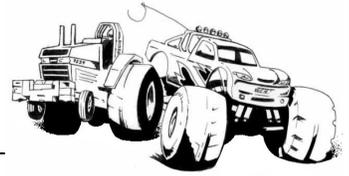


NR/CTPA NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year!

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FROM THE JOE ZONE

BY JOE KILIAN

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LOCAL: Borderline pullers will be beginning their Glenwood Pulling and Racing series in beautiful Springville, NY on January 6th with 2 more events on February 24th and March 30th this is an indoor facility that accommodates nitro and electric racing and pulling. There is a sub shop right across the street if you get hungry. Springville is basically an agro community with a pleasant historic downtown district. A lot of dairy farming goes on in Springville.

REGIONAL: The Rochester racing group will have their events on Jan 6th & 20th, Feb 3rd and

17th and March 2nd and 16th. In addition to the winter pulling series in Syracuse the CNY club they will have a regional event on January 19th and another regional event in March that is not nailed down yet. So if you race or pull in the northeast there is a full card almost every weekend in the upcoming months ahead. These clubs put a lot of work into these events and they are usually well attended.

NATIONAL: The County Line Pullers will be having their annual Super Pull on Feb 9 -10 this year. Those people with vehicles that are on

the probation list would be urged to attend as the Super Pull is one of the events that the vehicles are counted for on that list. It has always been a nice time and the County Line crew will take care of you when you are down there. Executive board news starting with vote # 6. **EVERYONE:**

There will now be 6 directors per side: In an attempt to downsize the executive board into a more manageable size the board has decided to downsize the board to 6 per side. **EVERYONE:** will now allow brushless motors in modified motor classes.

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Welcome new Officer Glen Singleton

by Glen Singleton

."Hello:

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me.

The hot topic for the board is the brushless motors in pulling and racing which I don't understand very

well. I see it is the way of the future, but we need to experiment a little to see what would work the best. I also think that the members should vote on this because it will be a major change for some people.

If you have any questions or comments, let me know. I might not know the answers, but will try and find them somewhere.

Don't forget the Super Pull!

Glen S."

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Looking forward to the New Year of competition

by Paul Ovares

Hi Everyone. It's an exciting time of year! The new race season is almost upon us. First up on my list is the Super Pull on February 9-10. The County Line guys do a great job every year. I've seen some of the most interesting tracks at this race but it seems that freestyle is the main event! Following that up is the March R/C Monster Madness race in Connersville, Indiana. I also hear talk of a "scale truck challenge" at this event. Leon always creates a good event and atmosphere. I highly recommend attending both races. If that wasn't enough, my local club (DRR/C #90) is putting

on their second annual Michigan Carpet Off Road Championship. Last year the event showed big attendance but this year the buzz is huge. This year it will be held at a bigger venue (Gibraltar Trade Center in Taylor, MI) on February 22-23. Imagine racing with four other clods for five minutes on huge jumps. Banging doors and trying to be the top qualifier. The track is more of a supercross track with jumps that would normally be reserved only for freestyle! They also race stadium trucks and buggies but the clods usually steal the show once they roll in the track. If you are interested in more informa-

tion on this race, contact Hobby Bobby (contact info in the front of the newsletter).

We have some new vehicles and technology that is becoming more mainstream (E-maxx, Brushless, LiPo, etc.) and the executive board is working on getting all the information so intelligent choices can be made to incorporate them into our organization. It's gong to be a great new racing season. I'll see you at the races. In the mean time I hope you find some SWEET JUMPS!!! Later, Paul

Brushed vs. Brushless

by Chris Bercaw

A DC Brushless Motor uses a permanent magnet external rotor, three phases of driving coils, one or more Hall effect* devices to sense the position of the rotor, and the associated drive electronics. The coils are activated, one phase after the other, by the drive electronics as cued by the signals from the Hall effect sensors, they act as three-phase synchronous motors containing their own variable frequency drive electronics.

