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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

-JOE KILIAN-

Happy New Year to everyone.

Local : The Borderline Pullers have located a new place to have truck pulls in West Seneca so we are starting to plan probably 3 pulls in February, March and April this year...we will let you know.

Regional: Bart Maimone has his own hobby store now and will be having both dirt pulling and monster truck events there.

The rumor is 2 per month starting in January again when we find out so will you. This hobby store is in Gates, NY, a section of Rochester. It seems Dave and Audrey are well enough to try an event on January 23rd in Central Square so as you can see the North East is

really going to have a larger than normal number of events.

National: The executive board is trying to interpret the ballot outcome and install it into the rulebook. One of the issues that we have agreed on was the installation of brushless motors into the Pro Stock dirt tractor class. This does not mean you need to buy a new motor you can still run a brushed motor in this class. The feeling here was after installing a brushless motor you can spin the tires all you want it probably will not make the tractor pull that much better. However we had 5 suggestions and narrowed it down to 2 than voted on which suggestion we would use. Since most

brushless motors (especially in this price range) have no MSRP we selected some motors ranging from \$29 to \$49 in street price. At this range they may have a little more power than a brushed motor but not a ton more. They are also pretty much what you pay for an econo mod motor. these motors are the 1. EZ run 6050 series (\$27 - \$39) from Hobbypartz.com 2. the Fieago 540 "S" (short can) motor @ \$49.99 from Offshore Electronics 3. the BMCS R/C Car Motors (available thru Hobby King) @ \$30 & \$37 (you have to register on the site ...no biggie...for that

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THOUGHTS

-CHRIS BERCAW-

Greetings,

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays to the NR/CTPA membership! It seems like just a couple months ago I was writing the news article going into 2009, but here we are just weeks from 2010.

I hope that everyone was good and got a lot of cool R/C toys . . . I mean vehicles, batteries and other R/C equipment. If you were not good, maybe you can find a way to use that coal to power the R/C vehicles you already have. If you have any ideas let me know.

With 2010 just around the corner, brings us several events for the members of the NR/CTPA to enjoy. Here are a few of the dates you

might want to mark on that new 2010 calendar that you picked up. **February 27 & 28 . . . SUPER PULL** - Franklin, PA for more information go to <http://www.countyliner.org/>; **April 30 - May 2 . . . Spring Nationals Fundraiser** - Holiday City, OH for more information go to <http://nrctpa.org/>; **May 22 . . . KY Diesel 1:1 and RC Pull** for more information contact Jarred Jones (information listed near the front of this newsletter); **October 8 - 10 . . . World Championship** - Holiday City, OH for more information go to <http://nrctpa.org/>. Also, don't forget to check

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out the STPA's website for their pulls . . . we are having one on **January 16** at 1497 North State Route 559, Woodstock Ohio 43084. Go to <http://www.stpapulling.com/> for more information.

The above events are not possible without the help of the membership that makes them happen. Attend as many as you can & if you are at an event, ask to see if you can help, anything you do is helpful and makes

the events run better.

If anyone has any items that could be used as raffle items for the 2010 Spring Nationals Fundraiser, just let one of the directors or me know. Also, if you or a company - that you know - wants to sponsor a class or a couple classes, let me know. The more sponsorship we get, the less the club has to spend and we can update and upgrade the current equipment as needed.

Just a reminder that for the most up-to-date information on what is going on with

the NR/CTPA, check out the NR/CTPA forum at <http://www.rcmt.biz/> If you have any suggestions, concerns, or complaints, please contact one of the directors or me (chris@philshobbyshop.com or 419-782-8020). Remember, the directors and board are here to guide the club, but we need to hear the voice of the membership more than just once a year at the Town Hall Meeting.

Have a Happy & Healthy 2010 & hope to see you at a future event.

ARE YOU RACING?

-JIMMY GRAHL-

By the time you get this news letter, the holidays will be over and the New Year will begin. If I didn't say it before, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. Speaking of New Year, will you embark on a New Years Resolution with me? I myself am unemployed, but will attend as much racing as possible. That will be my resolution for 2010. Race, Race, Race. I cannot make it to the Super Pull, but I will attend Springs and Worlds for sure, plus all the local racing I can handle. In fact Downriver R/C is putting on

a huge race in February. Michigan Carpet Off-Road Championships is going on its 4th year. The club has always done stadium racing over its 20+ years of operation. Stadium racing will be on for Saturday, but Sunday's event will be like no other. It will be a 1000 lap Enduro Team race with Stock Slash's. This has never been done before, never been tried. It will test the concentration on every driver as well as every truck that is running. We think the race will last maybe 6 hours. It will be fun!!!

