



17th 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's packet will give you an overview of the planned activities as well as information covering the Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Greentree, PA and surrounding area. We've tried to include all the information you need to make your time in Pennsylvania 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 10th!

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SPECIAL THANKS from Collectors Events Unlimited

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! Kelly Kottke, Russ Kottke & 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 (downhill races), Dan Spaulding, DJ Spaulding (Kid's Custom Car Contest), Marty Hernandez, Joe Alvarado, Gary Williams & Jimmy Garbaczewski (security), Sherdia Davis & Carl Pomponio (vending machine), Greg Hall (charity poker) & Russ Kottke and Jon Robles (photography).

Thank you to Liz Tran, Jimmy Liu 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.

Michelle Ciaramella, Debbie Kleepsies and the Doubletree by Hilton 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 3, 2017. 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 Doubletree by Hilton, the Hampton Inn and the Crowne Plaza 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. Both the Doubletree by Hilton and the Hampton Inn 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 Doubletree by Hilton offers luxurious guestrooms, including suites. Guests will find that the guestrooms are spacious, very comfortable and that each well-appointed accommodation comes complete with all the comforts of home such as a 42-inch TV with premium channels, Wi-Fi access (charges apply), large work desk with ergonomic chair and Sweet Dreams® by Doubletree Sleep Experience bedding.

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

The Doubletree by Hilton offers Complimentary 24-hour hotel shuttle to and from Pittsburgh International Airport 20 minutes away. You will need to call 412-922-8400 when you arrive, speak to the front desk to make arrangements to be picked up, go to door 8 to wait for the shuttle. If you're staying at the Hampton Inn or Crowne Plaza, please check with your respective hotel for airport shuttle information.

Shipping and Receiving

The Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Greentree 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: Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Greentree
 - 500 Mansfield Road
 - Pittsburgh, PA 15205

The Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh Greentree 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 PHILADELPHIA, HARRISBURG AND EAST:

PA Turnpike West to Pittsburgh Exit 57 (Pittsburgh exit at Monroeville.) Follow 376 West toward Pittsburgh. Proceed through the Squirrel Hill Tunnel. As you are passing downtown Pittsburgh you will see signs for Fort Pitt Bridge. Cross the bridge and head through the Fort Pitt Tunnel. As you exit the tunnel you will continue on 376 West towards the airport. Go 2 miles and take Exit 67 Green Tree/Crafton. The ramp will split, bear left on the exit. At the stop sign make a left onto Mansfield Avenue. Go straight through two lights and The Doubletree Hotel will be the next drive on the right.

FROM ERIE, BUFFALO AND NORTH:

Take 79 South towards Pittsburgh. Do not use exit 21 Pittsburgh!!! Continue on 79S to the Pittsburgh exit #59A. Merge onto 376 East towards Pittsburgh. Exit 376 East at Exit 67 Green Tree/Mt. Lebanon. Stay in far left lane. At traffic light make left turn onto Green Tree Road (Rt 121). At the very next traffic light make a left turn onto Mansfield. Go straight through two lights and The Doubletree Hotel will be the next drive on the right.

FROM WEST VIRGINIA I-70 EAST:

Enter on I-79 North. Follow 79 North to Pittsburgh. Approximately 20 miles. Get on 376 East towards Pittsburgh. Exit 376 East at Exit 67 Green Tree/Mt. Lebanon. Stay in far left lane. At traffic light make left turn onto Green Tree Road (Rt 121). At the very next traffic light make a left turn onto Mansfield. Go straight through two lights and The Doubletree Hotel will be the next drive on the right.

FROM OHIO AND WEST:

Take the PA Turnpike (76 East) to 79 South. Do not use exit 21 Pittsburgh!!! Continue on 79S to the Pittsburgh exit #59A. Merge onto 376 East towards Pittsburgh. Exit 376 East at Exit 67 Green Tree/Mt. Lebanon. Stay in far left lane. At traffic light make left turn onto Green Tree Road (Rt 121). At the very next traffic light make a left turn onto Mansfield. Go through two traffic lights. Go straight through two lights and The Doubletree Hotel will be the next drive on the right.

FROM Pittsburgh International Airport

Take 376 East towards Pittsburgh. Get off the exit 67 Greentree. Make a left off the exit onto Greentree Road. Make a left onto Mansfield Ave. Hotel will be on the right hand side a half mile down.

Distance from Hotel: 15 mi.

FROM Allegheny County Airport

Head southwest on Allegheny County Airport toward Lebanon Church Rd Slight right onto Lebanon Church Rd Lebanon Church Rd turns slightly left and becomes Lebanon Church Rd Slight right onto the PA-51 N ramp to Pittsburgh Turn right onto PA-

Distance from Hotel: 12.4 mi.

