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## FROM THE JOE ZONE

-JOE KILIAN-



From the Ioe Zone...

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. The Executive Board has agreed to leave the dates of the WORLDS the same as last year which means the lhobby event is the next weekend. Creating "The Greatest Week and a Half in R/C". The Board is trying to come up with alternatives to keep the money down so everyone that wants to can try to make it. We have also agreed to start sending the manufacturers the newsletter stating with this one. Also, The Association will be trying to email this to as many members as we have e-addresses for.

The Executive Board agreed to disband the promotions committee and try a new direction. At this writing I have sent 145 promotional packages out to vendors looking for sponsorships this will continue until I cannot find anymore to send to...New this year.... if you sponsor at the WORLDS we will also promote your product at the Ihobby a 2 for 1 deal..(thank Darren Mealy for that idea) The Association will be beating every single bush out there for sponsorships. The Association also has 14 confirmed sponsors so far and we have only been at this since Dec 30, 2011. So it looks promising so

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THOUGHTS -CHRIS BERCAW-

Greetings NR/CTPA members:

I hope you all had a great Christmas and your 2012 is going great so far. I know I did have a great Christmas and 2012 is going well for me so far.

As you look at the calendar you will see that the Super Pull is coming up real soon. I hope you all — or a good portion of you — can make it to the event. It is a great event. County Line does a great job of putting on this event.

In preparation of the 2012 rulebook being published there has been some changes

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to a couple racing classes. I am sure the racing directors will be talking about this in their articles, so make sure you read about these changes.

Talking about 2012 rulebooks . . . I heard Joe say that he was planning on having the rulebooks printed so that they could be handed out at the Super Pull. So the more people that attend the event, the less postage it will cost to mail the books.

Hope all of you are making plans to attend the 2012 Spring Nationals Fundraiser, Worlds & iHobby events. These dates were in my last article and I am sure will be listed somewhere in this newsletter. Since iHobby & the Worlds are so close together, why not make it a 1-1/2 week long R/C racing and /or pulling event.

From the number of calls & e-mails I am getting from new people asking about the hobby of R/C pulling we should have some new pullers coming to the events soon.

Have a great day.

Chris Bercaw – executive director



Do you have article submissions?
Events to list?
Photos to share?
All submissions are welcome...
Please email sales@nrctpa.org!

# 4 Ed Finchum NEW YEAR FOR NEW FUN

I hope everybody had a great Holiday season. On the local front we ended the STPA season in December at the Sutphen pull located between Springfield and Urbana, OH. This was a great pull with a tremendous turn out. I can recall participants from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, and of course Ohio (there may have been even more states represented). We pulled 2 rounds with pull-offs, and had a "continuous lunch" with many grazing all afternoon. A big thanks to Jake for everything associated with arranging this pull. Good pulling, good food, and a great time! The next STPA pull will be the last weekend of January in Woodstock, OH. Join us there if you can for some more pulling and food (it's a "bring a dish" lunch arrangement). Yes there is a theme here in that we like our eating just about as much as pulling in the STPA (well at least some of us anyways...).

The Super Pull is rapidly approaching and I highly recommend attending that one if you can. Darren and the others at County Line put on a top notch event there. It may be cold out there in PA that time of year, but I'll bet the competition will be hot enough that ya won't even notice what's going on outside (BTW Darren, thanks for helping out with track maintenance at the Sutphen pull – great job).

The Springs is just around the corner, so get those pullers (and racers) dusted off, charged-up, fueled up, and ready to rumble. BETHERE !!!

Best Regards,

Ed





# 24th ANNUAL WINTER SUPER PULL

Presented by: County Line R/C Pullers

# FEBRUARY 25-26, 2012

Rocky Grove Fire Hall 29 Shuffstall Street, Franklin, PA 16323

Electric Monster Truck/Tuff Truck Classes
3 Pulling Tracks (Dirt & Carpet)
RUNNING ELECTRIC, GAS AND NITRO PULLING CLASSES

Concours Judging ◆ Freestyle ◆ 50% Cash Payback
Door Prizes ◆ Special Awards

#### ENTRY FEES:

- ◆ Entries received and paid in full on or before 2/10/12: \$15.00
- ◆Entries received from 2/11/12 until close of registration on 2/24/12: \$20.00 E-mail and phone in entries will be accepted during this time with or without payment.
  - ♦ Entries received on 2/25/12: \$25.00
  - ♦Novice Entries: \$10.00 regardless of date

# For Event Information visit:

www.countylinerc.org or contact:

Darren Mealy at 814-337-5481 or <a href="mailto:dlmealy@windstream.net">dlmealy@windstream.net</a>

# Hotel Accommodations, contact:

Host Hotel: Super 8 Motel (814) 432-2101

(You must mention "County Line R/C Pullers" to receive reduced rate at Super 8 Motel.)

