

# R/C PULLER

## ONE END TO ANOTHER

BY MATT WILKINS

So many things to cover and so little space. First of all I would like to congratulate everyone that made the Spring Event what it was. The competition was there, the help was in place and for the most part everything went well. The pulling started just a half of an hour late. Not too bad compared to some past events. The newly elected Directors, the Divisional Directors, along with the Executive board stepped up and worked with the other helpers

to get it done. I thank every one of you that made this event what it was.

We were finished in plenty of time to get the Town Hall Meeting started on time and finished in record time. Some good topics were brought up and are in this issue for you to vote on. Nominations were made and that process was extended for a period of 30 days. All of the nominee's are listed in the ballot part of this newsletter. There are some fine candidates running for

positions this year. I would always like to see a race for office with two candidates but that didn't happen in all places. Now the only way would be for a successful write in vote. Please take some time to fill out your ballot and mail it back. Do it right now before you forget.

The rule changes that were brought up at the meeting have been discussed by the board. Some of these have received no change to wording. There is one topic that was brought

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## News From Ernieland

By Ernie McReynolds

Hi All, Ernie Here  
Well the Springs are over. I'm sorry I wasn't there to join in the fun and see friends. I have heard that it was a good pull. A big congrats to all the winners and better luck next time to the runners up. Don't get too relaxed

the Worlds are just around the corner. I plan to be there for that one. Also heard that the town hall meeting went well and that it started on time. That could be a first!! Hope that everyone is involved with their local club pulls. I would also

like to invite everyone to attend any of STPA events. For information regarding dates and places you may contact me. Have a great summer everyone!!

MAKE A MEMORY,  
MAKE A FULL  
PULL Ernie

This years  
proposals and  
officer elections  
start on page 10.  
Please use the  
enclosed ballot.

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### ***For Sale (2) Pro Stock Tractors***

Ready to run both are Hooter Chassis, Futaba fm radios with legal crystals for pulling, Novak Dually speed controllers, lexan John Deere bodies, all weights to make legal weight, batteries and motors, both run well and are competitive tractors, asking \$450 each. For more info or I can send pics call Vince at (814) 938-7155 or e-mail me at rugrat@groundhog.net

### ***Great Dane Risqué Calendar on sale***

Great Dane Rescue Inc. has put together a calendar of the people that volunteer for the group. So now is your chance to see some of my friends discretely naked. If you want to know if I am in the calendar I guess you will just have to buy one. Go to [www.greatdanerescueinc.com](http://www.greatdanerescueinc.com) to order. All of the funds raised go directly to rescuing Great Danes. Thank you. Matt

# JOE'S SUMMER TIME TRIPLE PLAY

BY JOE KILIAN

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National news.

The executive board is taking all of the motions from the National Convention at the SPRINGS and requesting additional input on all motions. Some of the rule changes may look different than they were presented. The NR/CTPA is looking for a tandem axle covered trailer to purchase to replace the small one we are now using I guess the current trailer is at the load limit for that trailer and there is even more stuff to be placed in it. Currently a lot of capitol projects are being looked into for both racing and pulling venues the hope would be to have all of this stuff for the 2007 WORLDS. The publicity and promotions committee has come up with an outstanding ad for Extreme RC at an extremely reasonable price. It will be a full color page with photos on it and really looks impressive. We hope this will work as it has in the past to do several different things, from an arti-

cle, to better and more manufacturers prizes, to new members and better attendance at the event.

Please vote in the upcoming rules ballot and I would hope you can find the time to also vote for me as President and my wife for Vice President.

Regional news.

The CNY R/C Pullers will be having their Syracuse Nationals at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse July 21st & 22nd. CNY hands out super large trophies for the winners to keep for a year their names are engraved on them and then they bring them back next year for the next competition. This is sort of like the Stanley Cup in a way. the event will be indoors and there will be an outstanding custom car show (The Hot Rod Nationals) on site along with a Lucas Oil tractor pull on Saturday night. If you need passes or a place to park your trailer to stay overnight get a hold of Dave Engle and he will set

you up for a sweet time. Get ready for all of the hi-tech bells and whistles that CNY has been known for! This is a four star event!