Places of Interest

Just 3 miles from downtown Pittsburgh, The Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh – Green Tree offers an inviting base within minutes of all the best attractions. You can take advantage of the hotel's complimentary shuttle (based on availability)

The hotel is minutes from the South Side – an area known for its fantastic selection of bars and restaurants.

Enjoy a cultural experience at Pittsburgh's range of museums. The Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh are a collection of museums, including a museum of art, a museum of natural history, a science center and the Andy Warhol Museum.

Sports fans will be spoiled for choices with a visit to Pittsburgh.

The hotel is near Heinz Field, home of the Steelers, as well as PNC Park and PPG Paints Arena.

Business guests will enjoy proximity to the major corporations' headquarters in the Golden Triangle business district, including H.J. Heinz Company, U.S Steel, and PNC Financial Services.

The David L. Lawrence Convention Center is only 4.4 miles from our south shore Pittsburgh hotel.

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 10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 9th.

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 12:00 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 17th Annual Hot Wheels® Collectors Nationals logo, designed by Steve Vandervate. Color pictures can be viewed at the official Nationals website at: 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:

Blown Delivery - #1 of the 4-car Nationals Series. Phil Riehlman originally designed the Blown Delivery in 2010. This events version is a realistic looking rusted out beauty, in ultra-blue paint. HW Iron Works on the back & sides, light smoke tinted windows, 5 spoke Real Rider XL chrome mags on the back, and L on the front. 1934 Pittsburgh license plate, with Nationals logos on the sides. Steve Vandervate created this special deco and the 17th Nationals logo. This car is limited to a run of no more than 2,800 pieces. **Price: \$28.00 (+ sales tax)**

'55 Chevy Bel Air Gasser - #2 of the 4-car Nationals Series. This Hot Wheels® version was designed by Brendon Vetuskey in 2013. Our Nationals version is in apple red, with striped roof, VUM interior and light smoke tinted windows. Real Rider 5 spoke slotted M on the front and Real Rider Slick Drags L, on the back, with Firestone around the wheel. WICKED GASSER on the doors with a variety of racing deco's and the Nationals logo on the sides. Black CA license plate, WCKD 55, on the back. Steve Vandervate created this special deco and the 17th Nationals logo. This car is limited to a run of no more than 2,800 pieces. **Price: \$28.00 (+ sales tax)**

Texas Drive 'Em - #3 of the 4-car Nationals Series: Larry Wood designed the Hot Wheels version of this truck in 2009. This events version is in metal flake orange and cream, with realistic flames on the sides. Blue painted motorcycles. Off road Real Rider GT medium on front and rear with CRUSHER on the tires. VUM interior and clear windows. With our event logo on the quarter panel. Steve Vandervate created this special deco and the 17th Nationals logo. This car is limited to a run of no more than 2,800 pieces. **Price: \$28.00 (+ sales tax)**

Our souvenir T was designed by Tanahara Designs 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 350 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 in the official Souvenir Salesroom

2017 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 12:00 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.

'57 Chevy - 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 '57 Chevy, in metallic blue 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 450 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 '57 Chevy!!

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. on Friday.. 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 6 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 5, at 8:30 p.m. and the second on Friday, April 7 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, in gold (code 3). 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

Come out and join us for this exciting Board game, Hot Wheels® Convention Mania, benefiting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. On Thursday, April 6, 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 Bob Rosas

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 Salon B-D 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 1600 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).

This sit-down dinner serves as a celebration of Bob's 20 years in Design and Engineering 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 manufacturers.
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. **Star Wars Race** – Hot Wheels® only. 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. No Redlines.

Race 3 is for Hot Wheels® Star Wars themed only. Any Hot Wheels® Stars Wars line.

Volkswagen Drag Buses are only allowed in race #6

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

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

Trophies will be awarded to First, Second and third place winners for race 3.

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!

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

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 number 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 trophies for a Mattel pick, People's Choice, Best Paint, Best Engine Details and Honorable Mention.

Seminars, Forums & Special Events

EVENT - Custom Car Design for kids 12 and under -

Sign up to participate in this first time ever 12 and under Custom Car Design and Contest.... Come join Dan Spaulding & DJ Spaulding on **Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. OR Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 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 4/8. All you need is yourself and your creativity; we will provide the rest... Mattel has supplied the cars; we have supplied the materials needed for YOU to design your own masterpiece....

