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Wingbuster Invitational for F2D Combat

**MARK RUDNER, ROY GLENN
& GREG WORNELL
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

OCTOBER 26, 2008-MIDDLEBORO, MA-The temperatures were warm, a morning overcast turned into clear skies toward mid-day. It was a beautiful, seasonably warm late fall day in New England. The Wingbuster Club Field in Middleboro, Massachusetts, was the location for this the final F2D event of the season.

At the end of two rounds Greg Wornell, Mark Rudner and Roy Glenn each had two wins, three pilots had been sent home while Paul Kubek had a win and a loss. In round three, Mark gave Greg Wornell his first loss while Roy was giving Paul his final loss. Roy then drew Mark and Greg in succession. He gave Mark his first loss and then got past Greg to get into the finals against Mark. Mark had to win twice and he did just that but not before Roy gave him two battle royals, where both pilots demonstrated why they deserved to be the last two standing.

Thank You to the Wingbuster Model Airplane Club for the use of their wonderful facility. Please know it's deeply appreciated.

The Wingbuster Invitational
F2D Combat
7 contestants

Mark Rudner-Cambridge, MA	5-1
Roy Glenn-Southampton, NJ	5-2
Greg Wornell-Wellesley, MA	2-2
Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	1-2
Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	0-2
* won coin flip	
Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	0-2
Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	0-2

Wingbuster Fall Fly-Off

**JEFF VADER, SHAY VADER & JOE FUSTOLO
TAKE TOP THREE SPOTS**

SHAY VADER WINS SPORTSMAN

NOVEMBER 2, 2008 – MIDDLEBORO, MA – This year the Wingbuster Club Field in Middleboro, 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 seasonable, with temperatures peaking in the forties. There was a warm sun, as the day rolled on, another good day for combat. This year's event attracted eleven pilots, to draw down the curtain on a very successful 2008 Formula GX season.

Round one saw Shay Vader get off to the best start posting a three cut win. In round two Shay matched up with Brian Stas.

Brian was ahead two cuts to one when a mid-air in the final minute ended things. Meanwhile Chris Sarnowski used a three cut round two win to move into the contest lead followed closely by Shay and Brian. In round three Shay stayed hot earning an airtime win over Chris. Later in the round Jeff Vader used a one cut win over Paul Kubek to move into serious contention. Going into round four Shay had 1750 points, Jeff had 1550 points with Brian, Chris, Roy Glenn, Neil Simpson and Joe Fustolo all within striking distance just a hundred or so points behind Jeff. Early in round four Joe posted his third good win in a row with a one cut win over Paul Kubek. Next, Brian and Roy faced off in a match that ended in a mid-air early hurting both their chances. After that, Chris and Neil had a good match going that ended in a mid-air in the final minute. In the finals Shay matched up with her dad, Jeff. They each had a cut but a missed airtime gave Jeff the match and the contest win, as well. The final order of finish was Jeff, Shay and Joe. Shay took home the sportsman "gold" by virtue of her second place finish.

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FALL FLY-OFF (continued from page one)

Clark, who secured the sanction and helped bring this contest to fruition. Thank you, again this week, to the Wingbuster Model Airplane Club for the use of their fine facility and thanks to all the guys who helped judge the matches, not just on this day, but all year long.

Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off

11 contestants (7 from MA) (3 from NH) (1 from NJ)
22 matches - 3 mid-air

(A) Jeff Vader/Franklin, NH	2170pts
(S) Shay Vader/Franklin, NH	2050pts
(E) Joe Fustolo/Stoughton, MA	1960pts
(E) Glenn Simpson/Worcester, MA	1940pts
(E) Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	1845pts
(S) Chris Sarnowski -Brookline, MA	1740pts
(E) Roy Glenn-Southampton, NJ	1645pts
(A) Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	1540pts
(S) Jake Vader/Franklin, NH	1510pts
(A) Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	1420pts
(A) Rick Clark/Hingham, MA	810pts



**Rick Clark and Joe Fustolo
At the
Fall Fly-Off**



**The trophy winners at the Fall Fly-Off were Jeff Vader (1st), Shay Vader (2nd) and Joe Fustolo (3rd)
Shay also took home the “sportsman gold”**

