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## New England Championships

**JOE FUSTOLO, DICK SHERMAN  
AND BRIAN STAS  
ARE THE TOP THREE  
JAKE VADER IS THE SPORTSMAN WINNER**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009-WORCESTER, MA -This year's New England Championships attracted eleven pilots for the twentieth annual running of this very successful Formula GX happening. The location was Boynton Park in Worcester, Massachusetts. The weather was near perfect, warm not hot, with low humidity.

Brian Stas got off to the best round one start posting a two cut win. Paul Kubek was close posting a one cut win. In round two Brian and Paul flew to a low scoring draw allowing Joe Fustolo to assume the contest lead by virtue of a two cut round two win. Glenn Simpson and Lloyd Seymour also got two cut round two wins and climbed into contention in the process. Round three started with Joe and Brian flying to a 510 point draw. In the next match Glenn and Lloyd had a match that ended in a fly-away hurting both their cumulative scores. Meanwhile, Paul Kubek and Dick Sherman, were flying steady and emerged as contenders at the end of round three. Going into the final round it was Joe (1655pts), Brian (1545pts), Paul (1440pts), Dick (1235pts) and Glenn (1225pts). The final three flights of the contest would prove meaningful. In the first of these Glenn got a one cut win over Jeff Vader to take the clubhouse lead. In the semi-final Dick got a one-cut win over Brian while the final saw Joe get past Paul with an airtime win. When it all shook out the top six were Joe (2175pts), Dick (1855pts), Brian and Glenn tied (1845pts), Paul(1640pts) and Lloyd (1635pts). In a fly-off for third place Brian and Glenn each got a cut, however, when Glenn missed an airtime Brian earned the win. Jake Vader took home the Sportsman "gold" edging out Richard Sherman in a very close day long battle.

The top three flyers plus the sportsman winner received beautiful awards. Every competitor received a T-shirt to commemorate their participation in this annual GX happening. In addition, every pilot also received a raffle prize which included an Oriental ARF, a Magnum 36 XL engine, a ready to fly airplane, fuel, Gotcha t-shirts, a laser cut kit, GRW tanks and  
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## District I Championships F2D Combat

**MARK RUDNER, GREG WORNELL  
AND MATT STAS  
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009 – KINGSTON, MA – This was the location and date, the time and place for the annual District I Championships for F2D Combat. There were six pilots on hand for the sixth annual running of this event. The weather was perfect, warm not hot, light breeze and low humidity.

The first two rounds moved along smoothly with Mark Rudner and Gregory Wornell emerging as the contest leaders each with two wins and no losses. The third round started with a well flown match between Brian and Matt Stas. When it was over Matt advanced and Brian had joined Neil Simpson and Paul Kubek on the sideline. The next match was even better with Mark getting past Greg in what was really a great match. Next Greg had a good one with Matt. In the end Matt was relegated to third place and Greg was set to fly Mark for the contest win. Greg had to win twice and while he managed to get past Mark in the first match winning two in a row, against Mark, proved too greater task. Both of the final matches were very well flown.

District I Championships  
F2D Combat  
6 contestants

- |                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mark Rudner, Somerville, MA       | 4 wins / 1 loss   |
| 2. Gregory Wornell, Wellesley, MA    | 3 wins / 2 losses |
| 3. Matt Stas, Kingston, MA           | 2 wins / 2 losses |
| 4. Brian Stas, Kingston, MA          | 1 win / 2 losses  |
| 5. Neil Simpson, East Brookfield, MA | 0 wins / 2 losses |
| 6. Paul Kubek, Brockton, MA          | 0 wins / 2 losses |

NE CHAMPIONSHIPS (continued from page one)

wing cores. GRW Model Products, J&J Sales, The Corehouse, Hog Heaven Hobbies and the Connecticut Ringer Model Airplane Club all made serious cash or merchandise contributions. Thank You to all these great sponsors from all of us. A special thank you to Ken Hargreaves who donated a Viko 1/2A RTF with engine, lines and props along with a gallon of fuel to the raffle. Thank You to Joe Fustolo, Lloyd Seymour, Paul Kubek, Brian Stas and everyone else who shared in the judging of this event. We couldn't have contests, like this, without people willing to step up and do that thankless job.

