



26th 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 Dallas in Dallas, TX, and surrounding area. We have tried to include all the information you need to make your time in Texas 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 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 & Jaden Hayes, Paul & Marsha DiAngi, Barb & Jonathan Robles, Joe & Sherdia Davis, Phillip Davis, Russ & Kelly Kottke, Dan Spaulding, Bethany Bishop, Greg Hall, Andrew & Jessica Howard, Sean Amis, Jim & Cheryl Rider, Lori Fenski, Rachel Millhollin, Joel & Paislee Lippold.

Thank you to Tiff Powell, Jimmy Liu, Gloria Perich, Josh Doherty, and the entire team from Mattel who believe in the positive force this bi-annual gathering generates and for producing the Nationals' souvenir cars for us. Thanks also to the entire Hot Wheels® design team for helping by bringing items for the Charity Auction and signing autographs.

Our Hotel contacts Brian West, Holly Cytacki, 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 Dallas is offering \$10 per day self-parking.

Complimentary Services

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

Credit Cards

Remember to contact your Credit Card companies BEFORE you leave home to let them know you are traveling. The Hyatt Regency 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-away 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

<https://www.visitdallas.com/dallas-welcomes-you/>

JFK Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

1214-747-6660

<https://www.jfk.org/>

Dallas World Aquarium

1214-720-2224

<https://dwazoo.com/>

Perot Museum of Nature & Science

1214-428-5555

<https://www.perotmuseum.org/>

Nasher Sculpture Center

1214-242-5100

<https://www.nashersculpturecenter.org/>

Klyde Warren Park

1214-716-4500

<https://www.klydewarrenpark.org/>

Dallas Zoo

1469-554-7500

<https://www.dallaszoo.com/>

Reunion Tower

1214-712-7040

<https://reuniontower.com/>

HOTEL ADDRESS

Hyatt Regency Dallas
300 Reunion Blvd
Dallas, TX 75207

Dallas Love Field

[8008 Herb Kelleher Way, Dallas, Texas](https://www.dallas-lovefield.com/home)
<https://www.dallas-lovefield.com/home>

DFW International Airport

2400 Aviation Drive, Dallas, 75261,
<https://www.dfwairport.com/>

Shipping and Receiving

Affix a label with the following information in addition to the air bill

Hyatt Regency Dallas
(Event Name) (Arrival Date)
Hold for Guest (Guest Name) (Guest Cell Number)
(Guest Company Name) (Booth Number)
300 Reunion Boulevard (Meeting Room)
Dallas, TX 75207

Hyatt Regency Dallas
Hold for Guest (Guest Name) (Arrival Date)
300 Reunion Boulevard
(Guest Cell Number)
Dallas, TX 75207

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, for you to be able to give us your input for future shows... There will be a drop-off box on the stage at 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 7 through Sat. April 11 – Cumberland E-H

PLEASE NOTE: Sales will be limited to Nationals attendees only, until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 11, 2026.

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 2:00 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 26th Annual Hot Wheels® Collectors Nationals logo, designed by Omar Rivero and Matt Gabe. This year's souvenir cars are:

1970 Chevy Nova SS - 1 of the 3 - car Nationals Series. Mark Jones originally designed this casting. Here we have it in Classics Red, with black interior and light smoke tinted windows. RR silver 5 Spoke on the front and the back. Custom Decos were art directed by HWCE and Steve Vandervate finalized this special deco and Omar Rivero and Matt Gabe created the 26th 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: \$37.00 (+ sales tax)**

2024 Toyota Tacoma TRD Pro - 2 of the 3-car Nationals Series. Rob Mathes originally designed this one way back in the day. This version is in Classics Blue with a matte black chassis, black interior and light smoke tinted windows. RR Offroad 10 Spoke - Painted Black, with Silver Foil Lip, with "Blue Swoosh" on the license plate. Custom Decos were art directed by HWCE and finalized this special deco and Omar Rivero and Matt Gabe created the 26th 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: \$37.00 (+ 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 1400 pieces. These are limited to one per ticket until they are sold out. Licensed by Mattel
Price: \$12.00 (+ sales tax)

