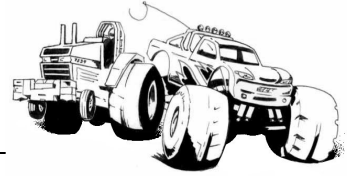


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**NR/CTPA NEWSLETTER**



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Happy New Year!

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**A Word From the President**

by Joe Kilian

National: Xtreme R/C Cars made good on it promise to cover the worlds and now that article is in their January 09 magazine. Skinny did an outstanding job emphasizing, the fun we have at our event and how it is truly a family hobby. You really cannot buy advertising like this thank you Skinny! This is the first article ever written that put the Association in this light we have always tried to sell it this way but finally someone actually made the connection.

There were problems with the grid on the winners though, I think the running order was used instead of finishes for the article. Also thank you for giving Skinny a puller at iHobby whoever that was....(somebody was ahead of the curve on that one). As far a iHobby goes the votes are not in yet whether it helped the cause or not..It may be even hard to see what it really did. IHobby was fun and really entertained a lot of people but we were hop-

ing for manufacturers to jump on board with us as well as magazines. Maybe others know of some movement there. An article has been sent to R/C Car Action along with about 300 pics hopefully we can also get a piece in their magazine.

Regional: Here is a list of events in our region in the upcoming quarter. 12/28/08: Glenwood, NY pulling racing crawling, 1/11/09 Rochester, NY just racing, 1/17: Hangar

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**Let's get Ready to Rumble**

By Paul Ovares

Hi Everyone. The new race season is almost upon us. First up on my list is the Super Pull, followed by the March Madness race and then the DRRC race in Michigan. The County Line club always puts on a great racing program at the Super Pull but I go mostly for Freestyle. I plan to take a truck home in pieces after that event. Leon's March Madness race is always excellent and last year he even had rock crawling trials added to the program. The

obstacles were challenging but very fun. The DRRC race is still being planned but had a large turnout last year. I won the electric monster truck class and hope to defend my title this year. I'm looking forward to some great competition and familiar faces at these races. Shortly after these events will be the Spring Nationals. I can't wait for the 2009 racing season. It will be here before we know it!

The executive board is looking at new technology and items that we hope will enhance our events and keep the NR/CTPA current with some of the R/C trends (LiPo, brushless, new vehicles, etc.) Keep an eye on RCMT for the latest information.

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

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Pull, Central Square, NY just pulling, 1/25 Rochester, NY just racing, 2/1 Glenwood, NY pulling racing crawling, 2/8 Rochester, NY racing, 2/13-15 Super Pull, Franklin, PA pulling racing, 2/22 Rochester, NY just racing, 3/1 Glenwood, NY pulling racing crawling, 3/8 Rochester, NY just racing, 3/22 Rochester, NY just racing 3/28 Tune up Pull Central Square, NY just pulling.

Local: Borderline Pullers will be starting their Springville pulling series again this year. The dates are December 28th, February 1st, March 1st and April 5th. These events feature dirt pulling, dirt monster truck racing and artificial truck crawling. We have added crawling to our events. There is a group there who does this and wanted space to do it they do it during the pulling event. They are of to the side and are mostly on Spectrum radios and don't really bother anyone. They have a lot more in

common with what we do than most of the other R/C venues and everyone seems to get along and shares technology. Personally, it is a little too slow for me but everyone seems to like it.

See ya when I see ya  
Joe

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# Introduction to LiPo part 1

by Mike Eckenrode

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Welcome to the New Year everybody. I hope everyone had a happy and safe Christmas holiday and good New Year. 2009 is now here and we can start looking ahead to the many racing and pulling events. Last year the racing division introduced BL motors to most of its classes and that transition went well and continues to do so. As time goes on, we will continue to see more of these motor systems within the division. The cost of good systems once was prohibitive to using them in Clodbuster trucks but time and greater acceptance of these systems into racing organizations has helped bring costs down. My transition to these systems began about a year ago and I am still moving forward with this process. So far, I cannot say I have a single regret making this change and so I look forward to continuing on with it.

