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Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge

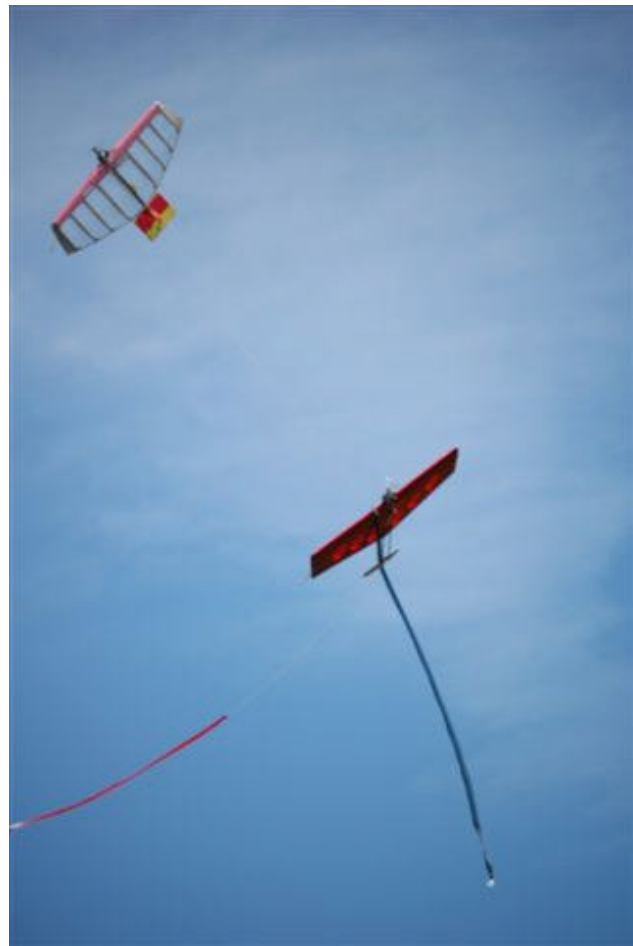
**KEN HARGREAVES, NEIL SIMPSON,
JEFF VADER & RICK CLARK
ARE TOP FOUR
SPORTSMAN TO VINNIE LANGELLA**

JUNE 24, 2007 – EAST HAMPTON, CT – This was the fourth annual Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge held in tribute to and in memory of our good friend and fellow competitor. The weather was perfect, warm and sunny with a gentle breeze. Seven contestants made the trip to the Salmon River State Forest and enjoyed a day of very competitive combat.

Round one saw Jeff Vader get off to good start posting a two cut win in round one. Neil Simpson, Rick Clark and Ken Hargreaves also posted good round one wins. In the first match of round two Jeff and Neil had a very exciting match with Neil earning a two cut win of his own. In the next match Ken Hargreaves got a one cut win over Rick Clark. At the halfway point it was Neil (1345pts), Ken (1140pts), Jeff (1025pts) with Rick and Paul Kubek both with 920 points. In the first match of round three Neil and Ken flew to a one cut apiece draw. Next, Jeff earned a two cut win over Paul. Going into the final round it was Neil (1855 pts), Jeff (1750pts), Ken (1650pts), and Rick (1440pts). In the semi-final Ken earned a two cut to one victory over Jeff. In the final Rick flew Neil to a one cut apiece draw. The final order of finish was Ken (2375pts), Neil (2365pts), Jeff (2150pts) and Rick (1950pts). The sportsman division winner was Vinnie Langella from Meriden, Connecticut.

Thank You, to everyone who participated and to those who shared in the judging. This was also the first time, this season, we enjoyed Vinnie Langella's participation. Good to have you flying with us, Vinnie.