We are offering for the first time a souvenir sign limited to 300 pieces. If you're a fan of Dallas, don't miss out on this. These are limited to one per ticket until they are sold out. Licensed by Mattel
Price: \$25.00 (+ 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 8 – Marsalis Hall

Please join us on Wednesday night from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the Marsalis Hall, 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 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. THERE WILL BE NO LINING UP EARLY. If you have a ticket, you’ll get through the line... TICKETS ARE LIMITED... ****

26th Nationals Charity Events and Fundraising to benefit Children’s Miracle Network

Toyota Tacoma - 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 Toyota Tacoma in silver with the Children’s Miracle Network logo. It also sports chrome deep-dish Real Riders®. 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 Toyota Truck in Cumberland E-H.

Live Auction – Friday, April 10 – Marsalis Hall

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 10**. 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 Cumberland E-H

Hot Wheels® Collectors Events is proud, once again, to announce a charity raffle benefiting The Children’s Miracle Network. 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 Cumberland E-H room. Tickets are 4 for \$10.00.

Mystery “E-Sheet” Charity Fundraiser

Missed a Convention or a Nationals? Here is your opportunity to get E-Sheets, some signed, some not, a random bag of at least seven different sheets. \$10 per bag, limited to TWO bags per person until sold out. Available at the Charity Table. Sample folder available to see what “COULD” be in your bag...

Button Bingo™ - Wed. April 8, 8:30 p.m. & Fri. April 10, 1:30 p.m. – Bryan Beeman AB

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 9, 10:00 a.m. – Bryan Beeman AB

A Charity Poker Tournament will again be held to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network 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 9, 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 9, 2:00 p.m. – Bryan Beeman AB

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 9, 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 Mario Godoy

Lead Graphic Designer – Diecast Vehicles Design

Thurs. April 9, 7:00 p.m. – MARSALIS HALL

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 are 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 PURCHASE EXTRA CARS. BLACK PANTS OF ANY KIND ARE FINE, COLLARED SHIRT OF ANY KIND IS FINE!**

This special event will be held in the Marsalis Hall with the doors opening at 5:45 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 Mario Godoy - our Guest of honor

Hailing from East Los Angeles, California, I've been passionate about art and design from a young age. Comic books, fantasy art, and sci-fi vehicle design have always captured my imagination. I've long admired the sleek, futuristic lines of '50s concept cars, especially when they blend with a touch of sci-fi. My love for cars truly ignited when I first saw the Batmobile, particularly the 1989 version, which continues to inspire my work today.

Since joining Mattel in September 2015, I've been responsible for bringing bold graphics across multiple Hot Wheels product lines—from Nintendo Mario Karts and Character Cars to Super Rigs, die-cast Singles, and even exclusive Comic-Con designs. I also helped launch the Hot Wheels Skate line, where I dreamed up original, dynamic, unique graphics for our Hot Wheels Fingerboards.

My proudest work has been on Hot Wheels Monster Trucks; a line I helped shape since its launch in 2018. With the freedom to explore fun, whimsical, and over-the-top designs, I created some of the most recognizable vehicles in the collection. Among them, Tigershark has become an iconic fan favorite worldwide, setting our brand apart from the competition. More recently, I contributed my first original Monster Truck casting, Skelesaurus, marking a milestone in my creative journey.

In May 2025, I expanded into Premium Hot Wheels, where I now work on the graphics for new castings for Elite 64 as well as the Premium 1/43rd scale castings. I'm blending authenticity, automotive heritage, and artistry to elevate collector-focused releases.

Working at Mattel has been a dream come true. Hot Wheels has allowed me to channel my lifelong passions for cars, art, and design into something that inspires fans and collectors globally. There's nothing more rewarding than hearing that a car or truck I contributed to sparked someone's creativity, love of collecting, or interest in engineering. A major highlight is meeting Hot Wheels collectors and fans. I love hearing their stories, knowing that Hot Wheels is the common thread that connects us. It's the highlight of my journey, and I'm grateful to be part of this brand's legacy."

