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## Dodge//SRT and Mopar Head to Staging Lanes for 2022 National Hot Rod Association Drag Racing Series Season

- Dodge//SRT and Mopar are ready for a new season of National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Camping World Drag Racing, beginning with the 62nd annual Lucas Oil NHRA Winternationals presented by ProtectTheHarvest.com at Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, California, on February 17-20
- Dodge//SRT and Mopar partner with newly formed Tony Stewart Racing (TSR), continue relationship with drivers Leah Pruett in Top Fuel and Matt Hagan in Funny Car who will both sport new Dodge Power Brokers and Direct Connection primary branding on their race cars this season
- Three-time Funny Car world champion Hagan heads into a new season with Tony Stewart Racing and a new livery for his Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat, looking to power his way to Pomona's winner circle for a seventh time
- Nine-time national event winner Pruett is excited to stage her new Dodge Power Brokers Top Fuel dragster and defend her Winternationals victory last July
- Dodge Power Brokers and Direct Connection performance parts offerings will be on display in the NHRA Manufacturers Midway throughout the season, in addition to race simulators for enthusiasts to test their skills
- All 22 NHRA national events will air on FOX or FS1 and will stream live on NHRA.TV
- For more information on Dodge and the 24-month [Dodge Never Lift campaign](#), visit [Dodge.com](#) or [DodgeGarage.com](#)

February 15, 2022, Auburn Hills, Mich. - A new season, new team, new livery, new performance parts offerings for racers and enthusiasts, and a new track surface have Dodge//SRT (Street and Racing Technology) and Mopar brands excited to hit the throttle on the 2022 National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Camping World Drag Racing Series season February 17-20 with the season-opening 62nd annual Lucas Oil Winternationals presented by ProtectTheHarvest.com at Auto Club Raceway at Pomona, California.

Dodge//SRT and Mopar [recently announced their partnership](#) with the NHRA's newest team, Tony Stewart Racing (TSR), which is set to make its competition debut in Pomona this weekend with Dodge Power Brokers and Direct Connection primary sponsorship of Top Fuel driver Leah Pruett and three-time Funny Car world champion Matt Hagan.

The new Dodge Power Brokers program will roll out ready to serve as the exclusive source for all new Direct Connection, Dodge's factory-backed performance parts program, and equipped with staff trained to deliver a performance-focused customer service experience.

"Dodge//SRT performance enthusiasts have plenty to look forward to this NHRA season as we launch our new partnership with Tony Stewart Racing," said Tim Kuniskis, Dodge brand CEO - Stellantis. "Fans will see the new Dodge Power Brokers and Direct Connection colors for us this year, and also have the chance to check out Direct Connection factory-backed performance products at the display in the Manufacturers Midway. It's a brand-new season, a brand-new team with brand-new Dodge programs we're bringing to the NHRA."

The Winternationals return as the traditional season opener for the NHRA's 22-race calendar and will (literally) present a new level playing field for racers to kick off a season of tough competition with a freshly prepped track after the historic California dragstrip was ground and polished for its first facelift in 20 years. The action kicks off Friday,

February 18 with one qualifying session for pro categories, followed by two more nitro runs on Saturday, February 19 with elimination rounds scheduled to start at 11 a.m. Pacific on Sunday, February 20.

Hagan, a three-time (2011, 2014, 2020) NHRA Funny Car World Champion, closed out the 2021 season as runner-up in the title fight after taking his 11,000-horsepower Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Redeye to a category-best four national wins to finish the year with a top-10 result for the 11th time in his career.

While he begins the new chapter in his career with his new team and the new Dodge Power Brokers livery, Hagan is confident that he'll benefit from the consistency provided by once again having his HEMI®-powered machine tuned by longtime crew chief Dickie Venables and fully expects to add to his 39 career victories tally that currently has him fifth on the all-time Funny Car win list.

"I have an amazing crew headed by Dickie Venables, Mike Knudson and Alex Conaway who have been with me for many years and provide the confidence and expectation that even with a new team, we're going into this weekend and a new season looking to win," said Hagan, who is second on the win-list at the Pomona dragstrip with six victories (2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011) and set the current 3.822-second track record run in 2017. "They're pumped up, focused, excited and more motivated than ever before. We have renewed energy, a new livery and a great race car. We know we're going to contend from the start and we're focused on driving the Dodge Power Brokers Funny Car to the winner's circle."

Nine-time national event winner Pruett begins her 10th year of Top Fuel competition after a sixth consecutive season with a top-10 finish that included a win at the July edition of the 2021 Winternationals that came on the heels of her runner-up finish at Sonoma Raceway. She'll work again with Neal Strausbaugh, who takes on crew chief duties for her TSR Dodge Power Brokers Top Fuel dragster along with Mike Domagala and car chief Ryan McGilvery.

