



# Rev It Up!

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF RJ CARS, INC.

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This is a great issue of our newsletter and I'm proud to be showing off some of our hard work here. We've really gone all out on Fred Gossage's Lemon Twist '70 Plymouth Superbird featured on page two. We're also nearing completion on Jeff Shook's Plum Crazy '71 Dodge Super Bee. We're looking forward to putting these customers back in the drivers seats of these extensive ground up restorations!

Winter seemed longer than usual here this year in Western NY, so it feels extra good to be able to pull the Superbird outside for some photos. The owner has agreed to bring the Superbird to Carlisle, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

My son Matt is pictured here with me showing off his new "MOPAR" tattoo. He first showed it to me on April 1st and I thought it was April Fools (NOT!!). I guess he's hooked on the same cars that I grew to love at his age. My first trip to the Mopar Nationals was 20 years ago in the '70 Dart Swinger which Matt now owns. I remember being completely blown away when I got there and saw a whole row of Superbirds lined up together. I got a lot of response from my Dart "driver" and it was just an incredible road trip! I'm looking forward to Matt's Dart coming to life again and taking another road trip (with him) in the "Old Dart".

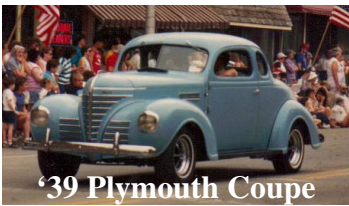


Matt & Russell

Keep an eye out for the September issue of Mopar Muscle Magazine featuring Jim Rigby's '70 Dodge Challenger R/T which we had on display at Carlisle last year! Should be available sometime in July.

Until next time...remember what Neil Young sang "It's better to burn out than it is to rust!...Keep restoring those muscle cars! Russell

## JIM & IRENE, A LOOK BACK IN TIME BY RUSSELL JACOBS



'39 Plymouth Coupe

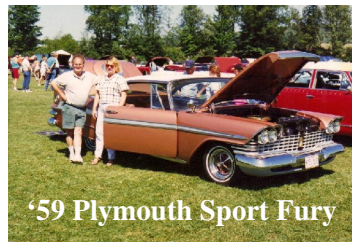
Some of my earliest memories of cars were the one's driven by my Aunt Irene. I was just learning to walk, when she and her husband purchased a brand new green '69 Plymouth Road Runner with a 383 engine and a 4 speed transmission. I still remember thinking how neat it was to see the Road Run-

ner decals on the car. I still love those Road Runners! In 1974, The Road Runner was replaced by another Green Plymouth - A "Gold Duster" which I also remember like it was yesterday. Year's later, Irene started dating Jim Hamsher (Now, Uncle Jimmy) who has had more than his share of classic drivers.



'64 Plymouth Sport Fury

Here are just a few of the cars Jim and Irene have had over the years and they aren't done yet! Jim plans to buy a New Challenger... (He's holding out for an '09 model with 6 speed transmission)



'59 Plymouth Sport Fury

Currently being assembled for the '09 Show Season. →



CJ Tremper in Action



'59 Plymouth Sport Fury Convertible



# Launching a *Six Pack* Superbird



The beginning

This all started July 2006 - All Chrysler Nationals in Carlisle, PA - Enter Fred Gossage, Mopar Collector... Fred owns many Plymouth Road Runners and other Mopars... He comes by RJ CARS display tent to meet the staff and inquire about our restoration services. From there, this Superbird restoration starts to launch.

August 2006 - We head out to the Mopar Nationals at National Trail Raceway near Columbus, OH. We meet up with

the owner and load his project car for an enclosed trailer ride back to RJ CARS shop.

Shortly after we get the car back home with us, we begin disassembly. We find the original yellow paint as suspected.



Matching numbers engine and transmission were confirmed. Excellent broadcast sheet was located in one of the seats. Six barrel, 727 tranny with console shifter, Lemon Twist Yellow paint, Rallye Dash with Tic Toc Tach. It's Cool!

From there, we tore this car completely down and mounted the body on one of our rotisseries for a ground up, complete nut & bolt restoration. This car features many date coded parts under the hood and also has new date coded glass from Dave Walden and crew at E.C.S. Automotive Concepts.

Nice job finding this one Fred and bringing it back to life after it's many years in storage.



The finished results

## JIM & IRENE (CONTINUED)



You might just see Jim and Irene out at the Carlisle All Chrysler Nationals or at a local show with one of their classics.

### Jim's Mopars over the years:

- '56 Plymouth Savoy 2 door, V8 stick
- '58 Plymouth Savoy 2 door, HT V8 stick
- '63 Valiant Convertible (1<sup>st</sup> new car)
- '64 Savoy 2 door, HT 361 stick
- '66 Belvedere II Hemi 4 speed (stolen and crashed) "If I had only known"

- '68 Chrysler Newport 2 door HT 3 sp stick
- '99 Dodge Dakota V8 pickup
- '05 Dodge Ram Hemi

### Original, un-restored :

- 1964 Chrysler 300 Convertible 3 sp stick (Driven and shown at Chrysler at Carlisle)

### Restored Cars:

- 1939 Plymouth Coupe, 1959 Plymouth Sports Fury (copper color)
- 1964 Plymouth Sports Fury HT
- 1962 Pontiac Catalina
- 1963 Plymouth Fury Convertible (white w/blue trim) Sold at Carlisle
- Restoring: 1959 Plymouth Sports Fury Convertible "White" (painted by RJ Cars)

### Irene's Mopar's:

- 64 Plymouth Fury
- 69 Plymouth Road Runner
- "My favorite Mopar Car"
- 74 Plymouth Duster
- 81 TC3 Plymouth
- 87 Plymouth Turismo
- Plus various other cars over the years!



