

# T-Town Wheelers NEWS TULSA OKLAHOMA

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## MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Remember:

- **The next TTW Club meeting will be at Hardesty South Regional Library located 1 block East of Memorial on 93<sup>rd</sup> street. 1:00—3:00, Saturday, June 28th.**
- **It's time to pay your Fees for 2003. Please contact Sherry Dake at 599-8440.**
- **CHECKOUT [www.microcollector.com](http://www.microcollector.com).**
- **Do you have a meeting place that we can use every month? We are still in search of a new place. Bring your ideas to the June meeting.**

Thanks for everyone that showed up for the May meeting. Even though it was a lighter turn out than normal because of the holiday, several good things took place. A BIG Thank You to Joe and Sherry Dake for bringing the hot dogs and beverages. It is always nice to sit and get to know someone over a meal. It was good fellowship time. It was voted in that Jeff and Jeannette Peterson would be Co-Vice Presidents for the remainder of this year. Let's welcome them and utilize their commitment to the club. The Club Car Committee of Robert Priebe, Geary Fowler and Ron Preston met and determined that they are meeting next weekend to finish the 2002 cars, **SEE PAGE 4** and begin working on the 2003

We all know that these tasks take time, so please contact one of them if you can assist in any area. We need to be better members and work together to make this club great.

Also, I announced that this was the month I stopped sending the newsletter to non-paying members, both in the mail and e-mail. While it saves us money, we are also down about 30+ members for the year. We need a large membership to assist in all the committees and functions that we do each year (shows, charities, etc). If you know someone that would like to join, get them in touch with Sherry Dake and get them coming to the meetings and get them involved. Summer time is a good time to get together and talk about these little cars.

Ron Preston is going to order T-shirts for us. Please call him at 449-9919 and give him the size and color (black or white) that you want. We are still in desperate need of a location for a show place. Wes Weger and Joe Dake are checking on some places. We need to be looking for something mid-town Tulsa to get a good turn out. Please utilize your networks of friends and co-workers to locate a good spot.

### FOUND ONE TO TRY:

Maple Room at the New Hardesty South Regional Library located 1 block East of Memorial on 93<sup>rd</sup> street. **See Page 2**



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## A WORD FROM ROBERT...

Hope this finds everyone is doing well. At the May meeting we voted in our new Co Vice Presidents the Petersons, welcome to the office! They where not able to make it to the meeting due to a death in the family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Joe and Sherry brought the Hot Dogs and all the fixin's and Ron brought Pop for everyone to enjoy, it was Great, Thanks guys!!! There was a delay on the club cars (yours truly) but the cars should be ready next week well ahead of the **show next month. We will be taking table reservations starting June the 2nd for tables, just call Ron to reserve yours.** I am looking forward to seeing everyone next month. Thanks and I hope you all had a Safe and Happy Memorial weekend.— Robert

**Come join us for our next T-Town Wheelers meeting June 28th** at our new meeting place in the Maple Room at the New Hardesty South Regional Library located 1 block East of Memorial on 93<sup>rd</sup> street.



This is a new facility in South Tulsa and should be easily accessible from anywhere in the area.

We will have the 2002 40 Ford Club cars available for you at the meeting if you have already paid and reserved your car. Please also be aware that the completed car cost was \$11.50 and not \$10 as planned. You will need to pay an additional \$1.50 when you pick up your car.

Hope to see you there!

“If you know of a cool new release, please e-mail Larry Kupp at [larman4@aol.com](mailto:larman4@aol.com) and it will be in the next newsletter.”

## WHAT'S NEW?

Here is what people have been saying they have found. I got this information from the [www.hotwheelscollectors.com](http://www.hotwheelscollectors.com) website.

