

# T-TOWN WHEELERS NEWS

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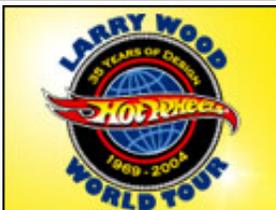
**Remember:**

- The next TTW Club meeting will be at the NEW Hardesty Library just east of 93rd and Memorial. From 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., Saturday, **August 7th, 2004.**
- We need your Hot Wheel related articles for the Newsletter or a story about how you started collecting.
- Update your contact info with Paul Bales.
- **Check us out on the web [www.microcollector.com](http://www.microcollector.com)**



## HWC LARRY WOOD CUSTOM CONTEST

Weld it? Melt it? Hit it with a hammer? Paint it? However you work, or if you've just been thinking of trying your hand at customizing, you'll want to get in on this Custom Contest in honor of Larry Wood's 35th anniversary. There are three categories in the contest to enter:



**Custom car at 1:64 scale** – Qualifiers: Any single Hot Wheels® car that begins with a Larry Wood-designed 1:64 casting, modified however you want. (We will provide a list of Larry's designs.) Judging Criteria: Originality, creativity, and theme. Give your custom a brief description telling us how and why you created the piece.

**Custom car at LARGER than 1:64 scale** (1:18, 1:43, etc. – but NOT 1:1, thank you...) – Qualifiers: Any single Hot Wheels® car that begins with a Larry Wood-designed larger scale casting, modified however you want. (We will provide a list of Larry's designs.) Judging Criteria: Originality, creativity, and theme. Give your custom a brief description telling us how and why you created the piece.

**Diorama** – Qualifiers: Any Hot Wheels® vehicle (customized or not – your choice) set into a custom scenic display of not more than 2'x2' in size at the base. Theme MUST be relevant to Larry Wood World Tour (LWWT). Judging Criteria: Originality, creativity, and best use of LWWT theme. Give your diorama a brief description telling us how and why you created the piece.

**NOTE:** You may submit an entry in all three categories, but only one entry per category per person.

**How to enter:**

Entries must be photographed and posted in a special forum on the HotWheelsCollectors.com bulletin boards. DO NOT send entries to Mattel.

Photographs are limited to four (4) per entry, and must appear on white, seamless background (so details can be clearly seen).

Photo post must include your name (or username), location, and brief description of your entry telling us how and why you created the piece.

**Submissions must be posted no later than July 31, 2004.**

Finalists and winners will be determined by Larry Wood and the HWC™ crew. Finalists will be announced online, and winners will be revealed and prizes awarded at the October 2004 Convention in Irvine. Not all entries will win prizes. Winners need not be present. Prizes awarded to absent winners will be shipped upon receipt of a valid mailing address. Twenty-four (24) prize packages will be awarded. Good luck!

**Here is the official list of prizes for the Larry Wood 35th Anniversary World Tour Custom Contest.**

One (1) GRAND PRIZE – Everything listed below, plus a Series One Complete Set 2002, a Series Three Complete Set 2004, and a Ferrari Enzo produced for the 2004 Italian Toy Fair.

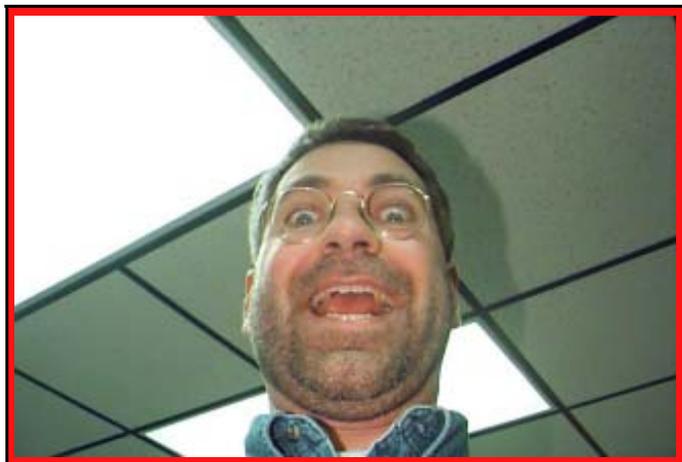
Three (3) FIRST PRIZES – Everything listed below, plus a Series Two Complete Set 2003, four Larry Wood World Tour cars (VW Bug, Classic Packard, '49 Merc and Olds 442), and a white Hot Wheels Flying Colors™ Customized VW Drag Bus.

