

# NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL RADIO CONTROL TRUCK PULLING ASSOCIATION. COVERING TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULLING, TUFF TRUCK, AND MONSTER TRUCK RACING

## NR/CTPA NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating independence!

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### Getting Ready

The 2008 Spring Nationals has come and gone and it was great to be able to be in attendance at this event. It was nice to see some new faces at the event and I hope we as an organization impressed those of you with what we do to want to return and compete with us at future events. Having new people come to these events is very important; maybe even one of the most important things about planning future events. Whether you are experienced or not, we need new members to help this club continue to grow and become even better.

On the racing side of the club, we saw our first offi-

cial event that allowed the use of brushless (BL) motor systems. There were no issues with these systems and from my standpoint, the transition of bringing these systems in was flawless and likely will continue to follow that route. BL technology is the future and I expect to see a lot more of these at upcoming events. I have tried some of these in my own race vehicles and am very impressed with them and I will be using them in the future. Lipo technology is on the horizon and the club officials have begun to study the pros and cons of this battery technology. We want to have a solid understanding of safety and knowledge of this

by Mike Eckenrode

technology before we take the next steps forward in allowing Lipo batteries into competition.

Looking ahead now, most know that we are rapidly approaching a major milestone in the NRCTPA's storied history. The 20th annual World Championships is just around the corner and I'd like to thank the members and officers of years past and present for building something very successful. So successful that 20 years after the first event, we still have the same opportunities, and more, to do what they started a long

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### Thank You

by Tim Ludyka

Hello everyone the Spring Nationals has come and gone and I believe everyone had a good time that attended. It was good to see everyone and make plans for the year.

I would like too thank everyone who attended and all those that helped out. It's a lot of work to put on the event and the more help you have the easier it is. Those who helped did not go unnoticed as I tried to make a list

of you all during the event and hope I did not miss anyone so here it is and once again THANKYOU.

Spence McKenzie Jr. (sled), Spence senior (track storage and transporting), Mike Dozier (tech), Jeff Stickle (tech), Chris Bercaw (tech), Wyatt Leavitt (sled), Mitchell Leavitt (Sled), Dave Leavitt (sled repair), Dave Engle (organization announcing track prep), Audrey Pisiak (data entry),

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## **SUMMER TIME** BY JAY JORDAN

Summer is here in full swing. This means lots of outdoor events and fun in the sun! The Spring race was as fun as ever and it was great to see everyone that came. New to the springs was holding the Town Hall Meeting before the event started. I think this helped keep things moving along. Hopefully by Worlds the hotel start times will be all cleared up. Even though summer's just started, the club is working hard to get things ready for the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Worlds event in October. If you are reading this newsletter, you're an NR/CTPA member and you should make it to this benchmark event! If it's been a while since you have been to an event, stop by, bring your friends, visit with some old friends and meet some new ones.

As for me, I'm planning on doing a lot of wrenching so all the trucks are in good form. Ok, in reality we will all be up late the night before still wrenching! LOL!! Everyone have a fun and safe summer and see you all in October.

Hi Everyone:

by Glen Singleton

I would like to report on the upcoming Worlds, Remember, this is our club; that means everyone should volunteer to do something to help out to curb expenses. I will be head tech on carpet so I will be asking for help. If people would sign up to tech one or two classes each round, it will be simple and won't take much of your time out of the weekend fun for you. Glen

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# 20th Annual World Championships Sponsorships

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by Chris Bercaw

As I am writing this, I am sitting in one of my concession trailers, on a fairgrounds watching it rain. I think that we have had enough rain in the last several days. Makes it kind of hard to sell food & drinks when the fair or festival you are at does not have people walking the midway as it is raining or the sky is dark and it is 2 PM. Okay, enough about my problems . . .

First of all I would like to say THANK YOU everyone that made the 2008 Spring National Fundraising Event! The newly elected Divisional Directors, along with the Executive board, worked with the membership helpers to get it done. I want to say "THANK YOU!" to everyone that made this event happen! I will not to repeat the list from the pulling side, as Tim Ludyka I believe handled the individual thank yous.

Since there was a mis-communication on when we could start the event on Saturday, we had the Town Hall Meeting in the morning. Some good topics were brought up and are in this issue for you to vote on, please take the time to review the topic that were discussed, vote on them, and mail back the ballot. Do it as soon as you are done reading my column, that way you will not forget to do it and regret it when the vote does not go your way!

The board has been very busy working to make the 20th World's the best it can be . . . please come and see what we have in the works. Even if you have not been to an event in the last couple years, please dust off your vehicle, charge up your batteries (or go to your local hobby shop and buy some new ones) and come to the 20th Worlds Event. It only happens once, so make sure you are there to experience it!

***It is that time of year again . . . time to sponsor the NR/CTPA 20th World Championship Awards.***

If you sponsored an award in years past, THANK YOU and I hope that you will do so again, so keep the amount that the Association has to buy to a minimum. If you have not sponsored one in the past, please feel free to sponsor one or more this year.

If we are going to make the 20th World's the BEST every, we need to get started NOW.

