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A Word From the President

by Joe Kilian

National: With the WORLDS just around the corner....the usual request for volunteers and for those who wish to take a larger part in the assn. If you have not sponsored a trophy class and wish to it is time to work on that. Normally the area for greatest need is teardown....it naturally falls at the end of the event where people are on their way home and kind of worn out but all of the stuff has to get stowed again for the next event and that has to be done

carefully and correctly. If you can please do.

If you have not heard Dave Engle and Audrey Pisiak had an ultra lite accident and are really banged up and most likely will not be able to do all of the things they did at the WORLDS if they can make it at all. So those iobs will need to be filled.... Basically it is the same request as before, if you can jump in please do. We have bought a new scale for the pulling side to replace the broken one. We are also looking

into smoothing all aspects of the pull to make it run better We were able to get a free full page ad in Extreme R/C Cars and a last minute remnant 1/2 page ad for a huge discount in RCCA. We are hoping this can help with new members and attendance. I have been getting calls and emails from clubs that do not pull with us and have created tractors and sleds I am trying to encourage those to come to the big show. We are getting the word out

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Are You Ready?

By Mike Eckenrode

Hello again friends and competitors of the NRCTPA. First, just to take a step back for a moment, I'd like to say thank you to everybody who came out to the RC/MJ10 event that was held in Bradenville, PA back in early August. As indicated by the "10", it was the tenth running of this event and in the rc world, that is really something special. Tamiya and

SMC were event sponsors and they came through with some excellent prizes and giveaways. Hopefully, the Bradenville RC/Monster Jam and Winter Monster Bash events can continue to be a great place for remonster truck racing to take place.

Now, onto the present. For those who don't know, the 21st annual NRCTPA World Champi-

onships is fast approaching. This is the premiere event of the year for rc monster truck racing and pulling. Since I am a monster truck racer, I'll speak for the racing side. This is where it is at folks. The best of the best show up for this event. If you feel you have what it takes to wheel a Clodbuster or a TXT-1 or maybe an E-Maxx or

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The Old one Speaks

by Glen Singleton

Hi Everyone:

This will be my last newsletter as director. I am not running again because I feel I didn't do a good iob. I am too old to learn how to run a computer. I would like to thank everyone that helped me by using the phone instead of the computer. I am not going to quit the association, so I will be glad to help wherever needed.

In advance, I would also like to thank my tech table help at the Worlds. This year they are Gene, Danny, Ed, Kirk, Jason and Mike and anyone else that would like to help.

On a sad point; I hope Dave & Audrey get well soon and I will miss my old friend, Bud.

See you at the Worlds,

Glen S.

MIKE CONTINUES......

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Revo and hang with the best drivers in the world, then come on out and have some fun racing with us. We have classes for everybody to try and if you are still learning the

hobby then we have our Novice class as well. There's something for everybody and we want everybody to have fun. We always want new members and old members who haven't raced to come back. The more the merrier as they Mike Eckenrode

say. I hope to see many people at this years Worlds and I certainly can't wait to do some racing. See you all at the Worlds!

Hi pulling fans – On the local front the STPA held our biggest event of the year at the National Tractor Pulling Championships in Bowling Green, Ohio (Aug 21 and 22). This year we had the most RC pulling entries we've ever had at any event (over 70). I want to thank all of those that made the trip to Northwest Ohio for this event which includes STPA pulling Friday and Saturday, and a pedal pull on Saturday morning. But we are just a side show to 3 days of full-scale pulling ranging from Modified Mini's to Semi's and nearly every NTPA class in between. I know I've said this before (and probably will again), but I strongly encourage everyone to go to Bowling Green at least once and experience what is referred to at the "Bowling Green Thing." You can ask anyone that has been there for more details, or you might check out their website pulltown.com. If you watch the intro video on this site carefully, you'll catch a glimpse of one of

Jake Haulman's RC Pullers (an Orange and White 10 lb truck) making a run down the track. The STPA also has a pull scheduled at West Liberty, OH on September 5th and 6th

Well the Worlds is just around the corner and a lot of preparation is underway. There is a sign up list on RCMT.net for teching classes (Chris, TNT_Pulling started it under the NRCTPA forum). Glen has volunteers lined up for all of the Carpet classes, but there are still a few Dirt pulling classes that volunteers are needed for. And if you are only available to tech a class that is already taken by an individual that has volunteered for more than one class, let us know and I suspect those "double-volunteers" would be glad to give you one of their classes to spread the work load more evenly. So ya better get busy sharpening tires, and charging batteries (any maybe a bunch of other overdue stuff if you're like me) to get all of those pullers ready for the

Worlds. Oh yea, get your entries in early and you save money, plus the organization benefits knowing what classes will be running, etc. Look forward to see everybody at the Worlds. Have a great summer and early Fall!