Three (3) SECOND PRIZES – Everything listed below, plus the Jones Soda cars and a 1:18 Petersen Automotive Museum Deora® II.

Three (3) THIRD PRIZES – Everything listed below, plus a Hot Wheels Flying Colors™ Rocket Oil™ car and a 16-car collector case.

Fourteen (14) FOURTH PRIZES – All six Shift Kicker™ cars from the Larry Wood World Tour and a Customized VW Drag Truck.

# T-TOWN WHEELERS CORNER



**David Smith has done it again.**

He owns a used car lot and on July 16th he traded a 1994 Toyota Tercel from his lot to a fellow collector for their entire Hot Wheels collection. He traded a 1993 Ford Escort for a Hot Wheels collection several years back and thought he wouldn't be doing that again anytime soon, especially since the Escort was, at the time, his wife's car (She's over it now).

There will be lots of great stuff to move including almost 140 Treasure hunts from 1995 to present, about a dozen Drag Busses, First Editions, collector sets, ornaments, some rare variations, blue collector cards, '80s blister packs and loads of commons. Some may end up on Ebay but some will make it to the August meeting. If you want first crack at the stuff you may contact David at (918) 694-6465 or email at his new email address FOMOCO-NUT@WMCONNECT.COM

### BOB CHANLEY

*"Beverly and I really appreciated your support and we would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards encouragement and well wishes following my heart attack.*

*A simple thing just may save your life too some day. If you feel you may be having a heart attack do what I did and take at least two aspirin, lay down and rest a few minutes and make immediate plans to get to the hospital and have yourself checked out as soon as possible. I had no idea I was having a heart attack but more than one doctor told me that taking the aspirins was the only thing that saved my life.*

*I feel so much better now and feeling better now than I have in years. Bev and I look forward to getting back into the swing of things and seeing everyone at the next meeting and upcoming show."* -Bob

### 2004 Club Car

The 2004 Club Car is the 1968 Nova and the project is coming right along.

For those in the Club Car Committee, we will be having a work party July 31st at Joes Shop at the Hospital. We hope to finish the cars, assemble cards and cars. If you signed up for the CCC please make an effort to help out so we can finish this project.

Check out the prototype car on the website, <http://microcollector.com/t-town-wheelers.htm>. A couple

variations of the prototype will be raffled away at the September 18th TTW Show.

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## 2004 Club Car Committee

Gary Aaron	Joe Foster	Robert Priebe
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Barry Bulman	Kurt Kazmierski	Steve Richards
Eli Bulman	Jeannette Peterson	David Smith
Bob Chanley	Jeff Peterson	Rob Wilson
Joe Dake	Jeannette Preston	
Sherry Dake	Ron Preston	

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

If you are a member with perfect attendance for 2004 be sure you check your status on the "Perfect Attendance Sheet" next to the sign in sheet at the next meeting to confirm your status.

## 2004 Show Committee

Larry Allen	Joe Foster	David Smith
Paul Bales	Geary Fowler	
Bob Chanley	Robert Priebe	

## 2004 T-TOWN WHEELERS CLUB OFFICERS

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Aren't you glad you collect Hot Wheels?...Instead of lets say sports cards. Having also collected sports cards over the years I occasionally check into that hobby to see what is going on. If the folks at Hot wheels did some of the things that the card manufacturers are doing I think there might be riots on the front lawn at Mattel! It is not uncommon for the card makers to have certain cards produced in quantities of only a few hundred and some cards out there are one of one ( that means they made only ONE!) .....To think that Hot Wheelers get excited and threaten to quit the hobby when they have trouble finding the 1 of 75,000 (or whatever big number is produced) Treasure Hunt series....Right now there is this years highly publicized one of one Lebron James/Michael Jordan Upper Deck card on Ebay at well over \$200M

