

# 16TH ANNUAL HOT WHEELS® COLLECTORS NATIONALS

**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's packet will give you an overview of the planned activities as well as information covering the Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone Crossing and surrounding area. We've tried to include all the information you need to make your time in Indiana enjoyable. If there's a question we haven't answered here please contact us at 310-538-4584 (evening between 6 - 9 p.m. Pacific) or e-mail us at **hwevents.info@sbcglobal.net**.

To reduce waste, we have combined this mailing; only one pre-nationals packet has been sent to each address. Please check your mailing label to insure that each Nationals attendee at this address is listed. Please report any errors before March 11th!

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## SPECIAL THANKS from Mark & Jennifer Millhollin

We would like to thank all the hard-working volunteers who make this event run seamlessly each year! When you see them around give them your thanks too! Rick Tippe (MC), Kelly & Sarah Kottke, Bonnie Tippe & Cindy Kehus (registration), Mike & Shirley Weber, Pat Hernandez, Jeff Buchanan & Ted & Sylvia Huddleston(Sales Room), Paul & Marsha DiAngi, Jerry Rousselle & Dave, Barb & Jonathan Robles (Charity), Dan Spaulding, Steve Reddell (Custom Car Contest), Joe Davis (Sizzlers® races), Russ Kottke, Kelly Kottke & Bruce Cox (downhill races), Marty Hernandez, Joe Alvarado, Gary Williams & Jimmy Garbaczewski (security), Sherdia Davis & Carl Pomponio (vending machine), Greg Hall (charity poker) & Russ & Sarah Kottke and Jon Robles (photography).

Thank you to Robert Knox and the entire team from Mattel who believe in the positive force this bi-annual gathering generates and produce the Nationals' souvenir cars for us. Thanks also to the entire Hot Wheels® design team for helping out by bringing items for the Charity Auction and signing autographs.

Karen Lowry, Maureen Boulanger and the Sheraton Indianapolis 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

Reservations must be made by the cut-off date, March 22, 2016. Afterwards, reservations will be taken on a space and rate availability basis. Any reservations not guaranteed by the hotel will not be held beyond 6:00 p.m. on the arrival date. Room cancellations need to be made 72 hours in advance to avoid one night's room charge. Check-in time for the hotel is 3 p.m. and check-out time is 12 p.m.

## Parking

The Sheraton Indianapolis, Hyatt Indianapolis and Marriott Indianapolis offer complimentary self-parking, with in and out privileges.

## Credit Cards

Remember to contact your Credit Card companies BEFORE you leave home to let them know you are traveling. All three of the Indianapolis Hotels 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 bulletin boards in front of the elevators on each floor where you can place your business card or flyer (no larger than 5½ x 8½) with your room number.

## Guest Rooms

The Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone Crossing offers luxurious guestrooms, including suites. Guests will find that the guestrooms are spacious, very comfortable and nicely appointed. Guestrooms include an alarm clock radio along with a television and pay-per-view options. Each room is also equipped with a coffee maker with Starbucks coffee. All guestrooms feature voice mail and complimentary high-speed internet. Further information on rooms can be found at the Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone Crossing website:

## 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 11 p.m., please do not keep your room door wide open. We suggest propping it if you don't 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.

## Shuttle Service

There is no complimentary Hotel Shuttle Service available. Transportation Options. Private car service can be arranged from the airport. Advanced booking is required and special rates are available for Sheraton guests. Please call (317) 257-0793 to book. Taxi cabs are available to and from the airport which is approximately 30 miles from the hotel. **Estimated costs for a taxi is \$65 USD.**

## Shipping and Receiving

The Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone Crossing will only accept pre-paid packages. A \$10.00 per box handling fee will apply to all shipments to or from the hotel. Any packages delivered COD will be refused by the hotel and no notification will be made by the hotel to the shipper. All packages must contain a label giving the following information:

- ❖ Name of the guest that will be receiving on property.
- ❖ Date of guest arrival.
- ❖ Organization name that is shipping the materials and the return address.
- ❖ Appropriate Program at property the materials are for: Hot Wheels® Collectors Nationals (date).
- ❖ Number of boxes: example, box 1 of 1, box 1 or 2, etc.
- ❖ Hotel Address as follow: Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone Crossing  
8787 Keystone Crossing  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

The Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone Crossing shall not be liable for safe or timely arrival of any packages sent to the hotel by or for the group. It is the group's responsibility to check on the arrival of any packages and to check to ensure that the contents are intact. The hotel accepts no liability for lost, stolen, or damaged goods.

# Directions to the Hotel

### **From Interstate 65 (North)**

Take I- 865 East to I- 465 East, Continue on I-465 East to Keystone Ave. (Exit 33). At light, turn right onto Keystone Ave. Take the first exit to the right for 86<sup>th</sup> St. At light, turn left onto 86<sup>th</sup> St. At the second light, turn left onto Keystone Crossing. The hotel is located behind the mall on the right.