### Next Project:

Our 1965 Corvette (owned since 1970)



### Original/un-restored

64 Chrysler 300 Convertible 3 Speed Stick

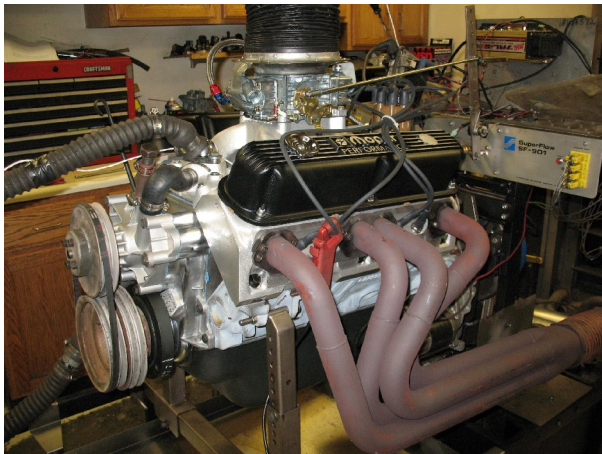
## The Battle of the Darts

### 70 Swinger Vs. 68 Hemi Vs. 69 Drag car

By Cindy Gemmill

What do you get when you line up a 1970 Dart Swinger 340, a 1968 Hemi Dart and 1969 Dart Drag Car with a 440 Big Block? Answer: A Hell of a Race!

That's what we at RJ CARS are imagining in our heads any way! Even though these cars are in various stages of completion, it's fun for us to contemplate who the winner would be. The cars are owned by Matt Jacobs (70 Dart Swinger), repeat client Jamie Furman (68 Hemi Dart) and RJ CARS own, CJ "The Body-Man" Tremper (69 Dart Drag Car) and they can hardly wait for the chance to drive their cars.



Matt's 340 ready for dyno testing

You have been reading about Matt's project in the last few issues and even though progress has slowed on his car, Matt is anxious for Spring to arrive so he can get back to the metal work on his project.



Matt Swingin' his Dart

Jamie Furman's 1968 Hemi Dart is undergoing a partial restoration that includes mechanical work (rebuilding the 4 speed transmission, shifter and linkages, replacing the manual steering box and installing a new TTI exhaust) We're also stripping the exterior body to bare metal and re-working it for a beautiful new paint job with new glass, weather-stripping, and polished trim to put the "icing on the cake"! The Hemi in this Dart has presented some unique challenges in regards to working space in the engine bay, but boy, is it going to be fun!



'68 Dart w/Hemi 4 speed

CJ has been racing his Dart for a while now, but with getting married (2007) and the arrival of his son (2008) he has barely had time to look at the car. CJ's best time in his Dart was 11.22 seconds down the quarter mile at about 118 miles per hour. He's hoping to dust off the car this Spring and see if he can beat his personal best.

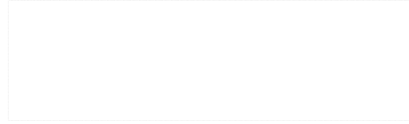


CJ's '69 Dart (Toy)

So, who do you think would win? Keep reading as we ride along with Matt, Jamie and CJ on their journey to project completion and someday we may just find out who the big winner will be!

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### Open House Rescheduled

We are sorry to announce that this year, due to numerous personal commitments, we will have to cancel our annual Open-House event.

On the other hand, we're already getting geared up for next year and the fact that we'll be celebrating our "20th Anniversary". We hope to make next year's Open-House bigger and better than ever and definitely worth the wait!



Of course, any time you happen to be out and about in the Arkport area, be sure to stop in and say "Hello". Maybe you can take the "General" for a spin!

Be sure to visit us at the All-Chrysler Nationals in Carlisle during July 11th - 13th. We'll be set up in rows N89 - N94 and "NEW" for us this year, on the Midway as well. The whole crew of RJ CARS will be on location to visit and answer any questions you may have.

### IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

RJ CARS has had a recent change of personnel. Note that Cindy Gemmill will no longer be answering our phone and taking care of business with our customers/friends and family. We are sad to see Cindy leave her Office Manager position here at RJ CARS but we all wish her well as she pursues her career in the big corporate world.

Best of luck to you Cindy!!!



We welcome Judy Dunning, who has taken on the challenge of filling Cindy's shoes, as the new Office Manager. We are sure Judy will give you the same great customer care and satisfaction that Cindy did. Now get back to work girls!!!

### Project Cars

#### For Sale

1972 Plymouth Duster  
 1969 Barracuda Convertible  
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### All-Chrysler Nationals

