

25th Annual Hot Wheels® Collectors Nationals

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Welcome! With only a month or so to go, we are looking forward to another great gathering of the best people around, HOT WHEELS® COLLECTORS! This pre-national packet will give you an overview of the planned activities as well as information covering the Hyatt Regency at the Arch in St. Louis, MO, and surrounding area. We have tried to include all the information you need to make your time in Missouri enjoyable. If there is a question, we have not answered here please contact us by e-mail at **hwevents.info@gmail.com**.

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SPECIAL THANKS from Hot Wheels® Collectors Events

We would like to thank all of our hard-working volunteers who make this event run seamlessly each year! When you see them around give them your thanks too! Carl Pomponio, Cindy Kehus & Steve Reddell, Mike & Shirley Weber, Jeff Buchanan, Jason, Kerri, Jaden Hayes, Paul & Marsha DiAngi, Barb & Jonathan Robles, Bryan Pope, Joe & Sherdia Davis, Phillip Davis, Russ & Kelly Kottke, Dan & DJ Spaulding, Greg Hall, Andrew & Jessica Howard, Sean Amis, Jim & Cheryl Rider

Diana Byers, Sabina Ademovic, Sinead Landers and the Hyatt Regency staff have spent a great deal of time this year helping coordinate the week's events. We appreciate their professionalism, understanding and willingness to go the extra mile.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Reservations

Check-in at 4:00 p.m. and checkout is 11:00 a.m.

Parking

The Hyatt Regency St. Louis is offering \$20 per day self-parking.

Complimentary Services

Free wireless high-speed internet access in lobby and all other public areas.

Credit Cards

This Hotel is CASHLESS / CASH FREE; they do have ATM machines in the hotel. Remember to contact your Credit Card companies BEFORE you leave home to let them know you are traveling. The Crowne Plaza does accept all major credit cards, including American Express, Carte Blanche/Diners Club, Discover, Japan Credit Bureau, MasterCard, and Visa.

Banners and Signs

All banners and signs must be professionally printed or computer-generated per hotel policy. No hand-lettered signs or banners are allowed in the public areas of the hotel (this includes hotel room doors). There will be easels in front of the elevators on each floor where you can place your business card or flyer (no larger than 5½ x 8½ - larger flyers may be removed if there are too many) with your room number

Guest Rooms

The Hyatt Regency offers luxurious guestrooms, including suites. Guests will find that the guestrooms are spacious, with fresh, contemporary designs that blend perfectly with thoughtful travel amenities, all rooms equipped with free Wi-Fi, safe, roll-a-way bed available upon request (limited to what they have on hand)

Hotel Courtesy

Not all Hot Wheels® collectors and their families keep late hours. Some collectors' rooms may also be located near non-Nationals guests. If you are in the halls late at night or early in the morning, please be courteous and keep the noise level down. Trading, etc. is not to be conducted in the hallways, and not allowed in any public area of the hotel. To be considerate, after 10 p.m., please do not keep your room door wide open. We suggest propping it if you do not want to close it all the way or using doorknob hangers. This lets people know you are "open" yet keeps the noise filtering into the hall to a minimum. It is in everyone's best interest to be good neighbors.

PLACES OF INTEREST & THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

Gateway Arch National Park	314-655-1606	www.archpark.org
Gateway Arch	877-982-1410	www.gatewayarch.com
Economy Museum at the St. Louis Fed	314-444-7309	www.museum.stlouisfed.org
Ballpark Village	314-345-9481	www.stlballparkvillage.com
Nationals Blues Museum	314-025-0016	www.nationalbluesmuseum.org

PLACES OF INTEREST & THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA – cont....

Museum at the Gateway Arch	877-982-1410	www.gatewayarch.com
Citygarden Park	314-241-3337	www.citygardenstl.org
City Museum	314-231-2489	www.citymuseum.com
St. Louis Aquarium	314-923-3900	www.stlouisaquarium.com
Anheuser-Busch Brewery	314-577-2626	
Enterprise Center		www.enterprisecenter.com/hockey
Gateway National	618-482-4653	www.gatewaynational.com
Missouri Botanical Garden	800-642-8842	www.missouribotanicalgarden.org
Forest Park Golf Course	314-367-1337	
Forest Park	314-267-7275	www.forestparkforever.org
Missouri History Museum	314-746-4599	www.mohistory.org/museum
Saint Louis Art Museum	314-721-0772	www.slam.org
Mississippi River Overlook	618-581-5811	www.theparkwithaview.com/overlook

Directions from Airport to

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch
315 Chestnut Street
St Louis, MO 63102

St. Louis Lambert International Airport

10701 Lambert International Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63145

Use the link below for all transportation options from the Airport to the Hotel.

