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Remember:

- The next TTW Club meeting will be at the NEW Hardesty Library just east of 93rd and Memorial. 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m., Saturday, November 1, 2003.
- We need your Hot Wheel related articles for the Newsletter or a story about how you started collecting.
- Check us out on the web: www.microcollector.com



IRVINE CONVENTION - LARRY KUPP

Whew, the Irvine Convention is now over and was it AWESOME. We learned while we were there that the April Convention would be held in Dallas. I am sure we will share any new info on that when it hits the street. It would be too much fun to see the halls lined with TTW members.

Arriving at the hotel is too cool. They always have a big banner or in this case, a 35th logo on the marble floor at the hotel.



Once inside, the momentum of the event took over. Get your room, run and dump your clothes, get in line at the convention registration, then go and buy your cars. In less than 30 minutes, your wallet is a little lighter and the souvenirs have begun to accumulate in your room. Then you get the walkie-talkies and start hitting the rooms. By the first night, you are lucky to have gotten ¼ of the way through every room. The celebratory dinner for a Mattel employee slows down some of the room to room long enough to get yourself some food, then it's back to hunting until 2:00-3:00 a.m.

Day two is full of room to room shopping, starting as early as 8:00 a.m. (yes that is only 4 or so hours of sleep and a shower, but it is worth it.

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NEW MEETING WEEKEND (NEW MEETING TIME FOR NOV.)

By a unanimous vote, the T-Town Wheelers will be meeting on the **1st Saturday of the month** in lieu of the 4th Saturday of the month beginning November 1, 2003. **THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.** We will continue to meet at the New Hardesty Library just east of 93rd and Memorial. **NEXT MEETING ONLY note TIME CHANGE 2:30 to 4:30 on NOV. 1st in the PECAN ROOM, DECEMBER 6 will be from 1:30 to 3:30.** Hope to see you there.

ALL MEETINGS in 2004 will be the 1st Saturday of the month from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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A WORD FROM ROBERT...

Hi all,

I hope everyone has been finding some of the new releases coming out. Mattel's new releases this year are no exception to previous years, there are several variations of some of the First Editions as soon as they hit the pegs. With 100 First Editions I guess it is a good thing that they are releasing them so early.

The meeting date change should be a good change for the club. This should give us plenty of time to get the Toy Drive toys collected and delivered in plenty of time for Christmas. In the November meeting we will need to make nominations for the officers positions for 2004 and take signups for the pot luck dinner at our December meeting. I hope to see everyone at the November meeting on 11/1/03 at 2:30 to 4:30 in the Pecan Room.

**DON'T FORGET
TO BRING YOUR
TOY
FOR THE
CHRISTMAS
TOY DRIVE**



T-TOWN WHEELERS DONATE TO IRVINE CONVENTION CHARITY AUCTION



Bart Dalton instigated a small group of TTW members (on short notice I might add) to donate to the Charity Auction at the Irvine Convention that was held the first week of October. Bart, Joe Dake, David Smith and myself got together and stripped, prepped, repainted and converted three 1:18 scale busses into Hot Wheel Lamps two of which were donated to the Charity Auction bringing in almost \$300 for charity.



One item that doesn't show in the pictures is the license plate on the rear of the busses. It is a 35th Logo with an "Okie" blue background with "T-Town Wheelers - Tulsa, Oklahoma" at the top of the license plate.

The third bus (an awesome looking dark metallic green) was presented to Hot Wheel Amy in behalf of the T-Town Wheelers. Amy said she was planning to have all the Mattel Designers sign her lampshade and keep it in her office at Mattel.

With a little more planning and construction time we should be able to come up with something fantastic for the next convention in APRIL. OH and did I mention that the next convention will be in **Dallas Texas, APRIL, 2004?**

