



Rev It Up!

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FROM THE DESK OF RJ ...

It's been a long time coming for this round of the "Rev It Up" Newsletter.

At the Shop... We welcomed our Office Manager, Judy Dunning, back to work a few months ago. She's busy getting the office back up to speed, including helping me get this current newsletter out the door to our clients and friends.

Special thanks to my Aunt Irene Hamsher, who stepped in to help out a few days each week while Judy was out. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

Work Schedule... We've been hard at work getting some old projects wrapped up and will have many new restorations around the shop in the coming months. That being said, we've had a lot of inquiries about restoration work in recent months. Our summer and fall work schedule is filling up fast. Bigger restoration jobs will start being scheduled for fall or later this year. We can still schedule smaller jobs and work them in. Call ahead and plan ahead.... This is our busy season. We will do our best to get

to you in a timely fashion. If you don't hear back from us right away on a request, please try again.

Spring Please!!... It's been a long cold winter season here in Western NY and we are anxious to have some warm sunny days and be rid of the snow and mud here.....Bring it on Mother Nature! We're ready!!! Enjoy Spring everyone! Knock the dust off those classic cars and hit the highway!

Russell

Our friend, Richard ...



The cover of our newsletter holds pictures in memory of our friend, Richard Young, who passed away after a short battle with cancer in mid December. Richard had much bigger things to concern himself with than having cancer. He was focused on editing his latest work of art titled "Not My Life". A movie about human trafficking that Richard worked on and filmed around many parts of the globe. He had also worked and traveled to many countries to film another documentary about the AIDs epidemic called "A CLOSER WALK".

I recommend checking out Richards' creative work if you ever get a chance to see one of these films.

You might have seen Richard at one of the country's many Mopar shows or at an RJ CARS open house event. He usually had on an RJ CARS, Inc. or Marty's Chop Shop T-shirt as he always supported our businesses. As a matter of fact, I met Richard at our hotel breakfast area wearing a Marty's t-shirt several years ago at the Mopar Nationals in Columbus, OH. We became instant friends and instant fans of each others work. One of the few people who I can recall the very moment I met him. You may remember Richard was featured in one of our issues way back and we discussed him doing some filming at RJ CARS, Inc.

Richard had a few Mopar's in his stable including a '62 Savoy, '68 Dart, '68 Coronet and '64 Barracuda.



The world of Mopars, cinematography, documentary films for humanity, Richard's family, and his friends will be forever wondering why this kind and talented man was taken away so suddenly. They don't come along any better than you....

Drive fast my friend!

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1989 Dodge Daytona Shelby



Upon completion of many days of body and paint work, T-tops from H*ll, some performance upgrades and a general redo throughout..... I was finally able to take this car out and drive it, as per Alan’s wishes. He really wanted me to put some road time on the car and get a feel for everything after all the work that we performed.

Alan told me “it’s a highway car!” I drove off to the closest freshly paved road and let it rip. I wasn’t really feeling it until I had it up over 50MPH. After that it was nothing but pure pleasure!

The car has good power. It handles well with the suspension upgrades and poly bushings that were installed. It looks great inside and out, and should continue to bring the Drolet family many more miles of driving pleasure for years to come! Thank you Alan and Michelle for putting your one owner baby in our care. See you in Carlisle! *Russell*



“There is something to be said about an organization that runs smoothly. I’m sure you have your share of hiccups, but it is clearly evident that your team works well together, is willing to lend a hand and has an eye for detail. These are important factors for a successful business and for that Michelle and I thank you. Keep up the good work.”

Alan Drolet

1969 Dodge Charger R/T

I have to say that pictures truly don’t do this car justice. Everybody who has seen this Charger first hand at the shop has had nothing but great things to say. This is one of my favorite restoration “packages” we have ever put together. As many people agree, the car looks great from all angles!

Long time owner, Art “R/T” Handzlik, has been joined with this car since 1974 and has no interest in parting with it in this lifetime. He had the whole car gone through front to back and top to bottom. It’s a numbers matching 440 and 727 Torqueflite automatic with console shifter. We rebuilt the 8-3/4 rear axle with a new posi and 3.55 gears.