BLDC Motor Pros

- Electronic commutation based on Hall position sensors
- Less required maintenance due to absence of brushes
- Speed/Torque- flat, enables operation at all speeds with rated load
- High efficiency, no voltage drop across brushes
- High output power/frame size.
Reduced size due to superior thermal characteristics. Because BLDC has the windings on the stator, which is connected to the case, the heat dissipation is better
- Higher speed range - no mechanical limitation imposed by brushes/commutator
- Low electric noise generation

BLDC Motor Cons

- Higher cost of construction
- Control is complex and expensive
- Electric Controller is required to keep the motor running. It offers double the price of the motor.

* **HALL EFFECTS** refers to the potential difference (Hall voltage) on opposite sides of a thin sheet of conducting or semiconducting material in the form of a 'Hall bar' or a van der Pauw element through which an electric current is flowing, created by a magnetic field applied perpendicular to the Hall element. The ratio of the voltage created to the amount of current is known as the Hall resistance, and is a characteristic of the material in the element. Dr. Edwin Hall discovered this effect in 1879.

A Brushed Motor has a rotating set of wound wire coils called an armature which acts as an electromagnet with two poles. A mechanical rotary switch called a commutator reverses the direction of the electric current twice every cycle, to flow through the armature so that the poles of the electromagnet push and pull against the permanent magnets on the outside of the motor. As the poles of the armature electromagnet pass the poles of the permanent magnets, the commutator reverses the polarity of the armature electromagnet. During the instant of switching polarity, inertia keeps the classical motor going in the proper direction.

Brushed Motor Pros

- Two wire control
- Replaceable brushes for extended life
- Low cost of construction
- Simple and inexpensive control
- No controller is required for fixed speeds
- Operates in extreme environments due to lack of electronics

Brushed Motor Cons

- Periodic maintenance is required
- Speed/torque is moderately flat. At higher speeds, brush friction increases, thus reducing useful torque
- Poor heat dissipation due to internal rotor construction
- Higher rotor inertia which limits the dynamic characteristics
- Lower speed range due to mechanical limitations on the brushes
- Brush Arcing will generate noise causing EMI

FROM THE JOE ZONE

BY JOE KILIAN

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This is only for modified motors not econo mod motors racing has embraced this pulling has backtracked on this.... more on this later.....8. EVERYONE: to achieve the desired number only 3 positions will be posted over the next 2 years on each side. self explanatory...but every year from now on only 3 positions will be filled on the ballot after 2 years it will be 6 total per side....9. RACING: add new independent suspension Monster Trucks to E maxx class: more new trucks have been let into the Emaxx class it is next to imposable to keep up with new trucks being released from time to time and we always wind up a year or 2 late, this is proactive10.

PULLING: remove hook and go from the rulebook add 2 minutes to get vehicle running: with the ballot vote allowing 2 minutes to get your vehicle moving the "hook and go" rules have become obsolete.11. PULLING:

Gas tractor body rules. Any scale appearing body is allowed. if an econo mod tractor or mod tractor it needs fenders, roll cage, seat, steering wheel and an instrument panel...a further definition of the gas tractor (modified tractor appearing vehicles) hopefully this will make these vehicles more appealing and more to scale12. EVERYONE: remove the phrase "no Neodymn magnets" from the rulebook to allow brushless motors: every brushless motor has a neodyme stator (arm) in it this had to go if brushless comes.13. EVERYONE: Keep the header "NEWSLETTER OF