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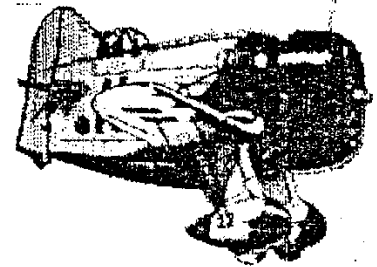
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F2D News - November 2008

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Waa waa waaaa. Game Over. The temperature has dropped down into the 20s and the wind is gusting to 35 mph. So much for the testing I was hoping to do this weekend. This is probably a sign that the flying season is officially over here. If we're lucky, from here on out we may get some occasional mild days and opportunities to put up a few flights, but otherwise it's time to baton down the hatches and start looking forward to next March/April when mother Nature will let us back into the circle.

Overall, this was a great year for F2D in New England. Average attendance at the contests was higher than ever, we set a new best for number of pilots in one contest (11), and finally had the chance to run a full two-airplane no-holds-barred F2D contest. Along with the increased numbers, the quality of flying was also higher than ever. If we had an award for strongest showing of the season, I would give it to Jeff "The Exterminator" Vader. Jeff has long been a serious contender in Formula GX combat, and has been flying F2D with us from the beginning. He's always been right there in F2D, but this year, especially towards the end of the season, he kicked it in one more notch and really brought himself to the foreground. I personally had some very hard-fought matches with him, and look forward to many more in 2009.

Speaking of 2009, did you know that we have a few F2D rules changes coming into effect? The internet has been buzzing with discussion about shutoffs for months (discussion is great, what about action?), and like it or not, 1 January 2009 is the day that shutoffs will be required for F2D. Let's not let that be the day that the music died. We've got a lot of smart and creative people in our community, so I'm still confident that we can come up with a simple and effective solution to this problem.

Aside from shutoffs, it also turns out that there is a new interpretation of the rule requiring the engine safety retaining wire. In many of our models, the safety wire is simply looped around the bellcrank axle. Apparently, in a midair collision that destroys the center rib, this loop can slip off the end of the axle and allow the engine to fly off. As unlikely as it sounds, I was told that this happened 2 or 3 times within a single contest in Germany this year. Anyway, there are two simple solutions. First, you can push out the bellcrank axle from your models, and replace it with a bolt and washer/nut big enough so that the safety wire has no way to slip off. Alternatively, you can press out the current solid aluminum axle and replace it with a hollow brass tube (getting rid of the old safety wire). You can then use a safety wire that runs through the center of axle-tube, and is terminated with a line-clip or any other means that prevents it from slipping back through the tube (see figure).

That's all I have for now. Stay warm!

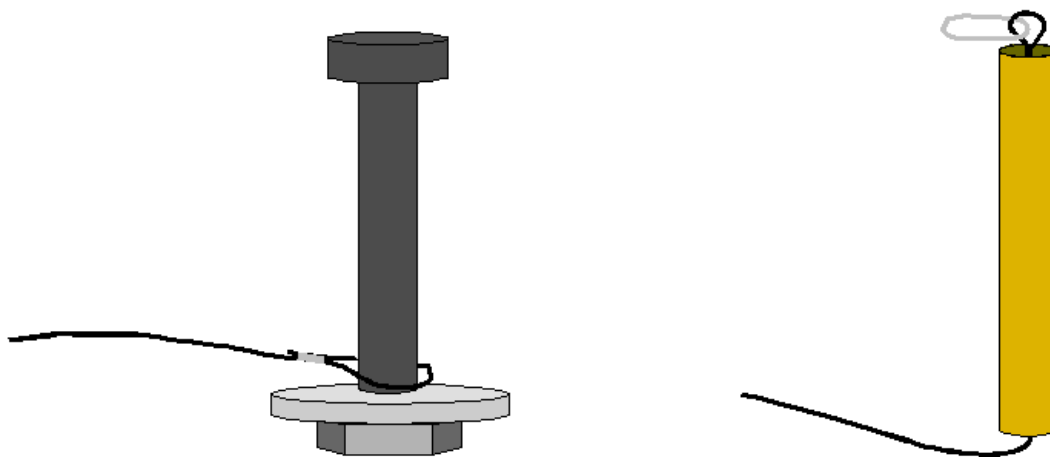


FIG. 1 Legal safety wire setups.

