

R/C PULLER

A VISION

BY MATT WILKINS

I have been at this president thing for nearly two years now and this will be my last article as president. I have pondered for some time about what I would say. I told my self that I would start on this early but I didn't. I wondered what it was that you want me to say but I didn't ask. So I would like to share some words with you about what this association can be. Some of this may be nothing new to some of you.

The NR/CTPA had its

first "World Championships" in Champaign Illinois. It was held in a gymnasium of Parkland College in the fall of 1989. I know, I was there. I have attended every World Championships since then and I plan to continue. In 1989 the NR/CTPA did not own any equipment. The one pulling surface was provided by the now defunct Mid Michigan Club. The timing system came from some outfit out of New York, I believe. ABC-something. All of the trophies were sponsored by Countyline.

I look back at that time and wonder what it was that our founders dreamed of when they started this. Normally when someone starts something they hope for the biggest thing possible. In our association that would mean we would have members all over the World. We would have affiliated clubs everywhere also. We would have a major influence in the manufacturing and retail end of R/C. We would have motors with our acronym on them. Magazines would cover our affiliate's event every month. If this was indeed

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Mike fills us in

By Mike Eckenrode

Hi everybody, I hope all have had a great summer. As summer winds down, we all know that the World Championships is rapidly approaching. Once again, we'll all be heading for Montpelier, Ohio for some great competition

and to get to meet friends and hopefully see some new faces.

We recently concluded the latest election of officers for the NRCTPA and so we welcome those who are stepping up to help lead the

club. Some people have been there before and others are taking office for the first time. Congrats to all alike for being elected. We all look forward to working together to help achieve success for the NRCTPA and its

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Pulling in Canada

By Tim Ludyka

Hello everyone

The OSPA Ontario Championship is coming quick \$5 a truck max \$10 per family, free admission and camping. Practice will be Friday with 3 rounds and pull-offs Saturday followed by full size pulls Saturday night.

There will 9 of us Cannucks heading down for the Worlds see you there if I don't see you in Orono. Call for passes 705-799-0465 Tim

MOVING ON DOWN

BY AL FOWLER

Hey everyone,

I hope your doing well and surviving the heat or wet weather depending on what part of the country you're in.

It's been a while since my last report due to some personal changes. It's a long story but to sum it up in twenty words or less Janet & I packed up and moved to middle Tennessee. The process started in the end of May & we moved the 11th of July. We are enjoying the 100 plus degree days and getting settled in.

This year brings changes to the Executive board and some division directors as well. I would first like to thank the thirty one members

who took the time to vote and return their ballots.

Congratulations to the newly elected Executive board members & division directors. . To the ones leaving office thank you.

I have been re-elected as your pulling director. I will continue to make every attempt to assist with topics or issues of interest in the best interest of all members of the NR/CTPA.

There will be a new twist to adjust to within the executive board. That is the Sectary & Treasures task being divided; one will now be in PA the other in Michigan.

It's going to take a little getting

use to for all of us & I do feel it was a change for the better of the association.

Matt & Jan have served their term well and made several improvements along the way. Thank You for all of your time and efforts. Thinking about it, only Jan is going into retirement, Matt is our new Secretary.

That's it for now & I hope to see all of you at the 2007 World event next month.

Remember the first rule of the day is to Have Fun

Al Fowler

Pulling Director

THE WORLD NEWS

BY JOE KILIAN

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National News

The time is closing in on the WORLDS our premier event of the season. We need volunteers for every aspect of this event. I hope a lot of you on the edge can make it there it will be a really nice time. With the elections behind us there are a few rule changes in there to look over please read you new rulebook when you get it especially the classes you run and see if anything has changed. I would like to thank all who voted for me in the last election I know you cannot please everyone but I will try and do what is best for the Association...again thank you.

Regional news:

The CNY pullers had a very successful event at the Syracuse fairgrounds in July. They had an excellent turnout and several entries from out of town which always helps out the event. This year's event was held in a different building from last year and from what I hear it worked out very well. This event features very large trophies you keep for one year and return the next year you name is then inscribed on them sort of like a Stanley Cup for R/C pulling. Another event which has been happening every summer has been the STPA event at the National Tractor Pulling Championships in Bowling Green, OH. this is without a doubt one of the best events all year...mixed with the championship tractor pulling at the hallowed grounds in OH you cannot get a better venue. This year's event was no exception. Championship puller Joe Eder tested the track in Insane and seemed to get a real kick out of before he drove 2 vehicles on Saturday night that both had huge problems. The

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their dream, I share it with them.