New England Championships

Formula GX Combat

11 contestants ( 8 from MA ) (3 from NH )

22 matches-3 mid-air

(E) Joe Fustolo-Stoughton, MA	2175pts
(E) Dick Sherman-Andover, MA	1855pts
(E) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	1845pts
*won fly-off	
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1845pts
* lost fly-off	
(A) Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	1640pts
(E) Lloyd Seymour-Leominster, MA	1635pts
(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	1430pts
(E) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	1420pts
(S) Jake Vader-Franklin, NH	1220pts
(S) Richard Sherman-Andover, MA	1210pts
(E) Jim Carpenter -Salem, NH	910pts



The trophy winners at the 2009 District I Championships for F2D Combat were Mark Rudner (1st), Greg Wornell (2nd) and Matt Stas (3rd)



The trophy winners at the New England Championships for Formula GX Combat were Joe Fustolo (1st), Dick Sherman (2nd), Brian Stas (3rd) and Jake Vader (1st Sportsman)

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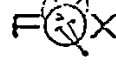
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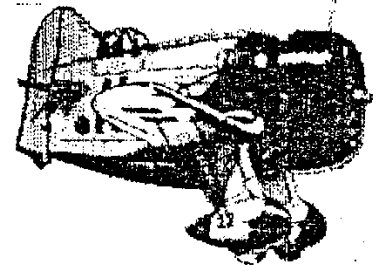
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## F2D News - October 2009

Mark Rudner  
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The F2D News has been on hiatus for the last few months, but rest assured it's not for any lack of F2D action. Perhaps most crucially here in the U.S., the Team Trials took place over Labor Day weekend in Detroit, Michigan. Cutting to the chase, our country will be represented by Mike Willcox, Lester Haury, and Greg Hill in the World Championships next summer in Gyula, Hungary. You may be interested to know that Gyula is home to the second oldest cake shop in all of Hungary. In a place called Hungary, there's no doubt they've been in demand for a very long time.

Back to the Team Trials, the event kicked off Friday night with a tenses-than-usual pilots' meeting and banquet at the House of Leon in Livonia. Contest Director Marc Warwashana presided over the meeting. His well-intentioned efforts to set the stage for the weekend by laying down a clear set of policies perhaps backfired slightly, as strong opposition was voiced on several points (in particular the issue of whether or not the pit area would be considered part of the fly-away zone). This led to some lengthy arguments which in the end seemed to all be more or less resolved. The draw for the first 3 rounds was presented, and we all went home to rest up for the grueling days ahead.

The turnout for the contest was great. In total I believe we had 37 pilots entered, which must make it the biggest Team Trials in recent years. As a result, however, it was clear that pace would be a big issue for the contest. At 10 minutes per match with no breaks and no reflies, a triple elimination contest for 37 pilots requires 18.5 hours of combat. It doesn't sound that unreasonable for two days, but maintaining such a pace requires diligence from all parties involved. On Saturday we got off to a bit of a late start and weren't able to hold the pace. Round 3 was only half-finished by the time the mosquitoes emerged for their evening feast. To everyone present, it looked like we were heading towards a Monday finish.

Sunday morning, we got off to an on-time start, and contest management really reigned things in. In particular, for each match, a 6 minute countdown (minute-to-the-minute) was initiated as soon as both teams arrived in the circle. This helped to keep the ball rolling, though at times it looked like more time could have been saved by eliminating the extra minute and going straight to minute-to-launch. In the end it didn't matter, as miraculously the contest came to a conclusion with some daylight to spare. It was a great triumph for the CD and all the judges to pull off that on-time finish.