Local:

Again this year Borderline Pullers and Monsters will host the America's Fair Championships at the Erie County Fair in Hamburg, NY on August 11 from 9am-5 pm contact me @ 716.627.4321 (or email) if you want to attend I can get you gate passes and parking passes for the event it will be all dirt competition, nitro and electric racing and all of the pulling classes on dirt. We normally attract a pretty good crowd to watch and attendance at the (largest fair in NYS and the second largest County Fair in the country) is normally 100,000 that day. My new email address is rctruckpull@roadrunner.com. I will be gone for most of July on vacation but will be back after July 29th if you need me.

fugettaboutit:

## TIME TO VOTE

BY GENE NINE

Hello,

I have been nominated for V.Pres. I have been involved with pulling since 1976. I have helped to build multiple multi engine modified tractors and many 4x4 trucks. I became involved with R/C pulling since 1989. I became a member of County Line in 1990. Attended my first Worlds in 1991. Although I took a break from pulling in the mid 90's, I kept in touch with many of the pullers and kept up with what was going on. There have been more changes in the R/C hobby than most people can begin to realize. Just look back 4-5 years. We have come a long way in a rather short period of time. We have a long way to go! I would like to think we have just begun. By no means do I have all the answers. It is going to take a lot of work, but much more important, is help and input from you. We need to hear your comments and suggestions. Do not be afraid to speak up. Everyone is important to the NR/CTPA! Without you we do not exist. I would like to be your voice in the organization. I ask that you allow me to use my experience to help. I want to do what is in the BEST interest of the club so that we may continue to grow. I feel we need to be able to accommodate a new member that has never raced or pulled before. Have a class somewhere that they can walk in and participate with the veteran and be competitive. We also need to continue to HELP these people without being ask!

Please vote for who you feel is the best person for the job! Gene

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BY MATT WILKINS

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up that the board could not come to agreement on at this time and you will not see it here. That was the wording for Gas Class bodies. The proposal suggested putting in the wording "body must be proportional for vehicle". The board feels that this did not accomplish what needed to be done at this time do to the fact we have similar rules already. We will continue to work on this to improve the image of this class and the association.

We had two classes that were proposed last year and have run as exhibition. These classes are 2WD Nitro and 2WD Sport Truck. The board looked at the entries for these classes and decided that the Sport Truck class has not shown significant numbers to show that it should become a class. Therefore we have put this class on for another year an exhibition class in order to see if it can improve its following. 2WD Nitro shows a strong interest mainly at the fall event but did show enough interest that it will be on the ballot. A "yes" vote will put it in the rulebook. A "no" vote will not and it would have to run as exhibition.

Another topic that was brought up was the classes that are losing interest. These classes have shown poor numbers and no longer support them selves. The following classes will be put on a one year probation period. During this time if the numbers improve they will be taken off of probation. If the numbers do not improve the classes would be eliminated from the rulebook and would at best run as exhibition. Here is the list; Dirt Pulling; Big Rig, Dual Motor Superstock, 2WD Open II, and Mini-Rod. On

Carpet: Dual Motor Modified, Garden Tractor, 2WD Open II, 2WD Open I. On the racing side: 4WD Box Stock, and 4WD Super Stock. So get behind your class and find someone to enter another vehicle or get another one of yours out of the closet.

The board has been very busy discussing some major improvements to the association's equipment. The pulling side is going to get some new sleds and get some rebuilt. This will give us two sleds per track excluding the big sled. This was mainly to prepare for a possible break down at an event. If a sled breaks we will have an exact match to replace it with and keep the show going. We were in a bad situation in the past without any back up. Another thing that we have already done is to purchase the smoke system from Kevin McPherson. This system has worked very well and is a good sound investment. So all of you liquid propelled pullers that wondered where we stood, we will be in the liquid classes for the foreseeable future.

Some other things that we have talked about are; measuring devices, trailer(s) to haul and store association equipment, new timing systems, new ramps, and a new dirt track made from aluminum. We will be purchasing new measuring devices before the fall event. I am currently building a timing system that I have high hopes will be everything that we need. I hope to have it built and tested before the fall event.

I have decided to run for the office of Secretary. I have been working with Jan and doing much of what this position requires. I am hoping to improve the automation end of things and get all of the records up to date. I look forward to working with the new treasurer as we work on the function of that split. Taking this position should allow me the time to

work with Great Dane Rescue Inc, and volunteer for the club. If you should see me as a good fit in this position I would appreciate your vote.

Finally would like to discuss a couple things about the World Championships. The first thing that I noticed is that it falls in September this year. In 2006 it was in October. That would mean that many of your memberships will expire October 1<sup>st</sup>. So you would not need to renew your membership and you do need a membership to compete at this event. In an effort to make this easier on both of us here is the plan; anyone with a membership that expires after October 31, 2007 or anyone that renews their membership can pre-enter the Worlds for \$18.00 per entry. If you expire during October 2007 you can pre-enter at \$20.00 per entry. Any of these will have to be post marked by September 8, 2007. Anyone entering between September 8, 2007 and September 25, 2007 would be \$25.00. These must be in the office by midnight September 25, 2007. After that any entry will be \$30.00. If that is confusing as it might be give me a call.

Another note for those of you that get to the event early; please do not take full size tables from the atrium and put them in your room. If you cannot bring your own table please use the narrow tables. I have talked to the hotel about more tables so that you could do that but they have no desire to purchase more. Renting tables for a weekend would cost about \$25 per table. The suggestion as it has been in the past is to bring your own. I have seen some nice tables at local stores for less than \$40.

