



# Rev It Up!

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF RJ CARS, INC.

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This issue of Rev It Up! will be out just in time for the Carlisle All Chrysler Nationals and we'll be there with a couple very nice 1970 big block E-bodies. Chris Santomero's 1970 Plymouth Cuda will return to the place where he bought it just 2 years ago and I'm sure some jaws will drop when people see what we were able to do with it!

The other car is Jim Rigby's 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T which is sure to be a crowd pleaser all on its own. These two cars together will just be over the top awesome! I can't wait to park these two gorgeous



cars side by side!

Look for Jim's Challenger in this issue (page 2). We will do a more in depth feature of this car in an upcoming issue and hope to see it in one of your favorite magazines in the future. You can check out the pix and progress of all of our restorations at

[WWW.RJCARS.COM](http://WWW.RJCARS.COM).

Remember to cruise out to the annual RJ CARS OPEN HOUSE event on July 28<sup>th</sup> It's always a good time had by all!

I wanted to take this chance to thank my friends, family and staff, for helping me get through some tough times the last couple months. I got a lot of bad news in a rather short time frame recently. I lost two people in my life. One a well liked client and the other a long time close friend of mine. I appreciate everybody who was there for me and hope that life is looking up for all who endured this sadness.

My best to all! Russell

## PROJECT "PAINT BOOTH" COMPLETED!

By: Russell Jacobs

I'm sure many of you have heard me talk about my plans to renovate my paint shop and install a new spray booth. I've waited my whole career to do this and it's finally done! We purchased a NOVA VERTA down draft booth from Clark Air Systems in East Aurora, NY. Dave Clark and his crew did a real clean job installing our new booth and mixing room. We went for the maximum lighting option and the booth is equipped with a bake cycle for faster turn around times

on the short term jobs. We're looking forward to more consistent paint finishes and less time having to wet sand and buff everything we paint.

The installation of this booth required us to tear out the old



flooring in the paint shop and putting in a concrete pit for the down draft air flow. We also went with a completely new

heated concrete floor throughout the paint shop. Joe Dwyer handled the masonry work with help from Dave Jamison and John R. Mosko.

We also opened up the paint bay with a larger



overhead door and installed a new air supply system with a refrigerated dryer, an improved

filtration system and new lines throughout the shop.

This project took over 2 months to complete and we're glad to be able to put it to use. There are many people to thank for their efforts; too many to list! Our staff,



**Into the Swing(er) of Things**



Matt had great plans of sandblasting his car body over Spring Break but the weather and timing didn't cooperate. By the time

you read this article he will have it blasted and primed. Next he will be cutting up his parts car for all the necessary sheet metal to piece his 340 Dart back together again! The body of the car has an extensive amount of rust damage to the sheet metal and structural damage so Matt has a lot of work ahead of him. We plan to bolt up the doors to some freshly rebuilt hinges from Almost NOS and then adjust the remaining parts to fit properly. The engine will soon be on its way to the machine shop and the whole project will start to unfold from there. We're excited to see this A-body get back to Swingin'!



**Jim Rigby's 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T**

The B5 blue Challenger is nearly complete and is heading to Carlisle in July. The big surprise here is that Jim's 12 year old son has no idea that Dad's car has been at RJ CARS INC for the last 3 years undergoing a complete rotisserie restoration. He loves these cars and is



going to be blown away when he shows up at Carlisle with Dad and finds the car on display in the RJ CARS tent with Chris Santomero's 1970 'Cuda.

What a great father/ son event for the Rigby family and you can look forward to a special feature on this car in an upcoming issue of Rev It Up! We hope to see it in one of your favorite Mopar Mags as well!



**CHARGERS**

**R/T**



**Super Bee**  
Jeff Shook's 1971 Dodge Charger Super Bee upon arrival at RJ CARS- looked solid enough until we stripped it down! The car

needed extensive sheet metal repairs and structural repairs once we got into it.

Right side of car awaiting patches for the rocker panel and a replacement quarter panel from one of our donor parts cars.



**Charger R/T**

We kept the #'s matching engine and transmission for Ariel Alvarez' '71 Charger project, but decided to stroke the 383 to satisfy his thirst for some extra horse power. We ended up with



Motor-man Mike Mastin setting up for a pull on the Dyno.

Dyno results at 568 ft.lbs. of torque at 4400 rpm and 563 hp at 5600 rpm. Quite impressive for a 383- now boasting around 432 cubic inches and wearing Edelbrock Heads and Intake. We're looking forward to putting our foot into Ariel's gas pedal!



# PAINT BOOTH (CON'T)

friends and family all helped out as well as many of our customers. Many local suppliers helped out to get all of the materials necessary. John Vlajic from J&T Automotive and “the other Dave Clark”, from BASF, have both been helping with our new paint mixing room set up. Bill Pope and Linda Ordway from First State Bank who got me the deal I was looking for. And Mark Briggs and Warren Hathoway, for handling all of the projects electrical and phase converter needs.

Special thanks to my father in law, John R. Mosko who handled the bulk of the renovations, installed my new air system, and made sure that every detail was taken care of throughout the project.



Our newly completed paint shop with state of the art Nova Verta down draft spray booth. Ready for your painting projects!

I'd like to thank all of my clients who have been very patient while we got this vital upgrade completed! PAINT IT!

CJ is happy to have a real mixing room!



## RJ CARS Employees

The restoration season is off to a running start. With the addition of some new staff so is RJ CARS, INC!

Ron Shaw joined us this past January; he joins CJ as a “body-man” and brings with him a passion for a job well done. Ron also brings body repair skills he learned in the collision industry. Ron has worked on many different types of vehicles but has a real soft spot for the classics.



Also joining us fresh from college is the new kid, Andrew Biddle. With his A.S. degree in Motorsports Technology Andrew brings a fresh perspective and energy to our old crew! In addition to a passion for cars, Andrew has

a passion for his country and volunteers in the Army Reserves.

We are proud to have Ron and Andrew on our team. Next time you stop in be sure to say “hi!” to the new guys!

## Web Site Redesign

After many years of managing our own website we finally came to the realization that it was in need of a professional re-do. And thanks to Mary Anne Shew, owner of ShewTech Associates, the website has had its own restoration.

Our goal with the web site was to create greater ease of viewing our current projects and simply to update the look and make the site more user friendly.

Visit WWW.RJCARS.COM to see all the improvements and let us know what you think! Your input is welcomed and appreciated.





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### **CURRENT RJ CARS, INC. PROJECTS**

- 1971 Dodge Charger R/T Clone
- 1971 Dodge Charger Super Bee
- 1970 Dodge Challenger R/ T
- 1970 Dodge Dart Swinger 340
- 2- 1970 Plymouth Superbird
- 1969 Camaro SS Convertible
- 1969 Charger R/T
- 1968 Hemi Dart
- 1964 Chevy Nova SS
- 1949 Cadillac

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### **Feature Service**

## **Painting Service**

Have booth will paint!  
Our experienced Paint Technicians want to put the new paint booth through its' paces.....



So bring in your paint project- no job to small!

### **Up Coming Events**

- \* **All Chrysler Show, Carlisle, PA, July 6-9th**
- \* **Customer Appreciation Open House,**  
**July 28, 2007**