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## Remember:

- The next TTW Club meeting will be our 1st show of the year, on February 22nd at the Sertoma Bingo Hall at Admiral & Memorial in Tulsa.
- It's time to pay your Fees for 2003. Please pay by the Feb. meeting or your membership will expire. If you cannot get payment in, please contact Sherry Dake at 599-8440.
- Voting for the 2003 Club Car will take place at the February Show.
- The 2003 perfect attendance awards will start counting with the January meeting

## TRACY LONG...

Tracy Long passed away after an extended illness Saturday February 8, 2003 at 2:30 AM. For those of you who did not know him, he was not only a great help to the diecast collector; but was an honest and trustworthy friend. My family and I got to know Tracy and his wife BJ after Ken Pruitt's shop shut down at the Admiral Flea market and we needed a place to hang out with the other collectors on Saturdays. Tracy always told it like it was and tried to keep those he liked on the good side of collecting. It was always a good Saturday, if Tracy was in the shop, even when the car hunting was not. I know that there were times when he did not feel well, and he still went out of his way to make us smile. He loved to play jokes on us constantly. I don't know how many times him and my wife



Tracy and BJ Long

ganged up to make something cool magically show up in my truck. Then just sit back and smile; denying everything. It wasn't just all about collecting. Tracy had a wonderful outlook on life, considering the hand he was dealt. He was not afraid to share his life ex-

periences and wisdom. I could go on forever. Let me just say that Tracy's passing has left a giant hole in my life and my heart. Please join us in supporting his wife BJ and his family in this tough time. Godspeed, my friend. Don Jellison

## 2003 T-TOWN WHEELERS CLUB CAR

At the January meeting, we had 5 nominations for the 2003 Club Car. They are: Surfin' School Bus, Swoop Coupe, Golden Arrow and the Metropolitan (Nash). Please cast your vote at the February show. Once selected, the Club Car Committee will take over and

select the paint, wheels, tampo, flames and package. They are being challenged this year to have the cars done and in your hands before the middle of the year. This is a feat we have not been able to accomplish since the inception of the club, but with the committee

calling the shots, we won't require a vote every step of the way. This should prove to be a valid concept and continue in the years to come. Thanks to the Car Club Committee in advance for your prompt execution of this task.

# HOT WHEELS COLLECTORS.COM

(HWC.COM) - Ed Watts charity race team series

This four-car series was created by Mattel in order to benefit Ed Watts and his family. Ed Watts is a former Mattel employee who worked as a designer on Hot Wheels® cars and Masters of the Universe® products for over 15 years. His contributions to these two product lines, and his artistic influence on Mattel's design staff, are still felt today. Last year Ed was diagnosed with a very serious (type 4) brain tumor, which he is bravely fighting. Ed's friends and former co-workers at Mattel felt compelled to come together to raise funds for the Watts family by donating their personal time and ingenuity to

create these amazing limited edition vehicles. Please be assured that all of the proceeds (net of Mattel's costs) will go to the worthy cause of helping out the Watts family in this time of need. This series is extremely limited with only 2,500 sets produced. Each car (Purple Passion, '67 Dodge Charger, Custom Mustang and the Custom Camaro) will be individually numbered xxxx/2500 and all four cars will have matching numbers. The entire set will be sold for \$150.00. As with our other cars, all 4 of these cars fea-

ture metal chassis, Red Lines™ tires bent-axle suspension, and Spectra flame™ colors.

The Ed Watts charity race team series is now sold out as of 9:22AM PST today.

We want to thank all of you for supporting this great cause.

**Sold out in 22 minutes**

“Advance purchase required! Send \$50.00 per person to the Hot Wheels® Newsletter, 26 Madera Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070. Children 12 and under are free (one per paying adult), but we still need their name, address and age on a separate form.”

**35th Annual Convention**

## NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTIONS & LOST ADDRESSES FOR MEMBERS

OK, we are into the 2nd month of the new newsletter and I have had 5-6 people tell me that receiving it via e-mail is fine with them. Please remember, if you ask for the newsletter via e-mail only and you change your e-mail address... yep, that's right, "No Newsletter for you." Don't forget to e-mail

me your new e-mail address if you change it. If you change your mind about how you want to receive it, either e-mail me or call me and the next month your change will take effect. If you would like to try it via e-mail for a month or two, please e-mail me at: larman4@aol.com.

Every paid member will receive a printed newsletter until Larry Kupp is notified.

I am missing mailing addresses for the following members: John Ho, Elvis Prior, and Paul Bolen. If you know them or can get their address for me, please call me or e-mail it to me.