We also need sponsors for the trophies at the Worlds.

# Spring Nationals Fundraiser Carpet Pulling Results

## Outlaw Garden Tractor 50lbs PO 60lbs

Jack Koogler 29' 7 1/2"  
Joe Kilian 26' 6"

## 2WD Truck 80lbs PO 90lbs

### Hooter Chassis and Hobby Shop

Jack Koogler FP 28' 11 1/4"  
Danny Nine FP 27' 11 1/4"  
Daphine Scott 28' 9 3/4"  
Tim Dixon 19' 9 3/4"  
Derrick Pero DQ

## Big Rig 90lbs PO 90lbs

Gale Petty FP 26' 3/4"  
Jack Koogler FP 25' 7 3/4"  
Glen Singleton FP 25' 1 1/2"  
Jason Petty FP 19' 3 1/2"  
Jason Petty FP 21' 3 1/4"  
Gale Petty 27' 2"

## Dual Motor Modified 350lbs

Brad Pitt FP

## Prostock 4wd 90lbs

### Gene Nine

Jack Koogler 28' 6 1/4"  
Colleen Schwartz 27' 7 3/4"  
Spence McKenzie 26' 11"  
Mike Dozier 26' 2 1/2"

## Prostock Tractor 110lbs PO 130lbs

### Hooter Chassis and Hobby Shop

Helen Singleton FP 29' 1/4"  
Mike Dozier FP 23' 6 3/4"  
Jack Koogler FP 19' 4 1/4"  
Glen Singleton FP DQ  
Jason Petty 29'  
Tyler Powell 24' 3 1/2"  
Lyle Scott 21' 11 1/2"  
Glen Singleton DNF

## 2WD Super Sport 125lbs

Jack Koogler FP  
Joe Kilian 28' 1"

## Bar Tire Sportsman 150lbs

### County Line R/C Pullers

Tina Kilian FP  
Jim Guenette 28' 7"  
Tim Dixon 22' 7 3/4"  
Tim Dixon 19' 4 1/2"  
Lucas Borden DQ

## 2WD Open I 250lbs

### Weller Truck Parts

Jack Koogler FP  
Jack Koogler 29' 6 1/2"  
Joe Kilian 27' 9 1/4"  
Danny Nine 25' 5 1/4"  
Brad Pitt 25' 11"  
Tyler Powell 24' 11"  
Colleen Schwartz DQ

## 2WD Open II 350lbs

Jack Koogler FP 18' 1 1/2"  
Spencer McKenzie FP 16' 10 1/2"

# Spring Nationals Fundraiser Dirt Pulling Results

## Digger 12lbs PO 16lbs

Spencer McKenzie FP 12' 2"  
Tina Kilian FP DQ  
Larry Humes 27' 3"  
Brandon 22' 7 1/4"

## Garden Tractor 17lbs PO 22lbs

### Bart Maimone

Brad Pitt FP 23' 9 1/4"  
Chris Grady FP 22' 5 3/4"  
Kevin McPherson FP 19' 3/4"  
Spence McKenzie FP 15' 3"  
Jeff Campo FP 18' 4"  
Chris Bercaw FP 18' 5 1/4"  
Spencer McKenzie FP 18' 4"  
Ed Finchum FP DQ  
Kevin McPherson FP 17' 6 1/2"  
Joe Kilian FP 18' 2"  
Darren Grillo FP DQ  
Larry Humes 27' 1"

## 4WD Box Stock 49lbs PO 59lbs

[www.rcpulling.net](http://www.rcpulling.net)

Mike Lohmann 19' 2 1/4"  
Spencer McKenzie 18' 11 1/2"  
Spence McKenzie 18' 10 1/2"

## Dual Motor Modified 75lbs

### Great Dane Rescue

Brad Pitt FP

## Pro Stock Tractor 40lbs

### Team BNB

Joe Kilian 27' 1 1/2"  
Joe Kilian 26' 4"  
Craig Borden 23' 6 1/2"  
Jeff Campo 22' 2"  
Jeff Campo 21' 10"  
Chris Bercaw 21' 9 1/2"

## 2WD Pro Modified Electric 40lbs PO 55lbs

### Weller Truck Parts

Katie Grady FP 23' 3"  
Katie Grady FP 23' 3/4"  
Mason Grady FP 22' 7 3/4"  
Mason Grady FP DQ  
Mason Grady FP 21' 4 1/4"  
Chris Bercaw FP 20' 3/4"  
Joseph Berry FP DQ  
Spencer McKenzie 28'6"  
Larry Humes DNF

## 4WD Scratch Built 42lbs PO 50lbs

### Phil's Hobby Shop

Jeff Campo FP 15' 10 1/4"  
Chris Bercaw FP 14' 3 3/4"  
Darren Grillo 29' 11 1/2"  
Donald Remley 29' 5 1/4"  
Zack Bartos 27' 9 3/4"