The California native has two career wins (2021 and 2017) at her hometown track, which is also the site of her quickest career run of 3.631-seconds in 2018, but she expects her first competition pass with the fledgling TSR team to be just as memorable.

"After such extensive structuring, planning and being alongside the team, working through ordering of parts, building of race cars and partner programs, I do truly believe that first burnout to turnout will be one of the most fulfilling passes I will have personally made," said Pruett. "Stepping on the grounds of Pomona and rolling out our Dodge Power Brokers race cars will initially have the feeling of a win itself, but I am also ready for that moment to go away as soon as it comes, appreciate it, then welcome the feeling of a new era of competition."

"We will be making every performance-enhancing attempt to defend last year's Winternationals win, but we are focused on the fundamentals and coming together as a new team. A win would be nothing short of magical, but we'll strive for creating continuity amongst our people and parts at a faster rate than anyone has seen before."

Additional Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat drivers set to battle for national event wins and the Funny Car crown include two-time world champion Cruz Pedregon and reigning world champion Ron Capps.

Pedregon hopes this year to build on his Cruz Pedregon Racing team's positive performance after driving his Snap-on Tools Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat to the winner's circle twice in 2021 and finishing fourth in the final standings. Capps will drive the NAPA Auto Parts Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat into his 28th NHRA season of competition and also make his debut in the dual role of driver and team owner of Ron Capps Motorsports, all while looking to defend his second Funny Car world title.

#### **Dodge//SRT and Mopar Manufacturers Midway Exhibit**

Fans attending national events are invited to visit Dodge//SRT and Mopar's massive 4,800-square-foot display, one of the largest exhibits in the NHRA's Manufacturers Midway, where they can meet their favorite Dodge//SRT drivers for autographs and check out a selection of Direct Connection performance parts and vehicles. The interactive exhibit also features a pair of Dodge Challenger SRT Demon simulators to test their virtual race skills and experience a nitro run from the driver's seat of the Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Funny Car simulator.

For a fourth season, the exhibit will also host Mopar Career Automotive Program (CAP) activations at seven NHRA national events, beginning at the NHRA Gatornationals in March. The Mopar CAP program is dedicated to recruiting,

training and placing the best service technicians in the industry in Stellantis dealerships. Students are invited to visit the informational booth, which features a subject matter expert, program information, games and giveaways. More information is available at [Moparcap.com](http://Moparcap.com).

### **NHRA on FOX and NHRA.TV**

This season Dodge//SRT and Mopar brands will continue to partner with the NHRA as part of their multi-year full media package which includes NHRA on FOX commercials and integration. All 22 national events will be broadcast on either [FOX or FS1](#). Non-stop track action will also stream live on [NHRA.TV](#).

Winternationals television coverage will air on FS1 with qualifying highlights on Friday, February 18 at 10 p.m. and Sunday, February 20 at 7 a.m. Eastern. Three hours of eliminations will be broadcast Sunday on FS1 beginning at 10 p.m. Eastern.

### **@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 Mission 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.

### **Dodge//SRT**

For more than 100 years, the Dodge brand has carried on the spirit of brothers John and Horace Dodge. Their influence continues today as Dodge shifts into high gear with a lineup that delivers unrivaled performance in each of the segments in which the brand competes while moving forward to a future that includes electrified muscle in the form of the next-generation, all-new Dodge Charger.

The next-generation Dodge Charger electrifies a legend, with the Charger retaining its title as the world's quickest and most powerful muscle car led by the all-new, all-electric 2024 Dodge Charger Daytona Scat Pack. The all-new Dodge Charger will also offer performance choices via multi-energy powertrain options, including the 550-horsepower Dodge Charger SIXPACK H.O., powered by the 3.0L Twin Turbo Hurricane High Output engine.

Dodge also keeps its foot on the gas as a pure performance brand with the 710-horsepower Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat, the most powerful SUV ever, and best-in-class standard performance in the compact utility vehicle segment with the Dodge Hornet.

Fans can follow all the NHRA action this season at [DodgeGarage](#), the one-stop portal for Dodge//SRT and Mopar drag-racing news, including daily updates and access to an online racing HQ, news, events, galleries, available downloads and merchandise.

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### **Mopar**

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Complete information on Mopar is available at [www.mopar.com](http://www.mopar.com) and the newly redesigned Mopar blog at [www.blog.mopar.com](http://www.blog.mopar.com).

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