<https://www.flystl.com/parking-and-transport/transportation>

Shipping and Receiving

Hold For Guest: (Guest Name) (Guest Cell Number)
c/o FedEx Office at Hyatt Regency St Louis at The Arch
315 Chestnut Street
St Louis, MO, 63102
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Forms in your packet

Make sure you go through your packet thoroughly, upon your arrival at the Nationals. There will be a questionnaire from us, so you will be able to give us your input for future shows... There will be a drop-off box on the stage at the Finale Saturday night for this form, you will drop off your questionnaire when you arrive at Finale. We will NOT have any forms available at the Finale, so please don't forget yours...

PLEASE NOTE: Nationals Registration, Souvenir Sales, this year's charity sales, and merchandise from previous events will be in the Souvenir Salesroom. Your Nationals name badge is required for admittance to all Nationals events, including room-to-room trading and the Souvenir Salesroom.

Souvenir Sales – Tues., April 22 through Sat. April 26 – Parkview Rm

PLEASE NOTE: Sales will be limited to Nationals attendees only, until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025.

You must have your Nationals name tag/sales card to make purchases. Sales will be limited to the quantity listed on the name badge per paid Nationals attendee until 3:00 p.m. Any remaining cars will be offered at Sunday's Show beginning at 9:00 a.m. and to the public after 10:00 a.m.

Mattel has teamed up with Hot Wheels® Collectors Events to produce an extraordinary series of collectible Nationals Souvenir Hot Wheels® cars. All official souvenir cars and packages carry the 25th Annual Hot Wheels® Collectors Nationals logo, designed by Julian Koiles and Matt Gabe. Color pictures can be viewed at the official Nationals website at: www.hwcollectorsnationals.com (Car #3 of the 3-car series is the free souvenir car given out at the Saturday Night Finale.) This year's souvenir sales cars are:

Corvette C8.R - 1 of the 3 - car Nationals Series. Ryu Asada designed this beauty and it's first release was in 2021 with the Team Transport 1st Release. Here we have it in metallic orange body and matte black chassis, with black interior and super light smoke tinted windows. RR silver 10 Spoke on the front and the back. "STL C8" on license plate. Custom Decos were art directed by Bryan Pope and HWCE and Steve Vandervate finalized this special deco and Julian Koiles and Matt Gabe created the 25th Nationals logo on the card. Limited to three per ticket holder. This car is limited to a run of no more than 6200 pieces. **Price: \$36.00 (+ sales tax)**

1997 Nissan 240SX - 2 of the 3-car Nationals Series. Mark Jones designed this one way back in 2020 with it first being released in Mix 1 of Fast & Furious. This version has a high gloss black body with a matte black chassis, black interior and light smoke tinted windows. Painted RR 5 spoke modern on the front and back, with "STL 240" on the license plate. Custom Decos were art directed by Bryan Pope and HWCE and Kevin Geraldez finalized this special deco and Julian Koiles and Matt Gabe created the 25th Nationals logo on the card. Limited to three per ticket holder. This car is limited to a run of no more than 6200 pieces. **Price: \$36.00 (+ sales tax)**

Our souvenir T was designed and printed by Classic Graphix with a front and back design that will be a true commemorative of the week. Description: white or black background, design includes official Nationals logo and souvenir cars. Licensed by Mattel.

Price: \$22.00 (+ sales tax)

Our souvenir pin was once again produced by the PICA Marketing group, there are 1000 for this year's event. This 1-1/4" pin with the Nationals logo will be sold on a first-come basis. Licensed by Mattel.

Price: \$10.00 (+ sales tax)

We are again offering a souvenir patch limited to 1700 pieces. These are limited to one per ticket until they are sold out. Licensed by Mattel

Price: \$12.00 (+sales tax)

**Your purchases can be paid for with cash or Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.
You must have a valid photo I.D. No checks will be accepted.**

Official Nationals merchandise is not sold anywhere except in the official Souvenir Salesroom

Opening Reception – Open to all attendees – Wed. April 23 – Grand Ballroom D-E

Please join us on Wednesday night from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom D-E, we will offer appetizers and soda on us, a bar will be available for your convenience (on you). There will be a few announcements, a few raffles and we will try and get to know each other. So, do not miss this first “official” event for the week. We have an Autograph session scheduled, look for the table to pick up your AUTOGRAPH SESSION TICKET, you will NOT be able to get autographs at this session without a TICKET!!! **** The autograph session will run from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. THERE WILL BE NO LINING UP EARLY. If you have a ticket, you’ll get through the line... TICKETS ARE LIMITED...****

25th Nationals Charity Events and Fundraising to benefit Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals

Chevy Monza - No Hot Wheels® collector’s event would be complete without a special charity car. This year we are proud to introduce a special edition of Children’s Miracle Network Hospital Chevy Monza in bright yellow with the Children’s Miracle Network logo. It also sports chrome deep-dish Real Riders® with red line wheels. This car was designed and produced by Chris & Kathy Haupt.

No more than 650 were made and they were sold as a preorder only. You can pick your car up at the Nationals Charity table.

