

# T-TOWN WHEELERS NEWS TULSA OKLAHOMA

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## MARCH SHOW HIGHLIGHTS!

Our March 12th show at St. Marks Church in Tulsa provided a day of trading, selling, downhill racing and Hot Wheel customs contest. It was a great day to get out and enjoy the die cast hobby.

Besides the normal sights you might normally see at one of our events Bart Dalton brought some resin and production sample run prototypes loaned by Cookie Lind for us to display at the TTW Table. In case you missed them, Paul Bales got some great shots of these so we can share with you.



- 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, **April 2, 2005.**
  - We need your Hot Wheel related articles for the Newsletter or a story about how you started collecting.
  - **DUES ARE PAST DUE!**
  - Update your contact info with Paul Bales.
  - **Check us out on the web [www.microcollector.com](http://www.microcollector.com)**



Above you will notice the two and three car displays provided by Cookie Lind

I would like to say Thank You to everyone who helped support the T-Town Wheelers in purchasing tables, handing out flyers, working the doors, running races, working the raffles, web-site management and everything else that goes on behind the scenes in making an event like this come together. You are what makes this club a Great One! If you where not able to make to the first show make sure to mark your calendar for the next two shows coming up:  
 June 11th  
 October 8th Robert



No, that's not a Ford Thunderbolt eraser. It's actually the resin mold of the Ford Thunderbolt prototype loaned for display by Cookie Lind..

## 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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## A WORD FROM KAZ MAN

Greetings! If you happen to read any of the online die cast chatter you know the dominant topic of discussion is the new Hot Wheels Classics line. I cannot say that I have seen any of these hanging on the pegs and if it were not for the last club meeting I would not have seen them in person at all. It appears that for whatever reason, it is taking Mattel a long time to get these rolled out and in the stores and the reasons speculated on are many including production line issues, the Tsunami, and retailer ordering issues (Wal-Mart apparently passed on these) among the reasons given. With the near term shortage the secondary market (i.e.: eBay and the like) price on these cars was well over retail for a while.

With any product manufactured with an apparent high number (according to the Hot Wheels folks) this pricing phenomenon is usually short lived and prices come back down to earth once production and distribution catches up with the demand. It is apparent in watching the eBay auctions (and it seems like everyone that bought cars is trying to resale them) on the Classics castings that most of the prices have dropped significantly during the short period of time that they have been out there.

With many rounds left to drop and with the product pipeline yet to fill up I would not expect that many of these cars will have a long term value over the current retail. Exceptions to that would be the rare errors or variations and the most popular of the castings that will be more desirable than the rest. One can look at similar Hot Wheels product runs such as the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issues to see what kind of investment return you would have received.

I guess the lesson to be learned here is patience Grasshopper... patience..... let the scalpers hold on to their overpriced cars and try to give and receive help with these cars from fellow club members. After all that is what our club is all about. Now if any club members can help me out with any variations of the green or red Camaro's, please get with me at the next club meeting!  
Kaz

## T-TOWN WHEELERS—MEETING PICTURES

The pictures below are from the March 5th, 2005 TTW Meeting



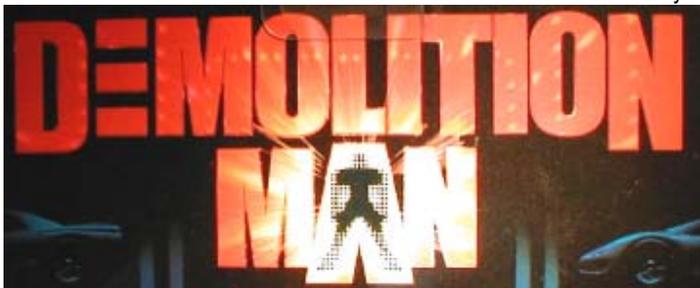
Some of the members enjoying the meeting at the Hardesty Library



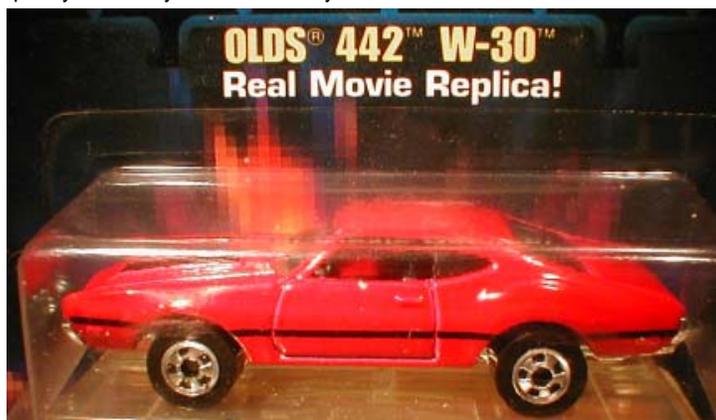
Robert Priebe & Kurt Kazmierski



**Demolition Man.** What does Demolition Man mean to you? Some vehicles were developed specifically for this series then issued later in regular line packaging in different colors with different tampo.



