

# T-TOWN WHEELERS TULSA OKLAHOMA



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## RLC - (HOTWHEELSCOLLECTORS.COM)

RLC (Mattel's Red Line Club) recently received a lot of flak regarding their January 13th announcement of their 2004 Toys R Us Drag Truck Promotion. You can go to <http://www.hotwheelscollectors.com> for details.....

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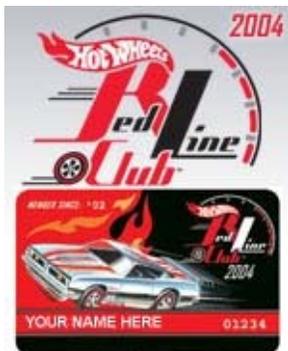
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**Remember:**

- 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, February 7, 2004.
- 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](http://www.microcollector.com)



In my opinion Mattel is making an attempt to help TRU with their 1/64 scale single car sales by offering a mail order only car. Apparently the rules of the TRU Drag Truck Promotion have ruffled the feathers of many serous collectors going against the grain of their personal collecting habits for several reasons.

Some Say “The necessity of buying cars that have been around for a year or more in many instances because TRU does not have new castings on the pegs.” Others say “For the most part they are peg warmers with several that have seen many dump bin sales promotions at TRU.”

The big problem for many is that the UPC codes must be cut off the cards. Then all 20 UPC codes are to be sent in with the original Sales Receipt for the 20 cars purchased between Jan 12 to 31. This requires one to OPEN the cars which is nearly causing many hard core collectors to almost go into a nervous breakdown. I say, “Come on people, you have to consider peg warmers at least TOYS by now if

nothing else. Most collectors obviously don't mind paying \$20 to \$24 for a RLC exclusive. What makes this deal any different from any exclusive Hot Wheel promotion except that you are helping Mattel get some older casting out on the street and into the play circulation?”

If you really want to help matters, buy up all those bent up frayed cards and all the cars that you don't want to see hanging on the pegs anymore. After all, you are after UPC codes not necessarily the cars anyway, right? If you believe you will need therapy after opening 20 blisters or freaked out by seeing loose cars around your house, office or ship, give the cars to a church or kids in your neighborhood. I am sure they will appreciate them. You will be receiving a brand new casting from Mattel that will not be available for sale in a store. That is if you remembered to include your TRU sales receipt, \$3 payment, properly filled out order form and all 20 UPC's and enough postage to get it all there!

-Geary

Carpool to Dallas Convention in April from Tulsa? Call Steve Haney 918-592-6897



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Hot Wheels Collection/Detection Unit #1 for sale or Trade. **David 918-437-3873**

## CALLING ALL T-TOWN WHEELERS

2004 TTW Dues should be paid before March 1 or you will be considered delinquent and dropped from the mailing list. Also, please be sure we have your current contact information including your NAME(s), ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER and E-MAIL ADDRESS if applicable. We are getting many returns on group emails because your mailbox is either full or no longer exists.

*We are looking for club members that would like to be contributing editors to the TTW Newsletter. If you would like to be a full time contributor with your own column we would like to hear from you.*

If you do not want to take on a full time column but would occasionally like to submit information on new finds, variations, upcoming changes, improvements or other news relating to the hobby. Get in touch with Geary Fowler or Larry Kupp at the next meeting or email them an article or story you would like to see in the newsletter.



## 2004 Club Car NOMINATIONS

The club car committee is excited about beginning this new club car project and hopefully bring you a club car that you will display proudly with your collection. The following is a long list of which 3 will be voted on by the TTW membership at the February meeting. The club car committee will make the final decision on the 2004 club car from the short list (of 3 cars.)

- 03 090 56 Flashsider from Radical Wrestlers 3/5
- 04-004 chevy impala 1964
- 04-028 chevy fleetline 1947
- 03-168 67 camaro yellow from Work Crewsers
- 04 Hardnose Flashsider
- 04 69 Dodge Charger
- 04 68 Nova
- 04 Bling Dodge Ram

If you would like to become a member of the club car committee all you need to do is show up for committee meetings and help out with the project. To be officially recognized at year end you must have attended a minimum of 50% of the work parties and meetings. These may be at regular TTW meetings or meetings specifically called for work detail or decision making meetings for guidance on the project. We would love to have you if you have the time to share.