THE NATIONAL RADIO CONTROL TRUCK PULLING ASSOCIATION. COVERING TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULLING, TUFF TRUCK, AND MONSTER TRUCK RACING": a decision to keep the current header on the newsletter .14. PULLING raise the dollar limit 10\$ on econo mod motors to \$60: an attempt to allow more motors in econo modified classes 15. RACING...drop the dollar limit on mod motors except sport mod: the racers have decided to drop the dollar limit on modified motors the feeling was nobody pay list for these anyways and a lot of the racing motors are above that anyways.16. PULLING: allow brushless motors in Modified classes only: pullers have decided to use brushless in modified motors ONLY....this has resurfaced in discussion as to exactly when this will happen: more on this later 17. PULLING: use the class's dollar limit on brushless motors in the modified class: if and when this brushless change comes the dollar limit will be used as before to limit expensive motors.18. PULLING allow a few more new vehicles into the "bruiser" class to keep it going they are: Tamiya ford 350, HPI wheelie King, and the Tamiya Toyota Hilux high lift: after passing this a reread of the current rules revealed that actually any r/c vehicle can fit into this class if it fits dimensional rules but the 3 vehicles listed were an attempt to bring more vehicles into the mix other than the "Bruiser"19. PULLING: remove "All vehicles must have either *original equip-

ment or scratch built shields around the cylinder,

Crankcase": this was an original rule for this class that was never really teched anyways; the new shielding safety rules will cover all flying parts if any occur these motors never "explode"20. PULLING: change the name of the Bruiser class to 4WD MODIFIED DRIVESHAFT: a further attempt to encourage more vehicles into the "Bruiser" class by changing the name of the Bruiser class to "4WD MODIFIED DRIVESHAFT" 21. EVERYONE:

Change back to the old system of numbering the newsletters: a decision to go back to continuous numbering of the newsletters. WHY did you do this? some things have moved ahead of the Assn , some things needed cleaning up.... and it was felt all of this could not wait until the SPRINGS BRUSHLESS MOTORS: This is a new direction for the association brought on by recent trips to the ihobby and in particular "castle creations" an outstanding brushless company, as a sponsor for the nrctpa. The problem being for the past 5 or 6 years we have banned brushless motors...So why would any company sponsor us if their product was banned? (Outside of Open monster and Insane puller). Brushless motors are everywhere now can be purchased (mostly online) everywhere and a lot of local hobby shops also stock them now. For racing it is not much of a problem there are currently a

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FROM THE JOE ZONE

BY JOE KILIAN

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few systems ready to go. Pulling on the other hand really demands a lot from ESC's and motors and only looking at specs and charts (not a lot of field testing so far) American based companies sell small cell count systems and a few 14 cell monster truck systems. These would probably be OK for racing. So far the tested motors for pulling have done so on dirt; carpet may present a whole new set of problems, heat being the most critical. Brushless motors can demagnetize if they are over heated severely...it is not known if brushless can be used on carpet...really not a hell of a lot is known about any pulling applications...Our club (Borderline) has tested inexpensive BL boat motors for pulling 2X and they won once (Open 1 and Sportsman...however Sportsman will not be running them probably ever)...It is felt that just because you have one of these motors does not mean that you would necessarily win on dirt anyways...AND you would still be able to run your brushed motor if you wanted to, they would still be legal. Since we have been pulling for the last 20 years the big modified brushed motors had to go to boat or airplane motors. Only a 2 companies actually made pulling motors that I know of, "Black Magic" and "Astro Flight."

Example: the Pull 4 was a Astro 25 boat motor with a 6 turn arm in it.

The Astro 60 is a plane motor...that is where Borderline looked for motors to use. Boat and Airplane motors are a lot stronger and cheaper for some reason than racing products. The ESC's and motors we are considering are way less expensive than the brushed

counterparts most of which are out of production anyways. If you need one of these brushed motors however contact: Hooter Chassis they have a couple parts and motors left that might help you out. In my reading of the rulebook with "no neodym magnets" taken out (which has been agreed to) they would be legal in Open 1 and Insane right now. The classes effected if brushless motors are allowed in would be both of the garden tractor classes (C&D) the 2wd Pro Modified electric (which would close the gap between nitro and electric there) Open 1, Dual motor modified, and Open 2 (D&C) ONLY....a suggestion has been made to run these classes along side the brushed motors and see what happens and use them next year. Since the motors our club have been looking at are way under \$100 closer to \$50 (even the big ones) we need to limit motors in 05 motor classes to the small can size normally around 51mm's or only by using the dollar limit as the rule these huge motors could be used really tipping the scales way too far. So, that would also be a suggestion. ESC's we have been looking at are also under 100\$ even for 36 cell capacity. Again these are airplane ESC's and need a converter to run with pistol style radios (unless you want to go to a stick radio) that is about 13\$...NOW WHAT DO WE DO? one line of thinking is....we have waited for 5 or 6 years what is the problem with waiting longer....another is... bring it up at the SPRINGS and put all of this on the ballot.... a possible problem is when go to i hobby to show off our hobby do we tell the brushless people wait until next year? or

