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The Last Shootout for F2D Combat

**NEIL SIMPSON, KEN HARGREAVES
& JEFF VADER
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

OCTOBER 21, 2007-HINGHAM, MA-The temperatures were warm, the sky was clear, the sun bright. It was a beautiful, seasonably warm late fall day in New England. The Wompatuck State park, in Hingham, Massachusetts, was the location.

At the end of two rounds Ken Hargreaves and Neil Simpson each had two wins, two pilots had been sent home while Jeff Vader, Greg Wornell and Paul Kubek each had a win and a loss. In round three, Neil Simpson and Greg Wornell faced off and three flights in a row ended up tied two cuts apiece. In the fourth re-match Neil just got past Greg. Round three also saw Ken Hargreaves hand Paul Kubek his second loss. Ken stayed hot handing Neil his first loss and Jeff his second in rapid succession. This set-up the finals between Neil and Ken with Neil having to win twice. Neil won the first one when the ground came up on Ken giving him an airtime loss. In the next match they tied and then in the re-match Neil just got past Ken to take home the contest win.

Thank You to Rick Clark who cd'ed this contest and did a lot of good work , that helped to make it happen.

The Last Shootout
F2D Combat
7 contestants

Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	5-1
Ken Hargreaves-Worcester, MA	4-2
Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	2-2
Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	1-2
* won coin flip	
Greg Wornell-Wellesley, MA	1-2
Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	0-2
Rick Clark-Hingham, MA	0-2

Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off

**NEIL SIMPSON, PAUL KUBEK & BRIAN
STAS,
TAKE TOP THREE SPOTS
SHAY VADER WINS SPORTSMAN**

NOVEMBER 4, 2007 – HINGHAM, MA – Again this year the Wompatuck State Forest in Hingham, Massachusetts was chosen as the site for our annual post-season contest. In addition to being a great late season Formula GX event, this post season contest has become the forum at which the top finishers in the New England season point championships receive their awards. The weather was Seasonably warm, with temperatures peaking in the fifties. There was a warm sun with dimishing winds, as the day rolled on. It was a good day for combat. This year's event attracted nine New England pilots, to draw down the curtain on a very successful 2007 Formula GX season.

Round one saw Brian Stas and Glenn Simpson get off to the best starts both posting one cut wins. In round two Brian stayed hot and got past Glenn with a two cut win. Round two also saw Jeff Vader post his second good win, this one over Rick Clark. Round three started with match up between Jeff and Brian that ended early with a fly-away. In the very next match Ken Hargreaves and Glenn Simpson duplicated their feat, with yet another fly-away, all this serving to tighten the field. Late in round three Neil Simpson used a three cut win over Rick Clark to emerge as a contender. Going into round four Neil had 1530 points, Brian had 1445 points, Paul Kubek, who was flying steady, had 1420 points, Jeff had 1325 points and Matt Stas had 1320 points. Glenn and Ken Hargreaves were also well within striking each sitting with 1220 points. Early in round four Ken used a 620 point win to take the clubhouse lead. In the next match Jeff and Matt mid-aired ending their chances for the day. In the semi-final match Glenn and Paul flew to a one cut apiece draw. In the final Neil and Brian squared off in a match that eventually ended in a one cut apiece draw. Near the end of the match

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Brian had the lead, when the ground came up, he could have stayed down and won the match and the contest as well, however, Brian comes to compete, so he resumed the fight with just under a minute to go. Just before the final buzzer Neil got a cut to earn a draw in the match and the contest win in the process. The final order of finish was Neil, Paul, Brian, Ken and Glenn. The Sportsman division winner was Shaylene Vader.

Thank You, from everyone, to Rick Clark, who secured permission to use the site and also cd'ed the event. Also, Thanks go out to all the guys who helped judge the matches, not just on this day, but all year long. Thank You to all the guys, among them Rick Clark and Ken Hargreaves, who contributed great prizes to the year end raffle and made it a great fund raiser for the contest fund.

Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off

9 contestants (7 from MA) (2 from NH)

18 matches - 3 mid-air - 2 fly-aways

(E) Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	1940pts
(A) Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	1930pts
(A) Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	1855pts
(A) Ken Hargreaves/Worcester, MA	1840pts
(E) Glenn Simpson/Worcester, MA	1730pts
(A) Rick Clark/Hingham, MA	1645pts
(A) Jeff Vader/Franklin, NH	1525pts
(A) Matt Stas/Kingston, MA	1420pts
(S) Shay Vader/Franklin, NH	1000pts



Right: Rick Clark's machine was slightly wounded during third round action



**The trophy winners at the Fall Fly-Off were
Neil Simpson (1st), Paul Kubek (2nd), Brian Stas (3rd)
and Shaylene Vader (1st-sportsman)**

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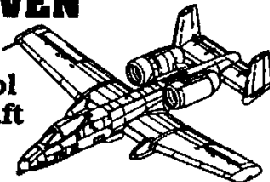
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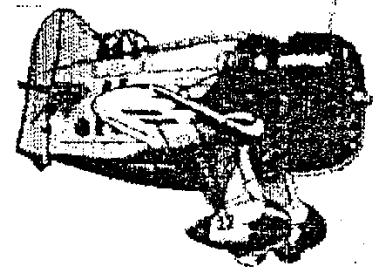
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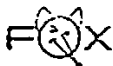
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The article below came to us courtesy of Mister Dick Sherman
(our Dick Sherman's Dad) He found it in the "DC Max Fax Journal"

Who Killed Model Airplanes?

by C. Howie Stalls

Who killed the model planes which once did grace the sky?

