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2012 Schedule

(some events and dates still tentative)

15-Apr	Middlesex, NJ-1/2A and Speed Limit		Middlesex, NJ
22-Apr	107th RC Flyers GX Icebreaker	GX	Saugus, MA
29-Apr			
6-May	Granite State Invitational	GX	Franklin, NH
13-May	Mothers Day		
19&20-May	NEST Fun Fly (control line stunt)		Wrentham, MA
19-May -saturday	Gil's Combat Meet		Hershey, PA
	Single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit		
27-May	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	F2D	Middleboro, MA
3-Jun	Granite State Championships	GX	Franklin, NH
10-Jun	Brodak Week -June 12th to 16th		
17-Jun	Brodak Week -June 12th to 16th		
24-Jun	Len Minick Memorial	GX	East Hampton, CT
1-Jul	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	F2D	Middleboro, MA
8-Jul	Eastern Mass Invitational	GX	Middleboro, MA
15-Jul	Nats Week-July 16th to 21st		
22-Jul	Nats Week-July 16th to 21st		
29-Jul	Wingbuster Summer Fly Off	GX	Middleboro, MA
4&5-Aug	Lee Stunt Contest		Lee, MA
5-Aug	East Coast Championships		Hershey, PA
	Single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit		
12-Aug			
19-Aug	Central Mass Championships	GX	E.Brookfield, MA
26-Aug	Salmon River Shootout	GX	East Hampton, CT
2-Sep			
7&8-Sep	Mass Cup Stunt Contest		Wrentham, MA
8-Sep -saturday	Maine Jet Rally	GX	Sanford, ME
16-Sep	Wingbuster Invitational	F2D	Middleboro, MA
16-Sep	Middlesex, NJ-1/2A and Speed Limit		Middlesex, NJ
23-Sep			
30-Sep	New England Championships	GX	Middleboro, MA
6-Oct -saturday	October Air War		Vincentown, NJ
	Single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit		
7-Oct	North County Shootout	GX	Leominster, MA
14-Oct	Eastern Mass Championships	GX	Middleboro, MA
21-Oct	Fall Finale	GX	Middleboro, MA
28-Oct	Wingbuster Shootout	F2D	Middleboro, MA
4-Nov	Wingbuster Fall Fly Off	GX	Middleboro, MA

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F2D News - March 2012

Mark Rudner
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Spring is coming, and the US F2D season is now officially underway. Last weekend Lance and the Phoenix gang (now officially called “Team Voodoo,” with the blessing of Riley Wooten) put on another great installment of the March Madness F2D Combat Challenge. The weather was perfect; it doesn’t get much better than 80 degrees, sunny, and a slight breeze, and that’s pretty much what we got for two days in Phoenix. Attendance was great, with 14 pilots including all 3 US Team pilots (Allen Deveuve, Andrey Nadein, and Cary Minor) and our alternate (Josh Ellison).

The organizers decided to run triple elimination, which meant more flying for all, but also a need to keep a good pace to the matches. Things got off to a bit of a slow start, but then picked up enough that we were able to complete 4 rounds (well over half the total number of matches) on Saturday.

There was certainly some good flying on display, though the number of “kills” was rather high. One theory that was floated around the field was that this was partly due to the “F2D Fast” event held the day before, that got many pilots riled up and hungry for streamer. While it’s a reasonable theory, it’s hard to know exactly what was the source of all the string cuts. Most likely the main source was a bit of early-season rust, that had everyone’s reactions a bit slowed down. I don’t know if it was a factor or not, but the string also seemed to be a bit on the weak side. Although it looked quite tough, I heard of 2 incidents where a pilot actually broke the string by mistake while simply tying the knot.

On the ground, it was clear that many cobwebs needed to be cleaned out of mechanics’ heads. I witnessed countless infractions in which mechanics either ran inside the pitting lane, entered the circle at an oblique angle, entered the circle while lines were still tangled but one airplane was still flying, or serviced a model (removed the streamer) before bringing it out of the circle. This is really basic stuff, and the rules are straightforward to follow. I know it’s early in the year, but we can’t be having that kind of lackluster pitting going forward, especially for the team as we go into the World Championships this summer. Some may complain that there are too many rules and that we should just ignore them at home if we feel like it, but I disagree with this view. It perpetuates the wrong attitude, which will never help us build up the standing of the US in the worldwide F2D community. Expecting to simply switch into “compliance-mode” when we get over there is a strategy that has been tried and failed over many years of international competition. In Phoenix, Lance and his judges did their best to try to enforce the rules with limited manpower. It’s not easy to get enough dedicated judges to keep tabs on everyone, but if we’re serious about making USA number 1 we might have to start policing ourselves a bit. Actually, I did see a bit of this already, with some competitors mentioning infractions to each other as a “heads-up.” This is a good start, but I think that without receiving an actual penalty for messing up, the lesson is not fully learned. I’m not sure exactly what the solution is, but it’s some food for thought that I just wanted to throw out there.