we use them now? or have a couple made up to run which would be legal after the worlds (or not if not voted in)....do we test this stuff during the year?...IMHO you would have to allow the tested vehicles to be counted towards the probation list or some classes would be cutting their own throats.... some of these modified class are on the ropes and only need poor attendance at one more event to go exhibition again...So this is where we are in pulling only...racing is moving on....I feel that this will invigorate the classes that will be running these motors.... the vehicles will really come alive for sure...They are better motors (on dirt anyways) no maintenance, no special secret motor preparations (only adjust the ESC for that) everyone is on the same page and the ones we looked at (some that were tested are really cheap)...The question is: when will this happen?

...your thoughts I guess. We are all still discussing this and trying to find more out. A few members have been already contacted and are willing to demo these vehicles on dirt only so far. By the time you read this it could be all sorted out but as of right now 12/27/2007 it is still up in the air. I know that is a lot of words and no pictures... sorry.

see ya when I see a ya

Joe

THE CHANGES ARE A COMIN'

BY ERIC KRUSH

The 2007 I hobby show seen some exciting changes in Rc that directly relate to our racing division. The changes hit our rules pretty good. First item that we knew was coming is Brushless. Brushless has now been voted in by the board to be legal in all Modified racing classes except Sport Modified. All classes that are stock or stock related will remain the same. With companies such as Traxxas selling RTR brushless vehicles we no longer could keep the rules the same. This change came from the manufacturers and we just have to do what we can to comply. This change also affected motor pricing limits. The pricing limits have been dropped on all modified racing classes except sport modified. This will allow easier teching of equipment and bypass all the gray

areas of pricing with brushless equipment.

Our next change was Traxxas related again with a hint of Hpi. Traxxas has changed the Emaxx. The emaxx now has a single speed gearbox with a different final drive ratio. Our stock Emaxx rules say that you cannot change pinions. Now there is no choice. The stock Emaxx needs to be able to be made to an acceptable level to compete with the new Emaxx. Heres the Hpi hint that I was talking about. Hpi's Esavage and the Hot Bodies Ezilla are very comparable to the Emaxx. There will now be a name change to the Emaxx class and Mod Emaxx class to now allow these other vehicles. Rules will be varied slightly.

We needed to include these other vehicles and modify the rules for a few reasons. The Hpi and Hot bodies vehicles legally had nowhere to go and with the manufacturer changes from Traxxas we needed to over hall the class.

I hope that these rules will help the Nrctpa grow. We need to stay with the times and keep updating our rules. The manufacturers are always changing so we do have to do the same. Only the rules that were manufacturer based were changed. Any other wording changes, class additions, or subjects of that nature should be brought up at the next Town Hall meeting at the Spring Nationals. Please let myself a board member know if you have any concerns related to this topic. Thanks Eric Krush

Ring in the New Year

By:JAY Jordan

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! Now that we've got all our new toys, it's time to get our old and new trucks back into action! Winter is a great time for some general maintenance and making sure everything is running correctly. Since it's the New Year, it's time to make your New Year's (hobby) resolution!! It could be a simple goal such as going a whole weekend without

hitting a cone or not getting a red light or simply not breaking anything. Those that are new to our club may feel intimidated or overwhelmed at first. Remember that we have all started in the same place at one time and we are here to have fun. Set reasonable goals and work your way up. Don't be afraid to ask any of our members for help. If you don't know something, just ask. That's what we are here for. I know many

