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## The Wingbuster Shootout for F2D Combat

**MARK RUDNER, BRIAN STAS  
& GREG WORNELL  
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

OCTOBER 25, 2009-MIDDLEBORO, MA-The temperatures were warm, the sky was clear, the sun bright. It was a beautiful, seasonably warm late fall day in New England. The Wingbuster Club Field, in Middleboro, Massachusetts, was the location.

At the end of two rounds Mark Rudner had two wins, one pilot had been sent home while Brian Stas, Jeff Vader, Greg Wornell and Neil Simpson each had a win and a loss. In round three, Jeff, Neil and Greg each suffered their second losses. This left them in a three way tie for third and in the fly-off Greg prevailed to take home the third place trophy. Meanwhile, only Mark and Brian were alive, although Brian had one loss with Mark remaining undefeated. In the final Mark prevailed, although both pilots flew very well. Lots of good matches all day long. A late day match between Brian and Jeff was particularly exciting and well flown.

(more details on page two)

## Wingbuster Fall Fly-Off

**JEFF VADER, NEIL SIMPSON  
& MATT STAS  
TAKE TOP THREE SPOTS  
JAKE VADER WINS SPORTSMAN**

NOVEMBER 1, 2009 – 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 seasonably warm, with temperatures well into the fifties. There was a very warm sun, as the day rolled on, another good day for combat. This year's event attracted nine pilots, to celebrate a very successful 2009 Formula GX season. (continued on page two)

## Fall Finale

**BRIAN STAS, JEFF VADER &  
NEIL SIMPSON ARE TOP THREE  
JAKE VADER WINS SPORTSMAN**

NOVEMBER 7, 2009-FRANKLIN, NH - Six contestants were on hand for the oft postponed Fall Finale Combat Tournament originally scheduled at Boynton Park in Worcester, Massachusetts for October 18th. Rain and Snow caused the original postponement and then even heavier rain, a week later, caused the date to be moved again, this time to November seventh, at an alternative location in Franklin, NH. Six boys of summer, with slightly cold extremities, showed up on a very cool morning to draw down the curtain on the 2009 season. The rising temperature, buoyed by a warm sun and the lack of significant wind, soon turned this day into a comfortable one, with the temperatures rising to the low fifties.

Brian Stas got out of the gate quickly with a 725 point win. Jeff Vader and Neil Simpson were just off Brian's pace with 620 point wins of their own. Round two saw Brian and Neil fly to a 410 point draw while Jeff got an airtime win over Jake Vader. Jeff, Brian and Neil were all closely bunched going into round three. Jeff and Brian waged war to start round three with Jeff earning a two cut to one win in a very well flown match. Next, Neil flew his tail feathers off to get past Jake with a two cut win. Going into the final round it was Jeff at 1865points, Neil at 1755 points and Brian at 1535 points. In the semi-final Brian got past Chris Sarnowski with a one cut win to take the clubhouse lead. In the final Neil and Jeff faced off. Lots of good action early with Neil leading with one cut when a mid air ended things. When the scores were tabulated Brian was first, Jeff second and Neil third. Jake Vader who finished fourth overall took home the sportman win.

Thank You to Jeff Vader for securing the site, on very short notice, and in the process for bringing this contest to fruition.

Fall Finale Combat Tournament -Formula GX Combat  
6 contestants ( 4 from MA ) ( 2 from NH )  
12 matches ( 1 mid-air )

(E) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	2155pts
(E) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	2065pts
(E) Neil Simpson-East Brookfield, MA	2055pts
(S) Jake Vader-Franklin, NH	1425pts
(A) Chris Sarnowski-Brookline, MA	1420pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1420pts

The Wingbuster Shootout  
 F2D Combat  
 6 contestants

Mark Rudner-Somerville, MA	4-0
Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	2-2
Greg Wornell-Wellesley, MA	1-2 *won fly-off
Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	1-2 *lost fly-off
Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	1-2 *lost fly-off
Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	0-2

FALL FLY OFF (continued from page one)

Round one saw Jeff Vader and Matt Stas get off to the best starts each posting two cut wins. In round two they matched up in a tremendous match that went the full five minutes Jeff squeakin past Matt two cuts to one. This gave Jeff the conteat lead, however, Matt was still close along with Glenn Simpson who had earned a three cut round two win over Paul Kubek. Brian Stas was also close, however he had the misfortune of drawing Jeff to start round three. Jeff stayed hot earning the win in a match tied at one cut apiece when Brian lost track of where the ground was hiding. Round three also saw Neil Simpson emerge as a contender earning a two cut win over Joe Fustolo in a very well flown match.

Going into round four Jeff had 1970 points, Neil had 1545 points, Matt had 1525 points with Glenn, Paul, Brian and Joe

all within striking distance just a hundred or so points behind Matt. Early in round four Joe flew Chris Sarnowski to a 510 point draw while Glenn and Brian were busy eliminating each other chances with a mid-air early in their match. In the semi-final Matt was leading Paul two cuts to one when a mid-air late in the match ended things. In the final Jeff and Neil matched up. After some good action for a minute or so Jeff had an equipment failure that gave Neil an airtime win. The final order of finish was Jeff, Neil, Matt, Joe and Paul. Jake Vader took home the sportsman "gold".

Thank You, from everyone, to Rick 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.

