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## **“Wounded Warriors” Provide Weekend to Remember for Snap-on Nation and Cruz Pedregon**

**KENOSHA, Wis. – July 20, 2011** – It was a memorable weekend for all involved when Snap-on and Cruz Pedregon hosted 22 wounded warriors, their families and caregivers at the Chicago NHRA Nationals in Joliet, Ill. on July 9-10. In addition to seeing some great racing, the wounded warriors spent time with Pedregon and his race team and Snap-on associates and franchisees. During the race, Pedregon’s Snap-on Funny Car featured a special design scheme honoring the Wounded Warrior Project and the heroes they represent, American service members wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq.

“Our warriors were honored and impressed by the hospitality and generosity bestowed upon us by Cruz and Snap-on,” stated Wounded Warrior Project Executive Director Steve Nardizzi. “We applaud Cruz and the Snap-on family for making this a memorable weekend and recognizing the sacrifices these men and women have selflessly made to defend our freedom.”

Before the racing began, all of the warriors signed the hood of Pedregon’s special Snap-on Funny Car. Prior to the first round of racing on Saturday, Sgt. Adam Poppenhouse, who lost both legs as the result of an improvised explosive device (IED) blast in Iraq in 2006, warmed up the car in Cruz’s pit before the race. Poppenhouse was then joined at the starting line by fellow wounded warrior Nancy Schiliro and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

“What a truly memorable weekend for our team,” said Pedregon. “It was an honor to be able to race on behalf of these courageous heroes and hopefully we were able to increase awareness of this important organization. We were thrilled to have all the warriors sign the Snap-on Funny Car and have Adam accept our invitation to become an honorary crew member.”

### **About Wounded Warrior Project**

The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP) is to honor and empower wounded warriors. WWP’s purpose is to raise awareness and to enlist the public’s aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla. To get involved and learn more, visit [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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