

2010 Team Firebird Juniors

Team Co-Captain

James Roye



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James Roye is currently competing in the NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League in the 7.90 bracket. James, 14, is from Avondale, Arizona, a freshman at Westview High School and carries a 4.0 GPA. Outside of drag racing, James enjoys hunting, flying, and fishing with his family and is building a 1964 Ford truck for his first full-sized ride. He promotes the Jr. drag racing sport at every opportunity and enjoys the reactions he gets, which is usually astonishment.

Involvement with cars has been a big part of James' childhood. James began his racing Quarter Midgets at the age of 8 and raced two seasons turning left. He discovered the world of Jr. Drag racing while attending a Jet vs. Funny car event at Firebird and has been hooked ever since. In 2006 James began racing Jr Dragsters in the middle of the season. After just a few races he broke his arm; so much for the '06 season. 2007 was a different story. James finished second in points in the 8.90 bracket and was rookie of the year at Firebird International Raceway; he finished the year in 6th place at Speedworld and 7th place at Southwestern International Raceway. 2008 was a condensed season, but still productive year for James as he placed 5th at Firebird International Raceway and 4th at Speedworld in the 8.90 bracket. After spending the entire month of January 2009 widening his car with his father, James came to the 2009 series in a freshly minted car and finished the season second in points at Firebird International Raceway in the 7.90 bracket. James is sponsored by his parents company Poison Racing Components, but other sponsors are always welcome!

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James future plans include, of course, going fast. He has always had his head in the clouds and wants to become a test pilot for NASA after completing his Aeronautical Engineering degree.

James looks forward to working with Co-Captain Ericca Martinez, the Thomas', and the rest of the Team Firebird Juniors in the remainder of the '09 season and the 2010 season.