

T-TOWN WHEELERS NEWS

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Remember:

- The next TTW Club meeting will be at the Hardesty Library just east of 93rd and Memorial. From 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, **April 18, 2009.**

2009 TTW SHOW DATES

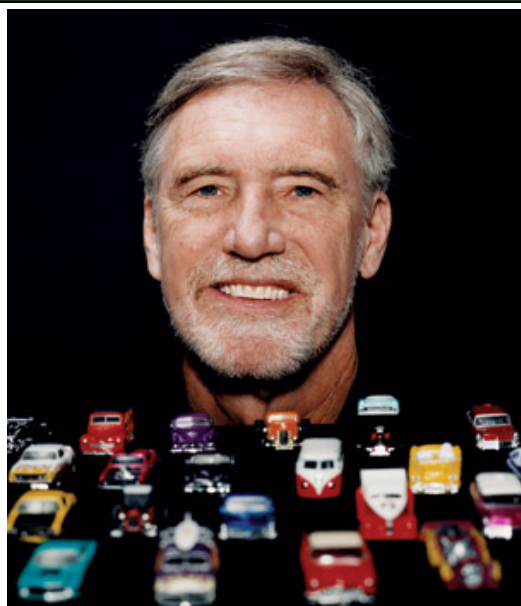
- May 16th
- August 15th
- October 17th

- We need your Hot Wheel related articles for the Newsletter or a story about how you started collecting. Send your articles to:

T-TOWN WHEELERS
PO BOX 54211



Larry Wood Announces Retirement from Mattel



Hot Wheels® designer Larry Wood has decided it is time for a change. At the 2009 9th Annual Hot Wheels® Collectors Nationals in Reston, Virginia, Larry Wood quietly announced to the public his intention to retire.



Larry Wood began designing Hot Wheels® cars back in 1969 and is world renowned for his 40 years of Hot Wheels® creations and thus earned himself the nickname “Mr. Hot Wheels”!

Although Larry Wood has announced his retirement he is not completely calling it quits with Mattel and still plans to finish up a couple Hot Wheels® projects and spending some time in the Mattel offices as a consultant. He also plans to do some interviews and also plans to attend Hot Wheel conventions.

Larry says after 40 years he’s still not burned out and still loves to draw cars and said he could draw cars forever. Admitting he has drawn more cars over the last 40 years at home as a hobby than at work he says it was a pleasure to see his drawings progress to a finished die cast model. Larry plans to spend much more time in his own shop working on full size cars and taking trips. He has completed his custom COE and has begun working on a trailer to go along with it.

Many collectors today may not realize it was only Larry in the early years as the sole designer behind the entire Hot Wheel® line. When Larry started in 1969 he could walk to the factory floor and back and see the cars being built and at the time it didn’t mean a whole lot. Then a few months later the factory was moved to Hong Kong. Imagine yourself watching redlines being assembled, spectraflame Beach Bombs rolling off the assembly line. A lot was taken for granted back then because they were just toys.

After about 15 years Larry realized that Hot Wheels® were being purchased by adults that had Hot Wheels when they were kids and they were buying Hot Wheels® for their kids. Some adults were

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 (1) free table per member!

T-TOWN WHEELERS CORNER

Membership Dues

Don't forget your T-Town Wheelers membership renewals can be paid at the April meeting or feel free to mail your \$15 check to:

T-Town Wheelers

P O Box 54211
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Upcoming TTW Meetings

Mark your calendars, (note the change for April) for our 2009 TTW Meetings at the Hardesty Library in Tulsa located just east of 93rd and Memorial. Please make note of remaining 2009 meeting dates. Due to renovations at the Hardesty we could not secure meeting rooms for the first Saturday of every month. All meeting times are the same and will be 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Apr 18	May 2	Jun 6	Jul 11
Aug 1	Sep 5	Oct 10	Nov 14
Dec 12			

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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.

Club Car Committee

If you would like to participate in the club car committee now is the time to hear from you. We have always had a good time recreating unique Club Cars for our members.

Treasurers Report

Check	\$58	USPS (1 year rental on the PO box)
Check	\$260.22	ABC rentals
Check	\$150	St. Marks
DEPOSIT	\$235	misc Table rentals
DEPOSIT	\$45	membership's fees
BALANCE	\$859	

Have you checked out these Hot Wheel related sites on the World Wide Web?

<http://www.hwcollectorsnationals.com/>
<http://toycarcollector.com/>
<http://www.zazzle.com/hotwheels>
<http://www.southtexasdiecast.com/>



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Hi all,

Hope the HW hunting is going good. Sorry for missing the last meeting, my travel plans where changed and I was unable to attend.

This Month's theme for our meeting is Customs and Club Cars. If you have questions on how a Die-cast car is taken apart, customized and put back together bring them to this meeting. We will have some older

club cars to finish and I will bring my graveyard of parts cars if you want to have a go at one yourself. I will have some of the tools and tricks that I have used in customizing these little Die-cast gems. We will also be taking nominations for the 2009 Club car casting to be voted on in May. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Robert

2009 T-Town Wheeler Meeting Themes

- April** Customs/Work on Club Cars (See first hand how it's done.)
- May** Car Show: Show off your favorite collection pieces, series pieces, treasure hunts, Nascar, etcetera.
- June** Sizzlers work shop (New and old Sizzlers)
- July** Sizzlers Races (New and Old Sizzlers)
- August** Picnic/Cookout
- September** Redline downhill races (Redlines Only)
- October** Customs Workshop
- November** Toy Drive (Help us make this the best donation year we have ever had!)
- December** Christmas Party