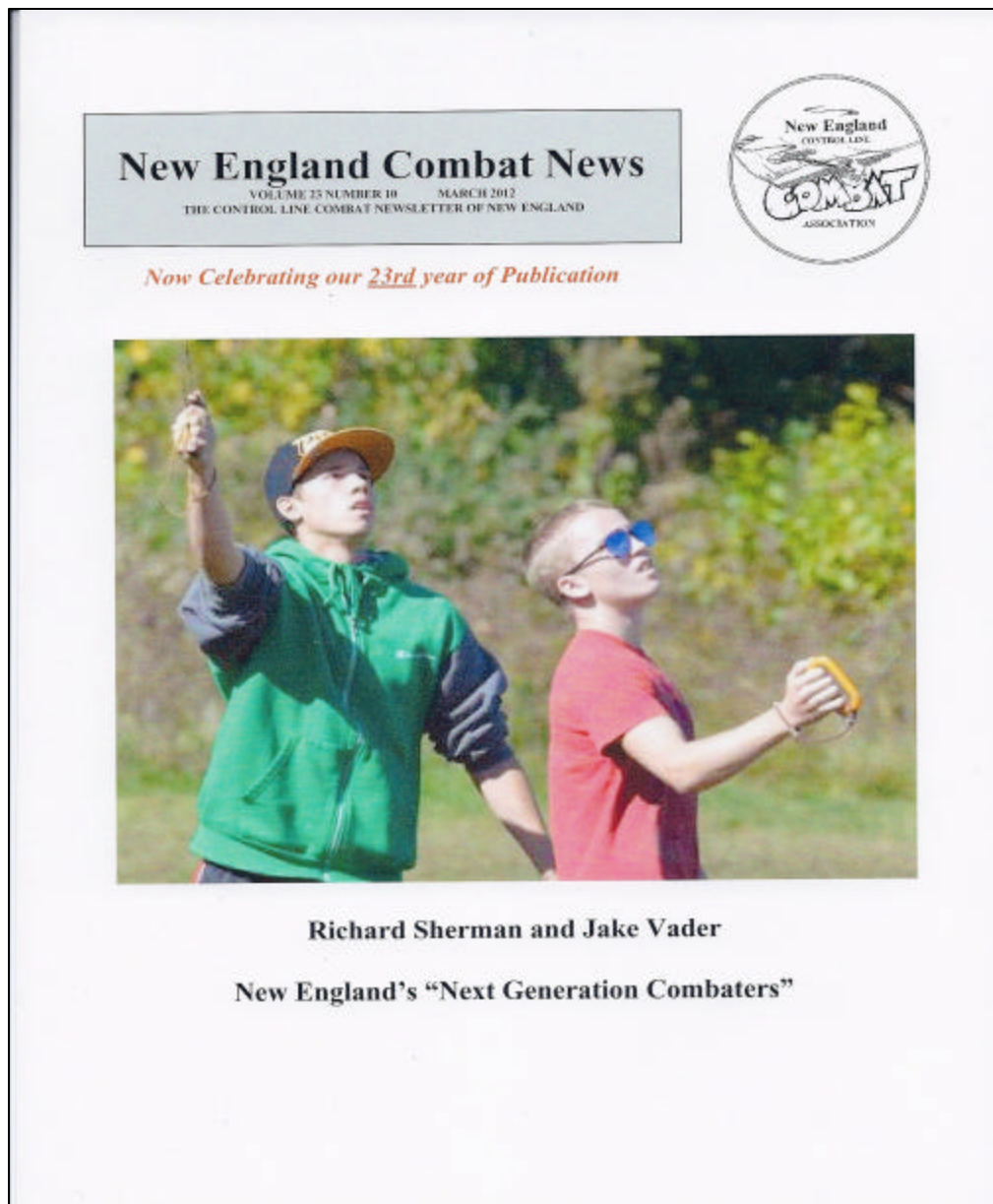
In the end, Andrey Nadein put on an impressive display and went undefeated all the way through the finals. Rich Lopez was strong all weekend and flew himself into a solid 2nd place. A three-way tie for third place between Allen Deveuve, Cary Minor, and Chuck Rudner had to be resolved by a fly-off. In the first fly-off, Allen beat Cary. In the second match, Allen beat Chuck to claim 3rd place. All-in-all it was a great weekend of combat and a lot of fun. Thanks again to Lance, Jeff, Sergio, Arlene, and everyone else who helped organize and run the event!