## Tickets are on sale now for the 3rd Annual Collectors' Nationals

Attention all Hot Wheels® fans, the 2003 Hot Wheels® Collectors' Nationals is coming April 3-6 to Cincinnati, Ohio, and tickets are now on sale to the general public. Mattel has teamed with the Hot Wheels® Newsletter to stage both the 2003 Collectors' Nationals and the 2003 Hot Wheels® Collectors' Convention (in October 2003). Go to this site address to download the form to

print off: [http://www.hotwheelscollectors.com/2003\\_Nationals\\_order\\_form.pdf](http://www.hotwheelscollectors.com/2003_Nationals_order_form.pdf)

Check with your club friends to see who all is going. We found it very inexpensive for 2-3 people to share a room, share the rental car and that allows you to have someone to help you find your treasures. If you have never been to a

Convention, it is a lot of fun. So many cars, so many people, so many good memories.

## A WORD FROM ROBERT...

Hi everyone, If you missed the meeting last month you missed a lot. We had the new officers take office and we are off to a running start. The committees are filling up nicely, if you weren't at the meeting, and are a Paid member you will need to check the committee sign up sheet at the show on Feb. 22nd. The Meeting/Show location committee should have all the information on where we will be meeting for the March meeting. The nominations were made for the 2003 club cars as follows: Swoop Coupe, Surfin' School Bus (Spares 'n Strikes), Switchback (minus the surf-

boards), Golden Arrow and the Metrorail. In order for you to vote on the club car you will have to pay your membership dues by 11:30am at the show to be eligible to vote on the club car. You can mail your membership payments in to the PO Box (need to be received at least 3 days in advance of the show) or pay them in person at the show. If you are interested in setting up at the show the table prices are \$10.00 ea. for 1-2 or 3 for \$25.00 up until the week before the show. After that date, it will be \$15.00 per table. This is an open show so anyone can set up at the show, but nonmembers table price

will be \$15.00ea. There will be flyers posted on the T-Town Wheelers Web site so if you have never been there stop by and check it out. You should be able to print the flyers from the site to make it easier to get them out to everyone. The more we publicize, the better the show will be for all. I hope we all can work together to help build this club into an organization where all enjoy the benefits of membership, fellowship and the joy of collecting. Robert

## PROFILE OF THE MONTH- GARY AARON

February's Hot Wheel Profile was submitted by Gary Aaron. Gary wrote his story down on paper and submitted at the January meeting.

I got started collecting Hot Wheels when I joined the TTW in 2002. I only buy the cars I like and the four car series. Currently I have 192 Hot

Wheels. I like most of the cars on the market. I like coming to all of the meetings and learning about all of the new cars that a lot of you (members) bring to the meetings. I think it is neat where a lot of you get these new cars at, like new stores and off the internet. There isn't one specific casting that I prefer, but I do like the muscle cars; Ford,

Chevy and Pontiac. I also collect Muscle Machines, but only have 10 of those. Well, that's about it. Thanks for reading about my collection. Gary

Get your stories to me by the end of February, either by phone (355-4655) or email (larman4@aol.com) or in person. Larry

"If you know of a cool new release, please e-mail Larry Kupp at larman4@aol.com and it will be in the next newsletter."

## WHAT'S NEW?

### 2003 FEs:

Well, from what I am told, there are about 22 or 25 2002 FEs out so far. Here are the latest that I know of: #19—Flight '03, #28—Sinistra, #18—Bugatti Veyron, #22—Tire Fryer,. If you have others, let me know.

**Repaints: I have not seen any really new repaints.**

### THs:

#1—Hooligan, #2—'56 Ford,

#3—Shoe Box & #4—'68 Cougar

### Limiteds:

There are so many 100%, Preferreds, Hall of Fame and 100% black boxes out, I mam not sure what s most current. I would like some help on this if anyone could assist.

I do know Bart has the Japanese Club T-Buckets and Top Eliminators in as well as the 2-car set of V-Dubyas.

### NASCAR, WHAT ELSE?

I NEED YOUR HELP to keep everyone up to date. Please e-mail me or call me and leave messages of your new finds and I will put them in the newsletter.

If you know of a cool new release, please e-mail Larry Kupp at larman4@aol.com and it will be in the next newsletter.

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## HW 2003 Poster Offer

Please send \$3.00 (checks or money orders only) for shipping & handling to:

HW 2003 Poster Offer  
PO Box 1229  
East Aurora, NY 14052

**Bob Chanley** is looking for some single car plexiglas display boxes. The kind that the 100% Hot Wheels come in, If you have some laying around, he will buy them from you. Please call him at: 543-3486

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## OTHER THINGS WE WILL BE DOING THIS YEAR IN THE NEWSLETTER...

- Proposed meeting and show dates
- Announcements
- Collector's stories
- Bulletins
- Pictures
- Customs tips
- Links
- Club History



VW bug from the 2 Car Set V-Dubyas