## Dirt Big Rig 45lbs

Tina Kilian 27' 10 1/4"

## Bar Tire Sportsman 47lbs

### Bart Maimone

Tina Kilian 24' 8 1/4"  
Bart Maimone 17' 6 1/2"  
Derrick Pero 15' 3"

## 2WD Nitro 50lbs

### Phil's Hobby Shop

Joe Kilian 12' 11"  
Ed Finchum DQ 29'

## Insane 52lbs

Joe Kilian FP

## 2WD Open I 56lbs

Joe Kilian FP  
Tina Kilian 24' 2 3/4"  
Brad Pitt DQ 28' 3 1/4"  
Larry Humes DQ 15'

## 2WD Open II 80lbs

Danny Nine 28' 3 1/4"  
Tina Kilian 17' 4 3/4"

## Gas 95lbs

### Weller Truck Parts

Kevin McPherson 22' 3 1/4"  
Ed Finchum 22' 1/2"  
Richard Vespo 19' 11 3/4"  
Joe Kilian DQ

# SPRING NATIONALS FUNDRAISER MONSTER TRUCK RESULTS

<b>Novice</b>		
1	Lucas Borden	100.35
2	CJ Borden	107.15
3	Brandon Young	114.00
4	Brandon Young	129.21
5	Brandon Young	140.56

### 2wd Stock tuff truck

1	Mike Eckenrode	77.71
2	Bart Maimone	77.85
3	Tom Visconte	81.37
4	Aaron Etzler	84.42
5	Andrew Etzler	86.22
6	Brian MacDonald	90.69
7	Scott Taylor	126.51
8	Dan Bandor	155.47
9	Jerry Matoon Jr	163.58

### 2wd mod tuff truck

1	Jimmy Grahl	70.07
2	Bobby Santoro	71.21
3	Bart Maimone	72.84
4	Mike Eckenrode	73.53
5	Tom Visconte	74.12
6	Patrick Wing	103.96

### 4wd mod tuff truck

1	Bart Maimone	82.71
2	Mike Delong	98.28
3	Dan Bandor	163.03

### Stock E-Maxx

1	Paul Ovares	78.95
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### Mod E-Maxx

1	Patrick Wing	93.00
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### Retro

1	Mike Delong	96.48
2	Paul Ovares	110.60
3	Jerry Matoon	116.48

### Box Stock Monster

1	Eric Krush	121.84
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### Super Stock Monster

1	Scott Taylor	103.09
2	Craig Borden	107.25

<b>Drive Shaft</b>		
1	Mike Eckenrode	77.23
2	Mike Eckenrode	81.83
3	Jay Jordan	83.01
4	Jimmy Grahl	83.01
5	Derrick Pero	84.30
6	Brad Pitt	85.09
7	Brad Pitt	87.54
8	Mike Delong	88.44
9	Joe Bandor	89.38
10	Jimmy Grahl	90.97
11	Joe Bandor	91.94
12	Joe Bandor	93.76
13	Chris Fleck	98.70
14	Scott Taylor	102.57
15	Dan Bandor	170.61

### Open

1	Mike Eckenrode	77.46
2	Mike Eckenrode	83.41
3	Todd Bartos	84.11
4	Bart Maimone	88.61
5	Bart Maimone	91.06
6	Zack Bartos	92.31
7	Zack Bartos	93.31
8	Scott Taylor	97.66
9	Eric Krush	98.04
10	Eric Krush	99.56
11	Chris Fleck	143.55

### Sport Modified

1	Bart Maimone	83.05
2	Bobby Santoro	84.45
3	Bart Maimone	84.71
4	Mike Eckenrode	84.96
5	Mike Lohmann	87.88
6	Eric Krush	88.51
7	Aaron Etzler	89.28
8	Andrew Etzler	90.42
9	Tom Visconte	90.48
10	Mike Delong	90.85
11	Brian MacDonald	93.01
12	Ryan Catlin	94.93
13	Ryan Catlin	98.48
14	Chris Fleck	99.56
15	Chris Fleck	100.85
16	Scott Taylor	100.93

<b>Tube/Replica</b>		
1	Jay Jordan	81.08
2	Mike Eckenrode	85.65
3	Mike Delong	88.73
4	Daniel Borden	98.00
5	Scott Taylor	98.47
6	Joe Bandor	98.76
7	Joe Bandor	99.59

