

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, **June 5, 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**



2004 IRVINE CONVENTION

The 18th Annual Hot Wheels Collector's Convention is October 6 through the 10th and will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Irvine, California. This will no doubt be the best of all conventions you could attend this year!

Make plans now to attend what promises to be another great gathering of the most serious, most fun loving people in collecting!

Scheduled activities include room-to-room trading throughout the week, autograph sessions, charity events which include auction, downhill races, sizzler races and X-V racer races and a Hot Wheels only toy show on Sunday. The Sunday toy show is open to the public and you can rent a space to sell your extras. Room-to-room trading is not open to the public, to participate you must purchase a ticket.

Ticket orders are processed daily. Confirmation letters are mailed out each Monday within two weeks after receipt of payment. Hotel information, dinner forms, Button Bingo™ forms and Table contracts will be included. If you do not receive your confirmation within 3 (three) weeks you need to call Mike Strauss at 650-591-6482 after 6 P.M. Pacific Time.

400 rooms at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine have been reserved for the weekend. You will need your confirmed ticket number to reserve a room and receive the special rate at the hotel (one room per ticket number). Rooms available on first come basis. There will also be an official convention car, made by Mattel, which will be given out to those paid ticket holders in attendance at the Saturday night meeting. Saturday's meeting will get underway at 7:00 P.M. You must be present at the Saturday night meeting to receive your car, no exceptions!

Advance purchase required. Tickets are \$50 per person. Children 12 and under are free and you are allowed one per paying

adult. Children's tickets are required and you will need to furnish their name, age and address on a separate ticket order form. You may purchase an adult ticket for a child if you wish to buy additional souvenir cars. Free kids tickets are not eligible for souvenir cars, dinner tickets, Button Bingo™ cards or to receive the free convention car. Tickets are non-transferable, non-refundable and limited to one per person. Orders cannot be processed for those who do not include the required information. At this time, ticket sales are open only to subscribers of the Hot Wheels® Newsletter. Limit six tickets per subscriber (your ticket plus five additional family or friends.) Hot Wheels Red Line Club™ members may send for tickets beginning June 1st (your ticket plus five family or friends.) All ticket requests must be sent in the same envelope with only the member's HWN# or RLC™ number on the form (not on the guests forms.) Sales will be open to the public July 1st and will continue until sold out. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

If you are planning to attend the 2004 Irvine Collectors Convention you need to get your tickets ordered ASAP. The order forms were in the April Hot Wheels Newsletter update mailed recently to HWNL subscribers.

If you are a HWNL subscriber and you have not ordered your tickets yet and would be willing to order additional tickets for TTW members that need them please contact Geary Fowler. You can email him from going to <http://microcollector.com/t-town-wheelers.htm> or by snail mail at:

T-Town Wheelers
P.O. Box 54211
Tulsa, Ok. 74155-0211

If you are not a Hot Wheels Newsletter subscriber and you are interested in going

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Hobby Wheels Deals 	Your Online Hobby Car Marketplace always free to list all prices in U.S. dollars www.hobbywheelsdeals.com
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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**

T-TOWN WHEELERS CORNER

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. There have been a few returns by email servers which could mean your email box is full or your account information has changed. It is your responsibility to keep your contact information updated with us. If you feel you are missing out you should check your email status.

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Along these lines we talked about having a TTW directory at the last meeting. We need to know if you want your telephone and or email address made available to others in the club. Please let us know your preferences on this either at the next meeting or email Paul Bales.

2004 Show Committee

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

2004 Club Car
 The 2004 Club Car is the 1968 Nova and the project is coming right along. Check out the prototype car on the website, <http://microcollector.com/t-town-wheelers.htm>. This car will be given away at the June 19th TTW Show.

2004 Club Car Committee

Gary Aaron	Joe Foster	Robert Priebe
Dave Batow	Geary Fowler	Kelly Real
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	

2004 T-TOWN WHEELERS CLUB OFFICERS

President: Kurt Kazmierski (918) 747-6766	Secretary: Steve Haney (918) 592-6897	Sergeant of Arms: Paul Richards
Co-Vice Presidents: Jeff Peterson & Jeannette Peterson (918) 251-8198	Newsletter Editors Geary Fowler & Larry Kupp (405) 701-8383	David Rutledge (918) 834-0017
Treasurer: Robert Priebe (918) 251-2128	Membership Chairman: Paul Bales (918) 637-2247 P.O. Box 4138 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74159	Webmaster: Geary Fowler www.microcollector.com

Is it just me or are we already in the summer slump with regard to finding new cars ??? It seems like every time I go to the store the pegs look exactly like the last time I looked. Sometimes I am not even sure if they sold a single car since the last time I was there! I don't think the situation is as bad as it was in the late '90's however, as I remember a time when all you could find at Wal-Mart for a couple of weeks during the summer was (lets see if you remember this casting) a handful of Beach Blasters ! Oh well, it seems like the Hot Wheels folks have come up with a bunch of limiteds all of a sudden for us to buy online so we still have the opportunity to spend a bunch of bucks on new cars. Seems like they have done a better job of picking castings for their online sales this year with most of them selling out in a matter of minutes.