bid!?! Don't know if that is a real bid or not but I do know of other one of a kind cards that recently have REALLY SOLD for over \$60,000. These cards can come in special packs that cost several hundred dollars per pack! Obviously trying to collect all of the different cards produced by a company such as Topps or Upper Deck in a single sport is next to impossible. It makes Hot Wheels collecting seem pretty easy in comparison. Next time you catch yourself worrying about spending a couple of dollars for the latest first edition or \$10 for a Treasure Hunt, think about the guys that are out there trying to purchase all of this years Upper Deck basketball cards! Bet you did not know you had it so easy.....enjoy the hobby!

Kazman

## MEETING MUG SHOTS

The following pictures were taken at the July 3, 2004 TTW meeting.



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! - Contact Information**

*If you have moved please update us with your new contact information. Also, if you have email and you are not receiving your newsletter and other communications from us you need to contact Paul Bales or email Geary Fowler with your updated information.*



**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.**

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all prices in U.S. dollars  
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**Huge discount** on all HWDVY auctions at HobbyWheelsDeals.com through the end of June. Save 20% on any auction ended using the buy-it-now option and 15% on all other auctions that meet reserve price. THE MORE YOU BUY, THE MORE YOU SAVE!! Percent off applies to the purchase price only. No limits on these auctions containing loose cars and blister packs from the late '70s to the late '90s (and a few newer than that). Stop by the site and browse a bit, over 1400 auctions currently running so there's something for everyone. **HWDVY**



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



918-627-0957  
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**\*\*\* AUTO**  
**SERVICE**  
8726 E 46th St, Tulsa, OK



**WANTED - Surf N Turf RLC Beach Bomb**

I missed out on this one from the RLC and would like to buy or trade for one. If you can help please call. Sherry (918) 625-0828 or email me, [sherry-dake@utulsa.edu](mailto:sherry-dake@utulsa.edu)

## More Dallas Convention Pictures



If you are interested in looking at some great pictures of the Dallas Convention, check out Connie Basham's site: <http://www.conniebasham.com>. She did a great job covering the convention from every aspect of the convention.

She has been taking pictures of the Hot Wheels conventions for a few years now. There are several pics of our members there. See if you can find them.



I'm sure I'm not the only one in our group that can remember when Hot Wheels first hit the toy stores. I for one just thought it was "just another cute toy" from Mattel® that would be replaced in a few months by some other new toy. How far wrong could I have been?

Who knew back when those first 16 Hot Wheels were released that people would be collecting them and NOT OPENING them? I know it was not a concern to us at the time.

It wasn't long until they were all over our house, under the furniture and of course they were out in the lawn getting chopped up with the lawnmower. I cringe at the thought now of those early cars getting whacked by the mower but what I remember most is the fun that Brian (my son) had playing with the cars. Several times I would come home from the office to find he had taped orange track to a book case and had track running from one piece of furniture to another. It was amazing some of the courses he would build and some of the torture some of the cars would endure.

When sizzlers came out I purchased three of the Fat Tracks. Together we built several tracks on the game room floor and Brian would spend several hours charging and racing cars. It was nothing to see 10 to 12 cars racing together and it was very entertaining to watch them pass

each other as if they had some kind of artificial intelligence behind the wheel. More than once he would yell out "Did you see that one pull out and pass around that other one!". It was awesome some of the moves that would often take place.

I can remember taking them apart, cleaning them and doing general tune-up's to keep him occupied. It was a sad day when they were no longer available.

Even today I often wonder what goes through marketing's mind when I see some of the stuff they try to get us to buy. Why don't they just go back to the basics? I suppose if all they put out were 67 Camaro's, Bugs, Busses and Beach Bombs it would get old. I think they would sell a lot more though!

I don't think they lost sight on what's cool so maybe it's just greed. If you look at the 1/64th scale cars today you hear just about every comment imaginable from collectors. I have heard everything from "very cool" to "that thing looks like CRUD" only CRUD was actually something we can't print here.

