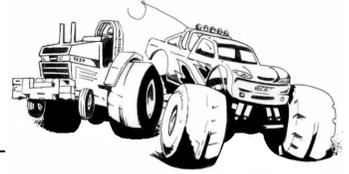


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Recognizing Labor!

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Preparing for October

by Eric Crush

Hello all I know everyone knows whats going to happen in the near future yes The 20th running of the worlds (w-20) is upon us. W-20 is expected to be our biggest event to date. Our members have been working hard to get this event rolling and our sponsors have been helping us keep it going with great prizes. Hpi is our main title sponsor this year and will be bringing quite a few items to hand out (to say the least) We have to thank Extreme RC Car Magazine for their help with our advertisements that ran for two

months in the magazine. We are also supposed to have staff on hand from Radio Control Car Action magazine as well as Extreme RC Car Magazine covering the event. We have so many sponsors for this year in support of our big event that its just mindblowing and we have to be thankful for them helping us.

I encourage anyone on the fence about coming to this event to decide in favor of coming. Alot of special things are planned to make this event unique. Friday night will start

with an elimination race and then the drag racing event. Also on Friday night a special w-20 cake with refreshments will be served in the hobby room. We have our normal racing and pulling going on with talk of a few more racing side events that are being looked at too.

Any suggestions or comments about the event should be put towards your regional directors or someone on the board. We want this event to be one of our best that it can be.

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Summer Time in Ohio

By Chris Bercaw

The STPA has had a great pulling season with several great pulls; our last event (as of this writing) was the National Tractor Pulling Championships in Bowling Green, Ohio – August 15-16-17. We pulled in the grove behind the grandstand before the morning & evening sessions. The weather was great and so was the com-

petition. Each time we pulled, if you looked around you seen the bleachers were full and so was the perimeter of our pit area. The spectators, I think, had just as great of time as the participants. One of the highlights of the weekend, in my eyes, was when Jake Haulman presented a young man with his own Ready to

Pull John Deere Pro-Stock tractor that was donated by the STPA membership. This young man has helped the STPA the last couple years with track maintenance, measurements, sled retrieval, and OH and we can't forget . . . he was also Ed Finchum's personal pitman the last couple years.

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PREPAIRING *CONTINUED* BY ERIC KRUSH

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I also do have to mention that the iHobby expo is the following weekend in Chicago. We are still looking for racers and pullers for the event. This is four days of fun. It's a great way to show the public and the manufacturers what we do. The event is October 16, 17, 19 and 20th. Go to www.ihobbyexpo.com for more info. As mentioned above yes we need pullers! New this year will be a dirt track for us to showcase the pulling side of the club. For info on being a competitor at the event contact myself erick-rush@nrctp.org or Darren Grillo of Thunder Tech Racing at 815-467-0621

I look forward to seeing everyone at the w-20 World Championship's October 10, 11 and 12 in Montpelier, Ohio. For more info go to www.nrctp.org Thanks for now see you soon Eric Crush

Step Up

by Glen Singleton

Hi Everyone:

Not much good to say because I am a little upset with the Club. Seems like everyone wants their own way and paid for doing any kind of work. I guess I am from the old school where everyone got along and pitched in to help to make the Club grow; not what can the Club do for me. Too much of me, me and not enough we! We are here as a group to have fun and compete.

Hope to see everyone at the World's. Remember, do something to help, even if it is just a little.

Glen

Preparations

by Mike Eckenrode

Well, time is getting short now, the 20th Worlds is almost here. I know many are getting prepared for a spectacular event. I know I have much to do before I am ready but that is part of the fun. There is quite the buzz about the competition and it appears some of the classes will have a strong field of drivers in them. That is excellent news, the more entries we can get,

the better for everybody. I hope everybody can make it to this event and bring someone with you if you can.

I'd like to extend a thank you to those who attended the RC/MJ9 event in Bradenville, PA at the beginning of August. It still amazes me that we are on our 9th year of this event and still going

strong. The event saw many familiar faces, the same great level of competition and an atmosphere that was very positive and fun to be a part of.