The Next GX Generation

One of the best cover shots for New England Combat News is now in the archives. The March 2012 issue shows Richard Sherman and Jake Vader. These two fine young combat pilots are showing skills that only come from flying competitively. A picture of two pilots in the center circle flying a combat match will tell you much about the pilots and the skills they have acquired. It is often obvious who is watching what. One of the most important skills is watching the opponent's model. This means a pilot must be able to fly his own model by what he or she feels on the handle.

At past New England events, a much younger Richard Sherman asked me some good questions about flying combat. Asking questions and paying attention to the answers is a good way to figure out what to do and not to do in any competitive sport. This young man has learned much over the years by watching, listening and figuring out what works.

Roy Glenn



107th RC Flyers

GX Icebreaker



107th Club Field
Saugus, MA
Sunday April 22nd, 2012



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

Rumors Facts Etc

CONTEST FUND: We received two very generous donations to the contest fund, this month. The first was from Chris Sarnowski, the new editor of "MACAnews", and the other, his second donation in recent months, came from the New England's "Grand Master of Control Line Combat", Mister Will Rogers. Thank you Gentlemen.

OPENING DAY: You should be reading this month's issue on or about March 20th. Opening day is April 22nd at the 107th Club Field in Saugus, MA. Get yourself next to the workbench, you only have a little over four weeks to get ready. This contest is coming to fruition thanks to the efforts of Chris Sarnowski and because of the generosity of the 107th RC Flyers.

NEW ENGLAND COMBAT NEWS

MAINE JET RALLY & MODEL EXPO SEPT 6,7,8,9 2012

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Hello

As most of you know by now, a GX meet has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept 8, 2012, at the Sanford airport in Sanford, Maine as part of the State of Maine Jet Rally.

Ray Labonte, owner of Ray and Robins Hobby, and CD of the Rally, recognized an opportunity to use the event as a showcase for the hobby and will include RC Jets, Cars, Boats, Helicopters and Control Line as described in the enclosed brochure. (It's since been revised but the info is the same.) Besides modeling, there will be a Saturday night barbecue with live music and fireworks, an on-site hobby shop, "and more", and plans for full scale aerobatics and an F4U Corsair flyby.

The intent of the organizers was to make this a fun fly type event open to any AMA member. Andy Argenio decided to make the Rally his District I event and there appears to be strong local sponsorship and support. The organizers are projecting for an attendance of 5,000 people a day!?! Needless to say, the cost of running this event is considerable, and registration was projected to be a \$40 to \$50 fee covering all four days, but hasn't been finalized yet.

My involvement was to bring in C/L activity, and contacted John Brodak to see if he would sponsor the Combat flyer registration fees and he graciously agreed. Because of his generosity, I've been able to open the control line area for the four days, without fees, for all C/L flying. The New England Stunt Team members won't be available to showcase Precision Aerobatics flying due to a conflict with their meet, so I hope opening the circle will encourage other C/L flyers to attend.

Sanford is about 1 1/2 hrs north of Boston. If all goes according to plan, this event is going to be huge! The New England Combat Team will be the pathfinders for establishing the C/L venue for 2013! Planning is ongoing, I'll keep you all informed.

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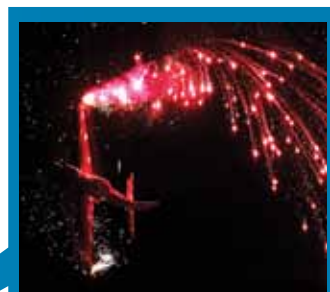
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2012
Granite State
Invitational

Franklin Elks Lodge Field
South Main Street
Franklin, NH
May 6th, 2012

Formula GX Combat Four Rounds
Prizes for 1st and 2nd
plus first in Sportsman

First Match 10:00 am
AMA Sanctioned

2012
Granite State
Championships

Franklin Elks Lodge Field
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June 3rd, 2012

