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Wingbuster Summer Classic

**PAUL KUBEK, NEIL SIMPSON
& BRIAN STAS ARE TOP THREE**

JULY 26, 2015 6 HALIFAX, MA 6 The Wingbuster Summer Classic attracted six pilots for a day of Formula GX action. The weather was partly cloudy with just a little rain early and increasing humidity as the day progressed. Temperatures topped out around eighty degrees. The grounds at the Wingbuster control line facility were manicured and very green.

Round one action saw Paul Kubek post a three cut win while Neil Simpson and Brian Stas tried to keep pace posting two cut wins of their own. In round two Paul outflew Neil two cuts to one to maintain his contest lead. Also in round two Matt Stas secured a one cut victory over his dad to create a log jam in the battle to keep pace with Paul. At the halfway point Paul had 1555 points. Brian, Matt and Neil were all sitting at 1025 points well off Paul's cumulative score. In round three Paul secured his contest lead flying Matt to a one cut apiece draw. Neil got past Brian with a low scoring one cut win where both pilots spent considerable time on the ground following a line tangle crash. In the final round Neil posted a one cut win over Rick Clark. Matt flew Chris Sarnowski to a very low scoring draw where both pilots missed considerable airtime. This left Paul in a position to fly very conservative in the final match against Brian, as just airtime points would be enough to secure the contest win. Brian took full advantage of that situation posting a three cut win. When it all sorted out the final order of finish was Paul, Neil and Brian. (continued on page six)

Summer Sizzler F2D Combat

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Central Mass Championships

**NEIL SIMPSON AND BRIAN STAS
FINISH ONE-TWO
IN SPEED LIMIT SHOOTOUT**

AUGUST 9, 2015 6 EAST BROOKFIELD, MA 6 In New England the number of active speed limit flyers has dwindled these last few seasons. At this point in time we have just seven active flyers. On this contest weekend we had one out with an injury, one working and one on vacation in Europe. That left only four of us to carry the combat torch. This prompted a contest day switch from our traditional Formula GX rules to our Shootout rules which are inspired by a rule structure, from the Pacific Northwest, which is the brainchild of Gene Pape. Thank you Gene. The rules are so simple that the pitmen can judge the event. This is necessary because if you only have four guys two are flying, two are pitting and there is no one left over to judge. The contest was flown in triple elimination format. The rule structure is simple, most cuts wins, however if you land or crash, for any reason during the three minute match period you lose. If you both come down you both lose. These rules allow four guys to have a fun and competitive day of combat flying with no need for any additional people to do the judging.

Paul Kubek versus Chris Sarnowski was the first match. A mid-air where both planes came down gave both pilots an early loss. Their tough days continued when both guys lost again in rounds two and three. This left Brian Stas and Neil Simpson, who were both undefeated, to battle it out for the shootout win. In their first match Brian got an early cut and then trapped Neil down low and got two additional quick cuts. At that point Neil was basically willing to sacrifice the win to save equipment, however, with about one minute to go Brian's engine began to sputter and then quit. Seems someone had gauged how much fuel he needed just a little too closely. Remember, if you come down you lose. In the next match, Neil believing in fate and inspired by the belief the combat gods were smiling on him, flew much better. It was a barn burner of a match where both pilots flew extremely well Neil just getting the better of it four cuts to three.

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CENTRAL MASS CHAMPS (continued from page one)

In the next match Brian got the win two cuts to one making things very interesting in the process. When their fourth match in a row started it looked like it was going to be another war with both guys twisting and turning each looking for an advantage and then the combat gods intervened, yet again, when Brians fuel bladder broke. Those combat gods can be mean. They are always willing to demonstrate that it is far better to be lucky than good.

Later, everyone ate, drank and enjoyed each other's company at the post contest cookout at Neil and Beth's house. The food was prepared and the festivities were hosted by the lovely Beth Brennan. No one went home hungry.