### Modified Monster

1	Mike Eckenrode	78.99
2	Jimmy Grahl	80.03
3	Jay Jordan	80.43
4	Paul Ovares	81.08
5	Paul Ovares	81.24
6	Jimmy Grahl	81.36
7	Jimmy Grahl	82.02
8	Mike Eckenrode	82.28
9	John Etzler	82.66
10	Bobby Santoro	82.87
11	Paul Ovares	82.99
12	Mike Eckenrode	83.00
13	Eric Krush	83.18
14	Jimmy Grahl	83.29
15	Bart Maimone	83.39
16	Mike Delong	83.43
17	Mike Lohmann	84.16
18	Eric Krush	84.34
19	Eric Krush	84.77
20	John Etzler	84.82
21	Mike Lohmann	85.31
22	Eric Krush	86.36
23	Bart Maimone	86.44
24	Eric Krush	87.70
25	Mike Lohmann	87.90
26	Scott Taylor	91.26
27	Patrick Wing	92.47
28	Ryan Catlin	96.37
29	Chris Fleck	96.98
30	Scott Taylor	99.02
31	Jim Guenette	104.00
32	Jerry Matoon Jr	116.52

### Free - Style

1	Brandon Young	22
2	Lucas Borden*	21
3	Bart Maimone*	18

\* Tie for second broken with a 10 second re-run

# R/C MONSTER

## FILLING US IN

BY ERIC KRUSH

Since the last newsletter we have a few events behind us. The Spring nationals has come and gone. Yes the turnout was a little lower but competing with memorial day weekend the following weekend along with another race the following weekend I think the club did well. The event ran smoothly and the Town Hall meeting went well. The

awards ceremony was in a separate room with tables and we had punch and snacks which was nice. The raffle tractor was awarded. The club raised just over a thousand dollars on this. I think that everyone involved deserves thanks and we are all ready looking at planning the next project to raffle. The "other" event was not actually a nrctpa event but it did involve a

handful of nrctpa racers. Dennis Anderson hosted a race at the home of the Grave Digger monster truck which is called Diggers Dungeon. The Diggers Dungeon race which is in its second year also went well. I brought this race up to congratulate some of the winners. Bari Musawwir won the big freestyle prize, Paul Ovares won the brushed Emaxx class and Danny

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## ALL IN THE NAME OF FUN

BY: CRAIG BORDEN

For those of you who didn't make it, here is my story. Like every year, I tell myself I'm going to be ready for the National Radio/Controlled Truck Pulling Association (NR/CTPA) Spring Nationals in North Eastern Ohio well in advance. As usual I found myself scrambling just to pack the rented U-Haul with everything I need and planed on doing some last minute prep at the hotel. Since moving to Kentucky the trip has gotten longer, it takes us about 9 hours driving time. We pile my three boys (who just keep getting bigger) in the back of the extended cab F150 on Thursday after the kids last day of school. We also brought our two dogs! This year I had a little added stress, you see I am the Monster Truck event Director. Timing couldn't have been worse as Logan Aluminum was in the

middle of running a very critical 3 million pounds of aluminum at a customer in Ft Atkinson Wisconsin and re-qualifying at a customer in Windsor Colorado and they are both my accounts. Not to mention a seasoned veteran (Ron) left technical and I had temporarily inherited his accounts so I found it hard to relax. On top of that I had weekend coverage the weekend before we left so I didn't have much free-time to prepare. Anyway, Tara (my wife) volunteered to drive and that allowed me to gather myself up. Just south of Indy we hit a traffic accident that had us stopped on I-65 for over two hours. The kids & dogs were getting restless, but we held it together. We rolled in kinda late, everyone was tired and I was grumpy. When we got to the hotel it took a while to settle down. Often we don't sleep well, but now it

is for different reasons. I used to be full of excited anticipation, now it's just stress worrying if I brought everything and will I have enough time to get all the trucks ready. The boys just want to get to the pool. I have to have everything ready for the event and my assistant couldn't make it because his wife was expecting a baby. Congratulations Darren and Laura!

I frantically unpacked the trucks, the radios, the tools, set-up my pit table and started cycling the batteries and fixing trucks that should have been fixed some time ago all while trying to visit with friends and eat the food my wife so caringly made for me and get the timing system put together for both race tracks.

Friday night's events typically were for fun but have grown to be a heated

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# TIME TO VOTE AND PLAY

BY MIKE ECHENRODE

Hello Everybody,

The 2007 Spring Nationals has come and gone and it was once again a great event to be at. It's always great being at this event and this time was no different. The Town Hall Meeting provided the membership with some insight as to what is going on and allowed some time for members to speak openly about ideas and concerns with regard to the club. Nominations were announced for several positions within the Association and so the time is nearly upon us to step up and vote for those who will continue to guide the NRCTPA into the future. Please vote, your vote is important and we would greatly appreciate hearing from everybody on who they feel should help lead the club.