Everyone I interviewed said, "Certainly not I"

"Not I!" exclaimed the TV set. "I merely entertain.

It's not my fault kids have no time to make a model plane."

Who killed the model airplanes that Grandpa used to get?

Banana oil and tissue, the dime or nickel kit?

"Not I" say manufacturers of the costly RC gear

and pre-cut parts and instant glue which cost so very dear.

Who killed the pride in building, the work all done by hand?

Balsa sticks and printwood, we learned to cut and sand?

"Not I!" says the plastic man. "With parts pre-formed and such.

Anyone can make a plane, the effort isn't much."

Who killed the model gliders we once bought for a cent?

That looped-the-loop and made us laugh, I wonder where they went?

"Not much profit selling those!" the local druggist chimes.

Pennies will not pay the rent, nor nickels, even dimes!"

Who killed all the flying sites, there's no place left to fly?

Where's the local vacant lot with grass so green and high?

"Don't blame me!" the builder says, with "Keep Out" signs in hand.

"People they want houses, and houses use up land!"

Who killed model plans once found in mags of yesterday

That you could use that very night, not have to send away?

"Not I!" say all the editors, "We need the space for ads!

RC is what pays the bills, not kid directed fads!"

Who killed the rubber powered planes we kids all used to fly

Before the city ran us out of park and field and sky?

"Not I!" the councilman disclaims, his golf clubs in his hand.

Your planes are much too dangerous, and take up too much land."

Who killed the model airplanes, so small and pure of line

That challenged skill and heart and soul and cost but one thin dime?

"Not I!" shouts Macho Melvin, whose plane is big and loud.

Without which Melvin's manhood might be questioned by the crowd.

Who killed model airplanes? Is their time now past?

Can it be that times have changed and that the die is cast?.

In a pre-cut, plastic world where batteries are a must

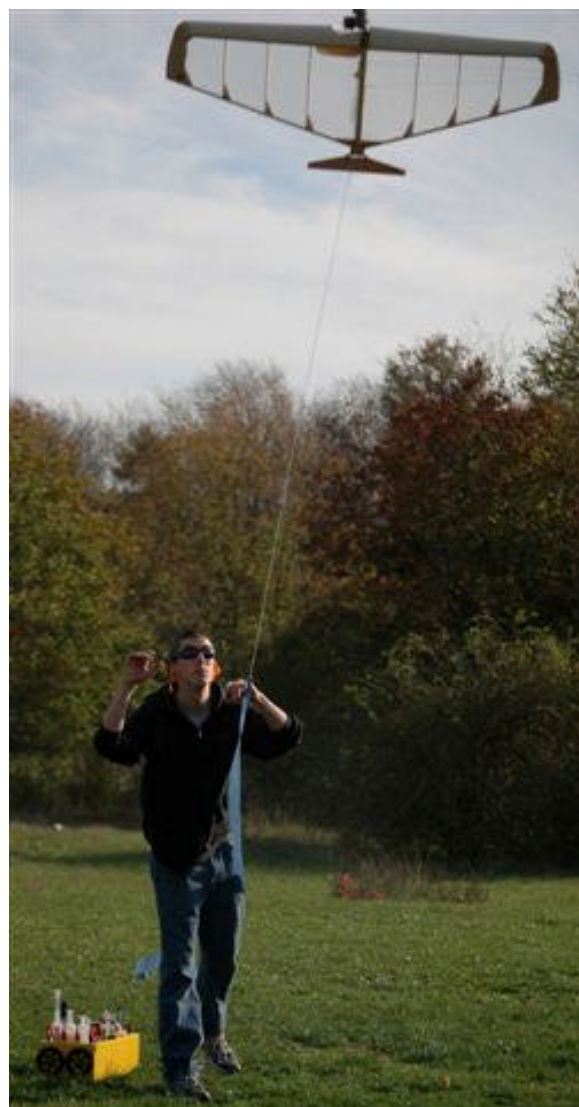
Will the skills of yesterday become but balsa dust?

Who'll save model airplanes? Is there still time to win?

Where do model planes leave off and where do kids begin?

Will other people save them? I'll have to disagree. . .

Find a Junior, show him how. Don't leave it up to me!



Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off

Above: Matt Stas gets his Dad Airborne
Below: Ken Hargreaves and Glenn Simpson
lauch Neil Simpson's Coyote.