In 1992 the NR/CTPA World Championships moved to Montpelier Ohio. Or to be more exact it was moved to Holiday City Ohio. This part of Ohio named for the hotel that bared the name Holiday Inn. This hotel has two atriums and we filled the largest one. First we did the truck pulling and then we did monster truck racing. It was a very basic system. Eventually everything got so big that we ran both at the same time. We ran out of space. Everyone was crowded so the racing moved to the smaller northern atrium while pulling and pit space filled the larger southern atrium. This too changed when the monster truck racing needed more space so the switch was made. Monster truck racing took the larger atrium and pulling moved to the smaller one. As the time has passed we have lost some pit area to accommodate the growth but this has worked.

The company that I work for has a branch in Boise Idaho. I was recently curious about the city. I stumbled on to some information that I pondered on. Within 45 minutes of Boise are 615,528 people. Now I am no expert at this but just how many of these people would be interested in radio controlled truck pulling or monster truck racing. What if 1/10000 of that population would be interested? That would be 61

people. That would make a nice affiliate. What if they wanted to drive to the World Championships? I did a survey at the event that afterwards I took office. I asked everyone how far they would travel. Very few were willing to travel more than ten hours. Even less were willing to fly.

Don't get me wrong, I really enjoy going to the hotel that has become the Ramada Inn. Take out a map of the United States. You will see that Holiday City is in the center at the bottom of a peninsula. Not very many people can travel directly to the hotel from the northwest or northeast. This comes down to the old saying "location, location, location". Do we host our events in the best location in order to grow this hobby? What would happen if we found somewhere to go say 250 miles south of where we are? How many people would we gain and how many would we loose?

I have a feeling that there are many cities out there with 61 people that would like to do what we do. According to the Census website the mean center of population of the United States is Phelps County Missouri, just south of St. Louis. This is some 550 miles southwest of Holiday City. Now I don't recommend we go to Phelps County and find a place to relocate to. I do think that we need to explore our options. Before I took this position I was under the impression that people wanted the events to move around and I am one of those people. Eventually we could get to the point where affiliates could host the Association events. Every year it could be in a

new city, a new city for those traveling to explore, a new city with different people, different culture, different restaurants, and different things to do.

Recently I spoke to a Director that was telling me how much he enjoyed what we do and how it is so close to home. That is something that I don't want to see change. We need to keep the fun in what we do. We also would also need to be careful of how fast we moved the events from our current location. I had looked into a fairground in southern Ohio that was quite appealing to me. Looking at a map it turns out that anyone that travels through Cleveland to Holiday City would only add around 20 minutes to their trip. I am hoping that all of you will think about this and make sure that your board knows your wishes.

As it is for now, I will see you September 27 in Holiday City Ohio. By the time you receive this newsletter you will only have a couple days to get your early entry in. These need to be post-marked by September 8. You can still send Paypal funds to sales@nrctpa.org. After this deadline you can enter for \$25 for a little while longer. Please get those in and enter often. Let this event be our best ever.

Thank you, Matt

THE WORLD NEWS

BY JOE KILIAN

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STPA group has this event down cold we were able to get 2 separate events in that weekend and everyone had a really awesome time.. See you there next year.

PS the campgrounds were totally off the hook when we went back there Saturday night I guess no one sleeps back there for 4 days.

Local News:

The Borderline Pullers held their 17th Can Am Championships at the Erie County Fair in Hamburg, NY in early August. we were fortunate to have 60 entries total for pulling and monster truck racing continuously for about 6 hours of entertainment at the Fair. We ran both divisions at once so it was a lot like the WORLDS but on a much smaller scale. We most sincerely thank the CNY pullers for coming and the Scale tractor pullers from Canada for also making it out. They really made the event what it was. Dave Engle and Tim Ludyka worked the track all afternoon until it was very presentable (a huge difference from the ultra dried out piece of dirt they started with.) Hopefully next year we can get some real dirt in there and have a lot better track than what we have been using. Again thank you to both of those clubs we really appreciate all of the help and the attendance at all of the events we held all year long. The next event up here is Orono Ont. at the fair that is there. If you can make it there is free admission, free camping, a free concert normally and a free tractor pull.....you can't beat that.... see you there.

