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Fall Championships

**BRIAN STAS IS
SHOOTOUT WINNER
NEIL SIMPSON IS RUNNER-UP**

AUGUST 30, 2015- HALIFAX, MA - This year's Fall Championships attracted only four pilots so we once again made the contest day switch from our traditional Formula GX rules to Shootout rules this to simplify the judging process for the four guys who were able to attend. The weather was hot and sunny with temps near ninety degrees.

Following three rounds of action Brian Stas was undefeated while Neil Simpson had one win and two losses. The rest of the field had been sent home. This left Neil with the task of trying to beat Brian three times to take home the gold in this triple elimination event. In the first match Brian flew Neil to a one cut apiece draw however in the second encounter Brian took home the win with a two cuts to one win. Both matches were well flown.

Thank You to the Wingbusters Model Airplane Club for allowing us, yet again, to use their fine facility.

Fall Championships Speed Limit Combat
4 Contestants (all from MA) 8 matches

Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	4-0
Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	1-3
Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	0-3
Chris Sarnowski-Bedford, MA	0-3

GX Shootout

**NEIL SIMPSON, BRIAN STAS
& CHRIS SARNOWSKI
ARE TOP THREE**

September 5, 2015 6 HALIFAX, MA - Five contestants were on hand for this one. The weather was sunny, very little breeze with temperatures hitting the high seventies.

Round one saw Neil Simpson and Matt Stas get off to good starts earning two cut and one cut wins respectively. In round two Neil stayed hot getting past Matt three cuts to one. In round two, after a slow start in round one due to a mid-air, Brian Stas got past Chris Sarnowski with a one cut win emerging as a contender in the process. At the halfway point Neil had the clear lead followed by Matt and Brian. In round three Neil and Brian faced off in a match that ended in a one cut apiece draw. In the same round Chris fought his way into the mix with a two cuts to one win over Matt. In the final round, Matt and Brian flew to one cut apiece draw while Chris was turning in a one cut win over Paul Kubek. In the final match of the contest Neil got past Paul two cuts to one. When the scores were tabulated Neil was first, Brian second with Chris just edging out Matt for the last trophy spot.

Thank You to everyone who shared in the judging and thank you to Wingbusters for the use of their great flying field.

GX Shootout - Formula GX Combat
5 contestants (all from MA)
10 Matches-1 mid-air

Neil Simpson - E. Brookfield, MA	2790pts
Brian Stas - Kingston, MA	1940pts
Chris Sarnowski - Bedford, MA	1845pts
Matt Stas - Kingston, MA	1830pts
Paul Kubek - Brockton, MA	1200pts

Wingbuster Fall Challenge F2D Combat

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Wingbuster Fall Challenge

F2D Combat

**GREG WORNELL, BRIAN STAS
AND PAUL KUBEK
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

SEPTEMBER 12, 2015- HALIFAX, MA ó Seasonably warm sunny weather greeted the five New England combat flyers that, on this date, assembled at the Wingbusters club field for some F2D combat. With two rounds complete two pilots had already been sent home with two losses. Greg Wornell and Brian Stas were at 2-0 while Paul Kubek was sitting at one win and one loss. In round three Greg Wornell gave Paul Kubek his second loss while Brian Stas was suffering his first loss also at the hands of Greg. This left Brian with the task of trying to beat Greg twice to take home the gold. They matched up in a hotly contested well flown final match with Greg ultimately prevailing.

Wingbuster Fall Challenge
F2D Combat (5 contestants)
September 12, 2015

Greg Wornell/Wellesley, MA	5-0
Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	2-2
Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	1-2
Chris Sarnowski/Bedford, MA	0-2
Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	0-2



The trophy winners were Greg Wornell (1st), Brian Stas (2nd) and Paul Kubek (3rd)

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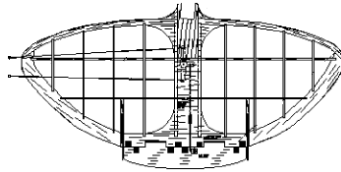
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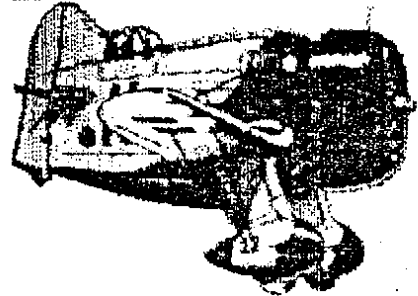
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2015 Fall Championships-August 30th
Photos courtesy of Paul Kubek



Brian Stas



Paul Kubek



Brian Stas and Neil Simpson



Brian Stas was the Shootout Winner
Neil Simpson First Runner-Up

2015 GX Shootout—September 5th
Photos courtesy of Paul Kubek



Brian Stas



Matt Stas and Chris Sarnowski



Paul Kubek



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2015 GX Shootout—September 5th
Photos courtesy of Paul Kubek



Chris Sarnowski and Brian Stas



Paul Kubek and Chris Sarnowski

2015 Fall Challenge - F2D Combat - September 12th
Photos courtesy of Paul Kubek and Brian Stas



Paul Kubek



Brian Stas and Greg Wornell



Brian Stas and Neil Simpson



Greg Wornell and Chris Sarnowski

2015
Eastern Mass Championship

**Wingbuster Club Field
Halifax, MA
October 18th, 2015**

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

2015
Fall Finale

**Wingbuster Club Field
Halifax, MA
October 11th, 2015**

**Formula GX Combat
Prizes for top three**

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

2015
**Wingbuster
Fall Fly Off**

**Wingbuster Club Field
Halifax, MA
November 1st, 2015**

**Formula GX Combat
Prizes for top three**

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

F2D News - October 2015

Mark Rudner (rudner@mit.edu)

Since I last wrote in May, a lot has happened. Hopefully by now you've read the previously promised report on the Dreilanderpokal, published in Model Aviation.

