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## **Hagan Powers to Provisional No.1 Under The Lights at Dodge//SRT Mile-High NHRA Nationals Presented by Pennzoil**

- Dodge//SRT and Mopar entries made their first qualifying runs under the lights on Friday night at Bandimere Speedway for the Dodge//SRT Mile-High Nationals Presented by Pennzoil near Denver
- Reigning Funny Car World Champion Matt Hagan charged to provisional No.1 qualifier position in a quest for his first win of the season and a coveted first Wally trophy at the Dodge//SRT Mile-High Nationals aboard his Don Schumacher Racing (DSR) Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Redeye Funny Car
- Despite a setback in Friday qualifying, Leah Pruett still seeks to repeat her 2017 and 2018 No. 1 qualifier performances at Denver to put her DSR Dodge//SRT Redeye Top Fuel dragster atop the eliminations ladder for Sunday's Dodge//SRT Mile-High Nationals
- Pruett and teammate Mark Pawuk took their Dodge Challenger Mopar Drag Pak vehicles for two runs in Constant Aviation Factory Stock Showdown (FSS) Friday qualifying as the eight-race series makes its Denver debut

July 16, 2021, Morrison, Colorado - Dodge//SRT and Mopar entries kicked off the 41st edition of the Dodge//SRT Mile-High Nationals Presented by Pennzoil, the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Camping World Drag Racing Series event held near Denver, Colorado, with Friday night qualifying runs under the lights at Bandimere Speedway.

Reigning Funny Car World Champion Matt Hagan charged to the provisional No.1 qualifier position aboard his Don Schumacher Racing (DSR) Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Redeye Funny Car in his quest to earn his first national event win of the 2021 NHRA season and a coveted Wally trophy at the Dodge//SRT Mile-High Nationals. Hagan powered his Mopar to the top spot with a 3.966-second elapsed time run at 319.22 mph at the picturesque drag strip known as "thunder mountain", set 5,800 feet above sea level. While a win at his sponsor's title event has eluded him in 12 previous attempts, Hagan's best performances on the all-concrete track include No. 1 qualifier position in 2010 and a runner-up finish in 2011.

Running alongside Hagan in the adjacent lane was DSR teammate Ron Capps, who powered his Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat to the provisional No. 3 spot with a 3.986-second pass at 318.09 mph. Capps previously took home No.1 qualifier honors and a Wally trophy from Bandimere in 2009, along with three runner-up finishes (1998, 2007, 2018) in 23 attempts. Capps has qualified in the top-five at every event so far this year aboard his HEMI®-powered Hellcat.

While fellow Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat driver Cruz Pedregon powered off early on his first run, he and his Snap-on Tools Pedregon Racing team remain in high spirits after consistent improvements this season resulted in a trip to the winner's circle at the previous event in Norwalk, Ohio. In 27 Funny Car appearances at Bandimere Speedway, Pedregon has won twice (1993 and 2013), posted three runner-up finishes (2003, 2004, and 2006) and two No. 1 qualifier positions (2011 and 2013).

While DSR Top Fuel pilot Leah Pruett wasn't able to make her first run of the weekend after a mechanical issue on the burnout, she wasn't discouraged and expects to make some solid passes on Saturday evening aboard her Dodge//SRT Redeye dragster in an effort to repeat her No. 1 qualifier positions in 2017 and 2018, resulting in a runner-up finish and a win, respectively. She also set the current track record elapsed time run of 3.733 seconds in optimal cool conditions in 2017.

Pruett was also back at the wheel of her 2021 Dodge Challenger Mopar Drag Pak for two Friday qualifying sessions at the Constant Aviation Factory Stock Showdown (FSS) debut at Denver, the fourth event of the eight-race series,

and is looking forward to running two more qualifying laps on Saturday to improve on her best pass of 8.991 seconds at 154.21 mph. Fellow DSR-prepared Drag Pak driver Mark Pawuk took his Empaco Equipment Dodge Challenger for two consistent runs that put him among the top-five with a best pass of 8.330 seconds at 164.73 mph.