Alternate Hotel: Arlington Hotel (814) 677-1221

NR/CTPA Rulebook Version 8.0 will apply

NO PETS PERMITTED IN FIRE HALL

Class	Channel	Quantity	
CARPET PULLING			
2WD Open I			
2WD Open II			
2WD Truck			
4WD Pro Modified			
Bar Tire Sportsman			
Big Rig			
Digger			
Pro Stock Tractor			
DIRT PULLING			
2WD Nitro (15 lb)			
2WD Pro Modified 10lb Electric			
2WD Box Stock			
2WD Unlimited			
2WD Open I			
2WD Pro Modified Nitro 10 lb			
4WD Box Stock			
4WD Modified Driveshaft			
4WD Scratch Built			
4WD (12 lb)			
Bar Tire Sportsman			
Big Rig			
Digger			
Garden Tractor			
Gas			
Insane			
Light Super Stock Tractor			
Pro Stock Tractor			
Super Stock Tractor			
RACING			
2WD Modified Tuff Truck			
2WD Stock Tuff Truck			
4WD Driveshaft			
4WD Modified Monster Truck			
4WD Modified Tuff Truck			
4WD Pro Mod Monster Truck			
4WD Indep. Suspension			
Novice (\$10 entry fee)			
Sport Modified			

#### **ENTRY FEES**

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   Email and phone entries will be accepted during this time with or without payment.
- Entries received on 2/25/12 are \$25.00/truck.
- Novice entries are \$10.00/truck regardless of date received.

#### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name	
Address	
City, State & Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

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Please complete one entry form for each participant. Thank you. far. The NR/CTPA also has a new forum designed and are working out the people who might be included in that most likely presidents of all of the NR/CTPA clubs. We are trying to get the clubs closer to the executive board this way for more input or opinions. The Board has also reinstated Bart Maimone as Monster Truck director. Bart brings a wealth of knowledge to the position and should work out great. The Monster Truck directors have agreed to 1. Create an Elimination Racing "Official" event: Sunday after the conclusion of time trial racing.—One truck per driver.—Rules for 4x4 Pro Modified apply.—Entry fee of \$10.00 for early bird, \$15.00 after the deadline right up to the event. 2. Cut all Corr classes. The decision to cut CORR classes was not an easy one but it was felt that the association should return to Monster Truck Racing only and cut the branch racing off. If it is not officially a Monster Truck it will not officially be running at the events. The feeling was do what we do best and promote that. Several suggestions (complaints) from the worlds are still being considered one already agreed to is... to hire tech officials for pulling. They would be on the job all weekend (SPRINGS & WORLDS) and would be "no body's buddy" so measure and tech your stuff and make sure it conforms to the rules as written. Also every first in class dirt driver can turn down his first pull in every class...and the 10' foul line is in effect in every round except the pull offs. The Concours event will now be called the People's Choice event (because that is what it is) it will still be a concours event but the name will say exactly what it is...we will post some of the guidelines for the event and the people will judge as they always have.

Events on the horizon are the Hanger Pull in Central Square NY Saturday, January 2, The County Line Pullers have events every second Saturday of every month at Stoneboro, PA at The Big Dog R/C shop. the Illinois Monster Truck Series continues there in IL every month in Versailles IL. The Winter Monster Truck series by the R/C Motorsports group will also be having bi-monthy events in Rochester NY.....As soon as we hear of more confirmed dates we will let you know. With nothing pretty much going on in the winter sometimes it's a good time to hit the road.

Right now we are starting to line up what will be happening at the SPRINGS...Some different events for racing for sure and how this will all be run, by who, and also the awards program are being looked at.....some say charge 10 bucks no awards some want to keep it the way it always has been. We have been haggling for quite a while over this and it is not over yet...the results will end up in the rulebook though so there is no mistaking what is going to happen. The WORLDS awards has been the same for a couple years now and that will also be placed in the rulebook as well. I really hope everyone has a spectacular new year and wish you all good luck for the upcoming year. See ya when I see ya

hopefully @ the greatest week and a 1/2 in R/C!

See ya when I see ya Joe

### SPONSORS COMMITTED FOR 2012 WORLDS: 1. RC4WD

- 2. ONIEL BROS gold 3. Team Panther.....4. Haiyin 5. Boca Bearing 6. HexDex
- 7. RCCA 8. Tekin 9. Termyte 10. Hobbico 11. Castle Creations 13. J Concepts
- 14. Horizon Hobbies...... so far anyways 1/24/12

# 8 Mike Eckenrode Writes.....

Hello again everybody. Well, we are into a new year now and racing and pulling is starting up again. The Super Pull is soon to be here and I hope many of you will be attending. I look forward to this event every year because of the friendly atmosphere. Darren and Laura Mealy put together a great event so I hope to see many people there.

