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The top three were right to left Alex Prokofiev (1st), James McKinney (2nd) and Lester Haury (3rd)

New England Cup of F2D

SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 2010 –KINGSTON, MA -The first New England Cup of F2D was an overwhelming success. It brought together twenty one very talented pilots from all over the United States. Pilots who compete regularly at both a national and international level. The entries from New England numbered seven including our adopted son, Mark Rudner, an international level pilot in his own right, however, the story of this contest is the fourteen other pilots who made very long trips to compete in the inaugural New England Cup. Bill Duane from Florida made the trip as did Ron Columbo from Michigan. From New Jersey came Roy Glenn and Alex Prokofiev and from Pennsylvania came Andre Nadein and Alexis Voytenkov. California was represented by Rich Lopez and Chuck Rudner. From Louisiana came George Cleveland and James McKinney. Last but not least, from the great state of Texas, came Lester Haury, Bob Mears, Richard Stubblefield and Howard Williams. If you don't recognize these names you don't know anything about control line combat. They are among the very best in the country.

The talent did not disappoint with regard to the competition on the field. Flight after flight was extremely exciting and hard fought. At the end of eight rounds and two days the winner was Alex Prokofiev followed by James McKinney and Lester Haury. I would be remiss if I didn't comment as to the unselfishness and willingness that the entire national level contingent possesses with regard to helping the less experienced among us. These gentlemen are not just talented pilots and fierce competitors, but good men, as well.

This contest was made possible and brought to fruition through the efforts of Mark Rudner and Greg Wornell. Their tireless efforts provided New England with, perhaps, the greatest contest ever held on New England soil with respect to both numbers and talent. Quite an accomplishment.

Thank you to the following people who judged or otherwise helped with the administrative effort. Contests this good can't happen without people like you. Thank You; Joe Fustolo, Ken Hargreaves, Kirk Hargreaves, Sasha Nadien, Tatyana Nadien, Muffy Rudner, Chris Sarnowski and Dick Sherman. Thank you, as well, to Paul Kubek who provided the professional level streamers for the contest and to Brian Stas, who did a lot of work behind the scene to make this great event even better.

Please see Pages 3&4 for the complete report on "The New England Cup" courtesy of Mark Rudner

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New England Cup of F2D results

Silver Lake High School, - Kingston, MA September 25-26, 2010

| Fin. Pos. | Comp.# | Competitor | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Round 6 | Round 7 | Round 8 |
|-----------|--------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 10 | Alex Prokofiev | W 7 | W 18 | W 4 | W 21 | L 20 | W 17 | | W 18 |
| 2 | 18 | James McKinney | W 2 | L 10 | W 15 | W 11 | W 9 | W 20 | W 17 | L 10 |
| 3 | 17 | Lester Haury | W 9 | W 2 | W 14 | W 3 | W 16 | L 10 | L 18 | |
| 4 | 20 | Rich Stubblefield | W 15 | W 6 | W 13 | L 16 | W 10 | L 18 | - | - |
| 5 | 16 | George Cleveland | L 9 | W 13 | W 12 | W 20 | L 17 | - | - | - |
| 5 | 9 | Andrey Nadein | W 16 | L 17 | W 7 | W 14 | L 18 | - | - | - |
| 7 | 14 | Rich Lopez | W 6 | W 4 | L 17 | L 9 | - | - | - | - |
| 7 | 3 | Neil Simpson | W 12 | L 15 | W 21 | L 17 | - | - | - | - |
| 7 | 11 | Alex Voytenkov | W 5 | L 7 | W 19 | L 18 | - | - | - | - |
| 7 | 21 | Howard Williams | W 1 | W 5 | L 3 | L 10 | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | 12 | Ron Colombo | L 3 | W 8 | L 16 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | 13 | Bill Duane | W 19 | L 16 | L 20 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | 19 | Bob Mears | L 13 | W 1 | L 11 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | 15 | Chuck Rudner | L 20 | W 3 | L 18 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | 4 | Brian Stas | W 8 | L 14 | L 10 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11 | 7 | Greg Wornell | L 10 | W 11 | L 9 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | 8 | Roy Glenn | L 4 | L 12 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | 1 | Paul Kubek | L 21 | L 19 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | 2 | Mark Rudner | L 18 | L 17 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | 5 | Matt Stas | L 10 | L 21 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | 6 | Jeff Vader | L 14 | L 20 | - | - | - | - | - | - |