Well, thank you for your time and get your gear ready to go for the 20th Worlds. It's the event of 2008 to be at so don't miss out. Come on out and enjoy the weekend with us.

Will Work for Food

by Paul Ovares

Hi Everyone! Are you ready for the 20th NR/CTPA World Championships? I can't wait for this event. I've started getting the trucks ready early this year and hope that they will all be complete shortly. This is shaping up to be the best event in our history and I hope to see you all there.

The regional directors have submitted some great track designs for this event. There are some scale looking Monster Jam style courses and

a few very technical layouts. Rumor is that we will be using scale "crushed" cars in addition to our normal ramps. One area we are short in is a person to run one of the track tables. This is an all day PAID position. If you are interested please contact Bobby Santoro or myself.

Remember to get to the hotel early on Friday because we will be having Clodbuster elimination racing followed by drag racing. Watch

RCMT for the planned start times of these events. We hope to have an event schedule posted in the next few weeks. Be sure to check the NR/CTPA section of the forum for the latest news.

Don't forget the I hobby Expo is the weekend following the Worlds. I'll see you at the World's. In the mean time, I hope you find some SWEET JUMPS!

Bowling Green

by Ed Finchum

On the local front the STPA pulled again this year at Bowling Green Ohio Aug 15 and 16. We've been fortunate for several years to have a great site right behind the main grandstand so we get a lot of spectators from the thousands there for the full scale National Tractor Pulling Championships. Our turn out of RC pullers was down a bit this year but we had enough of us to put on a good show and have a great time. Joe and a few friends from New York were able to join us (thanks Joe for doing some an-

nouncing at the event). We also had visitors from the Weed Wacker Pulling Association and a few demo runs of that beautiful 1/5 scale 6030 John Deere (which even has a smoke system now to better simulate a full scale puller). That was a real crowd pleaser (if you've never seen that one, check it out at the RCPULLING message board on wwpa4fans.com). The STPA is also holding an event at West Liberty Ohio as I write this on Labor Day Weekend.

Well, you may be reading this at, or just before the Worlds. I hope everyone has a lot of fun, gets to spend time with some good friends, and maybe even make a few good pulls.

A lot of work has gone into making this Worlds special. When you get a chance, thank Joe, Gene, Matt, Helen, Dave, Tim and all the others for everything they do so that we can all have fun. And don't forget to volunteer as much as you can to help out.

HELP WANTED

BY BOBBY SANTORO

From The Desk of Hobbybobby:
Well hello there Guys. I hope that your summer went well. I am writing this just before I start working on my trucks for the Big Show (20th Worlds). I hope that this event goes well. I know that we are trying to do alot in a short time. I would like to know if Anybuddy can Help on Running Table A ? If so Please contact Me(HB) or one of the other Directors. I hope that eve-

rybuddy is working hard on their Trucks to do the best they can for this race. I am still at this time working on getting Us a Real Monster Truck to park out front. It may even be a Ride Truck that you vcan get Rides in. I hope to get an answer ASAP. I also would like to Thank All the Directors that have been Working Very Hard to make the 20th Worlds the Best EVER (Thank You All). I also hope that

We can get a Real Pulling Tractor for out front also(I Hope). I will do my Best to try and Help wherever I can. If you need some Help Please just let Me(HB) know. Well thats all for now. I got to get back to working on my and Dan D's trucks.Later HB
"Let's Go Monster Racing"

Summer Time in Ohio *continued from page 1*

By Chris Bercaw

Saturday after we had finished pulling we allowed some of the youth in the crowd pull some of the trucks & tractors, it was a joy to see their faces light up as they made a full pull or got it down the track. If you missed the event this year, plan to attend next year's event – August 21-22-23, 2009.

By the time you read this, the STPA will have had another event. This event was at the West Liberty Labor Day Festival. There are a couple more possible pulls in the works, for more information on the STPA, where we have been, the results of the events and where we will be, check out our newly constructed website (<http://www.stpapulling.com>), THANKS to our webmaster Mark Hartings.