See ya when I see ya

Joe



Great Dane Risqué Calendar on sale

Great Dane Rescue Inc. has put together a calendar of the people that volunteer for the group along with some good looking Great Danes. So now is your chance to see some of my friends discretely naked. Some of you may already know if I am in it but the rest of you will just have to buy one to find out. Go to www.greatdanerescueinc.com to order. All of the funds raised go directly to rescuing Great Danes. Thank you. Matt

FROM THE PROMTION COMMITTEE

BY MATT WILKINS

We are still looking for sponsors for the 2007 World Championships. The expensive class is taken so all that is left can be had for \$58 per class. That does include the Concourse awards. Here is the list of classes that are sponsored as we have it at this very minute;

Dirt Classes,

Dirt 4WD Box Stock, available

Dirt Big Rig, Available

Dirt Insane, Available

Dirt Gas, Kevin McPherson

Dirt Garden Tractor, STPA

Dirt Pro-Modified Electric, Ballz Racing

Dirt Pro-Modified Nitro, Available

Dirt 4WD Scratch Built, McGuire Chassis

Dirt Bar Tire Sportsman, Available

Dirt Dual Motor Modified, Available

Dirt 2WD Open I, Available

Dirt Open II, Available

Dirt Mini-Rod, Available

Dirt Dual Motor Super Stock, Available

Dirt Digger, Available

Dirt Bruiser, Island City Detailing

Carpet Pulling

Outlaw Garden Tractor, Koogler Pulling

Carpet Pro Stock Tractor, Hooter Chassis & Hobby Shop

Carpet Big Rig, Available

Carpet Bar Tire, Available

Carpet 2WD Open I, Available

Carpet 2WD Open II, Available

Carpet Dual Motor Modified, Available

Carpet Pro Stock 4WD, Gene Nine

Racing Classes:

2WD Stock Tuff Truck, Available

2WD Modified Tuff Truck, Available

4WD Modified Tuff Truck, Available

Stock Emaxx, Available

Modified Emaxx, Available

4WD Tube Chassis Monster Truck, Team BNB

Novice, Available

Sport Modified Monster Truck, Team Scream Racing

4WD Box Stock Monster Truck, Available

4WD Super Stock Monster Truck, Tweaked Racing

Open Monster Truck, Castle Creations

4WD Modified Monster Truck, Thundertech Racing

4WD Driveshaft Monster Truck, Available

Exhibition Classes,

Friday Night Drag Races, Excessive RC

Freestyle, Available

2WD Nitro (15lbs), Available

2WD Super Sport Truck, Available

Concourse Awards,

Monster Truck, Available

Puller, Available

Retro, Available

Dash Plaques, Available

Please take this opportunity to support the association that brings you the enjoyment of this hobby. Your sponsorship will help the association to continue improvements in equipment and many other ways. We are also looking for door prizes and trinkets for the goodie bags. We will make sure that we give you as much credit and advertising as we can. Thank you!

R/C MONSTER

FILLING US IN

BY ERIC KRUSH

The votes are in well at least the votes that came in. First I want to say congrats to winners and thank you to those who ran. But I will say I am disappointed to see that only 31 people voted. Even though it does not seem like it your vote is important. I also want to say a special thank you to those who will be stepping out of office to other positions or no position at all. Thanks Matt I believe you have done an excellent job as President and to Jan for your hard work too. I am sure Matt will do great in his new position. I also want to thank Brad Pitt....he has been the vice

president for a number of years and an asset to the club. I am sorry if I missed anyone.

The worlds event is coming are you ready? If you are not do not feel bad I will not even be ready when the race has finished. Anyhow if you or someone (or company) you know has sponsored a class or donated to door prizes....Please thank them or yourselves. These donations are important they help keep more money in the club (that's less money the club spends on trophies and more that they can spend on equipment and costs) Any help is appreciated so thanks in advance once again.

Now one more thing not to forget is the lhobby expo in Chicago on October 18, 19, 20 and 21. This is your chance to come and do some racing in front of a crowd for fun and help promote the hobby. We would love to have some pullers on hand and some of their equipment too. This is one of the best chances to show a very diversified group our little corner of the hobby.

Who is going to get the super secret world's award? You say you don't know what that is mmmmm well I guess you have to wait. Any person with an entry can win. If you really want to know ask our current president and see if he will tell you. (Bet you five bucks his lips are sealed) Good luck.

