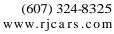
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# Rev It Up!

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1989



## The Beginning of RJ CARS, Inc.

Some of you have already heard the story of how I got started in this business. Once upon a time..... Back in 1989 when I was a mere 21 years old. Just turned 21 in fact. I barely had a building around me, and definitely not one that held any heat in. Working out of the retired family cow barn definitely had many challenges in store for me back then. I had acquired a few tools to do the job at hand and borrowed \$1,000 from my Grandpa Losey to

buy a new air compressor. I was off and running, working at it like my life depended on it. Sometimes working night and day out in that barn to make a go of it. Sometimes, I'm not quite sure how I survived all of that! I guess it all builds character though. With lots of help from my family, friends, customers and staff, Custom Auto Repair Shop evolved into RJ CARS INC. Now, I'm proud to be celebrating 20 years in business for 2009.

This issue of our newsletter is a partial collection of pictures of restoration projects past and present. I hope you enjoy it! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported me, my business, my staff, and my family over the years!

### Russell

Look for upcoming announcements on our Open-House Celebration and our show schedule for 2009.

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DATES TO REMEMBER: July 10-12, 2009 Carlisle "All-Chrysler" August 1st, 2009 RJ CARS Open-House



# **OVER THE YEARS**



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## **CURRENT WORKS IN PROGRESS**



## 69 Charger R/T... definitely worth its weight in gold









Art "R/T" Handzlik has been watching his 69 Charger finally come together after many months of waiting for necessary parts to come in. Once the new sheet metal arrived, we finished up all of the metal work and

made the body ready for paint. The Charger is now back to its original color of T3 Light Bronze Metallic. Art has plans to have the 8 3/4 Sure Grip rear end completely rebuilt, installing the original 440 engine,

topped off with Edelbrock aluminum heads and flowing through a new set of TTI headers and dual exhaust. This one is a guaranteed eye catcher and we look forward to seeing Art back in the drivers seat soon!











This rare TB3 Basin Street Blue (Petty Blue) 72 Plymouth Cuda is a one owner car, owned by Bob Schramm. The restoration of this car is really starting to take shape. The 340/4 speed driveline is nearly com-

plete now and is mounted to the restored K-Frame and front suspension. The body is back on one of our rotisseries and getting smoothed out with filler and many coats of primer to ready it for paint and new stripes.

Then, it's time to let the meticulous, tedious chore of assembling the car begin. This will be a jaw dropping Cuda once completed. Look for more on this car in upcoming issues of "Rev It Up!"

## 68 Dodge Dart GTS - Heads Home



This 68 Dart loaded with a Hemi Engine and 4 speed transmission is a beautiful car and a blast to drive. After making mechanical and cosmetic upgrades, it is now home with owner Jamie Furman. Jamie writes "Well the car made it





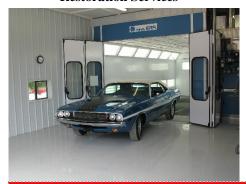
home and I must say it looks absolutely stunning! Its one of the best jobs I have seen put out by any shop, anywhere, and seeing the quality of the paint and body work and all the other stuff that was done by your shop is really impressive".



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## 1969 DODGE CORONET R/ T



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