Sizzlers® Races – FRI. – APRIL 10 – 9AM – Marsalis Hall

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 10, 2026**

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 10 – RACES SAT. APR 11 – Marsalis Hall

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
3. Mirada Stocker, all colors

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. **Formula One** - See rules below. 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.

Number of lanes used will depend on 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 Pre 78 Redlines.

Formula One = new release Formula One cars, basic line, 5 pack & set cars.

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 packaged Hot Wheel to Race. This will be your entry into the race and yours to keep afterwards. Good Luck!

Custom Car Contest – FRI. APR 10 & SAT. APR. 11 –

The Custom Car Contest will be held **Sat. April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and will be run by Dan Spaulding and Bethany Bishop. 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 11.** There is no limit on the number of cars you can enter, but we ask for 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 10 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., for EARLY SET UP 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 – MARSALIS HALL

Appetizers, autographs, raffles – Open to everyone. **Wed. April 8, 2026, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

Kids' Scavenger Hunt – HYATT REGENCY DALLAS

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 – CUMBERLAND L

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 12:30 p.m. OR Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 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 4/11**. 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 – BRYAN BEEMAN

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 and 2nd 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 – BRYAN BEEMAN

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 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

Vending Machine Sessions – CUMBERLAND B

All Vending sessions will be held in Cumberland B. All tickets were presold; there will not be any available at the Nationals. You must have the Vending session printed on your ticket, or you will not be able to attend. See schedule for dates and times.

Pick Up Trucks – CUMBERLAND K

Come out and hear all about Hot Wheels® Pick Up Trucks with Carl Pomponio **Thursday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

How to take Photos – CUMBERLAND K

Want to take the best photos of your collection, or to sell, this is where you need to be, sit down and hear what Peter Kistler has to share **Thursday 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

Join a Chapter - Start a Chapter – CUMBERLAND K

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. **Friday from 9:00- 10:00 a.m.**

RAOK Exchange Get Together – CUMBERLAND K

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 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.**

Downhill Racing Seminar – At Racetrack in MARSALIS HALL

Testing plastic bases vs. metal bases. Jon Soffa. **Friday 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.**

Mattel Presentation – CUMBERLAND K

Come check out the New Hot Wheels App with Mattel representatives. **Friday 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**

Redline Colleting 2.0 – CUMBERLAND K

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

Open Wheel Presentation – CUMBERLAND K

Race cars new and old... So, you wanna go fast..... with Carl Pomponio. **Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

JDM Collecting – CUMBERLAND K

Come find out all about JDM with Ken Beauchamp. **Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Collection Management – CUMBERLAND K

Come by and hear from Peter Kistler how best to organize your collection... **Saturday 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY NIGHT FINALE – MARSALIS HALL

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., and the awards ceremony begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. for anyone who participates 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 – MARSALIS HALL

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 12, 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!

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Our Guest Designers Bios are below...

Jeremy Cox

I am a graduate of Cal State Fullerton, where he earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. After graduation, he spent five years in the action sports industry before transitioning into the diecast world, working on multiple diecast lines for nearly two years.

In 2007, Jeremy joined Mattel as a temporary graphic designer on the Matchbox team, where he spent over three years creating graphics for basic vehicles, five- and ten-car packs, Skybusters, and numerous other products. In 2010, he was hired as a permanent employee. Although he valued his time with Matchbox, Jeremy transitioned to the Hot Wheels team in 2012, where he continues to design today.

Since joining Hot Wheels, Jeremy has contributed to a wide range of products and properties. His early work included Dale Earnhardt Jr. vehicles, Drag Racers (Mad Fast, Fright Bike, '40 Ford Pickup), Video Game Heroes (Circle Tracker), and HW City Works (Skyknife). He went on to design the Daredevil and Demolition Derby 5-packs, all code car vehicles, and lines such as HW Hometown (2010 Ford Mustang GT). He also created graphics for the life-size Hot Wheels vehicles that completed the Double Dare Loop at the 2013 X Games.