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2012
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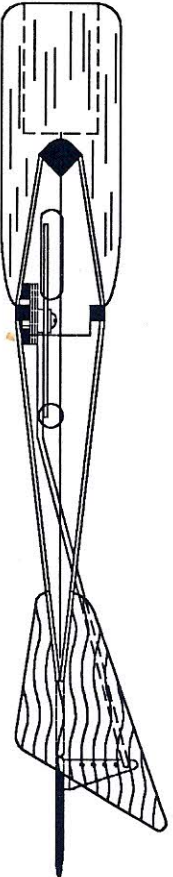
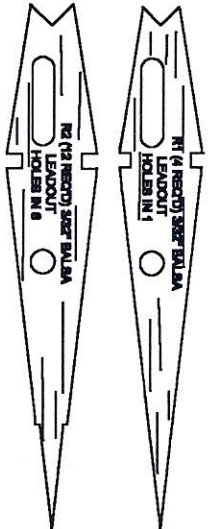
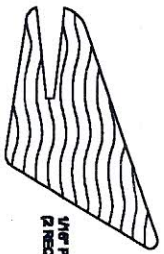
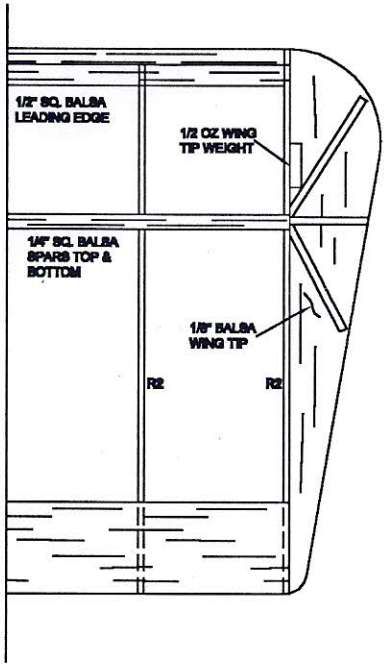
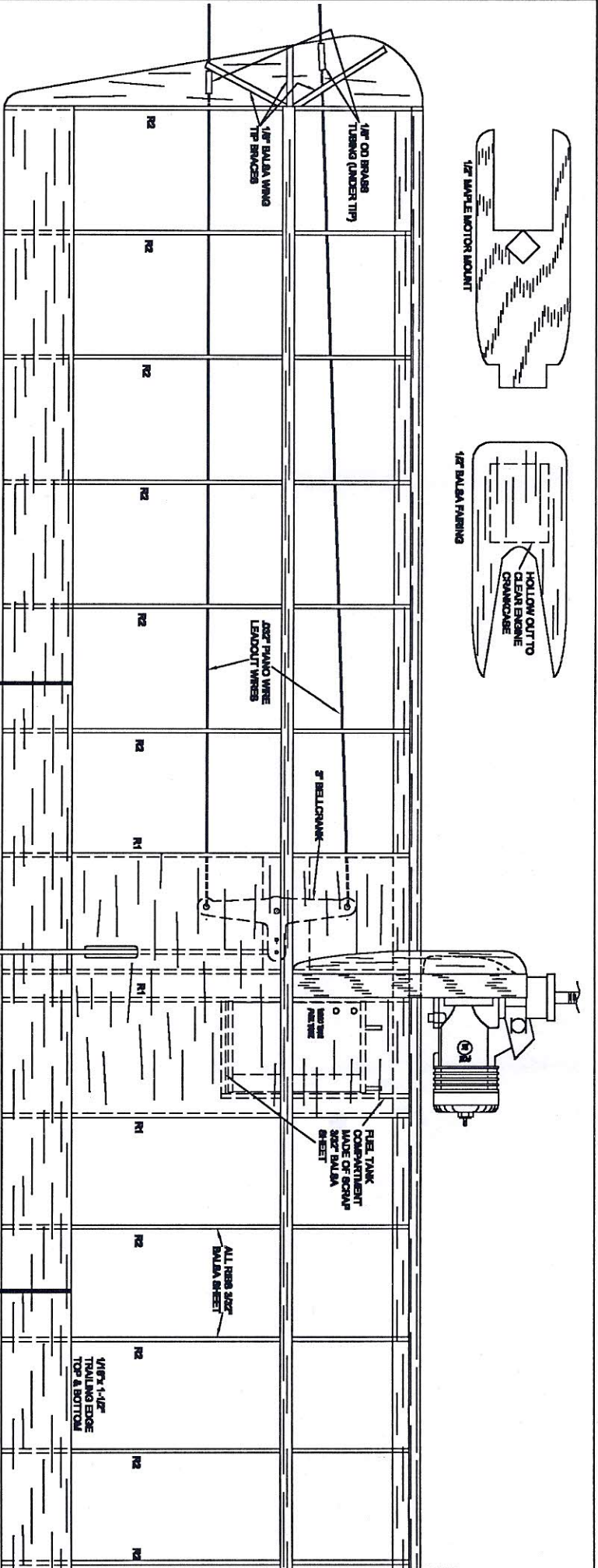
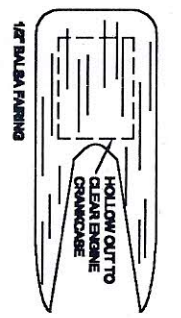
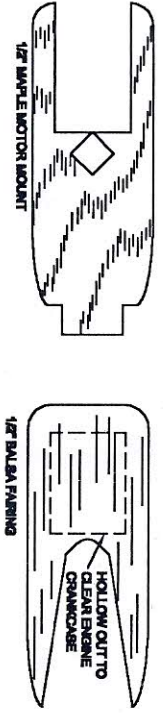
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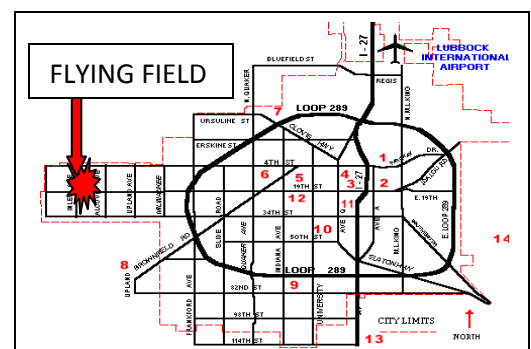
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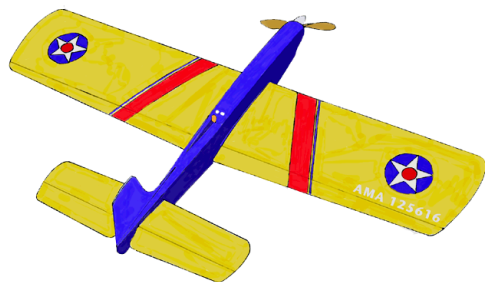
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The Northwest Control-Line Regionals

