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FROM THE JOE ZONE

-JOE KILIAN-

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From the Joe Zone.....

With the summer winding down, it's time to look at the past season's events. The Borderline pullers and monsters had a very successful event at the Murray Tractor Pull, in Holley,

NY. In our second year there we got a lot more entries than last year. Day 2 was a demo and around 3 the skies opened up and we had to tear down. We did see some full scale pulling both days and everyone seemed to have a great time. There were 3 events over the summer in Kentucky this year too....They choose fairs as their venue and it has been working out pretty good from what I am hearing. They seem to have a great handle on this and are re-opening up a whole new state to RC . While we have always had events and members from Kentucky it looks like they are taking over for Tony Thomas (RIP) who had events there years ago.

Bowling Green was awesome with 127 entries on hand. Probably the best demo/ pull/ recruitment tool we have. BG lived up to all of the hype and more. If you get a chance, take it and go. Right now I am trying to describe it and I am trouble finding superlatives... and I am not usually at a loss for words. I had an awesome time and will do my best to make it there next year. Thank you STPA for another great weekend....nice T shirts too. The STPA has been having outstanding events at awesome venues all summer long. I guess one of the prime spots has to be Hooters...no one else has done that....I guess that is how you get awesome

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THOUGHTS

-CHRIS BERCAW-

Greetings NR/CTPA members:

I hope you are ready, as the 2011 NR/CTPA World Championship is almost here. By the time you read this, the early registration deadline will have passed, I hope you made it. It is really important that as many as possible register early as that number is what the board uses to base their awards on.

THANK YOU to all that took the time to vote. Make sure that all of you look at the results and see the outcome. If you are not happy with the outcome, please take some time and vote next time. I heard the response was not too good.

THANK YOU to all that have donated to the building of the **Light Super Stock Tractor** being built by Haulman Manufacturing (Jake Haulman, Mark Damewood & Ed Finchum and a **4WD Modified Driveshaft truck** being built by Jason Riddle of Termyte Chassis.

THANK YOU to all that have sponsored classes for the 2011 NR/CTPA World Championships. If you see a class listed below that does not have a sponsor, and you would like to sponsor it, please notify me and I will add you to the list. This list is accurate as of Monday, September 5, 2011 @ 08:57 AM. Continued.....

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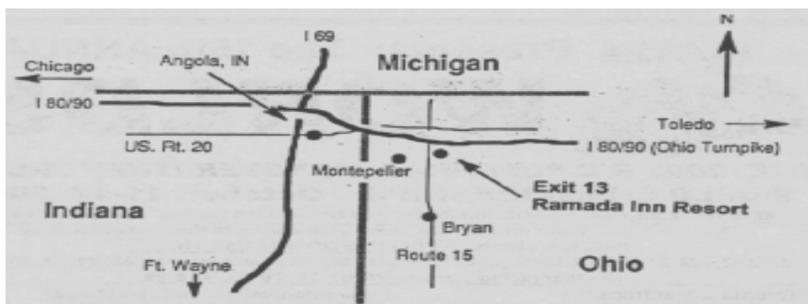
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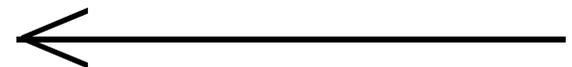
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All submissions are welcome...

Please email sales@nrctpa.org!



DESTINATION : WORLDS



BE THERE OR BE

SPONSORED & UNSPONSORED CLASSES***Carpet Pulling.....***

2WD Open I

2WD Open II

2WD Truck - Outlaw Hobby

4WD Pro Modified

Bar Tire Sportsman (Carpet)

Pro-Stock Tractor

Dirt Pulling.....

2WD Nitro (15#)

2WD Open I

2WD Pro Modified Electric

2WD Pro Modified Nitro (10#)

4WD Modified Driveshaft - Termyte Pulling Chassis**4WD Scratch Built - Mark Ucasz****Bar Tire Sportsman (Dirt) - Berry Pulling Team**

Digger

Garden Tractor

Gas

Insane

Pro-Stock Tractor - Outlaw Hobby

Big Rig (Dirt)

2WD Unlimited

Racing.....

