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**Next Event: Club Meeting
May 25, 2002
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. St.
Mark's Church Community
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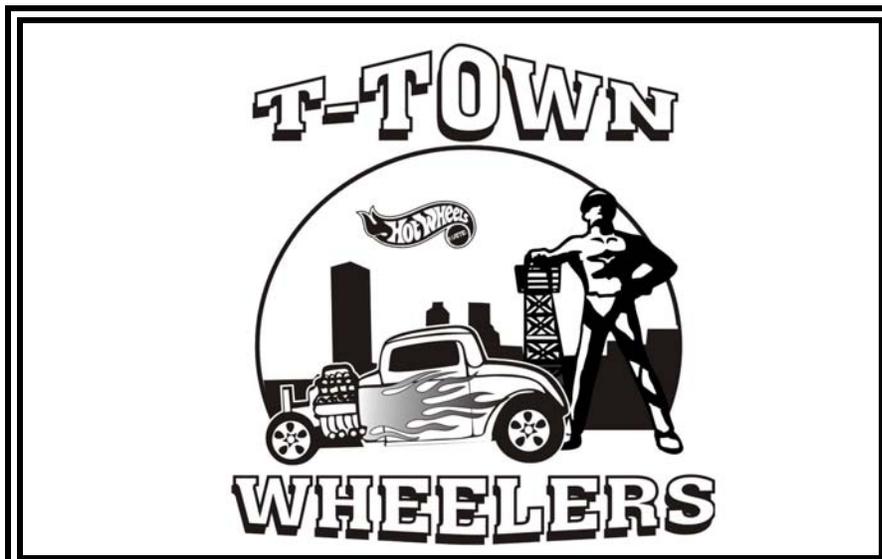
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1: TTW 2002

Well, it's been a whirlwind year for Hot Wheels so far, to say in the least! Precipitated by a record-setting release of First Editions and Treasure Hunts, collectors have had ample opportunity to get ahead in the game. Anyway, onto some news & views!

This years [National Event](#) was held in Reston, Virginia at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel. It all started Thursday night with a Tribute Dinner for [Philip Riehlman, 10 year Veteran Mattel Designer](#). Phil has done some very interesting work to include the '96 First Edition Volkswagen Drag Bus! VW Bus fans have been thrilled by the numerous releases made available to them. Those who attended this event received a "[Philip Riehlman 10th Anniversary Custom VW Drag Bus](#)" with the Nationals logo! These were exquisitely beautiful copper-chromed with flame tampos on the top and Hot Wheels logos on the side. These are limited to a run of 2712. [Mr. Hot Wheels "Larry Wood"](#) was in attendance & presented Phil with a [Custom 1/18th Scale VW Bus](#) to match the 1/64 scale models. Speaking of VW buses, the year started off with the black Penske bus, shortly followed by the silver Penske version. Both models sported Pro Circuit wheels, with rubber tires, and were very popular with collectors. Although Liberty Promotions won't admit to it, a 3rd release in a red scheme will soon be made available to the public, to complete the 3-bus set. Why Liberty has taken the secretive route in not admitting that there is a 3rd planned is beyond me. I have received a letter stating that Penske Auto Centers are closed. Oil change certificates are refundable if you send them in. For more information call: 1-800-889-5458. In more VW Bus news, the much anticipated HotWheelsCollectors.com Bus was made available at the Nationals in Reston this April. Featuring a chromed-out body, and some very intricate tampos designs, this one will be in high demand! Also, the first online HWC bus will soon be offered to Redline Club members. This one is going to be a keeper, with its retro-'75 Toy Fair style design, in chrome. One difference is, this one has a "Flying Customs" tampos, instead of the original "Flying Colors." Please note that this vehicle (like all of their exclusives) will become available one day early (Thurs. 5/16 at 9:00AM PDT) for Red Line Club members only. And, lastly, the debate continues on the Bus being issued as a 2003 Treasure Hunt. First it was, then it wasn't, now it's unclear. I'll say this...keep an eye out, because the project has NOT been scrapped, as of yet. It could still happen! And you thought cases were being ravaged before? Just see if this one comes out!

2: TTW Club Meeting on Saturday, April 27th, 2002!