That is right the 2008 NR/CTPA World Championships are just a few months away (October 10-11-12, 2008). Sponsorship deadline is Friday, September 5, 2008. The cost per class is \$60, EXCEPT 4WD Mod. which is \$90.

The current list of classes that are sponsored is located on RCMT.net (<http://myrcmt.com/bd/showthread.php?t=7431>). You can type in the address provided or to find it once on rcmt, scroll down to the NR/CTPA forum, then look for the thread titled "2008 NR/CTPA World's Sponsorships" . . . the #1 post has the list of classes that are currently sponsored and what classes need sponsored.

Anyone who would like to sponsor a division class for the 2008 NR/CTPA World Championships please make a post in the contact me on RCMT, or using the contact information on page 2 of this newsletter. Here is the list of classes and if the class has or needs a sponsor:

(Exhibition)

Freestyle (Adult):

Freestyle (Youth):

***Friday Night Drags: Downriver R/C Club #90***

4WD Open I - Carpet:

***Big Rig - Dirt: S & S Motorsports***

***Friday Night Elimination: No Limit RC***

Hot Farm Stock Tractor - Dirt:

Hot Farm Stock Tractor - Carpet:

(Carpet Pulling)

4WD Pro Modified:

***Pro Stock Tractor - Carpet: Berry Pulling Team***

Big Rig - Carpet:

Bar Tire Sportsman - Carpet:

2WD Truck:

2WD Open I - Carpet:

***2WD Open II - Carpet: Hooter Chassis & Hobby Shop***

(Racing)

Retro Monster Truck:

***2WD Stock Tuff Truck: B2B Racing Team***

2WD Modified Tuff Truck:

4WD Modified Tuff Truck:

Stock 4WD Independant Suspension:

Modified 4WD Independant Suspension:

4WD Tube Chassis:

Novice:

***Sport Modified (Spec): Crawford Performance Engineering***

4WD Open:

4WD Modified:

4WD Driveshaft:

(Dirt Pulling)

4WD Box Stock:

***Insane: N'Sayn Racing***

***Gas: The Weed Whacker Pulling Association***

Garden Tractor:

2WD Nitro:

Pro Stock Tractor - Dirt:

***2WD Pro Modified - Electric: Big Daddy Pulling***

2WD Pro Modified - Nitro:

4WD Scratch Built:

Bar Tire Sportsman - Dirt:

Dual Motor Modified - Dirt:

***2WD Open I - Dirt: Bart Maimone***

Digger:

4WD Modified Driveshaft:

(Concours)

Concours D' Elegance Monster Truck:

Concours D' Elegance Retro:

Concours D' Elegance Puller:

Best Mechanical Puller Design:

Best Mechanical Racer Design:

(Misc. Awards)

Super Secret World's Award:

President's Award:

On the local level, I have not been able to pull much with the STPA, as this is my busy time of year. If you would like to come and pull with the STPA or want to know their schedule contact me and I will tell you when the next events are scheduled.

If I don't see you at one of the STPA events, I hope to see you at the 20th World's event (October 10-11-12, 2008) . . . and bring a friend or neighbor.

# FROM THE JOE ZONE

BY JOE KILIAN

Locally:

The Borderline pullers are getting ready for the America's Fair championships. They will be held Saturday August 9th from 9 until 6.

Racing and pulling on dirt. There will be free admission to the fair and free parking you will need to get passes at the gate. We have been having the participants call my cell phone and someone is there at the gate with the credentials (normally my wife). The entry will be 5 bucks a truck no family will pay over 10 bucks for all of their trucks.

Regionally

The 1st New England Championships are in the books it's nice to see a former hot spot in the NRCTPA come back to life. In the early years of pulling the North East was a super hotbed of pulling. Now it is back for at least one event a year in Fitzwilliam NH. Andy Linkenhoker and his dad have come up with this event and it was a really great time. It featured free camping on Andy's dad's campgrounds where the event was held. Attendance was very good even a few old timers came out of retirement to play

all in all a super pull...congrats Andy!

The 2008 Grand Nationals are slated for July 19th at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse. It is held at the Summer Nationals custom car show and there will be a full sized pull that night. Contact Dave Engle if you want to participate.

Nationally:

The Springs are now in the books and even though the price of gas is getting obscene we had a little better turnout than last year. Thank you for all that attended. For the pullers we had computerized scoring and a giant digital scoreboard (thanks Dave) that had Bowling Green vids running when the action on the tracks stopped. This is an awesome system. Dave also announced with a Garth Brooks style mike and was able to measure and announce at the same time. The track was kept in tip top shape all weekend and there was a lot of top notch pulling.

In racing the action on the track was hot all weekend and the Freestyle track was absolutely insane. It featured giant jumps and a sandbox with a ton of junk in it. I was totally impressed with this I under-

stand it will be even better for the WORLDS so break out you beaters you will not want to miss being a part of this. I know a lot of others will be giving their takes on the SPRINGS so I am keeping mine short...anyways thank you for a great weekend.

