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## Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge

**NEIL SIMPSON, GLENN SIMPSON  
AND JEFF VADER ARE TOP THREE**

**SPORTSMAN TO JAKE VADER**

JUNE 24, 2012 – EAST HAMPTON, CT – This was the ninth annual Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge held in tribute to and in memory of our good friend and fellow competitor. The weather was quite warm and sunny with a gentle breeze. Seven contestants made the trip to the Salmon River State Forest and enjoyed a day of very competitive combat.

Round one saw Jeff Vader take the early lead with a 725 point round one score. Neil Simpson and Jeff faced off in round two. Jeff had starting trouble initially and then, after some good action, had the ground come up. All this resulted in an air-time win for Neil and a very low score for Jeff. Meanwhile both Vinnie Langella and Glenn Simpson put in their second good flight. Vinnie, Glenn and Neil were in a virtual tie for the lead at the halfway point. In round three Neil managed a two cut win over Vinnie to take the outright lead. Glenn was in close pursuit with a one cut round three win over Jeff Vader. In the semi-final match Jeff, after an up and down day, rallied for a one cut win over Vinnie. In the final Neil got past Glenn with a one cut win. When the dust settled Neil had the contest win with Glenn in second and Jeff just edging out Vinnie for 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. It was great to have Vinnie Langella participating for the first time in quite a while. A special thank you to Perry Rose who donated some covering material that was raffled off.

### Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge

7 contestants (4 from MA) (2 from NH) (1 from CT)

14 matches (2 mid airs)

(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	2385pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1850pts
(E) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	1645pts
(A) Vinnie Langella -Meriden, CT	1630pts
(A) Chris Sarnowski-Brookline, MA	1515pts
(S) Jake Vader-Franklin, NH	1220pts
(E) Joe Fustolo-Stoughton, MA	1115pts

## Wingbuster Summer Sizzler

**KUBEK, SIMPSON AND STAS  
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS  
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## Eastern Mass Invitational

**STAS, SIMPSON, FUSTOLO  
AND JAKE VADER ARE TOP FOUR  
Full Report on Page Three**

# Wingbuster Summer Sizzler

## F2D Combat

**PAUL KUBEK, NEIL SIMPSON  
AND BRIAN STAS  
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

JULY 1, 2012- MIDDLEBORO, MA – The weather was sunny and hot with temperatures north of ninety degrees, a real “Summer Sizzler”. Six contestants were on hand for a day of F2D combat. At the end of three rounds three pilots had been sent home with two losses each. Paul Kubek was sitting at 3-0 while Brian Stas and Neil Simpson were at 2-1. In round four Paul, in short order, handed Brian and then Neil their second losses earning the contest win in the process. Since Brian and Neil both were eliminated in the same round a fly-off for second and third was in order. Neil managed the win in what was, perhaps, the best match of the day.

Wingbuster Summer Sizzler  
F2D Combat (6 contestants)

Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	5-0
Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	2-2 won fly-off
Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	2-2 lost fly-off
Greg Wornell/Wellesley, MA	1-2
Chris Sarnowski/Bedford, MA	0-2
Matt Stas/Kingston, MA	0-2



**The trophy winners were Paul Kubek (1st), Neil Simpson (2nd) and Brian Stas (3rd)**



# Eastern Mass Invitational

## BRIAN STAS, NEIL SIMPSON & JOE FUSTOLO ARE TOP THREE JAKE VADER WINS SPORTSMAN

JULY 8, 2012– MIDDLEBORO, MA – This year’s Eastern Mass Invitational attracted eight pilots for a Formula GX show-down. The weather was sunny and quite warm with a light breeze. A great day for combat.

Following round one action Ken Hargreaves was setting the pace followed closely by Jake Vader and Neil Simpson. In round two Ken and Jake faced off against each other and flew to a one cut apiece draw. It was action filled with both pilots giving a good account of themselves. Next, Neil faced off against Joe Fustolo and, after some good action early, Neil was taken out by equipment failure leaving him with a low score and Joe with an airtime win. In the next match Brian Stas stormed into contention with a two cut win over Glenn Simpson. At the halfway point Brian had the lead followed closely by Ken and Jake. Joe was flying steady and was also quite close to the leaders. In round three Brian got a one cut win over Ken and Joe got past Jake two cuts to one. Neil also began to climb back into the hunt with a one cut win over Jeff Vader in a match that was a full five minute war. Meanwhile, Glenn Simpson had made his presence known with a two cut win over Chris Sarnowski. The final three round four matches would be meaningful. In the first Neil put pressure on the leaders with a 830 point win over Glenn. Next Ken and Joe flew to a low scoring draw in a match that was action filled and well flown despite the low score. In the final Brian and Jake flew to a one cut apiece draw. The final order of finish was Brian, Neil, Joe, Jake and Ken. Jake, who finished fourth overall, took home the Sportsman “gold”, in the process.

Thank You to the Wingbusters Model Airplane Club for allowing us, yet again, to use their fine facility.

