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**Shaylene Vader and Paul Kubek
Spring 2005**

2006 CONTEST SCHEDULE
All GX Combat unless noted otherwise

This is a work in progress, however, contests in bold type are quite firm

- 4/23 Spring Combat Challenge - Middlesex, NJ
(Speed Limit and 1/2A)
- 4/30 Wompatuck Ice Breaker - Hingham, MA**
- 5/6&7 Wingbuster Spring Kick Off - Middleboro, MA**
(**Formula GX and F2D Combat**)
- 5/14 Speed Limit and 1/2A - Hershey, PA
- 5/21 Granite State Invitational – Franklin, NH**
- 5/28 District I Championships -F2D Combat - Kingston, MA**
- 6/4**
- 6/10&11 Ron Connors Memorial Spring Stunt Trials - Wrentham, MA**
(1/2A Saturday/Formula GX Sunday)
- 6/17
- 6/25 Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge – East Hampton, CT**
- 7/2
- 7/11-14 US Nats - Muncie, Indiana**
F2D - Tuesday Speed Limit - Wednesday
1/2A - Thursday Fast - Friday
- 7/16 - 23 World Championships – Valladolid, Spain**
- 7/23
- 7/30 Granite State Championships – Franklin, NH**
- 8/6 East Coast Championships – Hershey, PA
(1/2A and Speed Limit Combat)
- 8/12&13 Eastern Mass Championships - Middleboro, MA**
(**Formula GX Saturday and F2D Combat Sunday**)
- 8/20**
- 8/27 Salmon River Shootout - East Hampton, CT**
- 9/3&4 New England Championships - Worcester, MA**
Formula GX Sunday - 1/2A on Monday
- 9/10 Colchester Combat Challenge - Colchester, CT
- 9/17 Fall Combat Challenge - Middlesex, NJ
(Speed Limit and 1/2A)
- 9/23&24 NEST Mass Cup - Wrentham, MA**
(**Formula GX Saturday and F2D Combat Sunday**)
- 10/1 Wingbuster Invitational - Middleboro, MA**
- 10/7 October Air War - Vincentown, NJ
(Speed Limit & 1/2A)
- 10/8 North County Shootout - Leominster, MA
- 10/15 Fall Finale - Worcester, MA**
- 10/21&22 Wingbuster Fall Shootout - Middleboro, MA**
(**1/2A and F2D Combat**)
- 10/29**
- 11/5 Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off / Post Season Contest - Hingham, MA**

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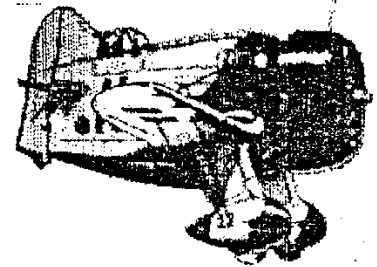
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F2D News - April 2006

Mark Rudner
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A few things have happened since the last installment of the F2D News. In this issue I'll follow up on some things that I talked about in the past two months.

First off, the CIAM Plenary Meeting took place on March 24 and 25 in Switzerland. The issue of safety in F2D was up for discussion, and many of us were worried about the possibility of a rash decision by the committee to institute new rules that would take effect before the World Championships this summer. The good news is that no such action has been taken. It is my understanding that the World Championships will be conducted according to what is written in the current 2006 version of the Sporting Code. In the interest of safety, I hope that the organizers in Spain will lay out the field with ample distance from the circle to the spectator area, and employ some safety netting if possible.

While I am glad that no rash decisions were made, it is clear that this is more of a beginning than an end to this matter. By way of Dave Lovgren in Canada, I've heard that the committee is still very concerned about safety and really wants to see that we, the F2D community, are making progress towards reducing the risk associated with flyaways.

Because the CIAM subcommittee is the group with control over the entire nature of our event, it is in our best interest to try to educate them about the details of our sport and to work with them on finding a solution that is acceptable to everyone. The F2D jury members -- Guido Michiels, Rob Olijve, Vernon Hunt, Pavol Barbaric, and Ingemar Larsson -- set a great precedent in this direction already by circulating a questionnaire to gather information and opinions from F2D pilots around the world, and presenting their findings to the F2 Subcommittee. For those who are interested, the original questionnaire and a summary of their results are available on Goran Olsson's webpage www.go-cl.se/cl.html.

Now that the urgency has subsided, we can begin to think about the long-term. Although flyaways will never be completely eliminated, shutoffs do appear to be one of the best ways of minimizing their risk. Many people have voiced support for shutoffs, and many have voiced concerns. Some of those concerns are fairly serious, and will have to be addressed as we work towards a solution. The F2D community is full of many very bright and clever individuals; I am confident that we will be able to come up with a low-cost solution that will improve the safety and ensure the longevity of our sport for years to come.

In other news, the first big F2D competition of the year took place last month in Phoenix, Arizona. It was a great competition, with a field of many of the country's top pilots in attendance. Your faithful reporter didn't make it to the podium this time, but the top finishers were 1) Mike Willcox, 2) Darin Albert, 3) Chris Renton.

As an experiment to try out one of the proposed safety-related changes to the F2D rules, the contest organizers marked the field with a pilot's circle of reduced size (2 feet smaller in diameter). It was a well-intentioned move, which on the bright side gave us the chance to experience this situation without it being legislated as a permanent law. Most of the pilots who I talked to didn't have a particularly favorable reaction to the smaller circle. Although one cannot really infer much about the effect of changing the circle diameter on flyaways from a single event, we were able to get a taste of how a smaller circle would feel.