The Bowling Green Pull will be August 15-17 at Bowling Green National Tractor Pulling Championships. You will need to get ahold of Jake Haulman if you want to attend this is a super event. Everyone on the executive board is doing something almost every day in preparation of the 20th WORLDS I would hope everyone can find their way to this outstanding event. So far 2 magazines and R/C TV are planning on coming to cover this event. It will be an awesome time. Also, several of us will be staying in the Midwest for another week to do the ihobby event I know everyone cannot do this but it also will be an outstanding event.

See ya when I see ya  
Joe

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## Thank You *continued*

by Tim Ludyka

Glen Singleton (hook replacement on carpet sled), Helen Singleton (registration).

You all helped to make this a great event I hope I did not miss anyone and I would like to see this list double for the Worlds.

In the north we just finish a pull in Fitzwilliam, NH I'm writing this as we head for home a 9.5 hour drive but was very worth it! The best pulling track we have ever pulled on. Andy and his Dad worked like dogs mixing clay and sand together to come up with the most consistent track we seen. The weather, campground and scenery were excellent. What a great tune up pull for the Grand Nationals in Syracuse next month.

See you all at the Worlds. Tim

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## Getting Ready *continued*

by Mike Eckenrode

time ago. With that said, I am looking forward to an incredible 20th Worlds this fall. The leaders of the NRCTPA are currently working to present everybody with an exceptional event. From many major sponsors to several representatives from media publications, we will have it all going. There is a buzz circulating amongst the members of great anticipation for this event. If you have not been to an event in a while, we encourage you to make this the time to come back and see what it's all about. You will not be disappointed. There are many great things planned for this event and we want to share it all with you. So, please, make plans to come out for the 20th running of the NRCTPA World Championships and have a great weekend with friends, old and new. Hope to see everybody there!

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# *We're Looking for a Few Good Men and Women*

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by Ed Finchum

Was that a Great Springs Event or what? I sure had a good time, and hope others did as well. On the pulling side, we tried some new things as far as how to announce and report distances. I thought that worked extremely well (thanks so much Dave and Audrey). Even though there were some issues with the Hotel that delaying start times, Joe was able to Handle-The-Situation, hold the Town Hall Meeting earlier, and generally straighten things out (thanks Joe for all that you do). As a new director, I'm still learning the ropes. One of the things I've learned is that Matt does way more than I ever imagined (some of it you can see, but a lot of it is stuff that most of us don't realize has even been done to make things go as well as they do (thank you Matt). I also want to thank EVERYONE ELSE that helped out at the Springs. It takes a

lot of people to put on an event like the Springs, and especially the Worlds. There is a great deal of effort underway by the Executive Board and Directors to make this 20<sup>th</sup> Worlds Event the best ever. Therefore, I encourage everyone that possibly can, to attend this year. If you are able to attend, please consider volunteering to help out however you can. The more people that help out, the easier it gets on everyone by spreading out the workload. So just think, if you can recruit, persuade or somehow get a friend to volunteer with you, it could cut your work in half (assuming they're as good as you..Ha).

On the local front, the STPA held a pull at the Maria Stein (Ohio) Country Fest June 28. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> (or maybe 5<sup>th</sup>) pull at this free, well-attended festival. The pro-

moter allows us to set up under one of the entertainment circus-sized tents, which allows for rain-or-shine pulling (very fortunate this year with heavy rains that would have otherwise ended our competition). This is one of the best festivals the STPA participates in so if anyone is interested in joining us for some fun and pulling in June 09 consider attending this event. The STPA will be pulling August 15 and 16 at the National Tractor Pulling Championships held in Bowling Green, OH. This is the STPA's premier event and one of the best full-scale pulls in the country. If anyone is interested in doing the "Bowling Green Thing," please let me know and I can give you more details. So if any of you "Good Men and Women" want to join us at ANY of the events in Ohio... "Come on Down" as they say.

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## W-20 in the Planning

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by Eric Krush

Hello members, friends and sponsors w-20 (the 20th annual worlds) is fast approaching. As a director I have been busy with plans, hopes and dreams for the event. As a member of the promotions department I have been swamped to say the least. We have a great event coming up. Last newsletter came out right before the spring nationals which turned out quite well. Yes there were some hitches and bumps but those are all learning experiences. So what can we do but look forward to this next event and it is "The Event" to look forward too. Lets look at a few reasons why. Radio control car actions magazine will have a representative at the event. We have great sponsorships secured so far with an unbelievable

list of sponsors. Many large companies are on board this year to help us out. Next newsletter I will talk about the others but lets talk about who has stepped up to be our title sponsor this year. Hpi racing has committed themselves to us this event. Not only do they have quite the impressive amount of prizes for us they will have a representative on hand all weekend. Matter of fact he will be doing double duty as he is going with us the very next weekend to the I hobby expo. Our flyer for the event can be found on their website. Lets mention one more large sponsor right now and that's Extreme RC car magazine. Look for our ad to be appearing very soon. Look for our full page ad mid July and mid August.

Thanks to John Etzler who spent alot of time making our ad look worthy of being called the flyer for the w-20 event.

