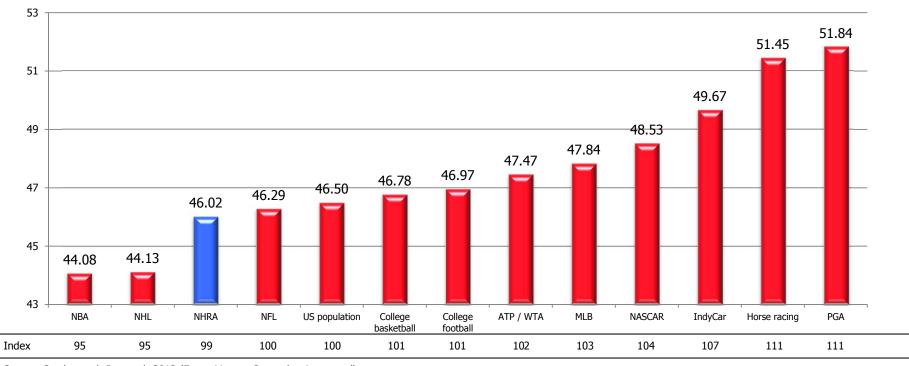


## **UNIQUE** Fan Base (Average Age)

Personal demographics: Age

Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2013

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





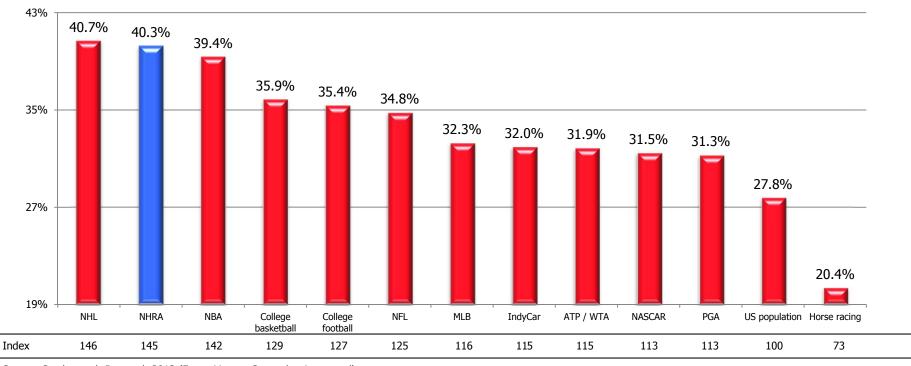


## **UNIQUE** Fan Base (Male 18 – 49)

Personal demographics: Age / Gender of respondent

Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2013

 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 2013

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

### <u>Hispanic</u>

- 33% more likely than NASCAR
- 18% more likely than IndyCar

### African-American

- 27% more likely than NASCAR
- 8% more likely than IndyCar
- NHRA events are contested in 7 of the 8 most populated Hispanic DMAs in the United States

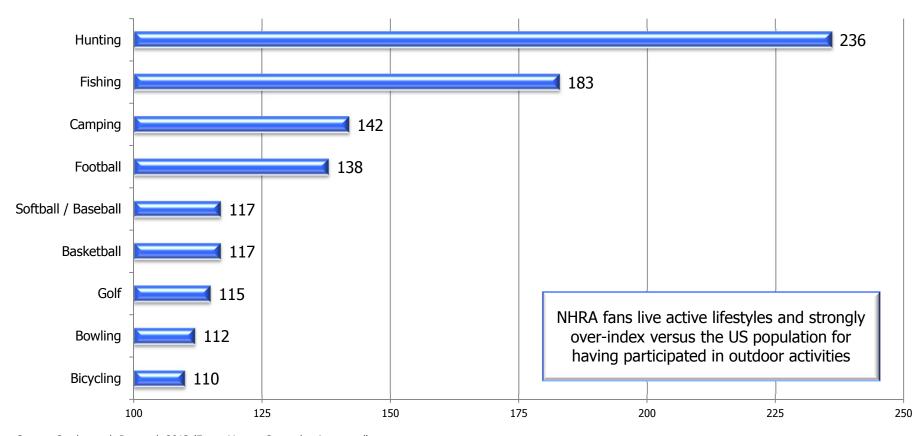






## **UNIQUE** Fan Base (Interests Outside of NHRA)

Activities past 12 months Scarborough USA+ - Release 1 2013









UNIQUE Sponsorship
Opportunity



# Why Sponsor NHRA?

- Access to a passionate and sponsor loyal fan base
  - 18.9 million avid NHRA fans across the United States, total fan base of 78.5 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 2013



