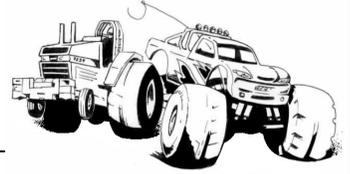


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Hello Again

By Gene Nine

By the time you read this this Springs will be in full force. You will either be reading it at the event or at home. Hopefully it is at the event! Although we all understand the many reasons why some are unable to attend. We won't even mention the \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ of a gallon of fuel.

All of you should have received your new rule-book with the last newsletter. Many many thanks to Matt for all of the hard work done on it. Thank you as well to all of the

Directors for their work put into it as well. It may be a lot different, but ultimately it should be easier to go to a specific area to get the info that you need. We all have to realize that most of the rules had been in use since the late 1980's. An UPDATE has been LONG overdue. Most things have not changed. More wording issues to allow clear up where to allow the new vehicles to run. Also, changes to allow new technology to be used as well.

As for the Springs, hopefully you are there. Thank you to all the people and companies that Sponsored a class or classes. Also, thank you to the people that did the work to get them. I think the committee has been a fantastic job with the trophies and door prizes. They have put in a lot of time and work. Thank them in person. I look forward to seeing everyone. Hope that those that could not attend the Springs can make it to the 20TH WORLDS!!!!

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FROM THE JOE ZONE

BY JOE KILIAN

This is kind of an odd report for the newsletter with the probability of you not getting this until the weekend of the SPRINGS. Normally I would reporting on how the event went or interesting highlights but such is not the case...If you do happen to get this before the SPRINGS I hope you try and make this event it is really important that we

do well at this fund raising event each year it helps with the bills. SO on to what has happened so far withe WORLDS please try and make this event. A lot of planning and decisions have already been made on the SPRINGS and WORLDS. One Highlight is that RCTV will be on hand this year to do a show for TV (and computers) this

year and also a huge commitment from Radio Control Car Action Magazine has also come in. This is HUGE!!!! both of those news outlets will help spread the word immensely...Thank you to both of those companies we really appreciate your support. There will also be a few more surprises we are working on I hope

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TREASURER'S CORNER

BY HELEN SINGLETON

April 25, 2008

Hello Everyone:

Spring is finally here!! Hope you are enjoying spring cleaning, cleaning up the yard, mowing lawn, etc. I know everyone around here was certainly ready for a good change in the weather.

Here is the treasurer's report for APR;

Balance, February 25, 2008(\$1,777.80)

EXPENSES:

Postage/envelopes 188.38

Printing/newsletter 457.40

Debit/foreign check 4.42

TOTAL EXPENSES\$650.20

INCOME:

Membership Renew\$ 30.00

Sanction Fee 20.00

Sponsorship/Spr Natls 08/Worlds 07 100.00

Pre-entries/Spr Natls 08 1,871.00

PayPal Transfer 500.00

TOTAL INCOME: (\$ 2,521.00)

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 25, 2008 (\$ 3,648.60)

BALANCE/PayPal (\$ 641.26)

Respectfully Yours,

Helen S.

Treas., NRCTPA

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STPA Spring Invitational

by Chris Bercaw

Greetings NR/CTPA members,

The NR/CTPA Spring Nationals is here! As you are reading this - if you received your copy of the newsletter via your entry packet, the event is going on and I wish you all the best of luck! If you could not attend this year's event and received this newsletter later . . . I am sure you missed out on a GREAT event. I will report on that next newsletter. :o)

I would like to say, THANK YOU to all that sponsored classes at the Spring Nationals, I am proud to say, that there was just a couple awards that had to be purchased by the club that had entries and no sponsor. GREAT JOB! I hope we see the same generosity when we are looking for World Championship sponsorships!

The 3rd Annual STPA Spring Invitational was held Saturday, April 19th in Fort Wayne, IN. THANK YOU to the STPA and all that came to support the STPA in their event. We all had a great time, if you missed this year's event, there is always next year. Stay posted to this newsletter, the NR/CTPA website or RCMT for the 2009 date.

There were not any racers at this year's event, but the one that did come we converted to be able to pull our sled. Here are the results with their best pull listed. Thanks to Brenda Grady for keeping score for this event.

Garden Tractors

1 Ed Finchum	27' 7-1/4"
2 Ed Finchum	27' 5"
3 Chris Bercaw	24' 11-1/4"
4 Kevin McPherson	24' 9"
5 Chris Bercaw	22' 7-1/4"
6 Mark Damewood	10' 0-3/4"
7 Kevin McPherson	18' 9-3/4"

4WD Scratchbuilt

1 Mark Damewood	18' 9-1/4"
2 Don Remley	18' 7-1/4"
3 Chris Bercaw	16' 9-1/4"

Box Stock

1 Ken Ownes	27' 10-1/4"
2 Brad Titus	25' 5-1/4" (E-maxx with zip tie hitch)

2WD Pro Modified

1 Mason Grady	29' 4-1/4"
2 Chris Grady	28' 7"
3 Joe Berry	28' 2-1/4"
4 Jake Haulman	27' 7-1/4"
5 Mark Damewood	26' 4"
6 Joe Berry	25' 11"
7 Levi Haulman	23' 11-1/4"
8 Mason Grady	15' 1-3/4"