I just cannot explain the importance of this event here in print. We need to make this everything it can be and more. From start to finish we are hoping this will be a first class deal. We hope those who have not made it in a few years will dust their equipment off and bring it out for our 20th running of the worlds event. How would it feel to bring home a trophy home from this event?

Thank you Eric Krush regional monster truck director/promotions department

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# Help!

by Bobby Santoro

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From the Desk of Hobbybobby.  
First off I hope that every buddy is having a Good/Fun Summer so far? Well I am writing this just hours before I go to Norwalk, OH for the NHRA Drag Races (YES!!!) I will be meeting John Etzler and his Boys there for a few days and I Can't wait. There has Been alot of talk about us trying to use Crushed Cars in are racing tracks at the Worlds. I am All for it IMO this would Help out for the Pic's and it would make it look more like Real Monster Racing. I also know that the Friday Night Drags and the Elimination Racing are a Go for the Worlds. I have also heard that HPI, Tamiya, and Car Action are coming to the World's this is Great for all of us. Thanks to Chris and Eric for All

the Hard work that they have done for this to happen.

Now on to the next thing that I want to talk about. I think that we (the NRCTPA) need to inform the MT and Asst.MT and All Directors More of what there job now involves. Before they say that they didn't do there job or jobs. I also think that if someone does a job for the club and it is for along time at the races then they should get something for that. It should not matter if one person is doing one or two jobs for the club they should get paid some how? Now some people may not like how I am running the MT side but I don't see them stepping up for the job. So I feel that they should maybe try to

find out how hard it is before they judge me IMO. I really what to make this Worlds work as best as I can, but I am going to need Help from All my Directors that are there. I will try my best to listen to all views but there has to be some give on both sides for this to work. I hope that we can fit all the new trucks in to a class that we run already. I also know that we willbe allowing brushless motors at this event if it fits the class rules.I am glade to see that we are doing this now we just need to fit the Lipo batteries it.well that will be for the next worlds. On Aug 1st me and some of my guys will be doing a Monster Jam show up here I can't wait.Thats all for now. So.....  
"Let's Go Monster Truck Racing"

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## Treasurers Report

by Helen Singleton

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Greetings to everyone! Hope to see all of you at the World Championships in Oct. That seems to be the hot topic lately. I'm sure it's going to be a great event. The committees are working very hard to make that happen. We have a lot of talented, intelligent people within the Association whom I am grateful for and they need to be commended for all their long hours of preparation and all the hard work that goes unseen. Thanks and Good Luck to all!

Balance as of April 25, 2008 .....  
(\$3,648.60)

### EXPENSES:

Printing/newsletter & Spr. Natls program.... \$ 93.45  
Awards/Spr. Natls ..... 1,044.00  
Hotel/Spr. Natls ..... 893.64  
Labor/Spr. Natls ..... 536.00  
Refunds/pre-entries-Spr. Natls ..... 60.00  
Sponsorship/No Limit RC/DD ..... 200.00

Banners ..... 378.96  
Postage/nwsltr & awards ..... 120.15

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TOTAL EXPENSES: .....\$ 3,326.20

### INCOME:

Pre-entries & Sponsorships ..... \$2,857.00  
Sold sm. White Trailer ..... 650.00  
PayPal transfer ..... 377.95

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TOTAL INCOME: ..... \$3,884.95

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 28, 2008 ..... (\$4,207.35)

Respectfully Yours,

Helen S.

Treas., NRCTPA,06/08

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# T-shirt's

Order your 20th Annual World's T-shirt now with your entry form. We will be having a limited amount, if any of shirts for sale at the event. Shirts are available in Light Gray, Gold, or White. The printing will look much like the sample above. Shirts are \$18 for small through large and \$20 for XX or larger. Please use the order form below for your t-shirt order.

QTY.	Size	Color	Total \$
		Total owed for t-shirts	\$

	Class	Channel	Quantity
<b>Carpet Pulling</b>	2WD Open I		
	2WD Open II		
	2WD Truck		
	4WD Pro Modified		
	Bar Tire Sportsman		
	Big Rig		
	Pro Stock Tractor		
<b>Dirt Pulling</b>	2WD Nitro (15 lbs)		
	2WD Open I		
	2WD Pro Modified Electric		
	2WD Pro Modified Nitro (10 lbs)		
	4WD Box Stock		
	4WD Modified Driveshaft		
	4WD Scratch Built		
	Bar Tire Sportsman		
	Digger		
	Dual Motor Modified		
	Garden Tractor		
	Gas		
	Insane		
	Pro Stock Tractor		
<b>Racing</b>	2WD Modified Tuff Truck		
	2WD Stock Tuff Truck		
	4WD Driveshaft		
	4WD Modified Monster Truck		
	4WD Modified Tuff Truck		
	4WD Open Monster Truck		
	4WD Tube Chassis		
	Modified 4WD Independent Suspension		
	Novice		
	Retro		
	Sport Modified		
Stock 4WD Independent Suspension			
Membership		\$	
T-shirts from front order sheet		\$	
Total number of entries			
Total amount owed		\$	

## Entry Fees

- 1) From now until September 10, 2008 the entry fee is \$15.00. You must make payment when you send it in.
- 2) From September 10, 2008 until October 7, 2008 you can register for \$20.00 per entry. Email and phone in entries will be accepted during this time with or without payment.
- 3) The cost to enter at the door will be \$25.00. No exceptions
- 4) Novice entry fee is \$10.00 whether early or at the door.

