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Letter From the President

Happy New Years fellow Moparites! Our meeting this month at the Arvada Food Bank is on **Friday, January 8th**, I figured New Year's Day was bad for most with all the bowl games on.

First Golden Cruise is probably is just a 4 months away (April 3rd, Saturday) if the weather is good. Let's hope it is! So start thinking about getting your Mopar ready, if not before. I know I am working on Pam's 59 Plymouth convertible to get it ready.

Club elections are just a month away in February. We will start taking nominations at the meeting Friday, January 8th. After two years as your President, I think it is time for someone else to take over and lead the club. I have had a blast but I want to step down before Term Limits are imposed!

I have not quizzed the other board members if they will run again for their current positions, but we will know by January 8th if there will be some incumbents or not. Or maybe they might want to upgrade their positions in the Board...

Please think about being a part of the Colorado Mopar Board for 2010 and lead the club to better heights and direction! We have a lot of members who can do the job well.

See you on January 8th!

John Quinn

2009 Colorado Mopar President

Event Calendar

January 8	Colorado Mopar Monthly Club meeting 7:00 pm Arvada Food Bank 8555 W. 57th Avenue Arvada, CO 80002
February 6	Colorado Mopar Monthly Club meeting 7:00 pm Arvada Food Bank 8555 W. 57th Avenue Arvada, CO 80002
March 26-28	Mopars at the Strip www.moparsatthestrip.com
May 2,	Great Machine Car Show 10 am – 3 pm 44th and Indiana (Arapahoe Park) Arvada, CO 80002
May 23	Mopar at Thunder Mountain
June 23-36	Mopar Mile High Nationals

Mopar unveils 2010 NHRA Pro Stock Dodge Avenger

Mopar will launch a new Pro Stock Dodge Avenger to compete in the 2010 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series. Attendees at the 2009 SEMA Show in Las Vegas, Nov. 3-6, will get the first glimpse of the new Pro Stock Dodge Avenger. The 2010 NHRA Pro Stock Mopar Dodge Avenger of Team Mopar driver Allen Johnson will be on exhibit in the Mopar display at SEMA, booth No. 43127.

The new Pro Stock Mopar Dodge Avenger has been officially approved for competition by NHRA. The Dodge Avenger is targeted for its competition debut at the 50th annual Kragen O'Reilly NHRA Winternationals in Pomona, Feb. 11-14, 2010. The Mopar Dodge Avenger replaces the Dodge Stratus R/T body, which had been in use by Mopar Hemi-powered NHRA Pro Stock competitors since the midpoint of the 2003 season.



The new Pro Stock Mopar Dodge Avenger was developed in-house at Chrysler Group LLC. The project utilized Chrysler Group LLC tools and resources also employed to build the production Dodge Avenger, creating a connection between the street and the quarter-mile.

“The introduction of the new NHRA Pro Stock Dodge Avenger will invigorate our Mopar-powered Pro Stock racers,” said Jim Sassorossi, director-Mopar Global Parts Sales and Marketing, Chrysler Group LLC. “The production Dodge Avenger is a perfect template for the dragstrip. The Dodge Avenger’s bold styling and aggressive looks communicate the performance capability of the Dodge brand’s midsize sedan. ”

The greatest challenge to the Dodge Motorsports Engineering team tasked with the project was maintaining maximum identity of the Dodge Avenger in the new body without forsaking performance on the dragstrip.

“Our team worked within NHRA’s rules to balance aerodynamic performance goals and maximize Dodge Avenger identity,” said Joe Vitous, SRT & Motorsports aero-thermal manager. “The new Mopar Dodge Avenger meets or exceeds the aero goals we established.”

Mopar-powered NHRA Pro Stock drivers, including Team Mopar driver Johnson, worked closely with the Dodge Motorsports Engineering team to ensure that the new Pro Stock Dodge Avenger was large enough to accommodate all safety features, such as the roll cage and quick ingress and egress in case of an emergency. The size of the front door of the Avenger was adjusted to maximize driver safety.

“I’m very excited to race the new Mopar Dodge Avenger,” Johnson commented. “We’ve been racing the Stratus since mid-2003. Just having a change is an upgrade. We feel we’ve been at a disadvantage with some of our competitors who have been racing in newer bodies for the last few years. I was fitted for the new body in late September. NHRA was there, and we spent a lot of time going over the templates. That was exciting. I’m glad we’re going ahead full bore

Want Ads

Items will be listed for 2 issues of the newsletter and then will be dropped unless you call or email the editor to request an additional run of 2 more issues.

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Lee Shurtleff 303-284-1752

2 - 440 Short Blocks Brand new still in case. \$400 each (neg).

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