Some may reflect on a poorly made Stallone movie that bombed at the box office. Hot wheels collectors will recognize it as a Hot Wheels line based on actual models of cars of the day. The series came and went so quickly that many collectors totally missed them.



Mattel produced these cars and promoted them to retail with the hopes that the Stallone movie was a hit at the box office. It was apparent after the movie was released that most movie goers gave it two thumbs down. The other factor needing consideration is the Hot Wheels Demolition Man series was mistakenly promoted in the Action Figure aisle and was completely overlooked by most collectors of the era.

The vehicles were numbered in this order:

- (1) OLDS 442, red w/basic wheels
- (2) GM ULTRALITE, white & black (similar to but not exactly like mainline issue) w/ultrahot wheels
- (3) CORVETTE STINGRAY III, magenta w/chrome pro-circuit wheels
- (4) PONTIAC SALSA, orange w/orange basic wheels
- (5) BUICK WILDCAT, red w/basic wheels
- (6) GM LEAN MACHINE, silver w/ultrahot wheels
- (7) OLDS AURORA, silver w/basic wheels
- (8) PONTIAC BANSHEE, red w/chrome pro-circuit wheels
- (9) CHEVY ACC CAMARO, red & black w/chrome pro-circuit wheels



The Demolition Series was actually pretty neat. The set had nine different cars from the movie and were blistered along with a "Cryo-Cube" which was essentially a clear acrylic box like the ones used in the "Park-N-Plates" series. You could connect the "Cryo-Cubes" together in a stacking pattern if you chose to open the blisters so that they could be displayed. There was also a puzzle piece in each blister pack that when assembled together with the other pieces from the other blister packs made a picture from the movie.



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All of the cars were easy to find if you knew about the release. The aurora seemed a little more popular at first and the Camaro was then and is today the harder to find car in the series. You don't see these cars as often at shows and flea markets as you did a few years ago. If you do the ones you find are the common ones that had less collector appeal than the others.

**Thanks to Danny Mills for the loan of his cars so we could get some pictures to you.** I know some of you have never seen a Demolition Man series car and hopefully you will be on the lookout for them at future shows and keep them in mind when you are on a collecting mission.

**Next month—The Arkansas Collector Show Customs.** If you have cars issued for any reason at any of The Arkansas Collector Shows please bring them with you to the next meeting so we can get pictures of them and get them in the next newsletter. David Brisco did an awesome job on these cars and they are a part of many collectors all over the country.



## CUSTOM CAR CONTEST & DOWNHILL RACING

Sorry there is not enough room to display all the custom entries in this Months Newsletter. It was a good turnout with some sweet looking paint jobs! Check the website for pictures.

**YOUTH**  
Mariah Bowers



**MILD 1st & 3rd**  
Marvan Huen



**MILD 2nd**  
Joe Foster



**SPICY 1st**  
Jeff Johnson



**HOT 1st**  
Bob Chanley



**HOT 2nd & 3rd**



### **Downhill Racing Results:**

- Race 1** 22 Entrants  
 1st. Place Steve Richards  
 2nd Place Zach Geren  
 3rd Place Aaron Simmons  
 4th Place John Carmichael

- Race 2** 12 Entrants  
 1st. Place Leah Faber  
 2nd Place Glen Simons  
 3rd Place Kristina Livingston  
 4th Place Faith Fizer

- Race 3** 18 Entrants  
 1st. Place Berek Dalton  
 2nd Place Faith Fizer  
 3rd Place Jeannette Peterson  
 4th Place Javed Foster



Joe & Sherri Dake with Jeannette Peterson looking on with some of the youth racers.

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Challenger R/T

*Continued from Page 1*— From Prototype to Production castings.

*BELOW*—Completed casting and parts less the paint, chrome and tampos.



Resin



Prototype



Finished Product