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## Cruz Pedregon and Snap-on Funny Car Ready for 2012 Season

Season Opening NHRA Winternationals Set for Feb. 9-12 at Pomona

**KENOSHA**, **Wis.** – **February 6**, **2012** – The testing is done and the new crew chief is in place, so there is only one thing left to do - race. Cruz Pedregon and the Snap-on Funny Car team are ready and eager for the 2012 NHRA season to commence.

"The whole Snap-on Funny Car team is ready to get racing," said Pedregon. "Our testing sessions in Palm Beach went really well and Lee Beard, our new crew chief, is really meshing with the whole team. We are looking forward to the Winternationals at Pomona and we hope to give Snap-on Nation a big victory in the first race of the season."

The 2012 season marks Pedregon's 20<sup>th</sup> year driving funny cars as well as the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first world championship. This year is also the 20<sup>th</sup> season that Snap-on has sponsored Pedregon, including the last two as the primary sponsor of the Snap-on Funny Car. In December 2011, Snap-on extended its sponsorship of Pedregon for three more years, including the 2012 season.

As he has in past years, Pedregon will participate in franchisee ride-alongs during race week where he visits with Snap-on customers at their shops. Pedregon will also continue to host hospitality events for Snap-on franchisees and customers during race weekends and make personal appearances on behalf of the company.

"Everyone at Snap-on is looking forward to the 2012 NHRA season," said Yvette Morrison, vice president of marketing, Snap-on Tools Group. "We wish Cruz and the Snap-on Funny Car team good luck this season and hope we will be cheering them on to a third world championship in November."

For more information about the Snap-on racing program, visit <a href="www.snapon.com/racing">www.snapon.com/racing</a>.

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