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TTW OFFICER POSITION NOMINEES

The following are the nominees for the T-Town Wheelers 2005 Officer positions:

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Vice President David Smith

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Secretary Steve Haney

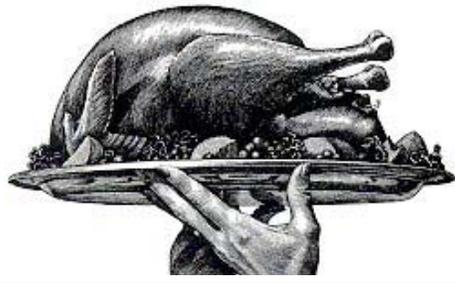
Membership Chair Paul Bales

Newsletter Editor Geary Fowler (Providing there is help from the group regarding content for the newsletter)

Sergeant of Arms Kenny Foster
James Lindsey

With elections coming up at the December 4th meeting it is important that you show up and show your support by voting in your officers for the coming year not to mention sharing a great Christmas Dinner with your fellow collectors.

CHRISTMAS DINNER



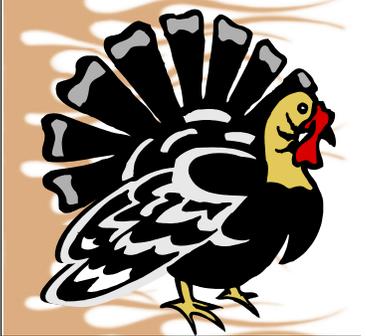
The December 4th meeting is also our Christmas dinner meeting. Bart Dalton is providing the turkey. Robert Priebe is bringing Ham and the membership providing all the side dishes and beverages. If you don't know what to bring get in touch with Kurt.



- 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, **December 4th, 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

TOY DRIVE

We are in great need of toys for the Christmas Toy Drive. Although we have collected in a few items for the 2004 Christmas Toy Drive we are way behind in what we would like to give this year to the children that are less fortunate. We have to remember there are folks out there that simply cannot afford to buy anything for the children for Christmas and will only have a Christmas if we make it possible for them. They will be very appreciative for anything we can provide. Please bring a toy (or two) with you to the meeting, lets make this the best collection of Christmas toys we have ever had!!!



2004 VARIATIONS

(I asked for help and thanks to Robert Priebe, Paul Bales, Jeannette Peterson and Kurt the Prezmierski we will have variation information in the newsletters to come. Thanks everyone! - Geary)

Well it seems that 2004 will certainly be a year to remember, 100 new First Editions and countless variations. From the standard wheel change & color change, to the Zamac's, and finally the K-Mart special colors there were plenty of cars to keep up with. Well it should be no surprise that the year will end as it started. First some wheel changes:

Things got started recently with the C U L8TR(again) & Brutlistic going from PR5's to SP5 and the Buzz-Off , Super Gnat, and Asphalt Assault going from SP10 to PR5's. Another older wheel change had the Wastelander Cuda going from Blue SP10's to Chrome SP10's.

One very quick Tampo change happened on the Tooned C6 Corvette as it went from listing 4 designers names on the side to 3 and the FatBax Corvette getting painted tail lights and flag deco on the back. Speaking of quick, here's a wheel variation that many never saw on the pegs with the Track Aces Turbo Flame going from a SP5 to a PR5 screamer wheel. The regular 5 spoke disappeared very quickly.

Some more recent changes include the Track Aces Corvette Sting Ray III going from SP3 to PR5's and the Speed Blaster from Co-Molds to SP3's. In the series segment we have the Crank Itz 40's Woody going from SP5 to DW3 (directional) and the Tag Rides Cougar going from SP3's to PR5's and now SP5's. It's too early to tell which of these will be the HTF.

Finally some variations to watch for as your out hunting in the coming weeks are the Shredded with SP5's, the Final Run Cat-A-Pult with SP3's, and the Crooze Fast Fuse with all black wheels. If you know of any other RECENT variations that I missed please be sure to let me know.

And finally for the hard core variation collector watch for card changes (see Tag Rides Boom Box picture on page 6), as always this adds another element to the variation hunt.

- Paul Bales

2004 Cars

Number	Series	Name of Car	Variation
#87	1st Edition	Shredded	5 sp, PR5
#88	1st Edition	Super Gnat	CH 10 sp, PR5
#91	1st Edition	Buzz Off	10sp, PR5
#95	1st Edition	Fatbax 2005 Corvette	Painted and unpainted tail lights
#99	1st Edition	Tooned Corvette C6	Blk #5, Gry #5 w/3names, Grey #5 w/4 names
#195	Wastelanders	Plymouth Barracuda	Silver 10sp, blue 10sp
#64	1st Edition	Crooze Fast Fuse	Silver 5 sp on 04 card, blackened 5sp on 05 card
#139	Tag Rides	1968 Cougar	3spk on 04 Card, PR5 on 05 Card, 5spk
#168	Track Aces	Corvette Stingray III	3spk, PR5
#138	Tag Rides	Boom Box	PR5 w/ lgt blue tampo, PR5 w/ turq tampo, 10spk w/ turq tampo
#136	Final Run	Cat-A-Pult	HW 35 wheel, 3 sp

If you find new variations pass the information along to Paul Bales, Jeannette Peterson, Robert or myself so we can spread the word to the rest of the club.—Geary

Seems like if you are into variations 2005 will be your year. Supposedly there are going to be base logo variations in the first editions which may vary depending on country of origin and mold changes. The co-mold wheels mold may be repaired also causing the Speed blaster and Cat-a pult to come out with 3 spoke wheels. Also look for Hot Wheels to come out with red/white/blue themed 1/24 Freedom Rides in early 2005 which will have limited quantities.