It's still 2009 as I write this, but 2010 is nearly here. That means it won't be long before the Springs, and a chance to get together with everybody again for some great fun and pulling (in hopefully warmer weather). Planning is already underway to start getting things worked out and ready to go for the next NR/CTPA event. I know some people don't get to make it to the Springs every year. If you haven't been lately I recommend it. Even if the numbers are less, it sure is a lot of fun, and the atmosphere seems a bit more laid back than at the Worlds. Hope you can make it, and if possible bring a friend.

If you haven't been to the nrctpa.org website lately check it out. I think Derrick has done a great job as our new Web-Meister. Now for those competitive types that we

are, the pictures of winners are now posted giving us even more recognition for all the hard work, and many hours of planning and preparation that go into a great performing and/or looking vehicle.

On the local front, the STPA held an event inside one of the factories where Sutphen Fire Trucks are made. This was the first time we held a pull at this site and it turned out to be an ideal setting for pulling. And during the breaks, we got to tour the facility and see just how those big red trucks we all dreamed about as a kid (and still do) are built from the ground up. Jake set this pull up for us and a bunch of the participants helped out with the track set up and running the pull. Thanks to everybody for a great indoor pull. If we're fortunate enough to have another STPA pull there

next year, this is one you don't want to miss.

Do you have article submissions?

Events to list?

Photos to share?

Newsletter Name?

All submissions are welcome...please email sales@nrctpa.org!

Check Out the Enclosed Winter Super Pull Insert!

JOE CONTINUES...

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price) & the KID 36-50 series motor also from Hobby King @ \$27.95 (registered price) the speed control that I am using is \$74 Product ID: xpo-blb100a X-Power Brushless 100a that is available from Off-shore Electronics. So the whole setup if you decide to change is a little over 100 bucks. That ESC is only a suggestion like all ESC's they are not regulated. So use any one you want but that one has not let me down so that would be a good starting point. If we find a cheaper ESC that works we will get that out to you too...there might very well be an ESC that will work for under 50 bucks. So if your brushed motor is getting a little tired maybe this is the time to step up but if it is running pretty stout leave it...FYI ...the garden tractor class this year at the WORLDS was won by a brushed motor despite a large number of brushless motors in that class so you still have to hook it to the track. We need to make some entry into the brushless world. The rumors from the brushed manufactur-

ers continue to sound like they will eventually be dropped. The brushless motors up side is 0 maintenance and they continue to give that just tuned up run every time so they have a big upside.

In racing a rule has been bent up a little bit in Sport truck it seems the rule says that a sport modified motor needs to have a minimum of 17 turns. Either some were unaware of that or just chose to ignore that rule but it will be strictly enforced in the future we have decided to get a meter to test the arms on these motors so a low wind arm cannot be substituted in the can. The motor rule is one of the big reasons the class was formulated so that rule needs to be followed. The association will be trying to really help out the racing side all we can this year so we can return to the numbers of entries we once enjoyed. Box Stock and Super Stock rules will be added in the back of the rulebook under experimental. Apparently, there will be a resurgence of those classes and rules in the book will help that out.

In Kentucky, Jarred Jones is working with a real full sized truck pull promoter to organize a really big event in KY this spring. The payouts for 12 in a class will be \$100 to win so this should be a huge incentive for everyone to make their way to KY this spring, the date is May 22. They plan on pulling and racing there. So, get a hold of Jarred for more details. Everyone needs to get ready for the Super Pull coming up on February 27-28 in PA that has always been a great event. I hope to see everyone at the SPRINGS this year April 30-May 2nd this year. The Dirt Nationals will be held in Central Square, NY this year in April sometime that is always fun. The Joe Show experiment seems to be paying off I am now getting calls and they are saying they saw this stuff on the Joe Show and want to hook up ...outstanding...things rarely work out like you hope they would but I guess this is... I am going to continue with season #2 and hope for more calls.

See ya when I see ya

Joe

A LATE INTRODUCTION

-DERRICK PERO-

I was voted in by the board to fill a vacancy in the pulling directors. Thanks for the opportunity. For the short time I have been involved, I am pleased with the conduct and business taking place within the board. I'll try to be helpful any way I can.

I have also taken on the job of webmaster. If you haven't been to the website in a while, it's had a bit of an overhaul. I have some more things planned but sure could use some ideas. I would like to make it the source of information for racing and pulling. My email address is dpero2@gmail.com or username:dpero on RCMT.net. How about a tech section?