Now, I have spoken of the past and present. Let's look ahead now. As many may already know, the club has been looking into Lipo battery technology. As a club, we have initiated some small steps into bringing Lipo batteries into the racing division. The Open Monster Truck class will be the first to see these packs used. ROAR approved packs are a must for now as safety must be kept as a very high priority. With time and greater understanding of Lipo batteries and how they can be used specifically in our hobby, I think more options will become available to the club and perhaps allow a wider variety of choices.

I really feel that this is not only a great step forward but a step that **MUST** be allowed to happen. Lipo batteries are the future of the rc industry and that future is now. Delaying this technology would only cause a negative impact for our

club in that it will prevent potential new members from joining what we enjoy doing in that if what they are using for batteries is considered illegal by our club. As is the case with many things, change can be difficult to grasp but we as a National organization need to assure ourselves we don't miss out on bringing new members in.

Finally, to close out this topic on Lipo batteries for this article, I expect to see the '09 Spring Nationals see the successful usage of these batteries. That in turn will open the door for most all of the classes in the racing division to take full advantage of a great resource already waiting to be used.

Remember, bring a friend or relative to the next NRCTPA event and get them interested in racing or pulling. Help our hobby grow and become even better.

Mike Eckenrode

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## Error's and Ommisions

by Eric Krush

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Hope everyone has had a happy holiday season. Its time to look at the 2009 season as its bearing down on us very fast. All though my first piece of business falls back to the worlds coverage. Results from a few events that were missed in the newsletter.

Drag racing sponsored by Down River Rc

1. Bart Maimone
2. Bobby Santoro
3. Dan Dufore

Freestyle sponsored by Hpi racing

1. Paul Ovares
2. Bart Maimone
3. Phil Grande

Elimination race sponsored by No Limit rc

1. Mike Eckenrode
2. Phil Grande
3. Dan Dufore

We also have a few corrections on sponsorship of some of the racing classes.

4wd super stock sponsored by Ricrush.com

2wd mod tuff truck sponsored by Team Scream Racing

Stock 4wd independent suspension sponsored by Hpi

Concourse was sponsored by Parma  
Best engineered puller by Rcmt.net  
Best engineered racer by Esp Hobby

The super secret worlds award was sponsored by ricrush.com which happened to be won by John Schultz our Hpi rep.

We look forward to the upcoming season. It will have some changes with lipo batteries making their introduction on the racing side. I myself have been testing some of the approved batteries that Maxx amps sells in my truck with some excellent results. The nrctpa will be trying to further educate the members with this new technology. Don't be afraid to give me a call if you have a question. I have spent alot of talking and researching this topic. Thanks for now and see everyone real soon. Eric Krush

## 2009, A Time for a New Beginning

by Matt Wilkins

January 2009. A time of a new beginning. This is a time where we can all start new and fresh. Everything old is just old and everything before us is new. We look forward to 2009 being another year for the association to prosper. So many things have happened in the last few years that have put us on the R/C map. We even got some really good exposure with the magazines. So where do we go from here? That is up to you.

This association is run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts. The officers of the association have taken on the position to see the association grow, and to see it put on the very best of events. The officers of this association have come together and done this for the past year.

The Super Pull is just a few weeks away. This event is in a way the last even of our season. It is the third largest event on our schedule and it is the last major event before the next rulebook comes out. So May 2009 will bring us to the start of another season of NR/CTPA competition. Time to start the new rules and begin the test and tune process for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual World Championships held in October 2009.

The May event is also the most important event for our members to attend. This

event also hosts our annual Town Hall Meeting. This is the place that members can get their voices heard in ways that don't happen during the rest of the year. The members can submit their ideas for rule changes. Just write down the rule and have five signatures from members in good standing. One of those members needs to be a participant in the class that the rule effects. These are then presented at the Town Hall Meeting where there will be a brief discussion. After that the officers will look over the rulechange and decide how to proceed with the proposed change. I would suggest that you start now on writing any proposals, something that I plan to do every year. Remember, items for this process are Equipment used, classes, and general class rule changes.