If you can help at the 2009
World Championships on the pulling side, please contact
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once again.

Regional: The STPA once again did the Bowling Green pull I hope everything went well there. I was unable to get there this year but will try harder next year. It is really a great time. Bradenville had a monster truck race in August too. There is always something going on to attend. The next pull up is Orono in Canada free admission, free camping and any of the events at the fair are free. The tractor pull any musical acts etc. are free. So if you can get into Canada legally it should be a nice event again this year.

Local: Borderline pullers had the 19th Can Am championships in Hamburg again this year. We were lucky enough to get enough entries to break even.... even though there were a ton of weddings, people not able to get off of work and normal summer events that conflict with

anything else that goes on. Thank you for those who did make it. The next day we tried a demo at a real tractor pull in Murray, NY it was a small pull but everyone had a great time on a very hot day at the pull. They were able to get a monster truck to crush cars (the Virginia Giant) still a very potent monster truck.

see ya when I see ya

Joe

Time to Race by Paul Ovares

Hi Everyone. Are you ready for the Worlds? I've already started to this newsletter. Congratulations to get my trucks ready. The entry form was included in the last newsletter and my registration is in the town hall meeting. There were the mail. This event is shaping up to be very exciting with elimination and drag racing on Friday night. Timed lap racing and long jump will be held on Saturday. The racing conclusion and monster truck freestyle will be on Sunday. It seems that the competition keeps getting closer and more exciting. Keep an eye on RCMT for start times and other information. We are always looking for help with setup/tear down along with timekeeping and data entry. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me.

The results of the elections are in all the winners. Also included are the results of the proposals from good proposals this year and I hope the ones that passed continue to embrace new technology and help the club grow.

This will be my last newsletter article as a Monster Truck Director. I want to thank everyone who has helped and supported me over the last few years. Scott Taylor will be vour new Monster Truck Director after the World Championship Race. I'll see you at the Worlds. As always, in the mean time I hope you find some SWEET JUMPS!

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Small World in a Big Way

by Paul Ovares

Recently I had the opportunity to do two R/C demonstrations with DRR/C club #90. We started out on Friday night at the Monroe County Fair. Many NR/ CTPA members including Dan Dufore, Jim Grahl (Jimmy G) and Bobby Santoro (Hobby Bobby) attended to tear up some trucks and entertain the crowd before the show and during intermission. We ran into fellow NR/CTPA member Phil Grande who was in attendance taking pictures of the event. We had a variety of vehicles including Clodbusters, E-Maxxes and Slashes. I brought out my HPI 5T and Savage for some durability testing. The best part of this evening was that Dan Wyatt was driving a monster ride truck. All of the R/C drivers had the opportunity to ride shotgun in the cab after the show! It was a fun experience.

We were invited by the SIR monster truck team to do another demo on Sunday. Dan Dufore, Hobby Bobby and I headed to a local park for some sweet jumps. Ride Truck Dan was again giving rides in his truck.

Also on display were the Excaliber and Amsoil Shock Therapy monster trucks. The R/C group put on a great show and let a few lucky people in the crown drive some of the trucks. It was a fun weekend and a great way to introduce new people to our hobby.



Greetings Fellow NR/CTPA Members,

I hope everyone remembered to fill out and mail in your ballots. By the time you are reading this, the results will have been tabulated and the results are I am sure included in this newsletter.

If you have not gotten your trucks (both racing & pulling) & tractors ready, there is not much

time left. As of this writing, there is about 40 days until the "2009 NR/CTPA World Championship Event"! That time will FLY by! I know that I am really looking forward to pulling, as I have not been able to pull since the Springs. I have been kept very busy with the concession season; it has been a crazy one with the leap year. I have to get my pullers out of storage and see what I need to do to them.

THANK YOU to all that have stepped up and sponsored classes for the 2009 World's Event. If you have not, it is not too late, if you would like to sponsor a division class please e-mail me at chris@philshobbyshop.com OR call me at 419-782-8020. The cost per class is \$60, EX-CEPT 4WD Modified, which is \$85. Sponsorship deadline is Tuesday, September 28, 2009.