Wingbuster Fall Fly-Off

9 contestants ( 7 from MA ) ( 2 from NH )  
 18 matches - 5 mid-airs

(E) Jeff Vader/Franklin, NH	2070pts
(E) Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	2065pts
(A) Matt Stas/Kingston, MA	1930pts
(E) Joe Fustolo/Stoughton, MA	1730pts
(A) Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	1620pts
(E) Glenn Simpson/Worcester, MA	1530pts
(A) Chris Sarnowski-Brookline, MA	1435pts
(E) Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	1420pts
(S) Jake Vader/Franklin, NH	1300pts



The trophy winners at the Wingbuster Fall Fly Off were Jeff Vader (1st), Neil Simpson (2nd), Matt Stas (3rd) and Jake Vader ( 1st Sportsman)

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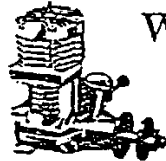
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## F2D News - December 2009

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The winds of change are a-blowin'. As some of you may have heard, there is a proposal currently under consideration by the F2 Subcommittee of the CIAM that involves some significant changes to the F2D rules. There are many myths and speculations floating around about the nature of this proposal. Although I'm not at liberty to post the proposal itself, I will try to offer some background and commentary that will hopefully help to clear up the situation.

This movement did not come about spontaneously or randomly. The situation is as follows. For several years, the issue of noise associated with our sport has been growing more and more serious. Although there are some who through whatever fortune live in parts of the world where noise does not (yet) pose an obstacle to their flying activities, flying site availability in many parts of the world is on a trajectory of steep decline. From personal experience, I can say that the scarcity of flying sites in the Boston area has impacted my flying over the 6 years that I've lived here. There are plenty of open fields large enough to fit a combat circle, but the proximity of occupied homes renders most of them useless for our purposes. As a result I have to drive for the better part of an hour to reach a garbage dump where I can fly (okay, it's pretty nice dump...), though even then there is a risk that upon arriving I may find it to be full of soccer/lacrosse/baseball players. This has the effects of both reducing the opportunities for me to fly, and reducing my overall level of motivation. It's no question that if our models were quieter, we might have a better chance of flying somewhere nearby without getting kicked out. In addition, even among those who have no trouble with flying sites, I'm sure none of us would mind if (at no cost of performance, etc) the volume could be turned down a notch or two on our engines.

I'm not sure exactly what the FAI's motivation was, if it was this, or if it was some fear of bad publicity/litigation, but whatever the reason, they basically told the F2 Subcommittee chairman that we would have to take care of the noise caused by our sport. If we didn't do it ourselves from the inside, they would have no problem blindly imposing some new limitations on us which might or might not be reasonable, and which could potentially have a serious impact on the continuity of F2D. This is of course an over-dramatized account, but you can see the potential trouble there.

To try to avoid this "doomsday" scenario, the F2 Subcommittee chairman put together the F2D Working Group. This is a group of about 10 FAI Jury Members and active F2D pilots from around the world, whose mission is/was to investigate the issues and put together a reasonable proposal that would satisfy the FAI and the demands of the changing outside world, and to do it in such a way that it would have the best possible (least negative) impact on the F2D community. In addition to getting input from the Working Group, an open meeting of F2D pilots was held at the European Championships last summer to gather the opinions and desires of a wider section of the F2D community.

The problem of noise is actually two-fold. First, there is the intensity of the sound generated by our engines (including the propeller, which turns out to be a major contributor). Second, there is duration of time over which noise is produced in a typical competition. Both of these issues contribute to our woes and had to be addressed in one way or another.

As a member of the F2D Working Group, I can tell you that we all tried in good faith to come up with the best solution we could in a limited time. While various suggestions came up, a key point of consideration was to try to avoid imposing new restrictions that would make current engines/equipment obsolete. We hope that the solution we came up with (if approved) will have a minimal impact on the fundamentals of our sport, and will not make it unduly difficult for those who wish to continue flying to do so.

Anyway, none of this is set in stone yet. Currently the proposal is out with the F2 Subcommittee for approval. If approved, it will then go on to the FAI Technical Meeting next year for the "real" vote. Let's keep our fingers crossed and see what happens. I'll try to post more information as it becomes available.

# 2009 Wingbuster Shootout for F2D Combat-October 25th

Photos by Jeff Vader



**Brian Stas**



**Mark Rudner and Greg Wornell**



**Neil Simpson & Greg Wornell**



**Brian Stas and Paul Kubek**



**Jeff Vader & Brian Stas**



**Ouch !**



**Trophy Winners are Mark Rudner (1st),  
Brian Stas (2nd) and Greg Wornell (3rd)**

# Fall Finale-GX Combat-November 7th, 2009

Jeff Vader Photos



The trophy winners were Brian Stas (1st), Jeff Vader (2nd), Neil Simpson (3rd) and Jake Vader (1st Sportsman)



Neil Simpson and Chris Sarnowski



Jeff Vader and Brian Stas



Glenn Simpson and Jake Vader



Jeff Vader

## Wingbuster Fall Fly Off-November 1st-Jeff Vader Photos



**Brian and Matt Stas**



**Jeff and Jake Vader**



**Glenn Simpson and Matt Stas**



**Neil Simpson and Joe Fustolo**



**Paul Kubek and Joe Fustolo**



**Chris Sarnowski and Joe Fustolo**



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(final stats)

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Parizo, Dave	8	10	800
Fustolo, Joe	45	60	750
Simpson, Glenn	56	80	700
Vader, Jeff	68	100	680
Kubek, Paul	53	80	663
Sarnowski, Chris	37	60	617
Stas, Brian	49	80	613
Clark, Rick	6	10	600
Sherman, Dick	24	40	600
Stas, Matthew	16	30	533
Seymour, Lloyd	5	10	500
"Lil Sherm"	23	50	460
Vader, Jake	34	100	340
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.



Brian Stas launches Chris Sarnowski's entry at the Wingbuster Fall Fly Off

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