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SHERMAN & KEN HARGREAVES
ARE TOP FOUR**

**“LIL-SHERM” TAKES SPORTSMAN
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District I Championships F2D Combat

**KEN HARGREAVES, NEIL SIMPSON
AND MATT STAS
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

MAY 28, 2006 – KINGSTON, MA – This was the location and date, the time and place for the annual District I Championships for F2D Combat. There were seven pilots on hand for the third annual running of this event.

Round I and II were somewhat uneventful with only Ken Hargreaves and Matt Stas remaining undefeated at the end of two rounds. Round three started with a good match between Neil Simpson and Brian Stas followed by a war between Ken Hargreaves and Mark Rudner. In the next round Neil got past Mark, when with the score tied one cut apiece and the lines unmercifully wrapped, Neil got a second cut. Neil then got past Matt Stas when his airplane malfunctioned due to damage sustained in a previous match. This set the stage for a final match, a battle royal, between Ken and Neil, with Ken taking home the contest win, Neil was second with Matt and Mark tied for third. Matt and Mark settled the tie via a coin flip. Thank You to Kirk Hargreaves, who traveled to this event to help with judging. Kirk, please know it's appreciated. Thank You to Brian Stas who secured the site, hosted the event and to his wife, Carol, who invited us all to her home for great food and conversation following the contest.

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Ron Connors Memorial Spring Stunt Trials

**KEN HARGREAVES, NEIL SIMPSON,
CONRAD WONDOLOWSKI AND
DICK SHERMAN ARE TOP FOUR IN
FORMULA GX
SPORTSMAN TO SHAY VADER**

**RICK CLARK, KEN HARGREAVES AND
NEIL SIMPSON
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS IN 1/2A**

JUNE 11, 2006-WRENTHAM, MA-This weekend marked the annual running of “Ron Connors Memorial Spring Stunt Trials”. This year the New England Stunt Team again invited the New England Combat Association to run a combat contest as part of their fine event. We accepted their generous invitation and ran 1/2A combat and Formula GX both on Sunday, this year.

The 1/2A Combat had only four contestants. All the participants used either Litehawks or GRS airplanes with either Foras or Cyclons for power. We ran a double-elimination format. When the dust had settled Rick Clark was undefeated and took home the “gold”, Ken Hargreaves was very competitive and finished second while Neil Simpson edged out Jeff Vader for third place.

Nine New England pilots were poised and ready for the Formula GX event. Round one saw Ken Hargreaves get off to a fast start with a 830 point win. Ken would face Conrad Wondolowski in round two and earn a two cuts to one win. Round two also saw Dick Sherman score his second good win to climb into second place.

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District I Championships-F2D Combat
7 contestants

1. Ken Hargreaves, Worcester, MA	4 wins/ 1 loss
2. Neil Simpson E Brookfield, MA	3 wins / 2 losses
3. Matt Stas, Kingston, MA	2 wins / 2 losses
4. Mark Rudner, Cambridge, MA	2 wins / 2 losses
5. Brian Stas, Kingston, MA	1 win / 2 losses
6. Rick Clark, Hingham, MA	0 wins/ 2 losses
7. Jeff Vader, Franklin, NH	0 wins/ 2 losses



The trophy winners at the
District I Championships for F2D Combat
Ken Hargreaves (1st), Neil Simpson (2nd)
and Matt Stas (3rd)

Below: Matt Stas and Ken Hargreaves in action



WRENTHAM (continued from page one)

Round three started with Ken and Dick flying to a low scoring draw. Meanwhile, Conrad earned a one cut win over Brian Stas to stay close to the leaders. Shay Vader climbed into fourth place with a good round three win. Going into round four it was Ken (1965pts), Dick (1760pts), Conrad (1645pts), and Shay (1630pts). Jeff Vader and Neil Simpson were within striking distance with 1440 points each. In the third to last match of round four Neil Simpson got past his brother Glenn with a two cuts to one win. In the semi final Conrad got an airtime win over Dick. The final was between Ken and Shay with Ken getting past Shay with a one cut win. The final order of finish was Ken, Neil, Conrad, Dick, Jeff and Shay. Shay by virtue of her sixth place finish took home the sportsman "gold" in the process. Conrad and Neil finished tied for second with Neil earning second through a fly-off match. Dick and Jeff tied for fourth with Dick getting the nod via a coin flip.