### **From East**

Take I-74 or I-70 to I-465 North. Continue on I-465 North to Keystone Ave. (Exit 33). Turn left onto Keystone Ave. Take the 86<sup>th</sup> St. exit on the right. Turn left at the light. Turn left again at the second light (Keystone Crossing). The hotel is located behind the mall on the right.

### **From I-69 (North)**

Take I-465 North to Keystone Ave. (Exit 33). At the light turn left onto Keystone Avenue. Take the 86<sup>th</sup> St. exit to the right. At the light turn left onto 86<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left at the second light onto Keystone Crossing. The hotel is located behind the mall on the right.

### **From Indianapolis International Airport (West)**

Take I-70 East to I-465 North. Proceed on I-465 North to I-465 East to Keystone Ave. (Exit 33). Turn right onto Keystone Ave. then take the first exit to the right for 86<sup>th</sup> St. At the light turn left onto 86<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left at the second light onto Keystone Crossing. The hotel is located behind the mall on the right.

### **From I-65 (South)**

Follow I-465 East as it turns into I-465 North. Take Keystone Ave. (Exit 33). At the light turn left onto Keystone Ave. Take the 86<sup>th</sup> St. exit to the right. Turn left onto 86<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left at the second light onto Keystone Crossing. The hotel is located behind the mall on the right.

### **From I-31 (North)**

Take I-31 to I-465 East. Continue on I-465 East to Keystone Ave. (Exit 33). At the light turn onto Keystone Ave. Take the first exit to the right for 86<sup>th</sup> St. At the light turn left onto 86<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left at the second light onto Keystone Crossing. The hotel is located behind the mall on the right.

# Places of Interest

## **Children’s Museum of Indianapolis – 10 miles**

Check out their website for information about current exhibits...

<https://www.childrensmuseum.org/exhibits>

There is a flyer included with this mailing for a discount on tickets to the Museum.

## **Indianapolis Motor Speedway – 14 miles**

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. Opened in 1909, it is synonymous with speed and racing around the world. There are three annual motor racing events at the Speedway: The Indianapolis 500 in May, The Brickyard 400 in July and Red Bull Indianapolis GP in August. A trip to any day of competition at those events provides an unforgettable mixture of sight, sound, speed and excitement, but the Speedway also is a fun place to visit even when the engines aren’t roaring. The IMS Hall of Fame Museum is one of the world’s leading museums dedicated to motorsports and auto racing history and Grounds Tours provide behind-the-scenes access to many iconic structures and places at the track. Golfers also can enjoy the experience of playing 18 holes at Brickyard Crossing Golf Course, a Pete Dye-designed, championship-caliber public course that includes four holes inside the Speedway’s famous oval.

For more detailed information and hours of operation, please visit [www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com](http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com).

## **Arts and Culture & Recreation**

- Carmel Arts & Design District – 5 miles
- Conner Prairie Museum – 8 miles
- Fort Harrison State Park – 9 miles
- Indianapolis Museum of Art – 11 miles
- Indiana State Museum – 13 miles
- Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art – 13 miles
- NCAA Hall of Champions – 13 miles
- Indianapolis Zoo – 21 miles

PLEASE NOTE: Nationals Registration, Souvenir Sales, this year's charity sales, Newsletter car giveaways 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

PLEASE NOTE: Sales will be limited to Nationals attendees only, until 10 a.m., Sunday, April 10th.

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. on Saturday. 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 Collectors Events Unlimited to produce an extraordinary series of collectible Nationals souvenir Hot Wheels® cars. All official souvenir cars and packages carry the 16th Annual Hot Wheels® Collectors Nationals logo, designed by Steve Vandervate. Color pictures can be viewed at the official Nationals website at: [www.hwcollectorsnationals.com](http://www.hwcollectorsnationals.com) (Car #4 of the 4-car series is the free souvenir car given out at the Saturday Night Finale.) This year's souvenir sales cars are:

**Volkswagen T1 Drag Bus** - #1 of the 4-car Nationals Series. Phil Riehlman originally designed this version of the Volkswagen T1 Drag Bus in 2010. This events version is reminiscent of the paint scheme on the 1996 first edition VW Drag Bus, black interior with a tinted windshield. Real Rider XXL chrome mags on the back, with Real Rider M chrome mags on the front. Steve Vandervate created this special deco and the 16<sup>th</sup> Nationals logo. This car is limited to a run of no more than 2,600 pieces. **Price: \$25.00 (+ sales tax)**

