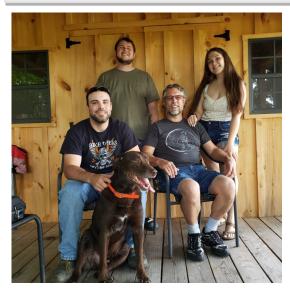


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# REV IT UP!

#### **FROM THE DESK OF RJ**



Matt, Zach, Mo Puppy, Russ & McKenna

I spent some great time with my kids on Father's Day! My granddaughter took this picture which was so cute of her. It was good to have them all together away from work and pandemic concerns for a bit.

The shop is super busy and we are working through parts supply hurdles each week in an effort to get jobs to completion....easier said than done many days!! Please be patient with businesses and service providers you are dealing with.

Hopefully this will all pass by us and we can have our lives back soon. So many things we take for granted have been changed and many lives have been altered in the wake of our current situation. Living in fear of something we can't even see is no picnic. I'm looking forward to a clear path for all of us soon..... and the pandemic getting cancelled like everything else!

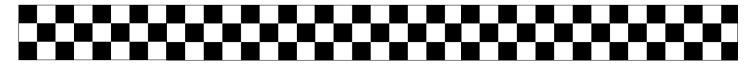
Restoringly, Russell

#### **1968 Barracuda Formula S**

After some disappointing results elsewhere, Tony Wankerl sent his Barracuda to us to straighten it out and make it road worthy. He recently picked it up and said he was very happy to be added to the "RJ CARS FAMILY"! Quite a few hurdles ensued and reworking of things previously done throughout the car. One thing gets fixed and another pops up which is so often the case with old cars! Finally, it came together. Thanks Tony! We're glad we could help and bring this one closer to what you were really looking for it to be all along.



- Russell & Crew



### **1978 DODGE LIL RED EXPRESS TRUCK**

Jim Collmer got this Lil Red Express truck out of Texas with a fairly solid body. We were able to get away with partial body work and paint work on this job. The frame was untouched, dash and wiring was severely sun and heat baked, and the engine bay looked tired too. Nearly everything on the truck that was rubber or plastic was badly heat baked and destroyed actually!! A lot of hunting for NOS parts and the occasional good used part was the routine for this project. Try finding a good NOS grille!

The truck was completely disassembled. We did a nut and bolt restoration on the frame and suspension. The exhaust, power steering box, rear end, 727 transmission, and 360 engine all received performance upgrades.

The Mike Mastin built 360 had the crankshaft reconditioned, and from there up all new parts including a full roller cam, roller valvetrain, Edelbrock aluminum heads and intake manifold.... then flowing through a set of headers and Flowmaster mufflers on its way to barking out of those new dual stacks! We rebuilt and beefed up the transmission and rear end to handle the 520HP/ 505 ft lb of torque, dyno tuned engine.

The truck is a head turner.... and the notes from the exhaust catches your ear as well. Enjoy your new ride Jim and family!!







### **1970 PLYMOUTH SUPERBIRD**

For over the last year we have been resto-ressurecting this old Bird from nose to wing. Well, The current theme has been...assembly, assembly, ASSEMBLY!!!

AND.... this brings all of the glorious challenges that go along with these large magnitude restoration puzzles. Think of the fun, with over 10,000 pieces involved to bring together the final picture!



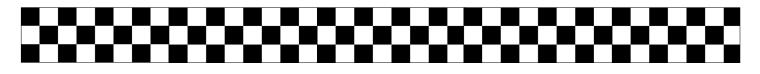
This car is low mileage, with just over 27,000 miles on the odometer! Unfortunately, that didn't help make much of the restoration any less of a burden. Too many years of neglect in the North East area of the country and too much prior hands in the mix.



Owner, Mark McCormick, has been totally dedicated to seeing this restoration through, and getting it right where others previously fell short! We've worked on a few of these winged wonders over the years and this one will hold its own against any of the others we have done..... even though it had a rough start.

We are wrapping it up just in time for Winter.... so look for it to be out on the street and at shows for 2021. We will feature more pictures when we get a final photo shoot done!







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### **2012 JEEP**



Frank Spitulnik had us recreate his Jeep with some suspension work, fresh accessories, and custom paint! Awesome set up! This rig holds its own as an eye catching street cruiser, as well as an off roader, and it is used for both regularly! Frank tells us it's job security as he isn't afraid to use it which means it does get rashed up at times!

#### Kenna's Corner...



Hey it's Kenna here at Kenna's corner. This summer has been super busy as I've been getting ready for my senior year of high school. I'm super excited to start a new Chapter of my life after high school at college. I've also been working on my Car a lot. I have a '07 Jeep Grand Cherokee and I'm learning how to take Care of it so it always stays in

good shape. I hope that everyone is having a good fall even with social distancing!!

