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Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge

**NEIL SIMPSON, BRIAN STAS
& GLENN SIMPSON ARE TOP THREE**

SPORTSMAN TO JAKE VADER

JUNE 26, 2011 – EAST HAMPTON, CT – This was the eighth 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 sunny with a gentle breeze. Six contestants made the trip to the Salmon River State Forest and enjoyed a day of very competitive combat.

Round one saw Neil Simpson get off to the best start followed very closely by Jake Vader, Chris Sarnowski and Brian Stas. Neil and Jake faced off in round two with Neil managing a one cut win. Next, Chris got past Brian by the same score. Also in round two, Paul Kubek jumped into contention. Paul took advantage when Glenn Simpson got a bad engine run and tallied three cuts. At the halfway point it was Neil followed closely by Chris and Paul. Round three started with Neil earning a one cut win over Chris. Next, Brian jumped back into contention when he earned a two cut to one win over Paul. Going into round four it was Neil with 1860 points followed by Chris and Brian with 1530 points. Paul was close with 1430 points while Glenn and Jake were flying steady and weren't far behind Paul. Round four started with Glenn getting a one cut win over Jake in a very competitive match. Next Paul and Chris mid-aired hurting both their chances. In the final Neil and Brian had a highly competitive action filled match that ended in a one cut apiece draw. When the dust settled Neil had the contest win with Brian in second and Glenn third. 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 donated an engine, that we auctioned off, the proceeds going into the contest fund.

Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge
6 contestants (5 from MA) (1 from NH)
12 matches (2 mid airs)

(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	2370pts
(E) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	2040pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1730pts
(A) Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	1630pts
(A) Chris Sarnowski-Brookline, MA	1630pts
(S) Jake Vader-Franklin, NH	1620pts

Wingbuster Summer Sizzler for F2D Combat

SIMPSON, STAS AND RUDNER TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS
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Wingbuster Summer Sizzler F2D Combat

NEIL SIMPSON, BRIAN STAS AND MARK RUDNER TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS

JULY 17, 2011- MIDDLEBORO, MA – The weather was appropriately hot for the running of the Wingbuster Summer Sizzler. The turnout was only five contestants so the event was flown in a round robin format each contestant flying the other four once each. When those matches were completed the combat gods had allowed Neil Simpson to go undefeated capturing the contest win in the process. The three way fly off to break a second place tie resulted in some very exciting action filled matches between Mark Rudner and Greg Wornell and later between Mark and Brian Stas. Great flying by all three pilots. When the dust settled Brian was second, Mark third and Greg fourth.

Wingbuster Summer Sizzler
F2D Combat (5 contestants)
July 17, 2011

Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	4-0
Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	2-2 won three way fly off
Mark Rudner/Somerville, MA	2-2 runner-up three way fly off
Greg Wornell/Wellesley, MA	2-2 lost three way fly off
Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	0-4



The top three were Neil Simpson (1st), Brian Stas (2nd) and Mark Rudner (3rd)

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F2D News - July 2011

Mark Rudner

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For many years, the US Nationals has been the sad outcast of American control line combat scene. What was once the shining star, the most coveted title of the season, became the lonely guy in the corner of the dance hall, looking at his shoes wondering how to get some attention. For years people have talked about this issue, lamenting the fact that the ``big money" fast combat contests of the 80s and 90s apparently stole the spotlight from the NATS. However, despite wide agreement that the NATS should be revived, it remained on its last legs for many years... that is, until now.

This year, Chris Gay (of Chicago, for those who don't know him), took the reigns and ran the NATS on the platform of getting the NATS its groove back. Chris advertised, he publicized, he scrutinized, he went through every kind of `ize' to get the NATS back on track. As far as I can tell, it worked.

Despite losing a battle with the AMA over concrete center circle pads (which would have been by far preferable to the concrete free flight winch mount conveniently located 52 feet from the center of the pilot's circle...), Chris was able to draw in a very strong field of 15 contenders in F2D, from all over the country. While 15 may not sound like a huge turnout, it was easily the biggest in years, and featured many of the country's top pilots. To add to the excitement, we flew triple elimination, which guaranteed two full days of great combat in weather about as perfect as a Muncie summer can offer.

There were many good matches over the two days of competition. If I may take a moment for self-congratulations, I was quite pleased with the performance of the New England Combat Team (myself, Greg Wornell of Wellesley, MA, and Alex Prokofiev of South Plainfield, NJ). Our loyal New England readership should be happy to know that you were well represented, as we claimed 1st (Alex), 3rd (me), and 4th (Greg) places. It was almost a perfect result for the team, though the indefatigable Richard Stubblefield managed to cut through and claimed 2nd place for Texas. Most notably, I think many in attendance were surprised and delighted by the awesome effort put in by Greg. He really stepped up the level of his flying this time, and put his mark on the national stage. It was the best I've seen him fly, and I was happy to see him maintain that level at the Wingbusters' Summer Sizzler this past weekend.

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Speaking of the Summer Sizzler, there was lots of great flying all around. Neil Simpson went 4-0 to claim first place, while Brian Stas continued to impress with the higher level of precision that he has demonstrated throughout the last few contests. Watch out for him at the New England Cup next month!

Back to the NATS, one unfortunate aspect of the contest was the timing; rather than taking advantage of the July 4th 3-day weekend, combat kicked off with F2D on Monday, July 4th and Tuesday, July 5th (a working day). I'm sure this cut into the potential participation. If we can convince the AMA to move combat to the weekend, I bet we can get an even better turnout next time.