Sure hope that everyone got in their order for their club car. The Nova casting is a great one and with the real rider wheels on it we certainly have a great car to look forward to. If you

want to learn how these cars are made I would encourage you to attend any of the meetings we are holding to help make the club cars. The customizing talent that we have within the club is great and you will certainly learn a trick or two if you attend. The best thing of all is you will get to know fellow club members a little bit better and have a lot of fun while you do it....and besides that you know that you won't find any new cars if you spend your time huntin' instead of helpin'!

Don't forget about our show coming up June 19th. For those of you that have not tried it before you might want to think about getting a table. You can sell your extras so you will have some extra cash to buy the cars you don't have yet and you will also get the chance to spend the day Hot Wheeling with a room full of friends. It doesn't get any better than that! See you at the meeting.

Kurt

MEETING MUG SHOTS

The following pictures were taken at the May 1, 2004 TTW meeting.



ABOVE—Prototype 68 Nova 2004 TTW Club Car. This is a special shaved hood version that will be given away at the next TTW Show, June 19th in Tulsa at ST. Marks Church on Admiral Boulevard just east of HWY 169.

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.

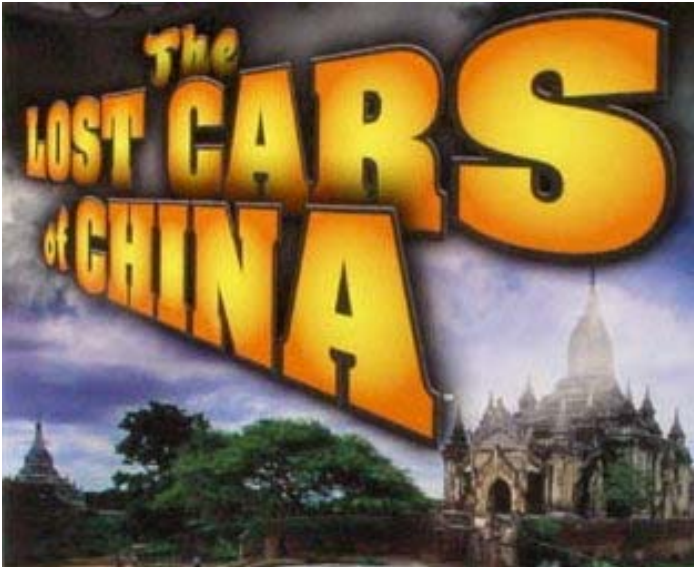
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to the Irvine convention you can also contact Geary Fowler so he can help you find a TTW member that would be willing to order additional tickets for you.

This is the best Hot Wheel Convention in the world and you don't want to miss it if you can help it. There simply isn't anything that compares to the Irvine Convention!

THE LOST CARS OF CHINA

Who says collecting is not adventurous?



It was the dark ages. Well, it was the '90s, but why split hairs? Hot Wheels® cars were on the move. Many sacred castings were hidden in various manufacturing plants in China. Ages passed, and the castings were lost. Okay, it's only about 10 years later, but again, why split hairs? The castings had to be recovered. We could only count on one man to seek them out: VaRAYation Ray.



It was the adventure of a lifetime, fraught with peril and brave deeds. Okay, so it was a few meetings and phone calls sprinkled with hot coffee and paper cuts. But Ray persevered.

Now, we have one of these prized artifacts to offer in this special promotion. The first find of these lost cars is the **Blazer™ 4x4**, which debuted in 1984 and was designed by Larry Wood. It was last seen in 1997.

The Lost Cars of China™ version will feature special packaging and deco. The all-metal Blazer, which includes two opening doors and construction wheels, will have tampo similar to the original on an electric purple paint job. Limited to a run of 12,500, this promotional vehicle will be packaged on a card exclusive to the series.