Some important points I'd like to bring up for the racing side of the NRCTPA is about several classes and some re-alignment. For a number of reasons, some classes have dropped off in numbers to where they are not supporting themselves any longer or they don't fit the overall description of that we do on the racing side. I will start by announcing that 5 classes have been eliminated effective beginning at the 2012 Spring Nationals. These classes are:

2WD Stock Tough Truck
2WD Modified Tough Truck
4WD Modified Tough Truck
Stock CORR

Two classes have been made to replace and update some of what was eliminated. These classes will be open for entry at the 2012 Spring Nationals They are:

2WD Tough Truck

Modified CORR

4WD Tough Truck

The rules for each are as follows:

#### 2WD Tough Truck rules:

- Must be a 2WD truck. Limited to only the Traxxas Stampede, Losi High Roller and Tamiya Blackfoot.
- 2. Maximum tire diameter is 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The maximum tire width is 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The minimum tire diameter is 4 inches.
- 3. 2S Lipo / 6-cell NICD/NIMH. Battery must be in stock location.
- 4. BL systems or brushed motor setups allowed.
- 5. Must be stock chassis and suspension.

#### 4WD Tough Truck rules:

- 1. Must be a 4WD Traxxas Stampede
- 2. Maximum tire diameter is 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The maximum tire width is 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The minimum tire diameter is 4 inches.
- 3. 2S Lipo / 6-cell NICD/NIMH. Battery must be in stock location.
- 4. BL systems or brushed motor setups allowed.
- 5. Must be stock chassis and suspension.
- 6. 4WD Stampede conversions allowed. Must use rims/tires listed in rule 2. Battery must be in stock location for the conversion chassis. Dual motors allowed (One rear motor, one front motor).

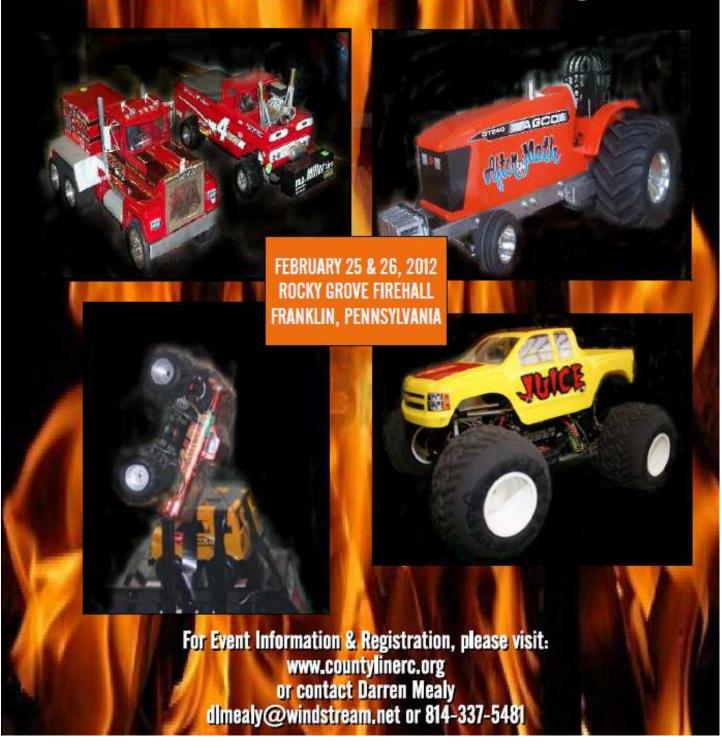
Thank you for reading and if you have any questions regarding the changes or class rules, please feel free to e-mail me at <a href="mailto:devastator2000@comcast.net">devastator2000@comcast.net</a> or visit the NRCTPA forum at RCMT.net on the web.

#### Mike Eckenrode





Electric, Gas & Nitro Pulling Classes
Dirt and Carpet Pulling Tracks
Electric Monster Truck and Tuff Truck Racing Classes



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Event Name	Date(s)	Location	Contact	Events
Dirt Nationals	April 14-15th	Central Square NY	Dave Engle	Dirt Pulling
County Line events	2nd Sat monthly	Big Dog R/C	Darren Mealy	Carpet Dirt Pulling, Racing
24th Winter Super PULL	February (24-25-26)	Franklin PA	Darren Mealy	M.T Racing, Dirt & Carpet Pulling
Woodtucky Nationals	Jan 28th-29th	Woodstock, OH	Jake Haulman	Dirt Pulling
SPRINGS	May 4 5 6	Holiday City, OH	Joe Kilian	Carpet & Dirt Pulling Monster Truck Racing



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