(Details on page two)



Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge
7 contestants (5 from MA) (1 from NH) (1 from CT)
16 matches (no mid airs)

(A) Ken Hargreave-Worcester, MA	2375pts
(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	2365pts
(A) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	2150pts
(A) Rick Clark-Hingham, MA	1950pts
(A) Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	1530pts
(S) Vinnie Langella-Meriden, CT	1030pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	800pts



Ken Hargreaves with his latest classic combat machine (circa 1982)
John Jo's Master Killer



The trophy winners were Ken Hargreaves (1st), Neil Simpson (2nd), Jeff Vader (3rd), Rick Clark (4th) and Vinnie Langella (1st sportsman)



Vinnie Langella and Rick Clark



Ken Hargreaves and Paul Kubek

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Wingbuster Fun Fly July 2007

Jeff Vader Photos



Vinnie Langella



Ken Hargreaves



Rick Clark with a Warbird



Brian Stas' Buster



Look Close-A Sweet Sweep



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Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Balance
		Opening Balance		247.00
3/15/2007	Streamer String - 10 Rolls	Streamer Expense	(20.00)	227.00
3/16/2007	New England Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	182.00
3/16/2007	Fall Finale	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	137.00
3/18/2007	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	Permit/Sanction Expense	(42.00)	95.00
3/18/2007	Wingbuster Spring Kickoff	Permit/Sanction Expense	(20.00)	75.00
3/18/2007	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(20.00)	55.00
3/18/2007	Wompatuck Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(42.00)	13.00
3/18/2007	The Last Shootout	Permit/Sanction Expense	(42.00)	(29.00)
3/18/2007	Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off	Permit/Sanction Expense	(42.00)	(71.00)
3/18/2007	Rick Clark	contribution	108.00	37.00
3/28/2007	Granite State Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	(8.00)
4/16/2007	Len Minick Memorial	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	(53.00)
4/18/2007	Eastern Mass Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	(98.00)
4/29/2007	Glenn Simpson	contribution	60.00	(38.00)
4/29/2007	Joe Fustolo	contribution	50.00	12.00
4/29/2007	Ken Hargreaves	contribution	100.00	112.00
4/29/2007	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	trophy expense	80.00)	32.00
4/29/2007	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	entry fees	90.00	122.00
4/30/2007	Granite State Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	77.00
5/6/2007	Wingbuster Spring Kickoff	trophy expense	(128.00)	(51.00)
5/6/2007	Wingbuster Spring Kickoff	entry fees	160.00	109.00
5/27/2007	Ron Connors Memorial	trophy expense	(128.00)	(19.00)
5/27/2007	Ron Connors Memorial	entry fees	130.00	111.00
5/31/2007	Salmon River Shootout	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	66.00
6/10/2007	Eastern Mass Invitational	trophy expense	(80.00)	(14.00)
6/10/2007	Eastern Mass Invitational	entry fees	80.00	66.00
6/16/2007	District I Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(20.00)	46.00
6/16/2007	Rick Clark	contribution	20.00	66.00
6/24/2007	Ray DuFour	contribution	30.00	96.00
6/24/2007	Vinnie Langella	contribution	25.00	121.00
6/24/2007	Rick Clark	contribution	10.00	131.00
6/24/2007	Len Minick Memorial	trophy expense	(80.00)	51.00
6/24/2007	Len Minick Memorial	entry fees	70.00	121.00
		GRAND TOTAL		121.00

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***Eastern Mass
Championships
August 11th and August 12th***

