

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## DAVE BRANT

CNRL - Horizon

David joined CNRL Horizon in 2006, currently working with the Mine Basal and Dewatering department. In 2010, David and his family started drag racing. They started with a Nostalgia Alcohol 1800 HP Funny Car they called the Reaper (after a sled they used to drag race in the NWT). In 2018 after getting their feet wet for a few years, they decided to make the switch and run Professionally with a 4500 HP Nitro Funny Car in the NHRA'S Hot rod heritage series. This new car took on the name Warchief after David's Great Great Great Grandfather Joseph Brant.



David and his wife Edna's racing team is a truly family fun affair that includes extensive involvement of the whole family. Edna does everything from working on the car, lining David up on the starting line to overseeing the marketing end of the business. She has also been known to burn a little welding rod and is responsible for the graphics on the truck, trailer and car. Their son Jordan has been working on the car since he was 13 and does whatever is needed. David's current crew chief is fellow CNRL employee Joe Hebert who makes sure that the team of volunteers get the car taken apart and back together in under 60 minutes.

It's truly all about the fans and our marketing partners. "When we come to the line we want people to know 'that is the Reaper Team or now the Warchief and they are going to put on a great show'. Without the fans, marketing partners or the tracks, we would have no place to go to do what we love and that is ultimately the sport of drag racing."



His racing team are big supporters of animal rescue and Cancer fundraisers as well as doing anything they can for kids, and to get racing off the streets and onto the strip. It takes a team of people to make all this happen and Brant says that "He is very fortunate to have, and to have had volunteers over the years that have shared the same vision as his family as without them none of what they do would be possible." Many of these volunteers over the years have been fellow CNRL employees.

Brant Family Racing is very proud of their Mohawk aboriginal ancestry and being a descendant of Joseph Brant, the Mohawk war chief, Loyalist and statesman. For more information about the Warchief visit [YouTube](#).

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