-Geary

My love for cars began when I was only 10 years old, many years ago. I have two uncles who were in their late teens or early 20's and always tried to out do the other on the cars they had. They both raced their cars and whenever I would go to Grandma's and they were fine-tuning the cars, I was allowed to sit in the car and start it up and rev it up while they tuned them up for the races. We are talking '57 & '55 Chevy's and '59 & '57 Corvettes. These are still to date some of my favorite cars. I felt very honored to be sitting in these really cool cars while they worked on them. As you can imagine while I was in these cars I was on top of the world. Then as I got older they let me play with the slot cars they had. They had turned one room in grandma's house into a racetrack for these very small cars. I got where I could fix 'um up when they crashed and get them back on track. My uncles were and still are very important to me. When I was 18, I ordered my first new car and my uncle was there to help me negotiate a deal. I ordered a '73 Camaro with all the bells and whistles. Dark metallic Blue with spoilers on front and back and ET mag wheels. Then when Joe and I got married a year or so later and started a family the cars had to take a back seat in my life. We raised our kids and helped them get their first cars. Then our friend Jack told us he was joining a Hot Wheel club and if we came to the meeting at Eastland Mall early we could get

in on being one of the original Charter members. We were there and I couldn't believe there was a sub culture of people with a love for little toy cars. That was several years ago and our collection has grown to several hundred maybe thousands, I really haven't counted in the past several years. Joe and I have been very happy with the friendships that have come with being a member of the T-Town Wheelers. When we first joined Paul, Joanne, Robert, Bart, David and Larry helped us start collecting really cool cars. Since then we have got into the 100% Hot Wheels, sets and redlines. We joined the Red-Line club on line and have enjoyed being a part of that also. We are a little more selective now and 4 years ago if someone had told me what I would be spending on toy cars, I would not have believed it. Being on the Club car committee this past year was great fun and a learning experience. The club has been a great wealth of cars and friends and I am glad to be a part of it. Thanks for reading my little story and I am sure that some of you have interesting stories also and I look forward to reading them in the future. Happy hunting! See you at the next meeting.

Your Membership Chairperson,

Sherry Dake



MEETING MUG SHOTS

The following picture taken at the September TTW meeting.



STEVE HANEY

DAVID RUTLEDGE

REX TATUM

Come out and join in the fun every month. You will be glad you did! Remember... Next meeting is the first weekend in November which will be NOVEMBER 1st. This meeting will start a little later due to room availability. Meeting time will be from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.. Be there to support your club and remember **this month will be officer nominations.**

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Wow!!!! Wow!!!! Wow!!!! 35 YEARS OF HOT WHEELS AND WHAT A CELEBRATION!!!!

The 35th Anniversary of Hot Wheels Convention was a great **"PARTY"** for Hot Wheels. Larry Kupp, Steve Richards and his wife, and my wife and I spent four days totally immersed in the art of our passion. While that may not be true for my wife she still had a great time resting from the kids and eating copious quantities of food.

We arrived Tuesday morning and were able to check right in since the entire hotel was sold out to hotwheelers. This was another sight to behold. Mattel had their own security on hand to check badges and if you didn't have one then you didn't get in the hotel. This was a really neat move on behalf of Mattel. Once checked in we made a direct beeline to pick up our registration packets so we could go give Mattel our \$500 plus dollars and pick up our convention cars. I know that everyone has seen them by now but they are some neat cars. Just as we were walking out the door from buying our cars my cell phone rang and it was Kupp arriving from the airport. He checked in and I pointed him to the direction of the registration while I picked up my free newsletter car that Strauss gives out for being a member of the newsletter. Once all of this was finished Kupp and I were off to the rooms. It was not long and I had to return to the room to change for the dinner. The dinner consisted of 600 people for a tribute to Elliott Handler who was the founder of Mattel and hatched the idea for hot wheels just like his wife did for Barbie.

The meal was great and we received a special boxed bobble head and aqua fleet side. We also were given an aqua light my firebird.

Friday began with Kupp and I at Target at 8:00 A.M. looking for cars. When that didn't pan out we were back room to room looking again. Friday afternoon was time for my wife to play hot wheel button bingo. She received three neat 32 fords for playing but didn't receive the bingo car. She had a great time playing bingo, as she had to learn the names of all the old redline cars to play. I like it too as she now can walk in a identify my old child hood hot wheels. Friday night was the night of the Charity auction

and the preview party. This was another time to stuff yourself with copious quantities of food. We also received the white Charity VW Drag Bus. The auction was a great success as we raised over \$55,000 for the Mattel Hospital. With everything totaled we raised over ¼ of a million \$ for the hospital. Also the T-Town Wheelers had three contributions to the auction. Joe Dake, Geary Fowler, David Smith, and myself along with some special graphics from Carson Lev at Mattel put together some great looking 1/18 scale VW Drag Bus lamps that sold for over \$300. Our club car along with several other club cars from other chapters also did very well.

