



Rev It Up!

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FROM THE DESK OF RJ...

2012 certainly showed up faster than I could have imagined! The days go by faster each year I'm in business. We are extremely busy at RJ CARS and have had a lot of interesting, yet challenging, projects in our possession recently. We've taken on a lot of basket case projects that other shops have started and not finished. It's always interesting to take over in the middle of the puzzle! That usually translates into starting over again!

We're just finishing up on some of our own projects here, with the additions to the shop which we started 2+ years ago. See photos below.

With Spring just around the corner, it's looking like a big year for us here! We have restoration jobs booked up through this Fall already. If you're thinking of having something done, then get it booked now! If you wait to call this Fall, you might not get a project start date until

Fall 2013. Enjoy the start of your 2012 cruising season!



A Look around the Shop

The office addition is finally receiving the finishing touches, and we have started rearranging the furniture around here. Special thanks to Dan DeClerck and Loren Smith who helped get the office floor area in order. Thanks also to my family members and staff, who worked on finishing the interior of both the office and the assembly bay. If you're interested in taking a tour of the RJ CARS facility, please give us a call ahead of time and we'll do our best to set aside a time to show you around!



We recently welcomed Darren Ohara, as the newest staff member of the RJ CARS INC Team. Darren has taken on the challenge of Parts and Service Manager here. He will be leading the way researching specific details and hunting down those hard to find parts to put the finishing touch on each of our restorations. Some of Darren's automotive history involves Auto-cross racing, Track racing at Watkins Glen International, and Rally racing in the 1990s. He has served as Fan Ambassador at Watkins Glen in recent years for Vintage races and Rolex series events. Darren spent some years off-roading with a couple of Range Rovers he owned. He was also NY Chapter leader for the Ford Truck Enthusiasts forums during 2006 - 2008.



Welcome to the team Darren!

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1970 Dodge Challenger R/T Special Edition

We wrapped up Doug Weaver's RT/SE restoration late in the Fall and he was able to get about 200 miles on the odometer before the salt hit the New York roads. We were quite pleased with the end results and Doug was absolutely thrilled with it. He said it turned out better than he had ever imagined!!

The car runs good, sounds good, handles really well and it looks amazing!!! It even smells good with the freshly covered SE leather seat covers that Doug installed himself! Look for this one cruising the streets of Rochester, New York this coming season and we've also talked to Doug about a possible appearance this year at the All Chrysler Nationals in Carlisle, PA!



Congratulations to Doug and the RJ CARS INC Team on a job well done! Thanks to all who helped us get this basket case restored and put together in 7+ months from start to finish.not an easy thing to do! Enjoy your cruising time this year Doug!



1970 Dodge Challenger R/T

One of our newer restoration projects here at RJ CARS is John Dunworth's 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T. John came to see us at the Carlisle show in July 2011. He signed up to have us take on his numbers matching 440 4BBL Auto B5 Blue Challenger project.

John has joined forces with his brother, Mike and his brother-in-law Brian, to bring this R/T back to life. Mike and Brian are both former owners of this R/T. They had tried using another shop for their restoration needs and after 4+ years, pulled the car out as they were disappointed with the results they were getting. On top of that, when they picked up the car, there was approximately one third of the parts missing and unaccounted for. It took us some time to sort out

the parts mess and get a grip on what all was missing. We've done a great deal of parts purchasing and Jason is nearing completion with the metal work end of the project now. It will soon be going on the rotisserie for some sand blasting and continuing ahead with body work processes. While that's being handled, we will also be moving ahead with restoring the suspension parts and rear end, etc. The family members have enlisted Ray Barton to rebuild the original 440 engine.



1972 Plymouth 'Cuda



The "Petty Blue" 72 Plymouth 'Cuda project has a new owner. Tom Terry has picked up the project car and it is in the final assembly process right now. It will be nearly complete by the time this newsletter goes to print. Our Autobody Restoration Technician, Jason Gerych, had the honors of spraying the TB3 Blue paint and laying out/spraying the V21 Hood Treatment on the car. Jason and Bill have been intently assembling and detailing the car throughout. Ron Halbritter was over a couple of weeks ago to install the new headliner and vinyl top. Both turned out great! Look for this one to be completed by Spring and to show up at Carlisle 2012 in July!

1970 Plymouth 'Cuda

We've had Terry Magnan and his wife JoAnne come by and visit us at Carlisle and take a look at our work more than a couple of times. We've also taken some phone calls from Terry to talk Mopar restos with him. Well, he decided it was time to get something going with us this past July at Carlisle, and we are now working steadily along on his 70 Cuda project. Terry's Cuda was in another shop for around 4 years and didn't seem to be making good progress, so it was high time for a change. He loaded up his truck and enclosed trailer this past



Fall and pointed it towards RJ CARS with all his Cuda dreams in tow. Watch for more details on this pink 'Cuda project coming up in future issues of "REV IT UP"!

1972 Chevrolet Camaro



Moving ahead with David Vaughn's 1972 Camaro project: We have completed the metal work to the body and various panels. The car is in hi build primer and

awaiting many hours of block sanding and final panel fitment before going to paint. We have made some repairs and modifications to the firewall to accommodate the new Vintage Air A/C system. The system has been fit to the car and custom lines made to put the hose layout where Dave wants them for a nice clean look under the hood, when he goes to final assembly. Look for this one to go to paint this coming summer. The plan is to color it silver with black Z28 stripes. We look forward to seeing that!





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1967 Mustang Shelby GT500



The Shelby GT 500 is now cloaked in a fresh coat of Glasurit single stage Wimbledon White paint. Our Paint Shop Manager, CJ Tremper, has taken great care to study the 100s of photos of this car and recreate the seam sealers, undercoatings, paint overspray, etc. to factory specs. We'll let the results speak for themselves.

We've been doing a great deal of research and paying over every part of the car to get it back to an OE correct look for this restoration. The car is now off the rotisserie and starting into the assembly phase of the restoration. This one will continue to be tedious as it comes together, but we're confident the end result will pay off as we gather all the parts up and start bolting it together. We know the owner, Chris Santomero, is getting itchy for this one and we certainly can't blame him. This will be the crown jewel of his collection!