Target Retro Cars

-Paul Bales



Toy #	Description	Color	Interior	Wheels	Country	VARI
K4760	64 Buick Riviera	Purple Mtlf	Black	SP10	MAL	
	64 Buick Riviera	Purple Mtlf		PR5		Wheels
L5873	64 Buick Riviera	Green	Black	SP10	MAL	
K4757	65 Impala	Yellow	Black	PR5Gold	MAL	
L5872	65 Impala	Drk Blue Mtlf	White	SP10	MAL	
L5871	65 Impala	White	Gray	LW	MAL	
K4759	71 Riviera	Orange	Chrome	SP10	MAL	
L5864	71 Riviera	Red	Chrome	SP10	MAL	
K4758	74 Monte Carlo	Gold	Black	SP5GoldWL	MAL	
K4761	La Troca	Olive Green	Black Window	LW	MAL	
K4762	Lincoln Continental	Burgandy Mtlf	Tan	LWGold	MAL	
L5865	Lincoln Continental	Purple	White	LW	MAL	Drk Green Pin Stripe
L5865	Lincoln Continental	Purple	White	LW	MAL	Light Green Stripe



AVANT GARDE



DUNE IT UP



CHASE CLASSIC STREET RODDER



FAST GASSIN

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FLYING CUSTOMS

Toy #	Description	Color	Interior	Wheels	Country	VARI
L7408	1965 Pontiac GTO	Drk Blue	Tan	SP5RL	MAL	
L7410	1968 Dodge Dart	Black	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L7409	1970 Chevelle SS	Blue	White	SP5RL	MAL	
K4745	56 Flashsider	Black	Black Window	SP5RL	MAL	
K4763	56 Flashsider	Brown	Black Window	SP5RL	MAL	
L5855	Baja Breaker	Brown	Black	ORT	MAL	
K4747	Baja Breaker	Magenta	Black	ORT	MAL	
L7407	Camaro Z28	Orange	Black Window	SP5RL	MAL	
L5859	Chevy Bel-Air	White	Burgandy	SP5RL	MAL	
L5869	Corvette Stingray	Yellow	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4764	Corvette Stingray	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L5861	Corvette Stingray	Orange	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4748	Corvette Stingray	Green	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4750	Dairy Delivery	Blue	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4749	Ford GT 40	Blue	White	SP5RL	MAL	Large GT 40 Base
K4768	GMC Motorhome	White	Black Window	SP5RL	MAL	
K4767	Hiway Hauler	Red/White	n/a	SP5RL	MAL	
L7411	Mustang Funny Car	Yellow	Chrome	SP5RL	MAL	Light Blue Tampo
L7411	Mustang Funny Car	Yellow	Chrome	SP5RL	MAL	Dark Blue Tampo
L7406	Mustang Mach I	Gold	Black	SP5RL	China	
L5874	S'Cool Bus	Black	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L5866	Scorchin' Scooter	Pearl Pink	n/a	mc	MAL	
L5867	VW Bug	Burnt Orange	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L5860	VW Bug	Blue	White	SP5RL	MAL	
L7405	W-Oozie	Burnt Orange	n/a	mc	MAL	

SUPER CHROMES

Toy #	Description	Color	Interior	Wheels	Country	VARI
L7416	1970 Chevelle(Vert)	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L5858	Baja Breaker	Chrome/Plum	Purple	ORT	MAL	
L5868	Baja Breaker	Gold Chrome	Black	ORT	MAL	
	" " "	"	Blue	"		Interior
K4756	Chevy Bel Air	Chrome	Gray	SP5RL	MAL	
L7415	Classic Nomad	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L5857	Corvette Stingray	Chome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L7420	Dragster	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4752	GMC Motorhome	Chrome	Red Windows	SP5RL	MAL	
K4746A	HiWay Hauler	Chrome/Red	Blk Window	SP5RL	MAL	
L0433	HiWay Hauler	Chrome/Gray	Blk Window	SP5RL	MAL	
L7414	Ice Cream Truck	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L7417	Morris Mini	Chrome	Drk Red	SP5RL	MAL	
L7413	Mustang Mach I	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4765	Rodger Dodger	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4751	Rodger Dodger	Gold Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4753	S'Cool Bus	Gold Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
L5863	S'Cool Bus	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	
K4754	Scorchin Scooter	Chrome	n/a	mc	MAL	
K4766	VW Bug	Chrome	Drk Red	SP5RL	MAL	#68
L5856	VW Bug	Gold Chrome	Black	SP5RL	Mal	Flames
K4755	VW Bug	Chrome	Black	SP5RL	MAL	Flames
L7412	W-Oozie	Chrome	n/a	mc	MAL	

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simply buying and collecting Hot Wheels® for themselves. That is when Larry convinced Mattel to design adult collectible Hot Wheels® and target the adult collectors. His pride and joy and most memorable adult collectable was the 1998 release of the Don Prudhomme Legend to Life 1970 Plymouth Barracuda.



This was a highly detailed 1/24th scale animated diorama



Larry Wood's full sized COE

adult collectable originally selling for \$225 plus. It had all the racing sounds including announcer Steve Evans plus animation of the body raising up during engine startup, body shake during warm up, sequential firing of the zoomie headers, burnout and run down the strip at the Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach, Ca.

If you have the opportunity to be at a Hot Wheel convention make a point to find Larry and tell him how you appreciate his work. He's one of the most down to earth people you will ever meet.