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Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge

**NEIL SIMPSON, CHRIS SARNOWSKI
& JOE FUSTOLO ARE TOP THREE**

SPORTSMAN TO JAKE VADER

JUNE 27, 2010 – EAST HAMPTON, CT – This was the seventh annual Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge held in tribute to and in memory of our good friend and fellow competitor. The weather was warm and very humid. Nine contestants made the trip to the Salmon River State Forest and enjoyed a day of very competitive combat.

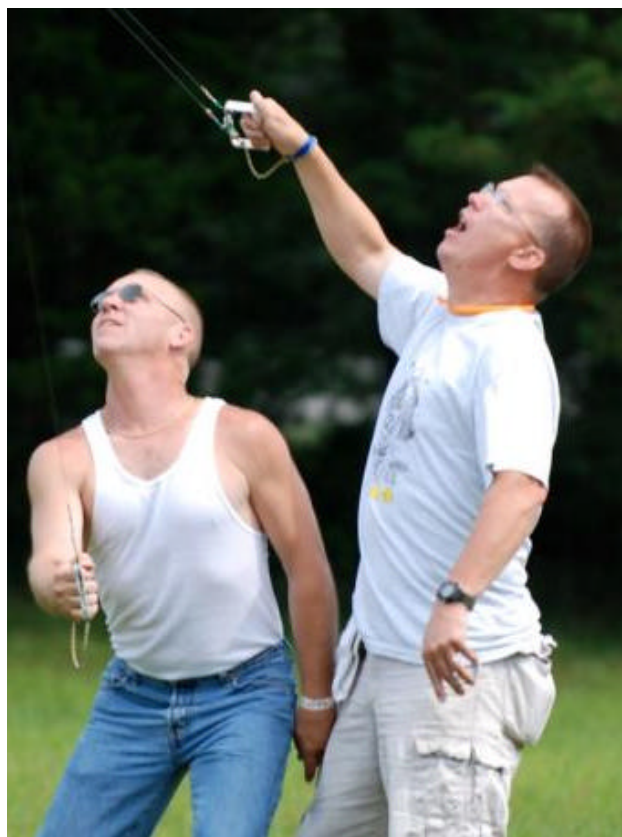
Round one saw Dana Lord and Chris Sarnowski get off to good starts posting 725 point and 620 point wins respectively, while the rest of the field struggled. Dana and Chris, faced off in round two and flew to a very low scoring draw. This seemed to open things up for the rest of the field, but no, the next three matches ended in mid-air early so Dana and Chris held their leads at the halfway point. Round three started with Jeff Vader getting past Dana with an airtime win. Next Joe Fustolo and Chris faced off. The match was tied a cut apiece when Chris got a second cut late to grab the win and the outright contest lead. In the final round three match Neil Simpson, after a very bad start, got a two cut win over Paul Kubek to stay within range. Going into round four it was Chris with 1555 points followed by Neil (1325pts), Dana (1235pts), Jeff (1230pts), Joe (1110pts), Brian Stas (1020pts) and Glenn Simpson (1010pts). Early in round four Brian got a 620 point win over Jake Vader to put some pressure on the field. Next Jeff and Glenn mid-aired hurting both their chances. In the semi-final Joe got a 620 point win over Dana to put himself on the trophy stand. In the final Chris and Neil had a good match going. Neil managed a cut about midway through that stood up for both the match and contest win. When the dust settled the final order of finish was Neil, Chris and Joe. The sportsman division winner was Jake Vader from Franklin, New Hampshire.

Thank You, to everyone who participated and to those who shared in the judging. A special thank you to Ernie Carosella who came and pitted for Dana Lord, who was

flying with us for the first time in a long time. It was great to have both Ernie and Dana at the contest.

Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge
9 contestants (6 from MA) (2 from NH) (1 from CT)
18 matches (4 mid airs) (2 fly-aways)

(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	1945pts
(A) Chris Sarnowski-Brookline, MA	1755pts
(E) Joe Fustolo-Stoughton, MA	1730pts
(E) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	1640pts
(A) Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	1635pts
(E) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	1430pts
(A) Dana Lord, Colchester, CT	1335pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1210pts
(S) Jake Vader-Franklin, NH	900pts