**'83 Chevy Silverado 4X4** - #2 of the 4-car Nationals Series. This Hot Wheels® version was designed by Jun Imai in 2015 and has dark pearl blue with white, black interior and light tinted windows with RR Off Road 5 Spoke Mag wheels, INDY 4X4 around the outside of each tire, with the Nationals logo on the roof. The deco for this year's Silverado was highly influenced by staff member Jeff Buchanan and brought into reality along with the 16<sup>th</sup> Nationals logo by Steve Vandervate. This car is limited to a run of no more than 2,000 pieces. **Price: \$25.00 (+ sales tax)**

**'68 Copo Camaro** - #3 of the 4-car Nationals Series: Phil Riehlman designed the '68 Copo Camaro in 2011. This events version is in butternut yellow with black accents, RR 5 spoke M Mags on the front and RR 5 spoke L Mags on the back, with black interior and light tinted windows. With our event logo on the roof. Steve Vandervate created this special deco and the 16<sup>th</sup> Nationals logo. This car is limited to a run of no more than 2,400 pieces. **Price: \$25.00 (+ sales tax)**

Our souvenir T was designed by and printed by Classic Graphix with a front and back design that will be a true commemorative of the week. Description: white background, design includes official Nationals logo and souvenir cars. Licensed by Mattel. **Price: \$20.00 (+ sales tax)**

Our souvenir pin was once again produced by the PICA Marketing group, there are 300 for this year's event. This 1-1/4" pin with Nationals logo will be sold on a first-come basis. Licensed by Mattel. **Price: \$5.00 (+ 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 the official Souvenir Salesroom**

# **2016 Nationals Charity Events and Fundraising** *to benefit* **Children's Miracle Network Hospitals**

PLEASE NOTE: Sales are limited to Nationals ticket holders only, until 10 a.m., Sunday, April 10th. You will find these for sale at the charity table in the Souvenir Sales Room.

You must have your Nationals name tag/sales card to make purchases. Sales will be limited to 1 car, until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. These will be first come first served. Any remaining cars will be offered at 9:00 a.m. at Sunday's Show and Sale and to the public after 10:00 a.m.

**2006 Challenger** - No Hot Wheels® collector's event would be complete without a special charity car. This year we are proud to introduce a special edition Children's Miracle Network Hospital 2006 Challenger, with the Children's Miracle Network logo and the Nationals logo. It's also sporting chrome deep-dish Real Riders. This car was designed and produced by Nightstalker – Chris Walker. The Nationals logo was designed by Steve Vandervate.

**No more than 550 were made and they will be available first come first served, limited to one per person, at the Nationals Charity table. Donations are \$30.00 per car.**

You can also drop off any donations for the auction with the Charity group while you are picking up your 2006 Challenger!!

## **Live Auction**

Don't miss this auction of rare and unusual Hot Wheels® cars and memorabilia. With the generous support of Mattel and the Hot Wheels® design team, you can expect to see rare and unusual cars.

Doors open for previewing at 5:15 p.m. Join us for the fun even if you aren't planning on buying anything, these could be the most fun and exciting couple of hours you'll have throughout the week.

## **Charity Raffle**

Collectors Events Unlimited 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 Collectors Events Unlimited and Mattel.

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

Tickets will be on sale and prizes on display at the charity table in the Souvenir Sales Room. Tickets are 4 for \$10.00.

## **Charity Poker Tournament**

A Charity Poker Tournament will again be held to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and is limited to 45 players. The games will be no-limit, Texas Hold 'Em poker. The 2-hour session will begin Thursday, April 7 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.

## Button Bingo™

Collectors Events Unlimited is proud to once again present Button Bingo™. The proceeds from this year's games will go to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Button Bingo™ is Collectors Events Unlimited's 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!"

There will be two different sessions, the first on Wednesday, April 6, at 8:30 p.m. and the second on Friday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. Each session will include 12 bingo games and 12 chances to win. Those attendees that ordered Button Bingo™ game cards will receive a confirmation ticket at convention sign-in with your session number. Any remaining spaces may be purchased at the Nationals.

This year, every Button Bingo™ player will receive a special 3-car set of custom Hot Wheels® cars (code 3). Winners will receive an even more limited custom Hot Wheels® car (code 3) to complete their sets. We hope the set of special Hot Wheels® cars that every Button Bingo™ player will receive is a reminder throughout the year of the great time you had playing Button 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.

## Hot Wheels® Convention Mania

Collectors Events Unlimited is proud to again present Hot Wheels® Convention Mania, benefiting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. On Thursday, April 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., we will be holding our competition with this exciting board game called Hot Wheels® Convention Mania. This event will be limited to 32 conventioners and will be sold on a first-come basis and each person purchasing entry will receive a custom (code 3) vehicle. There will be 8 tables of play with the winner from each table advancing to the semi-finals and receiving a special custom (code 3) gold-colored vehicle. Winners of the 4 semi-final tables will then advance to the finals winning a special custom (code 3) vehicle with a grand prize going to the winner of that game.

