

T-TOWN WHEELERS NEWS

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MARCH SHOW IS COMING MARCH 12!

Have you signed up yet for tables, for volunteer work? Now is the time to call Robert Priebe and reserve your tables for the March show and offer your services to man the TTW club table and help with events of the day!

If you get them in advance, tables are only \$10 if you are a paid up TTW club member! The table price goes up the week before the show.

Last show was at capacity so do not be shut out this time! We will have the usual fun with customs, racing and of course plenty of new cars for you to see and select.

We also need your help if you can spare a little time to help other members man a table or the front door or clean up at the end of the day. You get the picture, it will make for an easier day for everyone that usually does all the work for the club. Thanks so much for your help we will see you there!

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, **March 5, 2005.**
- We need your Hot Wheel related articles for the Newsletter or a story about how you started collecting.
- **DUES ARE DUE NOW!**
- Update your contact info with Paul Bales.
- Check us out on the web www.microcollector.com



HOT WHEELS SHOW



FREE ADMISSION

March 12th 2005— 9am 'til 4pm

Dealer set-up starts at 7am. T-Town club members have access to the room at 8am. Become a member and get into the show early!

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.

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 March 5th, 2005.

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.

VARIATIONS

With the new year upon us, here are some things to keep an eye out for:

Playsets/other:

- Backdraft with Police Graphics now coming in 5 spokes
- Backdraft in silver now coming with 3 spokes
- Truckin Transporters Pony Up with 5 spokes
- Company Cars Jaguar with Gold 5 spokes in a new playset
- Sinistra FE in chrome PR5's in new playset

Check out the playsets/tracksets/etc for other new variations as well!

Kar Keepers Green 70 Roadrunner: The first run of these will have the car made in Thailand, and the second run will be made in China.

Mercedes G-Wagon Blings has silver side tampo instead of purple

Autonomicals Zotie made in Malaysia instead of Thailand

Autonomicals GTO Judge made in China instead of Malaysia

Tooned Corvette C6 with additional tampo of Makuilli above Koblin

2005

- 1) The FE Mitsubishi Pajero is coming with PR5 wheels in some M cases.
- 2) The 1/4 Mile Coupe is now being made in Malaysia instead of Thailand

2004

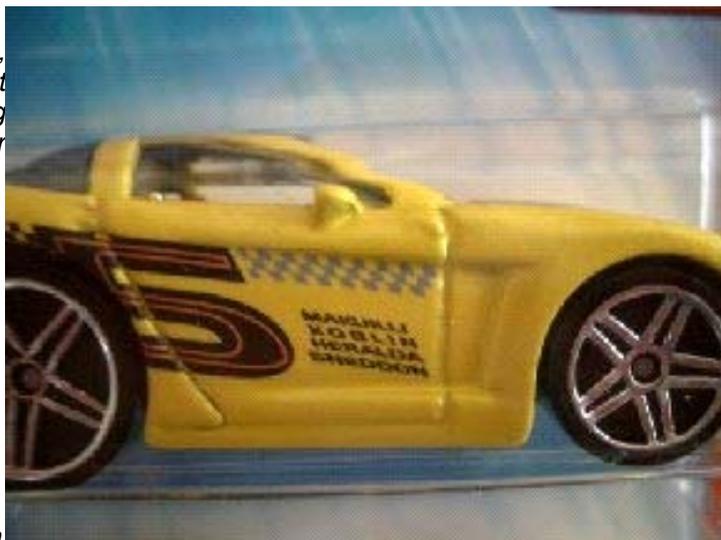
Anyone finding any cool Variations? Or are you like me, lucky to find anything at all. UGH! Another slow month but just when you thought you'd completed your 2004 set along comes K-Mart collectors day with some more color vari's for last years cars.

- #053 Crooze Bedtime in Black
- #057 Cadillac V-16 in White
- #062 Fatbax Silhoutte in Yellow
- #063 'Tooned Furiosity in Burgandy
- #071 'Tooned 1969 Camaro Z28 in Blue
- #073 Asphalt Assult in Orange

Also making an appearance in these special cases was the #099 'Tooned Corvette C6 with 4 names (Makuilli) in the tampo.

Be one the look out for a couple of other 04 vari's that have been reported but not seen in this area yet, once again as a casting run nears its end the wheels seem to change.

- #099 'Tooned Corvette C6 with 3XL5sp/5sp
- #100 Cool-One with 3XL5sp/5sp



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A WORD FROM KAZ MAN

Greetings! It is okay to start thinking about what we always like to discuss this time of year. No its not time to talk about the lack of new Hot Wheels we are buying, its time to start thinking about the 2005 club car! This is your chance. Step on up and have a voice in the latest T-Town Wheelers car! What kind of car would you like to see?

It seems like as is the case with most Hot Wheelers the favorite cars tends to be either hot rods or muscle cars with fantasy cars rarely given much consideration. What do you like now? There are several cool castings, which have recently come out or are about to come out and we would like to hear your ideas for what would make a great club car. Examples of some of the recent cool casting that we have seen include the C6 Vette, the 69 Firebird, and the new Riviera that was in the Kmart Cases.