Eugene Airport, Eugene, Oregon, May 25-26-27, 2012

FRIDAY

Speed (all classes)	10:30-6
Carrier (all classes)	10:30-5
Old-Time Stunt	Noon
AMA Fast Combat	1 p.m.

SATURDAY

HP 1/2A combat	8:30 a.m.
Mouse Race I	9 a.m.
Classic/ Nostalgia 30 Stunt	
Appearance judging	9 a.m.
Carrier (all classes)	9-5
Speed (all classes)	9-6
Classic/N30 Flying	10 a.m.
Profile Stunt	1 p.m.
NW Sport Race	10 a.m.
NW Super Sport Race	Noon
80mph Combat *	Noon
Flying Clown Race	2 p.m.
Scale static judging	4 p.m.

SUNDAY

Advanced-Expert Aerobatics	
Appearance Judging	8:30 a.m.
Vintage Diesel Combat	8:30 a.m. *
Carrier (all classes)	9-4
Advanced-Expert	
PA flying	9:15 a.m.
Beg.-Int. PA flying	10 a.m.
Scale flying	10 a.m.
Contest ends	4:30 p.m.
Awards ceremony	5 p.m.

* 80mph Combat will finish on Sunday morning if necessary, with Vintage Diesel Combat to follow

SCHEDULE NOTES

- **No engine running before 8 a.m. any day.** Electric flying OK.
- Schedule may be adjusted due to number of entries, weather conditions, etc.
- Site will be open for camping and limited flying starting at noon Thursday, May 24. No flying or camping on Wednesday.
- Registration Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-noon, Sunday 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