I realize these are little toy cars just like they were in the sixties. In reality many more of them are not being opened like they were back then as a toy to be played with. Instead they are being stuck back in a storage box or hopefully being displayed in a collectors display area.

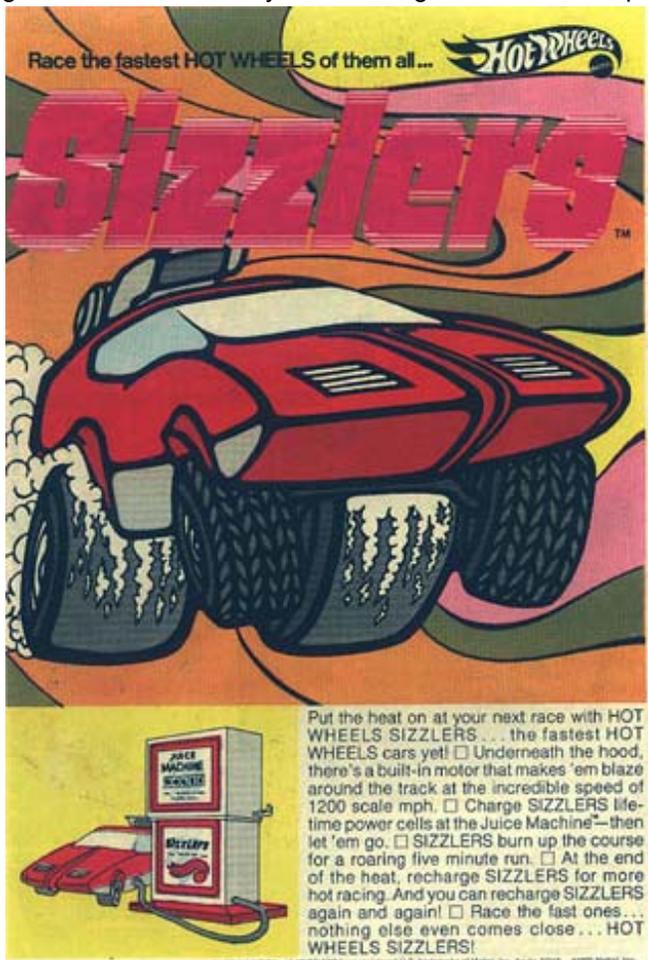
It seems to me they are not being displayed or collected these days as much as they were just a few short years ago. Many collectors have backed off Hot Wheel collecting all together lately. Whether it be from burnout or boredom the collecting appears like it is slowing down to me.

I have heard many comments from collectors in our area like "does Mattel expect the adult collectors to pay ten times more for a car because it is in a CAN looking package". It's like you have to pay more for less.

There will always be some collectors that will buy everything in numbers no matter what it is just in case something is "rare". To me it seems crazy to buy up things that are not appealing just because it has Mattel® or Hot Wheels® on it.

Has the Mattel design team has lost their mind by allowing so many cartoon like castings to be produced in one year? What were they thinking this year? Some of the new casting designs are so ridicules it's like they didn't even try. There have been those "non car" Hot Wheels almost since the beginning but this distorted looking stuff is getting way out of hand. I tend to think that it will get worse before it gets better.

I understand there are major changes taking place at Mattel and HWC/RLC is under new leadership from someone that has been there quite a while. If this is true it will be nice to have a collector at the helm that has incite of what we like. At least they can see that changes need to be made. Maybe we can get back to 40 nice castings next year verses the 100+ of at least half the genre of 2004. -Geary



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## INEXPENSIVE EFFECTIVE PORTABLE PHOTO STUDIO

If you are going to take pictures of your cars, this is the least expensive way to do it.

This example was found on:  
<http://hotwheelscollectors.com>.



1. First start with a cake holder (cover) from Wal-Mart for about 5 bucks.

2. Then you cut several holes on one side at different angles.



3. Place you car on base of cake holder (I mean studio) like this.



4. Now put Studio cover back on and take pictures from different holes. Make sure camera is as close to the hole as possible.

The example was obviously done outside and you will have to experiment with both lighting and your camera settings to get the best results. This looks like a cheap and effective way to achieve some nice pictures.