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Remember:

- The next TTW Club meeting will be at the NEW Hardesty Library just east of 93rd and Memorial. 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 3, 2004.
- We need your Hot Wheel related articles for the Newsletter or a story about how you started collecting.
- Treasure Hunt given away at EVERY meeting. You must be present to win!
- We need Newsletter content contributors. Share your news/talent with us.
- **Check us out on the web www.microcollector.com**

A NEW YEAR AHEAD FOR TTW

We have already started a new year in collecting and January officially starts a new year with the T-Town Wheelers. As we have already seen for the past several months, Mattel has produced some brand new die cast concepts for 2004. Like 'em or not you will need to collect them all if you want to get all of your 100 First Editions in 2004. With the introduction of the Blings, Hardnozes and those HUGE out of scale engines in several of the new castings, many collectors are asking "what happened in design at Mattel". The short story is that the Mattel now has a new Design Team Leader. His ideas inspired the new look in many of the new castings. He thought that Mattel was missing out on among other things the Muscle Machine™ sales and thought the new toy look for part of the 2004 lineup would be in order. Hence, the Blings and Hardnozes in the

2004 FE's. Along with the obviously strange looking new castings there is also a mix of new muscle car castings coming out this year that will be a huge hit with collectors of all ages. The 1968 nova is one of my personal favorites along with the 1969 Dodge charger complete with opening hood and Hemi engine. You will have to have at least two of each of these so you can have one to collect in the blister and one to roll down the track. Also, keep your eye out for the 1964 Chevy Impala casting.

Also in 2004 we are hoping for more interest from members towards TTW club activities and events. If you feel like you are getting your feelings stepped on here then you need to ask yourself what you expect to get out of this organization.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES & NAME BADGES

It is almost the beginning of a new year and with the new year also comes the need to pay T-Town Wheelers membership dues. Please pay your membership dues on or before the January 3rd meeting if at all possible. Newsletters will not be mailed or emailed after February without a valid paid up membership and you will be considered delinquent. You don't want to miss out on anything on the exciting year ahead.

For any club member who still does not have a name badge, please let Geary Fowler know and he will get one made for you. Your badge must be worn to all TTW meetings and shows. Failure to display your badge gives you the option to donate \$1.00 or an item to raffle for not wearing your name badge. Badges will be checked at every meeting and show. Please show your support by wearing your badge.

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A WORD FROM ROBERT...

Hi everyone,

First off I would like to say Thank You to all for a great year as President. Through all the good and the bad times the T-Town Wheelers have been a constant. I enjoy spending time with the club and look forward to next year as Treasurer. The December meeting was delicious at the least, oh and the meeting went well also. The Officers were voted in to their positions, nominations where started on the 2004 club cars and show locations where discussed. The 2004 Club car nominations where as follows: Hardnose Flashsider, '69 Dodge Charger, '68 Nova, Bling Dodge Ram. The thing you

need to keep in mind for the club car is that we still have Gold Rimmed Real Riders from the Alco cars and that we will need to have an area large enough for the club logo. We would not have to use the Real Riders, but they are already have them.

The show location search is not going as well, most places so far have been \$600 and up for a room on Saturday. If you know of anything, any leads would be appreciated.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!!

Robert

T-TOWN WHEELERS CHRISTMAS DINNER BY LARRY KUPP

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas dinner this year. It was great to see the Dakes, the Tatum's, the Preston's, Marcia Fowler, David Rutledge, Steve Haney, Kelly Real, lots of children and even Paul Richards and so many others. I think it was our best holiday dinner yet. The food was something else. Turkey, Ham, lots of side dishes and desserts. It was all very good, and plenty for all.



Jeanette

cool. I hope everyone that wanted one, got it.

Well, enough for this story. See you next year!!! (January 3rd).

Larry



Robert & Kurt

Officers were elected for '04 and it's nice to see the club performing so well. It does make a difference when we all chose to participate. There will be a changing of the guard in several seats next year. (You might want to think about taking one of these positions in '05) I look forward to new ideas and renewed energies for our club functions.

There were a bunch of toys brought in this year (see the pictures on page 3). What a selfless act it is to give to those less fortunate. Thank you all.

Kenny, Robert and a few others brought some cool cars to buy. I caught up on some '03 cars I needed and saw some really weird stuff I won't collect in '04. I brought the 2 car Batmobile sets that Bart sent with me. They are



TTW Kids



Rob

2004 Club Car NOMINATIONS

Hardnose Flashsider
'69 Dodge Charger
'68 Nova
Bling Dodge Ram

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As with every club or charity organization that I know of there is always a handful of dedicated members that carry the workload of the entire club. Most members have a non-committal non-participating attitude from the time they join. Others are driven to non participation after answering the call to duty time after time. Let's let some of these people rest and give a helping hand when the time comes. You can help by doing anything you feel will benefit the organization.

In the past we have lost some valuable members simply because they were burned out and lost interest in what we are about because they were always the person that ended up with the job at hand, usually without help from anyone.

Economics is not the best right now and times are hard for many but without the majority of the membership at least trying to help promote goodwill and share the work of the club our club will never be all it can be.

Just recently we saw a small example of what teamwork can do within the Club Car Committee. Not only was the 2002 Club completed but it was an awesome looking club car that would rival any Treasure Hunt. An exceptional

looking 2003 club car within months of inception was completed as well. Kudos to everyone in the Club Car Committee for giving your time, work and personal dedication to get these exceptional looking cars completed in such a timely manner.

The same results can be accomplished with all other aspects within our organization if everyone would at least make an attempt to give a hand and give of themselves to improve the great club we have today.

The T-Town Wheelers is a group of people with a common love of Hot Wheels die cast cars. If your collecting doesn't seem to be too fulfilling lately maybe you need to try to motivate yourself and others to be involved in club activities. Try to make yourself known within the club as a person that is at least willing to participate and show a measurable amount of personal dedication. To show up at a meeting with a "what's in it for me attitude" doesn't say too much for our future as a collectors club.

You should be proud to be a part of the TTW and one of the best group of collectors in the nation.

Happy Collecting! - Geary

T-TOWN WHEELERS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE UPDATE

A BIG THANK YOU to all members who donated toys for our annual charity toy drive. We collected approximately **\$650** worth of toys. The toys were distributed to two charities this year.

We donated 100 Hot Wheels to Children's Medical Center to be used for rewards for good behavior throughout the year.

The bulk of the gifts were donated to The Laura Dester Shelter of Tulsa County. Their mission statement: "The mission of the Laura Dester Shelter is to provide and maintain a safe, temporary placement for children who have been removed from their homes." The shelter serves children ages infant to 18 years old. The children may have been victims of neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, environmental neglect, medical neglect, abandonment and general deprivation of the basic needs for children to grow and thrive. The

staff of the shelter works to understand each child's immediate needs until arrangements are made for their continuing care elsewhere.

Thanks for bringing a ray of hope to children whom may be experiencing the worst times of their young lives. Your donations will ensure these children will have at least one new gift this Christmas. The staff was overwhelmed by your generosity. This year's donated toys were half girl toys and half boy toys. Close to 360 Hot Wheels were donated. I toured the facilities and know these gifts will really be appreciated and put to good use.

This is a big part of what makes this club so special. Thanks for your generosity.

Joe Dake



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