Here's how to find your own:

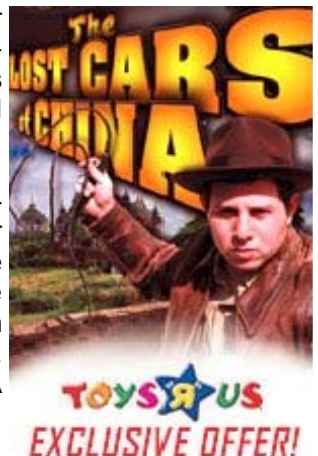
- Visit your favorite Toys 'R Us location from May 2 to 29, 2004, and **Buy** any 5 Hot Wheels® Whips 1:64 scale cars (**you must purchase all 5 cars at one time**) -- **OR Buy** any 1 Hot Wheels® Whips 1:18 scale car.
- **Mail** the **original cash register receipt showing all purchases on the same receipt, original UPC codes from the package(s)**, and the completed order form (print form and fill out) along with \$3.50 U.S. (check or money order only – payable to MATTEL – BLAZER 4x4 Promotion) shipping and handling plus tax (if applicable – see below) in a stamped envelope to:

HOT WHEELS® BLAZER 4x4
P.O. Box 1229
East Aurora, NY 14052

PLEASE NOTE: All requests must be postmarked by June 14, 2004.

- **Receive** one Limited Edition Blazer 4x4. Allow 8-12 weeks for receipt of vehicle.

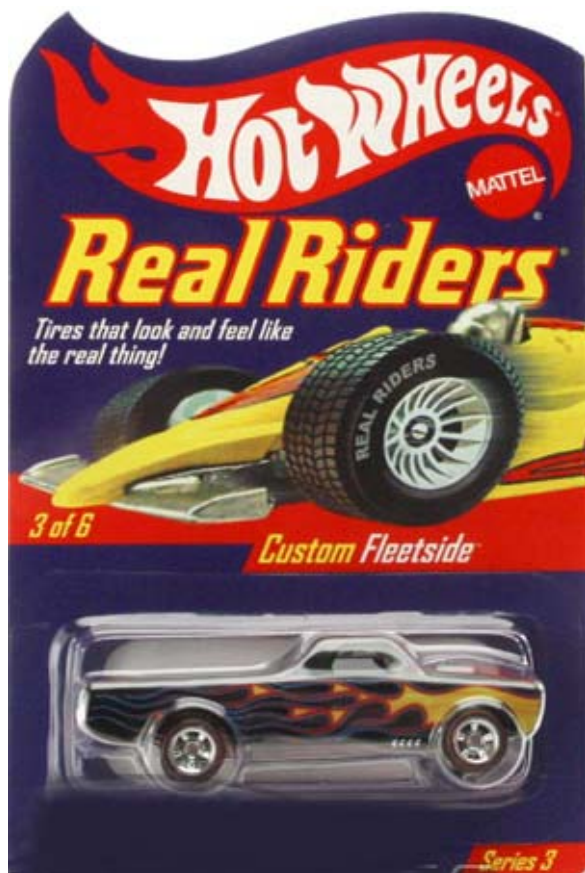
LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE; OFFER GOOD WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. One Blazer 4x4 per original cash register receipt. The mail-in offer form must accompany your request. Material from non-compliant or duplicate requests will not be returned. Mattel assumes no responsibility for lost, late, misdirected, mutilated, illegible, incomplete or postage-due mail. No rain checks or other price/product guarantees will be honored. Offer void where prohibited. Offer not valid in conjunction with other offers. OFFER GOOD IN THE USA ONLY.



Please add sales tax if you reside in one of the following states: **AR, CA, CT, GA, IN, KY, MN, NY, TN & WA.**



Hot Wheels Collectors (HWC) latest release!



HWC™ Series Three: The Real Riders® Custom Fleetside™ is Sold Out!

Back in 1967, car designer Harry Bentley Bradley had just been hired at Mattel to help create a line of toy die-cast cars. Driving to work each day in a modified Chevrolet El Camino, Bradley had only a vague idea of what CEO Elliot Handler wanted these cars to look like – until Handler pointed to Bradley’s own ride! The **Custom Fleetside™** was born, and the look and feel of Hot Wheels® cars were defined.

Now the Custom Fleetside™ arrives in the HWC™ **Real Riders®** line for the first time! Shrouded in deep Spectraflame™ black, the Fleetside™ features a fusion-graphic flame deco from a Wayne Scott design. The tonneau cover actually opens! A chrome-plated chassis and black interior round out the look of this car made



for cruisin’. Retooled and equipped with Real Riders® five-spoke wheels, this makes a perfect flagship car for your collection.