Below is the list of classes and their sponsors:

Carpet Pulling

2WD Open I

2WD Open II

2WD Truck

4WD Pro Modified

Bar Tire Sportsman (Carpet)

Big Rig

Pro-Stock Tractor - Hooter Chassis & Hobby Shop

Dirt Pulling

2WD Nitro (15#) - Performance Motion

2WD Open I

2WD Pro Modified Electric - J & J Motor Sports

2WD Pro Modified Nitro (10#)

4WD Box Stock

4WD Modified Drive shaft

4WD Scratch Built

Bar Tire Sportsman (Dirt)

Digger - Rebel Street Pullers Association

Garden Tractor - Rebel Street Pullers Associa-

Gas - The Weed Wacker Pulling Association

Insane

Pro-Stock Tractor - S&S Motorsports

Racing

2WD Modified Tuff Truck

2WD Stock Tuff Truck

4WD Drive shaft

4WD Modified Monster Truck

4WD Modified Tuff Truck

4WD Open Monster Truck

4WD Box Stock

4WD Super Stock

4WD Tube Chassis

Modified 4WD Independent Suspension

Stock 4WD Independent Suspension

Sport Modified - No Limit RC

Novice

Retro

Exhibition

Friday Night Drags

Freestyle

Friday Night Elimination Race

Diesel Truck - Bartos Chassis

Hot Farm Stock Tractor (Dirt)

Hot Farm Stock Tractor (Carpet)

Brushless 4WD Truck (Dirt) - Smitty's Custom

Auto

Big Rig (Dirt)



21ST ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DETAILS

Date: The event is held on October 9, 10, and 11, 2009.

Place: Ramada Inn in Holiday City Ohio. Convenently located in the northwest corner of Ohio. Right at Exit 13 on 80/90, the toll road.

Time: The fun starts Friday evening. We will have a Monster Truck Drag Race Friday evening and elimination races. Registration is open Friday evening but not Saturday morning. The actual competition starts Saturday morning. Membership: Membership is required for this event. You may get your membership at the door or by

Registration: You can register early or "at the door" on Friday night. If you choose to pre-register you can download the form by visiting www.nrctpa.org. Registration for Novice is \$10 whether early or at the door. Registration for all other classes received or postmarked before September 9, 2009 will be \$15 per

Entries received from September 10, 2009 through October 6, 2009 will be \$20 per entry. The entries received during this time may be emailed, phoned, or mailed. Payment does not have to come with en try during this time but is appreciated.

Registrations received at the door will be \$25.

Credit Card/PayPal: PayPal payments may be sent to <u>sales@nrctpa.org</u>. At this time PayPal is the only way that we take Credit Cards.

Hotel Reservations: Hotel Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 800-851-8300. Be sure to mention the event in order to get the special rate.

Racing: We will have two pairs of racetracks set up for a total of 12 classes. You will race against the clock (except in drag racing Friday night) but you will do it in side by side format.

Pulling: We will have two carpet tracks with 8 classes running. We will also have two dirt tracks with 13 classes running. Each entry will get 3 attempts at the "qualifying" weight. If more than one vehicle makes a full pull the class will have a pull off. In the pull off the vehicle will get one attempt to make its best pull.

Freestyle Competition: This is a competition for racers to have some fun at the end of the event. Each participant will be given a certain time limit to "show off" and have fun running over obstacles. This event will take place Sunday afternoon after the racing is finished. It always proves to be a good time.

Drag Racing: This is a just for fun and bragging rights event that happens Friday night. Designed mainly for vehicles that run in the 4WD Modified Monster Truck class. Rules will be posted soon. This event will be run side by side with the winner moving on.

Elimination Racing: This is just for fun and bragging rights that will happen after the Drag Racing. This is a side by side competition with the winner going on. This will use obstacles much like the full scale monster truck racing. Drivers will be pared up by qualifying run times.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

BY HELEN SINGLETON

Balance as of June 30, 2009\$7,496.44 **EXPENSES**: Printing\$ 311.86 Magazine Ad - RC Car Action\$ 400.00 Total Expenses:\$1,319.16 INCOME:\$ 0.00Balance as of August 29, 2009\$6,177.58 (PayPal balance: \$125.02) See you in October! Repectfully Yours, Helen S.