### Eastern Mass Invitational

#### Formula GX Combat

8 Contestants (6 from MA) (2 from NH)

16 matches – 1 fly-away – no mid-air

(E) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	2270pts
(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	2070pts
(E) Joe Fustolo-Stoughton, MA	2065pts
(S) Jake Vader-Franklin, NH	1940pts
(A) Ken Hargreaves-Worcester, MA	1840pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1625pts
(A) Chris Sarnowski-Bedford, MA	1320pts
(E) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	600pts



The top finishers at the Eastern Mass Invitational were Brian Stas (1st), Neil Simpson (2nd), Joe Fustolo (3rd) and Jake Vader (4th and 1st Sportsman)

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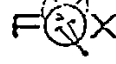
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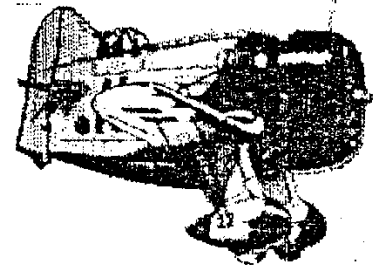
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2012 Len Minick Memorial - June 24th - Jeff Vader Photos



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



Glenn Simpson and Vinnie Langella



Joe Fustolo and Chris Sarnowski



Jeff Vader

2012 Len Minick Memorial - June 24th - Jeff Vader Photos



Neil Simpson and Vinnie Langella



Jake Vader and Vinnie Langella



Ouch !



Carbon Coyote



Vinnie Langella and Chris Sarnowski have Vinnie's airplane fired up



2012 Eastern Mass Invitational - July 8th - Jeff Vader Photos



Glenn Simpson and Chris Sarnowski



Brian Stas launches for Jeff Vader



Neil Simpson and Jeff Vader in a "Battle Royal"



Ken Hargreaves and Joe Fustolo



Brian Stas and Jake Vader



**2012  
Central Mass  
Championships**

**East Brookfield  
Elementary School  
East Brookfield, MA  
August 19th, 2012**

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

**First Match 10:00 am  
AMA Sanctioned**

**2012  
Salmon River  
Shootout**

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

**East Hampton, CT  
August 26th, 2012**

**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds  
Prizes for 1st and 2nd  
plus first in Sportsman  
First Match 10:00 am  
AMA Sanctioned**

**2012 Wingbuster  
Invitational**

**Wingbuster Club Field  
Middleboro, MA  
September 16th , 2012**

**F2D Combat-Single Airplane  
Rules  
Prizes for top three  
First Match 10:00 am  
AMA Sanctioned**

**2012  
Granite State  
Championships**

**Lions Club Field  
Franklin, NH  
September 23rd, 2012**

**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds  
Prizes for 1st and 2nd  
plus first in Sportsman  
First Match 10:00 am  
AMA Sanctioned**

# 2012 New England Championships Formula GX Combat

Wingbuster Club Field Middleboro, MA

September 30th, 2012

Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00 am - AMA Sanctioned  
Trophies for 1st and 2nd plus first in Sportsman

**2012  
Jet Rally  
Sanford, Maine  
Saturday  
September 8th**

**Formula GX Combat  
Four Rounds  
Prizes for 1st and 2nd  
plus first in Sportsman  
First Match 10:00 am  
AMA Sanctioned**

## ***Rumors Facts Etc.***

**DONATIONS:** We received generous donations this month from Chris Sarnowski, Brian Stas and from "Old Rusty Lines", Mister Jim Carpenter. Thank You Gentlemen.



**On this day Paul was not here to lose !!  
Paul Kubek - First Place  
2012 Summer Sizzler  
F2D Combat July 1, 2012**





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- RC Car Track Area
- Demo Staging (Restricted)
- Spectator Areas
- Vendor/Food Areas
- Night Flight/Fireworks Area





# 2012 Schedule

( some events and dates still tentative )

<b>29-Jul</b>	<b>Wingbuster Summer Fly Off</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>Middleboro, MA</b>
<b>4&amp;5-Aug</b>	<b>Lee Stunt Contest</b>		<b>Lee, MA</b>
<b>5-Aug</b>	<b>East Coast Championships</b>		<b>Hershey, PA</b>
	<b>Single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit</b>		
<b>12-Aug</b>			
<b>19-Aug</b>	<b>Central Mass Championships</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>E.Brookfield, MA</b>
<b>26-Aug</b>	<b>Salmon River Shootout</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>East Hampton, CT</b>
<b>2-Sep</b>			
<b>7&amp;8-Sep</b>	<b>Mass Cup Stunt Contest</b>		<b>Wrentham, MA</b>
<b>8-Sep -saturday</b>	<b>Maine Jet Rally</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>Sanford, ME</b>
<b>16-Sep</b>	<b>Wingbuster Invitational</b>	<b>F2D</b>	<b>Middleboro, MA</b>
<b>16-Sep</b>	<b>Middlesex, NJ-1/2A and Speed Limit</b>		<b>Middlesex, NJ</b>
<b>23-Sep</b>	<b>Granite State Championships</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>Franklin, NH</b>
<b>30-Sep</b>	<b>New England Championships</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>Middleboro, MA</b>
<b>6-Oct -saturday</b>	<b>October Air War</b>		<b>Vincentown, NJ</b>
	<b>Single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit</b>		
<b>7-Oct</b>	<b>North County Shootout</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>Leominster, MA</b>
<b>14-Oct</b>	<b>Eastern Mass Championships</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>Middleboro, MA</b>
<b>21-Oct</b>	<b>Fall Finale</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>Middleboro, MA</b>
<b>28-Oct</b>	<b>Wingbuster Shootout</b>	<b>F2D</b>	<b>Middleboro, MA</b>
<b>4-Nov</b>	<b>Wingbuster Fall Fly Off</b>	<b>GX</b>	<b>Middleboro, MA</b>