The Real Riders® Custom Fleetside™ will have a production quantity of 10,500, and each package will feature an individually numbered (as XXXXX/10,500) holographic sticker.

There was a purchase limit of ONE car per membership, priced at \$14.99 plus S&H.



HWC is accessed from the web at:

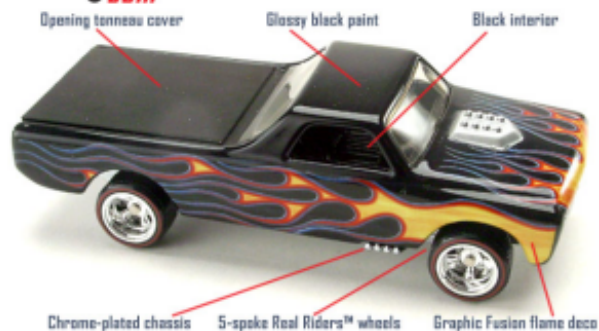
<http://hotwheelscollectors.com>

and you must be a member to be able to purchase cars.

There is a wealth of information about Mattel releases, shows, customizing and other information available from both Mattel and the collector community.

Don't miss out!

Hot Wheels Collectors.com SERIES THREE Spec Sheet: CUSTOM Fleetside™



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VISIT <http://microcollector.com> often and click the TTW Logo or NEWS to see what is new with our club.

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Hot Wheels Promotions:

Brachs—Zotic or Flashider, \$1.50 plus UPC, order from on specially marked boxes of Brachs Hot Wheels ® Gummi Snacks.

Chuck E Cheese—MX48 Turbo—yellow, pr5 and Sho-Stopper— white, pr5 while supply's last at stores or website.

Fla-Vor-Ice Look inside specially marked packages of 24 count packages, 1958 Corvette or Super Tsunami.

General Mills—Wheaties, Drag Bus.

Lucky Charms—Customized VW Drag Bus, red. \$9.99 each, no limit on number ordered. Requires order form from specially marked boxes of General Mills Cereals. 30,000 of each produced. Offer while supplies last. Expires 1/31/05

General Mills Cereals— Salute to Richard Petty: 10 different NASCAR vehicles in "43" Petty graphics. One free in specially marked boxes.

Land O Frost—Hot Wheels NASCAR Dodge Intrepid. \$1.99 with proof of purchase. Order forms can be found on website. (<http://www.landofrost.com>)

Mothers Car Wax- Second wave of four Hot Wheels r premiums which include a car and a bottle of wax: Lil' Bit Foosed Scorcher Scooter, red; Mom's Pro '34 3 window 34, black/red, sp5; Mom's Road Rebel Go Kart, red, ho5; Mom's School Bus S'Cool Bus, black/red, pr5. Sold at auto parts stores nationwide.

Saturn-Blimp due to be given out at car shows/events throughout the summer.



HOT WHEELS SHOW



FREE ADMISSION

June 19th 2004 – 9am 'til 4pm

Order your tables by 7am. T-Town club members also have access to the rooms by 7am. Showcase members and guests use the show only!

ST. Marks Church Activity Building

Just East of HWY 169 on Admiral Place in Tulsa, OK.

- BUY – SELL- TRADE
- RACES FOR ALL AGES
- CUSTOMS CONTEST
- DOOR PRIZES
- HOT WHEEL RAFFLE
- FUN, FUN, FUN !!!

ADMISSION IS FREE SO BRING ALL THE KIDS AND THEIR FRIENDS!!!!

Table sizes vary. First come, first served.

Order your tables A.S.A.P.!

Round 8 ft Tables \$10 each for members \$15 each for non-members.
Rectangular 8 ft Tables \$10 each for members, \$15 each for non-members.
Rectangular 6 ft Tables \$10 each for members, \$15 each for non-members.

ALL TABLE PRICES GO UP \$5.00 per table June 12th, 2004.

For show information or to reserve tables call Robert Priebe (918) 251-2128 or

EMAIL Robert at Coolwheels@aol.com.

On the World Wide Web Go to MICROCOLLECTOR.COM & click the TTW Logo for additional show information.

CUT -- AND -- MAIL -- Must be postmarked BY midnight - June 11th, 2004 --

Send payment to: T-Town Wheelers P O BOX 54211 Tulsa Oklahoma 74155-0211

NAME _____ MEMBER? YES NO

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ NUMBER OF TABLES _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

WHAT DO YOU COLLECT? _____ DO YOU CUSTOMIZE? _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____