HW Stangs Mustang Variations

Come join Jason Ray Duncan to hear all you ever wanted to know about Mustang wheel variations, and their history. When they came out, what wheels they have, and what countries they were found in. A must for any Mustang fan... **Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

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 minute 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.**

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.**

EVENT - ADULT's Hot Wheels® Coloring and Art contest

Steve Reddell and Cindy Kehus are your hosts for this event for adults 15 and over. Winners will be chosen by our panel of judges for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for both Coloring and Original Art. More details will be available at registration. Make sure to come by and have some fun, **Fri. 4/7, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Sat. 4/8, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.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.**

TRACKAPALOOZA – Sizzlers Fat Track

This awesome SUPER Fat Track will be set up for your fun and enjoyment on Friday, April 7 in Salon A – C. Watch the fun from the 2015 Hot Wheels Nationals in Indianapolis here...

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/Y3BZn2W2CWs?autoplay=1&rel=0vq=hd720>

Early Redline History

Come check out Bruce Pascal's very early redline history items Exciting original drawings from Harry Bradley and Ira Gilford rarely ever seen by collectors, as well as prototypes and original artwork and early internal Mattel memos dealing with the start of the Hot Wheels® project to share. Check out his slide show and samples of many of the rare items. **Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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 your RLC # is printed on your Badge when you pick it up at Registration, You will be able to purchase both your RLC Car (\$15 CASH) and your raffle tickets (\$1 each) for the party in the sales room anytime the sales room is open, beginning on Wed. and running through Friday, when the sales room closes. There will be **NO PARTY CARS OR RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD AT THE PARTY**, there will be **NO LIBERATION RAFFLE**. The Party and raffle will be 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. There will be two age groups for the "Hunt" 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

Russ & Kelly Kottke, 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 Nationals 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 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, 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.

*** BOB ROSAS – Design and Engineering – OUR GUEST OF HONOR

It was 1968 and Hot Wheels ® were the hottest new toys for boys. Mattel used all its resources for design, engineering, and tooling and they were looking everywhere especially in the southern California area for vendors and contract people to help them. Why vendors and contract engineers, designer's etc.? Because they didn't have the staff for all the help they needed.

At the time, Bob was doing contract engineering on tooling. The company he was working for was one of several that got contracts from Mattel to design the molds for toys and especially Hot Wheels®. He didn't think much of it at the time but there he was designing a multi-cavity tool for Classic 32 Ford Vicky toy number 6250. This was the first of about 24 different ones that he worked on. He was working in Fullerton CA and would go into Mattel in Hawthorne CA once a week to get approval on the drawings. He was asked to join one of the Mattel Subsidiaries called Optigan and not too long after that he was hired to work at Mattel in Hawthorne. He started out working tooling and then engineering and design for Barbie accessories, preschool toys and Big Jim before he was assigned to the Hot Wheels® group. The first car he worked on was the Baja Bruiser whose concept was by Larry Wood. He continued working on the designs for hundreds of cars over the years. Eventually he managed the design and engineering group for Hot Wheels® and directed many people on cars and sets until he left Mattel in 1989. His group also did Masters of the Universe and Wheeled Warriors.

During those years, some of his biggest endeavors were his involvement in the beginnings of the tampo printing process. Some of the other projects were Sizzlers®, Thunder shift 500, Machine Paks, Thrill Drivers Corkscrew, Mean Machines (motorcycles), The collectors patch series, The Heroes, Scene Machines, Spiderman's "Web of Terror", Scorchers, The collector books from 1981 and 1982, Steering rigs, Steering rig cabs, Sto and Go's, Mega Force, Truck Company, Shift Kickers, Power Devils, Ultra Hots. Real Riders, Metal flake paints, [Crack-Ups](#), Zap 'N Go, XV Racers and many others.

Larry Wood and Bob Rosas worked together for many years and one of their personal projects was to promote the idea that we should make cars that appealed to an ever-growing collector market. We became aware of the interest in collecting Hot Wheels® by grown men and women probably as far back as the late 70's. As a result of this he encouraged Mattel to make more classic cars and the cars with the "real rider" tires.

Bob has BS degrees in Engineering and Industrial Design from Cal State University Long Beach California

***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.

*****LARRY WOOD (continued)**

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, H₂GO, 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.

*****STEVE VANDERVATE**

Steve Vandervate has been with Hot Wheels® Graphics since 2003, his primary responsibility being the art direction and graphic design of the Premium retail, HWC/RLC, and special event items, prior to working at Mattel, he had been in the commercial sign industry doing lettering, pin striping, design, the whole bit.

Steve, or Van as he is often called, has always been around the car scene, primarily muscle cars and traditional rods and customs. He had been pin striping at California shows for at least ten years or so and had been doing illustration for magazines, record labels, clothing companies, etc. for just about that long, all before he started his career at Mattel.