At this time, I'd like to extend an invitation to the monster truck racers out there. On August 4th and 5th, at Bradenville, PA (1 hr east of Pittsburgh) there will be an indoor electric monster truck race. We feature 4 and 5 minute races on a carpeted road course with jumps. This is a different style of racing than the NRCTPA style but it is a lot of fun and I urge anybody who has never tried it to come on out for a great weekend of racing and fun. For more info please contact me at [devastator2000@comcast.net](mailto:devastator2000@comcast.net) Have a great summer and see everybody at the next event. Mike Eckenrode

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BY: CRAIG BORDEN

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part of the weekend's events. This year at the last minute Lucas decides to drag race his freestyle truck so I quickly get it ready in the midst of getting the timing system debugged and the qualification run order set. At some point after the drag racing, the relentless begging to go swimming wins over and we head up to the pool. Afterwards we layout the track course for Saturday and decide on the layout for Sunday and begin measuring and taping off the lanes on the atrium floor. Then I finally get to sit around in the atrium and visit old friends (old in terms that I have known them a while as none of them are older than I am). Again, we had another night of relative sleeplessness, too much going through my mind. We're up early to prepare for best of show judging and last minute track set-up. Then I had to hold the dreaded driver's meeting and the impending argument over the track layout or something stupid. Well that went pretty well actually! Then the racing finally begins, late. Of course I never have enough batteries or the boys trucks break or something else happens just to keep me on my

toes Saturday. This year it went pretty well. By the time racing is done Saturday night, my wife and I are worn out but we need to help the club with the scoring and printing results. Another late night hangin' out in the atrium visiting while fixing something or cycling batteries. Sunday starts off a little bit later, racing is shorter and once the final round is done the trucks can wait to be fixed (most likely just before the next event). So Sunday's are typically more laid back.

Then it's time for freestyle. My middle son Lucas has been gunning for a freestyle trophy for a couple years now and he was ready. He went out and did a few of his signature moves and put on a really good show in my opinion. He did break part of the suspension but he went on to jump a few ramps and spin wildly. He took the early lead and held it until three other guys were tied for 1<sup>st</sup> with him. A newcomer bumped them all to second and some big hitters who usually steal the show were up, I thought he would be bumped out of the top 3 again but they didn't

wow the judges. Lucas had to have a re-run with the other trucks tied for second. He pulled off another great run losing a wheel just at the end and ended up with second place, he couldn't have been happier!

With racing done we still have to get the scoring done so the club can do the awards ceremony. We finally relax during the awards and eat something other than a sandwich or hotdog. We all did well for the weekend, my oldest son Daniel finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Tube Chassis class, Lucas finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice and second in free-style, CJ took home 2<sup>nd</sup> in Novice and I had 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Super Stock Monster Truck and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pro Stock Tractor and my tractor also got 2<sup>nd</sup> in best of show. A lot of the racers and pullers head home after the awards and we have done that before too, but we like to stay over and unwind for the long road trip home (yes, in the pool). The 2007 NR/CTPA Spring Nationals was another great event and a fun time and I'm glad that we came one more time but man am I tired. Maybe next year we'll quit racing and stay home.... Nope, we'll probably be there!



# PLAYIN' WITH THE BIG TOYS

BY TIM POWERS

Hey everyone. Just want to say that it was tough not being able to come to the Spring race. But if everything works out right we will be able to make it to the Worlds. I really was torn on which event to miss, but that's how it goes. Anyway, I did want to say that we did attend the Digger Dungeon race and I will tell you that is was a Super race to go to and that I hope that maybe more of you will think about going to it. We got to meet some great racers there, and I hope that I talked a few of them into coming to the Worlds this year. They seemed interested in coming to our kind of race, so we will see what happens. I want to say a BIG congrats to Danny and Bari on their 1-2 finish in the mod 4wd. I was awesome to see my teammates do so well but to see them not race on carpet and still win,, I will say I was glad to have been there to watch it!! Doug Moll was also there and did a great job racing and qualifying along with our good friends Paul Ovares which won a class and the Stribney's. It was a long trip but well worth it. They had full size Monster Trucks out on display, plus concessions and a hobby shop on site. Bari and his crew did an outstanding job putting on this race, Thanks that's it for now, see ya all in a couple months

Tim/TWEAKED RACING

# FILLING US IN

BY ERIC KRUSH

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Wyatt won the pro mod clod class and concourse. Even though this is not a nrctpa event I still wanted to say congrats guys. Speaking of events lets not forget the worlds coming up on September 28,29 and 30th. You can save a bit of money by entering early. One other notable event is the I hobby expo in Chicago which is October 18,19,20 and 21st. The nrctpa in conjunction with Thundertech racing will be doing elimination racing all 4 days at the event. We are looking for racers even if you can only come in for the day. Contact Darren Grillo from the Thundertech at 815-467-0621. This is a great way to check out the show and have a little fun at the same time. Where else can we

show such a large volume of consumers and retailers what our little corner of the hobby does.

Another subject that I would like to bring up is the newly formed publications and promotion committee for the club. This committee consists of Eric Krush, Chris Bercaw and Chris Fleck. We will be looking at more ways to help promote the club as well as involve the manufacturers and see how they can help the nrctpa. If you have any contacts of any manufacturers that you believe can help the club please let one of the committee members know.