MT events are coming up in the next few months such as the WMB in Bradenville, PA in January, Winter Super Pull in February and the March RC Madness in March to name a few. These are great events to attend as well as the larger events such as the Spring Nationals and Worlds events. Be sure to stop over at one of the events closest to your area for some fun. See you at the next event! JAY

The New Year in review

By Eric Krush

Well here it is the New Year. I hope that our readers have had a good 2007. The Nrcpta has a great year ahead of us to look forward too. Most of you know by now that we have the nrcpta website back in house and its up and running. Matt Wilkins deserves a pat on the back for all his efforts. I myself think the site has a lot to offer and it's attractive to our viewers. Any questions, comments or contributions please fell free to let Matt know.

Events are coming up quick. By the time you read this the Monster Bash in Pennsylvania will have taken place. The Super Pull is very near date wise being Feb. 9-10 in Franklin Pennsylvania. Leon Booths race which is labeled March Mad-

ness will take place in Connersville, Indiana on March 8. Derick Pero has posted on the nrcpta forum on rcmt that they have several events in the 1st quarter go to RochesterRC.com for more details. These are the real close ones. Of course we cant forget our spring nationals event on May 2,3 and 4 in Montpelier Ohio along with the 20th running of the worlds event in the same location on October 10,11 and 12. The weekend following will be the lhobby expo in Chicago, Illinois on October 16-19. (I am going to tease this but I hobby should be huge for us this year....) Lets not forget the Diggers Dungeon race at the home of Grave Digger Memorial Day weekend. Seems like there is alot to look forward to event wise. Speaking of which get out to a Monster Jam show near

you. Monster Jam has become a newer sponsor to the Nrcpta lets support them too. I know myself I am looking forward to heading to Las Vegas for World Finals this March.

In review I will just say I am looking forward to the New Year and all the upcoming events. I have been having fun working with our sponsors. These companies have been great to us. Lets make sure we tell them who we are when you order or call about products. Check my other article which refers to the new rule changes that are getting ready to be put into place for the upcoming year. That's it for now. I look forward to seeing everyone at the shows or chatting on rcmt.

Thanks Eric Krush

Ed's View

By Ed Finchum

Greeting Pullers!!! It's good once and a while to reflect on the previous year. Fortunately I had the opportunity to pull at most of our local events including my favorite STPA pull at Bowling Green OH and it was great that a few NY pullers were able to attend that one. The last STPA pull of 07 was at Trenton OH and we were pleased to have several participants from out of state including KY, IN and IL. At Trenton, some of the "Weedwacker Pullers" ran their gas trucks and tractors along with some STPA Gas pullers on a 50-60 ft track in a very casual run-what-ya-brung "fun-test" that drew quite a crowd. Around mid-summer I was lucky

enough to travel up to the Central NY club's Grand National pull in Syracuse and I highly recommend that event (they also experimented with an "extended" 40 ft track that resulted in faster ground speeds adding to both driver and spectator fun). And I ran at both the Springs and Worlds, so it was a good year for me in terms of pulling, and mostly because of the opportunities to spend time with so many good friends in the pulling community.

As I look ahead in 08, I hope to hit as many events as I can including maybe the Super Pull

(which will be a first for me). I encourage everyone to try to make it to at least one pull each year with a club outside of your region. As a visitor, I really enjoy the new experiences with other clubs. On the other hand, when long-distance pullers are able to attend one of our STPA events I think we all gain from the exchange of new ideas, and friendship.

Pull for fun, and have fun with friends!

Ed

EVENT INFORMATION

MARCH R/C MONSTER MADNESS!

Saturday. MARCH 8th 2008

EXPO HALL 2697 Park Rd CONNERSVILLE, IN.

ENTRIES: \$10 ea. (NR/CTPA and NON NR/CTPA racers welcome!)