The game consists of spaces and bonus cards with Hot Wheels® convention-related themes. You win the game by traveling around the convention-themed game track and collecting the most points. Each game has a 35-minute time limit.

*Rules are as follows:*

Roll the dice and move clockwise, you can move either the number of one die or the total of both added together. If you land on a Convention space you receive that card with the value on that card. More than one person can own the same card, but you cannot own the same card twice. When you land on or pass start you will receive a bonus card.

*You must check in at 1:30 p.m. to be seated. Players not in their seat by 2:00 p.m. will lose their seat.*

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Games will be 35 minutes with a 10-minute break between games.**

## An Evening with Bryan Benedict

Admittance is by special ticket only. Dress for the evening is business casual. (Jackets not required. **No shorts, blue jeans or T-shirts.**) This special event will be held in the Grand Ballroom with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. As a reminder, there are no substitutions or changes allowed to the menus. Your table place card shows your menu selection and needs to remain on the table throughout the meal for the server's reference.

Sound recording devices (video cameras, tape recorders, etc.), are not allowed at this event per Mattel's request. Still cameras are welcomed, but please do not take pictures until after dinner. Be courteous of other guests; do not leave your seat to take photos until the event has ended.

Attendees will receive a commemorative T-shirt and pin (limited to number in attendance). Guests will also receive a specially labeled Hot Wheels® vehicle, made by Mattel, limited to no more than 1500 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 a custom (code 3) car, from Collectors Events Unlimited, given out (limited to number in attendance).

We conceived this sit-down dinner as a celebration of Bryan's years as a vehicle designer with Mattel. Please allow all of our other guests to enjoy the evening and not ask for autographs during this event. They will be available several times at autograph sessions during the Nationals. Thank you.

## Sizzlers® Races

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 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 degree turn.

**All participants will be required to supply two individuals to count laps during the races. They will not count your laps but 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 12 and under (choice of battery)
3. Kids that race in the 12 and under cannot race in the adult's races.
4. All Sizzlers® races will be 80 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 the original motor and contacts.
11. Battery must be totally drained before each heat.
12. A minimum of 60 seconds will be used for battery charging before each heat and as needed during the heat.
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 anytime. The top three from each event will be inspected



# Downhill Races

All cars entered must be standard Hot Wheels® vehicles. No other manufactures.

**No pre-registration is necessary for any race.**

## 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. **Indy Race** – Indy style Hot Wheels®. All ages. See rules below.
4. **Open Stock Race** - 1978 and newer **basic line** Hot Wheels® vehicles only.  
All ages No Drag Buses or Funny Cars.
5. **12 and Under Race** -1978 and newer **basic line** Hot Wheels® vehicles only.  
Entrants must be 12 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. **Hot Wheels® Modified**- 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.

All cars will 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

Winners will be asked to stand next to the track for the next round of races.

**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 are only allowed in race #2

Race #3 is for any Indy Style car from any Hot Wheels® line

Volkswagen Drag Buses are only allowed in race #6

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

Races 2, 6 and 7 will be a One-Winner Race.

## RULES FOR RACE 7 ARE:

Vehicle must start out as an original Hot Wheels® from any line.

Base must be recognizable as Hot Wheels® with markings.

Wheels must be original Hot Wheels®. No oils!

# Custom Car Contest

The Custom Car Contest will be run by Dan Spaulding and Steve Reddell. Be sure to read through the categories and rules; there have been changes.

## RULES:

1. You must be the builder of your entry in all categories listed.
2. There cannot be any team builds.
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. There is no limit on the amount of cars you can enter, but we ask it 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 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 from 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 from any manufacturer. 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 from 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 about 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 new 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 insure enough room on the judging table.

There will also be a Designer/Mattel pick, as well as trophies for Best Paint, Best Engine Details and Honorable Mention.

# Seminars, Forums & Special Events

## Redline Collecting 2.0

Dave Lopez will be heading up this year's combo seminar with both entry level and intermediate Redline Hot Wheels® collecting. He will still cover some of the basics of redline collecting, and then delve into some of the finer points of hunting for original Hot Wheels®. This will be an informative hour with lots of graphics to help you understand what you need to be cautious for when out there hunting for these little jewels. This presentation will last for one-hour which will incorporate a 15-20 minutes at the end of the seminar for any questions you may have. Check it out on **Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

## Do You Really Need To Appraise & Insure Your Collection?

Come by and hear from Mike Zarnock how best to insure your collection...Collectibles and Home Owners insurance, Make sure you know the facts and how to protect yourself. **Thursday from 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

## Join a Chapter - Start a Chapter

Club leaders will be available to answer all of 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. Come visit and learn about your local chapters. If there isn't 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 to 10:00 a.m.**

