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Next Event:
January 19, 2002
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Church
Community Building
Admiral & Hwy 169

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If you have news, information, or stories that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, contact Steve at endymion2@yahoo.com



1: TTW 2002

I'd like to thank Joe & Sherry Dake for all their hard work in putting together our T-Town Wheelers Christmas dinner? And also a big thanks to Bart Dalton for donating our turkey. He did GREAT for the first time baking a turkey. We had a great get together. Wish more members could've made it. Also, very important.....it's that time again when members need to be reminded that membership dues are due once again & need to update their dues with Jeannette Preston. We look forward to a great year and don't want anyone to miss out because they forgot to update their dues for 2002!!! A membership form is attached with a renewal box at the end of the newsletter.

In December 1998, sixteen of us started the T-Town Wheelers in the garage of Tim and Joan O'Toole. We started this club after the Arkansas show, when we all saw several of the other clubs around this area, and how much fun they were having. Back then, I never in a million years thought I would ever be president of this club. And now I'll say what most of you are probably thinking; I am more than likely not the best choice as President. But I have taken on this challenge and promise to do the best I possibly can. I can't possibly do it by myself, though. I'll need your help and most importantly your patience. Admittedly, I have no idea exactly what it is I am supposed to be doing. But David, Joe and Paul have all promised to help, so I'll learn as we go along.

We all have a common love for these little cars, which is what has brought us together. Running a club, though, is not an easy task. We need everyone to become involved. I would like to personally meet every one of you, so please make it a point to attend a meeting or two. We are planning to make some changes that we hope will bring up the attendance at our meetings. I'm sure you'll read about that elsewhere in this newsletter, but you can't be a part of the fun if you don't come to the meetings. Fun is what this club is supposed to be about, and I'm sure if we all work together, we can bring the fun back to the T-Town Wheelers.

I wish each and every one of you a prosperous 2002, and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Adrienne Yocham

2: TTW Meeting on Saturday, January 19th, 2002!

MINUTES:T-Townwheelers Dec. 22-01 meeting

Meeting called to order at 1PM

- **Treasurers report balance of \$781- Seratoma room rental \$200(paid)**
- **Joe Dake ask for permission by show of hands to approve new officers –passed(unam)**
- **New officers as follows President Adrienne Yocham, Vice-president David Smith, Treasurer Ron Preston, Secretary Joe Dake, Newsletter Steve Haney & David Rutledge, Membership Jeanette Preston, Phone Committee Jeannette Peterson, Races and sergeant of arms Doug Jackson & Gary Yocham.**
- **Update on Feb show- room rented (Must be out by 4PM) club had no one willing to do concessions –decided okay to sell snacks and pop at tables**
- **Paul Richards made suggestion to have club car committee take total charge of club car in future.**
- **Ron Preston wants to reward perfect attendance of members with special car or something.**
- **David Smith made motion to end meeting. Sherry Dake seconded.**
- **Meeting adjourned for food and fun**

Come to our next meeting, Saturday, January 19th, and help us decide what direction the club should progress!

January 26th Meeting

Don't miss the next meeting. Important nominations due for 2002 club car. Per our new by law we will nominate cars for club car in Jan. and vote on cars at the Feb. meeting. So don't miss out on your chance for input. We have a show Sat. Feb 23rd at the Seratoma events hall on So. Memorial & Admiral across from the Wall-Mart store. We need those of you wanting tables to order as early as possible. Call Ron Preston to order tables. Cost for tables are \$10 for members \$15 for non-members. Show will start at 9AM. We need your help with locating cars for our Big Show raffle. If you run across any really good deals let a club officer know. **REMINDER** -membership dues are due this month. The cost is still \$15per year for a family membership.

I would like to take a moment of your time to recognize the following members:

Dave Smith, Robert Priebe, Sherry Richards, Paul Richards, Sherry Dake, Doug Jackson, David Rutledge, Steve Haney, Ron Preston, Jeanette Preston, Donna Mills, Rob Wilson, Gary Yocham, Larry Kupps, The Richards and Priebe children, Bart Dalton, Lee Fletcher (if I forgot anyone my apologizes) Thank you for your unselfish dedication to this club. Thanks for all you did the past year to keep the club going strong. Thanks for the long hours you put in. **Joe Dake**