Finally, this month it is time for me to make a little announcement. Actually, it's a rather big announcement... After 8 awesome years as a New Englander, the time is quickly approaching when I will need to bid you all adieu. I have landed a job in Columbus, Ohio, and will be starting the first of the year. Earlier than that, however, I will be away on travel for three months, so my time here is really nearly up. Before signing off, I just want to thank everybody out here who has made my time in New England so great. It was a big change moving out here, over 2500 miles from my family, but I was instantly welcomed into the combat community. Since I ran out of time to keep up with Formula GX I haven't seen many of you (Dick, Jim, Joe, Lloyd, Will, ...) that often, but I certainly haven't forgotten. It's been a great time, and I hope I will get a chance to come back and see you all again in the future. If you have the time, come on down to the New England Cup for one last hurrah!





New England Cup

Double Elimination F2D



Kingston, MA



Silver Lake Regional School
260 Pembroke St., Kingston, MA
Pilots' Meeting: Saturday 9 am

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**2011
Wingbuster
Invitational**

**Wingbuster Club Field
Middleboro, MA
September 11th, 2011**

**F2D Combat - Single Airplane
Rules**

**Prizes for top Three
First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned**

**2011
Salmon River
Shootout**

**Salmon River State Forest
Located on Route 16 Approximately
halfway between Routes 149 and 196**

**East Hampton, CT
August 14th, 2011**

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

**2011
New England Championships
Formula GX Combat**

**Boynton Park - Worcester, MA
(near the Paxton, MA line)**

August 28th, 2011

Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00 am

AMA Sanctioned

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Salmon River State Forest, Green and Unspoiled



Jake Vader and Chris Sarnowski



Neil Simpson and Paul Kubek



Glenn Simpson and Brian Stas



The top finishers were Neil Simpson (1st), Brian Stas (2nd), Glenn Simpson (3rd) and Jake Vader (1st Sportsman)

2011 CONTEST SCHEDULE

All GX Combat unless noted otherwise

- 7/31 107th RC Flyers GX Shootout-Saugus, MA
- 8/6 & 8/7 2011 New England Cup of F2D
F2D Combat - international rules
- 8/14 Salmon River Shootout-East Hampton, CT
- 8/21
- 8/28 New England Championships -Worcester, MA
- 9/4
- 9/11 Wingbuster Invitational-Middleboro, MA
F2D Combat-single airplane rules
- 9/18
- 9/18 Middlesex, NJ
Super Slow and 1/2A
- 10/2 Fall Finale -Worcester, MA
- 10/9 North County Shootout-Leominster, MA
- 10/16
- 10/23 Wingbuster Shootout-Middleboro, MA
F2D Combat-single airplane rules
- 10/30 GX Fall Fly-Off / Post Season Contest - Middleboro, MA

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CONTEST FUND: This month we received nice donations from Brian Stas, Chris Sarnowski, Dana Lord, Paul Kubek and Ernie Carosella.
Thanks Guys

New England Contest Fund

10/1/2010 through 7/20/2011

Date	Description	Category	Amount
	BALANCE 9/30/2010		-63
10/10/2010	North County Shootout	Entry Fees	135
10/10/2010	North County Shootout	Trophy Expense	-54
10/17/2010	New England Championships	Entry Fees	330
10/17/2010	Brian Stas	Contribution	20
10/20/2010	Robert Butler	Contribution	30
10/24/2010	Wingbuster Model Airplane Club	Donation Expense	-100
10/24/2010	Wingbuster Shootout	Entry Fees	75
10/24/2010	Wingbuster Shootout	Trophy Expense	-54
10/31/2010	Season End Awards	Trophy Expense	-201
10/31/2010	Fall Fly-Off	Entry Fees	120
10/31/2010	Fall Fly-Off	Trophy Expense	-54
11/1/2010	Ernie Carosella	Contribution	20
11/3/2010	2010 Streamers (340qty)	Streamer Expense	-38
11/15/2010	Streamer String (6 Rolls)	Streamer Expense	-16
2/22/2011	Len Minick Memorial	Permit-Sanction Expense	-70
3/4/2011	Salmon River Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-70
3/21/2011	Will Rogers	Contribution	75
4/23/2011	107th GX Icebreaker	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20
4/23/2011	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	20
4/29/2011	Jim Carpenter	Contribution	50
5/1/2011	Granite State Invitational	Entry Fees	120
5/1/2011	Granite State Invitational	Trophy Expense	-54
5/1/2011	Elks Club	Donation Expense	-100
5/1/2011	Granite State Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25
5/29/2011	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25
5/29/2011	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Trophy Expense	-54
5/29/2011	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Entry Fees	90
6/5/2011	Granite State Championships	Entry Fees	120
6/5/2011	Granite State Championships	Trophy Expense	-54
6/5/2011	Paul Kubek	Contribution	12
6/12/2011	Silver Lake Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-120
6/26/2011	Ernie Carosela (.32 Engine)	Contribution	30
6/26/2011	Dana Lord	Contribution	10
6/26/2011	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	5
6/26/2011	Brian Stas	Contribution	20
6/26/2011	Len Minick Memorial	Entry Fees	60
6/26/2011	Len Minick Memorial	Trophy Expense	-9
7/17/2011	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25
7/17/2011	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	Trophy Expense	-54
7/17/2011	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	Entry Fees	75
7/17/2011	Paul Kubek	Contribution	5
	BALANCE 7/20/2011		162

107th RC Flyers

GX Shootout



**107th Club Field
Saugus, MA
Sunday July 31st, 2011**



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

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