1. FE F-150
2. 5 Car Gift pack with the '57 Chevy and the VW. SWEET!!
3. Monster Jam The Monster Bus Cool!
4. FE '68 Mustang
5. Roll Patrol Limo (Dark Blue
6. Wastelander's '58 Corvette
7. Flying Aces II Deuce Roadster
8. Boulevard Bucaneers Anglia Panel
9. Boulevard Bucaneers Nomadder What
10. Dragon Wagons '64 Lincoln Cont (China Base)
11. Work Crewsers '56 Ford (China Base)

12. Pride Rides '59 Cadillac (Chrome Base)
13. 100% HW Shelby Cobra 427 S/C
14. 100% HW 1967 Shelby GT-500

Please keep me posted as to anything new you find.  
Thanks. Larry



Years ago my wife bought me a toy Porsche because I was taken by them for some reason. I don't know why because we always had a Chevrolet when growing up.

After that first one, I started collecting other toy Porsches and after four or five, my son, Paul, got me a couple of Hot Wheels™ Porsche. Then I started collecting only Hot Wheels™ Porsches. It was about the time that Paul and I purchased a 300 car collection and we split them up, that I joined T-Town Wheelers. I started selling some of the collection and buying more Porsches. Then I started finding other cars that I also liked and, as with most of you, now I am running out of room!

When the millenium came, I thought that 2000 would be a great year to collect all First Editions and series. That year really got me hooked on

collecting. Now I collect First Editions, series, other cars that I just like, and, of course, all Porsches.

We set a vacation in mid-April of 2002 to see Virginia and Washington, D.C. I then found out that the second annual Hot Wheels™ National Convention was being held in D.C. the week-end we would be there. Paul, Sherry and I re-scheduled plans so that we could arrive on Thursday for the convention. It was so great, if you ever get a chance to go, do it! Spent a lot of money, but it was worth it. They had room to room trading, buying and selling on nine floors of the hotel. I found a collector that had a lot of 1995-1997 First Editions for \$1.00 so I bought all the different ones he had. I am going to try to get all the 95-99 First Editions that I don't have, but not all of the series. I was able to trade a Virginia Dinner Bus for the 1996 First Edition Bus.

Later that year, I went to St. Louis to a

large show, which also had room to room trading. I found more \$1.00 95-97 First Editions. Had to pay \$7.00 for two hard to find cars. Now all I need to finish 95-97 is the Escalator.

My next project is to find all the 1998 and 1999 First Editions. I have a few and won't get carried away looking right now. I'm doing some customs and, with Bob Chanley helping me get a good paint job, they look pretty good now. I have gotten a lot to customize and don't know if I will ever be able to do them all.

I have over 125 different Porsches counting all the variations. I also have a few of the Race Team series and some of the bikes and VW buses.

I hope to go to another convention some day but it gets expensive. Hope to continue to collect, do customs and have fun. That's the key, have fun. It's just a hobby. Thanks to all the collectors in the T-Town-Wheelers, they have been a lot of help and are real nice people.

Steve Richards

**The Customized Red Line Club VW Drag Bus is officially sold out!**

One of the most popular Hot Wheels® castings returns to the HWC™ series lineup for the second year in a row - the Customized VW Drag Bus - with looks so real that some may mistake the vehicle as a one-off hand-painted custom car! The Hot Wheels Flying Customs™ series is all about high-end custom design, and this sweet ride raises the bar to a whole new level, way past anything ever dreamed possible only a few short years ago when tampo printing was the only available decoration process Hot Wheels® graphic designers had in their design arsenal. Featuring a breakthrough design method that fully utilizes the high level of detail that the "graphic fusion" process provides, this release may just mark a new era in Hot Wheels® graphic design--just as the debut of tampo printing did back in 1975. With a flat sheet of metal as his canvas, custom designer Dave Chang hand-painted each decorated side panel of the vehicle in 4:1 scale. Known by collectors for his amazing custom designs and for organizing the customs contest at the Hot Wheels® Conventions and Nationals, Chang has also made his mark with Hot Wheels® behind-the-scenes by hand painting the majority of the one-off vehicles featured on each year's mainline collector poster. After hours of meticulously creating the artwork, which features one of Chang's signature tribal-inspired flame designs, Chang turned the sheet metal over to Hot Wheels® design to be scanned at maximum resolution. The files were then sent to the Hot Wheels® production facility that specializes in the graphic fusion process

where heat-transferred and microscopically thin decals that are applied by hand to each vehicle. The factory then re-scaled the artwork while adjusting for the distinctive surface shapes and bodylines of the Customized VW Drag Bus. By capturing the artwork in 4:1 scale and then shrinking it down to fit the vehicle, the end result is artwork that appears to be hand-painted, yet would have been impossible to execute by hand in such a small size.