Thank you, as always, to all the people who shared the judging responsibilities, to Rick Clark for all his great work and a special thank you to the New England Stunt Team for asking us to be part of their contest.

Ron Connors Memorial Spring Stunt Trials

Formula GX Combat

Nine Contestants (7 from MA)(2 from NH)

18 matches (0 mid-air)

(A) Ken Hargreaves-Worcester, MA	2585pts
(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	2165pts
* won fly-off	
(A) Conrad Wondolowski-Paxton, MA	2165pts
(E) Dick Sherman-Andover, MA	1960pts
* won coin flip	
(A) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	1960pts
(A) ShayleneVader-Franklin, NH	1930pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1730pts
(S) Lil Sherm-Andover, MA	1400pts
(A) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	1340pts

1/2A Combat Four Contestants (3 from MA)(1 from NH)

Rick Clark-Hingham, MA	4 wins/0 losses
Ken Hargreaves-Worcester, MA	1 win/2 losses
Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	1 win/2losses
Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	0 wins/2 losses



Richard "Lil Sherm" Sherman at the Wrentham meet

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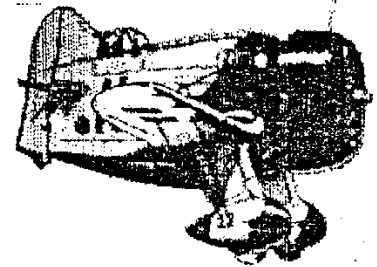
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Granite State Invitational

MAY 21, 2006 – FRANKLIN, NH – The Granite State Invitational is the first of two 2006 contests scheduled to be held in Franklin, New Hampshire this season. Ten contestants were on hand for this event hosted and cd'ed by Jeff Vader. Jeff had coffee and doughnuts waiting for everyone as we arrived. Weather conditions were warm, not hot, early in the day, followed by clouds and then rain towards mid-afternoon.

Round one saw Glenn Simpson and Rick Clark get off to fast starts with 830 and 725 point wins respectively. Glenn and Rick faced off in round two with Glenn getting past Rick two cuts to one. At the half way point Glenn had the lead followed by Dick Sherman and Neil Simpson who both had also turned in two good scores. In round three Glenn and Dick mid-aired while Neil got past Rick with a one cut win. Round three would be the last round as the rains came. The final order of finish was Neil, Glenn, Dick and Ken Hargreaves. Dick and Ken actually finished in a dead heat for third and decided the issue via a coin flip. Richard “Lil-Sherm” Sherman got the sportsman win in a closely contested battle with Shaylene Vader. These kids continue to show great improvement and, more importantly, seem to be having fun. Thank You to everyone who shared in the judging and Thank You to the Vaders for a good contest and a great day.

Granite State Invitational - Formula GX Combat

10 Contestants (6 from MA) (2 from NH)

15 Matches-2 mid-air

(E) Neil Simpson - E.Brookfield,MA	1860pts
(E) Glenn Simpson - Worcester, MA	1755pts
(E) Dick Sherman - Andover, MA	1640pts
(A) Ken Hargreaves - Worcester, MA	1640pts
(A) Brian Stas - Kingston, MA	1430pts
(A) Matt Stas - Kingston, MA	1430pts
(A) Jeff Vader - Franklin, NH	1430pts
(A) Rick Clark-Hingham, MA	1325pts
(S) “Lil Sherm” - Andover, MA	1000pts
(S) Shaylene Vader - Franklin, NH	700pts



The Trophy Winners at the Granite State Invitational were Neil Simpson (1st), Glenn Simpson (2nd), Dick Sherman (3rd), Ken Hargreaves (4th) and Richard “Lil Sherm” Sherman (1st-sportsman)
We will have more photos from the Granite State Invitational in the next newsletter