Richard Stubblefield (Houston, Texas battles George Cleveland (Kenner, Louisiana) at the New England Cup of F2D

F2D News - October 2010

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A beautiful field. Spectacular weather. A great bunch of high-spirited combat pilots ready for an exciting weekend of F2D action in the birthplace of our nation. Such were the conditions on Saturday morning, the 25th of September, at Silver Lake Regional School in Kingston, MA as we prepared for the first running of the New England Cup. Twenty one pilots were on hand from all over the country. The atmosphere and camaraderie was great, and I was personally very happy to watch as new friendships were forged between combat pilots from previously isolated parts of the country.

In addition to the coveted New England Cup (yes, an actual cup does exist), competitors vied for a few additional awards: Top Score (for the pilot with the highest single-match total score), Sportsmanship (for an outstanding act sportsmanlike behavior), and the Team Prize. The team competition was organized by AMA District. District I (New England Combat Team) was represented by: Paul Kubek, Mark Rudner, Neil Simpson, Brian Stas, Matt Stas, Jeff Vader, and Greg Wornell. Districts II and III (The Tri-State Combat Team) were represented by Roy Glenn, Andrey Nadein, Alex Prokofiev, and Alexey Voytenkov. District VIII (Team Texas+) was represented by George Cleveland, Lester Haury, James McKinney, Bobby Mears, Richard Stubblefield, and Howard Williams. Finally, Districts V, VII, and X (Team Sunshine) were represented by Ron Colombo, Bill Duane, Richard Lopez, and Chuck Rudner. Notably absent was the Pacific Northwest, and much of the mid-west (big thanks to Ron Colombo for driving all the way out to fly without his regular teammates). Due to an unfortunate scheduling conflict, The New England Cup had to compete for contestants with an F2D competition in Toronto, Canada. All things considered it was an excellent turnout for the first year of the competition, and we look forward to growing the event in years to come.

The level of flying was quite good throughout the weekend. In the first round, Jeff Vader and Rich Lopez had an excellent match that lasted essentially for the entire four minutes. By not longer than a minute or minute and a half into the match, Rich had removed all of Jeff's streamer. Through a valiant effort, he flew excellent (and clean) defense for the entire remainder of the match, and managed to hang on for the win. For this display of skillful and clean flying, Rich was awarded the Sportsmanship Award at the end of the competition. Several other pilots were flying quite well throughout the weekend. Out of our New England clan, Neil Simpson carried the torch the farthest into Sunday morning. He was flying very solidly, but unfortunately his efforts were undone by problems on the ground. Most of all, however, it was the flying of Alex Prokofiev that stood out from start to finish. Throughout the contest, Alex's flying was smart and to the point. For those who watched, I think it was a good demonstration of mental focus and execution.

No contest report can be complete these days without some mention of shutoffs. Here I will mention two incidents. First, unfortunately, we had one flyaway (swing-arm shutoff) that went

over the trees and into the forest. Miraculously, Chuck Rudner and Bill Duane ventured into the forest, and walked right up the model at the edge of a clearing. At the opposite extreme, we had a spectacular demonstration of the power of electronic shutoffs. Towards the end of a match between Lester Haury and Alex Prokofiev, in which both were using Alex's e-shutoff, the guys got themselves into a massive line tangle. By the time the match ended, both models were still in the air looping dangerously close to each other and the ground. Then with the flip of a switch, both pilots shut down their models and glided down safely. Very cool.

In the end, Alex Prokofiev was the champion, and recipient of the first New England Cup. James McKinney took second place, and Lester Haury took 3rd. The team prize, which was calculated as in a World Championships using the total wins of the top 3 pilots from each team, went to District VIII (Texas and Louisiana). As mentioned above, the Sportsmanship award went to Rich Lopez for his clean defensive flying against Jeff Vader. Finally, the Top Score award went to George Cleveland.

