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## A Word From the President

by Joe Kilian

National news: The magazine articles have resulted in quite a few calls lately. We have had a contact from Iceland and even one from Iraq from some guy working there. RCCA has posted more photos on their website of the event for even more coverage. I hope you all have a great time at the SPRINGS and enjoy the new rulebook it has less change in it than previous years but still needs a review by all members even if it is only to correct spelling or anything else

mistake wise. Everyone needs a good background of the new rules so competition can run as smooth as it has been. At the SPRINGS remember many hands lightens the task so please help with setup and most importantly tear down. We have been lucky enough to get a few computer monitors on big garbage day I have 7 in the garage 5 that will be tested today these will be used in Pulling and eventually in Racing too. The hope is to keep everyone informed of the

competition in a timely way. If anyone know how to do this through the big TV's they have there in the hotel that could also be a way of doing this i understand big digital TV's have a jack in the back maybe these do to.

Regional News: The CNY pullers had two events this spring the "Tuneup Pull" and the Dirt Nationals" The Tuneup Pull sometimes called the Tuna Pull featured a one day competition and a

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## Get Ready

By Eric Krush

When you are all reading this we should be here at the 2009 spring nationals. Nice that another event has come and we hope all goes well. I need to thank the sponsors that we have for this event without them we would not be able to do this. On a side note we are always looking for sponsors you can contact any of the officers in the club and they would be able to point you in the right direction.

Along with sponsorship another important aspect is help at the event. We always need help running these events. The more people help the less work it is for everyone else.

Not to jump too far ahead but we need to start planning the worlds event and I hobby please keep this in mind. These 2 events will come up faster than you know it. If you have not attended Ihobby be-

fore you should really think about it. This will be the Nrctpa's fourth year at the event. Last year had the addition of pulling and it really worked out well. I always have had an excellent time here. It's also a great place to mingle with the manufacturers and let them see what you have built. Last year one of our sponsors Monster Jam gave us some sets of tick-

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## **THE SPRINGS!**

BY JIMMY GRAHL

One thing of importance I want to talk to you about. The Town Hall Meeting.

This meeting is very important. It only happens once a year and it involves hearing the voice of every member at the meeting. This meeting can shape the NRCTPA for the next year and years to come. Its a right and a privilege to be at this meeting. Make your voice heard, Pullers

and Racers. Make sure you attend, and be part of the organization.

### **Lipo's**

I will be walking around this year. I want everybody to be in compliance with the rules that have been setup by NRCTPA. IF you are not compliant, I will ask you to become compliant. It is very important to

do this. Its safety not only for you, but visitors and guests of the hotel. If you do not know the rules by now, then you need to get a computer and look up the listed batteries on ROAR's site, along with our lipo rules. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

JimmyG

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BY ERIC KRUSH

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ets to hand out at a monster jam show of their choice. I am hoping for some similar deals this year.

Speaking of Monster Jam I am recently back from Las Vegas where I attended the 10 annual world finals event. This is a premier event for the monster truck world. We had several members from the nrctpa, no limit rc and rcmt in attendance. I also was able to meet up with several reps from Hpi racing and a rep from Rc car magazine. What a great bunch of people out there at this awesome event. Special thanks to Bari Musawwir for letting me drive his awesome Hpi St truck and to Colin from Hpi letting me try out his Savage flux.

This event is always a great one to attend as well as any of their local shows too.

Another item to touch upon is the addition of lipo to our rules on the racing side. Lipo and brushless together is a great combination that really frees up a lot of maintenance time. Castle Creations has been sponsoring the club for a few years now and has some great motor and speed controller options. Remember if you are going to run lipo you should have voltage cutoff. Castle as well as some of the others have this a programmable cutoff built in. Also as far as batteries go Maxx Amps is willing to work with members of our club on their purchases. I myself have two different chargers that I purchased from them as

well as a few of their roar approved batteries. If you are curious about them look me up. We do have a full set of rules for this new battery so please follow them.

I also have been lucky to get out a few times this year to run my Traxxas Slash. What a popular style truck this vehicle has been. With Thundertech and now Team Associated having a similar truck it really becoming main steam. I do wonder how long it will be before members of the Nrctpa want to do something with this class.

I hope that you enjoy the spring nationals, good luck and thanks for coming. I also want to thank our new member's attendance too. Thanks again...Eric Krush

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dish to pass lunch. We also did a joeshow from that event as a sort of video report. The 21st Dirt Nationals was a lot bigger pull it had 80 entries in total featured 2 days of competition, 2 catered lunches, a party every night, bonfire, amusing dvd's on the big screen and a joeshow to show it all on youtube. To view all of this stuff google "youtube" and type in nrctpaXpres and you can see all of my videos from the start. There are now 5 events covered. They are normally entertaining and they do get the word out. Some of the single runs have an enormous amount of hits on them and even reviews from

other countries so it is getting out there a little.