On another note and this is simple.....Please vote! Every ones vote means something. We

need to hear every ones voice. Its very simple I just ask everyone to take a few minutes to fill out your ballots and get them in. It is important otherwise I would not be taking the time to ask. It is your right to vote.....why not use it?

I also would like to congratulate the Mealy family on their new baby girl who was born on 6-7-07.

One last note is we will be looking for sponsors for worlds trophies. We need to get the classes covered so it all doesn't come out of the clubs wallet. If you are interested please contact on of the committee members of the promotions committee.

Thanks for your time and I hope your summer goes well.....Eric Krush

## Meet the Candidates

This year we will be electing a large portion of our board. We will select the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, and we have five positions to elect directors for in each division. Please vote for five only in each division. The top five in each will be your Divisional directors. All of the Candidates have been asked to write an essay of why they are running and how they can help the club. Some of the new candidates were not given much notice so please bear that in mind as you select. Here are their essays and all the candidates. Please use the insert for your vote. Thank you.

### President

#### **Joe Killian,**

I have done this job before and although many things have changed I still can run this association. I would like to keep moving in this new direction that has emerged but try and re-establish a couple of the old traditions with the help from the executive board.

### Vice President

#### **Gene Nine,**

I have been involved with pulling since 1976. I became involved with R/C pulling in 1989, attending my first Worlds in 1991. I would like to be your voice in the organization. I will use my experience to do what is in the BEST interest of the club.

#### **Tina Kilian**

I am running for Vice President. I have already been Sec/Tres for 6 years and a member for over 10 years. I believe I can handle the duties of vice president in a non-partial way. I also am a competitor and understand the problems of competition and rules.

### Treasurer

#### **Helen Singleton**

### Secretary

#### **Matt Wilkins**

I have been working with Jan on doing much of what this position requires. I hope improve the automation end of things and get all of the records up to date. I look forward to working with the new treasurer as we work on the function of that split.

### Executive Director

**Bart Maimone.** No essay available

## Monster Truck Division Director

**Craig Borden.** No essay available

**Jim Grahl.** No essay available

**John Etzler.** No essay available

**Paul Ovares.** No essay available

**Tim Powers.** No essay available

## Pulling Division Director

**Al Fowler.** No essay available

**Chris Bercaw.**

My name is Chris Bercaw; I have worked for Phil's Hobby since 1993, I would like to have the chance to become a member of the NR/CTPA Team. I am new to the pulling sport. I am willing to work with the other team members on the pulling & racing.

**Dave Leavitt .**

I'm fortunate that my family shares my RC interest. Family participation requires a community where the members hope to see you succeed. Even in competition, where each individual is trying to win, a positive attitude should prevail. As a director, I believe that I can improve this sense of community.

**Delbert Humes.** No essay available

**Ed Finchum.**

I want to be an NR/CTPA director in order to help, as best I can, address the challenges ahead to enable this sport to continue to grow and provide an opportunity for guys, gals, and especially kids to enjoy themselves in a family hobby that remains safe, entertaining and fun.

**Glen Singleton.** No essay available

**Vince Nelson.** No essay available

*Remember to use the ballot insert. Do not send back this part of the ballot.*

## **Pulling Issues,** *continued...*

### ***Proposition Number 1;***

Classes with center balance eliminate “must center balance” and include maximum hitch height of 2 inches.

***Vote yes if you agree, and no if you disagree.***

### ***Proposition Number 2;***

As proposed for the Gas Class: All Chains , Belts, Gears, and Clutches should be totally enclosed. Minimum 1/16” thick (11 Gauge) metal. May use expanded sheet metal or drill the metal but the metal is not allowed to have holes larger than 1/8 of an inch.

***Vote yes if you agree, and no if you disagree.***

### ***Proposition Number 3;***

When an exhaust elimination system is needed, such as for indoor pulling, the host club shall place a receptacle at the front of the sled even with the front of the skid plate. The receptacle will be a minimum size of 7 square inches (3 inch diameter). It will be up to the owner/operator to provide the means for the vehicle exhaust to reach the receptacle. The means will be part of the vehicle weight but the length at the rear shall be disregarded.

***Vote yes if you agree, and no if you disagree.***

### ***Proposition Number 4;***

*This would change rule number 11B under general rules in the rulebook.*

If any item falls off the vehicle, the vehicle flips over backwards or sideways the vehicle will be stopped at that point. If the sled passes the vehicles part on the track the measurement with a penalty of 12 inches will apply from the spot where the part lies. This process applies to all dirt tracks. This also shall apply to the exhaust elimination system when an overhead exhaust system is used.

***Vote yes if you agree, and no if you disagree.***

**Remember to use the ballot insert.  
Do not send back this part of the ballot.**

## **Pulling Issues,** *continued...*

### ***Proposition Number 5;***

This proposal would change the wording of general rule number 5 to the following.