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Greetings! We are only a few weeks into the New Year and we are already starting the year off with lots of Hot Wheelin' action! With the Mattel roll-out of the Hot 100 we should be busy throughout the year looking for all of the new first editions and the many associated variations. I know that I am way behind ....how about you.

What is the hot news right now? Well we are just a couple of months away from the National Convention, which is being held in Dallas from March 30 thru April 4. This is the closest the Nationals has ever been (or probably ever will be) to Tulsa so I would strongly encourage anyone remotely serious about Hot Wheels collecting to make the 4 hour trip down to Dallas. Many members are going to be there on different days so there should always be plenty of fellow T Town Wheelers there to run around with in Dallas. This should be an excellent venue to pick up the tough

cars that you have always wanted to add to your collection. Because the National Convention sells out early, I would encourage you to get your tickets as soon as possible.

Were you at the last TTW meeting? If you were not, you don't know what you missed! I think everyone there was able to add a car or two to their collection and I saw club members selling brand new cars for a buck, older cars and limiteds for less than their original cost and Treasure Hunts priced extremely reasonably. All in all it was like being at a miniature Hot Wheels show, and unfortunately I ran out of money. It seems like the monthly meetings are turning into a mini show for members...so next month bring your extras and let's trade! We also talked about the 2004 Club car which I would also encourage everyone to help with this year.....you will learn how to take one apart, customize it and put it back to-



gether and have a lot of fun doing so.

What can you do for the club? Just join in the fun and participate. We are still in need of a show location as most of the alternatives we have looked at are either too costly or are otherwise not a good fit for our needs. Let any officer of the club know if you have any leads. Looks to be a great year.....That's all for now....see you at the meeting!

-Kurt

## MEETING MUG SHOTS

The following pictures were taken at the January TTW meeting.

***Come and join the fun next month. It is a great time for all and a free Treasure Hunt is given away at every meeting. We will be voting on the 2004 Club Car to get the short list to the Club Car Committee. If you have a preference of what you would like to see, be sure to be there to get your opinion voted on.***

Paul Bales and his daughter D.J. shared a cool collecting story. Seems Melo (AKA Vegeta404) from the RLC boards has been giving away TH's and later Zamac's for more than a year now. The short of the story is Melo has guessing games to give everyone a chance at winning and early in the year Paul won a Buggin' Out Baja Bug and 57 Roadster TH. Later in the year Melo had a contest and the Grand Prize would be ALL TWELVE TH's and ALL 13 Final Run's. This game was a grid game

with the grid starting horizontal A-E and vertical 1-20. Paul asked D.J. to select the winning grid number and she picked B-3.

Yes, the winning number was in fact B-3 and when Paul picked up D.J. after school and told her that her number won the contest. Well that same happy smile is still on her face as you can see for yourself in the picture in the bottom left corner.



**ABOVE-**Larry and Grady topping off before the meeting starts.



**LEFT-** Paul and his daughter D.J. are excited about the TH's they both won.



**RIGHT-** Everyone starting to find a seat before the meeting gets started.

My name is Phyllis Dwinell. I will be 65 years young this year. I have been a T-Town Wheeler club member for about 2 years and I live in Washington State. I have actually made it to "1" TTW meeting in Tulsa. I would like to make more meetings but the commute is horrible!



I love getting the newsletters monthly so I can keep up with what the club is doing and also learn more about my die case collecting hobby. I carry the newsletter

with me and refer to it often for new variations and such.

For pretty much all my life I have always had an interest in cars. A couple of my brothers each owned Model A's. My parents at one time owned a '58 Impala. When my husband Don and I got married his Dad had a Plymouth Dealership. Don ordered a 1958 Plymouth Sport Fury optioned out just like he wanted.

We still have the '58 Fury in almost original condition with the exception of a rust spot here and there. We are currently working on restoring the '58 Fury to original condition.