The pulling season may be coming to an end, but the 20th NR/CTPA World Championship is about to start October 10-11-12 to be exact. I hope that you have made your hotel reservation and sent in your entry reservations for this once in a lifetime event, it is

going to be a great time! Even if you have not been to an event in a couple years, please consider coming to this event, even if it is just for Saturday. So, get your vehicles out of the closet, basement or attic, dust them off, fix the broken parts and charge up your batteries (or buy some new ones) and come for fun & fellowship. Or if your vehicle is fuel powered, buy some new fuel and come for a great time of making noise. Nevertheless, come and see what special items the directors have been working on these last couple months.

Thank you to all of you that took the time to fill out and mail back your ballot for the directors and proposed rule changes and/or clarifications. The results are published in this issue of the newsletter.

THANK YOU to all that have sponsored a class for the 20th NR/CTPA World's Championship event, without you (the sponsors) the NR/CTPA would have had to spend quite a bit of money to buy

all the trophies & plaques that will be given out on the weekend of October 10-11-12. Thank you again!

The iHobby Expo (<http://www.ihobbyexpo.com/>) held October 16-17-18-19 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center – Rosemont, IL (Chicago area) is an event you will not want to miss. Some of the NR/CTPA membership will be there with their monster trucks & pulling trucks & tractors doing demonstrations for the dealers, manufactures & public. The show is open to dealers & hobby shops (TRADE) ONLY on Thursday and Friday, October 16 & 17 and to both the TRADE & PUBLIC on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 & 19, 2008. No one knows our pullers & racers better than us! The iHobby Expo gives us a great forum to share our vehicles with suppliers and dealers at this respected show that is always full of new and exciting features. Please join us!

Chris Bercaw – Regional Pulling Director

Obama vs. McCain

by Matt Wilkins

Most of our members will head to the polls in November to elect a new president of the United States. Whether or not your selection includes one of the choices listed above or not, one thing is for sure, there are people that are not going to vote for your choice. Does that make these people your enemy? I doubt it. Does it mean that you disagree on this subject? Yes. Sometimes you just have to agree to disagree. The most important thing on this topic is to get out and vote.

Recently I had voiced my opinion on the associations spending of your entry fees. Some of that was directed to one officer. It is not just this person; it would have been said about anyone that did things the same way. While this officer and I disagree on this, it does not mean that we can't remain friendly. We just have to agree to disagree. This is where working with the board has to take over. For some time the Event Committee has been working on a budget for the 2008 World Championships. This budget will dictate where the money is to be allocated.

I will ask the membership to get involved. On page two of this newsletter is every officer's phone number. I would suggest that you talk to as many officers you would like and tell them where you want your entry fee's to go. I would also suggest that you get involved by paying attention to where the association spends these funds. I am just recommending that you get involved.

Many years ago the associations spending was one of my concerns. This is an association of people and other clubs, an association about having fun and enjoying a hobby. I would ask you the members where you expect the income to go. This association does own equipment and it needs to be maintained and replaced.

Now, before I start this next paragraph I want you to know that I am not looking for personal support. There are other officers and members that have done the same thing. I just need to start worrying about myself. Over the course of the past three years I have put my wallet where my mouth is. Using my own money to accomplish what others

expect the association to take care of. Until recently I have done this without question. I have decided that I need to stop that. I will work with the board to take care of normal expenses as the bylaws and board directs. All that I ask is that what is fair for one is fair for everyone. This is why we need to have this budget done before the event starts.

As with any hobby, people come and people go. It is the board's intent to make sure that we keep it interesting enough to retain the members that we have and gain the ones that we don't have. On a very personal note; I believe that I have come to the point of needing to move on. As I alluded to in my last article, my days as your secretary are numbered. I take my commitment very seriously and intend to stay on as your secretary until October 2009. Having said that, I have told the board that I would be willing to step aside providing a suitable replacement is found. If you are interested, please contact myself or Joe Kilian.

Treasury Report

by Helen Singleton

Balance as of June 28, 2008
(\$4207.35)

EXPENSES:

Supplies 206.28

Printing/newsletter .. 293.69

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$499.97

INCOME:

Sponsorships/08Spring Natls..
\$350.00

T-Shirts 70.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$420.00

Balance as of Aug. 23, 2008.
(\$4,127.38)

(PayPal balance - (\$23.57)

Respectfully yours,

Helen S.