Pro-Stock Tractor

Joe Berry
Jake Haulman
Chris Bercaw
Joe Berry
Chris Bercaw

15# Nitro

1 Ed Finchum	25' 6-1/2"
2 Richard Triftshouser	24' 5"
3 Mark Damewood	18' 5-3/4"
4 Kevin McPherson	17' 4-3/4"
5 Richard Triftshouser	9' 5-1/4"

Gas

1 Ed Finchum	FP	23' 9-3/4"
2 Ed Finchum	FP	23' 1-3/4"
3 Kevin McPherson	FP	11' 10-1/4"
4 Richard Vespo		26' 11"
5 Tim Anderson		25' 3-1/4"

FROM THE JOE ZONE

BY JOE KILIAN

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all of those also work out. At the SPRINGS this year we hope to have a bluetooth enabled scoring system and new style of announcing to try out. For a couple years now we have used this system in the northeast and it has worked perfectly...but as you know every time you say something like that something goes wrong but i am still confident will work. You always have to be careful when laying the smack down.....According to several post i have read on the MT side they also are working out a few details to change that system a little I am not sure what they are doing but they do have plans. I was happy to hear that. Quite a few people took advantage of the early bird 15 dollar entry plan and I was glad to see that too. With prices of everything going up we were trying to give our members a little break I how you all took advantage of that.....This will also be in place for the WORLDS so enter early and often thank you

for that....NO major changes from the executive board for this report we were busy working out event details.

***Local*:** Borderline pullers had their last winter event at Glenwood R/ C March 30th we had 36 entries and it was a super day and everyone had a great time. I was also lucky enough to get to one of Derrick Pero's events at Bandit R/C race-track. It was racing only but they have a really good way of doing it there and have unbelievable sponsors. They also had a kiddie track there for the youngsters which was a big hit there they used 1/32nd small monster trucks going over quite a few obstacles with flashing lights and every child got an award. outstanding! They were waiting in line all afternoon for that. The competition was really hot there and it is a super place for an event.

***Regional*:** The Central NY pullers had their dirt nationals on April 12-13th it featured the bluetooth scoring system 64 entries and a ca-

tered lunch both days. The food was outstanding the deserts were really super!! They also had free camping on grounds which several people took advantage of that offer and it was really fun shooting bull until the wee hours each night. the event was over by 2:00 and then Sunday lunch was served and they handed out the club designed and made awards....and it was still early enough for most to get home before dark. This was their 20th Dirt Worlds and they keep getting better all the time. There were quite a few upsets this year which really made it interesting..

***National*:** *It is imperative for everyone to make the WORLDS this year and try to help out with the i hobby show the next weekend. You have all summer to make plans and save up so I hope we can get a huge turnout for both events this year.
see ya when I see ya
Joe

Glen Talks

by Glen Singleton

"Hello everyone:

They told me I had to write my article; so here it is "MY ARTICLE."

PS. I had a call from Bud Woodruff a couple of weeks ago and he said to say hi to everyone. He really misses coming to the events. He and the Lois are doing pretty good. He probably would enjoy hearing from you that know him and even if you don't. Just to let them know we still care.

Here is Bud's address:

BUD WOODRUFF

698 PLEASANT PLAINS RD. E

RICHMOND IN 47374

Until next time,

Glen

Pullin' Weeds

by Ed Finchum

Spring is for Pulling Tractors, Trucks, and Okay ... Even Weeds !

On the local front, the STPA held it's 3rd annual Spring Invitational pull at the Summit RC Raceway in Ft Wayne, IN. We had some rain that day so it was great that the pull was indoors. Attendance was down a bit from last year. Enough pullers were there for some good competition in all classes. There was no racing this year for lack of turn out so we didn't get to test Matt's new timing system. Hopefully we can pull and race there again next year because that is a nice location, and it is a good time of year for getting the vehicles ready for the new season, or to try some different set ups. I'd like to thank Chris Bercaw for all that he did to set up and make

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Election time

by Eric Krush

I will start off saying that it's hard to believe that it's coming up on election time all ready. I believe that I have tried hard in my position and have made progress over my term. I also would hope that you will consider me come voting time as I would like to run again. The divisions are thinning down a bit so the choices will be harder to make for the voters. It is the member's right to vote so please doesn't give up that right. Thank you Eric Krush

In just days we will be at the 2008 spring national's event in Montpelier, Ohio. This event looks to be like another fun one for the books. We also have the Town Hall Meeting on Saturday night at the event. This is your chance put up your voice to the board so don't pass it up.