Saturday brought weary bodies as not much sleep was had on Friday night. The races began early with the down hills on Mattel's 10 lane fast track and Steve Terton at the controls and the sizzler races on the highly modified Sizzler fat track. While this was going on we were receiving designer proofs in the autograph line. Saturday night was the finale presentation by Mattel on this years cars.

It was a great time had by all that attended. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Mattel Convention the first week in April in Dallas Texas.

If you plan to attend any extra curricular activities you will need to be a member of the Hot Wheels Newsletter so you can get your ticket application and get your ticket mailed in before it sells out. -Bart Dalton



2004 Club Car

The TTW Club car committee is reminding you to keep in mind your favorite casting in the upcoming 2004 FE releases. As many of the new castings are showing up in local stores we can already see there will be a lot of new castings to choose from for our 2004 Club Car. This year we would like to have your 2004 Club Car ready early in the year. Hopefully we can make extras and sell helping to promote our T-Town Wheelers Club.

If you would like to be a part of the club car committee for the 2004 club car just email or tell anyone on the committee you would be interested in helping out. -Geary

The club car committee:

Robert Priebe, Paul Richards, David Smith, Joe Dake, Sherry Dake, Ron Preston, Geary Fowler, Rob Wilson, Steve Richards, Jeannette Peterson, Jeff Peterson, Gary Aaron and Kurt Kazmierski.

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A lot of people came in on Thursday and there will be new cars brought in. Time to be first in line for the new stuff or to find some really cool things. The day passes and you might be about 3/4s of the way through all of the rooms, finding new rooms open and lots of great cars to talk about and buy. It is a true wonderland of Red-lines, FEs, Series, Variations, Baggie Cars and Customs, just to name a few. During all the shopping is the other events; HWC.com Vending Machine. Get some THs, ZAMAC, HWC.com cars and some new FEs for \$5 a pull. It was very nice to see small children pulling a TH out of the machine. The look on their faces was precious.

Nightfall comes and there is a hum about the building. The stories start flying about the Charity Auction that begins in a few hours. They have a pre party with special attendee cars, food and beverage. It is a great event to understand what Mattel does for the cause. In this case it was for the Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA. They changed from the Ronald McDonald House this year due to a need at the hospital. This auction included some TTW 1:18th Drag Bus Lamps, which were put together by David Smith, Geary Fowler, Joe Dake and Bart Dalton. They auctioned for almost \$300 together for this worthy cause. There were some really unique pieces also in the auction. I managed to get an E-sheet (artists rendition of a car design with tamos drawn out). It was the yellow and white '69 Pro Street Camaro. The cars tamos say Aaron's Automotive. Aaron is Carson Lev's son. Carson is head of marketing for Mattel. Both signed the E-sheet and it was framed along with one of the 100% black box '69 Pro

Street Camaros, yellow, to match the E-sheet. Let's just say that, sometimes it is in your best interest to stop at your first bid. Once the bidding frenzy begins, you might need some friends to pick your jaw off the floor when you realize what you just did. Lots of fun and for a worthy cause.

Saturday was more room-to-room and getting ready for the Convention meeting and the car. This year it was a '68 Cougar. Very nice color and wheels this year. Soon after we got our cars, it was back to running the halls, looking for the last minute deals before the BIG public show on Sunday. Saturday night is always the night that everyone lets loose and has a good time. It's the time you go by and see all the friends you have made to say goodbye and exchange phone numbers and e-mail.

BOMB TOO (SOLD OUT). It was frustrating. A few of you had requested those cars and we were trying to get extras. Once inside, it was like a mad house. So many cars in such a little space. The vendors waiting for the public (they could not come in for an hour). It was quite the scene.



Well, that's about it for this year's convention. I enjoyed myself as usual and am ready to send my money in for the next one. I hope you will consider going to Dallas. It is a fun time and it does not have to be too expensive if you go with some friends.

See ya at the meeting. Larry



Sunday came too soon. It meant another long line to stand in and the end of a four-day funfest. The line to get in and buy additional cars was long. I understand one guy got in line at 1:30am (it was now 7:00). When the doors did open, the sign at the front said CAMARO (SOLD OUT, BEACH



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Desperate lady missed out on the RLC Beach Bomb that was available Oct. 14th. Have other cars from the RLC I would be willing to trade or will pay cash. Thanks for your help.

-Sherry Dake
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