**Jeff Vader and Brian Stas
Len Minick Memorial
June 27, 2010**

2010 Len Minick Memorial-June 27th

Jeff Vader Photos



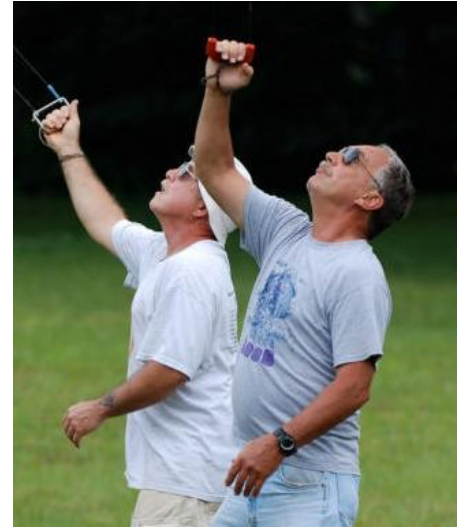
Chris Sarnowski and Glenn Simpson



Paul Kubek and Neil Simpson



Brian Stas



Paul Kubek and Joe Fustolo



Jake Vader and Paul Kubek



Dana Lord and Ernie Carosella

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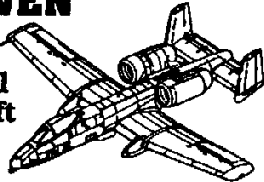
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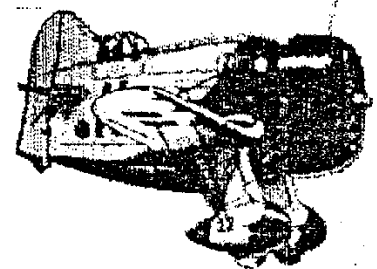
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F2D News - July 2010

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SPECIAL CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT: This month I am excited to report that the New England Cup of F2D, which has long been a dream, is now set to become reality. The contest is scheduled for September 25-26, 2010 on the beautiful grounds of Silver Lake High School in Kingston, MA. As some of you may recall, I have written about this field previously in the F2D News. We have held smaller events here before, and everyone agrees that the nicely groomed athletic pitch is about the best setting anyone could hope to fly on. It's a first-rate site, and our plan is to host a first-rate competition to match it.

I've been living in the Boston area for nearly 7 years now. A week after my arrival, I drove out to Worcester, MA to take part in the New England Championships of Formula GX Combat. Amidst all the nerves of moving to a far-away place and starting graduate school, it was really comforting to find a thriving community of combat pilots in my new home. Before coming I knew that the community existed based on contest reports and names I'd seen in the MACA News. However, there seemed to be a sort of separation between East and West, with little mixing between our communities. After meeting the New England combat crew, and finding out that there is a whole community of great guys and dedicated fliers out here, I got the feeling that it would be really beneficial for everyone to see more cross-pollination. In particular, I had a dream to bring F2D combat to New England, and to host a big competition on the scale of the Houston World Cup here. The idea was both to give our guys the chance to fly with some of the top pilots from other parts of the country (hopefully other countries too!), and to introduce the rest of the country to the enthusiastic group of fliers that we have out here.

It is my sincere hope that many of you from outside the New England area will come out for this event. Weather-wise this should be one of the best times of the year, and I think it will give people a chance to come fly in a new (and of course historic) part of the country (Plymouth rock, where the pilgrims landed with the Mayflower, is only a few miles from the contest site). Kingston is conveniently accessible from Boston Logan International Airport, and is within a day's drive from Detroit and all points in between (I made the drive personally for the Team Trials last year). We will post more information about lodging options soon. Please email me if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you here!

The New England Cup of F2D

**Silver Lake Regional High School
Kingston, MA**

September 25th and 26th, 2010

Full F2D Combat Rules-Double Elimination

**Two full circles plus practice circles
Prizes for top Three
Pilot's Meeting 9:00 am**

***2010
Silver Lake
Shootout***

**Silver Lake
Regional High School**

**Kingston, MA
August 15th, 2010**

**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds
Prizes for top Three
plus first in Sportsman
First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned**

***2010
Salmon River
Shootout***

Salmon River State Forest

**Located on Route 16 Approximately
halfway between Routes 149 and 196**

**East Hampton, CT
August 22nd, 2010**

**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds
Prizes for top Three
plus first in Sportsman
First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned**



**The trophy winners at the Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge
were Neil Simpson (1st), Chris Sarnowski (2nd), Joe Fustolo (3rd)
and Jake Vader (1st Sportsman)**