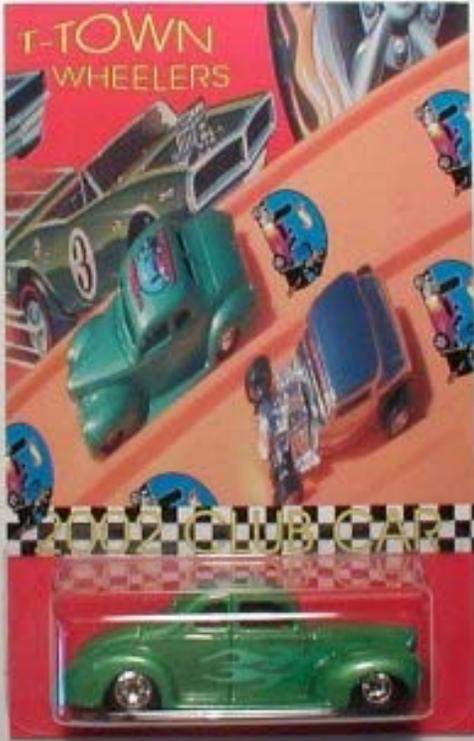
With the artwork now scaled to fit and engineering samples able to be generated and reviewed, Chang then selected the finishing touches for the vehicle by adding 5-spoke real rider wheels from the Preferred™ line for the front of the bus and a full suite of detailed paint operations for the headlights and turn signals. White "Kustom City" script, Chang's nickname for his custom shop, was added in white tampo to the edges of the tires on both the front and rear wheels. Finishing it off was the addition of Chang's autograph, tampo printed on the wing of the bus in silver as if the vehicle was signed by hand with a silver autograph pen. (Each of the four vehicles in the Flying Customs™ series will feature a signature or designer logo from the artist that designed the vehicle). While this whole process was taking place, HWC™ designer Brian Fitzgerald was busy creating the package artwork worthy of housing the series of high-end custom designs,

while also designing his own vehicle in the series that will debut later in the year. Taking inspiration from the original package that featured a rendering of a Porsche 917 streaking across the package, Fitzgerald placed a photograph of the actual Hot Wheels® car on the package with similar color streaks behind the vehicle, giving the packaging a look that is equally as modern as it is vintage in feel. One new feature of the packaging this year that has been overlooked to date is the recently completed hologram label, lending further authenticity to the HWC™ product line. A checklist of the four vehicles in the series, a group shot of vehicles from the 1975 series, and the HWC™ signature window design rounds out the back panel of the packaging, which unlike most retail releases features four-color printing and a high gloss finish on both front and back, all on double-thick cardboard stock. Throw it in the HWC™ protective clamshell and this is one collectible you won't want to miss beginning at 9:00 a.m. PDT on Tuesday, June 10th. This vehicle, like the entire HWC™ Series 2 collection, will have a production quantity of 12,500. Each car will be individually numbered XXXXX/12,500 and 1,000 will be held back for complete sets (to be sold at the end of the year). Each vehicle sold for \$14.99 plus shipping and handling.

**See a picture on page 2**

# 2002 Club Car Update

**The club car committee is:** Robert Priebe, Paul Richards, David Smith, Joe Dake, Sherry Dake, Ron Preston, Geary Fowler, Rob Wilson, Steve Richards, Jeannette Peterson and Jeff Peterson.



## THE 2002 CLUB CARS ARE FINISHED!

Yes, the long awaited 2002 TTW Club Car is finished and available for pickup at our next meeting at Reed Park June 22, 2003 from 1:00 until 3:00. A lot of work in several sessions went into this car. I believe this is the best looking club car to date.