Jeff Vader Photos



The Last Shootout-F2D Combat

Hingham, MA October 21st, 2007

Jeff Vader Photos



The trophy winners were Neil Simpson (1st),
Ken Hargreaves (2nd) and Jeff Vader (3rd)



Brian Stas



Neil Simpson and Greg Wornell



Ken Hargreaves



Ken Hargreaves and Paul Kubek



Jeff Vader and Brian Stas



Paul Kubek and Rick Clark

2007 Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off

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Right: Matt and Brian Stas get a Barracuda ready for an upcoming match.

Below: Glenn and Neil Simpson with the "Little Stinker". Glenn designed this airplane in the early fifties and used it for both stunt and combat.



2007 Regular Season Points Championship (final stats)

Name	Total Accum Points	Total Possible Points	Percent
Simpson, Neil	116	130	892
Stas, Matthew	7	10	700
Vader, Jeff	91	130	700
Hargreaves, Ken	55	80	688
Clark, Rick	41	60	683
Stas, Brian	47	70	671
Seymour, Lloyd	20	30	667
Simpson, Glenn	72	110	655
Kubek, Paul	55	90	611
Fustolo, Joe	34	60	567
Vader, Shaylene	21	40	525
Seymour, Brian	9	20	450
Sherman, Dick	16	40	400
Langella, Vinnie	11	30	367
"Lil Sherm"	12	40	300
Fustolo, Joey	3	10	300
Seymour, Aron	6	30	200

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 descending 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 than 50% of the New England regular season GX meets is the eligibility requirement for a season championship award.

Rumors Facts Etc

CONTEST FUND: This month we received very generous donations from Ken Hargreaves and Roy Glenn.

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8/12/2007	Eastern Mass Championships	trophy expense	(128.00)	(12.00)
8/12/2007	Eastern Mass Championships	entry fees	130.00	118.00
8/12/2007	Rick Clark	contribution	20.00	138.00
8/19/2007	Granite State Inv/2nd Date	Permit/Sanct Ex	(45.00)	93.00
8/19/2007	Granite State Invitational	trophy expense	(80.00)	13.00
8/19/2007	Granite State Invitational	entry fees	60.00	73.00
8/26/2007	Salmon River Shootout	trophy expense	(80.00)	(7.00)
8/26/2007	Salmon River Shootout	entry fees	60.00	53.00
8/26/2007	Vinnie Langella	contribution	25.00	78.00
8/27/2007	North County Shootout	Permit/Sanct Ex	(25.00)	53.00
8/30/2007	Will Rogers	contribution	50.00	103.00
9/2/2007	Jeff Vader	contribution	30.00	133.00
9/2/2007	New England Championships	entry fees	360.00	493.00
9/2/2007	New England Championships	trophy expense	(352.00)	141.00
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9/9/2007	District I Championships	entry fees	80.00	45.00
9/9/2007	Brian Stas	contribution	10.00	55.00
9/30/2007	Wompatuck Invitational	trophy expense	(64.00)	(9.00)
9/30/2007	Wompatuck Invitational	entry fees	80.00	71.00
9/30/2007	Glenn Simpson	contribution	40.00	111.00
10/7/2007	North County Shootout	trophy expense	(64.00)	47.00
10/7/2007	North County Shootout	entry fees	50.00	97.00
10/14/2007	Fall Finale	trophy expense	(80.00)	17.00
10/14/2007	Fall Finale	entry fees	130.00	147.00
10/14/2007	Paul Kubek	contribution	15.00	162.00
10/21/2007	Last Shootout	entry fees	70.00	232.00
10/21/2007	Last Shootout	trophy expense	(48.00)	184.00
10/24/2007	Ken Hargreaves	contribution	100.00	284.00
11/4/2007	Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off	entry fees	90.00	374.00
11/4/2007	Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off	trophy expense	(64.00)	310.00
11/4/2007	Season End Awards	trophy expense	(180.00)	130.00
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Rick Clark takes "dead aim" on Neil Simpson's streamer at the Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off (Jeff Vader Photo)



Contest Director Rick Clark does it all - Here he gets out the chain saw and clears the road to the contest site



Jeff Vader and Brian Stas



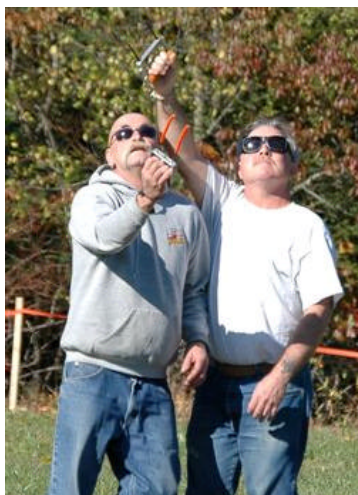
Ken Hargreaves launches Paul Kubek's entry



Ken Hargreaves and Matt Stas



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