3: Important Announcements

1. Please pay your 2002 Membership Dues of \$15. Mail to P.O. Box or give to me.
2. Please order your 2001 Club Car (Yellow Scorchin' Scooter) \$10
3. Please order your Feb. 2002 Show Table, \$10 for Member, \$15 non-member.
4. Nominations for 2002 Club Car needed by end of January 19th Meeting.
5. There will be a FREE TREASURE HUNT given by a drawing at EVERY MEETING IN 2002 starting JANUARY. (If passed). So don't miss January 19th Meeting!
6. If you have perfect 2002 attendance, you get a FREE Club Car (If passed).
7. **DON'T MISS T-TOWN WHEELERS JANUARY 2002 MEETING!**

Sincerely,
Ron Preston
TTW Treasurer

If you have a club or need cars for giveaways RHW Enterprises is the place to go. They have eight different 1/64 HW models for \$5 each plus shipping. All cars come with chrome wheels and rubber tires. The cars are: '55 Chevy (red), C5 Corvette, (metallic blue), '63 T-Bird (black), '65 Mustang (red), '70 Cuda hardtop (pearl blue), '55 Chevy (red and white), '55 Nomad (yellow and white), and a '55 Chevy (turquoise and white). Call 1-888-749-8697 or go to www.RHWEntprz.com to order.

4: What's New

Pep Boys Exclusive Two-Car package is in stores now! The featured car is a black split-window corvette, with various other cars included in the package! Pretty Cool!

New Singles

2001 #'s: #150 – Enforcer, #151 – Surf Crate, #153 – Chevy Stocker, #154 – Power Pistons, #194 – Roll Patrol, #195 – Deuce Roadster, #196 – 3 Window '34, #197 – Austin Healy, #198 – Sidekick, #221 – Riley Scott MK-III, #226 – '65 Impala, #230 – Oldsmobile Aurora, #232 – Panoz LMP-1 Roadster, #233 – Maelstrom, #234 – '36 Cord, #235 – Semi Fast, #236 – Submarine, #238 – Ferrari F-50, #240 – Shelby Cobra 427 s/c. **2002 1st EDITION:** #2 – Hyperliner, #9 – Corvette SR-2, #11 – Super Smooth, #16 – Custom Cougar, #17 – '68 Cougar, #19 – Custom '69 Chevy, #21 – Open Roadster, #22 – Jaded. **2002 #'s:** #115 – Honda Civic, #117 – '67 Dodge Charger, #121 – Shock Factor, #123 – Evil Twin(2 colors), #125 – Hypermite. **2002 SERIES: Wild Frontier-** '59 Impala, '32 Ford Delivery, Ice Cream Truck, Power Plover. **Spares & Strikes** – Surfin' School Bus, So Fine, Rodger Dodger, Soo Fast. **Tuners** – MS-T Suzuki.

The **'57 Chevy Hot Wheels Horsepower Club** exclusive is currently available by calling 1-(800)-858-0102. They started selling these sometime last month. The newsletter which went out to all club members, mistakenly printed that these were "Internet purchases only" when in fact they are ONLY going to be available by phone. They are still available for \$14.95 + \$5.00 for S&H. It looks pretty awesome! I snagged one yesterday!

2002 Collectors Poster Info!! Send \$ 3.00 (check or money order) for shipping and handling to: 2002 HW Poster Offer, P.O. Box 4237, Ontario, CA 91761 Please allow 8-10 weeks for delivery (or longer) Be sure to include your mailing address

If you haven't heard the news, **Toys R Us, Inc.** is building the world's largest toy store right in the heart of New York's Times Square. They will be selling two exclusive HWs cars at this new store. They are called Taxi Rods. The two **Taxi Rods are Shoe Boxes**. One is blue and one is yellow. Both will have the TRU Times Square logos and Real Rider wheels and will be done up like a NYC taxi cab. **It should be re-released in February!** The **Penske/Liberty Promotions VW Drag bus** will be available for sale on January 28th! It is silver w/ black droplets flowing over the front of the VW Bus. It can be ordered by calling Liberty Promotions at 1-972-317-8550 or go to www.libertypromotions.com/cars. The cost is \$19.99 (plus S&H) for the Penske gift certificate and the VW Bus is FREE.