ELECTIONS

BY MATT WILKINS

Thank you to everyone that took the time to return your ballots from the last newsletter. I think that we had a record number returned. The results on many elections and topics were very close. So for the results; Joe Kilian is once again the President, Dave Engle takes over as Vice President, Helen Singleton continues to take care of the treasury, Andy Linkenhoker has stepped up and was successful at being the write in selection for Secretary, Chris Bercaw will take the position of Executive Director.

Pulling Directors elected are; Ed Finchum, Jarred Jones, and Kirk Hunter. Elected to the Monster Truck Director positions are Jim Grahl, Tim Powers, and Bari Musawwir.

Now for the 18 proposals; Proposals number 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 were successful in passing. All of the other proposals were defeated.

The above listed officers will take over on October 12, 2009. Please understand that the current Association address and contact information will change as of that date. Please contact Joe Kilian for the new address or contact information.

CHRIS CONTINUES.....

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Many of you may not know, unless you are on RCMT, among the NR/CTPA membership we have some recovering members: Kevin McPherson had back surgery about 2-months ago. He is doing well and will be returning to work soon. Also, two members were in an ultralite accident the first part of August. All of these members need our con-

tinued prayers for speedy recoveries so that they can come back to the events. Having said this, if you have been thinking about helping, now is the time to stepup and help. We will be needing help at the World's event to help fill in where these three have filled in before . . . I know that there are many of you out there that have in the past and will in the future step-up and help but these three were depended on a

lot to do things that they might not be doing at this event so others will have to do. EX: Setting up the smoke system Track Maintainer Scoring, both on and off track tabulating scores between rounds these are just a few things that we might need help with.

See you in just few weeks!

Chris Bercaw

2009 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PREPARATIONS BY MATT WILKINS

This is the newsletter where we usually go over some preparations for the up coming event. The World Championships is just a few weeks away. Right now the board of directors is busy wrapping up final details. As we usually discuss around this time is who is going to do what? The pulling side has a bit of a dilemma in the fact that for the last few events we have relied on Dave Engle and Audrey Pisiak to do the track prep, Head Track Official and score keeping. If you have not heard yet, Dave and Audrey were involved in an ultralite plane crash a few weeks ago. Both received substantial injuries but are well on the way to recovery. If they are able to make it to the event, which looks very doubtful right now, they will not be able to resume their full capacity as in the past. We are wishing for a speedy recovery for both of them.

The pulling side will need an announcer, score keepers, track maintenance, and a Head Track official. The racing side is rounding up help fairly well but will need help for breaks and such. Fill in Marshalls are needed also as many participants run multiple entries and therefore cannot possibly be in both places at once.

Next I want to cover respect of the hotel. Please remember while you are at the hotel that it is a nice place. We are lucky to have our event in a place that hosts weddings and other nice events. If your mother, father, wife, husband, grandmother, etc, wouldn't let you do it in their living room, don't do it in the hotel. The halls are not for testing your new truck. The pool is not a place to see if your truck will

float. The hotel towels are not for cleaning your vehicle. Please bring your own rags. Any machining, drilling and such should be done with due caution and preferably outside. Please remember that we do not have the hotel to ourselves. We need to be respectful of the other guests. Staying in the atriums all night is not a good plan. If you wish to party, please take it to your room. Remember it is against the rules to consume alcohol during event activities.

The tables that are set up in the hotel are set up that way for a reason. Please do not take the tables somewhere else. If you wish to have a table in your room please bring your own. Under no circumstance are the tables in the "Hobby Room" to be removed from that area. It would be appreciated if anyone that can bring an extra table. Please do not cover any of the sponsor banners.

When you get checked in please head to the Hobby Room to get your entry packet. In your packet you will receive the entry form, the Program, door prize tickets, participant plaques (limited to the first 100 participants), and any other neat stuff that we can get for you. Please fill out the entry form as best as you can. Please even fill out the places listed for the manufacturers of the equipment you use. Some day we may use this to provide the sponsors with the information that we are using their products. Be sure to sign the form and return it to the registration desk. You will get a bag with your stickers in it along with a slip telling you the entry information. Place the smaller dot on the chassis. The large dot should go

on the body. For the Monsters try to place the dot facing the rear of the truck. This will allow the timekeepers a better view of the number (you may want to put it on the top or front for concourse). Pullers should place the dot facing up so that the track official can see it. The door prize tickets are for you to keep. The numbers will be drawn during the weekend. Inside the program you will find a schedule. Take a look at that as soon as you get it. If you wait until Saturday morning to read it, you may be too late. Concourse normally starts at 7:30am Saturday. We would hope to get as many as possible out for that competition. You will also find the ballot for "Best of Show" as voted by the participants. Be sure to get out Saturday morning and vote. Some times it is only one vote that separates first and second.

