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Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge

**NEIL SIMPSON, GLENN SIMPSON
& JOE FUSTOLO ARE TOP THREE**

SPORTSMAN TO CHRIS SARNOWSKI

JUNE 22, 2008 – EAST HAMPTON, CT – This was the fifth annual Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge held in tribute to and in memory of our good friend and fellow competitor. The weather was partly cloudy, warm and humid with a threat of rain that we managed to avoid except for a couple of brief showers. Five contestants made the trip to the Salmon River State Forest and enjoyed a day of very competitive combat.

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The trophy winners at the Len Minick Memorial were Neil Simpson (1st), Glenn Simpson (2nd), Joe Fustolo (3rd) and Chris Sarnowski (1st-Sportsman)

Len Minick Memorial (continued from page one)

Round one saw Neil Simpson get off to a good start squeaking past Rick Clark two cuts to one. Joe Fustolo also had a good round one win. Joe and Neil faced off in round two in a match where there was a great deal of good flying, but somehow no cuts, even though each pilot was in the other's streamer more than once. In the end Neil took the match on airtime. Round two also saw Glenn Simpson climb into contention with a two cut win. In round three Neil and Glenn flew to a one cut apiece draw while Joe earned a win over Rick two cuts to one. Going into the final round it was Neil (1755 pts), Joe (1445pts) and Glenn (1435pts). In the semi-final Glenn was leading by a cut when a mid air occurred. This allowed Neil to cruise to the contest win followed by Glenn just a few points ahead of Joe. The sportsman division winner was Chris Sarnowski from Brookline, Massachusetts.

Thank You, to everyone who participated and to those who shared in the judging. (details on page two)

Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge
5 contestants (5 from MA)
10 matches (2 mid airs)

(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	2585pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1735pts
(E) Joe Fustolo-Stoughton, MA	1645pts
(A) Rick Clark-Hingham, MA	1520pts
(S) Chris Sarnowski-Brookline, MA	1200pts

2008 District I Championships

Silver Lake Regional High School
Kingston, MA
August 17th, 2008

F2D Combat
Single Airplane Rules
Prizes for top Three
First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned



Glenn Simpson finished 2nd at this year's Len Minick Memorial

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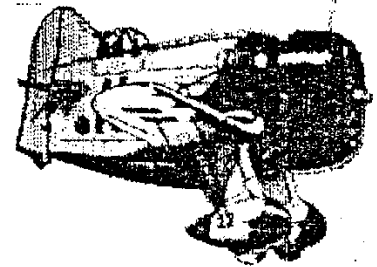
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Wompatuck Fun Fly-July 5th and 6th

Jeff Vader Photos



2008 Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge - June 22nd



Chris Sarnowski and Rick Clark



Joe Fustolo was a strong third at day's end

Rumors Facts Etc

CONTEST FUND: This month we received yet another nice donation from Rick Clark. Thank You for it and for all the other things you do.

NECN CONTEST FUND

1/1/2008 Through 6/19/2008

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Total
1/1/2008	balance		289.00	289.00
3/4/2008	New England Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	244.00
3/10/2008	Fall Finale	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	199.00
3/28/2008	Will Rogers	contribution	60.00	259.00
4/4/2008	Granite State Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(25.00)	234.00
4/12/2008	Eastern Mass Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(130.00)	104.00
4/12/2008	District I Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(130.00)	(26.00)
4/17/2008	Middlesex County Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	(71.00)
4/26/2008	All Four Wompatuck Contests	Permit/Sanction Expense	(168.00)	(239.00)
4/26/2008	Rick Clark	contribution	68.00	(171.00)
4/27/2008	Joe Fustolo	contribution	40.00	(131.00)
4/27/2008	Brian Stas	contribution	10.00	(121.00)
4/27/2008	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	entry fees	70.00	(51.00)
4/27/2008	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	trophy expense	(51.00)	(102.00)
5/5/2008	Granite State Invitational	trophy expense	(68.00)	(170.00)
5/5/2008	Granite State Invitational	entry fees	70.00	(100.00)
5/5/2008	Chris Sarnowski	contribution	100.00	0.00
5/5/2008	Glenn Simpson	contribution	40.00	40.00
5/7/2008	Granite State Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(25.00)	15.00
5/20/2008	Louis Lopez	contribution	100.00	115.00
5/24/2008	Middlesex County Invitational	trophy expense	(51.00)	64.00
5/24/2008	Middlesex County Invitational	entry fees	80.00	144.00
5/24/2008	Brian Stas	contribution	10.00	154.00
5/27/2008	Greg Wornell	contribution	100.00	254.00
5/30/2008	Middlesex County R-C Flyers	donation expense	(50.00)	204.00
6/5/2008	Len Thibault	contribution	50.00	254.00
6/8/2008	Rick Clark	contribution	10.00	264.00
6/8/2008	Eastern Mass Invitational	trophy expense	(51.00)	213.00
6/8/2008	Eastern Mass Invitational	entry fees	90.00	303.00
6/15/2008	Granite State Championships	trophy expense	(68.00)	235.00
6/15/2008	Granite State Championships	trophy expense	70.00	305.00
6/15/2008	Jeff Vader	contribution	75.00	380.00
6/22/2008	Both Salmon River contests	Permit/Sanction Expense	(115.00)	265.00
6/22/2008	Len Minick Memorial	entry fees	50.00	315.00
6/22/2008	Len Minick Memorial	trophy expense	(68.00)	247.00
6/22/2008	Rick Clark	contribution	10.00	257.00
		GRAND TOTAL	257.00	257.00

2008 CONTEST SCHEDULE

All GX Combat unless noted otherwise -All dates are tentative

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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2008 Regular Season Points Championship

(thru 6/22/08)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Accum Points</u>	<u>Total Possible Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Simpson, Neil	37	40	925
Stas, Brian	26	30	867
Vader, Jeff	23	30	767
Fustolo, Joe	14	20	700
Kubek, Paul	21	30	700
Simpson, Glenn	27	40	675
Clark, Rick	19	30	633
Stas, Matthew	6	10	600
Sarnowski, Chris	10	20	500
Vader, Shaylene	4	10	400

2008 Eastern Mass Championships

August 10th, 2008

**Wompatuck State Park -Hingham, MA
AMA Sanctioned**

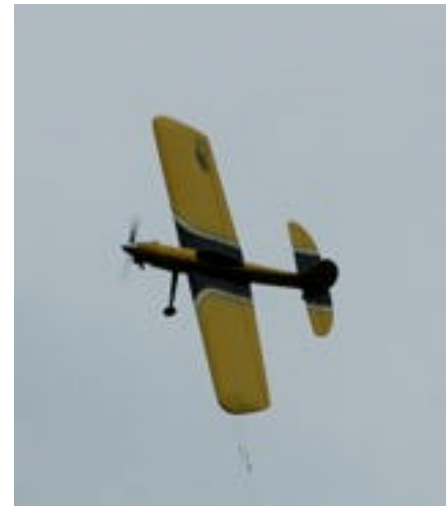
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Field available for practice/fun fly on August 9th

**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.

**More from the Wompatuck Fun Fly
Stunt Flying (above Right)
Clown Racing (below left)
And
Just Plain Old Clowns (below right)**

**Thank You to Rick Clark !!
A Good time was had by everyone**



2008
New England Championships
Formula GX Combat

Boynton Park-Worcester, MA
(near the Paxton, MA line)

August 31, 2008

Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00 am

AMA Sanctioned

Trophies for top three plus first in Sportsman

Take 495 or the MASS PIKE to Interstate 290 In Worcester pick-up 122 North towards Paxton

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