



# Rev It Up!

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**FROM THE DESK OF RJ... Happy New Year!**

As I start writing this issue... Thanksgiving is closing in fast and we have much to be thankful for. Many people have had their lives made a mess by the recent storms that hit the East coast. Fortunately, we were spared here at RJ CARS, INC. My staff and family have had a good year, and we've had some great support from our clients and friends. The storm blew by and the year has blown by faster than we imagined. Too many people to thank for all of our successes this year, but many of you already know who you are.

You'll see a wide array of different projects in this issue that we're working on.... many that are off our beaten path. In addition to our most recent project progress you're viewing, we just started on a 73 Plymouth Cuda with a 6.1 Hemi and a 70 Dodge Charger R/T 426 Hemi 4 speed. Look for these in upcoming issues!

I recently spent some time in the woods with my daughter and two sons taking down some black cherry trees for my uncle and cutting some firewood. It reminded me of years ago

when my grandfather would say "It's time to go to the woods." I miss those



times with him, but enjoyed the memories as we were cutting and stacking this fall.

*Russell*

### 66 Hemi Charger

"Russell - Got the 66 Hemi Charger back last night around 8 pm. Looked at it today in the sun and let me say CJ did one hell of a job on the roof. Cannot tell that any repair or painting was done. The car looks and runs great. Feel free to use me as a reference any time. The quality of your work is great and more importantly, you kept in constant communication with me as to the progress being made on my car."

"Again thanks and be sure if I need any other work done on this car or my other car, your shop would be where I will send it."

Myron Plotkin



### Kenna's Corner

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★ Hi there! My name is McKenna. I am ★  
★ the owner's daughter. This is some- ★  
★ thing new in rev it up. I would like to ★  
★ mention that I give tours to the shop. ★  
★ Feel welcome to come by and have one. ★  
★ If you would like a car done or if you ★  
★ are a client. One of the cars I like are ★  
★ a lime green car. The owner is Doug ★  
★ Weaver's 1970 Challenger. This is a ★  
★ great business. ★  
★ I hope you ★  
★ have a ★  
★ great ★  
★ day. ★  
★ Thank you!

Age 9

★ ★



## 1967 Shelby GT 500



Chris Santomero's 67 Shelby GT 500 is receiving a lot of TLC during the assembly process. Many hard to find parts and details have been handled. We're nearly ready to install the Holman-Moody rebuilt date coded 428 engine. We're also detailing the 427 side oiler as a display engine to go along side the car. It's part of the history going all the way back to the original owner. Once the engine is installed and in running order, we'll finish up the assembly and final details.

CJ has been assembling the dash and interior components which is nearly completed now and is looking great! Look for our turn key results in a future issue as we wrap this one up for Chris!



## 1966 Chevy C-10 Shortbox

Mike Dibble's truck is a fun ride for sure! Features include a pro street look and a 454 big block engine w/ a Turbo 400 automatic transmission. After purchasing this truck, he was enjoying it, but was less than pleased with the style and layout of the interior. After making contact with RJ CARS, he made an appointment and brought the truck by so we could have a look. Number one priority was getting a different set of seats. Well, new seats snowballed into a complete revamp of the interior, some body touch up and some mechanical maintenance along with a radiator upgrade. Mike was very pleased with the final outcome of his interior and with the improved drivability. Happy cruising!



## In The Next Issue ...

In The Next Issue of "Rev It Up" - Be sure to look for Dave Oldfield's 1939 Ford Tudor Sedan, Wayne Miller's 1979 Chevy Nova, and other project updates!





# Vintage Grand Prix Weekend at Watkins Glen by Darren Ohara

Besides my job here at RJ CARS INC, I shoot photographs as a Fan Ambassador at Watkins Glen International events. Because of that I get asked which is the best event to attend there? A lot of people will say the NASCAR event in August. Others will say the Six Hours of The Glen in June. My favorite is the Vintage Grand Prix in September. Why that event? Well the NASCAR event is great if you are into NASCAR and crowds. The Six Hours of The Glen is another great event if you are into sportscars that run in the Grand Am series. But what if you can get both of those and more in one event? How you ask? The Vintage Grand Prix event has race cars from both NASCAR and sportscar racing going all the way back to the 1930's. Plus you get to see cars that raced in other series such as Formula One, Indy Car, LeMans, Trans AM, SCCA production and professional class cars, etc.

Alright, so what else is there to do? Besides all of the different classes of cars racing on the track that you can watch, you have full access to the garage and cold pit areas. What that means is you can get up close and personal to the cars, drivers, and teams. Some teams will even allow you to sit in their race car. What more? There are the cars shows on the track grounds. Car clubs will have their car corrals, there is the honored marque of the event which will have their own area (this past event was the Mustang), and Chemung Canal Trust Company will have their Auto Show where they will hand out prizes.

Still not enough to do? Then why don't you plan on attending the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen. The Festival is the community's way to honor and celebrate the original Watkins Glen Grand Prix races that ran through the streets of Watkins Glen between 1948 and 1952. At the Festival there are events such as the Walk of Fame, The Legends Speak, The Glenkhana (if you have to ask, you have to see one), The Chemung Canal Trust Company Concours d'Elegance and Concours d'LeMons auto shows along with select SVRA (Sportscar Vintage Racing Association) race cars competing at Watkins Glen International over the weekend coming down and assembling on Franklin Street. The highlight of the Festival is the race tribute where 7 different groups of cars and the SVRA race cars will do laps around the original 6.6 mile road course.

How can I drive the historic 6.6 mile road course during the Festival? The Stone Bridge Driver club coordinates and oversees the seven different events that you can enter and drive your sport and/or classic car in. Each event has different requirements such as the Knapp Vineyards Sporting Roadster Tour which requires a sportscar roadster (convertible) in order to enter. Find an event that your vehicle qualifies for and have some fun over the road course. Four of the events will do a rally event prior to your laps of the road course. The rallies will cover over 200 miles of some of the most beautiful roads in and around Watkins Glen and Seneca Lake. You will want to bring along a navigator unless you are good at reading directions as you drive. The rallies are just for fun so there are no set times other than showing up to lunch and the laps on the old road course.



If you want more information or to see my photographs from this year's event, check out the following links. Hope to see you out there next year!!  
Watkins Glen International race track info: <http://www.theglen.com>  
Watkins Glen Grand Prix festival and Stone Bridge Driver event info: <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/>  
My photo album from the 2012 Vintage Grand Prix weekend: <https://picasaweb.google.com/111963816960765294536/VintageGrandPrix?authuser=0&authke=Gv1sRgClfxw6Pb8oTFnAE&feat=directlink> \* Find these links on our facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/RJCARSINC>





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### 3 New Projects Arrive



*Kyle Shoop's*

1973 Plymouth Cuda

Features: 6.1 Hemi Engine

4-Speed Tranny

Rubber Front Bumper

70 Fenders and Quarters

Black



*Guy Melita's*

1970 Dodge Charger R/T

Features: 426 Hemi Engine

4-Speed Tranny

Matching Numbers

Dark Burnt Orange Metallic

Black Vinyl Top



*Kevin Oakley's*

1970 Plymouth Cuda Convertible

Features: 383 Engine

727 Auto Floor Shift Tranny

Being restored to OE specs

Red

