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Brian Stas

First Place - 2006 New England Championships

First Place - 2006 Fall Finale

2007 CONTEST SCHEDULE

This is a work in progress
All GX Combat unless noted otherwise
All dates are tentative

4/15 Middlesex, NJ – Speed Limit and 1/2A
4/22
4/29 Wompatuck Ice Breaker - Hingham, MA
5/5&6 Wingbuster Spring Kick Off - Middleboro, MA
(Formula GX-Saturday and F2D Combat-Sunday)
5/13 Mother's Day
5/20 Granite State Invitational – Franklin, NH
5/26&27 Ron Connors Memorial Spring Stunt Trials - Wrentham, MA
(Formula GX-Saturday and F2D Combat-Sunday)
6/3
6/10 Eastern Mass Invitational - Kingston, MA
6/17
6/24 Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge – East Hampton, CT
7/1
7/9-14 U.S Nats F2D/Speed Limit/1/2A/Fast
7/22
7/29 Granite State Championships – Franklin, NH
8/5 East Coast Championships – Hershey, PA
(1/2A and Speed Limit Combat)
8/11&12 Eastern Mass Championships - Middleboro, MA
(Formula GX Saturday and F2D Combat Sunday)
8/19
8/26 Salmon River Shootout - East Hampton, CT
9/2 New England Championships - Worcester, MA
9/9
9/16 Middlesex, NJ – Speed Limit and 1/2A
9/23
9/30 Wompatuck Invitational - Hingham, MA
10/7 North County Shootout - Leominster, MA
10/14 Fall Finale - Worcester, MA
10/21 The Last Shootout - F2D Combat - Hingham, MA
10/28
11/4 Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off / Post Season Contest - Hingham, MA

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F2D News - April 2007

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The 2007 US F2D season is now running ahead at full steam. This year we've got an exciting lineup in store, with what seems to be an unprecedented number of major contests planned (see the contest calendar on the MACA website <http://www.maca.hobby-site.com>).

When you take a look at that calendar, you may notice that one extremely important event is missing – the Team Trials. For reasons unknown to me, the organization of this cycle's Team Selection Program is running well behind the usual schedule. Rumor has it that bids have been placed to hold the Team Trials in Muncie during July, or in Lubbock over Labor Day weekend. Hopefully the vote will take place soon so that everyone can begin making the necessary arrangements.

This week I have just returned from the F2D Flying Frenzy in Jacksonville, Florida. This was the first ever F2D contest run by the brothers Duane, and I have to say that I was very impressed with their organization. The competition went off very smoothly, and without any major arguments or protests.

The site of this event was a large field on the fringes of Herlong Airport in west Jacksonville. The field was layed out with plenty of room for a sizable pit area, two official circles, and essentially unlimited space for test flying across the access road. On the downside, the naturally sandy Florida soil combined with a recent drought created a very dusty environment. After returning, I spent some time cleaning grass, sand, and grit out of my pitbox (note: a grit is something that southerners like to eat for breakfast, see "My Cousin Vinny" for further details). My engines are in need of some attention as well.

Contestants seemed unanimously impressed by the efforts of these first-time organizers. The only complaints that I heard during the contest were related to the sand/dust. Several competitors were worried that their engines would be ruined by the end of the contest as a result. This could to some extent be avoided by taking care to keep engines clean and to wash them out after any crashes. In the heat of battle this can't always be done, however, so undoubtedly some damage was done. I don't know if this could be helped by a local venue change, or a change to a time of year when the ground is likely to be less dusty, but if this problem can be addressed I think it will help to ensure that participation will grow in future years.

Throughout the contest, the quality of flying was very high. I saw a lot of great matches between a wide range of pilots in the field. Considering that this is still very early in the season, it bodes well for the F2D program in this country. In the end, Mike Willcox pulled out the victory for another 1st place notch on his wall. Lester Haury, recent winner of the Phoenix March Madness contest, took second place, and Alex Prokofiev took third place in his first F2D contest in the US since moving here. He started off very strong, with a string of wins that tapered off just a bit too soon to carry him to the end of this triple elimination tournament.

All in all, it was a very well run contest, and I'd like to thank everyone in Jacksonville who helped to make it possible. It was great to see such a good turnout (22 entries) for this inaugural event. I hope this is an indicator that interest in F2D is continuing to grow throughout the country.



**The first 2007 F2D contest is May 6th
Wingbuster Spring Kick Off - Middleboro, MA**



Ken Hargreaves always has something interesting to contribute to our newsletter

Rumors Facts Etc

CONTEST FUND: We received a very generous donation from Rick Clark . . . Thank You Rick.

CONTESTS: Check out the schedule on page two - Rick Clark sends word that the Middleboro, MA and Hingham, MA dates look definite. Jeff Vader has approval for the Franklin, NH dates. Also note that the Ron Connor's Memorial, in Wrentham, MA, has been moved to Memorial Day weekend. We will run GX on Saturday May 26th and F2D will be added this year on Sunday May 27th. The District I Championships for F2D Combat, normally held this weekend, will be moved to a date later in the season. The permits are in place and sanctions requests submitted for both the New England Championships and the Fall Finale.