All the on-track action at the Dodge//SRT Mile High Nationals Presented by Pennzoil will be live streamed via [NHRA.TV](https://www.nhra.com/TV) throughout the weekend, while FS1 will provide television highlights of qualifying on Saturday, July 17, from 2-3 p.m. ET and Sunday, July 18, from 3-4 p.m. ET, with coverage of Sunday's elimination rounds from 4-7 p.m. ET. This weekend's event kicks off the NHRA's three-race western swing that includes Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma, California, and Pomona Fairplex in Pomona, California, over consecutive weeks.

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES and QUOTES**

### **FUNNY CAR:**

**Matt Hagan, DSR Pennzoil Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Redeye**

**(No. 1 Qualifier – 3.966 seconds at 319.22 mph)**

**Qualifying 1:** 3.966 sec./ 319.22 mph

"OK, we're back, baby, we're back! Dickie Venables is putting the tune-up up here on the mountain and the car felt great and ran great. It ran on all eight cylinders and I can't ask for anything more than that. It's the Dodge//SRT Mile-High Nationals, we're running the Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Redeye and it's time we put this thing in the winner's circle after more than a decade of trying."

**Ron Capps, DSR NAPA Auto Parts Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat**

**(No. 3 Qualifier – 3.986 seconds at 318.09 mph)**

**Qualifying 1:** 3.986 sec./ 318.09 mph

**Cruz Pedregon, Pedregon Racing Snap-on® Tools Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat**

**(No. 10 Qualifier – 7.657 seconds at 82.65 mph)**

**Qualifying 1:** 7.657 sec./ 82.65 mph

### **TOP FUEL:**

**Leah Pruett, DSR Pennzoil Mopar Dodge//SRT Dragster**

**(No. 13 Qualifier – No Time)**

**Qualifying 1:** No Time

### **FACTORY STOCK SHOOTOUT:**

**Leah Pruett, 2021 Dodge Challenger Mopar Drag Pak**

**(No. 13 Qualifier – 8.991 seconds at 154.21 mph)**

**Qualifying 1:** 8.991 sec. / 154.21 mph

**Qualifying 2:** 11.831 sec. / 78.16 mph

**Mark Pawuk, Empaco Equipment Mopar Drag Pak**

**(No. 5 Qualifier – 8.330 seconds at 164.73 mph)**

**Qualifying 1:** 8.381 sec. / 164.75 mph

**Qualifying 2:** 8.330 sec. / 164.73 mph

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**@DodgeMoparMotorsports on Instagram**

The @DodgeMoparMotorsports Instagram channel continues to share content capturing Dodge//SRT Mopar drivers on the track. Fans can see action from the NHRA Camping World Drag Racing Series and NHRA Sportsman grassroots racers, competing in classes such as Factory Stock Showdown, Stock and Super Stock, as well as additional motorsports series.

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2021 marks the year that Dodge is distilled into a pure performance brand, offering Hellcat-powered, 700-plus-horsepower SRT versions of every model across the lineup. For the 2021 model year, Dodge delivers the drag-strip dominating 807-horsepower Dodge Challenger SRT Super Stock, the new 797-horsepower Dodge Charger SRT Redeye, the most powerful and fastest mass-produced sedan in the world, and the new 710-horsepower Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat, the most powerful SUV ever. Combined, these three muscle cars make Dodge the industry's most powerful brand, offering more horsepower than any other American brand across its entire lineup.

In 2020, Dodge was named the "[#1 Brand in Initial Quality](#)," making it the first domestic brand ever to rank No. 1 in the J.D. Power Initial Quality Study (IQS). The Dodge brand also [ranked No. 1](#) in the J.D. Power APEAL Study (mass market). These results are historic because it marks the first time a domestic brand has earned top spots in both J.D. Power studies in the same year.

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