# Sponsorship Points of Entry

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

SANCTIONING BODY

MEDIA EXPOSURE

Official Sponsor of NHRA

Series Sponsorships

Race Entitlements

National Platforms

• On-site Presence



- Print
- Interactive
- Social Media





- Product Endorsements
- Pit Side Hospitality
- Show Car Program





- Regional Activation
- Signage
- VIP Hospitality

RACE TRACKS

**RACE TEAMS** 



# Strong Portfolio of League & Team Sponsors





































































































































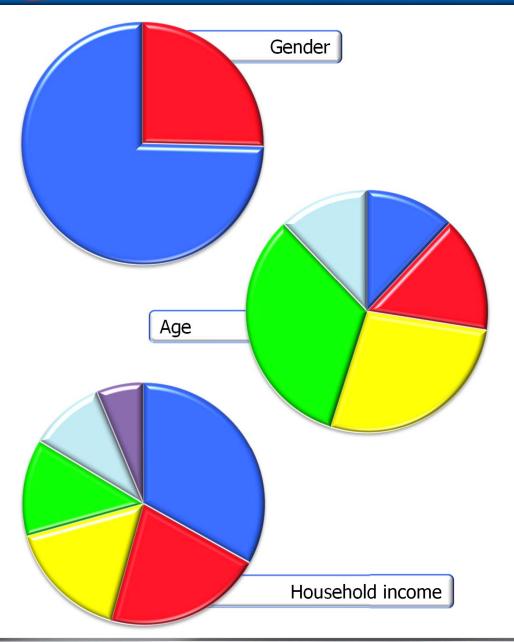
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#### 2014 NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series Schedule February 6 – 9 Norwalk, Ohio Pomona, Calif. July 3 – 6 February 21 – 23 Phoenix, Ariz. July 18 – 20 Denver, Colo. March 13 - 16 Gainesville, Fla. July 25 – 27 Sonoma, Calif. March 28 - 30 Las Vegas, Nev. August 1 – 3 Seattle, Wash. April 11 – 13 Charlotte, N.C. August 14 – 17 Brainerd, Minn. April 25 – 27 Houston, Texas Aug. 27 - Sep. 1 Indianapolis, Ind. May 16 - 18 Atlanta, Ga. September 12 – 14 Charlotte, N.C. May 23 - 25 Topeka, Kan. September 18 – 21 Dallas, Texas Englishtown, N.J. May 29 – June 1 September 26 – 28 St. Louis, Mo. June 13 - 15 Bristol, Tenn. October 2 – 5 Reading, Pa. Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 June 19 - 22 Las Vegas, Nev. Epping, N.H. Chicago, Ill. Pomona, Calif. June 26 – 29 November 13 – 16







### Gender

Male	74.6%	(154)
• Female	25.4%	(49)

### Age

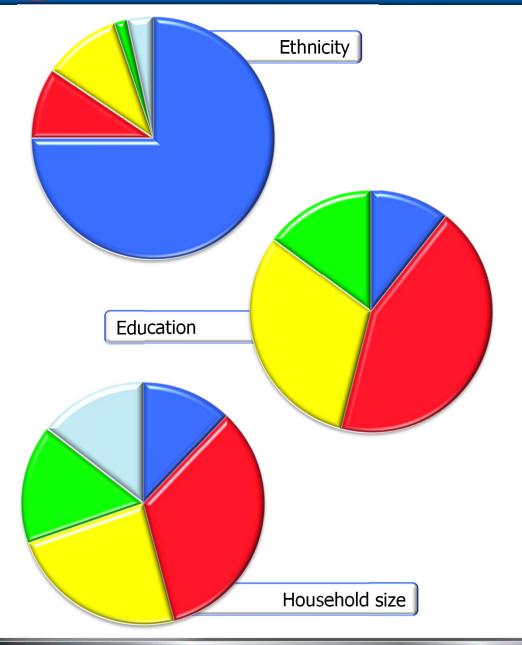
<b>●</b> 18 − 24	12.0%	(96)
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### Household Income

\$34,999 or less
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### **Ethnicity**

• White	(109)
• African-American 9.4%	(86)
→ Hispanic	(71)
• Asian 1.7%	(63)
Other 3 5%	(113)

### **Education**

Some High School or less 10.	6% (108)
High School 43.	4% (128)
Some College 31.	1% (102)
• College+ 14.	.9% (58)

Vocational / Tech School . . . . . 37.2% (125)

### **Household Size**

<u> </u>	12.1%	(91)
• 2	33.8%	(108)
<b>→</b> 3	23.8%	(119)
• 4	15.8%	(90)
<b>→</b> 5+	14.5%	(82)