You can drop off any donations for the auction with the Charity group while you are picking up your Monza in the Parkview Room

Live Auction – Friday, April 25 – GRAND BALLROOM D-H

Do not miss this auction of rare and unusual Hot Wheels® cars and memorabilia. With the generous support of various Hot Wheels® Clubs, Mattel, Hot Wheels® Collectors Events and Individual donations, you can expect to see unique and interesting items.

Doors open for previewing at 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 25**. Join us for the fun even if you are not planning to buy anything, these could be the most exciting couple of hours you will have throughout the week.

Charity Raffle – Purchase in Parkview Room

Hot Wheels® Collectors Events is proud, once again, to announce a charity raffle benefiting The Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. There will be at least six prizes, donated by Hot Wheels® Collectors Events and Mattel.

The raffle tickets will be drawn throughout the evening at the Saturday Night Finale (the winning ticket must be present or an alternative ticket will be drawn).

Tickets will be on sale and prizes will be on display at the Charity Table in the Parkview Room. Tickets are 4 for \$10.00.

Button Bingo™ - Wed. April 23, 8:30 p.m. & Fri. April 25, 1:30 p.m. – GRAND BALLROOM C

This is Hot Wheels® take-off of the all-time favorite, except our cards have pictures of different redline buttons and the bingo caller pulls actual redline buttons out of the hopper. You mark your cards accordingly until someone gets five in a row and yells “BINGO!” Sessions will start on time, so you should plan on arriving 15 minutes early to get your cards and a seat. You may arrive up to 30 minutes prior to the first game in that session. You will receive your special vehicle(s) at the end of the session. For your schedule planning purposes, each session of 12 games will last approximately 60 to 75 minutes.

Charity Poker Tournament – Thurs. April 24, 10:00 a.m. – GRAND BALLROOM C

A Charity Poker Tournament will again be held to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals and is limited to 56 players per session. The game will be no-limit, Texas Hold ’Em poker. The session will be played on Thursday, **April 24, and will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.**, with one winner per table advancing to the finals round. If you have paid for this event, you will receive your ticket at registration. Each player will receive a custom (code 3) vehicle with the winner from each table winning a special custom (code 3) gold vehicle. There will be a special prize for the final winner! You must check in at 9:30 a.m. to be seated and please remember all games **WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY** at 10:00 a.m.

Hot Wheels® Convention Mania – Thurs. April 24, 2:00 p.m. – GRAND BALLROOM C

Hot Wheels® Convention Mania will be limited to 32 players, and each will receive a custom (code 3) in purple. All instructional information for this game will be posted on the website and available when you check in for the game. The games will be 35 minutes with a 10-minute break between games, they will begin Thursday, April 24, promptly at 2:00 p.m. You must check in at 1:30 to be seated, all games **WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY** at 2:00 p.m.

Celebrating with Kevin Cao

Design Manager in Extensions

which includes Super Rigs and Track Fleet, Pullbacks, NFT's and Mid-Tier

Thurs. April 24, 7:00 p.m. – GRAND BALLROOM D-H

If you have a dinner ticket, please make sure you follow these few simple rules. Admittance with your ticket only. Please dress for the evening in business casual. (Jackets not required. **PLEASE, NO SHORTS, NO BLUE JEANS OR T-SHIRTS, IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THIS DRESS CODE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER THE DINNER! PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. BLACK PANTS OF ANY KIND ARE FINE, COLLARED SHIRT OF ANY KIND IS FINE!**)

This special event will be held in the Grand Ballroom D-H with the doors opening at 6:15 p.m. As a reminder, **there are no substitutions or changes allowed to the menus**. Your table place card shows your menu selection to your server and needs to remain on the table throughout the meal for the server's reference.

Attendees will receive a commemorative T-shirt, specially designed pin, and a specially designed patch, for that cool Hot Wheels® Jacket or Shirt (yes you can wear this to the dinner) (limited to the number in attendance). Guests will also receive a specially labeled Hot Wheels® vehicle, made by Mattel, limited to no more than 4000 pieces. The remainder (without the special label) will be available for purchase (**cash only, while supplies last**) immediately following the dinner, to dinner guests only. There will also be several custom (code 3) cars, from Hot Wheels® Collectors Events, to be raffled at the end of the dinner only.

Biography for Kevin Cao - our Guest of honor

Started in Hot Wheels® as an intern in his senior year at ArtCenter college of design. After graduating with a degree in Industrial Design, he was hired into the Hot Wheels® design team. He has been with the group for 18 years. Throughout his time in Hot Wheels®, he had the opportunity to work on various projects from diecast, track sets, RC items, monster trucks, and most recently Hot Wheels® RacerVerse toy line.

As a huge fan of cars and design Kevin jumps on every chance he gets to work on a diecast car. He's first diecast car was done while as an intern in 2007 named "Cloak and Dagger." On the side he's an avid scale model builder in cars, tanks, and robots. Also likes to tinker with RC toys like short course trucks and planes. On the large toy side, he enjoys canyon runs and track days in both cars and motorcycles.

