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AUGUST SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

We had a so-so turnout for our August Show at the VFW Post 577 on August 24th. The location was easy to get to but might have been a little off the beaten path for many folks. Those that showed up had fun and I hope found a few pieces to add to their collections. The VFW staff was great and provided a great concession area complete with IKEs Chili and other tasty food and refreshments to keep everyone's appetite content. The space was more than adequate allowing us to setup trade tables, sizzler race track and downhill race track. We would have also had plenty of room for those customs had anyone but Bob Chanley been prepared to compete!



HOTWHEELS COMMODITY & FOOD!



Remember:

- The next TTW Club meeting will be at the **NEW Hardesty Library** just east of 93rd and Memorial. 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 27th.
- CHECKOUT www.microcollector.com.
- We need your input for the newsletter. Your Hot Wheels collecting stories, how you got started collecting Hot Wheels or anything Hot Wheels

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A WORD FROM ROBERT...

Hi all,

I hope you did not miss the August show, the '03 Club cars there where ready to be picked up along with the '02 club cars. The downhill races went fast, with the new NO SEAMS track, the racing was some of the closest to date with several races being decided on a coin toss for lane choice. The show was very good for a Sunday, the traffic was light but it seemed that most people where buying something with the prices being very reasonable. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and tear down the show, you don't know how much that little bit helps to make the show enjoyable for everyone.

A Big Thank You needs to go out to the club car committee this year, the processes has never gone so smoothly. The '03 club car is one of the most detailed and elaborate to date, and to have it out in record time shows the amount of teamwork and eagerness to work involved to make it happen. They are already itching to start on the '04 cars so start thinking of what would be a good, available and useable car for our next club car.

There was some discussion at the last meeting on changing our meeting/show dates to the 1st Saturday in stead of the 4th Saturday of the month. We will be discussing that at the September meeting along with the Toy Drive so remember to bring something for the less fortunate.

Hope to see you there!!

-Robert



A NEW MEETING DAY?

We propose changing our meeting day to the first Saturday of the month in lieu of the fourth Saturday of the month. Trying to schedule a meeting place for the fourth Saturday is nearly impossible these days with the options currently at hand. ***If this sounds good to you we need to hear from you at the next meeting so we can vote the change in.***

YOUR HELP PLEASE

We need your help with content for the FTown Wheelers newsletter. A story about yourself and how you got started collecting Hot Wheels (Profile of The Month), Hot Wheel hunting stories, hot deals, new finds, customizing tips or anything you feel that is Hot Wheel newsworthy will be appreciated. Remember, this is your club and newsletter, all we do as editors is try to get the news spread to the rest of the club so they can benefit from what YOU find.

Send us your news, help spread the word. We are all trying to make all things Hot Wheels fun enjoyable for the whole family.

HWC RLC FLYING CUSTOMS '70s VAN



The '70s Van officially sold out on The Hot Wheels Collectors.com Red Line Club at approximately 3PM on 9/10.



Everyone's favorite '70s casting returned in a modernized version of its most memorable paint scheme. That's right, the car that everyone's been waiting for since it was announced on the HWC™ web site a few months ago is finally here--the '70s Van!!! Completely re-tooled exclusively for web site releases and featuring bent axle suspension and Red Line™ wheels--this one's a sure-fire winner.



For this special release the designer created a new version of the classic 1975 flame deco scheme that, at first glance, may appear to be a straight re-release, but further inspection reveals a more realistic photo-like flame design than the original. Additionally, this vehicle features dark blue Spectraflame™ paint finished off with a thick coat of clear gloss.

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. Look for the single remaining release in the series (the Surfin' School Bus) coming later in 2003.

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).

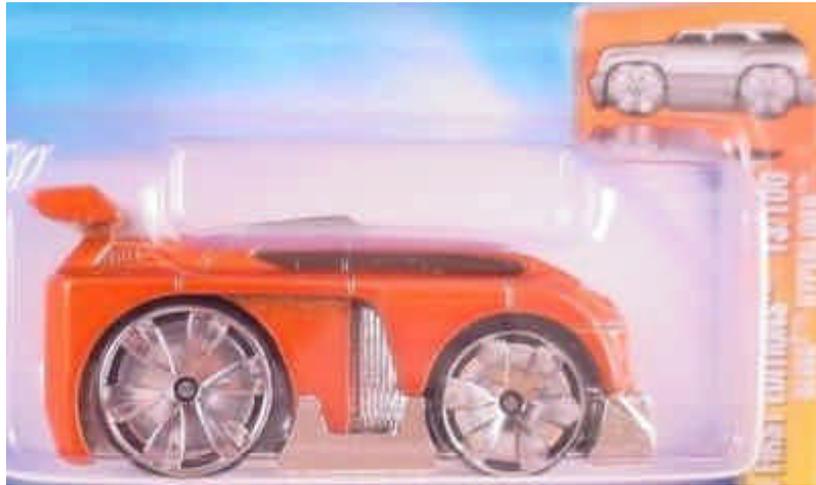


WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2004?

You can look at this from a couple of different perspectives. On one hand some of us collect Hot Wheels because we love to collect anything Hot Wheels. On the other hand some of us collect only because we like a certain type of casting or series of cars. For 2004 if you are anything but a collector that collects anything Hot Wheels you may be a little disappointed.