On the whole I have to say that this was a very successful Team Trials. Rouge Park was in excellent condition due to the tireless gardening efforts of Ron Columbo over the past year. Once combat got underway, we were relatively free of controversy. I think the judging was pretty fair. There were a few calls that some may have disagreed with, but everything was done in good faith and the judges gave their best without a doubt. In the end the proof is really in the pudding. The contest managed to select a very strong team, and by that measure alone we can all agree that the Team Trials 2009 was a success. Let's all thank CD Marc Warwashana and everyone else who pitched in to make it happen!

# 2009 New England Championships for GX Combat-September 6th

Photos by Jeff Vader



**Richard Sherman and Brian Stas**



**Joe Fustolo and Paul Kubek**



**Lloyd Seymour and Paul Kubek**



**Jake and Jeff Vader**



**Jim Carpenter and Glenn Simpson**



**Glenn's Coyote**

# District I Championships-F2D Combat-September 20th, 2009

Greg Wornell Photos



**Brian Stas**



**Brian Stas and Paul Kubek**



**Brian and Matt Stas**



**Neil Simpson, Paul Kubek and Mark Rudner**



**Brian Stas and Paul Kubek**

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12/1/2008 Through 9/26/2009

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Total
12/1/2008	balance		\$406.00	\$406.00
12/30/2008	Roy Glenn	contribution	\$20.00	\$426.00
2/24/2009	Will Rogers	contribution	\$75.00	\$501.00
3/7/2009	Streamer String - 5 Rolls	Streamer Expense	-\$11.00	\$490.00
3/14/2009	New England Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$125.00	\$365.00
3/14/2009	Fall Finale	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$125.00	\$240.00
3/27/2009	Jim Carpenter	contribution	\$50.00	\$290.00
4/4/2009	Salmon River contests (2)	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$115.00	\$175.00
4/11/2009	New Hampshire contests (2)	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$50.00	\$125.00
4/17/2009	Brian Stas	contribution	\$120.00	\$245.00
5/16/2009	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$210.00	\$35.00
5/17/2009	Wingbuster Sanctions	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$120.00	-\$85.00
5/17/2009	Glenn Simpson	contribution	\$50.00	-\$35.00
5/17/2009	Paul Kubek	contribution	\$10.00	-\$25.00
5/17/2009	Chris Sarnowski	contribution	\$10.00	-\$15.00
5/17/2009	Granite State Invitational	entry fees	\$70.00	\$55.00
5/17/2009	Granite State Invitational	trophy expense	-\$72.00	-\$17.00
5/18/2009	Ernie Carosella	contribution	\$20.00	\$3.00
6/7/2009	Eastern Mass Invitational	entry fees	\$130.00	\$133.00
6/7/2009	Eastern Mass Invitational	trophy expense	-\$126.00	\$7.00
6/7/2009	Joe Fustolo	contribution	\$40.00	\$47.00
6/7/2009	Brian Stas	contribution	\$10.00	\$57.00
6/8/2009	Gregory Wornell	contribution	\$100.00	\$157.00
6/14/2009	Granite State Championships	trophy expense	-\$72.00	\$85.00
6/14/2009	Granite State Championships	entry fees	\$80.00	\$165.00
6/25/2009	107th r/c Flyers GX Shootout	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$25.00	\$140.00
6/27/2009	Len Minick Memorial	trophy expense	-\$72.00	\$68.00
6/27/2009	Len Minick Memorial	entry fees	\$70.00	\$138.00
7/12/2009	Chris Sarnowski	contribution	\$10.00	\$148.00
7/12/2009	Ron Connors Memorial	trophy expense	-\$72.00	\$76.00
7/12/2009	Ron Connors Memorial	entry fees	\$120.00	\$196.00
8/9/2009	Eastern Mass Championships	trophy expense	-\$54.00	\$142.00
8/9/2009	Eastern Mass Championships	entry fees	\$60.00	\$202.00
8/16/2009	107th r/c Flyers GX Shootout	trophy expense	-\$72.00	\$130.00
8/16/2009	107th r/c Flyers GX Shootout	entry fees	\$80.00	\$210.00
8/18/2009	North County Shootout	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$25.00	\$185.00
8/18/2009	Silver Lake Shootout	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$25.00	\$160.00
8/23/2009	Salmon River Shootout	trophy expense	-\$72.00	\$88.00
8/23/2009	Salmon River Shootout	entry fees	\$70.00	\$158.00
8/30/2009	Silver Lake Shootout	Permit/Sanction Expense	-\$75.00	\$83.00
9/6/2009	New England Championships	entry fees	\$330.00	\$413.00
9/6/2009	New England Championships	trophy expense	-\$285.00	\$128.00
9/6/2009	New England Championships	t-shirts	-\$220.00	-\$92.00
9/6/2009	Brian Stas	contribution	\$20.00	-\$72.00
9/6/2009	Ken Hargreaves	contribution	\$20.00	-\$52.00
9/20/2009	Wingbuster Model Airplane Club	donation expense	-\$100.00	-\$152.00
9/20/2009	Mark Rudner	contribution	\$20.00	-\$132.00
9/20/2009	District I Championships	entry fees	\$60.00	-\$72.00
9/20/2009	District I Championships	trophy expense	-\$48.00	-\$120.00
		GRAND TOTAL	-\$120.00	-\$120.00