Central Mass Championships
Speed Limit Combat
4 contestants (all from MA)

Neil Simpson-East Brookfield, MA	5-1
Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	3-3
Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	0-3
Chris Sarnowski-Bedford, MA	0-3



Neil Simpson and Brian Stas finished 1-2 in the speed limit shootout

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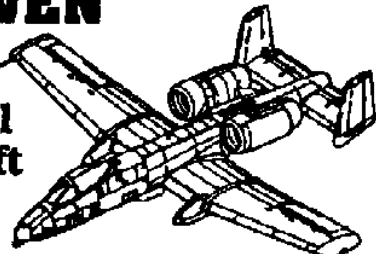
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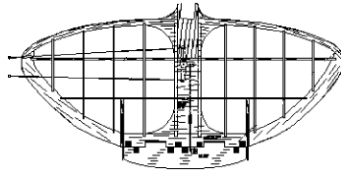
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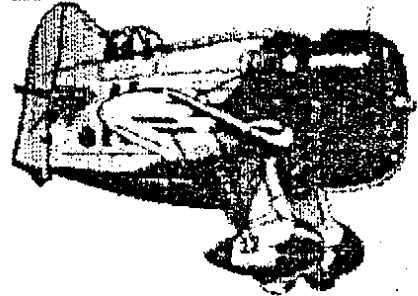
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Summer Sizzler-F2D Combat

NEIL SIMPSON, CHRIS SARNOWSKI AND PAUL KUBEK TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS

AUGUST 15, 2015- HALIFAX, MA 6 The weather was sizzling hot, low nineties to be exact, however dead calm conditions, a blazing sun and high humidity pushed the real feel temperature passed the mid-nineties. The Wingbusters club field was manicured however it was starting to brown slightly from a lack of rain. Five contestants were on hand for the second contest of the 2015 New England F2D season.

At the end of two rounds one pilot had been sent home in this double elimination affair. Chris Sarnowski was undefeated while Paul Kubek, Brian Stas and Neil Simpson were sitting at one win and one loss. In round three Chris stayed undefeated giving Paul his second loss in a battle that might have been the best flown match of the day. In the same round Neil managed to get past Brian giving Brian his second loss, as well. The final was a match-up between Chris and Neil with Neil having to win twice. Neil got a relatively clean win in the first match which was well flown and then got a rather ugly airtime win when Chris had mechanical problems that cost him significant airtime in their second match.

As always, thank you to the Wingbuster Model Airplane Club for allowing us to use their facility and run our contests.

Wingbuster Summer Sizzler F2D Combat (5 contestants)

Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	4-1	
Chris Sarnowski/Bedford, MA	3-2	
Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	1-2	(won coin toss)
Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	1-2	(lost coin toss)
Greg Wornell/Wellesley, MA	0-2	



The top three were Neil Simpson (1st), Chris Sarnowski (2nd) and Paul Kubek (3rd)

SUMMER CLASSIC
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Thank You to the Wingbusters for allowing us to use their fine facility.

Wingbuster Summer Classic
Formula GX Combat
6 Contestants (all from MA)
12 matches ó no mid airs

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| (A) Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA | 2355pts |
| (E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA | 2065pts |
| (E) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA | 1945pts |
| (A) Matt Stas-Kingston, MA | 1845pts |
| (E) Chris Sarnowski-Bedford, MA | 1340pts |
| (A) Rick Clark-Hingham, MA | 1000pts |



Team Stas, Brian and Matt at the Wingbuster Summer Classic



The top three were Paul Kubek (1st), Neil Simpson (2nd) and Brian Stas (3rd)

2015 Central Mass Championships

Photos courtesy of Paul Kubek



Brian Stas



Neil Simpson



Neil Simpson and Brian Stas



Chris Sarnowski

2015 Summer Sizzler for F2D Combat held September 15th
Photos courtesy of Paul Kubek



Brian Stas



Chris Sarnowski



Paul Kubek



Greg Wornell

Rumors, Facts Etc.

CONTEST FUND: This month we received a nice donation from Rick Clark . . . Thanks Rick.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: Please see the contests advertised below . . . Two of them reflect change dates from which they were originally scheduled. The F2D Fall Challenge has been moved from September 20th to SATURDAY September 12th and the Wingbuster GX Shootout originally scheduled for August 16th will now be held September 5th in the date slot vacated by the cancelation on the Sanford Jet Rally.