Given that this was my first time organizing a big event like this, I learned a lot from this experience. Most of all, I learned that organizing a big competition is way more work (and more expensive) than I ever imagined, and would be impossible without the help of many others. Greg Wornell was my partner in crime in this endeavor, sharing the burden and responsibility at every step of the way. Early on, we received invaluable advice from Pat Willcox, who has done an incredible job organizing the Houston World Cup year after year (which I now can appreciate that much more). Howard Shenton also provided us with an administrative boost, supplying us with a database full of information that could automatically print personalized scorecards for each pilot. Locally, we had a great batch of helpers, with Joe Fustolo, Kirk Hargreaves, Chris Sarnowski, and Tatyana Nadein volunteering their time as scorers all weekend. Ken Hargreaves worked hard keeping everyone in line all weekend long in the pilot's circle. Dick Sherman helped out with the line-check and pull-testing on Saturday. Brian Stas got us the heavenly field, arranged for awesome lunches both days, handled the contest fuel and shipping of models. Paul Kubek spent countless hours producing art gallery worthy jet black dyed streamers. Muffy Rudner took control of contest administration, and kept track of the scores and the matchings throughout the weekend. I hope I'm not forgetting anyone.

Additionally, I want to give a huge thanks to our sponsors. CME Hobbies got us the fuel at cost, and graciously paid the shipping on the fuel out of pocket. This was a huge help to us, and we are most grateful for it. Additionally, SIG Manufacturing generously provided us with gift certificate coupons, which went to the recipients of the Top Score and Sportsmanship awards.

All-in-all, I'm extremely pleased with how the event turned out. As I mentioned in a previous column, this contest was a dream of mine for a long time. Now that it has come and gone, I can say that the real thing exceeded my highest expectations. We learned a lot, and hope to make things even better the next time. If you didn't manage to make it this year, talk to someone who did. You may not want to miss it again (and we certainly don't want you to either)!

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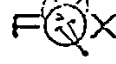
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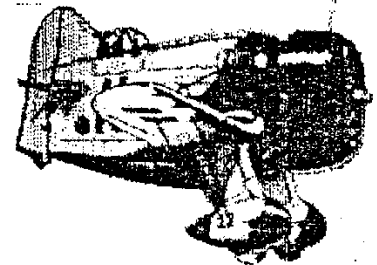
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Neil,

Hello to all the combat flyers. I've been on the NECN site lately getting caught up on the New England combat activity; looks like it's as strong as ever. Don't think I could get back into it any more, too old and tired. I've been flying some CL with Dick Carvelle, Norm Liversidge and the group at 107th RC, flying back yard radio, and devoting most of my time to Rubber Scale. I've been to the Flying Aces Club (Rubber Scale) Nationals at Geneseo, N.Y. the last three years. However, I recently was given a CL Bi-Slob which Dick Woolsey and the guys at 107th helped me set up. Talk about fun!! I've been flying it mostly at the RC club I belong to in New Gloucester, Maine, and got the club members thinking about flying CL! So, I opened my big mouth, volunteered to teach CL next year on RC training nights, and got a great response, especially from the club president. HE IMMEDIATELY SUGGESTED WE TRY FLYING COMBAT!! Which gets us to this e-mail. I then told the club about your combat group, that you guys moved around, and if provided with a site, would organize a contest. The response was again, terrific. I cautioned them that mufflers are not required, ("so put them at the far end of the field"). New Gloucester borders Grey, Maine where the old Maine combat meets used to be held. Lots to think about, I'll be in touch.

Ara Dedekian



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The North County Shootout

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

SPORTSMAN TO RICHARD SHERMAN

“ONE N DONE” TO DICK SHERMAN

OCTOBER 10, 2010 – LEOMINSTER, MA – Nine contestants were on hand to participate in this annual event. The weather conditions were clear and seasonably warm with a moderate wind. Add in the fact that the fall foliage was at or near peak and you definitely had an enjoyable New England day. A good day for GX combat.

At the end of round one, Joe Fustolo and Neil Simpson had the early lead each posting 725 point, two cut wins. In round two Neil and Joe faced off against each other with Joe out battling Neil in a very well flown match. In the next match Chris Sarnowski and Brian Stas flew to a one cut apiece draw to post their second good score of the contest. At the halfway point Joe had the clear lead followed by Brian, Chris and Neil at 1130 points. The Shermans, Dick and Richard were also close both sitting at 1025 points.