For those that don't know me... I have been into RC since '85. Started racing monster trucks with Bart and Doug long ago then also started pulling in 2006. My career is in industrial electronics and mechanical technology. If you have seen my timing system, that explains the knowledge behind it. I like to apply my career to my hobby whenever possible.

My local club known as RC Motorsports Group will soon become an affiliate. Our home track will be at Hobby House Hobbies in Rochester, NY. We hope to start pulling mid January. There are quite a few locals interested in pulling. With the addition of Rochester, the pulling calendar in

NY will be quite full. All events will be posted on RCMT and our website, www.RCMotorsportsGroup.com. We also race monster trucks in an event known as the Winter Monster Blast! At the core of the club, we race 1/10th scale off-road during the summer on a track on my property. During the winter, many members also race carpet off-road at a facility run by the RC Car Club of Monroe County.

I'll stop there and keep this first article with my introduction. I hope to keep the newsletter interesting by writing some tech articles in the future so keep an eye out for them. See you at the Super Pull!

FROM THE PROMOTIONS DEPARTMENT

-ERIC KRUSH-

2010 is now upon us which brings us to a new season of racing and pulling for the NR/CTPA. Our hard working members of this club made 2009 a success but our sponsors were also a big part of that success. Sponsorship is a very important topic in the club. Without the sponsors where would we be? We just can't thank them enough for all that they do. This year the promotions department came out with the flyers a bit earlier than in years past. Right now thanks to Bari Musawwir both the spring nationals flyer is out and the worlds flyer is out. From now on the goal is to have these done as soon after the following year's dates have been secured. Sponsors

will be added to the worlds flyer and submitted to the magazines directly after the spring nationals. This brings me to another point any sponsor wishing to be on that flyer needs to commit and have their logo in before the nationals. This does not mean you can't sponsor after that it just means if you want to be on the flyer you will need to meet the deadline. Please email Joe Killian, Chris Bercaw or myself on this subject, if you have questions on sponsorship or are interested in being a promotions department volunteer. Two more items to note is that we will be looking for class sponsors for the spring nationals. This will be listed on RCMT as soon as the Super

Pull is over. And I have to give a thanks again to some of our larger sponsors such as but not limited to...HPI (thanks John Schultz !) Tamiya, Traxxas, Monster Jam, Extreme RC Car Magazine, RCMT and Castle Creations...thanks everyone! Well that's it for now. I myself am looking forward to the new year and hoping to get out to an Illinois monster truck challenge race and the Super Pull very soon here. Thanks erickrush@nrctpa.org

LET'S PLAY TRUCKS

-JARRED JONES-

With the holidays behind us, we can dust off our workbenches and play trucks and tractors again! I sincerely hope everyone had a joyous holiday with family and friends.

I'd like to introduce myself to the folks who don't know me. I'm from Kentucky, so my accent doesn't allow me to stand out in a crowd at all. (Yes, we speak English. LOL) I started pulling remote control trucks in 1988, then took a break in 1991 and started pulling again in 2008. I enjoy this sport, as I've met a lot of very nice people and have made good friends along the way. It's also something I enjoy doing with my family. We have a good time together. (My fiancée, Jessica, never misses an opportunity

to try to outrun me...I guess I have to let her win sometimes. LOL!) I'd like to thank everyone who has welcomed me back. We've had a blast so far, and it will only get better from here!

As we're getting ready for the 2010 season, we kick off the year with the Super Pull; I look forward to meeting more of my fellow pullers and kick up some dirt on the track!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or just want to talk trucks!



2009 NR/CTPA **Spring National Fundraiser**

April 30-May 2, 2010
Holiday City, Ohio

3 Pulling Tracks - 4 Monster Truck Tracks
13 Monster Truck Racing Classes - 16 Sled Pulling Classes
Concourse Judging - Drag Racing
Elimination Racing - Freestyle Competition
Trophies - Door Prizes - 50/50 Raffle

For event Information and Registration Visit our Website

www.NRCTPA.org

FROM THE SECRETARY'S PEN

-ANDY LINKENHOKER-

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone. As 2010 gets underway, the NR/CTPA Executive Board is in its final stages of approving the new 2010 Rulebook. Members can expect to receive their new rulebook over the next month. As referenced by other board members in this month's newsletter, there are some changes/edits to the current rulebook. Please review these changes upon the receipt of the rulebook to ensure you remain compliant for 2010.