*******NEW for this year*******

SCALE TRAIL TRUCK CHALLENGE

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County Line Super Pull Information

Super Pull

I hope everyone is having a good holiday season. As you all know, the Super Pull is coming up here soon. I just want to let all County Line members and those wishing to join County Line know that membership fees are due at the end of February. There will be a place on the entry forms that should be en-

closed in this newsletter for membership fee's. I'd also like to mention that the Super Pull layout will be different. We have elected to change the set-up so that the pulling side and monster truck sides are switched, so MT's will be by the stage and pullers will be by the food. There are on-line entry forms available at RCMT and <http://www.angelfire.com/pa/countyline/superpull>. The forms

should be pretty self-explanatory. If you have any questions, just e-mail pettyrc@lycos.com or countylinerc@gmail.com. Happy holiday's and I hope to see you in Franklin, Pennsylvania at the 2008 County Line Winter Super Pull. Hotel rooms at the Super 8 are \$65 this year. Mention that you are with County Line or Vince Nelson to get a room.

I CAN SEE THE FUTURE

BY GENE NINE

Hello again. Hope everyone made it through the Holiday's OK. You got what you wanted and not what you deserved? Time for the winter blues to set in. The Superpull is coming up quickly and a good way to relieve them. Hope to see everyone there. The board is working

on getting Brushless motors into use and Lipos in the near future. This can and will be a good change. Brushed motors are getting harder to find and also more expensive. Brushless is getting easier and cheaper! Lipo's are getting close. The goal is to get them in use while keeping the playing field even!

There should be a few trucks at the Superpull running exhibition using BL. Here is a good chance to see and ask questions. Get your registration in for the Superpull. The Super 8 is the guest hotel again. Franklin Super8, 814-432-2101. Tell them you are with the truck club. See you there.

FUTURE OF MONSTER TRUCK RACING

BY MIKE ECKENRODE

Hello All, I hope everybody enjoyed a great holiday season to finish off 2007. Now that 2008 is here, we soon will begin another year of competition in the NRCTPA. I'd like to talk about some of the technology that has been available for a while now in the rc world. Brushless motor systems and lipo batteries have been the topic of discussion with the directors and bringing them into

the club. BL systems will be allowed for 2008 but we are still gathering info on Lipo power so it will have to wait a little longer. I feel that allowing BL motor systems will offer people new options to compete with and help reduce some of the maintenance we've grown accustomed to with standard brushed motors. New technology always brings new questions and we felt that now was a good time to begin allowing them into our organization. These systems have

been widely available for ground use for some time and more and more companies have stepped forward to offer them to hobbyists and racers. Hopefully, this will begin a new era in competition within the NRCTPA that will provide benefits to everybody from competitors to race officials.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see everybody at the upcoming Super Pull.

PLANNING AHEAD

BY CHRIS BERCAW

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! It is not really 2008 as of this writing, but it will be when you are reading this! I hope that 2008 is a great one for you! I also hope that the Christmas season was a joyful one for you and your family. I know it was a nice time for me and my family.

As we all prepare for the New Year, let's all plan to attend the 2008 World Championships, scheduled for October 10, 11 and 12 2008 I know it is a little ways away, but it is a special one as the NR/CTPA celebrates 20 years of having the World Championships. To find out more on the History of the NR/CTPA, check out the new website, located at www.nrctpa.org, then on the left side click the "About" link. Once you have checked that out, look around at all the other valuable information that Matt has worked

so hard at creating for the reference and promotion of the NR/CTPA. Good Job Matt!

As it is cold outside and you are thinking what you are going to do as it is too cold to be outside, what about going over those trucks and tractors (racers or pullers) and make sure that they are in top condition for the events that are coming up in the next couple months. I know that is what I am going to do as soon as the business at the Hobby Shop slows down a bit. :o)

A couple words from the Promotions & Publicity side of things Now is the time to be starting to think about what class(es) that you want to sponsor for the Spring Fundraiser and World's. Don't wait until the last minute to sponsor, as the class(es) that you want may be taken. The membership and local businesses have been really supportive in the past and I hope that they will continue in the

future. Also, for those of you that have Internet access, check out the NR/CTPA thread on www.RCMT.com for topics that us directors need and want your opinions on. So check it out and give us your opinions on topics that could affect you.