Round three started with Brian and Joe mid-airing early in their match. In the second round three match Chris and Neil flew to a one cut apiece draw. In the next match Dick and Richard faced off in a match that ended in a mid-air hurting both their cumulative scores. Round three also saw Jake Vader get a two cut win over his dad, Jeff, and move into contention in the process. Going into round four it was Neil and Chris at 1640 points, Joe at 1550 points, Jake at 1525 points, Brian at 1230 points and Richard at 1225 points. It would come down to the final three matches. In the first of these matches Richard and Jake faced off and these two young pilots put on good show, a five minute war with Richard earning the win and the clubhouse lead in the process. In the next match Neil earned a one cut win over Brian and when Joe and Chris flew to a one cut apiece draw in the finals it proved to be enough to give Neil the win followed by Chris, Joe and Richard. Jeff Vader, who was coming on at the end, fished fifth followed closely by Jake. Richard’s fourth place overall also earned him the Sportsman “gold”.

Following the GX portion of the contest seven pilots signed up for a “One N Done” shootout. These fly-offs are great fun. In the final Dick Sherman out battled Neil Simpson to win the shootout..

Thanks go out to Lloyd Seymour who promoted and CD’ed this annual event. Also a special Thank You to Lloyd’s wife, Cheryl, who invited us back to her house, at day’s end, for food and drink. Cheryl also sent every contestant home with one of her great apple pies. Thank You Cheryl, we don’t deserve to be treated this well..

The North County Shootout

Formula GX Combat

9 contestants (7 from MA) (2 from NH)

18 matches -2 mid airs

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| (E) Neil Simpson-East Brookfield, MA | 2260pts |
| (A) Chris Sarnowski-Bedford, MA | 2150pts |
| (E) Joe Fustolo-Stoughton, MA | 2060pts |
| (S) Richard Sherman-Andover, MA | 1950pts |
| (E) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH | 1850pts |
| (S) Jake Vader-Franklin, NH | 1825pts |
| (E) Dick Sherman-Andover, MA | 1745pts |
| (E) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA | 1530pts |
| (E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA | 1200pts |

One N Done Shootout

Single Elimination Speed Limit Combat

7 contestants

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Dick Sherman | 2-0 |
| Neil Simpson | 1-1 |
| Joe Fustolo | 0-1 |
| Chris Sarnowski | 0-1 |
| Richard Sherman | 0-1 |
| Brian Stas | 0-1 |
| Jeff Vader | 0-1 |



Chris Sarnowski and Brian Stas

North County Shootout-GX Combat-October 10th, 2010



Brian Stas



Glenn Simpson



Dick Sherman was the
"One N Done" Winner



Jake Vader and Richard Sherman



Brian Stas and Joe Fustolo



Chris Sarnowski and Jeff Vader



The trophy winners were Neil Simpson (1st), Chris Sarnowski (2nd), Joe Fustolo (3rd) and Richard Sherman (1st Sportsman)

