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**Team Sherman  
Dick Sherman and his son Richard  
2007 Spring Kick Off**

**2008 CONTEST SCHEDULE**  
**All GX Combat unless noted otherwise**  
**This is a work in progress -All dates are tentative**

4/13 Middlesex, NJ - Speed Limit and 1/2A  
4/20  
4/27 Wompatuck Ice Breaker - Hingham, MA  
5/4 Granite State Invitational-Franklin, NH  
5/11 Mother's Day  
5/17\* Hershey, PA-CD Phil Cartier  
Speed Limit & 1/2A Combat—Saturday Contest  
5/24\* Middlesex County Invitational-Billerica, MA  
F2D Combat - Saturday Contest  
6/1  
6/8 Eastern Mass Invitational - Kingston, MA  
F2D Combat  
6/15 Granite State Championships – Franklin, NH  
6/22 Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge – East Hampton, CT  
6/29  
7-5&6 Wompatuck Fun Fly-Hingham, MA  
7/13-18 U.S Nats F2D/Speed Limit/1/2A/Fast  
7/20 Ron Connors Memorial – Wrentham, MA  
Now GX Combat  
7/27  
8/2\* East Coast Championships -Hershey, PA-CD Phil Cartier  
Speed Limit & 1/2A Combat) - Saturday Contest  
8/10 Eastern Mass Championships - Hingham, MA  
8/17 District I Championships – Kingston, MA  
F2D Combat  
8/24 Salmon River Shootout - East Hampton, CT  
8/31 New England Championships - Worcester, MA  
9/6\* Middlesex County Shootout -Billerica, MA  
F2D Combat-Saturday Contest  
9/14 Middlesex, NJ – Speed Limit and 1/2A  
9/21  
9/28 Wompatuck Invitational - Hingham, MA  
10/4\* October Air War-Vincentown, NJ-CD Roy Glenn  
single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit-Saturday Contest  
10/12 North County Shootout - Leominster, MA  
10/19 Fall Finale - Worcester, MA  
10/26  
11/2 Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off / Post Season Contest - Hingham, MA

\* Saturday Contests

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# F2D News - April 2008

Mark Rudner  
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Hi all -- I'm just back from the Florida F2D Flying Frenzy in Jacksonville, Florida. I must begin by thanking and congratulating Bill and John, the brothers Duane, for putting on another excellent competition. This was only their second time running a contest of this magnitude, but to everyone involved it looked like they were seasoned veterans. It was a first class operation with on-the-field barbequed lunch both days, clearly posted matchings and win/loss records on Howard Shenton's new magnetic label board, and plenty of filler-top fuel bottles to go around. To top it all off, half of the money collected from entry fees was returned in the form of a \$400 donation to the US F2D team!

As for the contest itself, the turnout was a little lighter this year with 16 entries. I'm sure there were many reasons for the reduced numbers, but I hope that once people read the reports from this year's contest they will pencil this one in to their schedules for next season. Actually I take that back -- do it in ink. It's well worth going.

While the quantity of pilots may have been low, the quality certainly was not. The award for "best match of the contest" goes without question to Willcox vs. Owens I, which took place on Saturday afternoon. It was a barn-burner of a match with enough jaw-dropping action and low-to-the-ground maneuvers to go on pay-per-view. Mike "Emo" Willcox came out the victor, but let me assure you that David Owens had nothing to regret at the end of that match. Plagued by recent accusations that he had lost his game, "Evil Emo" used the momentum from that match to launch himself back into dominant form and to propel himself to victory in the contest. Richard Stubblefield pulled up in a strong second place, with David Owens claiming the third spot. This result bodes well for Team USA, as we had two of our three team pilots claiming the top two spots.

I'm a bit pressed for time this month and will have to cut my column here. Be sure to look for next month's column where I plan to discuss some new pressing issues which have come up regarding the state of combat in the US. In the meantime, happy flying!

**2008**

***Middlesex County Invitational***

**Middlesex County RC Flyers Club Field**

**Vietnam Veteran's Park**

**Treble Cove Road**

**Billerica, MA**

**Saturday May 24th, 2008**

**F2D Combat      Single Airplane Rules**

**Prizes for top Three**

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

***Wompatuck Ice Breaker  
Season Opener***

**April 27th, 2008**

**Wompatuck State Park–Hingham, MA  
AMA Sanctioned - Rick Clark CD**

**Formula GX Combat-Four Rounds**

**Field available for practice/fun fly on April 26th  
Trophies for top three spots plus First in Sportsman  
Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00am**

**Route 3 south to exit 14 - Pick Up Route 228 for about 4 or 5 miles to Free Street which is a right hand turn off of Route 228-State park entrance is about 3/4 mile on the right—signs will be posted from entrance to combat site which is 4 to 5 miles into the park.**

***2008***

***Granite State Invitational***

**Franklin Elks Lodge Field**

**South Main Street**

**Franklin, NH**

**May 4th, 2008**

**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds**

**Prizes for top Three plus first in Sportsman**

**First Match 10:00 am**

**AMA Sanctioned**

**Photos from the 2007 Spring Kick Off**  
**It's time to start again**  
**Top: Paul Kubek and Rick Clark ( Judging Duty )**  
**Btm: Brian Stas with his F2D entry**



NECN CONTEST FUND  
8/1/2007 Through 4/17/2008

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Total
8/1/2007	balance		91.00	91.00
8/2/2007	Ernie Carosella	contribution	25.00	116.00
8/12/2007	Eastern Mass Championhips	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
9/2/2007	New England Championships	t-shirts	(153.00)	(12.00)
9/6/2007	Len Thibault	contribution	25.00	13.00
9/9/2007	District I Championships	trophy expense	(48.00)	(35.00)
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
11/4/2007	Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off	Raffle	160.00	290.00
11/6/2007	Roy Glenn	contribution	20.00	310.00
12/11/07	Streamer String (10 rolls)	streamer expense	(21.00)	289.00
3/4/08	New England Championships	Permit/Sanct Ex	(45.00)	244.00
3/10/08	Fall Finale	Permit/Sanct Ex	(45.00)	199.00
3/28/08	Will Rogers	contribution	60.00	259.00
4/4/08	Granite State Invitational	Permit/Sanct Ex	25.00	234.00
4/12/08	Eastern Mass Invitational	Permit/Sanct Ex	130.00	104.00
4/12/08	District I Championships	Permit/Sanct Ex	130.00	(26.00)
4/17/08	Middlesex County Invitational	Permit/Sanct Ex	(45.00)	(71.00)
		GRAND TOTAL		(71.00)



## *Rumors, Facts Etc*

**CONTEST FUND:** This month we received a very generous donation from friend and fellow competitor, Will Rogers.

The contest fund has gone negative so if any one would like to donate, now might be a good time.

**CONTESTS:** The permits are in place and the sanctions applications submitted for both Boynton Park meets in Worcester. Rick Clark sends word that his permits are in place for the four Wompatuck contests and the fun fly. All five permits are for both Saturday and Sunday so come a day early and do all the practice flying you might want to. The permitting process has been started for the two Salmon River dates. We have verbal approval and the dates are reserved for us pending our supplying an insurance certificate which will come with the sanctions, which are being rushed through now. The written permit from the state will follow. The first New Hampshire GX meet and the two F2D meets in Kingston look definite. The Wrentham meet in July ( now a formula GX meet ) is less then definite at this point. Greg Wornell has secured permission to run two F2D meets at Middlesex County RC Flyers Club Field in Billerica, MA on May 24th and September 9th, both are Saturday contests.



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