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## FROM THE JOE ZONE

-JOE KILIAN-

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From the Joe Zone.....

My head is filled with new ideas after coming back from the Super Pull. County Line Club #1 in the NR/CTPA has once again come up

with some outstanding new ideas for the future. From the way they get sponsors ( we already stole that) to the way they ran the elimination ( I guess that was Mo Aschkenas' idea but still they ran with it). This event was a great one. We need to thank Darren and Laura and all of the County Line members for putting this all together. Undoubtedly, the NR/CTPA will be using many of these new ideas in the SPRINGS and WORLDS and iHobby events. Always willing to

take a chance now and then has paid off in big dividends for this club. At the event they placed all of the TRAXXAS component pullers together in front of the TRAXXAS banner, pretty easy if you ask me, but the outcome of 40 or so trucks in front of the banner drives home the fact we are using their equipment....placing the sponsor's logos under the plexiglass on the weight scales ...same thing pretty easy (should be done all

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THOUGHTS

-CHRIS BERCAW-

Greetings NR/CTPA membership,

Spring is in the air and you know what that means . . . the 2012 NR/CTPA Spring Nationals is near. Matter of fact it is May 4-5-6, I hope you have it on your calendar.

Again this event we are looking for sponsors for the racing and puling classes. So it you would like to sponsor a class or two, please follow this link (<http://www.rcmt.net/forums/showthread.php?23262-2012-NR-CTPA-Spring-Nationals-Class-Sponsors>) then post what class(es) you would like. The price per class remains at \$35 and you MUST reserve the class(es) by April 18, 2012.

Those that missed the Super Pull, missed a great event. Laura, Darren and the County Line Pulling Club always do an excellent job. What are you doing the next couple months? You need to get your Monster Trucks and Pulling Trucks and Tractors ready for the Spring Event.

Thanks,

Chris Bercaw – executive director

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Beginning Balance as of 10/31/2011:	<u>\$5,599.65</u>
EXPENSES:	
Office supplies .....	45.01
Postage .....	31.25
Hoist Repair .....	170.00
World's T-Shirts .....	238.56
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Total Expense:	\$ <u>484.82</u>
INCOME:	
Membership .....	25.00
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Total Income:	\$ <u>25.00</u>
Ending Balance as of 02/26/2012:	\$5,139.83
PayPal Balance:	\$ 535.79

Respectfully Yours,  
Helen Singleton, Treas.

the time) every time you weighed your truck there they were. announcing every so often all of the sponsors again makes sense...the 50% payback eliminates waste of money no matter how big the classes are...( and often provides a nice prize when you win)..a lot of easy ideas but a lot of thought must have went into that. Well they have reset the standard and a lot of this will be tried at the National events. The total package of this event was really tight and hit the mark for both competitors and sponsors....A funny side story at this event...the power went off around 3:00 on Friday and was out for about 3 hours during that time we set up the smoke eradicaion system (thanks Dave Engle for the hose and fan) the 2 key components of the system...well, we set this thing up in the dark using those little LED flashlights. We never really saw the whole thing and were surprised what it looked like when the lights did come on....everyone held their breath as the light SS nitro tractors took to the line (they normally have a problem pulling the hose) but it worked awesome.....all weekend...once again thanks Dave the last minute phone call about the set up really made the difference. SO from now on fuel pulling will be a part of the Super Pull, as well as all of the other great ideas.

The month of April will be having 3 pulling events on the same day. (April 14-15) The Dirt Nationals in Central Square NY a 2 day event will feature a catered meal. Chris Smith will be having his event at the custom car facility he operates in Tiffen OH which will be featuring a BBQ dinner...and in San Antonio Texas the Lone Star Pullers will be having their Texas Championships... they feature a few different classes than we do but I think a few phone calls and maybe some tweaking and you can probably fit into something they got...mostly hitch height I think...they will also be having something good to eat there. I think it was also BBQ last year so...

There is also some talk of a new club forming in Tennessee that would be awesome we really need to expand into the South that is huge pulling country. They would be able to also compete in nearby Kentucky at their events so they would be having an outstanding base to operate from....good luck to those guys.

Now for racing we are working on many new ideas for the events in racing. that elimination method as used in the Super Pull will be used at the SPRINGS for openers. Quite a few are clamoring for that style event and we will "give the people what they want". One day will be the usual NR/CTPA racing the following day eliminations all day Sunday...Apparently is a best of 3 runs and you are on the trailer or move on and also features the provision of multiple entries. It ran smooth at the Super Pull and we are going to try it at this event. We also have streamlined the classes to concentrate the Monster trucks into bigger classes. Rules have been eliminated as well over the past couple years so other clubs can also move right in and race at our events. The association is doing what it can to recover those huge numbers we enjoyed for many years on the racing side.

well...see ya when I see ya

Joe



BUILD IT (a pulling track) AND THEY WILL COME

Ed Finchum

The first STPA pull of the year was in Woodstock, OH in January. Dave Corbett set the portable track up inside a good sized, heated-shop at the farm operation he is part of. We had a great turn out with some new visitors that hopefully will become regular pullers. There was plenty of food shared by all, and several rounds of pulling throughout the 2 day event. A couple of new multi-engine pullers made their debut. Jake and Christi Haulman hit the dirt for the very first time with their new 20 lb Unlimited Tractor powered by 4 nitro engines. And Vic Hartings demonstrated a 6-engine nitro powered tractor. Needless to say, there was plenty of nitro in the air, and the sound of those multi-engine nitro vehicles was, well, Awesome! This was the first of many "Points Pulls" the STPA is having this year. Jamie Macy developed a slick spreadsheet for recording distances that ranks your position in each round (a nice feature that helps pullers monitor where they stand at any given point). This program assigns points based on the order of finish that will yield "Point Champs" at the end of the year for each class.