It is interesting that with our membership as large as it is, and given that at the recent World Championships we had over 100 members entering over 400 vehicles, that we still have trouble finding people to run the association. I find it is true in many organizations. In talking to others about this problem it is a problem just about everywhere. This year we will elect a large percentage of our board. This includes; the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, and a total

of 6 regional directors. I know of at least three officers that are not going to run again and these positions need to be filled. I hope that you, the members of this association, will step up and accept a nomination for office. Most of these positions require little work during the off season periods, just a little input. Some of the positions require more consistency and involvement.

All of us, me included, would like to attend the events, compete and not work the event. At this point in time the association cannot hire a full time staff and I doubt that they ever will. So it is up to the membership to run the association. If you haven't yet spent some time as an officer, or if it has been a while, I hope that you will step up and do it. Take a turn at running being an officer while someone can take a turn at being a participant.

The time to get and accept a nomination is at The Town Hall Meeting. The process is fairly easy. Someone nominates, it is seconded, you accept, and you are on the ballot. I hope that everyone will consider the importance of this and be a participant in the process.

I would like to take a minute to thank Jay Jordan for his donation of a desktop computer for the association. I guess my stuff

## Introduction to LiPo's part 2

By Gene Nine

I hope that everyone had a Great Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hopefully you was not on the Bad list and got what you wanted for Christmas. This all means that another year has come and gone ALREADY! It was good to see some new faces this year but even better to see some that have not been around for a while. I am looking forward to this year. This year Lipo's will be permitted in RACING! Some work needs to be done for the pulling side. They will not be legal for the side events, JUST

THE RACING. (Freestyle, Long jump, Drag race) This is a big move for our future. NiCad's have just about disappeared and we do not think it will be to long before Nimh do the same. Just to let everyone know, they WILL NOT be legal at the Superpull! The Spring Nationals will be the first Big event to run them. Only ROAR approved batteries will be legal! You MUST use a charging bag AT ALL TIMES! Here is a list of Approved Bags. A list of approved batteries can be found on ROAR's website. [\[www.roarracing.com/approvals/lipobattery.php\]\(http://www.roarracing.com/approvals/lipobattery.php\)](http://</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Common Sense Lipo bag

Racers Edge Lipo Bag

K&S Lipo bag

WoodWorks Lipo Sack

MaxAmps Lipo sack

See you all at the SUPERPULL!

Gene

## Going Over Some Things

By Chris Bercaw

Greetings Fellow NR/CTPA members,

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As we are ringing in the 2009 year, let's take some time to see where we have been and where we are going with the NR/CTPA. One major accomplishment is using some of the technology that the manufactures have given us to use. In 2008, we had the introduction of brushless motors to some of the racing and pulling classes. The racing classes seemed to be able to switch easier than the pulling classes. BUT, after several tests, adding brushless motors has proved to be successful. Now what can we expect in 2009? The directors have been working hard to do our research, so that the most educated and intelligent decision could be made on the addition of "ROAR approved" Lipo batteries to a few racing classes . . . sorry, adding lipo batteries to the pulling classes is still undergoing more research & testing. I am sure Jim Grahl or one of the other racing directors will say a few more words on the adding of Lipo batteries. For the most up-to-date information on what classes will using the Lipo batteries, be sure to read all the directors articles in the January & March newsletters, check out the "NR/CTPA" thread on RCMT, on the NR/CTPA website OR wait until the 2009 NR/

CTPA Rulebook is printed in March. When you do get your 2009 NR/CTPA Rulebook, in March, make sure that you read & re-read the classes that you are entering to make sure there has not been any changes. I say this, as a couple classes have been up for discussion on the "Director's Board" and I don't want you to ASSUME your class was not changed since it is not a new class.

As the new Race & Pulling season is about to start, it is time to test out those new Christmas presents to make sure that they are tuned in to perform their best. Winter time is also a great time for some general maintenance and making sure everything is performing correctly.