Name

Address

City

State

Country

Zip Code

Phone Number

Membership #

Email address

# Review

by Paul Ovares

Hi everyone. Another Nationals are behind us. I want to thank everyone who attended this year. It was my first race as the Assistant Monster Truck Director and I learned quite a bit. Actually, we had an entirely new operations crew with Bobby Santoro and myself and I thank everyone for putting up with us as we learned the ropes. I'm looking forward to the Worlds in October and applying what we learned. It sounds like everyone is going to step up to make the Worlds the best race we've ever hosted!

One change for this race is that we are going to have tracks submitted by the Regional Directors. Each director will be asked to submit one track and then the directors will all be solicited for a vote on a track for Saturday and Sunday. This will relieve some of the pressure from the MT Director of having to design two tracks and also get some more involvement from the directors. We will also have all the original Retro obstacles at this event including puling sleds and the popcorn pits (filled with popcorn). I'd also like to bring up the suggestion to have a long jump on Saturday night. It's been several years since we've had this event and it would be nice to see it back at this race. If we can include long jump we can have one side event every day (Fri- Drag Racing, Sat- Long Jump, Sun – Freestyle)

Don't forget that the I-Hobby Expo is the weekend following the Worlds. I couldn't make it last year, but I plan to attend this year. It's a great place to meet manufacturers, check out the latest equipment and compete with some of the NR/CTPA racers one more time. I'll see you in October. In the mean time, I hope you find some SWEET JUMPS!

## Spring Nationals Carpet Pulling Results

### **Big Rig** **Sponsor Weller Truck Parts**

#### **Weight 95 lbs**

Glen Singleton 30'  
Joe Corning 20.99'  
Gene Nine 0'

### **Pro Stock Tractor** **Sponsor Berry Pulling Team**

#### **Weight 125 lbs**

Mike Dozier 28.73'  
Patrick Wing 26.18'  
Helen Singleton 26.11'  
Patrick Wing 25.58'  
Glen Singleton 19.93

### **Bar Tire Sportsman** **Sponsor Phil's Hobby Shop**

#### **Weight 150 lbs**

Patrick Wing 28.36'  
Joe Kilian 25.36'  
James Guenette 23.69'  
Tim Dixon 20.94'  
Tim Dixon 14.08'

### **Outlaw Garden Tractor**

#### **Weight 55 lbs**

Joe Kilian 27.23'

### **4WD Pro Modified** **Sponsor Weller Truck Parts**

#### **Qualifying Weight 50 lbs**

Pull off Weight 75 lbs  
Mike Dozier 30', 26.06'  
Spence McKenzie 30', 25.84'  
Colleen Swartz 30', 23.76'

#### **2WD Truck**

#### **Weight 90 lbs**

Danny Nine 23.40'  
Tim Dixon 11.33

### **4WD Open I** **County line R/C Pullers**

#### **Weight 265 lbs**

Danny Nine 30'  
Gene Nine 0'  
Collen Schwarts 0'

### **2WD Open I** **Sponsor Monster and Sled Dragon Pulling Team**

#### **Weight 265 lbs**

Joe Kilian 30'  
Danny Nine 29.07'  
Gene Nine 27.96'  
Brad Pitt 26.55'  
Colleen Schwartz 19.08'

### **Dual Motor Modified** **Weight 300 lbs**

Brad Pitt 23.08'

### **2WD Open II** **Sponsor Hooter Chassis & Hobby Shop**

#### **Qualifying Weight 400 lbs**

#### **Pull off Weight 540 lbs**

Glen Singleton 30', 26.19'  
Spence McKenzie 30', 25.45'  
Danny Nine 30', 20.88'  
Gene Nine 30' 19.33'

## Spring Nationals Dirt Pulling Results

### **Digger**

### **Sponsor Weller Truck Parts**

#### **Pull off weight 15 lbs**

Joe Kilian 26.01'  
Spence McKenzie 22.29'  
Wyatt Leavitt 20.02'  
Colleen Schwartz 19.8'

### **Big Rig**

### **Sponsor S&S Motorsports**

#### **Pull off weight 35 lbs**

Joe Kilian 24.58'  
Jeff Stickle 23.85'  
Jeff Stickle 22.88'

### **Bar Tire Sportsman**

### **Sponsor Phil's Hobby Shop**

#### **Weight 60 lbs**

Joe Kilian 26.11'  
Bart Maimone 25.77'  
Minne Wiersma 18.29'

### **2WD Pro Modified Electric**

### **Sponsor STPA**

#### **Pull off weight 55 lbs**

Joe Berry 24.92'  
Randy Berry 24.18'  
Mark Damewood 22.33'

### **4WD Scratch Built Truck**

### **Sponsor McGuire Chassis**

#### **Weight 40 lbs**

Darren Grillo 27.47'  
Chris Bercaw 26.90'  
Mark Damewood 22.42'  
Jeff Stickle 20.76'