Some of Kevin's vehicles he worked on:

Basic

Cloak and Dagger: 2007- Acura NSX: 2008 -the dark knight bat pod- 2008 -Nissan GT-R: 2009
5 Alarm -2008 -67 Shelby gt500- 2009 -Yur so fast- 2009 -Ducati 1098- 2009 -Infiniti G37- 2009
Hyundai Genesis- 2010 -Speed Trap- 2010 -Camaro police car- 2010 -Mini challenge- 2010 -Retro Active- 2010
-Ford Falcon super v8 -2011 -Porsche Boxster spyder- 2011 -Ferrari 458 spyder- 2011 -Harley Davidson fatboy-
2011 - Mini countryman WRC- 2011 -Spin King -2011

Designed By

Lotus Evora GT4 -2012 -Ferrari f12 – 2012 -1968 Shelby GT500- 2012 -Feather Lite – 2012 -BSG viper- 2012 -
BSG cylone raider- 2012 -Ducati Diavel- 2012 -Swamp Buggy- 2012 -Lamborghini Veneno-2012 -TwoTimer-
2013 -Bullwhip-2014 -Street Stealth- 2014 -Fly-By-2014 -MonteRacer -2015 -Emoticar -2017 -Beat All -2018 -
I-Believe -2019 -Loco Motorin -2020 -Custom small block -2021 -Turto shell -2021 -Bricking Speed-2022 -
Bricking Trails -2022 -Brick and Motor – 2023 -Brickin Delivery -2023 -HW-4-Trac -2023

Sizzlers® Races – FRI. – APRIL 25 – 9AM – Grand Ballroom B

You may run a new or old Sizzlers® car, but they must have the original motor and contacts, only the batteries may be changed. Each race will be a single elimination, but if a car comes off the track and cannot be returned within five seconds or if a car is broken and cannot be fixed immediately, you will be allowed to race in another heat. This does not apply if the car's battery simply runs down. We will supply a charging system, or you may use an unmodified Goose Pump re-charger only. No other charging systems will be allowed. No 4 battery chargers allowed. The race will take place on an original Sizzlers® Fat Track layout with six to ten straight pieces between each 180 degrees turn. **All practice and races** will be held on **Friday April 25, 2025**

All participants will be required to supply two individuals to count laps during the races. They will not count your laps but the laps of other racers. Only those people who supply two people to count laps will be able to participate. No exceptions!

Rules and Regulations

1. Judge's decision stands.
2. Three categories: Short Battery, Long Battery, Kids 14 and under (choice of battery)
3. Kids that race in 14 and under cannot race in the adult races.
4. All Sizzlers® races will be between 20 and 140 laps long.
5. Only unmodified, original Hot Wheels® Sizzlers® cars are acceptable.
6. Two to four cars per heat, depending on the total number of entries.
7. The same chassis and body must be used for the entire category.
8. One car per class per person
9. After-market batteries are acceptable.
10. Cars must have an original motor and contacts.
11. Battery must be totally drained before each heat.
12. Battery charging will be determined before each race and as needed during the race.
13. Any car that comes off the track or is taken off (for charging or repair) must be placed back on the track in the same place from which it was removed.
14. If the body of a car comes off during a heat race, that car will be disqualified from that heat, no exceptions!
15. All cars are subject to inspection at any time. The top three from each event will be inspected.

Downhill Races – PRACTICE – FRI. APR 25 – RACES SAT. APR 26 – Grand Ballroom A

All cars entered must be standard unmodified Hot Wheels® vehicles. No other manufactures are allowed. Rules may be altered by Racemasters at any time. **No pre-registration is necessary for any race.**

NEW – Retired Racers Log. This is a list of vehicles retired from downhill racing. Models will be added to the list after 5 consecutive First Place wins, or at Racemasters discretion. This will include both Collectors Nationals and Convention Events.

Does NOT include races 1,2 or 6.

1. Front Running Fairmont, Red
2. Land Rover, Smith Electric Truck, Orange

CATEGORIES

1. **Redline Race** - pre-1978 Hot Wheels® vehicles only. All ages
2. **Funny Car Race** - Any Hot Wheels® Funny Car
No pre-1978 Redlines. All ages
3. **Racer Verse** - Racer Verse vehicles only. All ages
4. **Open Stock Race** - 1978 and newer **basic line** Hot Wheels® vehicles only.
All ages No Drag Buses or Funny Cars
5. **15 and Under Race** -1978 and newer **basic line** Hot Wheels® vehicles only.
Entrants must be 15 years of age or under
No Drag Buses or Funny Cars
6. **VW Bus Race** – VW Drag Buses or Drag Trucks only. All ages.
7. **Blister Pull Race** – All ages See rules below.

RULES FOR RACES 1, 4 and 5 ARE:

Each race will be single elimination.

Cars will be original, non-modified and non-powered Hot Wheels® vehicles. No oil, graphite, silicon or any other substance is allowed. The same car must be used for the entire race in the same category. Any car that jumps the track is eliminated.

Trophies will be awarded to First, Second and Third place winners.

Cars may be inspected at time of entry.