Each puller has the option to restart his/her pull if he/she stops before the front of the sled reaches the 10-foot default line on both carpet and dirt tracks in round one ONLY. If this option is taken you must re-hook immediately with no vehicle adjustments, only driving adjustments. You will be allowed two minutes to start your pull once the Track official calls you to the track. The exception to the two minute limit is if the participant is required at another track. If your vehicle does not make it off the line, you have the opportunity to make vehicle adjustments on or off the track. On dirt, if you make any changes to the vehicle, the vehicle must have that change re-teched. The vehicle may leave the track for repairs but must have re inspection by tech officials before second attempt is made. If vehicle leaves the track surface for repairs, you will be rotated down in the field and if you are the last puller you will have five minutes to return or you will be DQ for that round.

*Vote yes if you agree, and no if you disagree.*

**The Proposals are continued on the next page**

## ***THE TREASURERS REPORT***

BY JAN WILKINS

*We finished last newsletter with \$7092.95. Here is what we have done since then. We took in \$100.00 in membership renewals, \$3758.00 in entry fees, \$539.00 in sponsorship payments, collected \$20.00 in sanction fees, gathered another \$905.00 from the tractor raffle, sold some rulebooks for \$9.00, our part of the 50/50 is \$85.00, and the yard sale netted \$171.00. We sold one club t-shirt for \$15.00.*

*Matt and I are finally figuring out paypal and the previously mentioned amounts would be less the \$35.06 that they have charged us. As you can imagine there was quite a few checks written out. We spent \$103.46 to have the last newsletter printed, and \$37.43 to print the event program, we spent \$46.80 in postage for the newsletter and such, another \$26.88 to ship the sleds. The trophy bill was \$1067.00, \$36.52 went to the modification to the sled, batteries and tape for the Monster Truck course was \$58.37, the hotel final bill was \$1116.68 which included four nights of hotel room for helpers, and we shelled out \$250.00 for the rest of them, We spent \$11.00 on 50/50 tickets (thank you to Jeff Campo for picking them up) , we refunded \$88.00 in entry fees some of which just ended up elsewhere such as the raffle, \$200.00 went towards sponsorship of the MonsterRCUSA calander, We purchased another laptop for \$133.00, The photography bill for the Spring Nationals was \$120.00. The smoke removal system was \$950.00.*

*All said and done the association has \$8441.77 in its bank accounts.*

# Pulling Issues, *continued...*

## **Proposition Number 6;**

Recognize 2WD Nitro Modified as an official class.

***Vote yes if you agree, and no if you disagree.***

1) Chassis may be scratch-built or a combination of kit components Scratch-built R/C Vehicles R/C pulling vehicles allowed

- a) Scale appearance
- b) Any scale appearing body is allowed
- c) Counter weights that are seen must appear to be real and within scale
- d) Wheel base must fit within the body

2) Powertrain

- a) Engine One two stroke nitro engine
  - i) Maximum displacement of .30 cu.in
  - ii) Mounted in front fifty percent of vehicle
- b) Muffler required
  - i) Must have store bought tuned exhaust (no straight pipes allowed)
- c) Driveline
  - i) For scale appearance drive shaft and 90\* rear-end preferred
  - ii) Vehicles without 90\* rear-end can only be approved by event promoter.

Weight penalties may apply

- d) Automatic or shift-on-the-fly transmission is not permitted

3) Weight

- a) Maximum gross vehicle weight is fifteen pounds (15 lbs.)

4) Hitch

- a) Maximum hitch height is four inches (4")
- b) The hitch must be mounted to the vehicle in such a way as to not permit any movement
- c) Adjustable hitches are allowed, but must be locked when pulling
- d) The hitch must incorporate a minimum of a 5/16" inch hole, and be located no more than 1/2" inch from the rear edge of the hitch so the sled hook will reach the hole
- e) Extra unusable hitch holes must be sealed
- f) Vertical holes requiring the sled hook to be hooked horizontally are not allowed
- g) The 5/16" inch hole must be located 1.8" behind the rear axle (form axle center line to rear edge of hole)

5) Length/Width - must include all parts, weight rack, body, hitch, etc. of pulling vehicle

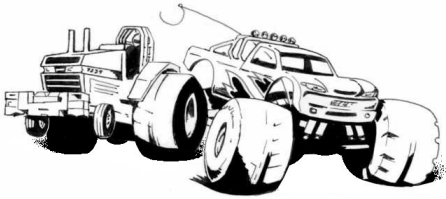
- a) Maximum vehicle length is eighteen inches (18") from center of rear axle to furthest point forward
- b) Wheel base to fit under body
- c) Width to be 9.6" max

6) Tires

- a) Tamiya "Wild Willies", "Lunchbox" or "Midnight Pumpkin" type tires only
- b) Tires may be cut
- c) Dual wheels are not permitted
- d) Tire chains, added spikes, pins, etc. are not permitted
- e) Steer tires to be minimum of 1.4" in diameter

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