

Rev It Up!

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From the desk of RJ

I hope all of our friends and readers are enjoying the more favorable weather after the long winter we had this year! I know I had enough cold to last me for a while! I'm already dropping trees and stockpiling firewood for next season. Working hard in the woods actually seems like good times after being cooped up all winter!

3 Pairs! We have a pair of 1969 Dodges and a pair of 1970 Plymouth B bodies featured this issue! The 2 Dodges are very close to completion as I type away here. I had time to do some road testing with the Coronet this past week and got it to town for a wheel alignment. We are finishing up details on that car and making it ready to head home to PA. The 69 Dart GTS is soon to follow for the same routine.

The 1970 Road Runner is painted, buffed out, and

under assembly now. We should have the drive line installed and ready to run very soon. As for the silver Superbird, we are anxiously waiting for the necessary material to finish the custom rear seat and the car will return to the shop soon for break in, road testing, and final details.



We also have a pair of Dodge Challengers in the shop... first and current model years. The Dunworth family project car (1970 Challenger R/T) is undergoing assembly, and we have a 2015 Scat Pack Challenger in house for deer damage repairs. Which Challenger do you suppose is the most difficult to acquire parts for? Well, believe it or not, it's the 2015 that has been one of the biggest parts hassles we've ever experienced! Shame on you Chrysler Corporation! Be sure to check out the 33 Dodge Street Rod project below. It will certainly be an interesting ride when completed!

Remember this driving season what Neil Young sang ... "It's better to burn out than it is to rust". Pedal down!

Take care, Russell

The FUN is back...



1933 Dodge Street Rod

This is certainly an interesting project we've had the opportunity to be involved with. Joe and Marilyn Pierson hired us to take on the final prep and paint work for their 33 Dodge Street Rod.

The car came to us chopped and channeled 5" each, and sits on top of a modified Viper frame and suspension! The engine is a mid 60's Hemi with a push button automatic transmission. The final paint will be black with a Viper Red interior. Air conditioning is being incorporated into the build despite the tight clearances of this car's dash area.

So far, we've prepped and painted the Hemi engine, the frame, and CJ is currently doing body work on the shell and individual panels. Pierson's are assembling the engine and chassis while we finish up the body and paint. We will feature more updates as the project comes together.



"Thanks for the interest and enthusiasm all you guys are showing for this project.

The fun is back for us after a long drought." Joe & Marilyn Pierson















'69 Dodge(s)



1969 Dodge Coronet

This is a great project we're doing for repeat client Darren Traver. Years ago, Darren's 1972 Dodge Charger Rallye was one of our very first magazine feature cars in Mopar Muscle Magazine (April 2006). That car looked great, drove straight and performed well on the street. It was a blast to drive and Darren still enjoys the hard work and effort we put into that car.

This new project Darren has entrusted to us, is a little off the beaten path for RJ CARS INC. No super nice paint for this ride as we were asked to leave the original finish in place and to focus our efforts elsewhere. Being a southwestern body with some dings, dents, and scratches was the perfect fit for a project car sporting an "aged" outside appearance. The only body color paint work we did was on the roof and





window openings (to prep for a new white vinyl top), the steel rear wheels, and the engine bay (we converted to a Non A/C firewall along with a radio delete, Non A/C dash). The exterior paint and the inside of the doors only received a cleaning and some time with the buffer to shine those areas up a bit. For the interior, Darren found a set of bucket seats to be recovered in saddle color along with recovering the rear seat and putting in new door panels, headliner, sun visors, and carpet. We added a center console with an integrated Cheetah SCS Shifter.... hooked to an A&A reverse manual valve body 727 Torqueflite transmission. In front of that transmission is a stroked 440 which dynod 535 HP and 600ft lbs of torque. This set up w/ 4.30 gears in the rear axle and it just spells F-U-N W-O-W on the street! I told Darren I was just going to have to keep this one after I had some seat time last week!