This year's lineup is comprised of 212 cars, roughly 100 of which will be brand new castings! 40 cars fall under the MAIN LINE category and are targeted towards collectors--these cars are true to life examples of our favorites, such as the Chevy Nova and Batmobile, with no 'funkiness' about the design. The next 20 cars, the "TUNED" set, sport slightly exaggerated stylings. The next 10, the BLINGS, include bad boy favorites like chopped and lowered cars such as the Caddy Escalade--something you and your Homies would love to be seen in ridin' down the boulevard. Next up are the CROOZE cars. These ten cars are stretched to the max, with extra long bodies that seem to melt into the pavement. Then get ready to be blown away by the FATBAX--these ten crazy cars have ultra wide tires that are so chubby they have to be blister packed facing OUT! And rounding out the 100 First Editions is the HARDNOZE set--ten cars with exaggerated front ends, big block engines and major attitude. Now you hard core collectors may think you'll be able to stick to the 40 MAIN LINE cars, but think again--the rest of the 90 First Edition cars will have you drooling just as readily! The entire 212 car lineup will

include 12 T-Hunts, 10 Segment Series sets (5 cars each), 20 Track Aces (cars designed specifically for track set play), and a 30 car Planet Hot Wheels series divided into 10 each of the Roll Patrol (Cops), Wastelanders (Bad Guys) and Pride Rides.



It seems we've had to wait for several months each time a new year starts to find anything new on the shelves--not this time! Mattel plans to start the new year with a release of 20 new First Editions, with representatives from each of the categories, simultaneously. Expect the usual crew of ten at each Target and Wal-Mart every morning! Then new First Editions will be released an average of 1 or 2 every week for the rest of the year! Mattel wants you to find a new car or two each and every time you enter your retailer.

Aside from the usual Treasure Hunt hunt, get ready for a real challenge---when new First Editions come out there will be a randomly packed, severely limited ZAMAC version of each car! How limited? I couldn't get a solid num-

ber, but sources say "MUCH harder to find than T-Hunts...a small percentage of the T-Hunt run..."



ALSO--Remember the FINAL RUNS set of the Segment Series? Boring, right? Again, always finding new ways to spice up the line, several of the cars to be retired will be BRAND NEW! That's right folks...some maybe even from THIS year's First Editions! Some from LAST year's line! Chief executive in charge, John Blaney, said "collector's will say 'Oh man! I can believe that's retired!'"

So get ready for another exciting, eventful year, starting around October 2003!



17th Annual Hot Wheels Convention

Happy end of summer every- one. You know what that means, back to school, foot- ball season, State Fair... Yeah, those are all true, but it's time to make the trek to California the first weekend of October for the 17th Annual Hot Wheels Conven- tion. It looks like a lighter TTW crew this time. I know of only Bart (and his wife Carol), Steve Richards and me going this time. I have been waiting for this since we (John, Larry, Bart, Geary and myself) left Cincinnati in April. I cannot wait to be running the halls at all hours of the day and night, making new friends, and buying and swapping cars. I am too excited about the convention cars this year.

There is a '67 Camaro. Woo Hoo!!! I am sure there will be other cars that I don't know about yet, along with the normal fun stuff, downhill races (10 lanes, elec- tronic finish line), Sizzler races, an awesome custom contest, vending machine pulls, HWC-RLC.com events, a dinner (that I missed out on) and much, much more. They said the entire hotel is booked with Hot Wheelers and there are two other hotels quickly fill- ing up. It feels like this one will be better than the last and to be honest, that is

what I witness each time I go. I wish they could hold one a little closer so more of us Midwesterners could at- tend. I have a few guys that give me \$\$\$ and lists of cars they want and what they are willing to spend. I enjoy look- ing for hard to find stuff and LOTS of '67 Camaros, 100% black boxes for the guys that can't get them lo- cally, and inexpensive cars I do not have. Well, enough goofing for now. Must get my sleep saved up so I can hang out with the

hard-core reu- liners. I will print a few lines and pictures upon our return. Take care. Larry



2004 Club Car

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, Jeff Peterson and Michael Shackelford.

Be thinking about what you would like to see as the 2004 Club Car. We are going to choose from one of three of the final choices of castings that the TTW membership feels excited about. More coming on this real soon. The club car committee wants these cars ready for all members early in 2004!



We want your collecting stories, a story about how you got started collecting Hot Wheels or anything Hot Wheels related. Email Larry Kupp at larman4@aol.com, Geary Fowler at microcollector@cox.net or get your story to Larry or Geary so we can publish it in the T-Town Wheelers Newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Good luck on your collecting and hoping you find the pegs full of your favorite castings and treasure hunts.

**YOUR STORY
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17th Annual Hot Wheels Convention Camaro



BLUE LIGHT SPECIAL

Attention all collectors, the same folks who brought you the "Blue Light Special" are bringing you another special Hot Wheels® collector event. Many of you remember back in June that selected Kmart stores participated in a collector event that brought out the freshest cases of Hot Wheels® cars for you to purchase. Now all Kmart stores will offer the opportunity to shop unopened or freshly-opened cartons of the latest assortments of Hot Wheels® cars.

Kmart and Mattel invite you to participate in this special collector event. Come to any Kmart store on Saturday September 20th at 9:00 a.m. (local time) to have the opportunity to purchase the first 2004 First Editions™ Hot Wheels® cars from the Hot 100™ assortments. All Kmart stores in the continental US will be participating in this exciting event. Enjoy!

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