NECN CONTEST FUND

Date	Payee	Category	Amount
1/01/2007		Opening Balance	247.00
3/15/2007	Streamer String - 10 Rolls	Streamer Expense	(20.00)
3/16/2007	New England Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)
3/16/2007	Fall Finale	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)
3/18/2007	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	Permit/Sanction Expense	(42.00)
3/18/2007	Wingbuster Spring Kickoff	Permit/Sanction Expense	(20.00)
3/18/2007	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(20.00)
3/18/2007	Wompatuck Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(42.00)
3/18/2007	The Last Shootout	Permit/Sanction Expense	(42.00)
3/18/2007	Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off	Permit/Sanction Expense	(42.00)
3/18/2007	Rick Clark	Contribution	108.00
3/28/2007	Granite State Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)
		Ending Balance	(8.00)

2007 Wingbuster Spring Kick Off

May 5th and May 6th, 2007

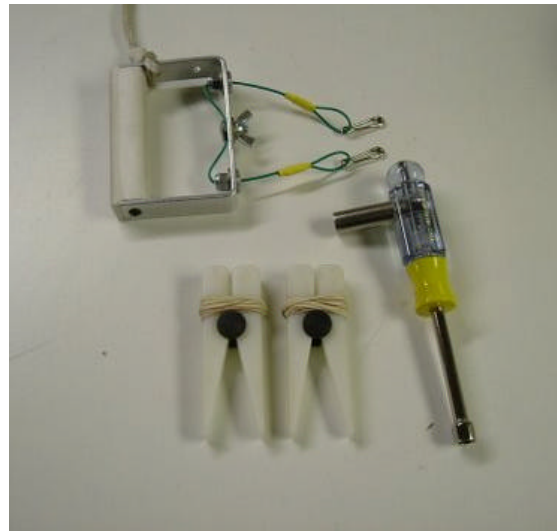
Wingbuster Club Field - Middleboro, MA - AMA Sanctioned –Rick Clark-CD
Formula GX Combat-Four Rounds
F2D-Mark's Single Airplane Rules
GX-Saturday and F2D-Sunday

Trophies for top three in F2D and for top four in GX plus first in Sportsman in GX
Registration 9:30am to 10:00am-First Match 10:00am

Directions: Take 104 east to 106 east from Route 24 - Turn right onto Route 105-Go two to three miles turn left onto River Street - Look for gate on right with Wingbuster sign - drive up between corn fields

More Winter Projects

This month our team of crack reporters were in Kingston, MA to see what was going on in Brian Stas' workshop. The picture with the tools are what Paul Kubek made for Brian over the winter. As you can see it's an adjustable handle, fuel pinch, and a combination prop nut and glow plug wrench-driver in one. The rest are the components to the planes Paul and Brian have built up thus far. Paul also made a nice jig to bend those 1/8" aluminum push rods. In the background is a stack of control lines ready to go.



***Ron Connors Memorial
Spring Stunt Trials***

May 26th & 27th, 2007

NEST Wrentham State School Flying Site
Wrentham, MA
AMA Sanctioned

Saturday-Formula GX Combat

Sunday-F2D Combat

Mark's Single Airplane Rules

First match 10:00 am – both days

Get on 495 either from Mass Pike or I-95

Take exit 15-Route 1A North

Follow to Wrentham Center Lights

Route 140 crosses

Take left on 140 (west)

Look for fork in road , bear right onto to

Shear Street-Look for first right,

Emerald Street-field is on left

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Granite State Invitational

Franklin Regional High School

115 Central Street

Franklin, NH

May 20th, 2007

Formula GX Combat

Four Rounds

Prizes for top four plus

first in Sportsman

First Match 10:00 am

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Take 93 North to exit 17. Follow the off ramp around to the right and continue on Rte 4 thru a small town called Boscawen. Rte 4 will fork to the left, stay straight on Rte 3 Daniel Webster Hwy. About 10 miles down the road you'll come to a traffic light where Rte 3 takes a right and crosses over the Merrimack River. Once over the bridge, the Franklin High School is an 8th of a mile up the road on your right. Turn in the driveway as you go past the school and we'll be at the lower field on your left.

***Wompatuck Ice Breaker
Season Opener***

April 29th, 2007

Wompatuck State Park–Hingham, MA

AMA Sanctioned - Rick Clark CD

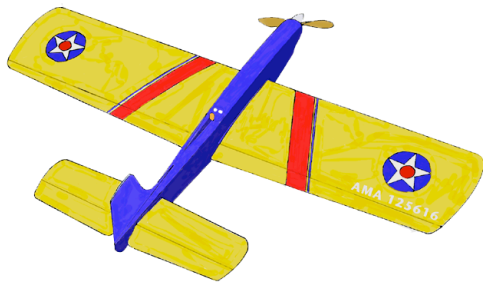
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