



# Rev It Up!

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## FROM THE DESK OF RJ ...

When I last wrote up the articles for the 1st Rev It Up 2010 newsletter, I mentioned that there were some tough times for many around me. Some of those times have gotten better and some have gotten worse for people. RJ CARS had a long winter, weathering through some slow weeks (months) and I'm proud to say that we all buckled down and made it work even when it sometimes seemed impossible. Although I can't say things are fantastic here, I am proud to say that I still have my great staff and that we've still turned out some nice work, even when times were tough. We've worked through to continue on some old lingering projects and brought in some new and interesting projects too!

I lost a dear, long time friend, Dan Loftus, on December 30th, but thankfully was there to spend a few of his last hours that day. Dan and I had been friends for around 25 years and had shared a few car projects and



Dan at Vintage Auto

a lot of good conversation over the years. We had often inspired and respected each other on many different levels and I'll miss him for my remaining years here. "Until we meet again, Dan".

Below you'll find a picture of some of the signs which were part of Dan's vast automobilia collection. Also, Dan gave me his one-owner 1978 Maico Magnum 250 MX bike, which is currently undergoing a complete restoration at RJ Vintage (see the RJ CARS website for more on this and our other vintage projects as they progress). We'll feature the Maico and more about Dan in a future issue of Rev It Up.

*Russell*

*Remember to catch us at the Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals on July 9-11th.*



1978 Maico Magnum 250



Vintage "Flying A" Gas Pump  
Made by Gilbert & Barker  
"1920-30's"



Little McKenna with toy horse and a lil' older McKenna with her car. Vintage toys lovingly restored by "Daddy"



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"Signs of the times" enhance the exterior of RJ Cars



# 1971 DODGE DEMON



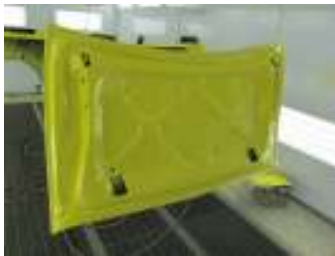
Dan contacted us about restoring the driveline and making some upgrades to his car. We found a suitable 340 that would drop into place just right for the job. We've pulled out the original 318 with the 904 transmission and that will be neatly kept in the corner of Dan's garage.

Dan Knapp grew up with Chrysler products and when it was time to drive, he kept up the family traditions by driving his own Mopar's. Now that it's his time to pick and choose the Mopar he wants for an adult toy, this 1971 Demon seemed to make sense to him.

What we've got now is the built 340 engine bolted up to a rebuilt 727 Torqueflite transmission, a new driveshaft sending power back to the Doctor Diff 8-3/4 rear end loaded with a new 3.55 posi and new axles. We also have added 4 wheel disc brakes and completely rebuilt the steering and front suspension. Dan also had us refurbish the interior, the engine bay, and install new 15 x 7 Rallye wheels.

It's nearing completion now and we're looking forward to road testing this one for Dan.

## 1972 DODGE DEMON



This 1972 Dodge Demon owned by Wayne Johnson is currently in the process of having a full blown rotisserie restoration. The body is

coming together and CJ has started edging in the panels with FY1 Banana Yellow. Quite a few AMD parts were installed to save this one, including: full front and rear floor pans, trunk floor, full quarter panels and a rear body panel just to name a few.

Plans are to install a built 340 engine, 727 Torqueflite transmission, some custom Rallye wheels, 4 wheel disc brakes, along with some front suspension and steering upgrades. This one will have some really cool features and custom components to set it apart from other A-body Mopars out there. Hold tight and we'll show you more as it comes together.

## 1989 DODGE DAYTONA SHELBY

This 1989 Dodge Daytona Shelby comes into the shop as a one owner vehicle. We've been given strict instructions to make it better than new, especially in the paint department. The paint was never really good on these cars from the factory, especially the dull finish inside the doors and under the hood. We have plans to strip the exterior to bare metal and rework the body for a fresh paint job, new stripes and decals, freshen up all of the trim and repaint the engine bay and door jams to bring it up to the owner's specifications.



Owner, Alan Drolet has had a few engine upgrades done to his ride over the years. Installing a larger throttle body, ported intake and exhaust manifolds and adding a performance exhaust has enhanced the power of his 2.2 Turbo 5 speed. Alan believes the engine is churning out 200+ horsepower with the current set up and he really likes it as a highway cruiser. Now it's all about the "minor details" to make it shine the way it should.



# The Buzz on the Hemi Bee...



The 1969 Hemi Super Bee is slowly taking shape. Finalizing many NOS parts purchases, and locating as many date coded original parts as possible to complete this restoration has been quite a task for the RJ CARS staff and for Bee owner, Alex Futter. The good news is that none of us gives up easily, but we do need short breaks from it occasionally, to keep our sanity.



The project has recently received it's door guts, latches, tail stripe, front and rear of car assembled and is looking good! Frank, where's that engine we're waiting on?

We've gained a new level of respect for those top notch Mopar OE Restoration guys. Resto friends out there like Paul Jacobs, Resto Rick Kreuziger, and Dave Walden... You guys are all sick individuals!!! I'm sure you already know this, but this just reinforces it once again.



*Stay tuned for more progress on our Hemi Bee resto!*

## 1970 Dodge Challenger...



Tom Terry has a taste for customized cars. He recently enlisted the RJ CARS Team to make this one just the way it should be... from his custom viewpoint. Previously, the Challenger has received a few sheet metal modifications including an enhanced bulge in the R/T hood, a T/A inspired spoiler graphed into the trunk lid, wheel tubs, roll cage, narrowed rear end, and a full on custom dash and interior borrowing a good share of parts from a Mercedes E Class Sedan.

Of course, it's gotta HEMI! The stock Mopar Performance 426 crate motor is now making way for a new stroker kit to be added. It will be followed up with a Passon Performance 4 speed transmission with a pistol grip shifter.

We don't want to give you the whole scoop on this one yet, but keep watch and we'll be sure to feature it again as it comes together!



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**2010 Motor Mania** recognized two local "Cars" and their owners this April at the Dome in Henrietta, NY. Pete Hoffman and Jim Hamsher proudly represented RJ Cars, Inc. with their prized possessions. Pete's beauty took "Gorgeous GM" with its flawless dark green exterior (by RJ Cars) and stunning interior done by Pete himself. Jim brought home the "Reilich's Choice" for his 1964 Chrysler 300 Convertible. (Jim shown accepting his award) Congratulations to all! *Best wishes to Pete & Sherry as they make their new home in California, we'll miss you!*



Pete & Sherry Hoffman's  
**1949 Cadillac Club Coupe**  
*Winner of "Gorgeous GM" Award*



Jim & Irene Hamsher's  
**1964 Chrysler 300 Convertible**

### CARLISLE "All-Chrysler Nationals"

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### SHOCKINGLY CLEAN - featured in the April 2010 issue of MOPAR MUSCLE

Be sure to look for Jeff Shook's Restomod '71 Super Bee in the April 2010 edition of Mopar Muscle. Jeff says "It's better than it was when it rolled off the assembly line". "...I thought if I had bought this brand-new, or ordered it, this is what I would have done." Congratulations Jeff, on your article and car!



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