T-TOWN WHEELER MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2002, 1PM, St. Marks Church

- . Discussion on by-law vote violation (no notification in newsletter, didn't receive 2/3 majority vote to pass)
- Sherry Richards brought to the group's attention that rental price of meeting room increased from \$35 per month to \$100 per month. President asks for members to check out other options for meeting location. Joe Dake will check with Turner park, Doug Jackson will check with Reed Park and report findings at next meeting / will have June 22nd show at Seratoma Events Hall
- Talked about club car/ need to set cut off date for ordering and paying for club car to be guaranteed a car /club car committee will meet after regular meeting
- Ron Preston for Jeannette Preston reported 74 paid members
- Talked about ordering shirts /no decision
- Ron Preston made motion to amend by-law 8a --all shows be open shows, non-members will pay more for tables and discount for multiple tables.
- Jeannette Peterson called for vote to not count missing last months (March-02) meeting against perfect attendance club car 10 for 12 against. This did not change, motion defeated
- Motion by Jeanette Peterson to publish new members name in next newsletter after joining. By show of hands passed unanimously. Membership chairperson will forward all new members name to newsletter editor for mention in the next months newsletter
- Don Jellison asks that his volunteer work for Cub Scout pack in Skiatook be in next newsletter. (go to microcollector.com for info)
- Joe Dake made motion to change by-law 9 to read--There will be no selling, trading, or buying prior to, or during the meeting on the premises until the President announces free time at which time trading selling, etc. is allowed. 2nd
- Ron Preston asks for volunteer to head next (June) show. He is not going to be in charge.
- Sherry Dake made plea for more donations for charity for kids
- Paul Richards presented special cars to all officers (thanks Paul)
- Paul Richards ask for volunteers to help make club cars(Paul has names)
- Paul Richards talked about Hotwheel convention, he brought really neat footage for all to view on VCR tape(thanks Paul)
- Lee Fletcher & Doug Jackson donated THs for drawing, Paul Richards donated really cool poster from convention winner of TH Rex Tatum , winner of special poster Sharon Tatum
- Motion made to adjourn meeting
- **Next Show, scheduled for June 22nd at the Sertoma Hall.**
- **BE SURE TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING! MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!!!!**

3: Important Announcements

HEY HOT WHEELS FANS, It's almost time for the 5th annual Midwest Hot Wheelers Rally. Make plans to be in Collinsville, IL (about 5 min from downtown St.Louis,Mo.) June 20-22, 2002.

Thursday and Friday we will be at the Collinsville Holiday Inn for room to room trading, Sizzler racing and much more. On Saturday we move to the adjacent Gateway Convention Center where there will be 100 tables of buy, sell and trade, Hot Wheel races, custom car show, raffles, Rally cars and so much more!

NO HASSLES, NO CURFEWS< JUST GOOD TIMES< LOTS OF FUN< and NO BADGES NEEDED!!!

For more information;www.gatewayhotwheelers.com OR...gwhchardy@aol.com.....SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

ATTENTION!!! If anyone is interested in going to this event, please contact: Steve Haney @ 592-6897

One of the most highly anticipated releases of the year is coming this Thursday at 9:00AM PDT. The "Flying Customs" Customized VW Drag Bus will go on sale to all HotWheelsCollectors.com members in the Hot Wheels® Shop. This online exclusive will be in high demand and short supply so come early and be patient.

Please note that this vehicle (like all of our exclusives) will become available one day early (Thurs. 5/16 at 9:00AM PDT) for Red Line Club members only. If you would like to purchase the vehicle during this timeframe you may purchase a RLC membership at the same time as the "Flying Customs" bus on May 16. Extras (if any are left) will be available to members and non-members on Friday.

4: What's New

New Singles

2002 1st EDITION: #20 – Custom '59 Cadillac, #26 – Nissan Z, #27 – Toyota RSC. **2002 #'s:** #131 – Thunderstreak, #139 – '67 Camaro, #145- Whatta Drag, #146 – Dogfighter, #149 – Jet Threat 30, #150 – Mega Duty, #153 – Sol Aire CX4, #154 – Olds 442, #158 – Fandango, #161 – M Roadster, #162 – Ferrari 512M, #215 – Silhouette II, #220 – Ford F-150, #227 – Police. **2002 SERIES:** **Star Spangled** - Deora II, Pronto, '67 El Camino. **Trump Cards** - Hammered Coupe, Montezuma, Dodge Charger, '33 Ford. **TREASURE HUNTS:** #8 – Fat Fendered '40.

Kay Bee Toys will have a similar series called **Military Rods** with a '56 Panel for the Army, Deuce Roadster for the Air Force, '57 T-Bird for the Thunderbirds, Shoe Box for the Marines, Jet Threat 3.0 for the Blue Angels and a Hooligan for the Air Force Para rescue team.

Right now **Wal-Mart** has the **Automotive Milestones Series** (similar to Target's Editor's Choice) with 16 different cars. The scheduled cars are '32 Ford, Ford GT40, '63 Split Window, Dodge Viper GTSR, Cord, '31 Doozie, Auburn 852, Shelby Cobra 427, Purple Passion, '59 Caddy, '57 T-Bird, Ferrari 360 Modena, Ferrari F40, '65 Mustang Convertible, Lamborghini Countach and the VW Bug.