### **Dual Motor Modified**

#### **Weight 120 lbs**

Brad Pitt 29.83'

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# Thank you Traxxas

For the third year in row the Nrcpa has had a vehicle to raffle off at the spring nationals. This year was a bit different as the entire vehicle was donated to us. We have to give out a big thanks to Traxxas for coming through on this. Traxxas donated a ready to run Stampede, speed controller, some emaxx parts, posters and dvds. The club threw in a special body with a nrcpa paint scheme. Chris Bercaw held the winning ticket for the truck. Congrats to Chris and special thanks to Traxxas once again for their generosity. Thank you Eric Krush

*Eric Krush (right) presents Chris Bercaw with the 1st Place prize a Traxxas Stampede*



## Spring Nationals Dirt Pulling Results *continued...*

<b>Garden Tractor</b>	Joe Kilian 26.04'	<b>2WD Modified Nitro</b>	<b>Insane</b>
<b>Sponsor Dynamite Diner</b>	Randy Berry 25.23'	<b>Sponsor Ed Finchum</b>	<b>Sponsor Weller Truck Parts</b>
<b>Qualifying weight 20 lbs</b>	Minne Wiersma 24.50'	<b>Qualifying weight 75 lbs</b>	<b>Qualifying weight 75 lbs</b>
<b>Pull off weight 25 lbs</b>	Randy Berry 24.11'	<b>Pull off weight 85 lbs</b>	<b>Pull off weight 85 lbs</b>
Brad Pitt 30', 23.07'	Joe Kilian 24.06'	Ed Finchum 30' 30' 25.44'	<b>Pull off weight 85 lbs</b>
Spence McKenzie 30', 22.06'	Sue Ann Berry 20.86'	Minne Wiersma 30' 30' 18.14'	Mitchell Leavitt 30', 30'
Joe Kilian 30', 20.46'	Joe Berry 14.87'	Leslie Leavitt 30', 28.48'	David Leavitt 30', 27.97'
Kevin McPherson 30', 19.21'	Joe Berry 11.72'	Mitchell Leavitt 30', 26.12'	Tim Ludyka 30', 21.21'
Ed Finchum 30', 0'	Mark Damewood 10.45'	Richard Trifthouse 30', 24.03	Joe Kilian 30', 0'
Ed Finchum 29.61'			Joe Kilian 28.57'
Mark Damewood 28.72'	<b>4WD Box Stock</b>	Dave Engle 30', 22.5'	<b>Gas</b>
Minne Wiersma 28.23'	<b>Sponsor Jerry Matoon Jr.</b>	Wyatt Leavitt 30', 0'	<b>Sponsor Weed Whacker Pulling</b>
Spence McKenzie 27.83'	<b>Qualifying weight 50 lbs</b>	Ed Finchum 29.47'	<b>Qualifying weight 125 lbs</b>
Kevin McPherson 26.22'	<b>Pull off weight 55 lbs</b>	Kevin McPherson 29.18'	<b>Pull off weight 130 lbs</b>
Darren Grillo 25.41'	Ken Owens 30', 27.06'	Richard Trifthouse 29.08'	Joe Kilian 30', 29.83
Chris Bercaw 23.49'	Mike Delong 30' 24.21'	Audrey Pisiak 28.05'	Tim Ludyka 30', .01'
<b>Pro Stock Tractor</b>	Spence McKenzie 30', 23.24'	Joe Kilian 25.87'	Dave Engle 30', 0'
<b>Sponsor Mealy Motorsports</b>	Jerry Matoon 25.85'	Tim Ludyka 23.95'	Joe Kilian 28.78'
<b>Weight 35 lbs</b>	Joe Corning 25.82'		Kevin McPherson 28.01'
Chris Bercaw 28.04'			Dave Leavitt 26.42'
Ed Finchum 27.06'			Richard Vespo 21.16'

# Spring Nationals Racing Results

## Stock Tuff Truck

Mike Eckenrode 77.16  
Matt Stoltz 79.33  
Matt Stoltz 79.43  
Dan Dufore 82.33  
Bart Maimone 85.65  
Corey Powers 86.74  
Scott Taylor 91.01  
Jason Yates 100.46  
Cassy Powers 101.30  
Dan Bandor 145.21

## Mod Tuff Truck

Dan DuFore 73.15  
Mike Eckenrode 73.95  
Bart Maimone 74.72  
Jim Grahl 74.74  
Matt Stoltz 78.00  
Corey Powers 78.03  
Matt Stoltz 78.34  
Bobby Santoro 81.43  
Michael Jenders Jr. 81.89  
Vince Jaron 84.16  
Scott Taylor 84.23  
Jason Yates 85.49  
Mike Delong 87.02  
Rashad Atkins 87.94  
Vince Jaron 90.00  
Michael Jenders 102.33