My husband's Dad had a 1928 Plymouth Coupe. I had always loved that car but never told my Father-In-Law. Years later he sold his dealership and the '28 Coupe I had wanted so badly. I found out 3 years ago an old classmate of mine got the car and has had it

since. Needless to say, she will not part with it even now.



In 1961 we bought a '38 Plymouth Pick-up for \$50 and still own it. We hope to restore it someday when things slow down.



After a number of years went by, I started collecting and putting together my own metal models. I guess it was my way of having any car I wanted. At that time my husband was in the military and as nobody is ever permanently stationed in one place, it was time to move again. This time to Louisiana. Apparently I was not the only one that liked those cars. Yes they disappeared in the move in 1977. My husband retired from the military and we moved back to Washington State where both sides of our families live.

In 1999 my daughter Jeannette and Jeff her new boyfriend at that time, started collecting Hot Wheels together, but that is their story to tell.

My son Donald has some of the Original Redlines from long ago. About August or September of 1999, my son talked to his sister one day, because he was really depressed. I found out the next day they talked about looking for Hot Wheels. I thought it was a great idea, so I took my son out and bought a Hot Wheel for him and one for me. Next thing I knew, I was

hooked again, buying every new Hot Wheel I could find building a pretty nice sized collection.



I have virtually all of my Hot Wheels displayed in one way or another. I have moved a good portion of my Hot Wheels into an upstairs rental property. If you are new to collecting you might want to think about how you will display your collection in the years to come. They can easily take over a lot of real estate if you let them.



*If you have a collecting story to tell, get it to Geary Fowler or Larry Kupp so we can share it with the club. You can email it, hand carry it to a meeting or mail it to Geary at:*

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### Garage Sale Terms of Sale (from their website)

The Adkins Garage Sale is an area of our site that is intended to give customers an opportunity to take advantage of closed out, marked down & discontinued items. Keep a look out for unique, hard to find die-cast at special prices. Terms of sale for these specially priced items differ from our general company policies, please read on.

- As quantities are limited, all orders are filled on a first come first served basis.
- All sales are final, we will not accept any returns for Garage sale purchases.
- Many items are rare and in some instances, packages may not be in mint condition.
- Adkins Collectibles, in order to give all customers a fair chance, reserves the right to limit quantities on individual orders.

Orders must be placed on the Internet site, the door is only open between the hours of 5:00 PM and 10:00 PM CST every Sunday.



Liberty is another site that offers die-cast promotions. You will want to get on their mailing list so you will be notified of their next promotion. Their cars are limited to around 1000 to 1500 pieces usually and often highly sought after. They range from Hot Wheels, Tiger, Johnny Lightning and others. In most cases the detail goes well beyond what you might expect and would make an excellent addition to any collection. It's just a click away:

<http://www.libertypromotions.com>



Another great site is <http://www.1stopdiecast.com>



They have a wide selection of die-cast collectibles that include Hot Wheels, Muscle Machines, Jada, Johnny Lightning, 1320, RC2 (American Muscle) and Toy Zone among others. They also offer various collector displays and other toys. This site is worth a look and may have several items you have been searching for and couldn't find anywhere else.



Sand Springs own Bennie Osborn won the first back-to-back Top Fuel World Championships, taking the NHRA title in 1967 and 1968. 1StopDiecast offers a 1/24th scale of the 1320 brand of this car for \$69.95 delivered and as you would expect shows off some impressive detail.



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Beginning January 20th, current club members will have **one week** to renew their memberships. Then, on January 27th, the club will allow **new members** the opportunity to join until the memberships are sold out. For 2004, available memberships will only be increased by 2,000 (to a total of 20,000 memberships), so they won't last long.

The club car for 2004 is the Custom 'Cuda with the (now) traditional red, blue and black stripes on the chrome car. The production for the cars will be:

- First 5,000 RED STRIPE
- Next 7,000 BLUE STRIPE
- Next 8,000 BLACK STRIPE



And without further delay here is the advertisement that will appear in various collector publications in the next few weeks.....

The drawing of the Cuda was done by none other than Otto Kunhi - the same man who illustrated most of the original Hot Wheels packaging, buttons, and the original Red Line blister card.

Neo Classics Camaro coming in 2004