2WD Modified Tuff Truck

2WD Stock Tuff Truck

4WD Driveshaft

4WD Modified

4WD Modified Tuff Truck

4WD Box Stock

4WD Super Stock

4WD Independent Suspension

4WD Pro Modified Monster Truck

Sport Modified

Novice - Phil's Hobby Shop

Retro

Stock CORR

Modified CORR

4WD Pro Modified Monster Truck

Friday Night Open Drag Racing (pan chassis)

Exhibition.....

Long Jump

Freestyle

Friday Night Elimination Race

Friday Night Drag Racing (non-pan chassis)

Diesel Truck - Patrick Wing

4WD Box Stock (Carpet)

4WD Box Stock (Dirt)

Brushless 4WD 12# Truck - Smitty's Custom Auto

2WD Box Stock (Pulling)

Big Rig (Carpet)

Heavy SS Tractor - STPA**Light SS Tractor - Haulman Manufacturing****Hope to see a bunch of you at the World's event.****Chris Bercaw**<http://www.pwrhouse.com/rcmt/showthread.php?20577-4WD-Pro-Modified-Driveshaft-Raffle-truck-build>

Voting..... Sue Berry

NR/CTPA 2011 Rule Changes Voting Results

Issue #	Yes votes	No votes
1	12	1
2	11	2
3	23	2
4	23	2
5	23	2
6	23	1

Pulling Directors

Results	# votes
Ed Finchum	23
Derick Pero	21
Jared Jones	16
Dave Smith	9
26 voters	
13 voted pulling only	
1 voted racing only	
12 voted on all issues	

The NR/CTPA would like to thank all of those who ran for office and all of those who voted...This was new maybe we can make it work a little better some how. I think Dave would also be a good director maybe he can get on next time.

Joe



As we approach the Worlds, this tends to be a slow spot of the year for me hobby-wise. That being said, there are still a lot of things to prepare for, and I thought I would take the time to go over a checklist of things that may be worth taking a look at before packing everything up to go racing. As we all know, wrenching right up until the start of the event in a hotel room is never fun, so here are things you want to go over before packing up:

- If you are running nickel-based batteries (NiCd or NiMh), be sure to cycle the packs a couple times beforehand. Few things are as disappointing as having your pack dump in the middle of a run because it hasn't woken up from it's long-term-storage slumber.
- Make sure all of your radio models are set correctly, ESC's are calibrated and 2.4ghz receivers are bound. Many of us like to swap electronics from vehicle to vehicle and you don't want to flip that switch on and have your vehicle take off on you or not work at all.
- Bring all the parts of the car. Believe it or not, I've seen a lot of guys show up at the track all ready to go, only to have forgotten their tire box.
- Don't forget the specialty tools - our kind of racing involves the use of some different tools from the norm. Electric screwdrivers help a lot, along with a full array of allen head bits as well as other fastener styles you may use.
- Tables. Even though the hotel provides us with tables, it's always good to bring an extra to store things on in your room or out in the pit area.
- Last but not least, cash money! There are always plenty of great deals at the event, and you don't want to miss out on that truck you've had your eye on just because you're \$20 short.

Keep in mind that this is just a short list off the top of my head, so I encourage you to make your own checklist of items you need and should bring to the event. Until next time, have fun and good luck racing!