NECN CONTEST FUND

8/1/2009 Through 6/20/2010

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Total
8/1/2009	balance		196.00	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 Champs	entry fees	330.00	413.00
9/6/2009	New England Champs	trophy expense	(285.00)	128.00
9/6/2009	New England Champs	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 Mod Air Club	donation expense	(100.00)	(152.00)
9/20/2009	Mark Rudner	contribution	20.00	(132.00)
9/20/2009	District I Champs	entry fees	60.00	(72.00)
9/20/2009	District I Champs	trophy expense	(48.00)	(120.00)
10/4/2009	Silver Lake Shootout	trophy expense	(72.00)	(192.00)
10/4/2009	Silver Lake Shootout	entry fees	105.00	(87.00)
10/11/2009	North County Shootout	trophy expense	(72.00)	(159.00)
10/11/2009	North County Shootout	entry fees	150.00	(9.00)
10/11/2009	Brian Stas	contribution	80.00	71.00
10/11/2009	Ken Hargreaves	contribution	60.00	131.00
10/25/2009	Wingbuster Shootout	trophy expense	(48.00)	83.00
10/25/2009	Wingbuster Shootout	entry fees	90.00	173.00
10/25/2009	Brian Stas	contribution	5.00	178.00
11/1/2009	Season End Awards	trophy expense	(192.00)	(14.00)
11/1/2009	Fall Fly Off	trophy expense	(72.00)	(86.00)
11/1/2009	Fall Fly Off	entry fees	135.00	49.00
11/8/2009	Fall Finale	trophy expense	(72.00)	(23.00)
11/8/2009	Fall Finale	entry fees	90.0	67.00
11/12/2009	Greg Wornell	contribution	100.00	167.00
11/14/2009	2009 Streamers(400 qty)	Streamer Expense	(44.00)	123.00
12/11/2009	StreamerString(6 rolls)	Streamer Expense	(16.00)	107.00
1/22/2010	Will Rogers	contribution	75.00	182.00
3/6/2010	NH Contests (2)	Permit/Sanction Expense	(50.00)	132.00
3/13/2010	Worcester Contests (2)	Permit/Sanction Expense	(210.00)	(78.00)
3/19/2010	Sal River contests (2)	Permit/Sanction Expense	(140.00)	(218.00)
3/19/2010	Wingbuster contests (4)	Permit/Sanction Expense	(100.00)	(318.00)
4/12/2010	June Kingston contest	Permit/Sanction Expense	(175.00)	(493.00)
4/18/2010	Ken Hargreaves	contribution	20.00	(473.00)
5/3/2010	Glenn Simpson	contribution	60.00	(413.00)
5/3/2010	Granite State Inv	trophy expense	(74.00)	(487.00)
5/3/2010	Granite State Inv	entry fees	135.00	(352.00)
5/8/2010	Len Thibault	contribution	75.00	(277.00)
5/21/2010	Gregory Wornell	contribution	100.00	(177.00)
6/12/2010	Saugus contest	Permit/Sanction Expense	(25.00)	(202.00)
6/12/2010	Saugus contest	trophy expense	(74.00)	(276.00)
6/12/2010	Chris Sarnowski	contribution	105.00	(171.00)
6/12/2010	Joe Fustolo	contribution	50.00	(121.00)
6/13/2010	Eastern Mass Inv	trophy expense	(126.00)	(247.00)
6/13/2010	Eastern Mass Inv	entry fees	195.00	(52.00)
6/20/2010	Granite State Champs	entry fees	120.00	68.00
6/20/2010	Granite State Champs	trophy expense	(74.00)	(6.00)
6/27/2010	Len Minick Memorial	trophy expense	(74.00)	(80.00)
6/27/2010	Len Minick Memorial	entry fees	135.00	55.00
7/17/2010	Silver Lake Shootout	Permit/Sanction Ex	(100.00)	(45.00)
7/17/2010	District I Champs	Permit/Sanction Ex	(180.00)	(225.00)
GRAND TOTAL				(225.00)

2010 CONTEST SCHEDULE

All GX Combat unless noted otherwise

Several dates are tentative pending the permitting process

8/8	East Coast Championships -Hershey, PA-CD Phil Cartier Speed Limit and 1/2A
8/15	Silver Lake Shootout-Kingston, MA
8/22	Salmon River Shootout-East Hampton, CT
8/29	
9/5	New England Championships-Worcester, MA
9/12	Wingbuster Invitational-Middleboro, MA F2D Combat
9/19	Middlesex, NJ Speed Limit and 1/2A Combat
9/25&26	The New England Cup of F2D-Kingston, MA F2D Combat-Full F2D Rules-2 Days -Double Elimination
10/2*	October Air War-Vincentown, NJ-CD Roy Glenn (single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit Combat)
10/10	North County Shootout-Leominster, MA
10/17	Fall Finale-Worcester, MA
10/24	Wingbuster Shootout-Middleboro, MA F2D Combat
10/31	Wingbuster Fall Fly-Off / Post Season Contest - Middleboro, MA

* Saturday Contest

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Rumors, Facts Etc

9/25&26 F2D MEET: The F2D meet scheduled for 9/26 in Middleboro has been moved to Kingston and expanded to two days. The New England Cup of F2D will be double elimination full F2D rules. Two full circles plus test circles. See page five for much more info.

8/15 GX MEET: The Silver Lake Shootout in Kingston has been added to the Formula GX schedule.

2010 Regular Season Points Championship

(thru 6-27-10)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Accum Points</u>	<u>Total Possible Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Simpson, Neil	39	40	975
Fustolo, Joe	17	20	850
Vader, Jeff	24	30	800
Sherman, Dick	23	30	767
Stas, Brian	29	40	725
Kubek, Paul	22	40	550
Carpenter, Jim	5	10	500
Sarnowski, Chris	15	30	500
Simpson, Glenn	13	30	433
Lord, Dana	4	10	400
Sherman, R "Sherm"	12	30	400
Vader, Jake	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 decending 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 elegibility requirement for a season championship award.



2010
New England Championships
Formula GX Combat

Boynton Park - Worcester, MA
(near the Paxton, MA line)
September 5, 2010
Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned
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