1969 Dodge Dart GTS

Ed Jackson's Dart GTS is in the final assembly stage and will be ready for some road testing any day now. We're currently finishing installing the console, shifter, and front seats.

This has been a long term project, but we feel it's been worth the wait. At this point, he is just really glad we could figure out how to put the big puzzle all back together again after taking so much of the car apart!

Everybody seems to love this car and it gets a lot of attention. Green with a green interior, 340 engine w/ console shift 4 speed. It's just a sharp car! What's not to like about this one?

Ed had us pull the old Cragar wheels off the car and opted for stock style steel wheels with dog dish hub caps, and red line tires. We added a factory console mounted tach, which is a nice upgrade. We hope to have a nice feature in an upcoming issue of "Rev It Up"!





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steel wheels w/ dog dish hub caps and BFG Radial tires. That should be a great look on this car and we feel it's a good choice.

We're awaiting the headliner installation and seat covers to come in. The dash and firewall will be finished in the next few days. Then we will be ready to install the k-frame, along with





1970 Plymouth Road Runner

As we mentioned, in a prior issue, this 1970 Plymouth Road Runner evolved into a full blown rotisserie restoration. After we started into it and saw what we were really dealing with it snowballed along from there, which is often the case when restoring classic cars. It's come a long ways in recent months and we've made some significant progress on it recently.

Over the winter months, Jason has finished up the body work, paint, wet sanding, buffing, and painted on the hood stripes. Now the body is off the rotisserie and undergoing assembly. He is continuing on with door and quarter glass assemblies while Bill is working on the suspension, brakes, electrical, and mechanical parts.

The car is looking great and we look forward to seeing it on all 4 wheels again soon. Speaking of the wheels, owner Kevin Cope has decided on body color





the stroked 383 (now 426 cubic inches) and the column shifted 727 automatic transmission. Darren is hitting the parts orders fast and hard to keep up with the techs handiwork for this and all the others under assembly here. If all keeps going as planned, we should see

If all keeps going as planned, we should see some road time with this old Bird this summer!



Tom Terry's Super Bad Bird should be ready for the road by the time you read this. We completed most of the assembly over the winter months and sent it home for storage while we were waiting for some custom interior parts. We're also waiting for good driving weather so we can get some road miles on it for test and tune time! The pictures really don't do this car justice, but we will get some better pix when it returns and feature it in a future issue of our newsletter. Watch out Wile E.....

Here comes the BAD ASS BIRD!







"Have you ever noticed? Anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac." George Carlin



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Remembering our "Friend" through the words of his grandson

My Pup Pup

Valuable. Valuable can mean a lot of different things. It all comes down to who you are on the inside. For some people it can mean the most expensive thing. For some people it can mean the thing that made them happy or sad. For me, the most valuable thing I got was a car. But it was not the actual car that I cared about. It was the experiences that I had in that car.

My grandfather was the person that I will love the most ever in my life. He was the nicest person in the world. His shiny slicked back white hair and his fluffy beard. His blue jean shirt and his round glasses, he was the person I would love the most ever in my life.

The second worst day of my life was the day I found out that he had cancer. My heart felt like it was ripped out of my body. The only day that was worse than that was when I found out that cancer had killed him. I hated the world that day, I could not stop crying, all I thought about was how I will never see him again.

Whenever I take a moment to look up at the sky, and I see him looking down on me, right next to him is that car, his favorite muscle car. The blue stripes shining so bright it looked like all the stars in the world were in those stripes. The smooth coat of white paint looked exactly like a pearl that you took straight out of an oyster.



The reason that car is so special is that he gave it to me. My favorite person in the world is dead, but I still had one thing left of him, it was that car. When I first found out that he had given his favorite car to me, I was overwhelmed with joy. We went to see it and I stepped in. I smelled the seats and just broke down in tears, I couldn't forget his smell it was in the car. Now today every time I see that car I cry, but the tears are happy tears. I remember my favorite person in the world and how much he loved me, and I know he still loves me today. By: Owen Perrins

(Above-Richard Young and Owen with "The '62 Plymouth Savoy")