<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Accum Points</u>	<u>Total Possible Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Fustolo, Joe	37	40	925
Simpson, Neil	63	70	900
Parizo, Dave	8	10	800
Stas, Brian	40	60	667
Sarnowski, Chris	33	50	660
Kubek, Paul	46	70	657
Vader, Jeff	51	80	638
Sherman, Dick	19	30	633
Simpson, Glenn	37	60	617
Clark, Rick	6	10	600
Seymour, Lloyd	5	10	500
Stas, Matthew	10	20	500
"Lil Sherm"	17	40	425
Vader, Jake	28	80	350
Carpenter, Jim	10	30	333

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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## 2009 CONTEST SCHEDULE

All GX Combat unless noted otherwise-All dates are tentative

- 10/3            October Air War-Vincentown, NJ-CD Roy Glenn  
(single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit Combat)
- 10/4            Silver Lake Shootout-Kingston, MA
- 10/11           North County Shootout-Leominster, MA
- 10/18           Fall Finale-Worcester, MA
- 10/25           Wingbuster Shootout -Middleboro, MA  
F2D Combat
- 11/1            Wingbuster Fall Fly-Off / Post Season Contest - Middleboro, MA

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## 2009 North County Shootout

Leominster High School - Leominster, MA - October 11th, 2009  
Formula GX Combat - Four Rounds  
Prizes for top Three plus 1st Sportsman  
First Match 10:00 am - AMA Sanctioned

## 2009 Wingbuster Shootout

Wingbuster Club Field  
Middleboro, MA - October 25th, 2009  
F2D Combat - Single Airplane Rules  
Prizes for top Three  
First Match 10:00 am - AMA Sanctioned

## 2009 Silver Lake Shootout

Silver Lake Regional High School  
Kingston, MA - October 4th, 2009

Formula GX Combat - Four Rounds  
Prizes for top Three  
Plus 1st Sportsman  
First Match 10:00 am - AMA Sanctioned

## *Rumors Facts Etc.*

**CONTEST FUND:** Received nice donations this month from Ken Hargreaves, Brian Stas and Mark Rudner. Thank You Gentlemen.

**JIM CARPENTER:** Check out Jim's updated ad on page two. Jim has all the hard to get specialty stuff (venturies, metal mounts, center ribs etc that guys on the GX circuit need.

**2009**  
**Fall Finale Combat Tournament**  
**Formula GX Combat**

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