

Tualatin Woman Up and Coming Drag Racing Extraordinaire



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Sadie Floyd is an up and coming drag racing extraordinaire in the National Hot Rod Association.

Making an impact on the sport at the young age of 11, Sadie has always had the need for speed. Sadie's father, John Floyd, is the owner of Tualatin Transmission and has been supporting her career for the last decade and has been racing along side her, in the same competitive class, for the last four years.

The sport of drag racing is an extremely male dominated sport but Sadie feels like she fits right in when it comes to competing with the men. "I've always

felt that a racer is a racer, I don't pay attention to gender much when I am on that track. Male or female, I want to do the best I can as a driver to beat everyone I come up against. I race men 95% of the time and it doesn't bother me one bit. I feel that am able to keep up with the men I race against and give them a run for their money", Sadie says.

Sadie's path to drag racing wasn't without bumps in the road. Sadie was diagnosed with Acute lymphoblastic (A.L.L.) leukemia at the age of 2. She underwent 4 years of chemotherapy at Emanuel Children's Hospital. At the age of six, she was able to be home from the hospital full time. She started racing at age 11, the 5 year mark of being cancer free.

Outside of racing, she is a student at Portland State University, majoring in marketing. Dad, John Floyd Sr., has been racing since the 70s but really got back into it when Sadie was 10. Tualatin Transmission has been the major sponsor

for the Floyd racing program for over the last decade. Mom serves as cheerleader for the entire clan and lends a helping hand whenever needed!

Floyd's first race of the 2012 season is located at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway at the end of March and plans to travel throughout the Pacific division throughout her season. Many stops on her traveling schedule will be located at our very own Woodburn Drag strip during the season. A full schedule can be found at SadieFloydRacing.com.