Please take time now to mark your calendar with a couple upcoming Racing & Pulling events.  
Super Pull - Franklin, PA Feb. 13-14-15  
NR/CTPA Spring Nationals  
May 1-2-3  
NR/CTPA World Championships  
Oct. 9-10-11  
iHobby Expo - Rosemont, IL Oct. 22-23-24-25

Promotions - Now is the time to start thinking about what class(es) that you or your team wants to sponsor for the 2009 NR/CTPA events. I have said this before and will say it again . . . please don't

wait until close to the last minute to sponsor a class, as the class(es) that you want may be taken. Without you and the manufactures continued support, the NR/CTPA would not be able to give as many nice awards at their events. As in the past, you the members of the NR/CTPA and the teams you represent have been very supportive in the past and I know you will continue your support! For those of you with Internet access, check out the "NR/CTPA" thread on RCMT for an upcoming list of the classes you can sponsor.

The NR/CTPA was GREAT in 08, so let's make it DEVINNE in 09! Please try to support the racing & pulling clubs by attending one or more events that they are hosting. A list of events, as they become available, will be posted on RCMT & the NR/CTPA website as well as printed in future issues of this newsletter.

WE are YOUR directors and will work to make the best choices for YOU while trying to incorporate what the manufacturers have to offer. Please if you have any questions or concerns call or e-mail one of the directors and ask your question(s) or express your concern.

Chris Bercaw - NR/CTPA Promotions Committee member and Regional Pulling Director

## The World(s) in Review

By Tim Ludyka

Hello all sorry this is short but time is not on my side with the weather. I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the worlds this year. I

think we put on a good show and the write up in EXTREME was very good. Once again thanks to all those who helped you know who you are!!! Now

I pass the torch to Ed for 09 don't worry Ed I'll be there to help when needed Happy New Year all. Tim

# Treasury Report

by Helen Singleton

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEWYEAR  
TO ALL!!

The holidays will soon be over and it will be the beginning of a wonderful new year! Cheers to the NRCTPA, that it will experience nothing but the best in 2009.

Balance as of Oct. 25, 2008 ..... (\$5,016.83)

## EXPENSES:

Foreign check fee .....	22.30
T-shirts .....	40.50
Printing .....	118.35
Postage .....	34.95
Total Expenses .....	\$216.10

## INCOME:

Membership .....	\$ 20.00
Sponsorship (Worlds/08) .....	366.50
Club dues (#5280) .....	20.00
T-shirts .....	58.00
Sanction fee (Borderline) .....	20.00
Transfer from PayPal .....	2,047.31
Total Income .....	\$2,531.81

Balance as of December 27, 2008  
..... (\$7,332.54)

Respectfully Yours,

*Helen S.,*

Treas.

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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; 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 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 more information contact [Chromey@comcast.net](mailto:Chromey@comcast.net)

For Sale:

**Vintage RC10**. Never worked as a puller. Has a Futaba electric speed control, Futaba pistol type radio, It is all there and I will include any extras that I may have. This will need to be cleaned up but should be RTR in no time. Asking \$125.00

**Vintage Midnight Pumpkin**; Used to be a great puller. Now it has returned to a toy. Mostly stock. Still has the original body. Comes with a Futaba Magnum Jr Radio. With a little clean up it should be RTR. Asking \$100.

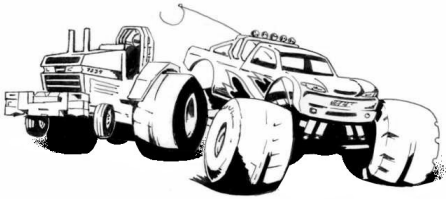
**Vintage Tamyia Bullhead**. Nearly box stock. This is Jan's toy. Has not been ran in quite some time but has spent most of its time sitting around. Will come with a Futaba twin stick type radio. Asking \$400.00

**Astro Flight #111 peak chargers**. One works, one doesn't. These are only good to do NiCd's. asking \$50 for the pair.

I am selling all of my R/C stuff, if you think I might have it, ASK. [irescue@att.net](mailto:irescue@att.net)

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Rocky Grove Fire Hall, Rocky Grove PA  
February 13-15, 2009

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Spring Nationals Fundraiser and Association Annual Meeting  
Ramada Inn Holiday City Ohio  
May 1-3, 2009

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21st Annual NR/CTPA World Championships  
Ramada Inn, Holiday City Ohio  
October 9-11, 2009

Please check our website for the latest happenings

[www.nrctpa.org](http://www.nrctpa.org)