## Early Black walls (1977 to 1990)

Did you know that back in the 80's and 90's there were several types of wheels on Hot Wheels®? Are you aware that Real Riders® have been out since 1983? That Hot Wheels® have been sold in Countries other than the US? We will have some pictures as well as real life examples of early carded black wall cars for you to enjoy and show you all about the world of collecting early black wall Hot Wheels®. The term "black walls" is a general term and we will show you some of the various wheel types that have come out over the years. Please plan to attend and enjoy an informative hour presented by Dave Lopez. Dave is well-known for his Hot Wheels® Classic Cobra collection and enjoys talking about both redlines and Real Riders® and Cobras whenever he gets a chance! Come check it out on **Friday from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.**

## Time with a Hot Wheels® Designer

Come by and have a sit-down with Larry Wood, ask him questions, pick his brain, never know what you might see or hear! **Friday from 11:30am – 12:30pm...**

## Car Customizing Seminar - The Basics

Joe Alvarado will be heading up this seminar on "The Basics" How to customize your Hot Wheels®, he will touch on a few different things, including, taking a part, different painting techniques and body modifications. Come on out and have some fun... learn something new and meet some new friends! **Friday from 12:40 to 1:40 p.m.**

## RAOK Exchange Get Together

Join Joe Alvarado 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 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.**

## **Red Line Club Party – Mattel Hosted**

This is Mattel's way of saying **THANK YOU** for your support of the Red Line Club online AND the Official Hot Wheels® Nationals. This event is for current RLC Online Club members only. Please make sure to bring your current RLC card OR your confirmation from your RLC membership purchase, to cruise right through the line, into this always fun and exciting party. Held immediately following the Charity Auction on **Friday night**.

## **Blue Card Collecting Seminar**

Jim Garbaczewski and Carl Pomponio will present a Collecting seminar. This seminar will feature collecting Blue cards 1-100 including some hard to find variations. If you want to learn about Blue card collecting this is a seminar for you. Jim and Carl will provide a timeline and history of the blue cards, where to find them, and tell you why some are so hard to find. A good seminar for beginners and experts alike. **Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

## **Car Customizing Seminar - Beyond the Basics**

Chris Walker will be heading up this seminar on "Beyond the Basics" How to customize your Hot Wheels®, Come out and have some fun, learn something new and meet new friends! **Saturday from 10:10 to 11:10 a.m.**

## **Kids' Scavenger Hunt**

The kids' Scavenger Hunt continues! First introduced in 2003, the Scavenger Hunt is for kids 15 and under. This year there will be two age groups for the "Hunt" and they are 8 and under and 9 to 15 years. The 8 and under Scavenger hunt will consist of 14 Nationals & Hot Wheels® brand related items. The 9 – 15 Scavenger Hunt will consist of 25 Nationals & Hot Wheels® brand related items. Rules/game sheet will be available at registration.

## **Kids' Hot Wheels® Car Coloring and Drawing Contest**

Bonnie Tippe, Barb Robles and Pat Hernandez are your hosts for this event for kids 15 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, **Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

## **Saturday Night Finale**

Saturday's meeting highlights include: distribution of the free convention car, a short presentation by one of the Hot Wheels® designers, followed by a Question & Answer period with Mattel representatives, presentation of awards for race and custom winners, door prizes and the drawing of the charity raffle winners. **Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., the awards ceremony begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. and the finale starts at 7:00 p.m.**

## **Sunday Hot Wheels® Show and Sale**

Your convention 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 collectors tables, door prizes and more. Any leftover convention merchandise will be for sale to the public for the first time at this event. This show will also be open to the public, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public admission \$5.00, children 12 and under free with a paid adult.

# Scheduled Guests

Following is a short history and design listing of all the guests scheduled to appear during the Nationals. Dates and times for the autograph sessions will appear on your updated schedule of events.

## Bryan Benedict

Bryan Benedict's passion for designing cars began at an early age, while growing up on a dairy farm in California's Central Valley. As a little boy Bryan spent countless hours drawing cars, and at the age of 5 he told his parents that he was going to design cars when he grew up. Their response was "You can't do that. That's not a real job." But Bryan was convinced that someone actually had to make cars look the way they do, so by the time he was 12, he wrote a letter to General Motors to ask if there was actually such a thing as being a car designer. GM responded with a very kind letter assuring him that car designer *was* an actual job, and directed him to study Transportation Design at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA when he got older. Bryan did just that after high school, graduating from Art Center in 1994. He then spent 10 years in the car industry working with many different car companies, including Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Ford, GM, Chrysler, and many more. He even provided design services to a few Chinese car companies, before making the jump to little cars.

Bryan joined the ultimate car design team at Hot Wheels® in 2004. Since that time, he has worked on everything from the brand's entertainment and innovation efforts to Hot Wheels® basic cars and adult collector lines. Bryan was instrumental in the development of the Emmy nominated and Gemini award winning Hot Wheels® animated series *Battle Force 5*, and is also the design force behind the Monster Jam® truck line. More recently, in addition to his Monster Jam® responsibilities, Bryan has begun focusing on the Hot Wheels® adult collector lines and licensed entertainment character cars.

