



# Rev It Up!

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## FROM THE DESK OF RJ ...

We're ramping up for Carlisle and have been very busy here at the shop!

We are currently working on 3 - 1970 Dodge Challengers right now. It looks like a 1970 Dodge assembly line in here with these cars in different stages of restoration. Quite an interesting sight to see and an array of different solid colors to behold. Our Restoration Tech, Jason Gerych, says it looks like "Skittles candy" around here in shades of blue, green, and red.

Jim Hamsher's 1965 Nassau Blue Corvette is in the middle of final prep and paint work. We just set the



body back in place on the frame with our jib crane this week. A tight fit, but it went as planned thanks to all the helping hands!

On a sorrowful note, the world lost a great street rod builder in our area of the country. Marty Pierson, owner of Marty's Chop Shop in Hall NY, passed away this month after battling cancer. He will be missed by the many people who met him and admired his work, during his 30 years in business. Have a great summer of cruising and we hope to see you at Carlisle in July!

*Russell*

## Carlisle All-Chrysler Nationals July 8 - 10th — Come and see what these cars look like now!



69 Hemi Super Bee

In our last issue of "REV IT UP", we featured Alex Futter's 1969 Dodge Hemi Super Bee. Since then, we've been notified that this car has been chosen to be on display in Building "T" at the Carlisle All-Chrysler

Nationals this year. If you happen to be in Carlisle for this event (July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) please stop by to have a look at this piece of muscle car history restored. Alex and members of the RJ CARS, Inc. Team will be on hand to talk about this restoration over the course of the weekend.

You can also stop and see us at our tent on row N89-94. We will have "R/T" Art Handzlik's gor-



89 Daytona Shelby

geous 1969 Dodge Charger R/T, Alan Drolet's one-owner 1989 Dodge Daytona Shelby, and Tom Terry's 1970 Dodge Challenger Pro Street on display. We look forward to seeing you there!

For the past 20 years, our friend, renowned automotive journalist Jerry Heasley, has been documenting the rediscovery of rare muscle cars in barns, garages, fields, and the most unexpected places. His collection of fascinating stories is now available in his new book RARE FINDS!



Jerry will be signing copies of his book while at Carlisle. Above, is Jerry photographing a 1970 Plymouth Superbird, owned by Fred Gossage, and restored by RJ Cars, Inc.



69 Charger R/T



70 Challenger Pro Street

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# 1970 Dodge Challenger Pro Street



Going back a few issues, we featured Tom Terry's 1970 Dodge Challenger Pro Street project. We gave you a teaser of things to come and now we're proud to say that it's actually in the assembly phase of the restoration! Hundreds of hours and seemingly endless setbacks every time we try to make some headway hasn't stopped us or the owner from continuing on with this wild custom.

The body is completed and refinished in a new shade of solid

color. Tom chose TB3 Super Blue which many people call "Petty Blue". The hood carries the blackout with R/T lettering and Hemi badges.

What started out as a 426 Hemi crate engine was re-worked by Carl McQuillen Racing Engines and is now boasting 650HP and 574 ft/lbs of torque on the dyno sheets. We've installed a Passon Performance built 4-speed with pistol grip shifter which we neatly situated in the Mercedes console.

The blended original



Challenger interior and Mercedes parts came out to be quite extraordinary thanks to many hours of work by the RJ CARS staff and some help on the West coast from Just Dashes.



## 1970 Dodge Challenger RT/SE

Doug Weaver has had a couple of 1970 Dodge Challengers in his day. I think this one is his third to date. It may be last but certainly not least!

The car came to our shop with a few new body panels in place that Doug had installed at home. He left the cowl and firewall replacement up to us

and the final fits on the rest of the car. He has also enlisted us to handle the final assembly for this project.

The equipment list and options are as follows... RT/SE body in FJ5 Sublime Green with the interior and vinyl top in black, Stroked small block engine with aluminum heads from Indy, Pistol grip 4-speed

transmission from Brewers. 8-3/4 Sure Grip rear end, 4 wheel disc brakes and power steering. Front and rear sway bars, frame connectors and torque boxes added. Restored Rallye dash and Vintage Air A/C.

Looks like another 70 Challenger will be heading into our new assembly bay real soon!



# 1967 Mustang GT500 Shelby



the history of this particular Shelby. A little off the beaten path for us here at RJ CARS, but we are putting forth our best efforts to get it just right. Sourcing the right people to supply parts, handle components, and help provide reliable information for the restoration has been critical.



Chris Santomero is the proud 3<sup>rd</sup> owner of this 1967 Shelby GT500 Ford Mustang. This is a rare car to come across for sale these days and he grabbed it while it was still available. Chris is really into having this car not only be restored, but also preserving



refinished in its original shade of Wimbledon White with blue stripes. Many of the components and trim items are completed or are in the works at this time. We expect to be heading towards assembly with this project later this year.



Jason Gerych and CJ Tremper have worked over the sheet metal, paying close attention to keeping the repaired areas looking original. The body work and primer coats are coming along quite nice and the fiberglass Shelby added items are all making their way closer to paint now as well. The car will soon be



## 1972 Dodge Demon

Owner Wayne Johnson was very pleased when he came by to pick up his freshly restored 1972 Dodge Demon! It's now back home in NC where Wayne is giving it the final



go over before hitting the streets with it. It's sure to be an attention getter at the shows in his area and on the street wherever he takes it cruising. Enjoy your "new" ride! It's a beauty!





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**Welcome Bill!**

RJ Cars, Inc. is pleased to welcome Bill Jackson to our Restoration Team. Bill brings over 20 years of mechanical experience to the shop. He and wife, Diane reside in nearby Cohocton, NY. Bill is in the process of restoring his own 1969 Chevy Camaro. He has owned the car since 1987. Pictured below, Bill is working on Mike Krieger's 1970 Dodge Challenger which is in the shop for electrical and dash restoration work.



**Vintage Restorations**



McKenna Jacobs is pictured here with Chris Santomero's freshly restored surrey. This was a part of his wife's childhood and he thought it would be interesting and worthwhile to have it restored. Special thanks to Mobile Graphics for the help on the decals and Frank Hoffman for making the new striped top!

The Gym Dandy Surrey was manufactured in the 50's by Universal Mfg. Co. It was recommended by Art Linkletter and featured on his show "Kids say the Darndest Things".