Wingbuster F2D Fall Challenge

**Wingbuster Club Field
Halifax, MA
SATURDAY September 12th, 2015**

**F2D Combat-Single Airplane Rules
Prizes for top three
First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned**

2015
**Wingbuster Fall
Championship**

**Wingbuster Club Field
Halifax, MA
August 30th, 2015**

**Formula GX Combat
Prizes for top three**

**First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned**

2015
**Wingbuster GX
Shootout**

**Wingbuster Club Field
Halifax, MA
September 5th, 2015**

**Formula GX Combat
Prizes for top three**

**First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned**

New England Contest Fund

9/1/2014 through 8/19/2015

8/18/2015

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BALANCE 8/31/2014			1,177.00
9/6/2014	Jet Rally	Trophy Expense	-6.00
9/14/2014	Jim Gall	Contribution	20.00
9/21/2014	Wingbusters M.A.C	Permit-Sanction Expense	-250.00
9/21/2014	Wingbuster Fall Champs	Trophy Expense	-6.00
9/21/2014	Wingbuster Fall Champs	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/12/2014	Fall Finale	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/12/2014	Fall Finale	Trophy Expense	-6.00
10/19/2014	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/19/2014	Eastern Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-6.00
11/2/2014	Season End Awards	Trophy Expense	-246.00
11/2/2014	Season End Awards -Shirts	T-Shirt-Hat Expense	-160.00
11/9/2014	Fall Fly-Off	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
11/9/2014	Fall Fly-Off	Trophy Expense	-6.00
12/1/2014	Streamer String (3 Rolls)	Streamer Expense	-8.00
12/1/2014	2014 Streamers (164qty)	Streamer Expense	-31.00
1/5/2015	Will Rogers	Contribution	100.00
2/23/2015	Len Thibault	Contribution	75.00
5/3/2015	GX Icebreaker	Entry Fees	50.00
5/3/2015	GX Icebreaker	Permit-Sanction Expense	-45.00
5/3/2015	GX Icebreaker	Trophy Expense	-6.00
5/3/2015	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	45.00
5/24/2015	Eastern Mass Invitational	Entry Fees	50.00
5/24/2015	Eastern Mass Invitational	Trophy Expense	-12.00
5/24/2015	Eastern Mass Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
6/6/2015	Wingbuster 1/2A Champs	Entry Fees	40.00
6/6/2015	Wingbuster 1/2A Champs	Trophy Expense	-6.00
6/6/2015	Wingbuster 1/2A Champs	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
6/6/2015	Joe Fustolo	Contribution	200.00
6/27/2015	Paul Lord	Contribution	100.00
7/26/2015	Trophy Logo Artwork	Trophy Expense	-50.00
7/26/2015	Neil Simpson	Contribution	50.00
7/26/2015	Rick Clark	Contribution	10.00
7/26/2015	Wingbuster Summer Classic	Entry Fees	60.00
7/26/2015	Wingbuster Summer Classic	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
7/26/2015	Wingbuster Summer Classic	Trophy Expense	-48.00
8/9/2015	Central Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-45.00
8/9/2015	Central Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-8.00
8/15/2015	Summer Sizzler	Trophy Expense	-48.00
8/15/2015	Summer Sizzler	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
8/15/2015	Summer Sizzler	Entry Fees	50.00
9/1/2014 - 8/19/2015			-308.00
BALANCE 8/19/2015			869.00
TOTAL INFLOWS			850.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-1,158.00
NET TOTAL			-308.00

Proposed 2015 Schedule

Updated 8/18/15

This schedule is always tentative and subject to semi-immediate change

15-Aug	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler Saturday Contest	F2D	Halifax, MA
22&23-Aug			
30-Aug	Wingbuster Fall Championship	GX	Halifax, MA
6-Sep	Wingbuster GX Shootout	GX	Halifax, MA
5&6-Sep	Mass Cup Stunt Contest		Wrentham, MA
12-Sep	Wingbuster F2D Fall Challenge Saturday Contest	F2D	Halifax, MA
13-Sep	Middlesex, NJ Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
20-Sep			
27-Sep			
4-Oct	October Air War Speed Limit Combat	SL	Vincentown, NJ
11-Oct	Fall Finale Combat Tournament	GX	Halifax, MA
18-Oct	Eastern Mass Championship	F2D	Halifax, MA
25-Oct	Philly Flyer's Speed Limit Contest	SL	Philadelphia, PA
1-Nov	Fall Fly-Off post season contest	GX	Halifax, MA