Treas., NRCTPA

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Classifieds

FOR SALE; New, never run TLT-1, Chrome gear cases with bearings. Futaba radio and receiver. 550 motor with Tazer ESC and six cell battery. Kit body and spare van body with mounts. All extra parts with all directions and decal sheet included. \$125.00 plus shipping.

FOR SALE; 2WD Clod body Puller NR/CTPA or STPA, Custom built aluminum chassis, Chain drive, Custom front aluminum wheels, Speed Gems Motor, Tekin 420 G ESC and Futaba Radio, 3600 MA battery, Body is stock painted white base with clear coat. Muscle Man motor on hood. Custom bed cover. All artwork is vynal and easily removed. Spare Speed Gems Motor needs com turned. New spare set of tires and Wheels, stuffed. Tires have not been cut. \$475.00 plus shipping.

FOR SALE; Clodbuster set up for NR/CTPA 4WD Box Stock. Bearings front and rear. Tekin 420 G ESC with Futaba Radio, 3600 MA battery, Mayhem motors, 160oz Servo, Aluminum steering rods, Sassy Chassis aluminum motor swings, Juggernaut wheels with knock off wheel nuts. Body is stock painted white base with clear coat. Muscle Man motor on hood. Custom bed cover. All artwork is vynal and easily removed. Built new in spring of 2006, pulled at one event. \$350.00 plus shipping

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

NR/CTPA World Tour 2008

20th Annual NR/CTPA

World Championships

October 10-12, Holiday City Ohio

iHobby Expo

October 16-19, Rosemont Illinois

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

BY MATT WILKINS

We had a good turn out for the elections this year. We now even have our first ever successful write in vote. Returning as your Pulling Directors are Tim Ludyka, Dave Engle, and Spence McKenzie. Your Monster Truck Directors will be Eric Krush, Mike Eckenrode, and Scott Taylor. Both proposals passed. Thank you to everyone that took the time to return their ballot.

Some house keeping rules for the 2008 World Championships. If you plan to pit in your room you need to bring your own tables. The hotel tables need to be available for the atrium and hobby room. I have looked into renting tables and the cost would be about \$25 each for the weekend. We would like to stay out of that way of doing it. There are some very nice tables available now for not a whole lot more than that. If you have a table that you can bring along that would be appreciated.

Over the course of years the NR/CTPA has lost most of its power strips and extension cords. So the board discussed purchasing more or just having everyone bring their own. Well the "BYOPC" (bring your own power cord) won. So please pack your own extension cord and power strips. Please be a good sport and help those that need power. Good sportsmanship is shown on the track and off.

Membership is required to compete at the 2008 World Championships. A single membership is \$25.00 and the family membership is \$30.00. You may deduct \$5.00 from either of these if you are a member of an affiliate club. In order to welcome our Manufacturers, magazine and Retail Representatives, we are allowing you to bypass the membership requirement. A business card from these people is a good idea.

By the time that you get this newsletter you will have just a couple days to get your early entry in. Please see the back of the flyer for more details. I do plan to have registration open most of the day on the Friday before the event. Please register early. At registration you will receive the usual form to fill out. Just fill it out and get it back to the registration desk as soon as possible. I do have plans in place to make it much easier and more efficient than what happened at the spring event. Registration closes at 11:00pm Friday night. There is no registration Saturday.

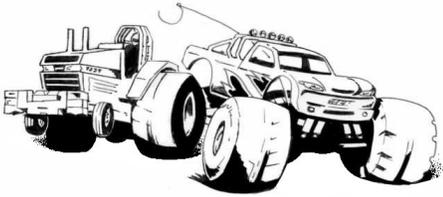
A big thank you goes out to Eric Krush for all of his hard work on getting the manufacturers to attend the event and to Chris Bercaw for rounding up the trophy sponsors.

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September 13th 2008 Start time 11:00am

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2008 World Championships
October 10, 11, and 12 2008

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