Matt Stoltz

Ed Finchum Summertime fun

August 2011

Summertime Fun

On the local front, the STPA pulled at the Hooters in Hilliard OH on June 6. We set the track up right in their parking lot. This was a nice event with good food, Hooter gal help with sled return, trophies, and free T shirts (they really treat us well). Then we competed at the Delynn Kale Memorial pull in Richwood OH July 2. This was the first time for this full scale pull in honor of Delynn. Other than the rain, early in the day, the RC and full scale pulling went well. On July 22 and 23 we pulled at the Oliver Collector Show in Wooster. It was hot those days, but we had a nice open-sided structure and energetic spectators in the bleachers. We joined our friends in Kentucky at the Brandenburg pull July 30. The Central Kentucky RC Pullers put on a great event there at the Mead Co fair. They have a very nice new portable track, and the building we were in now has BIG ... fans so the air was moving around and made it a lot more comfortable than last year. The full scale pulls at Brandenburg Friday and Saturday nights were great. I'm writing this just after we returning from the National Tractor Pulling Championships in Bowling Green OH Aug 19 and 20. This is the largest outdoor pull in the country and possibly the best around. We had great weather, and around 130 hooks over our Friday/Saturday sessions (2 morning and 2 afternoon RC pulling sessions). RC pullers from NY, PA, MI, KY, IN, IL, OH and even MA were at this event (yes that's Massachusetts for what I believe to be the longest distance traveler that joined us). A lot of participants from many RC pulling clubs competed, made exhibition runs, and pitched in to help make this one of our best events of the year. If you haven't been to BG before, put it on your To Do list at least once (and then you'll be hooked like the rest of us and try to do it every year you can). FYI, in 2012 BG is August 17, 18, 19, for the Full Scale pulling (RC pulling will be Aug 17 and 18), so mark your calendars, and be the first at work to put in for vacation those days Later in our season we pull at West Liberty OH 9/3 and 9/4, and then Xenia OH on 9/25 and 9/26. We end the STPA season December 10 in Urbana at the Sutphen pull. That is a very unique indoor RC pull at a Fire Truck factory. Try to come out and join us at one of these events if you can. It's election time for some NRCTPA directors. There are also several rule changes on the ballot so please be sure to vote, and let the directors (current and future) know of any ideas you have to improve things and make the organization grow.

Ed Finchum

Pullback girls!.....

The next event is the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. I hope everyone that wants to come can scrape up the money and time to make it. We expect to have an outstanding event like we did last year. As always, we need event helpers, everything from tech to teardown to track and setup staff. I hope we can get all of the help we need to do this event....we always seem to get enough help I am hoping this year is no different. Again ,bring Tables if you got them, we need flat screen monitors...and some extra cash for our 2 outstanding raffle trucks .

After the worlds it will be iHobby we still need racers I guess and pullers really too. Chris Bercaw found out somewhere that

iHobby will be in Cleveland next year. If that is true we will be able to really do a much better job there than in Chicago. There are a lot more members closer to Cleveland than Chicago....although Chicago is an awesome place to be. Next year's location and dates are:The International Exposition Center (I-X Center) in Cleveland, Ohio, October 11-14, 2012.

I was really impressed at the SPRINGS and over the summer with the motor rule changes and battery changes. It seems to really help out the electric classes and after all of the haggling and angst I guess it works just fine...some of the classes that had trouble finding ESC's, motors, and batteries to hook everything up with are now having no problems with that. High voltage ESC's are

hard to get for years now and really the same for big motors. We really have not had any results from carpet pulling as of yet but I am sure that will come. We did get a couple Lipos to puff up that I saw but they really did not explodeand like Gene Nine has mentioned before.... get the highest "C" rating you can get in your packs. Especially if you are going to try this on carpet....(at least 30 probably 40C). I think that will hold it....but no one is for sure yet.

Jarred JonesLet's Play Trucks

LETS PLAY TRUCKS

It's been a while since my last article. I apologize, as life has given my family and I several unexpected challenges this year. Hopefully that is all behind us now. Now on with the news.....

There has been a lot of excellent pulling going on this summer here in the big KY with three Central KYRC Pullers (CKRCP). We joined forces with The STPA in July at the Meade County Fair in Brandenburg, KY. That was one heck of a pull! Later that night, the NTPA put on one whale of a show. We have pulled several fairs and have had a lot of interest in the sport. Looks like next year will get even bigger.

I would like to thank Jake, Mark and the gang with STPA for all of their support of CKRCP. Thank you!.

I hope everyone has voted and has their entries ready for the WORLDS. Let's all try and get to he WORLDS so we can pull and have a big time! See you there!!!