## Box Stock

Mike Delong 114.83  
Joe Berry 153.94

## 4x4 Mod Tuff Truck

Mike Eckenrode 75.27  
Paul Ovaes 85.40  
Joe Bandor 108.46  
Dan Bandor 142.76

## Driveshaft

## Mike Eckenrode 74.27

Jim Grahl 76.65  
Jim Grahl 81.16  
Mike Eckenrode 84.06  
Scott Taylor 87.10  
Jay Jordan 88.39  
Brad Pitt 88.98  
Brad Pitt 90.16  
Joe Bandor 99.14  
Joe Bandor 101.06  
Joe Bandor 101.48  
Phil Grande 103.44  
Joe Bandor 104.62  
Scott Taylor 115.25  
Dan Bandor 161.15  
Phil Grande 239.70

## Mod IS

Dan Dufore 74.17  
Mike Delong 78.74  
Jim Grahl 79.70  
Pat Wing 94.80  
Kevin Wolf 106.19

## Open

Mike Eckenrode 75.38  
Bart Maimone 83.68  
Scott Taylor 84.33  
Scott Taylor 87.92  
Eric Krush 95.61  
Cassy Powers 97.35  
Eric Krush 101.77

## Tube Chassis

Mike Eckenrode 80.48  
Jay Jordan 82.44  
Mike Delong 85.60  
Tim Powers 87.18  
Scott Taylor 99.48  
Jerry Matoon 99.51

## Mod 4x4

Dan Dufore 73.46  
Mike Eckenrode 73.90  
Tim Powers 74.44  
Jim Grahl 75.76  
Tim Powers 75.92  
Mike Eckenrode 75.99  
Jim Grahl 76.47  
Jay Jordan 76.70  
Matt Stoltz 76.87  
Dan Dufore 77.07  
Eric Krush 77.07  
Eric Krush 77.42  
Dan Dufore 77.45  
Jim Grahl 77.50  
Jay Jordan 77.62  
Mike Eckenrode 77.93  
Bart Maimone 78.03  
Mike Eckenrode 78.07  
Tim Powers 78.39  
Bobby Santoro 78.44  
Jim Grahl 80.95  
Scott Taylor 81.75  
Eric Krush 82.07  
Scott Taylor 83.50  
Eric Krush 83.55  
Scott Taylor 85.39  
Mike Jenders Jr. 87.26  
Vince Jaron 90.23  
Bart Maimone 90.83  
Phil Grande 91.04  
Vince Jaron 92.39  
Rashad Atkins 93.38  
Pat Wing 93.65  
Mike Jenders Sr. 97.13  
Vince Jaron 97.56  
Dan Dufore 101.17  
Phil Grande 110.10

## Stock IS

Paul Ovaes 78.88  
Dan Dufore 83.38  
Mike Delong 86.64  
Eric Krush 89.98  
Cassy Powers 93.46  
Vince Jaron 101.56  
Phil Grande 103.49  
Kevin Wolf 135.03

## Retro

Tim Powers 167.25  
Tim Powers 177.39  
Bart Maimone 180.64  
Paul Ovaes 202.07  
Eric Krush 217.83  
Jerry Matoon 252.07

## Sport Mod

Dan Dufore 77.47  
Mike Eckerode 79.72  
Bart Maimone 80.43  
Bart Maimone 80.59  
Bobby Santoro 81.01  
Mike Delong 81.95  
Tim Powers 82.24  
Matt Stoltz 83.31  
Eric Krush 83.32  
Scott Tayler 87.94  
Corey Powers 89.66  
Jerry Matoon 98.63

## Super Stock

Paul Ovaes 96.95  
Tim Powers 97.63  
Scott Taylor 115.58

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# NR/CTPA

# 2008 World Tour

See page 14 for dates

# Same Hobby, Different Style

by Paul Ovares

I was fortunate to be able to attend No Limit R/C's World Finals at the home of the Grave Digger monster truck. I was joined by fellow NR/CTPA racers Dan Wyatt, Doug

Moll and Bari Musawwir. The race is held in North Carolina on Dennis Anderson's front lawn. Competition was in the air when we pulled in on Friday night. This group races both nitro and electric monster trucks. They don't have as many racing classes as the NR/CTPA does (6 total) but their rules are broader to cover the entire range of monster trucks

out there. Racing is single elimination bracket racing. We had one qualifying run in each lane on Friday and you were only guaranteed one run on Saturday. Racing went late into the night on Saturday and

we were actually racing with lights trying to illuminate the track.

When the dust settled, the NR/CTPA group did pretty well. Dan Wyatt won first and second in the

with my E-Maxx after a very close race with HPI's John Schultz. HPI and Losi sent factory reps who won the big and small block nitro classes. After all the racing classes

were completed, they took the first place finishers and did a bracket to determine the overall event champion. I ended up third overall behind the HPI and Losi factory drivers.

After racing was complete, the NR/CTPA sponsored a pulling class. There were both small and big block pullers. It was pretty wild watching the Savages and

LST's pulling sleds. The track there was pretty sandy and dried out quickly but there was a good crowd watching as the trucks clawed their way down the track, spewing sand all the way down.