The rear of the car has some extra lift, compliments of the replacement leaf springs. Up front, we added a set of power disc brakes to get some more stopping power.

The engine was final prepped and dyno tested by Carl McQuillen Racing. The 440 put out 443 HP and 509 ft lbs of torque.

To my knowledge, we purchased and installed the very first set of AMD full replacement quarter panels which we (and Art) waited for patiently for many months. After the quarter panel installation and some other sheet metal work were performed, we prepped and painted the car back to its original shade of TB3 Light Bronze Metallic. Art had the car redone in a maroon color many years ago, since the original bronze had suffered from early aging. That was typical of many high metallic colors in those days.

Art has gone many rounds with this car over the years and this time he’s prouder than ever! And has every reason to be... It’s gorgeous!!

Russell

“It does not seem real to have the car completed and back home!! All I heard myself saying all evening was “WOW” Probably a hundred times. Two of my buddies from work were over and have not stopped talking about how nice it looks and sounds!!!”

Art Handzlik



1969 Dodge Hemi Super Bee



To say the least... This restoration was seriously challenging! With a pile of parts and a bare shell, we set out to make this one back to as close to original as possible.

There were many moments where we were beat down and felt the sting of this Bee project, but we are Super proud now that it's completed!



As owner Alex Futter tells it here... we were a success by all of his standards and more. We're glad we hit the mark and look forward to sharing the finished product at Carlisle in July.

"Russ Just a note about the car. What can I say. When the door of the trailer opened and I saw the car finished for the first time I couldn't believe what I saw. I guess when you wait so long for something some of the expectations wear off. Well let me tell you, I was like a kid getting his first new car. The level of the restoration to my car was done to the highest standards. The restoration was not inexpensive. But as they say you get what you pay for. I certainly did. You and your staff rose far beyond the call of duty. If you ever need a reference of any kind please don't hesitate to use me. Many thanks to you and your Master Craftsman who helped to make this possible." Alex Futter

"P.S. Also how lucky can the car be? Wouldn't you like to be brand new twice?"



1972 Dodge Demon

Wayne Johnson is the proud owner of this smoking hot 72 Dodge Demon. What started out as a rough project car with some missing and mismatched parts has shaped up into one of the best looking Demons I've ever seen! Wayne had a clear vision of what he wanted to create and the RJ CARS team handled the many hours to execute the plan and bring it all together.

We started by giving the body a full rotisserie restoration including full floor pans, trunk floor, quarter panels, rear body panel and more from AMD Parts. Jason and CJ handled the metal work and smoothed the body in preparation of the Lemon Twist Yellow on top and underside. Torque boxes were also added to help tame the force of the 500+ HP stroked 340 with aluminum heads under the twin scooped, black striped 71 hood.

Justin installed the driveline including the 8-3/4 rear axle assembly from Doctor Diff with 3.55 gears and disc brakes at the rear. Wayne also opted to go with a Reilly Motorsports front suspension with power rack and pinion steering, QAI coil over shocks and Wildwood disc brakes. The engine is backed up with a built 727 Torqueflite transmission and has a full TTI exhaust system with headers, X pipe, and stainless tips out the rear.

We topped off the exterior with a Go Wing spoiler and tinted glass. On the inside, we are soon to be receiving and installing a set of custom seat covers by Legendary Auto Interiors and stretched in place by Ron Halbritter. We acquired a set of rallye gauges with a factory tach and that will be the final touch to finish the interior assembly. Look for final results pictures in a future issue.



Walking isn't a lost art—one must, by some means, get to the garage. Evan Esar





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Setting Sail for New Horizons!

May 2011, we will be saying good bye for now to restoration technician Justin Barbeau. He has made plans to head out of town and joined the US Navy.



Justin has been handling many of the mechanical and assembly operations for the last 3 years at RJ CARS and we will miss him. We certainly wish him well and expect post cards from wherever he lands along the way!

Thank you and best wishes to you Justin!



Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals July 8th-10th



Be sure to visit us at The All-Chrysler Nationals in Carlisle and check out these three cars (shown at right) up close and personal. Meet with the RJ Cars crew and the car owners to discuss their restorations and the possibility of yours!