If you enter the wrong class or wish to change classes we will have a form that will need to be filled out. We also will have you fill out the form to receive a refund. You will receive your refund the same way you paid your entries.

Towards the end of the weekend we will be looking for help for packing up. By this time everyone, including the officers are tired. The fastest way to wrap up the weekend is to pitch in and help load the equipment up. No awards will be handed out early. All the trailers need to be loaded before the awards can start. The pulling side is usually done before the racers and may have the hardest stuff to pack up. If you are at all able please help.

Most of all, everyone needs to have a good time, and if everyone pitches in that will happen.

Car Crushing

The worlds will soon be upon us before we know it. A lot has changed since the last event. The nrctpa is going to be seeing some different faces on the board. We will be saying goodbye to some and welcoming others. Even I myself stepped down from the board this summer. I plan to stay on with the promotions committee of the club and help with setup of events. I believe this is where I will best suit the club. I can now put more energy towards the promotions position now that I am not on the board.

At this time we are going to have a few different guests at the event. One that I would like to mention right now is rc4wd will be coming in this year. We look forward to them making it out and thank them in advance for helping us out.

Extreme rc car magazine did a nice full page ad for the worlds event and we also ran an ad in radio control car action. A great thanks to all the sponsors who have committed themselves to our 21st worlds event.

That's it for right now. I am finish-

ing some last details on the clubs new set of 40 crushed cars that will be debuted at the worlds. A special thanks to Joe for painting and trimming the bodies. Joe also picked up the foam; I assembled the bases, painted the bases and mounted the bodies. Phil Grande came out and did some sanding on the faux wheels as well as some painting of the bases. Brad Pitt was doing the final finishing of the system that mounts the cars together....what a project. Thanks to all involved. Hope to see everyone soon. Eric Krush

Bye by Matt Wilkins

So this is it, the last newsletter that you will hear from me. Four years ago I took on a project that was much larger than I thought it would be. Oh, I knew it would be no cake walk but I did it anyways. Most people resist change with every fiber of their being, most of the time I embrace it. Personally I get board doing the same thing over and over. Four years ago I put out a survey at the World Championships. I found out that as many of you are for change as are not for change.

Four years ago Jan and I also got involved with rescuing Great Danes. I would not have guessed how this would change our lives. We keep busy with this pretty much everyday. In four years we have not gone with out a foster for more than a couple weeks and that has only happened twice. We got our first foster in June of 2005 and we adopted her. Some of you have met our Zazu. Since that day we have shared our home with 60 more Great Danes. We bring them in, get them healthy, get their shots up to date, and have them altered so that

they can not reproduce. Some times this is a fast process, sometimes this takes months. Each dog is held for a minimum of 15 days to temperament test them.

Currently we are taking care of a 5 year old that was surrendered by her owner that wouldn't take her with him. She did not receive proper preventative medicine and has heartworms. Yes, that means that she has worms in her blood system. She received two shots last week. They inject an insecticide directly into her muscles. For the following 30 days, she is confined to a crate except for short leash walks.

As you can see this "hobby" is a lot of work. It involves some driving and some time on the weekends. I never know where we are headed. Much of the time, I don't know where we are going until a day or two before we go. We have had experience with the ups and downs with fostering. Nothing makes us happier than finding a home for a Dane where they will get all the love that they deserve.

By now you are wondering what this has to do with R/C. Not much, I just want you to know that I will be busy once I stop working for the association. I do plan to come around from time to time. I have decided to stay home next February. I hope to come down for a night during the Springs and the Worlds next year.

Somewhere in this house I have a Clodbuster body that I believe is in near mint condition with all the stickers on it. If I can locate it, I plan to raffle it off at the World Championships and donate the proceeds to Great Dane Rescue Inc. One dollar per ticket or six for five. Should you wish to donate to the cause you can visit www.greatdanerescueinc.com for more information or contact me about the body.

Thank you to the NR/CTPA for 21 years of fun and excitement. I look forward to having just as many good times as I go forward. I hope to see most of you again and if not it has been good to know you.

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