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

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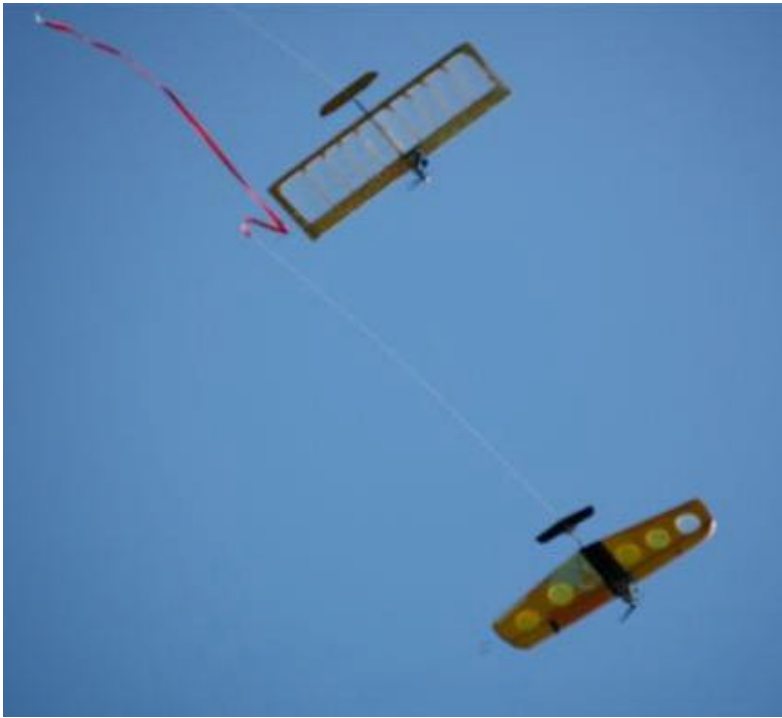
**Granite State Invitational
Franklin Regional High School
115 Central Street Franklin, NH
August 19th, 2007**

**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds
Prizes for top four plus first in Sportsman
First Match 10:00 am AMA Sanctioned**

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.

2007 Len Minick Memorial - June 24th

Jeff Vader photos



Vinnie Langella and Paul Kubek in action



Ken Hargreaves and Paul Kubek



Neil and Glenn Simpson



Vinnie Langella and Ken Hargreaves

Rumors Facts Etc

CONTEST FUND: This month we received very generous donations from Rick Clark, Ray DuFour and Vinnie Langella. Thank You Gentlemen.

CONTESTS: It's official, August 19th marks the date for the re-scheduled Granite State Invitational in Franklin, NH.

2007 Regular Season Points Championship

(thru 5 contests)



<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Accum Points</u>	<u>Total Possible Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hargreaves, Ken	29	30	967
Simpson, Neil	43	50	860
Simpson, Glenn	36	50	720
Clark, Rick	28	40	700
Vader, Jeff	34	50	680
Fustolo, Joe	13	20	650
Kubek, Paul	30	50	600
Langella, Vinnie	5	10	500
Sherman, Dick	13	30	433
"Lil Sherm"	12	30	400
Stas, Brian	8	20	400
Vader, Shaylene	8	20	400
Fustolo, Joey	3	10	300

Position in the season point standings is determined by the percentage column. The formula to determine percentage is total points accumulated divided by total possible points. Points are awarded in decending order for the first ten places in each contest (1st Place = 10pts, 2nd Place = 9pts etc.) Total possible points is the number of contests participated in multiplied by ten. Participation in no less then 50% of the New England regular season GX meets is the elegibility requirement for a season championship award.

Kirk Hargreaves' B-17 is showing great progress quite a project



Larry Jaconetta sent us these photos of his 1/2A combat design called the "Lil Nip". The engine is a GZ which I understand is well known in control line speed circles

2007 CONTEST SCHEDULE

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

- 7/29 Granite State Championships – Franklin, NH
8/4&5 East Coast Championships -Heshey, PA-CD Phil Cartier
1/2A and Speed Limit
8/11&12 Eastern Mass Championships - Middleboro, MA
(Formula GX Saturday and F2D Combat Sunday)
8/19 Granite State Invitational - Franklin, NH
8/26 Salmon River Shootout - East Hampton, CT
9/2 New England Championships - Worcester, MA
9/9 District I Championships -F2D Combat - Middleboo, MA
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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Granite State Championships

Franklin Regional High School
115 Central Street Franklin, NH
July 29th, 2007

Formula GX Combat Four Rounds
Prizes for top four plus first in Sportsman
First Match 10:00 am AMA Sanctioned

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Salmon River Shootout

Salmon River State Forest
East Hampton, CT
August 26th, 2007

Formula GX Combat
Four Rounds
Prizes for top four plus
first in Sportsman

First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned

Located on Route 16
Approximately halfway
Between routes 196 and 149

2007
New England Championships
Formula GX Combat

Boynton Park - Worcester, MA
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Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned

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