The number of lanes used will depend on the number of entries.

Winners of each race heat will receive a winner slip that registers them for the next round.

WINNING CAR FROM ANY RACE CANNOT BE USED AGAIN!!

RULES FOR RACES 2, 3 and 6 ARE:

Same rules as for Races 1, 4, and 5.

Funny Cars only in race #2. No Redlines.

Race 3 is any Racer Verse release.

Volkswagen Drag Buses are only allowed in race #6

Volkswagen Drag Buses must weigh no less than 110g. no more than 127g.

RULES FOR RACE 7 ARE:

Same basic rules as the other races. Upon the start of the race, you will be given a random new Hot Wheel to Race. This will be your entry into the race and yours to keep afterwards. Good Luck!

Custom Car Contest – FRI. APR 25 & SAT. APR. 26 – MILLS 3

The Custom Car Contest will be held **Sat. April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.** and will be run by Dan Spaulding, Bryan Pope, with assistance from DJ Spaulding. Be sure to read the categories and rules; there may be changes.

RULES:

1. You must be the builder of your entry in all categories listed.
2. There cannot be any team builds.
3. **With 3-D printing now being utilized it will be at the staff's discretion to move any entry into the correct category.**
3. The name on the entry slips must match the name badge.
4. Past first place winners may not enter any of the amateur events.
5. Custom Car Contest Staff and Mattel employees are not eligible to enter the contest.

If you plan on entering, arrive at least 30 minutes or more before the event starts to fill out the entry forms. All custom cars must be "loose" for judging. Example: No mirror bases or platforms of any kind are allowed. You **must** enter your cars in the correct category. For security purposes, you must have a picture ID to pick up your customs at the end of the event, **no later than 3:15 pm on Sat. April 26.** There is no limit on the number of cars you can enter, but we ask it to be kept to about 5 per category depending on table space.

Tips on entries: A single entry can consist of 2 vehicles (ex: the Elwood flatbed & car or a tow truck pulling a car). Results from past contests shows this adds to your advantage as this shows "more time spent." Judging is based on overall appearance and clean execution.

We'll be open on **Friday, April 25th from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., for early setup only.** if you'd like to display your masterpiece early. We'll have an area for displaying customs that are not being judged. We encourage you to use it to show your talents!

Categories

***Mild** (amateur): This category basically consists of a custom paint job (repaint), or airbrushed graphics/decals on a stock Hot Wheels® car. No body modifications are allowed. Any wheels are allowed by any manufacturer. 1st and 2nd Place awarded.

***Spicy** (amateur): This category involves minor body alterations. The word here is "minor," such as adding a hood scoop or rear spoiler, changing engines, lowering of the car or raising the suspensions. Any wheels are allowed by any manufacturer. Entry must have an original chassis. 3-D printed chassis not allowed. 1st and 2nd Place awarded.

***Hot** (amateur): The Hot Category is for customs that are extreme! Anything goes! From stretching, cutting, grafting, filling, chopping, shortening, mixing-adding body parts, changing suspensions, use of styrene, etc., use your imagination. Main body part should start out as a Hot Wheels® body. Any wheels are allowed by any manufacturer. 1st and 2nd Place awarded.

***Mild** (past winners and professionals): 1st and 2nd Place awarded.

***Spicy** (past winners and professionals): 1st and 2nd Place awarded.

***Hot** (past winners and professionals): 1st and 2nd Place awarded.

***Large Scale** (open to all): This category is Hot Wheels® cars or bikes that are larger than 1/64th scale.

Example: It can be 1/43rd all the way to 1/18th scale. From a wild repaint, to body modification, to tricking out the engine, anything goes!! The entries must be based on a Hot Wheels® casting.

***Diorama/Display/Packaging** (open to all): Dioramas can be of anything you can imagine, such as a garage scene, landscapes, etc. It can also be based on custom packaging such as a fresh look on a blister card to a custom box for the custom Hot Wheels® car or a nicely done display. Please keep the size of the Dioramas/Displays to approximately 20 x 20 inches to ensure there is enough room on the judging table.

***Non-Car Category (open to all):** Bring in your custom Hot Wheels® related items (NOT CARS) to share and show off. Please keep the size to approximately 20x20 inches to ensure enough room on the judging tables. 1st and 2nd Place awarded. Quilts or Blankets of any size are ok, as we will drape them behind the table.

SEMINARS, FORUMS & SPECIAL EVENTS -

All seminars subject to change... Final schedule will be in your packet at registration.