Do you have a favorite? One requirement is that we need a car that is either out there now on the pegs or soon to appear on the pegs that we can obtain in multiples great enough so we can crank out enough club cars to cover our needs. We can also pick a casting that members have hoarded in significant quantities also.

Another suggested requirement is finding a car with a plastic base. For those of you that don't do any customizing, a plastic base car is a heck of a lot easier to take apart than a metal base. Just come to one of the club car work days and you will find out for yourself! Also having a car that is club logo friendly would be nice... look for a casting with a nice flat area on it somewhere to accommodate our logo.

Well that should get you started thinking about it... Got any ideas? What cars do you like? Bring you thoughts and ideas to the meeting. Let's see what we can come up with for our club car for 2005!
-Kaz

T-TOWN WHEELERS—MEETING PICTURES

Everyone please welcome our new TTW members:

Jack Nequette
Shane Workman
Oylan Workman

If you have not paid your 2005 Dues they are past due at this time. Please pay your dues by March 15th to avoid missing the next newsletter.

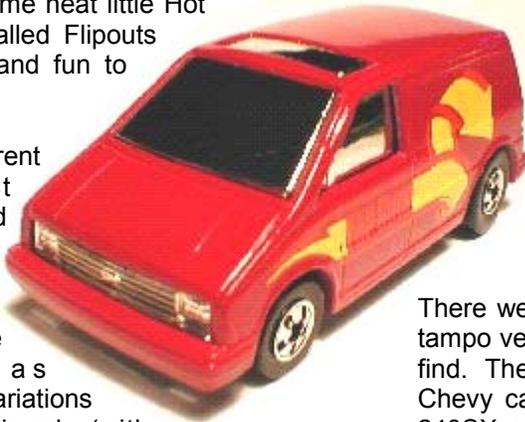
The pictures below are from the February 5, 2005 TTW Meeting



OLDIES BUT GOODIES—FLIPOUTS—DAVID SMITH

This month we look at some neat little Hot Wheels from the '80's called Flipouts that were great looking and fun to play with.

There are only 8 different vehicles to collect including variations and some of us in the club may not have heard of them before. The Flipouts were sold in the U.S. as well as Internationally. Card variations include U.S., International (with French wording), short and long cards (same as the mainline cards of the day.)



There were 4 different castings, each in two different color/tampo versions and one variation that's nearly impossible to find. There was an Aerostar Van, Police Taxi (similar to the Chevy caprice casting used in the Crackups line), Nissan 240SX and a Firebird with a spoiler that was the Camaro

W i n d Casting. The firebird came in a super rare third version that is White.

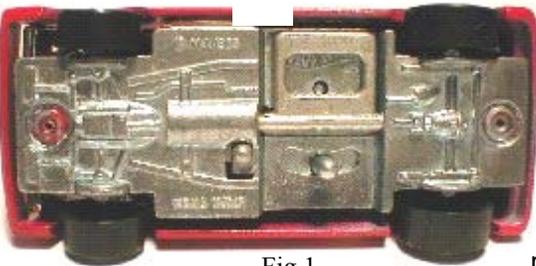


Fig 1

All vehicles were metal bodied with metal bases so they're pretty heavy. The bases had to be metal because

of the mechanism that caused them to "flipout". They had a spring-loaded arm on the bottom of the frame that would swing from side to side and lock into position under the car. (see fig.1)

Original retail price on a Flipout was up to \$4.99 depending on where you shopped. They could be found for less when they were clearance priced. Sales were not that good on them so they were peg warmers for some time. They could be seen hanging on pegs into the '90's.

To set the flipout arm you pressed the release lever to start the flipout arm up and away from the



metal base so you could get a finger under it and continue the flipout arm into locked position.

These are great metal bodied vehicles with nice tampo's and you can still find them at shows and flea markets at close to retail value from almost 20 years ago. Why wouldn't you want to collect them!



The base had a release lever that stuck down almost as far as the wheels. Almost anything that stuck up much higher than the surface the car was rolling

on would catch the lever and release the flipout arm to flip the vehicle over.

Carded cars are obviously a must if you want nice examples of Flipouts. The loose are usually in "played with" condition and have been "flipped out". Unless they were pulled by a collector and placed directly into a display they are most likely chipped, scratched, faded with wheel wear and tarnished bases. Good loose ones are hard to find especially at garage sales.

Next month "Demolition Man"!



Some of the K-Mart Day finds by Paul Bales February 26th.



AD LISTINGS

ALL MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED ONE FREE ADVERTISING SPACE IN THIS NEWSLETTER AS PART OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP

I'm looking for ONE of the 2004 TH's.
The #8 Morris Wagon (either version).
- Geary Fowler

I'm looking for the blue plane
and white Tooned Camaro.
Steve Richards

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