Jarred Jones

Tim Ludyka

Hello everyone,

It has been one super crazy busy summer and fall is coming quickly. Canadian Nationals are only 2 weeks away then the Worlds in 6 weeks. Looking forward to seeing everyone as I haven't pulled since the springs little rusty I think but it will be fun just the same. See you all there. Chow for now Tim Ludyka

Review of the Savox SC-1258TG Servo

I was intrigued when Savox servos first came on the scene last year. How could someone be selling servos with specs and materials similar to units from other companies that were near double the price? I ignored them figuring they might be cheaply made knockoffs at first but after months of reading nothing but great things online about them I figured it was time for me to see what they were like. So I ordered a few SC-1258TG Digital servos to try out. They can be found for about \$70 a piece which is fantastic for a servo with features like this.

Savox servos come in a sturdy plastic case with a hinged lid that could easily be re-used to store small parts. They include the usual assortment of plastic arms, mounting screws, grommets along with some really nice looking 3x12 mounting screws with super wide heads. I was also pleased to see the screw used to mount the arm to the output shaft utilizes 3mm threads. Not some goofy oddball thread like other manufacturers use that makes finding replacements on the fly a pain. Needless to say they don't skimp on the accessories although I would have liked to see an aluminum arm provided with the servo but that's a minor gripe since most companies don't provide one.

The quality of the servo itself is top notch. Here is a quick list of notable features:

- Speed @ 6.0V 0.08 seconds
- Torque @ 6.0V 166 oz-in
- Coreless motor
- Dual ball bearings
- Aluminum heatsink case anodized in a sharp orange color
- Titanium gears top to bottom. No plastic gears in here
- Super thick plastic upper case with beefy mounting ears
- Standard 25 tooth spline output shaft (Futaba)
- Thick gauge lead wires that are super soft and flexible

I installed the servo in one of my PRP Berzerkers to put it through its paces. I have been running the truck with a Hitec Titanium geared servo with a solid aluminum servo arm and no servo saver so I figured this would be a good setup to work out the Savox servo. Right out of the box I had an issue with my ESC's BEC being able to handle the servo. The Spektrum receiver was shutting on and off whenever you would move the servo. I have heard they were power monsters and that this was an issue.. but its easily solved with a power cap in your receiver. After installing a Spektrum voltage protector capacitor (Part# SPM1600) I had no issues.

The performance of the servo is fantastic. Ridiculously fast speed, great holding power and just the right amount of torque for my application. I did notice that when the servo is powered up and centered there is a tiny bit of side to side free rotation of the output shaft. Nothing more than a tiny wiggle, but its still a wiggle that other high end servos don't have. These servos are also super "chirpy". I know every digital servo likes to sing to you from time to time, but these things beep and chirp constantly. A minor gripe because it doesn't effect performance in any way.. but it is annoying. After running a few packs through the truck in my backyard I noticed no changes in the performance of the servo. It was just as smooth at the end of the day as it was during its first run. The heat sink case did its job keeping the servo cool and the shocks and bumps with the aluminum servo arm hasn't seemed to phase it at all. Time will be the real test with these servos but I have really high hopes for their long term durability.

Here are my pros and cons for the SC-1258TG

Pros:

- Indestructible ball bearing'd titanium geartrain
- Aluminum heatsink case
- Thick mounting ears
- Easily replaceable 3mm thread servo screw
- Performance and quality for a fraction of the price of other companies. \$70 for titanium gears and an aluminum case is just nuts!

Cons:

- Noisy as can be
- Power hungry which can be an issue with some BEC's
- Output shaft has a little bit of play

Overall Im very impressed by Savox's products. The proof is in the pudding with how many people have made the switch including myself. Whether its in a 1/8th nitro truggy, a 2wd buggy or even a race clod they just work great. The performance and features you get for such a great price is hard to match and I plan on purchasing many more Savox servos in the near future. Anyone out there looking to buy some new servos, definitely give Savox a shot.