Opening Reception, meet and greet - GRAND BALLROOM D-E

Appetizers, autographs, raffles – Open to everyone. **Wed. April 23, 2025, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

Kids' Scavenger Hunt – HYATT REGENCY AT THE ARCH

The kids' Scavenger Hunt continues! The Scavenger Hunt is for kids 14 and under. There will be two age groups for the "Hunt", and they are 8 and under and 9 to 14 years. The Scavenger Hunt will consist of 18 to 23 Nationals & Hot Wheels® brand related items. **Rules/game sheet and sign up will be available at registration.**

Custom Car Design for kids 14 and under – MILLS 3

Sign up to participate in this 14 and under Custom Car Design and Contest.... Come join Bryan Pope on **Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. OR Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, you can sign up at registration, to work on YOUR Custom car, once your custom is complete you will be able to enter it in the Custom Car Show and contest on **Saturday 4/26**. All you need is yourself and your creativity; we will provide the rest... Mattel has supplied the cars; we have supplied the materials (**NO OUTSIDE MATERIALS ALLOWED**) needed for YOU to design your own masterpiece....

ADULT's Hot Wheels® Car Coloring and Drawing contest – GRAND BALLROOM C

Steve Reddell is your host for this event for adults 15 and over. Winners will be chosen by our panel of judges for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for Coloring and 1st and 2nd for Free Hand Drawing. Make sure to come by and have some fun... **Fri. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Kids' Hot Wheels® Car Coloring Contest – GRAND BALLROOM C

Kelly Kottke, Barb Robles and Russ Kottke are your hosts for this event for kids 14 and under. Winners will be chosen by our panel of judges from each of three or four different age groups. More details will be available at registration. Make sure to come by and have some fun, a special treat for the kids when they've completed their masterpieces. **Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

*****VENDING Machine Sessions – MILLS 9**

Purchasing of tickets and the Actual sessions will all be done in MILLS 9 (see the schedule included in your packet for days and times).

The NEW Classics – MILLS 6

Come see out and hear all about Hot Wheels® New Classics with Carl Pomponio **Thursday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

JDM Collecting – MILLS 6

If you're a JDM fan, this is where you need to be, sit down and hear what Ken Beauchamp has to share **Thursday 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

Do You Really Need to Appraise & Insure Your Collection? – MILLS 6

Come by and hear from Mike Zarnock how best to insure your collection...Collectibles and Homeowners insurance. Make sure you know the facts and how to protect yourself. **Thursday 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.**

Join a Chapter - Start a Chapter – MILLS 6

Club leaders will be available to answer all your questions about joining a local club. These collector groups have regular get-togethers for selling, buying, and trading and most also include racing and custom car shows. Visit and learn about your local chapters. If there is not one in your area, learn how to start one. Chapter leaders also have the chance to participate in the club car swap that takes place during the meeting. The meeting will be hosted by the Hot Wheels® Newsletter Chapter Coordinator, Carl Pomponio. **Fri. from 9:00- 10:00 a.m.**

RAOK Exchange Get Together – MILLS 6

Join Christina Osteen and all the great folks who do those special little “thank you” cars that are handed out as a “Random Act of Kindness” Stop by and trade with others who have the same love of customizing these little cars that you do and before you leave, drop off your RAOK for the Charity Auction tray **Friday from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

Collection Management – MILLS 6

Come by and hear from Peter Kistler how best to organize your collection... **Friday 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.**

Redline Colleting 2.0 – MILLS 6

Come check out all you ever wanted to know about Redline Colleting from Keith Brock. **Friday 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

History of the Brightvision Rear Loader – MILLS 6

Come by and hear from Tony Young all about the BV Rear Loader... **Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Hot Wheels® Blue Cards – MILLS 6

Come check out all you ever wanted to know about Hot Wheels® Blue Cards from Willy Washington. **Saturday 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

SATURDAY NIGHT FINALE – GRAND BALLROOM D - H

Saturday’s meeting highlights include distribution of the free Nationals car, presentation of awards for race and custom winners, door prizes and the drawing of the charity raffle winners, with a presentation by Mattel. **Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., the awards ceremony begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. for anyone who participated in any of the events.** The finale will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation from Mattel, later in the evening.

SUNDAY TOY SHOW AND SALE – GRAND BALLROOM D - H

Your Nationals credentials give you early admission to Sunday’s show free of charge starting at 9 a.m. The show will feature autograph tables with Hot Wheels® designers (morning hours only), dealer and collector’s tables, door prizes and more. Any leftover Nationals merchandise will be for sale to the public for the first time at this event. This show will also be open to the public, **Sunday April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public admission \$5.00, children 12 and under free with a paid adult.**

This is our Pre-Nationals packet, please check the FINAL Packet upon your arrival at the Nationals. All information is SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

****** These events are NOT CONFIRMED**

Our Designers Bios are below...

“**Andrés Andrieu** (read as "ahn-drehs") Graphic designer who has worked at Mattel since 2022.

Born in Los Angeles, Andrés grew up fascinated by transportation, especially cars. He remembers days as a child spent with his mother as she would draw on pieces of paper and stick them onto the sides of his Hot Wheels® to imagine new cars and possibilities. Although this was partly because of the economic circumstances of his immigrant family, the idea of customizing and designing stayed with him.