Steve Richards



Ron, Joe & Sherry

The 40 Ford Coupe was disassembled, tampos removed and bodies prepped for painting. The wheels and axles were removed and replaced with Chrome Real Riders to give the Coupe that Treasure Hunt look. The bodies were primed, painted metallic green and finished off with Hot Heads TTW Logo on the roof with green to light green flames on the sides and a wet looking clear coat to top it all off. This is the most expensive car to prepare to date as well with cost coming in at \$11.50 per car. You must pay Ron Preston an additional \$1.50 when you pick up your car.



KEWL CARS!

We also have a good start on the 2003 club car. We have removed the chassis from the body on the Swoop Coupes and we are ready to start prepping the bodies for paint. We hope to keep the momentum up and have the 2003 Club Cars done very



Robert, Geary, Jeannette



Jeannette, Robert, Jeff



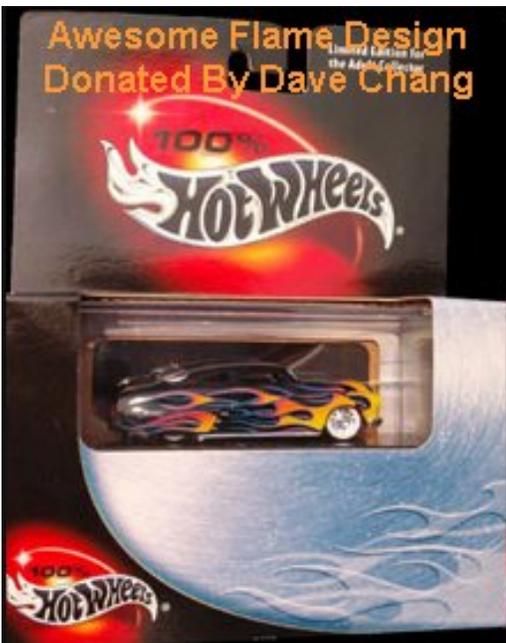
Geary, Jeannette, Rob, Ron

## The Debbie Chisholm Memorial foundation

The Debbie Chisholm Memorial foundation is dedicated to granting wishes of seriously ill children within the Inland Empire. Our children come from every corner of the Empire from the vineyards of Temecula to the Missions of Riverside and from the Hot Springs of the low desert to the Joshua trees of the high desert. DCMF is there to comfort and cherish this life's most precious gift, our children. We invite you to join us in making their wishes come true.

*Debbie Chisholm Memorial Foundation Creates Memories for A Lifetime*

What makes the **DEBBIE CHISHOLM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION** unique is that our wish kids are literally treated like royalty for the day. No matter what the wish, each child and their family is chauffeured to and from their wish in a fabulous stretch limousine. In addition, DCMF creates a lasting bond between the child, the family and his or her personal wish provider. After the wishes have come and gone we are still with our wish kids and their families through the good times and the bad. DCMF creates lasting memories for these wonderful children and we invite you to join us for this extraordinary journey of love.!



Above is a picture of the t-shirt design

<http://www.dcmfwishes.org>

The current DCMF promotion is the 1949 Merc with custom designed paint scheme by David Chang of KUSTOM CITY.

To order your 1949 Merc 100% Hot Wheel adult collectible go to <http://www.dcmfwishes.org> and order today.



*Christmas In June.....I Don't Think So !!*

But what we do have here is the 1/18th Scale **2003 Holiday Deora II** with you know who,

all decked out and ready to hit the Surf!! For those of you who want to get an early start

on your Holiday Shopping, this very cool piece is now available for

Pre-Order at 1Stop Diecast

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***The Return Of The Poison Pinto !!***

Just announced by our friends over at HWC.com, the re-release of an all time favorite, not to mention a true Hot Wheels Classic. "Coming to the Neo-Classics Series, the Poison Pinto is back, completely re-tooled with a metal chassis and engine." Be sure to check out HWC.com for additional details.

**SWEET!!!!**



Another Camaro release!!! I do not have the Wastelanders yet. This is one from the Hall of Fame Series, now at your local stores. I do not have it either!!!!