I am working on creating a membership renewal reminder form that will be included with individual newsletters of members with pending membership expirations. I hope this reminder assists in remaining current with your membership so you do not lose out on newsletter mailings. Remember, you must be a NR/CTPA mem-

ber to register for NR/CTPA sponsored events.

Please review the Schedule of Events listed in the newsletter. The New Year brings hope and promise and hopefully your pulling and racing vehicles can bring some newfound success in 2010! If you have a local event you would like to list in the newsletter feel free to email me the event information. I have spoken to several prospective members who have no knowledge of local events and only read about the NR/CTPA Spring Nationals and World Championships. In my opinion, these two events are not as special if we have no local events to prepare and build to the two large events. As some say, we must continue supporting our local hobby shops as they are the bloodline of our hobby. Where is our hobby if we do not support our local

clubs?

I want to thank Bari Musawwir for the fabulous flyers he created for the Spring Nationals and World Championships. His artistic ability hopefully is eye catching and memory clenching. Feel free to make copies of the enclosed Spring Nationals flyer, share with friends and family and encourage new members to attend.

I continue inviting members to submit articles for the newsletter. I would love to see tech reviews, event summaries, editorials, etc. Just like the NR/CTPA events are not as special without local clubs fostering support and interest, the newsletter cannot be as dynamic without input from individual members.

Feel free to email me: sales@nrctpa.org.

Here's to a safe and happy New Year!

TREASURER'S REPORT

-HELEN SINGLETON-

Dates covered: August 29, 2009 through December 18, 2009

Beginning Balance:	\$6,177.58	Ending Balance:	\$4,321.81
EXPENSES:		Hotel (Worlds)	\$1,906.12
Printing	\$416.93	Bank Fee	\$10.00
Postage	\$162.89	New Checks	\$25.00
T-Shirts (Screen Print)	\$492.52	Total Expenses:	\$8,628.48
Office Supplies	\$177.53	INCOME:	
Photographer	\$300.00	Pre-Entries, Memberships,	
Storage (equipment)	\$210.00	Sponsors, T-Shirts	\$5,272.71
Refuse Containers	\$29.96	Transfer from PayPal (10/22)	\$500.00
Labor (Worlds)	\$400.00	Transfer from PayPal (11/10)	\$500.00
Computer Cables	\$442.34	Transfer from PayPal (12/18)	\$500.00
Website	\$120.00	Total Income:	\$ 6,772.71
Trophies	\$3,935.19	PayPal Balance:	\$1,478.73

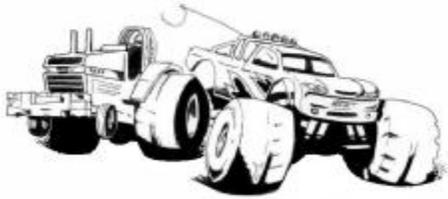
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AFFILIATED CLUBS

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#51	R/C Pullers of CNY	Dave Engle	P.O. Box 82 Baldwinsville, NY 13027		315.676.5692
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#72	Ontario Scale Pulling Association	Tim Ludyka	53 Sarah Cres. Onemee, Ont. Canada, K0L-2W0		705.799.0465
#77	Tweaked Racing Team	Tim Powers	1965 Old Logan Rd. Lancaster, OH 43130	www.tweakedracing.com	740.687.4569
#80	Keystone R/C Pulling & Monster Trucks	John Neiman	RD#3 Box 324 Blairsville, PA 15717		724.459.8674
#86	STPA	Jake Haulman	Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana		937.484.8205
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#93	5280 Pulling Club	Jason Riddle	Denver, CO		303.412.3114
#94	Rebel Street Pullers	Scott Plantin	Ohio & Indiana		219.285.2536
#95	Illinois Monster Truck Series	Jason Renard			
#96	Central MN R/C Pulling Club	Josh Baumgartner	62062 245th Street Litchfield, MN 55355		320.674.7119

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<i>Event Name</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Events</i>
Super Pull	February 27-28, 2010	Rocky Grove, PA	www.countylinerc.org	M.T Racing, Dirt & Carpet Pulling
NR/CTPA Spring Nationals	April 30– May 2, 2010	Holiday City, OH	www.nrctp.org	M.T Racing, Dirt & Carpet Pulling
Central KY Smoke Out	May 22, 2010	Richmond, KY	Jarred Jones	M.T Racing, Dirt Pulling
NR/CTPA World Championships	October 8-10, 2010	Holiday City, OH	www.nrctp.org	M.T Racing, Dirt & Carpet Pulling



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