*****BRENDON VETUSKEY**

Brendon joined Mattel, Inc. in 2007, and began working on the Hot Wheels Track & Play Sets team. He developed the 2009, 2010, and 2011 Trick Tracks product lines, as well as the 4-Lane Elimination Race and Super 6-Lane Raceway sets. From that he was the lead designer on Monster Jam for two years developing items like the "Then & Now" series, the "Mighty Minis" line, as well as numerous 1:64, 1:43, and 1:24 scale replica Monster Jam trucks and play sets. Following that he managed a team of designers for a few years working on Monster Jam play sets, as well as licensed Entertainment play sets. Heading back into design, he recently took back the role of lead designer for Monster Jam diecast and has added the Hot Wheels RLC diecast to his role of responsibilities. Brendon got his start on designing 1:64 Hot Wheels cars for the 2010 Model year with the 1967 Pontiac Firebird 400 and the 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS396. He has since worked on other cars including 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 Hellcat, Dodge Charger Hellcat, Furious 7 Off Road 1970 Dodge Charger, 2016 Camaro SS, Gotta Go, as well as the Elite K.I.T.T., K.A.R.R., Herbie The Love Bug, and The Fast and the Furious Dodge Charger in 1:18 and 1:43 scales. Brendon has been collecting Hot Wheels and other vehicle related toys since the early 1990's and has been designing vehicle toys throughout his career. When he's not at work he is likely working on

*****BRENDON VETUSKEY (continued)**

his own project cars (a 1967 Pontiac Firebird and a 1955 Chevy Gasser), helping others with their cars or at some car related event.

*****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.

*****JULIAN KOILES**

Julian Koiles has been with Hot Wheels packaging since 2014, designing and art directing the packaging for the Hot Wheels premium lines, which includes: Pop Culture, Car Culture, and Replica Entertainment. Along with the Premium line, Julian is also responsible for designing and art directing the packaging for RLC, Hot Wheels Core Track Sets and Play Sets, as well as many of the customized lines, such as the Target Retro Nostalgia line. Julian’s passion for cars, design, and serving the packaging needs of the Hot Wheels collector is evident in the painstaking research and development he does in the process of creating each and every package.

Julian graduated from Academy of Art College with a major in illustration, and a minor in 3d modeling. Prior to coming onboard at Mattel as a packaging designer, Julian had worked as an illustrator, and a product designer at various consumer product companies.

Julian was introduced to the world of cars when he bought his first car; a 1966 Chevy Caprice Coupe. From that moment on cars would become an important part of his life, first personally, and then later professionally. Julian continues to be a “car guy” currently driving a “modded” 2012 Ford Mustang GT.

*****STEVE REDDELL**

Steve is a long-time collector who has taken the Hot Wheels® hobby to a new dimension. He is a collector, hobbyist, and painter of LOTS of Code 3 Hot Wheels®.

Steve’s passion for customizing Hot Wheels® began in the mid 90’s, and he is known to some as the “Grandfather of Die-Cast Customizers” as he was one of the first to bring full scale customizing detail to a 1:64th scale car.

He has painted Code 3 cars for the Hot Wheels® Conventions and Nationals for 20 years, painting more Hot Wheels® than anyone else, next to Mattel.

He also shares his talent with local clubs and other organization across the country by painting or customizing Hot Wheels® for fundraisers, sales awards or charitable events.

Some of the top awards that Steve has received are the Boyd Coddington award in 1996 and a Mattel Choice Award in 1998. It is estimated that he has painted 100,000 Hot Wheels® over the last 20 years.

*****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

*****MIKE ZARNOCK (continued)**

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 world’s 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 has 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

Preliminary Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

Tuesday – April 4, 2017

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

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

Wednesday – April 5, 2017

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 – Open to EVERYONE

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) – Paul DiAngi

Thursday – April 6, 2017

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 – Greg Hall

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

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Custom Car Design for Kids - Dan Spaulding

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. – Mustang Collecting – Jason Raye Duncan

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 – Jerry Rousselle

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 Bob Rosas” Dinner - doors open at 6:30 p.m. (ticket required)

Friday – April 7, 2017

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

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Adult Coloring and Drawing Contest – Steve Reddell

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

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Custom Car Design for Kids – Dan Spaulding

11:30 a.m. – 12:30. p.m. – Early Redline History – Bruce Pascal

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Sizzlers® Fat Track for FUN – Trackapalooza – Greg Evanitsky

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) – Paul DiAngi

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

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

Friday – April 7, 2017 (continued)

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 8, 2017

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

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Adult Coloring and Drawing Contest – Steve Reddell

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

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 – Kelly Kottke

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Vending Machine Session 5

6:00 p.m. – Doors open for Entrance to Finale (**You will pick-up your Official Nationals Finale Car here- YOU MUST ATTEND THE FINALE TO RECEIVE YOUR CAR**)

6:30 p.m. – Awards Ceremony

7:00 p.m. – Finale

Sunday – April 9, 2017

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 Packet and Schedule will be released at the Nationals, it will be in your registration folder and will contain updated and/or additional information ...