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JEGS and newly crowned champ Allen Johnson to become teammates in 2013 and beyond

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November 18, 2012, Delaware, Ohio - Five-time world champion Jeg Coughlin Jr. will become teammates to 2012 champion Allen Johnson with a two-car venture in the NHRA Pro Stock category beginning in 2013. Both men will continue to drive Mopar-backed Dodge Avengers powered by Hemi motors, which will originate from Johnson's J&J Racing shop.

"Allen and I were teammates this year under the Mopar umbrella so it was a very natural progression to become actual teammates moving forward," Coughlin said. "Allen and his father Roy, along with the rest of the guys at J&J Racing, really put on a show this year and proved to everyone that Mopar can compete with and triumph against the best of the best in one of the toughest categories in racing. We're very excited about joining with them."

Johnson led the Pro Stock class with seven victories in 11 final-round showings this year, improving his career record to 16 wins in 36 finals. He also led the field with 10 low qualifier awards, set low elapsed time of the race nine times, and ran top speed on 10 occasions. The end result was the first Pro Stock title for Mopar since 1994.

Of Coughlin's five world titles, four have come in Pro Stock, with the JEGS.com pro coming out on top in 2000, 2002, 2007 and 2008. His 53 national event victories in the class place him fourth on the all-time list.

"The plan is for Allen and I to start a tradition of Mopar winning titles with regularity," Coughlin said. "They have given both Allen and I all the tools we need to succeed and I think the first year of the Mello Yello NHRA Drag Racing Series will be a great one for both of us. We hope to get these cars as close to matching clones as possible so we can really work off one another at every race. The multi-car team approach works, as we've seen in the past, and hopefully it will work for us as well."

Vincent Nobile driving the Mountain View Tire Dodge Avenger, who just completed his second year in the category, will continue to use J&J Racing engines.

About Mopar Motorsports

Mopar's commitment to professional motorsports competition was established in the 1950's when a partnership ignited with drag racing pioneer, Don Garlits. Combined efforts between Garlits and the Mopar brand resulted in the breaking of numerous speed and performance barriers in a HEMI-powered car over the next several decades. Mopar has remained a fixture on the racing scene in the North America ever since and is currently involved with the NHRA, NASCAR, USAC and TORC series. Mopar also sponsors many motorsports events, including title sponsorship of the

Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals in Colorado for nearly 25 consecutive years; and it is a proud supporter of amateur racing within NHRA and USAC.

Mopar-First Features

Mopar has introduced numerous industry-first features including:

- Vehicle-information apps: first to introduce smartphone vehicle-information applications, a new channel of communication with consumers
- Electronic owner manuals: first to introduce traditional owner manuals in a DVD and brief user-guide format
- Wi-Fi: first to offer customers the ability to make their vehicle a wireless hot spot
- Wireless charging: first to introduce in-vehicle wireless charging for portable devices
- Electronic Vehicle Tracking System (EVTS): first to market with a new interactive vehicle tracking device that sends owners a text when the vehicle is driven too fast or too far based on pre-set parameters
- 2011 Mopar Challenger Drag Pak: first to introduce a 500-plus cubic-inch V-10 drag-race package car
- Camper trailers: first to introduce off-road camper trailers
- WiTECH: first to support vehicle diagnosis and software updates leveraging off-the-shelf personal computers and a dedicated wireless tool network

About the Mopar Brand

Mopar is Chrysler Group LLC's service, parts and customer-care brand and distributes 280,000 parts and accessories. With the creation of the Chrysler Group and Fiat S.p.A. partnership, Mopar is extending its global reach, integrating service, parts and customer-care operations in order to enhance dealer and customer support worldwide. Combined with Fiat SpA, Mopar's global portfolio includes more than 500,000 parts and accessories that are distributed in more than 120 countries. Mopar is the source for all genuine parts and accessories for Chrysler Group and Fiat SpA brands.

Mopar parts are unique in that they are engineered with the same teams that create factory-authorized vehicle specifications for Chrysler Group and Fiat S.p.A. vehicles — a direct connection that no other aftermarket parts company can provide. A complete list of Mopar accessories and performance parts is available at www.mopar.com.

75 Years of Mopar

Mopar (a simple contraction of the words MOtor and PARTs) was trademarked for an antifreeze product in 1937. The Mopar brand made its mark in the 1960s — the muscle-car era. The Chrysler Corporation built race-ready Dodge and Plymouth "package cars" equipped with special high-performance parts. Mopar carried a line of "special parts" for super-stock drag racers and developed its racing parts division called Mopar Performance Parts to enhance speed and handling for both road and racing use. The brand has expanded to include technical service and customer support.

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