



Rev It Up!

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69 Dodge Super Bee

Owner- Richard Argentieri- Hornell, NY



70 Plymouth Satellite

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69 Dodge Dart GTS

Owner- Lisa Marino- Hornell, NY



70 Dodge Challenger T/A

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66 Plymouth Belvedere II

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70 Dodge Dart Swinger

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Local Restorations

Although we have been doing restoration work for clients all over the Eastern US, we've also done a good share of restorations and repairs for local collectors as well. Shown here are just a few examples of the cars we've performed services on. Some received just minor maintenance and repairs, while others got major facelifts and rebuilds. We've featured a couple of these cars at our Carlisle display

and in our newsletters, others you may have never seen before. We hope the owners will shake the dust off their car covers and show up at our 20th Anniversary Open-House Celebration. That way everyone can get a look at their rides up close and see some local Mopar Muscle! We took a break from our annual Open-House last year, but it's back and better than ever this year on Saturday, August 1st.

A couple of new projects have been through the shop recently. We just had Mike Bonsanti's 71 Dodge Hemi Challenger here for a couple days. We also had Doug Austin's 73 Plymouth Cuda in for some roof repair, vinyl top replacement and stainless trim repair and polishing. Look for some pix of these cars to show up in the pages of "Rev It Up" in future issues.

Russell

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



MEET THE CREW OF RJ CARS, INC.

"The secret of joy in work is contained in one word- excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it." Pearl Buck



Russell Jacobs



Russell in his 20th year of business with 6 year old daughter/assistant, McKenna at his side, look forward to many more years in the restoration business. Like most little girls, she has daddy wrapped around her finger. She jumps off the school bus everyday eager to stop in and see Judy. Her favorite part is always getting out to the shop to see "the guys". Daddy has plans to take her to some car shows this year and make her first trip to the drag races! When Russ can find some time away from managing the shop, he likes to head outdoors to get some time in with his snowmobile and 4 wheeler, and to also do some hunting and fishing with his dad.

CJ Tremper



Those of you who have witnessed CJ's work first hand would have to agree that he is our "Body Man and Painter Extraordinaire." In asking how long he's been working on cars, his response was "I've been playing with them since I was a little kid and it just seems to keep going." With 15 years experience and a degree from Alfred State College, CJ puts his profession to good use. Other hobbies include working on project cars with/for family members and going to the Drag Races. However, his ideal time is spent with wife Jennise (expecting baby #2) and 1 year old, Devin. CJ says "Simply taking a walk with my wife and son is wonderful!"

Judy Dunning



Judy brings 27 years of Sales, Marketing and Management Experience to the team, but this is her first encounter involving Classic Cars. "It is truly amazing to see the guys work their magic to bring these cars back to life." Another first for her, learning to ride! "Being the thoughtful husband he is, (Cub) brings me home a new bike, says you need to get your permit, and signs me up for a rider's course". All in the same week! The instructor there asks everyone why they are taking the riders course? My response, "my husband bought me a Ducati (Monster 800), I don't know how to ride, and he wants to stay married". The Instructor's response, "nice bike, smart man!" All went well and she is now a licensed rider!

Justin Barbeau



Justin is handy with all aspects of restoration and auto repair, including metal work, body work, mechanical repairs, component rebuilding and detailing. In addition, he has worked on boats, doing fiberglass and mechanical repairs. Justin attended BOCES, Alfred State, and Corning Community College, stating that he would rather learn to repair and restore his own vehicles than have someone else do the work. In his spare time, he's been working on restoring this 1992 Mitsubishi 3000 GT, upgrading the suspension, brakes and engine. He also plans to begin work soon on his 1996 Dakota. Justin's hobbies include learning (self-taught) to play the guitar of which he has several and spending time with his family.

Jason Gerych



Jason's background includes 15 years of collision, bodywork, and painting experience acquired through BOCES and Ohio Technical College. He likes the concept that restoration work can be appreciated now and for years to come! Current projects include restoring his Great Grandfather's (original) 1952 Chevy Bel Air and collecting/restoring John Deere tractors with his dad. They are presently working on 3 for the John Deere Expo. Jason has also been successful at 4x4 Sand Drag Racing. Although he hasn't raced since '06, he still holds the record at 3 tracks. Jason shares a home with fiancée-Stephanie, and German Short-Hair Pointer "Hey Dog".

John Krause



John, like most of the guys around here learned about cars at a very early age. He also learned that the work was valuable and began getting paid for it by age 13. With over 30 years of mechanic experience and a degree from Morrisville, John is never far from an engine. Whether working at RJ Cars or in his own new shop, you will more than likely find him with tools in hand. John's personal collection includes a Superbird, 72 Duster, 71 Satellite, and most recently a 2007 Solstice (for wife Amy). John also has two daughters who will be leaving home soon, but at least he and Amy will still have the two dogs and the Superbird project!

NOT JUST MOPAR'S

Customizing The Cobra



Although we specialize in “Mopar,” many makes and models have been restored, repaired and customized here over the last 20 years. From Super Bee to Superbird, Charger to Challenger, Coronet to Cadillac, Chevy, Dodge, Plymouth, Ford, Toyota, Datsun, Mercedes, Triumph...and many others have passed through our shop at one time or another. One of our most recent projects is personalizing and customizing this 2006 Factory Five Cobra Replica owned by Chris Santomero. Chris is the second owner of this lightweight, blue and white, two seater. He is looking to have some upgrades and improvements

done to it. It’s a real nice looking ride already, but we’re going with a nicer gauge package mounted in a carbon fiber dash. Some improvements will be made to the pedal layout and seating. Chris also has plans for building the engine up for more performance. We plan to make it run as good as it sounds. Stay tuned for future updates on the engine build. The front and rear suspension and brakes are receiving some major upgrades as well, so the car can handle (and stop) as well as it runs once the engine is complete. Looking forward to road testing this one later this year! We’ll let you know how it turns out...

Totally “TRIUMPH-ant”



This 1961 Triumph TR3A was one of our most challenging restorations. As you can see, it was really in need of some overdue TLC! Owner, Bill Henningson had a vision for this car to undergo a frame off restoration and followed it through without hesitation. Now, it’s the ride he had pictured in the back of his mind and all details were

brought up to his expectations. The engine was built up a bit and features 87mm oversized piston kit, an Isky regrind on the camshaft, Weber sidedraft carbs, and a stainless steel header with Super Trapp muffler out back. The 4 speed transmission (with overdrive), and the Alloy sport wheels were some real nice additions to the package. Finished in GM White with red leather interior, it receives a lot of attention. The restoration challenge was triumphant!



Cheryl Ragalevsky came by after hearing about the restoration on Bill’s Triumph. She was in search of what to do with her black 1960 TR3A that needed restoring. The dominoes started falling and before we knew it, we were doing a frame off restoration on her baby. We kept with a more original



- Engine:** Stock rebuilt 4 cylinder w/SU Carb.
- Transmission:** 4-Speed, Non-Synchro 1st Gear
- Highlights:** Frame-off Restoration, Performance Exhaust
- Paint:** Ferrari Red



theme than what was done to Bill’s ride. Cheryl tossed around color ideas for a while, British Racing Green and Black were considered, but the red prevailed! After some tedious tuning issues, it became a great driver too! Now, it’s all about getting out to enjoy the road in her new ride.



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