I don't want to take anything away from the spring nationals but as I did last newsletter I want to discuss the importance of the 2008 20th running of the world's event. I had nicknamed it w-20 for short. The Nrctpa needs to make sure w-20 is our biggest and baddest event to

date. Sponsors we need your help we have not asked for much over time but we ask for your help now. The sponsors will be key for making this a big event. Another key is bringing in the members. Not only our present members but new members, past members and visitors are welcome. This is the Nrctpa's premier event for the year and the 20th running only makes it that much more special. Please consider all these items when planning for this event. The most important thing about this event we be the group of good people this club has putting the w-20 event together.

As a member of the Publications and Promotions committee I have had discussions with sponsors about the w-20 event all who have had interest or maybe all ready be on board. I would like to throw out some of the names here to possibly pre-thank them in advance. Parma, Tamiya, Traxxas, Castle Creations, Hpi Racing, Trinity racing, Team Scream cell matching, Xtreme rc magazine, Monster Jam, Thundertech Racing, Proline and No Limit rc club. These are all spon-

sors who have taken the time to talk to me about this event (if I left someone out I apologize).

Some other notes for now include the 2008 I hobby expo in Rosemont, Illinois. The event is October 16-19 and it will be the third chance the Nrctpa has been allowed to do demos at. We talk about getting magazines to our event but hey they are here for us. Just think we have the chance to be in front of every magazine, most sponsors and the public eye. I cannot express the importance of the Nrctpa putting on a good show for the crowds here. We will not only have a racing/freestyle track here but will also have a 8 by 50 foot dirt pulling track with bleachers on both sides. This is another excellent opportunity for us that should not be passed up. Please contact me if you are curious.

I would hope that by now you will have received your new rulebooks. If you have any questions on them please ask. That's it for now. I look forward to the upcoming events and I hope that you do to. Thanks Eric Krush

Pullin' Weeds

by Ed Finchum

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the event happen. Any of you that have been involved in the organization side of an event know how much time, thought, and effort it can take. A big thanks goes out to Jake Haulman and his entire family for bringing and setting up the track. And Brenda Grady did a fine job handling the scoring/tech and tried to keep us in line (a tough job with this group, LOL). So here's to

you, Chris, Jake and Brenda for making it all happen, and allowing friends from at least 4 states get together for fun and good times.

I know a few people that typically attend the Springs are not going to be able to make it this year. I'd like to suggest that anyone that was unable to attend the Springs for whatever reason, consider using some of the money you didn't spend, or "saved" so to speak, to sponsor a class at the Worlds. Al-

though it's not exactly the same as going to the Springs, it would sure go a long way toward helping the organization be in a position to put on a really great Worlds this fall. There are already plans in the works to have some visitors from at least one RC magazine at the Worlds, so lets try and do all that we can to support the organization and put on the best darn Worlds ever!

Ed

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S
DESK**

BY MATT WILKINS

It is time for the much anticipated Town Hall Meeting. I hope that you have your topics ready. This is an important time for you to participate in the associations operation. It gives you the chance to voice your opinion. I hope that you take the time to do that. We will also be having the election of three officers for each division. Please make your nominations carefully.

Once the Spring Nationals is complete, I hope to get some more work done on the website. I have heard that the site doesn't work the best on some explorers. I will see what I can do with that. I also hope to have a database worked out by the fall that should make registration easier.

Classifieds

For Sale; Clodbuster Axle's. These would be good for pulling or crawling. They have full bearings. \$50.00 each. Contact Matt Wilkins at 269-793-7908 or irescue@att.net

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For Sale; Misc tires and wheels. Some vintage stuff. Mostly Clod stuff. \$10.00 per pair. Contact Matt Wilkins at 269-793-7908 or irescue@att.net

NR/CTPA World Tour 2008

21st Annual Winter Super Pull

February 10-11, Rocky Grove, Pennsylvania

2nd Annual Michigan Off Road Championships

February 22-24, Taylor Michigan

2008 March Madness

March 8th, Connersville Indiana

2008 Monster Blast Finals

March 16, Rochester New York

20th Annual Dirt Nationals

April 12-13, Central Square New York

3rd Annual STPA Spring Nationals

April 19, Ft Wayne Indiana

Spring Nationals Fundraiser

May 2-4, Holiday City Ohio

New York State Grand Nationals

July 19-20, New York State Fair Grounds

Summer Monster Bash

August 2-3, Bradenville Pennsylvania

America's Fair Championships

August 9th, Hamburg New York

The 42nd annual National Tractor Pulling Championships

August 15-17, Bowling Green Ohio

North American Championships

September 13, Orono Ontario Canada

20th Annual NR/CTPA World Championships

October 10-12, Holiday City Ohio

iHobby Expo

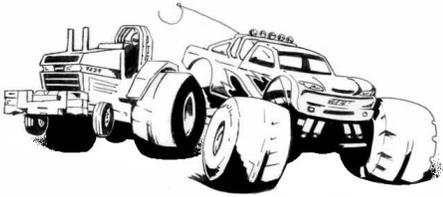
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