

# First report in 2016!

I hope you all had a good start into 2016 and may it become a lucky and wealthy year with lots of fun around the best hobby in the world!

This report will show you

- 1.) some leaks the design team did on Instagram – make sure you follow the guys using “matchboxworld”!
- 2.) how to register to the 14<sup>th</sup> Matchbox Gathering of friends at Albuquerque New Mexico from 17.-19. July 2016
- 3.) The boxes are back again!
- 4.) Models we would love to see – article from Larry – which covers this part of our hobby now – Thanx.

We are waiting for the answer of 20+ questions we did ask but the team is busy with the toy fairs to come ... so we will add that chapter to the next report!

## Part 1: Instagram leaks repeated

So lets start with what you might have missed on Instagram – I used the Lamley blog (<http://lamleydlm.blogspot.de/>) for the pics – but Im sure you all use that as well – if not you better do so:

First leak was the new Corvette as Fire Rescue model:



Second leak the Land Rover Evoque – that is overdue ...

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Third leak I like to share is the beautiful Volvo – we missed that brand for a while but with this nice wagon it makes a sweet return.

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Last but not least the new Mazda MX-5 ... a fantastic car in 1:1 and a pure beauty in Matchbox size:



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## Part 2 – we want you at Albuquerque!



Jims Invitation modified to today:

Hello Fellow Collectors,

2016 Event dates are 15-17 July 2016.

That time is almost here for the 2016 Matchbox International Gathering of Friends Convention Registration. Come join the Mattel Matchbox Design team and many of the top collectors from around the world. I have been hard at work with Mattel and the models have been selected and designs are being finalized. We will release pictures of the models before the event this year. They will only be available at the event. We are trying to take this event to the next level and hope you will be here to participate. See you all in July.

Dinners are \$80 and tables \$45. If using Pay Pal dinners are \$84 and tables \$47.25. Pay Pal ID is matchb0x1@aol.com

Take care and thanks for your support.

Jim G.



## Part 3: The boxes are back again

That's what most of us wanted from the days the Matchbox-box was replaced by a Matchbox-blister ... If you don't like packaging than ok – not of interest to you. If you like packaging than the 2016 boxed version of the power grabs is your version for the 2016 models. The whole series will be issued in these boxes!

The layout is similar to the blister cards but the special series is much better visible due to the colored end flaps. And I think the major difference is the way to distribute them. Matchbox has lost more and more peg space – at least here in Europe – and this series will allow them to be sold in hobby stores or at counters at all places you can imagine like sightseeing places, petrol stations, toy shops and of course the cashier area the power grabs were sold in 2015!

I really hope this will come to Europe as well and fingers crossed it will work!



## Part 4:

# MODELS WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE MADE

(Makes a Return to the Ambassador's Reports)

By: Larry Scaduto

Good day to one and all!!! Yes, you have read it right....since this section was such a hit during my tenure, I asked Gerry Cody of the Matchbox Team if he was interested in me starting this up once again. He was good with it as long as our current ambassador was okay with it. I contacted Dirk and he has welcomed the contribution to his reports. I am going to format the articles just like before. You can send your pictures and descriptions to me at [matchboxamb10@outlook.com](mailto:matchboxamb10@outlook.com) and I will be sure to include as many as possible in the coming months. The only difference this time is that I will now accept Mercedes ideas. If you noticed in my reports, Mercedes pics were absent. The reason for this was because there was no chance of a Mercedes being released in the Matchbox line. There were licensing issues that was not going to be resolved any time soon, if at all!!!! But if you follow Instagram you would have seen a Mercedes being featured with the question being asked what we thought of the model pictured and the idea of it being a possible future model. So with that said..... There just might be a chance! So.....I'm going to get the ball rolling with a selection of models I have found on the internet and it's up to the collectors out there to submit their best ideas for future new models in the Matchbox line. We have already had an impact on 2016 and 2017 and now it's time to think 2018 since by July most every model for next year will already be written in stone. (As they say!) Thank you, Dirk for including my article in your reports. Let's get started.....



2011 Mercedes SLS



1954 Mercedes 300SL



2017 Alfa Romeo SUV



2017 Range Rover Evoque Convertible



2017 Volvo XC60



Porsche Mission E Electric Sports Saloon Concept





2018 Nissan Juke



Scion C-HR Concept



2017 Tesla Model X SUV



Higashi6 Type III Rescue Vehicle





1974 Ford Falcon XA UTE



1951 Kenworth

The next 2 models are designs done by a collector than could be used for future models:



1990 VW Crew Cab Transporter



1968 Ford Mudstang

Hope you like these first ideas. If you have any, please submit them to [matchboxamb10@outlook.com](mailto:matchboxamb10@outlook.com)

Thank you and have a great day!!!