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FROM THE DESK OF RJ...

We had a lot of work to do preparing for Carlisle and the 25th Anniversary Open-House this year. All went better than I had even anticipated. Many thanks to my family, staff, clients, and vendors who help make these events a success this year, previous years, and years to come. A lot of diligence and dedication goes into proudly displaying our work and our shop!

We missed getting Dave McKenzie's 1972 Dodge Challenger Rallye to Carlisle this year, but it is now completed and heading home. Look for a feature of the car in our next newsletter! Dave has worked long and hard to make this restoration happen and we're honored he chose us for the job! We hope to have an opportunity to show off his restoration next season. Fall is closing in on us and soon the holidays will be here. All my best wishes to everybody!

Russell



Carlisle Highlights

Kenna's Corner...

"The 72 'Cuda that you brought has to be one of the finest restored '72s in existence, so accepting it in the Barracuda display was a no-brainer. If I haven't told you this before, your shop is one of a handful that when you apply for Invitational I know the car will be done and the quality will be without question."

Ed Buczeskie - Carlisle Events Manager



McKenna, Russell, Susie, Cub, Judy, CJ and Jason



70 Challenger R/T
Owner: Jim Rigby



72 'Cuda
Owner: Tom Terry III



69 Hemi Super Bee
Owner's: Alex & Linda Futter



89 Daytona Shelby
Owner's - Alan & Michelle Drolet
with Zachary & Nathan

This year I finally got to go to Carlisle and it was so fun. First, the place that we stayed at was beautiful and had an in ground swimming pool and I loved their sweet dog Orion. Carlisle was so cool, Mike Mancini's tent had a very cool set up. Silver Feather (jewelry store) had cool jewelry and I got dream catcher earrings. After a long, hot Friday, me, my dad, Jason and CJ went and saw a Snake and Mongoose movie, best race car movie ever. Some of you may have seen me in the RJ CARS tent this year and the Shelby Daytona the Drolet's drove from Massachusetts. If you want to stop by I will give you a tour.

♥ McKenna ♥



Thank you all for participating!



'89 DODGE DAYTONA SHELBY

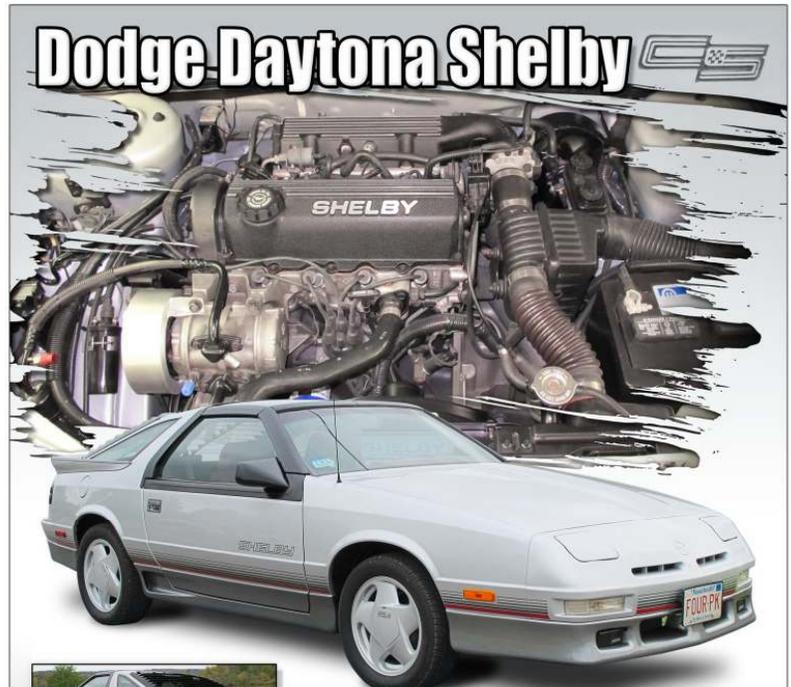
Thank you again RJ Cars for asking us to display our 89 Daytona Shelby at the 2014 Chrysler Nationals in Carlisle, PA. We cannot express enough how grateful we are that RJ Cars gave us the privilege of celebrating their 25th Anniversary. Wow what a weekend! Allow me to share the experience my family had at this event.

