

Charger goes wide BY JOE SAGE

FCA holds a “What’s New” media event each summer at their top secret Chelsea Proving Grounds in Michigan, showing off all their wares and announcing all their secrets for the following model year. All is kept tightly under wraps until September, with few exceptions.

Involving dozens of tons of machinery bearing thousands of collective horsepower, it’s held on durability roads, lateral load courses, autocross, drag-strip, tow roads and of course off-roading on world famous Lyman Trail—an outdoor event, also with few exceptions.

Two exceptions to being outdoors this year were lunch in a big tent—sandwiches from Zingerman’s Deli in Ann Arbor, washed down by Michigan’s own Faygo pop—and a Dodge//SRT new product reveal in another nearby tent. The latter was also an exception to the September embargo—and *just* in time for this July/August issue’s deadline.

Here, North American passenger car chief Tim Kuniskis pulled the wraps off not one but two new

Dodge Charger models: the Charger SRT Hellcat Widebody and Charger Scat Pack Widebody. Both follow suit to Challenger SRT Hellcat and Scat Pack Widebody evolution, with the new 2020 Charger SRT Hellcat going all Widebody, standard, and the 2020 Charger Scat Pack offering it as an option, both bearing the same stance-conquering wheels and tires, and with parallels in performance and value to the Challenger widebodies (see specs).

This news will make a great many Dodge, SRT and horsepower-in-general fans very happy—everyone, really, except the one guy on our Instagram feed who doesn’t want to hear another word out of us unless it’s about a Charger Redeye he is sure must be on some future horizon. If it ever comes to pass, remember—you heard it from that guy first.

Pricing was not released for the 2020 Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Widebody, nor for the Charger Scat Pack Widebody option, but the Charger Scat Pack without Widebody will start under \$40,000.

Despite the okay for early photos and informa-

CHARGER SRT HELLCAT WIDEBODY

WIDEBODY BUILD	standard
ENGINE	supercharged 6.2L HEMI Hellcat V8
HP/TORQUE	707 hp / 650 lb-ft
DRIVETRAIN	RWD
TRANSMISSION	8-speed automatic
0-TO-60 MPH	3.6 sec
1/4 MILE	10.96 sec
TOP SPEED	196 mph
WHEELS / TIRES	20x11 / 305/35ZR20 Pirelli P-Zero
LATERAL GRIP (SKIDPAD)	0.96 g
BRAKING DISTANCE (60-TO-0)	107 ft

CHARGER SCAT PACK WIDEBODY

WIDEBODY BUILD	available
ENGINE	naturally-aspirated 392 (6.4L) HEMI V8
HP/TORQUE	485 hp / 475 lb-ft
DRIVETRAIN	RWD
TRANSMISSION	8-speed automatic
0-TO-60 MPH	4.3 sec
1/4 MILE	12.4 sec
TOP SPEED	not stated
WHEELS / TIRES	20x11 / 305/35ZR20 all-season perf
LATERAL GRIP (SKIDPAD)	0.98 g
BRAKING DISTANCE (60-TO-0)	107 ft

tion on the new models, drive impressions are under embargo for longer than the all the rest of the event—until October. As always, stay tuned! ■



2020 Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat Widebody (blue) and 2020 Dodge Charger Scat Pack Widebody (white) revealed at Chelsea Proving Grounds, above, and on the track at an undisclosed location in the American West, below. Their next stop after our Michigan reveal would be the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb.