In 2013, Jeremy led deco and full-scale vehicle graphics for Team Hot Wheels and the *Hot Wheels World's Best Driver* movie. He has also developed graphics for Monster Jam, Color Shifters, Spin Shots, Trackin' Trucks, and entertainment properties including Marvel, Star Wars, DC, Nintendo, Nickelodeon, Power Rangers, and SpongeBob, in addition to numerous 1:64 performance vehicles, basic cars, and 5-packs.

Since 2013, character cars have become a cornerstone of Jeremy's work. He manages and designs graphics for every character car released, overseeing major brands including Marvel, Star Wars, DC, Nintendo, and Nickelodeon. In 2015, he also took on management and design of the Star Wars Starships line. Beyond character vehicles, Jeremy continues to contribute to Rigs, Color Shifters, mainline basics, and Hot Wheels Monster Trucks.

In 2018, Mattel launched *Hot Wheels Monster Trucks*, where Jeremy serves as Lead Designer and Creative Director. He has created standout designs including the Mega Wrex, 5 Alarm, Rhinomite, Bigfoot, and many more.

In 2022, Mattel partnered with Tony Hawk to launch *Hot Wheels Skate*. Jeremy leads design and creative direction for this energetic fingerboard line, shaping its visual identity from the ground up.

Ron 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 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 goal is to have at least one of 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.

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 Syclyone, 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, the Hirohata Merc, and the 1970 Plymouth Road Runner (Fast 7), 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T, and the 2002 Pontiac Firebird.

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, 1976 Volkswagen Golf GTI, 1959 Chevrolet Brookwood, 1998 Subaru Imprezza 22-B STi Version, 1972 Chevrolet Nova SS pro street, 2000 Ford Mustang SVT Cobra R, 1988 Porsche Targa Turbo, 1948 Chevy Fleetmaster lowrider, 1965 Shelby Cobra 427 S/C, 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, spending money on cars, helping others with their cars or at some car related event.

Bryan Zhao

An automotive designer from China! Currently based in California. My passion for automotive design led me to ArtCenter College of Design in 2018. After graduating from the Art Center Art Center College of Design, I now work at Mattel Hot Wheels Design team chasing my dreams. Growing up as a kid, I've always liked drawing, and it was during my high school years that I discovered the world of Industrial design, therefore I combined my love for drawing and automobiles and decided to take on automotive design as a career path. In my free time, I like doing model kit building and 3D modeling, and of course, working at Hot Wheels, I also like to customize my own Hot Wheels whenever I get some free time. But my most important hobby of mine is drawing, I still do it every day, whether at work or home. It's the one thing that's brought me here and it will probably be the one thing that keeps me heading to the future!

Leeway Chang

For more than three decades, Leeway Chang has brought bold imagination and unstoppable creative energy to the world of graphic design. Forever as a kid at heart, he joined Mattel in 2007 to channel his lifelong passion for toys into the iconic Hot Wheels brand. From his early days as a lead Softline designer for Hot Wheels Consumer Products to shaping the look of Hot Wheels packaging on the collector and premium lines, Leeway's drive and vision propelled him to his current role as Key Staff Designer. Today, he leads the graphics direction for all Hot Wheels die-cast vehicles in Basic Singles and 5-packs, setting the visual tone for millions of cars racing into the hands of fans around the world.

Before stepping into the world of toys, Leeway spent 17 years sharpening his craft across action sports, apparel, feature films, and advertising—industries that fueled his diverse design sensibility and fearless approach to visual storytelling.

A seasoned traveler and multilingual global citizen, Leeway draws inspiration from his eclectic upbringing. Born in Taiwan and raised partly throughout Latin America, he grew up immersed in vibrant cultures that continue to shape his adventurous spirit and design perspective.

Leeway earned an Associate of Arts degree in Communication Design from the International Fine Arts College in Miami, Florida, followed by a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design from California State University, Fullerton.

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.”