He studied Studio Arts with a concentration in Graphic Design at Loyola Marymount University and also worked on transportation design at the Art Center College of Design at night. In his senior year at LMU, using the design skills he learned, he started his own clothing brand with a friend, which received a lot of attention and unexpected success. Although they did not continue growing the company, he was able to learn important skills in product design, marketing, and prioritizing customers. After graduation, he took a job as a graphic design intern at tokidoki where he quickly moved up to a lead design and photography position. After five years he designed a wide range of products including skate decks, packaging, and many innovative toys. He was then recruited by a Canadian-based company, WowWee toys, to design branding and packaging for them.

After about a year of designing for WowWee, he was presented with the opportunity to work for Mattel on his first love, cars. A natural move for him, he is now able to combine his passion for toys, cars, and graphic design into one job. Currently, he is on the graphics team for Hot Wheels® where he has already worked on RLC, Elite 64, Mattel Creations, NFTs, 5-Packs, multipacks, mystery models, special projects, Pull-Back Speeders, Super Rigs, Track Fleet, Character Cars and mainline cars.

His first graphic design was the Preying Menace in the 2023 Mystery Models.”

Ronald Wong

Born and raised in Hong Kong, addicted in Hot Wheels® collecting since young age, playing Need For Speed II when 5 years old before going to school, pretty much the reason why Ronald Wong is obsessed with Supercars. Ronald graduated in Hong Kong Design Institute in 2014, in one of the semesters he joined Mattel Internship for track set concept design, and officially joining Hong Kong track set team in 2015. During the time in Hong Kong track set team, he helped development of Hot Wheels® AI, Track Builder, Large Scale Character Car, HW Garage, and also helped creating the Hot Wheels® Skate product line.

Before moving to ES Die-cast team, Ronald also helped design the Star Wars All-Terrain Character cars in 2017 and had two original designs in Character Car launcher playset – Web-Car and Repulsor Blast car. Occasionally Ronald will attend LA and National conventions in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Ronald’s collection includes Redline, Blackwall, Acceleracers, World Race, First Editions, RLC. The ultimate goal is to have at least one of each and every Hot Wheels® ever produced in mainline. Currently counting over 20000 1:64 cars in the collection. Collection also includes over 200 1:18 model cars and around 200 1:43 model cars, majorly supercars related but also some JDM and American Muscles.

In 2023 Ronald officially joined ES Die-cast team as product design, designed a few 1:43 Premium HW, Elite64 and RLC castings, highlights include Pagani Huayra R and Porsche 911 GT3RS. Currently he is the lead designer for Hot Wheels® Premium line, steering product line direction to more 90s-00s focused theme.

Mike Zarnock

An American actor published author and columnist, who writes collector guides and articles about Hot Wheels® Toy Cars & Accessories since 2002. He is also producer/editor and host of “Hot Wheels® TV” on YouTube.

Mike’s massive collection, world notoriety and World Records have not only earned him the most distinguished label: “One of the world’s leading Hot Wheels® authorities” but is has also raised him to an elite new level of collecting, as only a handful of collectors around the world have been classified as a “Super Collector!”

Did you know?

Mike has written 14 Hot Wheels® Collector Guides, 100’s of Magazine Articles, has his own Official Hot Wheels® Coloring Book, is a 3 Time Guinness World Record holder, has been featured in 2 "Ripley's Believe It Or Not!" books, been featured in numerous collector books, magazines, news shows and documentaries around the world, has 3 Hall of Fame Rings, Hot Wheels® produced his old Race Car as a Hot Wheels® Car and has been Featured in TV and Film!

*2021 - Host on the **History Channel's TV Series** "The Toys That Built America" Episode 3 - Toy Car Wars

*2020 - Self on **NBC's Little Big Shots TV Series** Episode 1 - Icing on the Cake

Hot Wheels® Expert/Hot Wheels® Track Design

*2018 - Host on the **History Channel's TV Documentary** - "Hot Wheels®: 50th Anniversary Special"

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the most popular and disruptive toy in the world, Hot Wheels®.

*2017 - Featured in the film- Redlines to Treasure Hunts: The Cars, The Collectors, The Community.

A documentary delving deep into the sub-culture of Hot Wheels® Collecting around the world.

*2015 - Featured in - Passion or Obsession: Inside the World of Extreme Collecting.

For a full bio and to learn more about Mike Zarnock... Go to www.MikeZarnock.com

Brendon Vetuskey

Brendon joined Mattel, Inc. in 2007 working on the Hot Wheels® Track & Play Sets team. He developed the 2009-2011 Trick Tracks sets, as well as the 4-Lane Elimination Race & Super 6-Lane Raceway sets. From that he was the lead designer on Monster Jam for two years, spent a few years managing the Hot Wheels® Entertainment Track & Play sets team, and came back to designing full time in 2016. He is currently the co-line lead for 1:64 mainline diecast singles and diecast design lead for the Red Line Club diecast vehicles.