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Chuck Rudner and Bob Mears



Lester Haurly and Alex Prokofiev



Mark Rudner and James McKinney



Lester Haurly and Andrey Nadein



Rich Lopez and Jeff Vader



Neil Simpson and Howard Williams

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| Date | Payee | Category | Amount | Running Total |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------|
| 1/1/2010 | balance | | 107.00 | 107.00 |
| 1/22/2010 | Will Rogers | contribution | 75.00 | 182.00 |
| 3/6/2010 | NH Contests (2) | Permit/Sanction Ex | (50.00) | 132.00 |
| 3/13/2010 | Worc Contests(2) | Permit/Sanction Ex | (210.00) | (78.00) |
| 3/19/2010 | S River contests(2) | Permit/Sanction Ex | (140.00) | (218.00) |
| 3/19/2010 | Wingbuster contests(4) | Permit/Sanction Ex | (100.00) | (318.00) |
| 4/12/2010 | June Kingston contest | Permit/Sanction Ex | (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 Ex | (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 | entry fees | 135.00 | 129.00 |
| 6/27/2010 | Len Minick Memorial | trophy expense | (74.00) | 55.00 |
| 7/17/2010 | Silver Lake Shootout | Permit/Sanction Ex | (100.00) | (45.00) |
| 7/17/2010 | New England Cup | Permit/Sanction Ex | (180.00) | (225.00) |
| 8/15/2010 | Silver Lake Shootout | trophy expense | (74.00) | (299.00) |
| 8/15/2010 | Silver Lake Shootout | entry fees | 135.00 | (164.00) |
| 8/23/2010 | New England Champs | t-shirts | (218.00) | (382.00) |
| 8/30/2010 | New England Champs | trophy expense | (285.00) | (667.00) |
| 9/4/2010 | Leominster | Permit/Sanction Expense | (25.00) | (692.00) |
| 9/5/2010 | Salmon River Shootout | entry fees | 150.00 | (542.00) |
| 9/5/2010 | Salmon River Shootout | trophy expense | (74.00) | (616.00) |
| 9/5/2010 | Dave Parizo | contribution | 20.00 | (596.00) |
| 9/12/2010 | Wingbuster Inv | trophy expense | (57.00) | (653.00) |
| 9/12/2010 | Wingbuster Inv | entry fees | 105.00 | (548.00) |
| 9/19/2010 | 107th GX Shootout | entry fees | 90.00 | (458.00) |
| 9/19/2010 | 107th GX Shootout | Permit/Sanction Ex | (20.00) | (478.00) |
| 9/19/2010 | Chris Sarnowski | contribution | 20.00 | (458.00) |
| 9/19/2010 | K.Hargreaves (fascal) | contribution | 50.00 | (408.00) |
| 9/25/2010 | New England Cup | Expense Reinbursement | 205.00 | (203.00) |
| 9/25/2010 | Ken Hargreaves (1/2As) | contribution | 140.00 | (63.00) |
| 10/10/2010 | North County Shootout | entry fees | 135.00 | 72.00 |
| 10/10/2010 | North County Shootout | trophy expense | (54.00) | 18.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | 18.00 | 18.00 |

Rumors, Facts Etc

CONTEST FUND: The contest fund is doing a lot better thanks to the generosity of Ken Hargreaves. Ken donated thirteen 1/2A ready to fly airplanes and a giant roll of fiscal, that were sold to appreciative recipients, at recent contests, and the proceeds went to the contest fund. Thank You Ken, the contest fund is a total of \$190.00 to the good thanks to you.

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Bill Duane and Bob Mears



Ouch !



George Cleveland



Matt Stas and Alex Voytenkov



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George Cleveland and Ron Colombo

2010 Regular Season Points Championship

(thru 10-10-10)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Total Accum Points</u> | <u>Total Possible Points</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Seymour, Lloyd | 10 | 10 | 1000 |
| Simpson, Neil | 76 | 80 | 950 |
| Fustolo, Joe | 40 | 50 | 800 |
| Stas, Matthew | 15 | 20 | 750 |
| Parizo, Dave | 7 | 10 | 700 |
| Vader, Jeff | 33 | 50 | 660 |
| Sarnowski, Chris | 33 | 50 | 660 |
| Stas, Brian | 44 | 70 | 629 |
| Sherman, Dick | 43 | 70 | 614 |
| Carpenter, Jim | 5 | 10 | 500 |
| Kubek, Paul | 35 | 70 | 500 |
| Sherman, R "Sherm" | 34 | 70 | 486 |
| Simpson, Glenn | 25 | 60 | 417 |
| Lord, Dana | 4 | 10 | 400 |
| Vader, Jake | 15 | 40 | 375 |
| Seymour, Kevin | 2 | 10 | 200 |

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.

2010 Wingbuster Shootout

**Wingbuster Club Field Middleboro, MA - October 24th, 2009
F2D Combat - Single Airplane Rules
Prizes for top Two
First Match 10:00 am - AMA Sanctioned**

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Fall Fly Off

Post Season Contest October 31st, 2010
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AMA Sanctioned

Formula GX Combat
Trophies for top two plus first in Sportsman
Season End Awards will also be presented

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