In July we had another installment of the Team Trials/NATS double header in Muncie. Dave Edwards stepped up and put in a lot of effort to run this big event – a sometimes thankless job that is nonetheless absolutely essential for the functioning of the F2D program in the US. This year we came out with a strong team consisting of Andrey Nadein, Andy Minor, and New England's very own Greg Wornell, along with Sasha Nadein as our junior. It was really cool to see Greg fight his way to the top. He's been putting in a great focused effort over the past couple of years to bring his flying to the next level, and it's really paying off. The NATS gave us a new national champion – Chuck Rudner! He's been a major contender for many years, but believe it or not this was the first time he won the NATS. It was really cool to be there to help make that happen.

While we were busy with our double header in Muncie, a new double World Cup event sprang to life in the region near Riga, Latvia. By all accounts this was a supreme event. Hopefully next year it will not conflict with the NATS; then I will recommend anyone who has the chance to go to check it out. My flying partners in Denmark (aka the Danish Vikings) are definitely planning on going back.

Most recently, we had yet another double header in Bulgaria: at the end of August the European Championships were held in Pazardzhik, Bulgaria, along with a “warm-up” World Cup event. The European Championships were a bit on the small side this time, with only 36 entries. The low turnout probably was influenced by the poor quality of the facilities in Pazardzhik three years ago when the World Championships were held on the same site. Fortunately, this time the grass was in good shape and things were much better (though the lack of a practice circle on-site was still a bit of an annoyance). The World Cup had a pretty good size (42 entries).

The original plan was to hold the World Cup on Friday and Saturday, before the beginning of official activities of the European Championships on Sunday. However, extremely heavy rain prompted the officials to pause the World Cup after the 5th round, with the plan of finishing during one of the break periods of the European Championships. It was a bit odd, but they pulled it off well. In the end, Audrius Rastenis took first place, sealing his position as the overall World Cup Champion for the year. Second and third places went to Vaclovas Cyzas (Lithuania) and Nacho Rioja (Spain, Jr.). Nacho was flying really well all week, and even beat Trifonov in the European Championships. Andrey Nadein and I tied for 5th place, which was enough for us to bring home the 2nd place team prize for USA.

Back to the European Championships, overall the flying was quite ugly. There were very few inspiring matches. The first match of the contest started with a mid-air in the first maneuver (both pilots did wingovers, straight into each other). That pretty much set the tone for the whole event. Strangely, though probably due to rough flying, lots of models crashed in or near the center circle (often under power). We had two injuries, and several close calls. Stronger enforcement against rough flying is definitely needed – not only is it ugly for the sport, it was apparent that it brings legitimate safety concerns as well. When the dust finally settled, Stas Chorny took home the gold, completing the World Champs/Euro Champs combination. His flying was extremely solid, no doubt helped by his constant training with his two young sons. Second place went to Ivan Boroda, the Russian junior pilot, who was flying very nicely. There was a three-way flyoff for third place between Jose Luis Lopez from Spain, Alex Prokofiev (flying for Latvia), and Andrey Beljaev from Russia. Jose Luis got the bye, so Alex and Andrey flew first. Unfortunately Alex came out on the short end of that match, setting up the flyoff between Andrey and Jose Luis. In the end Jose Luis came out on top, clinching the bronze medal and the team gold for Spain. It was a great day for the Spaniards.

Now things are calming down a bit. Phoenix is on the way in November. In December the World Air Games will be held in Dubai. The World Air Games is billed as the Olympics for aerospports, and this year F2D is being included in the aeromodelling division. The contest is by invitation only, and will showcase a flyoff between 16 national champions (from 2014) from 16 nations across North America, Europe, and Australia. Several local friends of the F2D News will be there – Andrey Nadein will be flying for the US, while Alex Prokofiev will be representing Latvia. In addition, our newest F2D pilot in the northeast – Igor Dementiev – will be flying for Moldova. It promises to be an exciting event, hopefully with good media coverage. More information is available on the World Air Games' website: <https://www.wagdubai.ae/>.

New England Contest Fund

1/1/2015 through 9/20/2015

9/20/2015

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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
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7/26/2015	Wingbuster Summer Classic	Entry Fees	60.00
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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
8/30/2015	Fall Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
8/30/2015	Fall Championships	Trophy Expense	-6.00
8/30/2015	Fall Championships	Entry Fees	40.00
9/5/2015	GX Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
9/5/2015	GX Shootout	Trophy Expense	-48.00
9/12/2015	Fall Challenge	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
9/12/2015	Fall Challenge	Trophy Expense	-48.00
1/1/2015 - 9/20/2015			355.00
BALANCE 9/20/2015			747.00
TOTAL INFLOWS			870.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-515.00
NET TOTAL			355.00

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