Some of the Hot Wheels® 1:64<sup>th</sup> castings that Bryan has designed include the Ford GTX-1, Madfast® dragster, El Superfasto® luchador car, Howlin' Heat® wolf car, and Mad Splash® drag boat (which is the first track performance boat ever created for Hot Wheels®).

When not designing Hot Wheels® Bryan can usually be found with his lovely wife and their 5 children, enjoying the beauty of Southern California and all it has to offer (namely, regular visits to Disneyland and the beach).

## Mike McClone

Mike McClone studied fine arts at the Art Institute of Chicago and digital design at Columbia College Chicago. He worked in Chicago as a freelance designer doing web illustration and a short stint designing stained glass before moving to California in 1999. In June of 2000 he joined the Hot Wheels® graphics team designing tampo for some of the 2001 basic line. In the last eight years Mike has worked on basics, adult collector (64<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> scale), trend, track sets, play sets, RLC cars, Moto X, and many other customized lines. Mike created the tampo for many of the cars from 2002 through 2008. Since there are too many to list, we only listed the vehicles from 2005 through 2008.

For 2005, Mike created the tampo for the '67 Camaro (Treasure Hunt), Rodger Dodger® (Treasure Hunt), '67 Pontiac GTO (Treasure Hunt), '59 Caddy, '69 Dodge Charger (G Machines), Two 2 Go (Wastelanders), Vulture Roadster, Plymouth GTX (G Machines) and the '70 Roadrunner (G Machines) and for 2006, the '50 Chevy Truck (Convention), CUL8R™ (Treasure Hunt) and the Asphalt Assault® (Treasure Hunt).

In 2007 Mike decorated the Beach Bomb Too (convention charity car), Bone Shaker® (convention car), '55 Chevy Panel (Since '68), Custom Beetle (Since '68), Dairy Delivery®, '56 Ford Truck, '52 Chevy Truck, '56 Flashsider®, '41 Willys (Hot Wheels® Racing Team), Mitsubishi Eclipse (Ragtops & Roadsters), Rivited® (Track Stars®), '69 Chevy Custom (Treasure Hunt), Hammer Sled® (Treasure Hunt), Nissan Skyline (Treasure Hunt, 1:50 '68 Mustang (NY Toy Fair), Phastasm® (Fright Cars), '57 Buick (Ultra Hots), '70 Chevelle (G Machines), '67 GTO (Flashbacks) and the '67 GTO (G Machines).

## Mike McClone continued

Cars Mike created the tampo for in 2008 include the '55 Chevy Panel (Chicago Nationals), '70 Chevy, Camaro (Chicago Nationals), Gangster Grin® (Chicago Nationals), '64 Riviera (Treasure Hunt), '70 Roadrunner (Treasure Hunt) and the Qombee (Treasure Hunt).

New cars for 2009 include: Connect Cars® '62 Chevy, Dodge Dart, '70 Cuda, '67 GTO, '65 GTO, & Whip Creamer® II. Dragstrip Demons Crazy Horse '71 Mustang Funny Car (& full size car!). In 1:50 scale: '57 Bel Air, '49 Merc, & '41 Willys, Nationals '69 Chevelle SS 396, '69 Camaro & '55 Chevy Panel. Faster Than Ever Straight Pipes, HW Racing™ Chevrolet, HW City Works® Hiway Hauler®, *HW Special Feature* Ground FX®, Muscle Mania® Superbee, Rebel Rides '32 Vicky & Dixie Challenger, Treasure Hunt '55 Chevy and '34 Ford Sedan Delivery.

Since 2010, Mike has been responsible for all Seasonal and Customized Hot Wheels® product (Walmart, Target, Toys-R-Us, and Kroger), as well all Basic 5 Car Packs and Rapid Transit® trains. Mike also worked with former Hot Wheels® designer miQ Willmott to develop the decoration for the Ballistics line. Recent cars include the Superman assortment and Sam Walton's 1979 Ford F-150.

## Larry Wood

In his forty years as Mattel's principal designer of Hot Wheels® vehicles, Larry Wood saw more of his designs produced than any other automobile designer in the world.

Larry graduated from the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles and headed for Detroit where he worked for the Ford Design Center on the GT 40 project and the '69 Mustang. After the first snow, Larry decided a warmer climate was more to his liking and headed back to Los Angeles. There he signed on with Lockheed, designing aircraft interiors. "The great events of my life have always happened at parties." Larry has said. It was at a party that Howard Rees (the principal Hot Wheels® designer in '69) told Larry that he was tired of designing toy cars and wanted to move to space toys. Howard promised Larry that he would mention him for the job he was vacating. The rest, as they say, is Hot Wheels® history.