Mattel is also doing two Japanese only show cars the 70's van and VW Drag bus limited to 2,000 each. They also have Snap-on

cars available thru Snap-On dealers consisting of 6 different cars including those you can get with a Hot Wheels Tune up Shop. You have probably already seen the Holiday Rods in your local store which includes the VW bug, Passion, 67 Camaro and 67 Charger. These will come in four colors with some of the stores receiving an exclusive color. Avon is also getting into it with 4 Batman related cars in Park 'n Plate sets. Mattel also released the list of 2005 Final Runs which includes the Big Chill, Treadator, Hydroplane, Thomasina III and the Buick Wildcat. Bet you will miss all of these!

-Kurt

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Well, as I write this we are a couple of days away from another K-Mart day event where I hope to catch up on the 2004's that I have missed out on and hopefully pick up some of the 2005's that I have not seen yet. Should be a good opportunity for me to catch up and who knows I might even luck into a treasure hunt. It is always interesting to go to these events as for the most part I will see and either know or recognize about 80% of the people there with a fair number of them members of our club, though perhaps not always our most active members.

I always get a kick out of watching the actions and/or reactions of the collectors at these events, as oftentimes I get to see a bit of tension between collectors (oftentimes appearing to be a life and death issue) because somebody got a car or multiples of cars that the other person did not get. I know everyone reading this has seen it as well, so I am not treading on any new ground here. What I always enjoy are the reasons that a collector will have for holding

two or more of the same car in their hands while a collector that they see every day is walking away with none: 'I am collecting for my kid', 'I am collecting for my Aunt in Missouri', 'I always need to get an extra to open', 'I have to get at least one to trade', are several of the excuses used to justify their multiple purchases. Wouldn't it be cool if everyone would share and allow each of their fellow collectors to get one before they start accumulating multiples? If everyone did it, I believe that every collector could get every car, including hunts, and this Hot Wheels world would be a dandy place to live in. Is everyone with me on this?

Kazman



MEETING MUG SHOTS

The following pictures were taken at the November 6th, 2004 TTW meeting.



Kurt Kazmierski—Robert Priebe



Do ya think these guys were caught off guard or just annoyed with having a camera pointed at them? :)



David Smith—Larry Wagle—Wes Sweger



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NEW 2005 CARS

2005 looks to be another year of cartoon-like die cast with a few of them already hitting the stores.

Below along with the AIRY 8 bike are five examples of the Dropt Tops series cars.



AIRY 8



Dropt Tops 63 Corvette Stingray



Dropt Tops Low Carbs



Dropt Tops Curb Side



Dropt Tops Low C GT



Dropt Tops 57 Nomad

Oldies But Goodies by David Smith

This is the first of many articles that will focus on Hot Wheels older than 1999. Many collectors have little knowledge or experience with anything older than a few years and I think they'll enjoy the vintage stuff once they've been exposed to it. I've collected mainly older stuff from the beginning of my collecting days and gave up on the new stuff after the mainline cars were joined by Treasure Hunts, 4-car collector series and First Editions.

One of my favorite lines offered by Mattel was from the early '80s. These strange vehicles were called Crack-Ups and were actually meant to be wrecked over and over and over. They were mostly exclusive castings including a Buick Stocker, Police car, Taxi, Indy car, Dump truck, Ramp truck as well as several generic models. They were marketed on single blister cards, multi-packs on blisters and play sets. The multi-packs were available as bonus stamper packs and bonus mainline cars sets that included a free Crack-Ups vehicle with the purchase of a couple mainline cars. There are some models in the stamper packs that were color variations only available when you bought the stamper pack.



Production was mainly from Hong Kong but some were made in Malaysia and there were a couple play sets offered including one that was a Crash test proving grounds which included a white Buick Stocker crash test vehicle that was only available in that set.

For those of you with a 2nd edition Tomarts guide, you can look on the back cover at the 20th anniversary 20-car gift pack and in the upper right corner is a hard to find white Indy Crack-Ups car.

Mattel has tried many variations on the standard Hot Wheels since the late '60s. Skyshow sets, Farbs and even a couple motorcycles were offered and due to their rarity are very collectible today. The Rarity of an item alone should make it worth more to the collector but limited run doesn't always promise higher value.

There are no definitive sources for collectors looking for information on completing a set of these neat little cars but they are a blast to hunt down and you should really play with them as well.....that's what it's all about, isn't it?



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Here is a couple of pictures of "Crackups" by Paul Bales illustrating how "Crackups" transform into wrecks when they collide.

Tag Rags Boom Box with Card Variation

