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Lots of work has come in lately

We did a cam swap for Bruce's street stock small block, they finally changed the stock only cam rule to a "lift rule". Now these cars can turn some decent rpm. He's finished second a bunch of times to a guy who already changed his cam. Bruce should be in the winner's circle next time out!

Jet Boat Jacks 454 is all done, I sold some of his stuff on ebay to help him pay the bill (creative financing). Also rebuilt his carb and dist. This engine is going in place of the blower motor we built for him. He's selling the boat with the 454 and selling the blower motor separately.

Timmy Morton's 409 Chevy small block is almost done, got the RHS heads, Brezenski intake, etc. This is gonna be a strong iron headed piece. Timmy says after he's done running his car in the Frank Kimmel Series he might take this engine out, put a 4 bbl on it and put it in a mud truck.

We got another new customer, Greg, he brought in a 347 Ford that he blew up on a chassis dyno. It sucked a valve, busted one cylinder wall and blew apart one piston & rod. His block was junk, two cracks extending out of the cyl and across the deck. I sold him my sportsman block that was originally in Hugh's mustang as a 331. I also upgraded Greg to a solid roller cam, got his head welded up, replaced two seats and valves. (The repair came out beautiful, I took pictures to show Greg how nice everything looked) Greg's engine went together with only one hitch, I had to special order some ARP stuff to mount his oil pump pickup to #3 main stud with girdle. The dynosym shows this combination making 500 hp on pump gas. He's got a 3500 stall convertor and 410 gears, this car will really be fun to drive with the extra horsepower and correct carb I sold him, Q650 instead of the Holley 750 he had on it, maximum induction air flow on this combination is 652 CFM at 7000 rpms, how many over carbureted engines are out there? When Greg picked up his engine, he dropped off a 340 Dodge block for Joe Russo (his uncle) I'm building it into a 373 CID stroker with aluminum heads, this is going to be Christmas present for Joe's son. Joe bought him a 1972 Challenger for his birthday! I've only got about two weeks to have it ready, so far the only part back ordered is the alum intake. This engine Dynosymed at 480 hp with a fairly mild cam and running on pump gas. Pictures of this one and Greg's 347 will be added to our galleries page next year.

Speaking of the website, Lawnboy is looking for his VHS tape of his Camaro dragging the bumper at the World Street Finals in Orlando from years ago. That car had a 468 steel headed big block with a lot of spray, he ran it in heavy street. Hopefully he finds it and we'll add it to the videos on "Bad Attitude"

That's it for now, looking forward to the PRI show, we'll talk about that in the next newsletter,  
Tommy