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- AMA events are per **2011-12 AMA rule book**, except as noted below. AMA rules can be downloaded at www.modelaircraft.com; Northwest rules can be obtained at flyinglines.org or by mail by writing contest director.
- **Not knowing the rules is no excuse — get a copy now!**
- Northwest Rules will be used for these events: *NW Sport Race, NW Super Sport Race, Flying Clown Race, .15 Carrier, Nostalgia Carrier, Sport 40 Carrier, 80-mph combat, Vintage Diesel Combat, Profile Stunt, Northwest Sport Jet Speed, C Speed and F2D Proto Speed.*
- **PRECISION AEROBATICS:** ARF planes allowed, zero appearance points. ARC appearance up to 10 points maximum. Old-Time Stunt, Profile Stunt and Beginner-Intermediate Precision Aerobatics will be flown on grass. Precision Aerobatics Model Pilots Association rules will be used for *Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt and Nostalgia 30 Stunt.*
- **COMBAT** — Fast combat single elimination. 80mph and 1/2-A double-elimination; Diesel four rounds if time permits. *1/2-A combat will be flown on 42-foot lines, starters OK.* **LINE-TENSION FLYAWAY SHUTOFFS required in Fast and 80mph: Failure of a shutoff results in disqualification from the event.** Be sure that yours works!
- **SCALE** — **Make sure your airplane has been flight tested** and is ready for competition, per AMA rules. *Precision Scale* event is AMA Designer Scale except that planes built from kits or plans are allowed.
- **Safety thongs required in all events.**
- Contestants may at some times be required to assist in timing or judging.

OTHER INFORMATION

- AMA or MAAC membership required for all participants. AMA membership available at registration.
- Only participants and officials allowed in flying areas. All others must stay outside roped-off or restricted areas.
- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages on flying field during meet hours.
- Awards — Trophies and merchandise through third place in each event. Event champion trophies for each category!
- **Product vendors contact contest director for permission and site info.**
- Primitive camping allowed on site (no hookups). Commercial camping/RV locations nearby.
- Attendees must stay inside the fenced flying site and public areas. Entry to the adjacent airport land is restricted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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New England Contest Fund

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Date	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 7/31/2011			278.00
8/14/2011	Salmon River Shootout	Trophy Expense	-54.00
8/14/2011	Salmon River Shootout	Entry Fees	75.00
8/18/2011	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	25.00
9/5/2011	New England Championships	Entry Fees	270.00
9/5/2011	New England Championships	Raffle Prize Expense	-45.00
9/5/2011	New England Championships	Trophy Expense	-297.00
9/5/2011	New England Championships	T-Shirt Expense	-218.00
9/5/2011	New England Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-195.00
9/5/2011	Neil Simpson	Contribution	195.00
9/11/2011	Wingbuster Invitational	Trophy Expense	-54.00
9/11/2011	Wingbuster Invitational	Entry Fees	135.00
9/11/2011	Wingbuster Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
9/18/2011	Eastern Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-54.00
9/18/2011	Eastern Mass Championships	Entry Fees	75.00
9/18/2011	Wingbuster Model Airplane Club	Donation Expense	-150.00
9/18/2011	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
10/2/2011	Fall Finale	Trophy Expense	-54.00
10/2/2011	Fall Finale	Permit-Sanction Expense	-195.00
10/2/2011	Neil Simpson	Contribution	195.00
10/2/2011	Fall Finale	Entry Fees	90.00
10/9/2011	North County Shootout	Trophy Expense	-54.00
10/9/2011	North County Shootout	Entry Fees	135.00
10/9/2011	North County Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
10/23/2011	Wingbuster Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
10/23/2011	Wingbuster Shootout	Entry Fees	90.00
10/23/2011	Wingbuster Shootout	Trophy Expense	-54.00
10/23/2011	Brian Stas	Contribution	10.00
11/6/2011	Fall Fly-Off	Trophy Expense	-6.00
11/6/2011	Fall Fly-Off	Entry Fees	90.00
11/6/2011	Fall Fly-Off	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
11/6/2011	Season End Awards	Trophy Expense	-209.00
11/6/2011	Brian Stas	Contribution	10.00
11/6/2011	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	5.00
11/6/2011	Joe Fustolo	Contribution	20.00
11/6/2011	T-Shirt Sales	Other Inc	20.00
11/21/2011	Greg Wornell	Contribution	100.00
11/22/2011	2011 Streamers (300qty)	Streamer Expense	-33.00
12/21/2011	Will Rogers	Contribution	100.00
12/28/2011	Streamer String (8 Rolls)	Streamer Expense	-21.00
2/25/2012	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	75.00
2/25/2012	Will Rogers	Contribution	100.00
8/1/2011 - 3/18/2012			-3.00
BALANCE 3/18/2012			275.00
TOTAL INFLOWS			1,815.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-1,818.00
NET TOTAL			-3.00



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