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# Rev It Up!

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**RJ Cars Goes Plum Crazy...** 



Looking at the picture above you may think we've gone "Plum Crazy!" It sure seemed that way for a while around here, with building renovations, Carlisle, Open-House, Mopar Nationals, and purple "Plum Crazy" cars. Pictured are Jeff Shook's 1971 Super Bee (restored by RJ Cars), Erie Clark's 1970 (1-owner) Road Runner (in for a little touch-up), and Wayne Slick's 1970 Cuda (in the restoration process). Seemed like the perfect photo opportunity. After all, how often do you have 3 "Plum Crazy" Mopars in front of a newly renovated shop!

#### A Note from RJ...

Plum Crazy is right! It's been a busy year around here. Any of you who were around the shop this Summer know just how much we've been doing here this year. The shop has had a couple of additions we're working on and a major face lift to both of our buildings, with the new two tone siding and concrete aprons. There is still much to do and we plan to be working on the interior of our new additions throughout the Fall and Winter seasons as our time and budget allows.

We greeted a huge amount of people this year at Carlisle, Open House, and the Mopar Nationals. It was good to see familiar faces and meet many new enthusiasts as well. All of our events and outings went really well, mainly thanks to my staff's hard work! Thanks!! We had an especially large and happy crowd for our 20th Anniversary Open House this year! Thanks again to all that came out to celebrate with us and to all who helped out!! Well, unfortunately, it

wasn't much of a year to pull the toys out of the garage and have fun with them. It seemed that rain took up the better part of the season this year and I know some people never even drove their classic cars this Summer. Now is the time to start thinking of next season though! Plan ahead for your restoration and service work and be ready for more favorable weather next year! We all hope! (Or order up a set of mud/snow tires for your classic)...

Russell

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#### CARLISLE - OPEN HOUSE - MOPAR NATIONALS

### Carlisle •





We went a little 'Plum Crazy" in Carlisle this year too! The purple Super Bee and Road Runner were side by side featuring before and after restorations in the RJ Cars display tent. A special "thanks" to Jeff Shook and Erie Clark for allowing us to exhibit their cherished possessions. Jeff's story on his 71 Super Bee began 28 years ago, as a mere kid of fourteen. With

a lot of determination on Jeff's part and a much needed resto-





ration from RJ Cars, Jeff now has the car he has always dreamed of. Look for the entire story on Jeff and his Super Bee in an upcoming issue of Mopar Muscle!!!

Erie is the original owner of his 70 Road Runner, 383 4- Speed with 53,900 miles. It was last registered in 1974. A couple touch ups here and there, but like a fine wine, it seems to get better with age! Spectators went "Plum Crazy" over both cars!

#### OPEN-HOUSE





What a perfect day it was to Celebrate our 20th Anniversary! Thank you to all who offered a helping hand, donated a door prize, brought a dish to pass, provided entertainment, showed their classic car, took a swing at the piñata, played games, won a prize, raced a remote control car, jumped in the bouncy house, enjoyed great food and drinks, listened to music, hula hooped, danced, left a little rubber on the road, sat around the





bon fire, roasted marshmallows, etc, etc, etc... It was a blast! If you missed it, there's always next year... See you then!!!







#### MOPAR NATIONALS

RJ Cars, Inc. joined Legendary Auto Interiors at the Mopar Nationals in Ohio this year. Previously, the two forces had combined their talents in restoring this spectacular Super Bee, owned by Jeff Shook, and decided to showcase the prize together. RJ Cars provided a full restoration, while Legendary completed the custom interior, adding color to the seats and embossing the Bee logo into the headrests.



ake Your Booty"! Richard was making the the Nationals, having a great time with the

The Super Bee drew a great deal of attention as you might imagine. Russell is pictured here with Producer/Arranger/Songwriter and Co-founder Richard (Rick) Finch, of the 70's Super Band - "KC and the Sunshine Band". Hit songs include: "Get down Tonight:, "I'm Your Boogie Man", and "(Shake,

Shake, Shake) Shake Your Booty"! Richard was making the rounds while at the Nationals, having a great time with the cars and the people. He had lots of pictures taken and made many new friends. Check it out at www.RichardRFinch.com. The Mopar National Pix are at the bottom of his home page.

#### CHARGER - TURNS HEADS ALL THE WAY HOME





Lt. Colonel Tod Friant found out there was no camouflaging his 69 Charger in B5-Blue. As Tod headed to his new destination in Wisconsin, he dropped off the newly painted Charger at his parents home in Kentucky. The Charger is still in need of additional restoration, including finishing the driveline and interior. Tod is making future plans to have us complete the job. We'll keep you updated as we make more progress.



#### Along came a Spider (Veloce)







This Spider is a 1983 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce owned by Camillo Santomero. Recently, his brother Chris (RJ CARS repeat client) brought the car in for a driveline overhaul, bodywork, and a fresh paint job. The car has received a thorough going over and Chris did all of this as a special birthday gift for his big brother. The best part is that Camillo never knew the car was out to a restoration shop for repairs. Surprise!!! Chris had the car dropped off in his brothers new garage while he was away from home. What a guy! The Santomero's have a long history with this car as Camillo originally got the car as a gift from his parents. The story goes that little brother Chris decided to go for a joy ride with some friends at an early teen age and... You guessed it!!... Crashed the car and did a considerable amount of damage. Although the car has had some previous repairs, it was never quite right since that event. Chris really stepped up and made it right - and then some!!! Enjoy your new ride once again Camillo!

### In need of repairs?

Remember to keep RJ Cars in mind for those little and maybe not so little repairs. After all, doesn't the vehicle that you're seen driving everyday deserve that same show winning body and paint job! Whether you had a minor fender bender, collision with a deer, or you happened to zig when you should have zagged, call RJ Cars for help. We've worked with many insurance companies and would be happy to give you an estimate on any necessary collision repairs.



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### A little restoration for RJ CARS