LET'S GO RACING (AND HELP)

BY BOBBY SANTORO

From the Desk of Hobbybobby: Hello all NRC/TPA Members. I am the New Ast.MT.Director and the Worlds will be my first event. I will try my best to do the best that I can. Speaking of the Worlds I hope that everyone has their Trucks / Tractors ready or they are getting them ready. I know that I am still working on mine. If anyone can Help out at the World's Please let Me (HB) know by calling me at (734)778-1321. All monster Truck directors please help out as much as you can we all need to do are part to make the world's run smooth. Hopefully by the time the World's are here Thunder Tech Racing will have out the New Corr Pro2 Truck. I hope that everyone had a Fun an safe Summer. Not much else going on right now so I will see All of you at the World's. "Let's Go Racing" Later Hobbybobby

iHobby Expo

By Matt Wilkins

The iHobby Expo is coming up very soon. Darren Grillo of Thundertech Racing has arranged for us to be involved. We will once again be able to do Monster Truck racing most of the four days. To get involved with this event call Darren at 815-467-0621. This is a volunteer opportunity. There will only be fun in front of people to reward you. The association will probably do promotional shirts for anyone that shows up to race.

This is a great opportunity to see the latest and greatest in our hobby. Most of the manufacturers are there to talk to you. The event is October 18, 19, 20, and 21. The 20 and 21 is the dates that the public is welcome. The other two days are for Hobby-shops and such. You will need a pass to get in on those dates. Make sure to contact Darren to arrange that. We hope that many of you will come down to show of and support the association.

Thundertech has arranged for a good deal on a hotel and here is the information;

SUPER 8 Chicago / O'Hare 2951 Touhy Ave. Elk Grove, IL 60007 (847) 827-3133 www.super8ohare.com

Group Rate is \$68.39 per night.

15 (fifteen) rooms are blocked under the name (Thunder Tech Racing) from 10/17/07 to 10/21/07

All of these rooms have 2 beds.

All reservations must be made no later then September 15th. After that the standard room rates will apply.

Room cancellations must occur before 4:00 PM on 10/05/07 or a fee may be charged.

Rooms include the following amenities:

Indoor heated pool & spa (7:00 am to 10:00 pm)

Exercise room & game machines.

Deluxe continental breakfast (6:00 am to 10:00 am)

Free local calls & Voice mail.

Free wireless high speed internet access.

Cable TV with over 50 channels including HBO.

Mike fills us in

By Mike Eckenrode

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membership. Also, thank you to all who voted. Voter participation was a little lighter than we had hoped so perhaps in the future, we can look forward to more people participating in the election process.

In closing, I'd like to say thank you to all who came out to par-

ticipate at the MJ8 event that was held at Bradenville, PA. We had a nice turnout and as is typical, saw some new people attend. There was a lot of great racing action and some very close races. It was very nice to see a broad scope of representation at this event as well. There were members of both the NRCTPA and the RCMTRA in attendance this time and that was great to

see. Two very different forms of monster truck racing came together at our event and it was a great time for everybody.

Well, I hope everybody can enjoy the little bit of summer we have remaining and hope to see everybody at the World Championships in September.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

This is it. This is the last time that I will be writing to all of you. I hope that you all know that I have tried to do my best for the association and I hope that it shows. There are many out there that have helped me do my job. From scorekeepers to my husband to everyone that has helped, I thank you! Matt and I have made a new area in our house for the secretary's stuff. It is even fenced off to keep our foster kids out. I will still be around to help here and there but I am already enjoying having my desk to do my scrap booking.

Now for what you want to know about. Last month ended with \$8441.77.

This is what has happened since then. We have received \$145 in membership renewals and \$648 in entries. We also received a partial sponsor payment of \$10

We have paid out \$214 for printing; add design of \$250 for the nice full color worlds add. We paid the postmaster \$172.58 for postage. Our first payment towards the new sleds of \$900. And a promotional body cost \$90. We paid Paypal \$4.14 to accept paypal funds.

All this figures out to leave us with \$7613.61.

Now for the elections. 31 ballots were received and here is how it ended up:

President- Joe Kilian

Vice President- Gene Nine

Treasurer- Helen Singleton

Secretary- Matt Wilkins

Executive Director- Bart Maimone

Monster truck directors- Craig Borden, Jim Grahl, John Etzler, Paul Ovares, and Tim Powers.

Pulling Directors- Al Fowler, Chris Bercaw, Ed Finchum, Glen Singleton, Vince Nelson.

All of the proposals passed with the exception of #3. These will go into effect when the new rulebook becomes effective in March.

Thank you to everyone that took the time to vote. Good luck to all of the new officers.

Thank you again to all that have made my job easier.

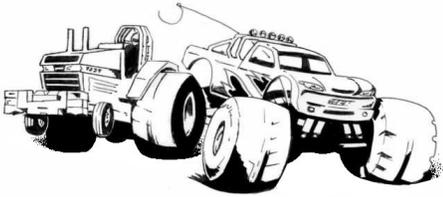


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