2006 Regular Season Points Championship (thru June 11th)



<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Accum Points</u>	<u>Total Possible Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Simpson, Neil	39	40	975
Hargreaves, Ken	24	30	800
Wondolowski, Conrad	8	10	800
Sherman, Dick	15	20	750
Simpson, Glenn	27	40	675
Stas, Brian	24	40	600
Vader, Jeff	24	40	600
Clark, Rick	17	30	567
Fustolo, Joe	10	20	500
Kubek, Paul	5	10	500
Stas, Matthew	9	20	450
Vader, Shaylene	12	40	300
"Lil Sherm"	5	20	250

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

Mark Rudner sent us word that he just plain ran out of time to do an F2D column this month, however, he did send this photo of his new pit box. Mark will have the details in a future issue.

NECN CONTEST FUND

4/1/06 Through 6/11/06

Num	Date	Payee	Category	Amount
	4/1/06	Balance		19.00
	4/9/06	District I Championships/F2D	Permit/Sanction Exp	(45.00)
	4/12/06	Rick Clark	Contribution	60.00
	4/12/06	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Permit/Sanction Exp	(20.00)
	4/12/06	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit/Sanction Exp	(20.00)
	4/12/06	Wingbuster Invitational	Permit/Sanction Exp	(20.00)
	4/12/06	Wingbuster Fall Shootout	Permit/Sanction Exp	(20.00)
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	4/29/06	Glenn Simpson	Contribution	50.00
	4/30/06	Joe Fustolo	Contribution	40.00
	4/30/06	Ken Hargreaves	Contribution	20.00
	4/30/06	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	Trophy Expense	(78.00)
	4/30/06	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	Entry Fees	100.00
	5/7/06	Rick Clark	Contribution	10.00
	5/7/06	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Trophy Expense	(124.00)
	5/7/06	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Entry Fees	140.00
	5/13/06	Conrad Wondolowski	Contribution	100.00
	5/21/06	Granite State Invitational	Trophy Expense	(78.00)
	5/21/06	Granite State Invitational	Entry Fees	100.00
	5/28/06	District I Championships/F2D	Trophy Expense	(47.00)
	5/28/06	District I Championships/F2D	Entry Fees	70.00
	6/11/06	Ron Connors Memorial Meet	Trophy Expense	(128.00)
	6/11/06	Ron Connors Memorial Meet	Entry Fees	130.00
GRAND TOTAL				204.00

District One Championships Kingston, MA May 28th, 2006



Brian and Matt Stas



Mark Rudner and Ken Hargreaves



Neil Simpson and Ken Hargreaves



Ken launches Mark's entry



Mark, Brian and Ken in the pits

Ron Connors Memorial Spring Stunt Trials - Wrentham, MA - June 11th, 2006



The GX winners were Ken Hargreaves (1st), Neil Simpson (2nd), Conrad Wondolowski (3rd), Dick Sherman (4th), and Shay Vader (1st-sportsman)



Ken Hargreaves and Jeff Vader have Ken's pretty machine ready to go



The 1/2A winners were Rick Clark (1st), Ken Hargreaves (2nd) and Neil Simpson (3rd)

Conrad Wondolowski and Glenn Simpson



2006 CONTEST SCHEDULE

All GX Combat unless noted otherwise—bold type indicates firm date

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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Sad News

In an e-mail dated May 26th Brian Stas sent us some sad news

Hi Neil, I just wanted to pass on the news that Manny Pimental passed away this week. He was buried yesterday in South Plymouth. I think you met him a couple of times, he came to a contest in Hingham last year and he and his wife were at one of the F2D contests in Middleboro. Manny was one of my mentors growing up and was a member of the now, long gone, North Plymouth Balsa Bugs. He was also a school mate of my mothers, they graduated in 1942. Would you pass this news along to the rest of the guys and put it in the newsletter.

Thanks Brian

This editor first met Manny in 1989 when I participated in Manny's Triathlon, which was an event, where for a modest entry fee, Manny supplied each participant with an identical airplane that was used to participate in three events; combat, stunt and racing. At day's end the high point winner got a beautiful trophy and everyone got to keep their airplanes. Manny, you see, was an ambassador for our sport and a friend to all control line modelers.

2006 Granite State Championships

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