The 3rd Annual STPA Spring Invitational will be Saturday, April 19, 2008. The event is located inside at Summit R/C Raceway, 1421 Goshen Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46808-2011. We will have dirt pulling and possibly monster truck events (if I can get things squared away for the MT event). Look for the flyer coming soon to the NR/CTPA website and maybe to the March newsletter.

Let's make the NR/CTPA **great** in 2008, by coming to as many NR/CTPA & local events as you can! Upcoming events are located on the website & in this newsletter.

TREASURER'S CORNER

BY HELEN SINGLETON

"Happy New Year! We want to wish everyone the best in 2008." This is my first treasurer's report; so bare with me.

EXPENSES:

iHobby - Tshirts, display & print display	\$ 332.04
print - newsletter	\$ 103.46
postage - newsletter	\$ 164.90

<i>Total expenses</i>	<i>\$ 600.40</i>
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INCOME:

Membership Renewal; Frank Karpinski	\$ 30.00
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<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$ 30.00</i>
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BALANCES:

Michigan Acct. Bal.	\$1,715.51
New Acct. Bal. in PA	\$ 500.00
PayPal Bal.	\$ 470.28
Check for deposit	\$ 30.00

<i>Balance</i>	<i>(\$2,715.79)</i>
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Respectfully Yours,
Helen S.
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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUPER PULL

BY VINCE NELSON

Hello Everyone,

I have been very busy here in PA this fall. I would like to wish you all the very happiest of New Year's. The County Line Super Pull is nearly upon us. Do to prior commitments I will not be able to compete this year but I do hope to come up for a day. I hope to see you all there this year. The new layout should make for a great time for all. Of course remember when you go to Bonanza to ask for the special 99 cent Prime Rib special.

Vince

More Super Pull information on page 8 and in the enclosed flyer.

THE WEBSITE

BY MATT WILKINS

Now that I am not in charge of money or the president I had to think about what to talk about. Most of the greatest news has been told and sometimes told twice. I certainly appreciate all of the articles that the officers have written for this month.

Certainly the big news for me is the website. A few months ago I didn't have a clue how to build a website. With a lot of trial and error, books, and watching online help videos I have accomplished something. If you have not taken a chance to view the site I hope that you will soon. The address is www.nrctpa.org.

The .com address will take you there too. The site has somewhere near 30 internal pages. The menu list is easy to follow for the most part. There is a colorful links page. Thanks to John Etzler's photography there is somewhere near 500 photos of the 2008 World Championships. This is also the first time that the 2007 Spring Nationals photos are available online. The Rules, bylaws, newsletters, and some event flyers are available in the downloads page. The "about" page has some great history of the association. All of the officers contact information is there and up to date. The affiliated clubs have their own page. At this time some of the pages need some work and I am working on that.

One thing that I need help on is the links page. I would like to fill it with logos of organizations that help in the hobby and bring interest in to our site. If you are a representative of a company that we should have there let me know. If you know of a site that we should have there let me know. You can email me at webmaster@nrctpa.org or irescue@att.net.

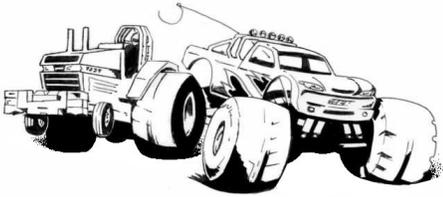
I hope that you all take the time to keep an eye on the calendar page. Eventually this should be the way to find an event in your area. If you have an event be sure to let me know.

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Saturday. MARCH 8th 2008

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May 2,3,4, 2008

20th NR/CTPA World Championships

October 10, 11, 12, 2008.