

Pulling champ

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huge issue in this class," he said.

The new Bomb will have a new chassis, sheet metal and paint scheme.

Peissig said the new tractor is nearly complete and he should be in contention for the national title again this year. Lynn, who finished one point behind Peissig in the point standings at year end, will also bring The Rocket back for another season.

Peissig said the goal is always to have the tractors finish first and second.

"I really don't care what order," he said.

In 2007 at Tomah, which Peissig and Lynn consider their "home pull," Peissig finished second in the first session and Lynn was third. In the

second round of pulling, Lynn was second and Peissig was third.

The first Grand National NTPA pull is June 13-14 at Wilmington, Ohio.

The following weekend, June 20-22, Peissig will be in Tomah for the Budweiser Dairyland Super National Pull.

Peissig funds his hobby through two main sources: sponsorships and selling parts to other tractor pullers.

"When you win everyone wants what you've got," Peissig said.

During the week Peissig works in sales at Bob's Dairy in Dorchester. He estimates he spends about 20 hours per week after work out in the shop.

"It's just a lot of maintenance," Peissig said. "But there are a lot of

friends and family that help."

Despite traveling about 15,000 miles per year for the sport, Peissig said it's very family oriented.

"The whole family can get involved," he said. "It's basically like going camping out of state every weekend."

Peissig and his wife, Terri, have three children. Their sons, who are 12 and 11, compete in pulling with garden tractors.

But their daughter, Emily, 15, has other ideas. Peissig said she wants to drive his tractor.

"She says she's not going to mess around with garden tractors," he said.

2008 Wisconsin Tractor Pullers Association schedule

JUNE

June 7 Rice Lake
June 14 Dorchester
June 20-22 Tomah
June 28 Antigo

JULY

July 5 Unity
July 19 Ettrick
July 23 Union Grove
July 26 Menomonie

AUGUST

Aug. 9 Norwalk
Aug. 22-23 Beaver Dam
Aug. 24 Theresa
Aug. 31 Ridgeland

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 Marshfield

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