For the early part of 2002 Mattel has scheduled six different 2-car sets that will be available through non mass market only. They include **Rod & Custom Magazine** with a '50's Merc and a '32 Ford roadster in primer, **American Racing** with '41 Willys and a '69 Mustang, **Troy Lee Designs** with a '57 Cadillac and a '57 Nomad (wild), **Pro-Mods** with a '67 Corvette and a '38 Chevy, **Funny Car Summer** with a '71 Dodge and a '70 Barracuda, and **So-Cal Speed Shop** with a '34 Coupe and a '38 Ford Truck. There will also be a **Vintage Drag Racing** set with a 1932 Bantom (Pure Hell Car) and a 27T (Winged Express), **Chip Foose Set** with two exclusive Chip Foose designs, **Vintage Trans Am #1** with a '70 Challenger and a '70 Firebird and **Vintage Trans Am #2** with a '70 Mustang and a '69 Camaro. The 18th scale singles line will include the Speedster, '32 Ford, Beatnik Bandit, Lamborghini Murcielago and a Saleen S7 in tangerine. Re-colors will include the Super Street Honda in light green, Cadillac LMP in black, VW Bus w/flames, '69 Corvette in metallic blue, the C5 Corvette in dark silver, BMW Z8 in metallic blue and the PT Panel in yellow.

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.

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. 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. Mattel has released a new Limited Edition set for the new year. The set is called Automotive Milestones and features some of the coolest history-making cars of all time. The cars feature real rider tires and detailed paint jobs. Look for them to show up in retail stores for about \$4.00 each. They are starting to appear at Wal-Mart.

Sparkle Paper Towel

Petty #44 Dodge: Print name, complete address and phone number on 3" x 5" card. Send with UPC and check or money order for \$2.79. Make check payable to: George-Pacific/Petty #44 Dodge Hot Wheels Car Offer, PO Box 5559, Clinton, IA 52736-5559. *Expire 2/28/02*

LAPD: Fat Fender '40 Ford-black/white – chrome real riders, call 877-714-LAPD or from LAPD website.

Major League Baseball:

Los Angeles Dodgers Intrepid-available for \$10 each plus S&H. Call (800) 762-1770, Monday thru Friday, 9am-5pm.

The Toronto Blue Jays Honda Civic-available by calling the Toronto Blue.

Jays Skydome Store at (800)646-6407. The cost is \$9.99 each plus S&H.

The Oakland A's Highway Hauler in the A's, issued in yellow/green box
 Detroit Tigers Monte Carlo, New York Mets '97 Corvette, Houston Astros 3-Window '34-black-sp5
 There was a Monte' Carlo given out at the Detroit Tiger's baseball game on the 16th of August and you can now order this car by calling 1-800-221-2324. Ask for item #4183. It'll cost you \$8 plus shipping.

There are two new CD ROMs with HW cars in them out in stores right now. The first is called Jetz. It has the Jet Threat 3.0 (black and yellow). Object of the CD ROM of course is to find targets and blow them up. The second is called Mechanics and features the Sweet 16 II (purple with redline wheels) Both sell for \$19.99.

The 15th Annual Hot Wheels Convention in CA was a big success. And more important was the fact that there were lots of cars made up especially for convention goers. There were 2 Passions (one was black with RR wheels and purple and white flames-it was from the big convention dinner the other one was yellow with RR wheels and given out to all HW Newsletter subscribers who attended the convention). A '57 Chevy black with either 5-spoke or UH wheels) was offered along with a Tail Dragger (yellow with WW wheels and purple flames). There were three VW buses made in two scales. The 1/18th scale was blue and white with the convention logos and flames and there was an identical one made in 1/64th scale to match it. When the 1/64th scale VW busses were tampoed, they got the flame design wrong on the first couple thousand before they realized that they didn't match the 1/18th scale Bus. So they corrected the flames and ended up with two different 1/64th scale VW busses to sell. Once again there was an auction held for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and there was a special car made to sell and raise money for this charity. This year's car was a '67 Charger (red and white with RMHC logos). You may still buy these cars for \$20 plus shipping (5 for \$100). Just go to www.hwrealcars.com or send check or money order to Toys For All Ages, 12300 N. Freeway #253, Houston, TX 77060. Please include your name address and phone number. A Ford Vicky (black and orange with RR wheels) and GTO (metallic green with RR wheels) were available. Only 1,700 of the GTO were made and offered to paid ticket holders only at the Saturday morning meeting. The 1/18th scale Scrape was there too. It was metallic blue with flames.

Brach's Fruit Snack has a second promotional model out. It is a '56 Chevy Flashsider (blue and white with flames and 5-dot wheels). They are being offered for "FREE" but you will need \$1.50 to cover shipping, two UPCs from the box AND an original order form from the box. The Way 2 Fast from last year is still available if you didn't get a chance to order one then. Find the boxes at Wal-Mart.

Now we come to the Otter Pops Camaro. There were 25,000 made to sell last summer as a mail-in offer and online. Well, the company that had them made went bankrupt and Mattel bought all of the cars. The CA convention was given 5,000 to sell with the remainder to be sold at www.hotwheels.com for \$10 a piece. There were 20,000 bought back by the Jel-Sert company that makes the Otter Pops to be sold by them in the future. There was some hesitation by Mattel as to when to sell their portion because the blister card features the Statue of Liberty and the World Trade Center Towers on it.

