

Zach Smith's Hot Wheels hobby goes pro

ST. MICHAELS — Zachary “Zach” Smith has had a fascination with cars since he was two years old, according to his mom. This interest has stayed with him through the years, and now he has a collection of 3,000 Hot Wheels he’s modified. Smith is a HobbyTown USA regular, building model cars for years. In 2017, he won HobbyTown’s national prize for Best Junior Model. Smith built mostly larger plastic models until a couple of years ago when he started customizing Hot Wheels. That’s also the time he heard about the local student chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America (ACA). Through the Classic Motor Museum’s ACA membership, Smith has attended sessions at Coventry Motors, working on a restoration project alongside other area students who are interested in cars. He plans to stick with it and return in the 2019-2020 school year when he’s in ninth grade at North Dorchester High School. Smith has actually turned his hobby into a business as car enthusiasts see his work and commission replicas of their prized classics. He will have a table showing his work at CMM’s Auto Fest on Sept. 28.



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