Wingbuster Invitational for F2D Combat

October 26th, 2008

Jeff Vader Photos



The trophy winners were Mark Rudner (1st), Roy Glenn (2nd), and Greg Wornell (3rd)



Brian Stas and Roy Glenn



Mark Rudner



Neil Simpson and Greg Wornell



Paul Kubek



Paul Kubek and Roy Glenn

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Jeff Vader photos



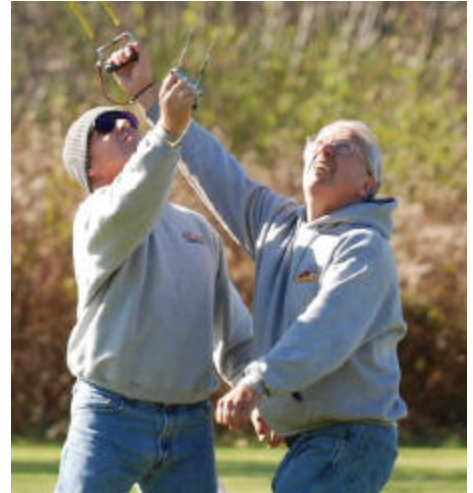
Rick Clark and Roy Glenn



Shay and Jake Vader



Jeff Vader and Brian Stas



Jeff Vader and Neil Simpson



Glenn Simpson



Chris Sarnowski and Paul Kubek

2008 Regular Season Points Championship

(final results)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Accum Points</u>	<u>Total Possible Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Simpson, Neil	95	110	864
Stas, Matthew	15	20	750
Stas, Brian	71	100	710
Cartier, Phil	7	10	700
Clark, Rick	28	40	700
Glenn, Roy	34	50	680
Vader, Jeff	66	100	660
Simpson, Glenn	62	110	564
Hargreaves, Ken	11	20	550
Lopez, Louis	11	20	550
Seymour, Lloyd	15	30	500
Kubek, Paul	44	90	489
Fustolo, Joe	29	60	483
Sarnowski, Chris	36	80	450
Seymour, Arron	9	20	450
Vader, Shaylene	4	10	400
Seymour, Kevin	3	10	300
Sherman, Dick	8	30	267
Carpenter, Jim	2	10	200
Vader, Jake	10	60	167
"Lil Sherm"	6	40	150
Gonzalez, Ralph	1	10	100
Lopez, Chris	0	10	
Seymour, Brian	0	10	

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.

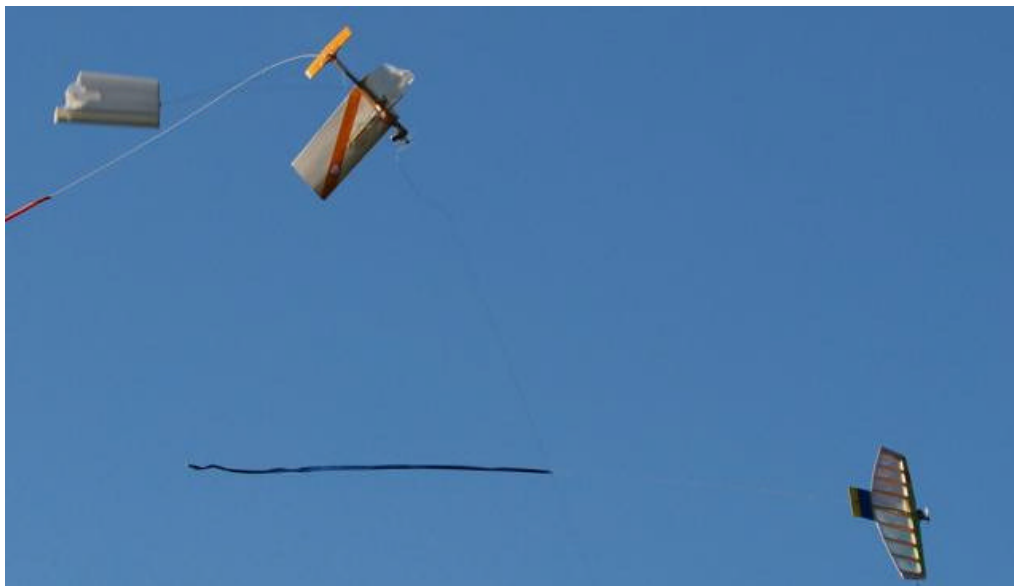
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