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Skill Of Power, Strength and Traction

Power O Rama Rocks Prebel Indiana

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USPA NEWS - National Tractor Puller's Association members from four US states and Canada brought enough combined horsepower to Preble Indiana to launch a rocket to Mars and back. Preble Fire Department is proud to make this their eight consecutive year to sponsor this great NTPA event. With the help of thirty plus volunteer fire fighters and numerous local and national sponsors is what created another packed out house and standing room only. This year they added two new classes to the lineup, the Modified and Diesel 3.0 4x4's. which produced sixteen quality entries for the 4x4's. The top four payout spots were only separated by four point one five feet We will give you a total run down of each top four finishers for each class along with pictures. A special thanks to event Chairman and twenty-five year fire fighter Marlin Scheumann for his dedication and hard work to make this a very successful event.

The first class to start the show was the Four Wheel Drive FWD. The First Place went to Jake Zaring from Fillmore, IN with his Dixie Chopper Fat Heads with a distance of 340.406 feet; Second Place honors went to Jim Bosch of West Olive, MI in his Midnight Raider of 320.453 feet; Third Place was another entry by Jake Zarring, in his Lucas Oil Dixie Chopper of 318.737 feet and fourth place payout went to Steve Elchinger. of Colgate, OH. in his Jus Passin Thru The next class up was the Mini Modified. The class ended up with a four way Pull off because the finishes were that close. Top honor went to Canada's David Lacey from Thedford, Ontario driving Triple Play "Unchained". No one pulled any farther all night than Lacey, which went for 342.884 feet lacey also took third place in his Triple Play "Double or Nothing. Second place went to Kevin Bradtmueller of Hoagland, IN in his "Whomp Ass Express" for 338.725 feet. Fourth place went to Ken Bultemieier Jr. from Ft. Wayne, IN inches WAE Flip Side, going 331.195 feet.

The next class was the NEW class for Diesel 3.0 4x4's, The winner was Adam Hallien, of Ft. Wayne, IN with a pull of 314.239 in "Wrecker". Second spot went to Rob Wright of McArthur, OH in his "All Attitude" for 313.221 feet. Josh Bowers from Somerset, OH in his " The Sound Of Madness" finished in third with a pull of 311.438, followed in fourth spot was Jordon Kinderman from Kingman, IN pulling 310.088 in his "Cummin GET IT".

The NEW Modified followed the theme in great power, looks and skill. When you start adding engines that can only mean one thing. WILD HORSES moving over 100MPH down the pulling track. Ryan Writsel of Orient, OH driving "Lucky Stryke" with a pull of 335.259 feet took first place, followed by Don Deane of Trafalgar, IN driving his "Plummer Nightmare" to a pull distance of 314.129 feet for second place finish. Mike Schoenemann driving " Feel'n Froggy Extreme" for third place with pull of 285.200 took some payday back to Roanoke, I. Finishing out the pay spots for fourth was Anthony Schmiesing of Sidney, OH driving "Bionic Buzzard" to a pull of 274.02.

To round out the show was the LT Pro Stock. Matt Durbin of New Philadelphia came away with first place bragging rights for that night guiding "Sidewinder" down track for 307.776 feet. Larry Black of Camden, OH took his "Endless Torment" to second place with a pull of 306.783 feet. The Hot Blue "New Holland" driven by Brice Howell of Greentown, IN took a third place finish with a pull of 305.570. "Red Avenger" from Grenville, OH driven by Mike Palmer took fourth place with a pull of 305.261 feet. If you notice there was only 2.515 feet between first and fourth spot. Highly competitive and very exciting to watch.

Last but not least, one of the things that makes for a great show is having an announcer that knows the sport well. Who can add interesting information along the way and entertain audience at the same time. I can't say enough about the very professional job Mr. Denver N. Geitcey did for the show. Great job Denver!

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