While on the track team Brendon got his start on designing 1:64 Hot Wheels® cars with the 1967 Pontiac Firebird 400 and the 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS396 in 2010. Since then he’s worked on other cars like the 1972

Ford Torino Gran Sport, 1969 Shelby Mustang GT500, 1965 Mercury Comet Cyclone, 1967 Olds 442, 1967 Ford Bronco, 1970 Chevy Blazer, 1970 Dodge Charger R/T, 2011 Dodge Charger R/T, 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle SS, 2012 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1, 1973 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am SD455, 1981 Chevrolet Camaro, K.I.T.T., 1985 Chevrolet Camaro IROC-Z, 1984 Hurst/ Olds, Subaru B.R.A.T., 1970 AMC Rebel Machine, Highway Hauler 2, 1955 Chevy Gasser, 1971 Plymouth Satellite, 1958 Plymouth Belvedere, 1976 Chevrolet Chevette, 1988 Jeep Wagoneer, 1980 Dodge Power Wagon, 2014 C.O.P.O. Camaro, K.I.T.T. Super Pursuit Mode, Mountain Mauler, Corvette Grand Sport Roadster, Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat, Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat, Furious 7 1970 Dodge Off Road Charger, 2016 Camaro SS, Gotta Go, 2017 Chevy Camaro ZL-1, Fate of the Furious Ice Charger, the Custom 1967 Pontiac Firebird (a replica of his own car), 2018 Chevy Camaro HW50th edition, 2018 Ford Mustang GT, Dodge Challenger SRT Demon, 1987 Dodge D100, 1964 Chevy Nova gasser, 1984 Pontiac Firebird, Big-Air Bel-Air, 1996 Chevy Impala SS, 1991 GMC Syclone, 2006 Pontiac GTO, “General Mayhem” 1968 Dodge Charger, “Stubby Bob” Ford F6, 2020 HW Legends winner 1970 Pontiac Trans Am, 1962 Corvette gasser, 1988 Pro Street Ford Thunderbird, Limited Grip, and the Hirohata Merc. For the RLC line: Custom Datsun 240Z, GMG Hi-Po Hauler, Magnus Walker Porsche 964, 2017 Ford Raptor, 1941 Willys gasser, 1969 Chevy truck, 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300sl, 1982 Lamborghini LP500s, RWB Porsche 930, Nissan Skyline GTR BNR34, 1969 Dodge Charger R/T, 1971 DeTomaso Mangusta, 2006 BMW M3, 1932 Ford 5 window coupe, 1964 Chevy Impala SS lowrider, 1944 Willys MB, 1969 Chevy Camaro SS, 1962 Ford F100, 1991 BMW M3, 1952 Dodge Power Wagon, 1993 Ford Mustang Cobra R, 1975 Chevy Monte Carlo lowrider, “The Tradesman” Dodge van, 1990 Chevy SS454, Ryu’s 1994 Honda NSX, 1986 Porsche 959, SDCC Knight Rider K.I.T.T., 2022 AM-G63, 1995 Honda Integra Type R, 1961 Lincoln Continental, 1986 Nissan 720 mini truck, 1993 Mazda RX-7, 2022 Ford Shelby GT500 Code Red, 1992 GMC Typhoon, 1997 Toyota Supra, 1964 Dodge W100 Power Wagon, 1971 Lamborghini Miura P400 SV, 1964 Mercedes-Benz 600 and more to come! For the 1:18 and 1:43 scale Elite lines: K.I.T.T., K.A.R.R., Herbie The Love Bug, and The Fast and the Furious Dodge Charger.

Outside of work, Brendon has been collecting Hot Wheels® and other vehicle related toys since 1994 and has been designing vehicle toys throughout his entire career. When he's not at work he is likely working on his own project cars, helping others with their cars or at some car related event.

Tyler Charest

Tyler was raised in a small town north of New York City. His love for all things automotive started as it usually does, with a large collection of Hot Wheels® vehicles.

In his preteen years, Tyler spent most of his afterschool hours hanging around the local tattoo parlor. The seeds of his passion for art and design were planted during the countless hours spent with the artists there. This period became the foundation for his later pursuits.

As a teenager, Tyler found employment at a local hot rod shop where he learned the basics of body work and vehicle customization. It was through this experience that Tyler’s passion for car culture and customization were cemented.

In his early twenties, Tyler packed his belongings into a Chevy Malibu and drove West to Detroit, Michigan to study Transportation Design at the College for Creative Studies. While studying in Detroit he landed an internship with Hot Wheels® in 2014.

In 2015, Tyler returned to Hot Wheels® and began designing die-cast vehicles for Basics, Character Cars, and Monster Trucks. He designed over one hundred castings between 2015 and 2019.

In 2019, Tyler joined a small team of designers and engineers to launch the Hot Wheels® Remote Controlled vehicles business. The first vehicle launch was the Cybertruck RC in 2020. Since then, he has launched the 1:64 RC line, 1:16 RC line, and 1:10 RC line.

For the 1:64 RC line, Tyler created the Nissan GTR R35, Nissan Z, Ford Mustang GTD, Telsa Roadster, Tesla Cybertruck, Lamborghini Revuelto, and Rodger Dodger.