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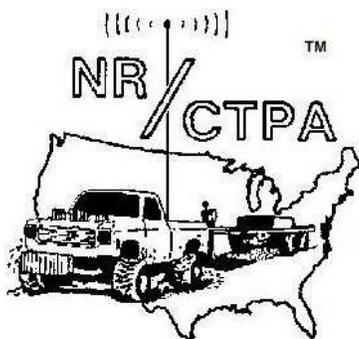
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Carpet Pulling	Ch.	Qty.
2WD Truck		
Pro Stock Tractor		
Bar Tire Sportsman		
2WD Open I		
2WD Open II		
Big Rig		
4WD Pro Modified		
4WD Box Stock		

Dirt Pulling	Ch.	Qty.
Digger		
Garden Tractor		
2WD Box Stock		
Pro Stock Tractor		
Bar Tire Sportsman		
2WD Pro Modified Electric		
2WD Open I		
Big Rig		
4WD Modified Driveshaft		
4WD Scratch Built		
4WD Box Stock		
2WD Pro Modified Nitro		
2WD Nitro		
Gas		
Insane		
2WD Unlimited		

Racing	Ch.	Qty.
Drag Racing		
Novice (\$10 Entry Fee)		
2WD Stock Tuff Truck		
2WD Modified Tuff Truck		
4WD Modified Tuff Truck		
Stock CORR Truck		
Modified CORR Truck		
4WD Independent Suspension		
Retro		
Sport Modified		
4WD Modified		
4WD Driveshaft		
4WD Pro Modified		
4WD Box Stock		
4WD Super Stock		

Exhibition Classes	Ch.	Qty.
Light Super Stock		
Heavy Super Stock		
12# 4WD		



2011 NR/CTPA World Championships Official Registration Form

Complete both sides of this registration in its entirety. Acceptable payments are check (payable to NR/CTPA), cash, and PayPal (send to sales@nrctpa.org). If you have any questions pertaining to the registration process please contact Andy Linkenhoker at 413.668.8844 or email andrewlinkenhoker@gmail.com.

Entry Fees

- 1) Until September 9, 2011 entry fee is \$15.00. Payment must be included.
- 2) From September 10, 2011 until October 5, 2011 registration is \$20.00 per entry. Email and phone in entries are accepted during this time with or without payment.
- 3) From October 5, 2011 to door registration the cost to enter at the door is \$25.00. No exceptions.
- 4) Novice entry fee is \$10.00 whether early or at the door.

Send entries and payments to:

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Participant Information

Name

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Total number of entries (From Other Side)	
Total amount owed (Multiply # of entries by appropriate per vehicle cost)	\$
Total for Tee Shirt Order	\$
Membership(\$25.00 for single memberships,\$30.00 for family membership. \$5.00 discount for members of NR/CTPA affiliated clubs.	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT OWED	\$

. We recommend you place your order at the same time you register for the event to ensure you receive your preferred shirt color and size. A limited number of shirts will be available at the event, but no guarantees can be made regarding colors and sizes. Cost is \$10 per short sleeve shirt for sizes Youth through X-Large. XX-Large and XXX-Large cost \$12. Long sleeve shirts cost an additional \$2 per shirt (\$12 & \$14 respectfully). Please complete the form below and enter the total amount due on the registration form.

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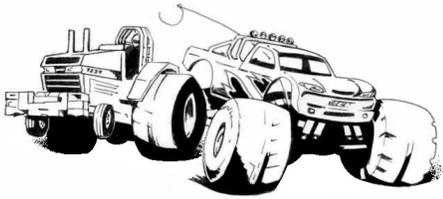
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Event Name	Date(s)	Location	Contact	Events
Orono Championships	September 10	Orono, Canada	Minne Wiersma	Dirt Pulling
Grand Nationals	September	Sandy Creek, NY	David Engle	Dirt Pulling
NR/CTPA World Championships	October 7-9, 2011	Holiday City, OH	www.nrctp.org	M.T Racing, Dirt & Carpet Pulling
iHobby	October 18-24	Chicago	I Hobby	Dirt Pulling & Racing
Big Bird Pull	November	Central Square NY	Dave Engle	Dirt Pulling & dish to pass



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