Tide has a new promotional car out again. It is a Ford Taurus and was designed by Colin Albo in Tide's annual contest at the "Give Kids The World" Village in Florida. He submitted the winning artwork for designing a Winston Cup racecar. The 1/64th HW Racing Taurus is white with musical notes and people dancing tampoed on it. You may order yours by going to www.gktw.org or call 1-407-396-1114. The car is free with a \$5 donation. There is a limit of one car per \$5 donation.

The fourth www.HWC.com exclusive Harley went on sale at noon on October 31st 2001. The 4th model offered was a 1948 Harley Panhead motorcycle with a sidecar. The cycle was black and orange. It sold out by the end of the day and they had 5,000 to sell. People were limited to buying at two per customer.

4: Collectors' Stories

A Hot Wheels Recession?

As the nation and the rest of the civilized world watched the tragic events of September 11th unfold, my heart went out to those who would be affected with the loss of a family member. Like Pearl Harbor, everyone will always be able to recount exactly where they were, or what they were doing when the most catastrophic event on American soil took place. As I watched the very symbols of prosperity and capitalism crumble to the ground, I couldn't help but reflect on how an already struggling American economy would be affected.

Have hobbies taken a hit during the recent events? I would have to indicate a resounding "yes." Not only are Americans watching how they spend, but we also have prioritized a bit...suddenly, Hot Wheels weren't as important; suddenly, we've had to pay heed to the threat of attacks on our own soil, as well as biological attacks through the mail. Certainly, with these issues being in the forefront of our minds, we've had to "reprogram" ourselves as a nation, as to how we think, and how to secure ourselves from future acts of aggression. Hobbies had suddenly taken a back seat.

I've watched Ebay for the last several months, with growing interest. Values on Hot Wheels, for lack of a better word, have absolutely plummeted. VW Buses, often known to attain in surplus of their value, are frequently topping out at way below book value. Even the J.C. Whitney bus, known to go for well over \$100, has been won at \$75 and lower. It's not even uncommon to see several auctions with popular cars ending without so much as one bid. Treasure Hunts have also not been immune, going for the lowest amounts I've ever seen. Even the most revered Hot Wheels...Redlines...have taken a hit. It's not unheard of to snag Redlines for more than 50% off of the book value.

Can all this be attributed to a lack of interest in Hot Wheels, or have folks simply tightened up in the wallet? I doubt that a waning interest in Hot Wheels is the issue...the hobby is as strong as ever. However, even Hot Wheels are not recession-proof. Collectors have wized over the years to the fact that, if they have a bit of patience, the cars they need will eventually be found. This, compounded with a struggling economy, is why values are dropping. The days of \$50.00 First Editions on Ebay may very well be a memory!

In closing, you can look at the value drop as a curse or a blessing. For those whose livelihood depends on secondary selling of die-cast, I would imagine the state of the die-cast hobby is making things very difficult. For collectors, however, now might very well be a golden opportunity to begin plugging those holes in the collection at substantial savings. Treasure Hunts, VW Buses, Limited Editions, and even Redlines are being purchased at record-low amounts. Does this mean the hobby is dying? No. It simply means that, during a slumping economy, collectors are not willing to shell out what they once did to acquire the cars. Everyone is watching their spending. However, the United States is resilient; it will eventually bounce back, along with its people and economy. Hot Wheels will plug along, with collectors picking up as they go. It's just a matter of priorities. In the meantime, keep 'em rolling!

See ya at the pegs!!

T-TOWN WHEELERS
Tulsa Area Hot Wheels Collectors Club

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please update form for family membership, *one vote per membership*.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Annual renewal fee of \$15 will be due at the January meeting each year. If unable to attend meeting, you can mail check or money order made payable to **T-Town Wheelers** to:

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For more information email Jeannette Preston @ jeannettepreston@yahoo.com



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T-Town Wheelers

Bulletin Board

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

Looking for: Looking for junker redlines, real riders or blackwalls for rebuild or custom cars. Robert Priebe 251-2128

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

Wanted: I'm looking for Walgreens two car special 56 Panel with Super Comp. Dragster. Steve Richards 437-4236

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

Wanted: I am looking for a Randy's pink VW bug. Steve Haney. 592-6897

You could have your ad here for \$25/yr. Contact Steve Haney

Bart Dalton wanted you to know that he has plenty of Protectos for you. Please call him at 272-8551 if you need:

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