Store exclusives include a **Walgreen Series 3** twin pack, with a '32 Ford Delivery and a different basic line car scheduled for February and another **Pep Boys** twin pack with a '68 Mustang and a different basic line car scheduled for May.

There will be quite a few new store promotions coming out in the next few months starting with **Pop's Garage**, a **Target** Father's Day exclusive, is scheduled for May and will include a Deuce Roadster, Honda Civic, '71 Plymouth GTX and the Hooligan. **Target** also will have a series similar to the Milestones series called **Designer's Series**, which includes: Way-2-Fast, Roll Cage, Fantastique, Arachnorod, Muscle tone, Deora 2, Maelstrom, Monoposto, Evil Twin Metrorail, Hammered Coupe, and the Purple Passion,

Toys R Us will again have the Final Run Series which for 2002 will feature the Porsche 928, Bronco 4-Wheeler, Ambulance, Bywayman, Cement Truck, Funny Car, Rig Wrecker, Lamborghini Diablo, '31 Doozie, '96 Mustang, Dodge Daytona and the Twang Thang.

The Milestones series from **Wal-Mart** sold so well that in June they will have a new series called **Motor City Classics**. The series will feature the '70 Chevelle, '68 Mustang, '67 Camaro, '68 El Camino, '67 Pontiac GTO, '70 Roadrunner, '33 Ford Convertible, and the Fat Fendered '40. In July they have scheduled the **Cruisin' Series** with 3 segments, the **'50's Cruisin'** segment with the '59 Caddy, '57 Chevy(no engine), '56 Flashsider, '57 T-Bird; the **Low Rider** segment with the La Troca, '59 Impala, '65 Impala, and the Montezuma; and the **Hot Rods** segment with the '32 Deuce Roadster, Midnight Otto, Phaeton, and Deuce Roadster.

There are three different 2 packs scheduled; **Pep Boys** with the '68 Mustang and a basic car, scheduled for July.

Auto Zone with a '67 Camaro and a basic car, and **Advanced Auto Parts** with a '65 Corvette and a basic car. The last 2 are scheduled for September.

In July, New York's Finest, two special police cars similar to the Taxi Rods, will be available from the **Toys R Us in Times Square only**.

K-Mart will have another 10-pack with an exclusive car (Monoposto) included with nine regular line cars scheduled for March and also a **4th of July Special** with a '58 Corvette, Dodge Viper and the F-150 all in red, white and blue colors scheduled to be released in June. The release of **Motown Classics** was scheduled for March/April will be a **K-Mart** exclusive and will have 12 different cars.

The 5th Edition of Tomart's Price Guide to Hot Wheels should be out some time before the convention, possibly as early as July. A 40's Ford Coupe in blue with flames and in white with flames (limited to 6,000 in each color), both with Real Riders, will be available only with the purchase of the new guide. The cars will not be for sale individually. Price for the book and/or the cars has yet to be determined.

ATTENTION: There is a swap meet every Sunday at the Admiral Flea Market held in Lee Fletchers' shop at 6 pm.

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4: Collectors' Stories

2nd Annual Pack 250 Hot Wheel Races

April 6th, 2002 was a big day at the Methodist Church in Skiatook, OK. From 9:00 to 3:00 Adults, Kids, and guests of Cub Scout Pack 250 enjoyed fun and fellowship that only a Hot Wheel race can bring! Sponsored exciting races. Don, Marcia, and Brad Jellison along with friends and fellow TTWheelers club members Geary Fowler and Larry Kupp set up Don and Marcia's track. It is a silky smooth two lane track that measures 5.5 feet high by 30 feet long. The track features a frame that folds and stacks less than one foot thick, electronic finish, and a custom built starting gate that is lightning quick. Originally started as a money making project the HW races have really caught on. This day over eighty cars were raced in a double elimination Pink Slip race. Losers had to place their race car in the prize box for the winner of that class to take home. Three classes, Kids, Adults, and Mixed were run with only two ties all day. Between the \$1 per car entry fee, donations for drawings to win prizes provided by Jelly's Toy Club, and the concession stand \$165 was taken in by Pack 250 for their Summer activities. Plus TTWheelers got in a free plug. The next races are slated for this August, so it looks like this gig may turn into a bi-annual event. If you have any questions regarding the Scouts or our availability of our track, please contact Don or Marcia Jellison at 918-396-0316. Brad Jellison has been in Scouts for eight years and is currently the Senior Patrol leader in Boy Scout Troop #89. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and is working towards the completion of his Eagle rank. Don Jellison