On Friday morning the family was up by 3:30am and we spent the next 45 minutes trying to pack the trunk. 20 years ago, Michelle and I had it down to a science, but back then we also used the backseat for storage. Today that is no longer an option with our boys now utilizing the backseat. By 4:25am we finally get the hatch to close. Victory!

Michelle and I tag teamed the driving for the next 7 hours to PA and we arrive at Gate 1 by 11:50 maneuvering the Shelby into the vendor area with the RJ Staff flanking the corners of the car to avoid any accidental scratches from passerby's. Nathan our 8 year old, says, "Dad, Dad, I just heard someone say that Shelby is Cool!" You could see how proud he was to be part of this. There is a quick buzz of excitement within the RJ Cars tent when we arrive. Sue and Judy are passing out goody bags, Russ and Cub are making sure everything is secure in the tent and CJ and Jason are ensuring the cars being presented are impeccable, and McKenna assists where needed. Zachary and Nathan spring into action detailing the exterior of the car while Michelle ensures the interior is presentable and I took care of cleaning the wheels and engine bay. As lots of spectators are walking by, we hear "Hey, look at that Pit Crew wearing identical shirts working on the Shelby! They've got their act together!" I can't tell you how many times I would stop what I was doing just to say thank you and I was quick to respond that "RJ Cars is responsible for how it looks and they deserve the credit!"

By 2:30pm we venture out into the vendor section. Since, our oldest, Zachary now a teenager has been to Carlisle before, he takes charge as our tour guide and navigates us through the vendor maze. Not even 5 minutes goes by and I get a call from RJ that someone is asking lots of questions about the Shelby. "No problem", I respond, "we'll be right back." After many conversations with spectators, we head out again to take in a late lunch, to our surprise a General Lee drives by us. Nathan stops dead in his tracks and stares in amazement. His expression was "priceless" and he says "Mom, Mom! They are real!" Michelle and I are almost in tears as we have seen many General Lee's in person over the years, but this was his first one ever. We celebrated many "firsts" this weekend as a family. By 5pm we head out for dinner and to the hotel for some much needed sleep.

Saturday morning we arrive at Carlisle. Our mission today: finish the Vendor Area, go through the Car Corral, walk the Show Field, check out the Barracuda display, and also the 6 pack lift off hood Road Runners and Super Bee's. Next on the agenda is to visit the Scat Pack Challenger Thrill Ride section and then off to the Show Field to see the many Mopars on display. Let's not forget the Dodge Midway; showing off 100 years of Mopars and the new Challenger HellCat. We have saved the Front Wheel Drive (FWD) section and the Shelby Dodge Club for last. Unbeknownst to us, our Shelby has already been drawing lots of attention this weekend and as we stop at the first FWD; the owner has lots of questions once he notices my shirt and realizes I am the owner of the



Dodge Daytona Shelby CS

INTERCOOLED TURBO

Owner: Alan & Michelle Drolet - S. Attleboro, MA
Engine: 2.2L Turbo
Transmission: 5 Speed Manual
Paint: Original Silver Two Tone applied by CJ Tremper of RJ Cars, Inc.
Highlights: Factory T-tops, Shelby Steering Wheel, One-Owner Car.
Body and Details by the RJ Cars, Inc. Team.

Restored by... **RJ CARS INC**

89 SHELBY

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Shelby in the RJ Cars tent. Other owners hear our conversation and approach me to proudly discuss their cars and inquire about mine. I met some really great people. Never in my wildest dreams did I think our Shelby would have this type of following. 25 years ago these cars got snickered at and now people are really interested in them. Our boys think I'm a celebrity! It took us over 2 hours to complete the FWD section and make our way back to the display tent to head out for dinner with the RJ Cars Team. We had a lot of laughs that evening while swapping stories.

Sunday morning arrives and I'm bummed, but excited at the same time. We check out of the hotel and head back to Carlisle early to finish up where we left off with some of the show cars and make our way back to the display tent by noon to get prepared for the 7 hour ride back to Massachusetts.