County Line put on another great Super Pull in Franklin, PA last month. Hats off to All the guys and gals at County Line for putting on such an enjoyable event. Special appreciation goes out to Darren and Laura for ALL that you do way before, and during this big pulling and racing event (including keeping us safe from Sasquatch and other shady characters like Joe, I mean Big Foot...sorry Joe..). Kirk and Keith, did a fantastic job building and maintain the dirt track so that it still provided lots of traction even at the end of day 2 (way to go guys! That's not easy). The smoke evacuation system that Joe brought also worked well (yeah Joe).

The next STPA event is scheduled for April 14 and 15 at Chris Smith's shop. This shop is a must see where they build top-of-the-line custom cars (and many winning 1/10 scale 2 and 4WD pulling trucks as well!). We had a lot of fun last year at Smitty's and I'll bet this will be another good one so join us if you can. Who knows, there might even be a few full scale custom cars on hand...

The Springs is just a few months away so it's not too early to start making plans to attend, sponsor your favorite class if you can, and get your vehicles ready to rumble.

Ed

**Tim Ludyka**

Hello all,

I will start with an apology for not writing much in the past. I also have had a hard time finding to be online as much as I would like but winter is winding down so my free time should be winding up. Getting pullers out and dusting them off for the Dirt Nationals in Central Square. Hoping to make the springs this year if the budget is there. Look forward to seeing everyone that's all for now.

Tim Ludyka

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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		
Light SS Tractor		
2WD Pro Modified Nitro		
12# SS Tractor		
12# 2wd Truck		
2WD Nitro		

Gas		
Insane		
2wd Unlimited		

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

Exhibition Classes	Ch.	Qty.
4WD nitro truck		

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# 2012 NR/CTPA SPRINGS

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:andrewlinkenhoker@gmail.com).

### Entry Fees

- 1) Until April 5, 2012 entry fee is \$15.00. Payment must be included.
- 2) From April 6 2012 until May 1, 2012 registration is \$20.00 per entry. Email and phone in entries are accepted during this time with or without payment.
- 3) From May 2, 2012 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

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Hello everybody. Well, the first major event has come and gone with the running of the County Line Super Pull in north-western PA. This annual event is a lot of fun and is always very well organized. As always, there was a lot of great competition both in pulling and on the racing side.

For the first time, a new format in racing was tried. Double elimination racing. It was as much an experiment to see how it would work as much as it was a competition. As it turns out, it was tremendously successful. The focus now for the NRCTPA racing directors is to incorporate this very system of elimination racing into our club. Elimination racing was something already determined to be a part of the NRCTPA racing future and although guidelines have been set in the rule book, there will likely be some changes or as we call them, "event rules" starting at the spring Nationals later this spring time. This happened because as the rule book was being prepared, we were still ironing out the details of this new racing format. That, plus our first real test was the Super Pull, which took place well after the rule book was printed.

So, there is change coming to the racing division of the NRCTPA and as soon as we have the full details, we will pass them along. Also along the lines of change, if you have gotten your new rule book, you may have noticed some classes missing from the racing division. No, they were not forgotten. They have been removed from the club for a couple of reasons. One, some were not supporting themselves any longer. Others were in need of a drastic overhaul to bring the motor rules up to today's standards where the world of brush-less motor systems leads the way now. Also, we wanted to rebuild the racing division to better demonstrate the intent of our racing. We are a monster and tuff truck racing organization. Some classes fell outside of this description and had poor turnout at recent events so we decided to remove them. What we have now is a more streamlined and up to date list of classes to compete in.

Classes removed were as follows:

1. Stock CORR
2. Modified CORR
3. 2WD Stock Tuff Truck
4. 2WD Modified Tuff Truck
5. 4WD Modified Tuff Truck

They have been replaced with:

1. 2WD Tuff Truck
2. 4WD Tuff Truck

The two new classes, which really are just heavily revamped versions of two originals have some very different rules so if these changes in classes involves a truck you race or plan to race, please be sure to carefully read the new rule book regarding these changes.

For updates involving the racing division, please be sure to frequently visit [rcmt.net](http://rcmt.net) on the web and go to the nrctpa forum for all the latest information. More info will be coming on the elimination racing so please check in with us to be sure you have the latest on all there is to know regarding this so you can be better prepared at the Spring Nationals in a couple months.

One last quick item before I let you go, we are promoting an exhibition class for small drive shaft trucks (2.2 Shaft Drive) like the Wheely King. 2.2 wheels are what you have to use but the rest is pretty much open to your creativeness. So far, we have had two trucks try it out, both being Wheely Kings. So if you're itching to start a new project, give some thought to this class, it may be just what you were looking for.

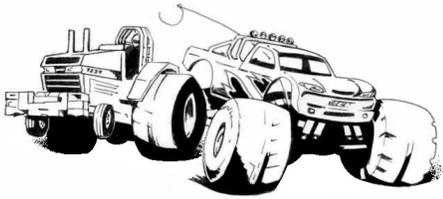
Thank you for reading and hope to see old and new faces at the 2012 Spring Nationals!

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<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Events</b>
Dirt Nationals	April 14-15th	Central Square NY	Dave Engle	Dirt Pulling
Chris Smith's Pull	April 14th	Tiffin OH	Chris Smith	Dirt Pulling
Texas Championships	April 14th	San Antonio, TX	E.T Hughey	Dirt Pulling TX Rules
County Line	Second Sat every Mo.	Big Dog R/C	Darren Mealy	Dirt Pulling, Carpet Pulling & MT Racing
SPRINGS	May 4 5 6	Holiday City, OH	Joe Kilian	Carpet & Dirt Pulling Monster Truck Racing



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