Larry's first design for Mattel was the Tri Baby/Buzz Off. He continued to work on many of the models from 1970 through 1974 and almost all of the vehicles from 1975 through the eighties, retired in 09. and still does a few cars a year.

Two of Larry's favorite Hot Wheels® cars are the Passion and the "Elwoody" ('50 Buick) in 1/64th scale, the 1/24th scale '49 Merc the detailing involved with the Cars he designed include the Tri-Baby®, Bugeye, Bye-Focal®, Classic Cord, Grass Hopper, The Hood, Jet Threat®, Mutt Mobile, Olds 442, Special Delivery®, Strip Teaser, T-4-2, Street Rodder, '31 Doozie, Super Van, Ramblin' Wrecker®, Vega Bomb, Neet Streeter®, '56 Hi-Tail hauler, '57 Chevy, GMC Motor Home, '57 T-Bird, A-OK®, 3-Window '34, '40s Woodie, Greyhound MC-8, Old Number 5, Classic Cobra, '65 Mustang Convertible, '32 Ford Delivery, Propper Chopper® and the '56 Flashsider®. Some of the cars Larry designed for the collectible line include 1949 Mercury, Dodge Viper GTS, '38 Ford C.O.E., '59 Woodie, '69 Riviera Chevrolet, '53 Bel Air, Chevelle, Olds 442 and the Plymouth Hemi GTX. He also did the HWC Mobil Oil series and both the Preferred line and the Collectible line singles for 2002 and 2003, Classics, Street Show®, RLC & the Ultra Hots™ line.

Lately Larry has designed the Bone Shaker®, '66 Batmobile, Straight Pipes®, Corvette Grand Sport, H<sub>2</sub>GO, Tri Baby® Too, A-OK®, '29 Pickup, Cadillac Pickup, '41 Willys, Haul of Flame (the Hot Wheels® shuttle) and all the Larry's Garage® cars.

Now he spends his time at his "Elwoods Garage" working on real cars.

## **Mike Zarnock**

Michael is an American author and columnist, who writes collector guides and articles about Mattel “Hot Wheels®” toy cars and accessories.

Michael’s knowledge along with his massive Hot Wheels® collection has earned him notoriety around the world. Whether it be because of the 14 books he has written on the subject, the numerous chapters in other books and countless magazine articles that he has written about Hot Wheels® toys or just the sheer size and diversity of his die cast vehicle collection, this extensive knowledge has earned him the label, “One of the worlds leading Hot Wheels® Historians.”

Did you know? Michael’s collection has earned him 2 Guinness World Records!

Michael was born April 21, 1958 in Utica, New York into a working class family. He graduated from John F. Kennedy High School, Utica, New York in 1976.

Some of Michael’s other accomplishments over the years include racing Moto Cross as a teenager to building and driving many Drag Race and Show Cars. Some of which ended up being Street Racers for other people. Michael has many stories about those Street Racing days including the time he was kidnapped for not giving up the money. That story made its way across the country to Hollywood where he was asked to write a screenplay about it for Actor/Producer Christopher Titus. He has also rewritten that script to be published as a novel titled as “Once Upon A Street Race”.

Michael has had a passion for Hot Wheels® toy cars and their accessories ever since their release in 1968 when he was 10 years old and has collected them whenever he could find them. It’s come to be that Michael has spent so much time and effort on his collection that he’s become one of the world’s most respected Historians on Hot Wheels® and their variations. So much so, that it prompted him to write a best-selling Collector Guide called “The Ultimate Guide to Hot Wheels® Variations”, first published in 2002 by Krause Publications. That book sold out almost instantly and went into a second printing in less than a year after its release. Since then Michael has written 13 more books, was under contract with “Toy Cars & Models Magazine” for 6 years where he wrote a monthly Hot Wheels® column and price guide, written numerous chapters in many other die cast books and countless articles for magazines such as “The Car Room” and “Die Cast X”. He is currently Senior Contributing Editor at “Die Cast X Magazine” where he has had his Hot Wheels® column since 2011.

Michael also provides Hot Wheels® Collection Appraisal services for Insurance Riders, Insurance Claims, Ebay Fraud Claims, US Postal Damage Claims and Court Cases including Estate and Divorce Settlements, including services to authenticate or disprove fraudulent Hot Wheels® product including issuing Certificates of Authenticity when needed.

Michael makes his home in the small upstate New York town of Deerfield with his wife Tina along with his youngest son Cody and his wife Joanna. His oldest son Christopher makes his home in Conway, South Carolina and is an avid Hot Wheels® collector himself. Michael makes appearances at Schools, Conventions, Toy Shows and Hot Wheels® Club functions across the United States and Canada. You never know where you’ll find him. He been featured in many Television shows about collecting, been featured in many magazines and he’s even made a few appearances in the movies. He made his screen debut playing “Artie, the sleazy comic book publisher”, in the “Catch Your Breath Productions” film “Detour”. He returned to take on the role of “Freddy Grecko, talk show host extraordinaire” in “The Death of Daniel Whately” and also played “Chester Greenfield II,” the wealthy father of the main character in the movie “Anchor Eddy’s”.