Local News: The Borderline Pullers had their last event of the winter season April 5th at Glenwood R/C in Springville. It will be the last event at that location as the vintage motorcycle shop is retaking the rear of the building and Glenwood R/C is loosing their lease there. They will however make a monumental effort to get a new facility. A little word on the track there. Apparently, they soak the track with dish washing liquid and coca cola. They only water the track a few times a year. The track was really easy to break up and repack. It also had a feature that the tracks of the whole pull was laid out there for you to

see...how the tires worked was really in focus. Maybe it is something we should be looking into with the national track....that track was really impressive...it did need work but we work ours too. Anyways if anyone else hears of anything like this let me know...The big boys claim grow a crop of anything on it makes it better then you plow it under. The natural tracks really like that....well, according to the NTPA magazine anyways. In the article in there they went over quite a few scenarios on track maintenance and construction.

see ya when I see ya

Joe

probably

# Make a Move, Make a Memory

by Matt Wilkins

I spent some time recently clearing out some of my old awards. Some of which have been re-plated and will be awarded at the Spring Nationals. Seeing all of these and some that I left behind got me to reminiscing. I purchased the first Clodbuster to be sold in Grand Rapids Michigan. I sold a full size truck just so that I could buy it. I don't believe that I slept for two days until I got that thing built. What a blast that thing was. I got good at driving it around at the shop that I worked. Until one day I got board with it and it sat on the shelf. For Christmas my wife bought me an original orange chassis RC10 (which is now for sale). That was fun and fast compared to the Clodbuster. Eventually I made it into a replica of my boss' Vintage Mustang race car. That was probably when it saw the most usage.

Then one July day I went to my local hobby store and bought a Midnite Pumpkin (also now for sale). While I was there I found out about truck pulling. I dove into this hobby full blast. The local club was competing two times per week.

That fall many of us went to the 1989 World Championships in Champaign Illinois. For me this was just about the biggest deal for me. I don't know as I have ever driven that far from home, I hadn't stayed in a hotel on my own before. Our group traveled in a group of three cars. I borrowed my boss' Cadillac Eldorado with its digital dash. About 30 miles from our destination, with four gallons of gas showing on the gauge, we ran out

of gas. So many stories about that weekend. It was a fabulous weekend and an experience that I will never forget.

The 1990 World Championships will live in many peoples memory for a long time. It became known as the all nighter. We started pulling around noon on Saturday and finished late Sunday evening. The 1991 World Championships was the year of the Pig Barn and Santa Claus as an announcer. Those first three years have such great memories for me.

Starting in 1992 the World Championships moved to the hotel we now call home. How cool was this, we never have to leave the hotel. Eat, sleep, play, and go swimming all of it at one location. That is a good thing because the nearest town to do much of anything is 30 miles away. I have many fond memories of this location although most are not as clear as the first three years. There was the year that Glen Singleton took Jan, Helen and myself off-roading with his minivan with the trailer attached. For me the big year was the year that I got my first World Championships.

For the most part, the past 16 World Championships have melted all together. I cannot tell one year from the other. The hotel is a great place and the staff is great. They let us take over the hotel for the weekend, they bend over backwards to get us everything that they can. What more could you ask for.

Well here is my list: a site more centrally located in the United

States and Canada, A site with more floor space, a site with area attractions that make it memorable. To me the events are a vacation. I usually take a day before and a day after to make it to the event. So I like to have some "me time" for the trouble.

I have had the opportunity to observe other hobbies and the location of their large events. For instance, the Family Motor Coach Assn, they have their large event once a year and it moves all around the country every year. The American Truck Historical Society does the same thing as does a Chevelle club that a co-worker belongs to.

I have also observed Clubs that have their event in the same place, on the same weekend of that month, year after year. While this repetitiveness gives them stability it can also make it monotonous. From year to year the photos all look the same.

Yes, I believe it is time to take this show on the road. Will this change the event as we know it? Yes it will. Could it make it better? Yes it can. Could we loose entries? Yes we may. Could we gain members? I bet we could.

Just remember, Location, Location, Location. This is the most important thing. As we get ready for our biggest election year, I would encourage the next group of officers to explore the concept of altering the location of the World Championships. Make a move, make a memory.

# GREETINGS FELLOW NR/CTPA MEMBERS, BY CHRIS BERCAW

After I sit down to wrap up my thoughts - that are just notes right now, I will be finishing up preparing for the Spring Nationals. By the time you are reading this, you will either be at the Spring Nationals or missing a great time that will be happening at the Spring Nationals!