"A Special Thank You to RJ Cars" for making this a very special weekend for my family! The most important lesson learned from this trip was that our Shelby is comfortable for short trips but not for 7 hours with two growing boys. We have already made plans to attend next year's Nationals but will cruise down comfortably in our Durango as we trailer the Shelby behind us. *Alan Drolet*

ATTENTION ALL FWD 2.2 CAR OWNERS, WE NEED YOUR CARS! Please note the 2015 Chrysler Nationals are looking for front wheel drive (FWD) 2.2 turbo cars. Even if you've got a FWD 2.2 non turbo car please make plans to bring it July 10 - 12, 2015. Carlisle puts on a great event that will not disappoint you! You can contact me (Alan Drolet) at 89daytonashelby@gmail.com with any questions.



'69 DODGE DART GTS



CJ has been working away on the body of Ed Jackson's 1969 Dart. Lots of metal work has been completed and is currently in high build primer and getting block sanded before the next round of primer is applied. It's getting lots of TLC and should be ready for paint and assembly over the winter months. We have many of the components completed now and everything is looking really nice! Ed opted to add a console mounted tachometer to the car and we enlisted Instrument Specialties to restore that for us. It looks great and we look forward to spinning the needle while shifting this fine 340 4-speed car!

'39 CADILLAC LaSALLE CONVERTIBLE



Brian Bennett approached us to do some work on his 1939 LaSalle that he wanted to enter in the Cadillac & LaSalle Club Grand National event in Lake George, NY this past July. We only had a month to take care of a few mechanical issues, buff, polish, and get it ready for the show. He had never competed before and this was the first time showing the car. Following are some excerpts from emails Darren got from Brian on his experience at the event: "I wanted to send you a quick note to let you know everything went fine at the show. I think the car drew a lot of attention and quite a number of nice comments. As a matter of fact the car won first place in it's category, though I didn't learn of it until this morning because they handed out awards at the Saturday evening banquet (that I forgot to sign up for when I mailed my application).

I don't believe there were too many cars in my class, so I suppose that was a big help. I was entered in the primary class for '39 & '40 LaSalle's - and that narrows the field quite a bit. I honestly don't know if there were any more than three cars in the primary class. I should have paid closer attention, but I do know that a number of the cars around our car had previously won 1st in the primary class so they were no longer eligible to be judged in the primary class but had to be entered in the senior class, where there's more competition. If I show the car again at a CLC Grand National, it will be judged in the senior category.

Even though there may not have been many cars to compete against, I think the head judge really liked the car. He said it was beautiful. A couple of the other LaSalle guys also looked over the car and commented on how nice a job had been done. All-in-all I enjoyed the judging. They were very nice and, besides, at that point I was determined to have fun and not worry about it anyway." **Brian Bennett**



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy





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Saturday by Appt.

"Thanks" to all who shared in our 25th Anniversary Open-House Celebration!

A "Special Thanks" to those who supplied Gifts, Door Prizes, Food, & Entertainment! Advance Auto Supply, Liquidz Autobody, NAPA Auto, Summit Racing, Mike Riehl's Roseville Chrysler, Snap-On Tools, Citizens & Northern Bank, Pason Performance, Wizards Products, Avon by Susie, Knotty North Band, Even Steven Band, Next Level Recreation, Stearns Poultry, and Testani Tent Rentals.



"I just wanted to say Thanks !!! Everything was fantastic, the food, the cars on display in the shop, Door Prizes, Car Show, etc. Let me not forget the most important part, the people. You have assembled some of the nicest people I have ever met and worked with, including yourself and family !!!! I can hardly wait for the next one." Take care, R/T



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*"Great Anniversary Celebration-had a fine time!
Congratulations on 25 years!!! " Ed*



"I just wanted to take a few minutes to say, "Wow!" RJ Cars knows how to throw an Open House! The boys and I had a great weekend. Exhausting from the drive, but a great weekend! The boys had a great time in the Jump a Roo, gathering the goodies from the Piñata and playing with the Remote Control Cars. Thank you again for offering a Fun Open House. In the interim, the Shelby hit 100,000 miles in Big Flats, NY on the way home. How Cool is that!" Alan