I'm sure there are varying opinions on this, but to me the smaller circle felt a bit constricted and seemed to limit movement considerably. As this part of the sport's dynamic is something that I enjoy very much (and that I don't believe is a major source of flyaways), I'm not in favor of such changes being implemented in the future. One thing that we should do, however, is begin to keep track of flyaways and amass some data about their frequency and causes. Such information will be invaluable as we continue to work with the CIAM to protect our sport and our spectators.

NECN CONTEST FUND

8/1/05 Through 4/9/06

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Total
	8/1/05	Balance		420.00	420.00
	8/14/05	Eastern Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	(120.00)	300.00
	8/14/05	Eastern Mass Championships	Entry Fees	160.00	460.00
	8/24/05	Larry Scarinzi	Contribution	10.00	470.00
	8/28/05	Salmon River Shootout	Entry Fees	90.00	560.00
	8/28/05	Salmon River Shootout	Trophy Expense	(75.00)	485.00
	9/4/05	New England Championships	Entry Fees	410.00	895.00
	9/4/05	New England Championships	Trophy Expense	(400.00)	495.00
	9/4/05	New England Championships	T-shirts	(157.00)	338.00
	9/11/05	Colchester Combat Challenge	Trophy Expense	(75.00)	263.00
	9/11/05	Colchester Combat Challenge	Entry Fees	80.00	343.00
	9/24/05	Mass Cup Championship	Entry Fees	160.00	503.00
	9/24/05	Mass Cup Championship	Trophy Expense	(120.00)	383.00
	10/1/05	Larry Scarinzi	Contribution	20.00	403.00
	10/2/05	Wingbuster Invitational	Entry Fees	90.00	493.00
	10/2/05	Wingbuster Invitational	Trophy Expense	(75.00)	418.00
	10/9/05	North County Shootout	Trophy Expense	(75.00)	343.00
	10/16/05	Conrad Wondolowski	Contribution	50.00	393.00
	10/16/05	Fall Finale	T-shirts	(119.00)	274.00
	10/16/05	Fall Finale	Trophy Expense	(75.00)	199.00
	10/16/05	Fall Finale	Entry Fees	80.00	279.00
	10/23/05	Wingbuster Fall Shootout	Entry Fees	90.00	369.00
	10/23/05	Wingbuster Fall Shootout	Trophy Expense	(90.00)	279.00
	10/23/05	Glenn Haynes	Contribution	30.00	309.00
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	11/6/05	Wompatuck Fall Fly Off	Trophy Expense	(75.00)	159.00
	11/6/05	Wompatuck Fall Fly Off	Entry Fees	110.00	269.00
	11/6/05	Season End Awards	Trophy Expense	(184.00)	85.00
	11/6/05	Brian Stas	Contribution	10.00	95.00
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	11/14/05	Roy Glenn	Contribution	20.00	125.00
	11/17/05	Streamer String-10 rolls	Streamer Expense	(21.00)	104.00
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	1/8/06	Ken Hargreaves	Contribution	100.00	224.00
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	3/20/06	Salmon River Shootout	Permit/Sanction Exp	(45.00)	109.00
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F2D Combat

May 28, 2006

Silver Lake Regional High School

Kingston, MA

Hosted by: Brian Stas

Head Judge: Mark Rudner

CD: Neil Simpson

AMA Sanctioned

F2D Combat-International Rule Book

Trophies for top three spots

Registration: 9:30am

1st Match: 10:00am

**495 South to exit 7A (Route 24 North)
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8 miles on 104 pick-up Route 106 East
6 miles on 106 in Plympton take Lake Street
(left hand turn)**

**Follow Lake Street into Kingston
after railroad tracks take another
left hand turn also marked Lake Street
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Go around back of school**

2006 Wingbuster Spring Kick Off

May 6th and May 7th, 2006

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

Please know all the information on this page is from the latest issue of MACAnews

**MEMBERSHIP FEES
WAIVED FOR 2006**

In the last newsletter, concerns were raised regarding participation in CL Combat in general and MACA in particular. It has since been proposed, and accepted that MACA take the following actions regarding 2006 membership:

Effective for 2006, all membership fees have been waived. MACA membership will be automatically extended thru 2006 to anyone who was a member in 2003, 2004 or 2005. Any new members can join MACA using the membership form in this newsletter or online:

<http://aerovents.com/maca/open2.htm>

For those members who have already submitted payment for 2006 membership, this will be carried through to 2007.

If you are aware of any potential new members or inactive members who would be interested in reengaging with MACA, please pass this information on.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATS Schedule

The C/L Combat schedule for the at the 2006 NATS has been released:

Tuesday July 11: F2D (331)
Wednesday July 12: Speed Limit
Thursday July 13: 1/2A (330)
Friday July 14: Fast (328)

1/2A will be flown using 42' lines

Speed limit will be flown using Slow rules (329) for scoring.

The aircraft requirements are per Fast rules (328).

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***Len Minick Memorial
Combat Challenge***

June 25th, 2006

**Salmon River State Forest— East Hampton, CT
AMA Sanctioned**

Formula GX Combat—Four Rounds

**Trophies for top four spots plus First in Sportsman
Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00am**

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