Ahhh, My second Hot Wheels Newsletter Convention, "Would it be as spectacular as the one in California last October"? My wife reluctantly agreed (because of how much I spend) to let me go with Bart to the Reston, Virginia 2nd Annual HWN East Coast Convention April 11 - 14th. The story starts with our arrival on Thursday at about 1:00 in the afternoon. I felt like a little boy at Disney World. The electricity in the Hyatt Regency was on overload. I knew there was a lot of people there, but that was just the lobby and ballroom, Convention car sales room and the Red Line Club sign up line. I was awe struck at the number of floors in the hotels that vendors had occupied as well as the number of rooms open from 6-7:00 in the morning to 2-3:00 the next morning. I was in heaven. Even if I did not bring the thousands of dollars that some guys and girls did, to buy redline treasure of their childhood, I was definitely wondering if I was going to hit the money machine before I left this place. Floors 3-11 had rooms open all day and night. There were people with their rooms open just for telling stories. There were children, young and old alike running in and out of rooms, I was surprised everyday at the number of new faces that showed up. I collect Loose (or I will set them free), Mint '67 Camaros (not the redline kind... just yet) and that was what I was focused on, well, that and VW Bugs and wish lists that friends gave me. Before I had gone through all the floors, people already knew what I was looking for and they were directing me to rooms where I might find one for my collection. It was really cool.

Oops, I did mention that I went with Bart Dalton, right... Wow, did he know a lot of people? I felt like I was with my dad at the barber shop. Bart collects... well, let's just say he collects A LOT of different cars. He definitely educated me on redlines, Hard to Finds and many other cars that I don't normally look twice at. Paul and Sherry Richards and Paul's Dad, Steve Richards were there also. It was nice having other people you know at the show.

The cars in this building ranged from the very latest HOT OFF THE PEGS (including THs) to the Pink (or salmon as you collectors call it) Olds 442 in MINT Loose condition for \$3,000. Everything in between, Micro Racers, Farbs, Zowees, Real Riders, Japanese, London, Germany, Track Sets, Car holders, Truck N'Trikes, Refurbished and the hottest customs around. There were several Japanese guys that were buying up a lot of cars to take back home to their HW shop.

Ok, yes there were children there. They were collecting along side the 30-40 yr olds. They were doing the downhill races, the Sizzler track, the HWC.com Vending Machine, you name it, there were kids doing it. It was so fun to watch boys and girls alike play with the cars as I did at their age. Mike Strauss... "Well, that's all I have to say about that".

The Philip Riehlman Dinner was the first convention dinner I attended. It was something else. When I got that 1/400 Dinner Bus, I was happy. Then came the '67 White Baggie Camaro and my heart stopped, then the Convention T-shirt, then we were able to purchase four more of the dinner buses w/variation, limited to 1600 and I could not believe it. The whole room of 350-400 were as excited as could be. That was fun. The Ronald McDonald auction was where the real money started coming out. There were prototypes, one of a kinds, autographed cars, sets, artwork, original designs, you name it. That was a sight to behold. I wanted it all... and NO WIFE there to tell me NO. But since I had to have a place to come back to, I left the room without placing a single bid (darn, darn, darn). Saturday was HWN night. That was when we received our HWN Convention Black VW Bug (limited to the number of paid attendees). Saaaaweeeeeet. The last day was the time to make good deals better, get more convention cars (1:18 Scrape, S'Cool Bus, VW Bug) more HWC.com Buses (Chrome and another Dinner Bus variation limited to 2712)

And then, as quickly as it began, it was over. No more room to room transactions, no more walking tirelessly for hours and hours. It was over. Now all I can think about is the 16th Annual Hot Wheels Newsletter Convention in California. Rumor has it, 5-7 T-Town Wheeler guys are renting a van sometime in October this year... I wonder where they are going.

I for one enjoy conventions. I know that not everyone can go for many reasons, but if you really like collecting Hot Wheels, or you are good at customizing these little cars, or you just like to support your spouse in their obsessive compulsive lifestyle, please try to attend just one. It will be fun. And the nice thing about conventions, they are normally really close to shopping malls for those that think Hot Wheels are just children's toys. Oh, last thing. Before we left Tulsa, I laminated both mine and Bart's Red Line Club Membership card I downloaded from the Internet. Little did we know that those people that did a little extra with their cards received a special gift. We both received the 2002 #9 Treasure Hunt '40's Ford. What a nice surprise.

Thanks for reading my experience.

Larry Kupp (ps, if you have not seen the convention cars yet, call me 355-4655)

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Bulletin Board

Each member is allowed to place a want, trade or for sale ad in the bulletin board for free each month!

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Wanted:. I have custom aluminum wheels available now. Paul Richards 834-9865

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Wanted: I need a Charlotte, NC, Scorchin' Scooter - Cop Rod. Jeanette Peterson. 251-8198

Wanted: I am looking for blister pack Real Riders. Bart Dalton. 272-8551

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