*Pictured from left to right, Doug Moll, Paul Ovares, Dennis Anderson, Hank Wyatt, Ryan Anderson, Dan Wyatt. Doug, Paul, Hank, and Dan are or have been members of the NR/CTPA.*

solid axle monster truck class (Clod Buster) and Bari took third. Dan also took second in brushless class followed by Doug Moll in third both with converted Traxxas Revo's. I won the brushed class

## Have you got what it takes?

Come see how well you do at the 20th Annual World Championships.

### October 10-12, 2008

See the enclosed flyer for details

# 2008 NR/CTPA Elections

Below is listed the information that you will need to place your vote on the ballot sheet. Members will find the ballot sheet enclosed with this newsletter. Members over the age of 16 are allowed to vote. Please return the ballot as soon as possible. All ballots must be postmarked no Later than August 25, 2008

## *Pulling Director Elections. Select only three.*

Dave Engle

Spence McKenzie

Tim Ludyka

## *Monstor Truck Director Elections. Select only three.*

Bobby Santoro

Eric Krush

Mike Eckenrode

## *Proposal's for changes to the rulebook*

Proposal number 1: to revise the 2WD Gas rule regarding shields to be worded as follows:

"All primary belts, chains, sprockets and clutches must be enclosed with a minimum of 1/16" thick metal (or lexan) except for the final reduction to the axel."

Please vote yes or no on the ballot sheet.

Proposal number 2: In reference to the Tube Chassis Class;

"Rule for no driveshaft needs to be removed-TXT, Twinforce and etc should be allowed.

Please vote yes or no on the ballot sheet.

Members please find your ballot and get it back to  
the NR/CTPA Office as soon as possible.

Do not mail this page.

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE; New, never run TLT-1**, Chrome gear cases with bearings. Futaba radio and receiver. 550 motor with Tazer ESC and six cell battery. Kit body and spare van body with mounts. All extra parts with all directions and decal sheet included. \$125.00 plus shipping.

**FOR SALE; Clodbuster set up for NR/CTPA 4WD Box Stock.** Bearings front and rear. Tekin 420 G ESC with Futaba Radio, 3600 MA battery, Mayhem motors, 160oz Servo, Aluminum steering rods, Sassy Chassis aluminum motor swings, Juggernaut wheels with knock off wheel nuts. Body is stock painted white base with clear coat. Muscle Man motor on hood. Custom bed cover. All artwork is vynal and easily removed. Built new in spring of 2006, pulled at one event. \$350.00 plus shipping

**FOR SALE; 2WD Clod body Puller NR/CTPA or STPA,** Custom built aluminum chassis, Chain drive, Custom front aluminum wheels, Speed Gems Motor, Tekin 420 G ESC and Futaba Radio, 3600 MA battery, Body is stock painted white base with clear coat. Muscle Man motor on hood. Custom bed cover. All artwork is vynal and easily removed. Spare Speed Gems Motor needs com turned. New spare set of tires and Wheels, stuffed. Tires have not been cut. \$475.00 plus shipping.

For more information contact  
[Chromey@comcast.net](mailto:Chromey@comcast.net)

***For Sale; Misc tires and wheels.***

Some vintage stuff. Mostly Clod stuff. \$10.00 per pair. Contact Matt Wilkins at [irescue@att.net](mailto:irescue@att.net) or 269-793-7908

# NR/CTPA World Tour 2008

## New York State Grand Nationals

July 19-20, New York State Fair Grounds

## Summer Monster Bash

August 2-3, Bradenville Pennsylvania

## America's Fair Championships

August 9th, Hamburg New York

## The 42nd annual National Tractor Pulling Championships

August 15-17, Bowling Green Ohio

## North American Championships

September 13, Orono Ontario Canada

# 20th Annual NR/CTPA World Championships October 10-12, Holiday City Ohio

## iHobby Expo

October 16-19, Rosemont Illinois

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

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BY MATT WILKINS

In this newsletter you have seen many articles about the upcoming World Championships. This will be one of our most publicised and promoted events to date. And while this occasion is extremely important, I would like to refocus some attention on the association as it continues to roll on.

In this newsletter the membership will receive a ballot. This ballot is small but needs your attention. We have two topics to vote on and some board members to elect. You will see that we are electing just three officers per division. You will also see that we only have three candidates per division.

I am hoping that right now that I can get your attention about this in time to change it before next year. You see next year is our big year. We elect most of our leaders. This will include the entire top executive board, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and Executive Director. While the current board is doing a good job, I think it may be time for some new people. I personally will state right now that this is my last term as an officer for the foreseeable future. I enjoy much of what I do but I can see the areas that I am weak and would like to see someone with some new ideas move in.

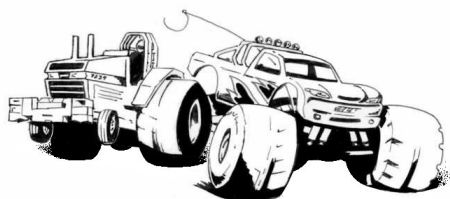
I am hoping that we can get some of those new ideas in all of the positions. This association needs some good management and team development. With the way the board is designed we do not need a pulling or monster truck enthusiast as much as we need leaders. If you have experience with running a non-profit or not for profit group I would encourage you to step up and run for office.

## AFFILIATED CLUBS

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