



## **69th Annual World Series of Drag Racing to Bring Feel and Flare!**

The largest line-up of nitro entries in years is scheduled to attend the Cordova Dragway trademark event known as the World Series of Drag Racing. This event holds a special place in the history books. Over the years, the World Series of Drag Racing has been the show known for its incredible performance and racing.

It's not a secret that the new team has been working diligently to secure the best talent for the 2023 O'Reilly Auto Parts World Series of Drag Racing. We are excited to provide some of those details!

### **Our World Series of Drag Racing Grand Marshal is a legend in Drag Racing! Darrell Gwynn: Champion, Spokesperson, and Leader**

Before his tragic 1990 accident, Gwynn won an NHRA World Championship in 1983 (Top Alcohol Dragster). In 2001, he was voted one of NHRA's "50 Greatest Drivers of All-Time," and in 2002, he was inducted into the prestigious International Drag Racing Hall of Fame. Gwynn is a corporate spokesperson for Hooker Electric Reels and Director of the Darrell Gwynn Quality of Life Chapter of The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis. Gwynn is also the President of Darrell Gwynn Ventures.

Darrell is among the highest-regarded racers in motorsports; please visit his website for more information.

<https://www.darrellgwynn.com/>

**The August 26 'Night of Thrills'** will be one of the best Friday evening programs in modern times.

Nitro competitor, Bruce Litton, will pair up his **Top Fuel dragster** against Marc White driving Tom Motry's "Drastic Plastic" **Nitro Funny Car**.

More **Nitro Funny Cars** will be on hand Friday as Joey Haas, John Larsen, and Marc McElwee will make competitive passes under the Cordova Dragway lights.

For the historians, two **Nitromethane Injected Front-Engine Dragsters** from the teams of Malloy & Brown will run against Beedy & Lutz.

Rick "the Shoe" Ream will make a legendary appearance Friday with the **Wheelstander** 1950 Bullet Nose Studebaker Fire Truck.

For the fans of wild engine screaming, clutch-dumping Gassers, the **Midwest Gasser Association** will make two qualifying passes on Friday to set up Saturday's eliminations.

A spectator favorite, The Chicago Wise Guys **Pro-Modifieds** will again appear on Friday with over a dozen entries making two qualifying sessions.

New this year, the World Series will feature the **Midwest Pro Stock Association** competing with their trademark screaming Pro Stockers that span decades for the popular category.

**Last but very not least are the amazing Jets!** Exhibition passes are on the agenda from the Super Shockwave **Jet Pick-Up**, the **Jet Funny Car** pairing of Captain America - Josh Kruder vs. Diamond Jim - April Crownhart, the **Larsen Racing Jet Dragsters** have Jossette Roach & Elaine Larsen match race Friday Night, and Scott 'the Heat' Holdridge will attempt at reset the quarter-mile mph record at over 300 mph for Jet Dragsters on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

**The Saturday Running of the 69th Annual World Series of Drag Racing.**

From the days of the birth of Pro Modified, Bob Mayerle and his historical **"Peppermint Twist"** 1955 Chevy will treat fans to his recently resurrected super shoebox.

Headlining the World Series will be the **KINGS OF THE SPORT – TOP FUEL** with six competitors!

- **Scott Palmer**
- **Del Worsham**, In the Worsham family Top Fuel Dragster
- **Larry Dixon**
- **Bruce Litton**

Notes: Dixon and Litton are both past TF World Champions (Dixon, NHRA, and Litton, IHRA)

SIX NITRO FUNNY CARS WILL SHAKE THE EARTH!

- **Dan Wilkerson** driving father Tim's Nitro Funny Car
- **Dale Creasy**
- **Marc White/Tom Motry**
- **Joey Haas**
- **John Lawson**
- **Marc McElwee**

There are super-fans of the **TOP FUEL HARLEY** class, and we will have four competing during the Saturday two-wheel super-show.

The Malloy & Brown vs. Beedy & Lutz Dragster match races in their **INJECTED NITRO DRAGSTERS** will continue their war from Friday night.

The Always incredible **JET SUPER SHOW** Saturday will feature multiple passes from:

- **Super Shockwave II Jet Pick-Up**
- **Captain America** - Josh Kruder vs. **Diamond Jim** - April Crownhart
- Jossette Roach and Elaine Larsen in the **Larsen Jet Dragsters**
- **Scott 'the Heat' Holdridge** will continue to break the Cordova mph record

The 1950 Bullet Nose Studebaker **Fire Truck / Wheelstander** of Rick "the Shoe" Ream will continue his quarter-Mile passes on two wheels.

The Chicago Wise Guys will finish their **Pro-Modified** eliminations and compete from Friday's qualifying. Meanwhile, the **Midwest Pro-Stock Association** and the **Midwest Gassers Association** will also race hard to the finish line with Saturday eliminations.

**They may be your friend or may be your neighbor**, but the fierce competition from Cordova Dragway Sportsman Racing Classes will be on the track throughout the two days of the World Series, plus a special Quick 8 competition on Saturday and the season points finale' on Sunday. Cheer on your local favorites!

Much more information is located on the dedicated World Series pages at **[cordovadragwaypark.com/world-series/](http://cordovadragwaypark.com/world-series/)**, or media can contact the track at (309) 654-2110 or e-mail us at: [info@cordovadragway.com](mailto:info@cordovadragway.com)