For more information about Michael Zarnock, his latest books and appearances go to his official website [www.MikeZarnock.com](http://www.MikeZarnock.com)

## **Chris Walker**

Chris Walker “Night Stalker” burst onto the die-cast scene customizing cars for competition. After winning multiple awards, he focused his attention towards high-end custom pieces for celebrities and famous designers with his work appearing in the Hot Wheels® exhibit in the Peterson Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, CA. It was then that he got noticed by a few larger companies and started doing freelance work in packaging and graphics, and event cars for U.S. and International conventions.



# Preliminary Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

## **Tuesday – April 5, 2016**

3:00 -8:00 p.m. - “Early Bird” Registration

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Souvenir Sales

## **Wednesday – April 6, 2016**

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Nationals Registration

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Souvenir Sales

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Nationals Newsletter Car giveaway (Newsletter subscribers only) – Jim Garbaczewski

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Vending Machine Session 1

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Opening Reception

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Autograph Session

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Nationals Registration

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Souvenir Sales

8:30 p.m. - Charity Button Bingo™ (ticket required)

## **Thursday – April 7, 2016**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Nationals Registration

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Souvenir Sales

10:00 a.m.– Charity Poker Tournament

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Autograph Session

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Redline Collecting Seminar 2.0 – Dave Lopez

1:45 – 2:45 p.m. – Do you need to Insure your Collection – Mike Zarnock

2:00 -- Charity Convention Mania

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Nationals Newsletter Car giveaway (Newsletter subscribers only) – Jim Garbaczewski

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Vending Machine Session 2

7:00 p.m. - “An Evening with Bryan Benedict” dinner - doors open at 6:30 p.m. (ticket required)

## **Friday – April 8, 2016**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Chapter Leaders meeting - Carl Pomponio

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Nationals Registration

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Souvenir Sales

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Nationals Newsletter Car giveaway (Newsletter subscribers only) – Jim Garbaczewski

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Practice on Downhill Track – Russ Kottke

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Autograph Session

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. – Early Blackwall Collecting Seminar – Dave Lopez

11:30 a.m. – 12:30.p.m. – Time with a Designer – Larry Wood

12:40 – 1:40 p.m. – Car Customizing – The Basics - Joe Alvarado

1:00 - 1:40 p.m. - Nationals Newsletter Car giveaway (Newsletter subscribers only) – Jim Garbaczewski

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Practice on Sizzlers® Track - Joe Davis

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Practice on Downhill Track - Russ Kottke

1:30 p.m. - Charity Button Bingo™ (ticket required)

1:45 – 2:45 p.m. – RAOK Get Together and Exchange – Joe Alvarado

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Autograph Session

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Custom Car Set Up & Show - Dan Spaulding

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Vending Machine Session 3

5.45 p.m. - Charity Auction (doors open at 5:15 pm)

8:30 p.m. (time approximate, after auction ends) - RLC Party (RLC members only) – Hosted by Mattel

**Saturday – April 9, 2016**

9:00 a.m. –Sizzlers Races – Joe Davis  
9:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Nationals Registration  
9:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Souvenir Sales  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. – Blue Card Collecting Seminar – Carl Pomponio and Jimmy Garbaczewski  
10:00 a.m. - Downhill Races – Russ Kottke  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Autograph Session  
10:10 – 11:10 a.m. – Car Customizing Seminar – Beyond the Basics - Chris Walker  
11:00 – 11:40 a.m. - Nationals Newsletter Car giveaway (Newsletter subscribers only) – Jim Garbaczewski  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Vending Machine Session 4  
11:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. - Custom Car Contest & Show - Dan Spaulding  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Do you need to Insure your Collection – Mike Zarnock  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Nationals Newsletter Car giveaway (Newsletter subscribers only) – Jim Garbaczewski  
1:30 – 2:15 p.m. - Kids Scavenger Hunt Contest Pickup  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Autograph Session  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. - Kids’ Coloring Contest  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Vending Machine Session 5  
6:00 p.m. – Doors open for Entrance to Finale  
6:30 p.m. – Awards Ceremony  
7:00 p.m. – Finale

**Sunday – April 10, 2016**

7:00 a.m. - Hot Wheels® Show & Sale (dealer’s set-up) – Joe Davis  
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Hot Wheels® Show & Sale (Nationals attendees only)  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Hot Wheels® Show & Sale (open to the public)  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Downhill Racing  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Autograph Session

**Final Schedule released at registration will contain updated information and any additional event information.**