I want to say, "THANK YOU" to all the people that sponsored classes at the 2009 NR/CTPA Spring Nationals! Without these sponsors, the association would have a LARGE bill to pay to be able to present the quantity of awards that will be given at the event! THANKS to a job well done!

Here is the list of who sponsored the classes this year for the Spring Nationals:

## **Carpet Pulling**

Bar Tire Sportsman - County Line R/C Pullers  
Pro-Stock Tractor - Hooter Chassis & Hobby Shop

Big Rig (Carpet) - Hooter Chassis & Hobby Shop

## **Dirt Pulling**

2WD Nitro (15#) - Performance Motion  
2WD Pro Modified Electric - J & J Motor Sports  
2WD Pro Modified Nitro (10#) - STPA  
4WD Modified Driveshaft - BALLZRACIN

4WD Scratch Built - Smitty's Custom Auto

Bar Tire Sportsman (Dirt) - Bart Maimone

Digger - Rebel Street Pullers  
Garden Tractor - Rebel Street Pullers

Gas - The Weed Wacker Pulling Association

Pro-Stock Tractor - Berry Pulling Team

## **Racing**

2WD Stock Tuff Truck- Bart Maimone

4WD Driveshaft - NO LIMIT RC

4WD Tube Chassis - Illinois R/C Monster Truck Series

Stock 4WD Independent Suspension - Phil's Hobby Shop

Sport Modified - County Line R/C Pullers  
Novice - RCMT

Retro - Tweaked Racing

## **Exhibition**

Friday Night Drags - Down River RC Club

Freestyle - Tear It Up! Racing

Friday Night Elimination Race - Monsters and Sled Dragons Pulling Team

Diesel Truck - Phil's Hobby Shop

Hot Farm Stock Tractor (Carpet) - Dynamite Dinner  
Brushless 4WD Truck (Dirt) - Smitty's Custom Auto

THANK YOU to everyone that has or will be buying tickets on the 2009 Raffle Truck. This year's truck is a Bar Tire Sportsman truck, which is built to look scale; this truck – pictured below – is using pumpkin tires mounted on bead lock rims.

THANKS to our donors that made this truck possible:  
Jason Riddle of Termyte Pulling Chassis – Chassis . . .  
Chris Bercaw of TNT Pulling - Custom Painted Body & Knuckles . . . Phil's Hobby Shop - Pumpkin Tires & Front mounted Tires . . .

Grady Performance Parts - Bead lock Wheels & Hood Motor

At the time of this news article, this truck was still in need of a few items to make this truck "Ready to Pull" - Radio System (Tx & Rx) – Motor - Servo – ESC – Battery . . . I will post in my next newsletter article if these items get donated.



I guess I have typed enough, I better get back to preparing my last couple pullers, & packing the totes that will be at the Hobby Room.

I am sure after reading this newsletter, you will have worked up the munches . . . if you have and are at the event, please stop out back and get a sandwich, bag of chips, candy bar, bottle of water or can of pop to take care of your munches. GOOD LUCK this weekend and at all future events this season!

# An Exciting Time

by Mike Eckenrode

Hi again everyone. The time is here for the Spring Nationals and I know everybody attending the event is ready to go, well, most of us anyway. Enough talk and let's start racing and pulling. It was a LONG winter and there have been a few events of various types since the 2008 World Championships and here we are now at the 2009 NRCTPA Spring Nationals. The year of 2009 should present everybody with some great competition

and highlight some great new equipment for everybody to use. Brushless motors are in full swing on the racing side and they are making their way onto the pulling side now so great things are happening in the NRCTPA. Lipo batteries are also coming in so many great things are taking place with the club. The question is, can you handle all that power in a Clod-buster, TXT-1 or any of those other custom rides? I hope so!! There's

no end to the power that can be had when combining these systems with Lipo technology and I can't wait to see what everybody brings to the table for this event. It's a great time to be racing and pulling so good luck to everybody and remember, bring somebody new to the event and get them involved!!

Mike Eckenrode

# Treasury Report

by Helen Singleton

April 27, 2009

Hi, Hope you all are having a great spring!

Balance as of February 27, 2009: ..... (\$5,736.68)

## EXPENSES:

Printing .....	79.59
Total Expenses: .....	\$79.59

## INCOME:

Spring Natls. Pre-entries, Sponsorships, Sanctions,	
& Memberships .....	(\$3,577.91)

Total Income: ..... (\$3,577.91)

Balance as of April 27, 2009 ..... (\$9,235.00)

Respectfully Yours,

*Helen S.,*

# Health Update

by Glen Singleton

Hi Everyone:

I hope to see a lot of you at the Spring Nationals.

I had some bad news Thursday. Mike Dozier had a 5-bypass heart surgery a while ago, but is doing well according to him but he won't be at the spring event this year.

See you all down the road, Glen

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