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## *2012 Wingbuster Summer Fly Off*

**Wingbuster Club Field - Middleboro, MA**  
**July 29th, 2012**

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

**First Match 10:00 am    AMA Sanctioned**





The original "Dreaded Canadian Contingent" (debuting at the 1986 Bladder Grabber): Mad Murray, Killer Crozier, Demon Davis, and Wicked Wornell. (Our own Greg Wornell). The Contingent also gave out a trophy each Bladder Grabber for the pilot responsible for the most spectacular bellcranking of the meet. It was a good sized trophy with a custom 12" gold bellcrank (which we carefully mangled) mounted on top. Norm McFadden was the first winner. These were the days of Bladder Grabbers with 60+ entrants.



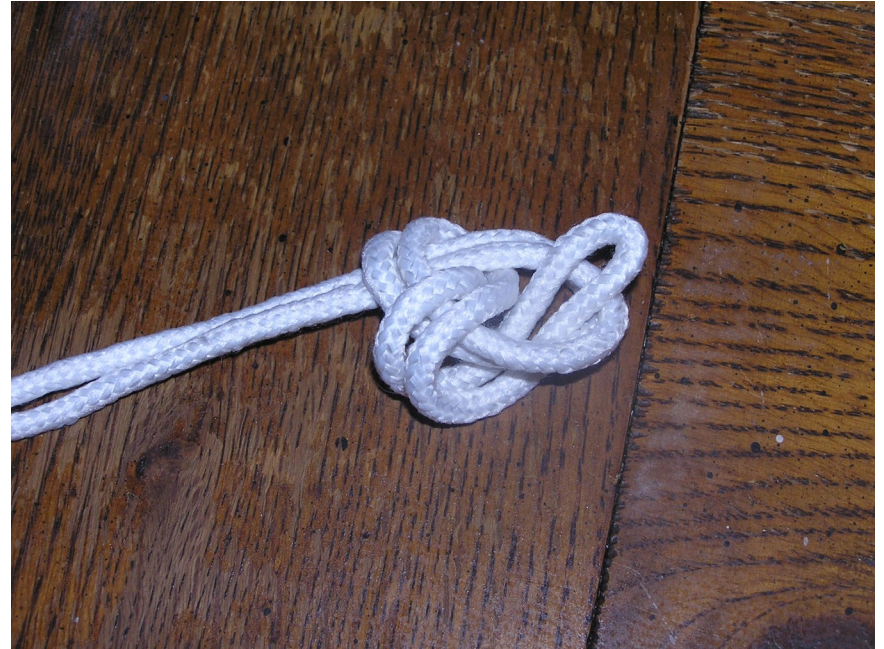


# Spectra Line Termination Info

Info and photos compliments of Paul Kubek



*Step One*



*Step Two*

**Photos of the knot used by Phil Cartier to terminate Dyneema lines.**

**I tied this on a piece of clothesline in order to make photographing easier.**

**The key to accuracy in setting and matching the length of the lines is to not allow the crease made in the lines for the loop to move during the tying and tightening of the knot.**

**Phil Cartier used and recommended PowerPro 100 lb. test High Visibility Yellow. Even after the sun fades the color they still stand out pretty well from the grass. Phil stated that the set he used at Brodak were 6 years old !**

2012 Regular Season Points Championship (thru 7/8)

Name	Total	Total	Percent	Regular Season Formula GX Stats							
	Accum	Possible		2011	2011	2012	2012	% Imp	Mid #	Mid %	
	Points	Points		Meets	Ave	Meets	Ave				
Simpson, Neil	37	40	925	9	1871	4	2089	11.6%	0	0.0%	
Stas, Brian	24	30	800	9	1983	3	1888	-4.8%	3	25.0%	
Langella, Vinnie	7	10	700			1			0	0.0%	
Simpson, Glenn	14	20	700	9	1276	2	1738	36.2%	0	0.0%	
Vader, Jeff	21	30	700	6	1778	3	1503	-15.4%	1	8.3%	
Sarnowski, Chris	27	40	675	6	1637	4	1679	2.6%	2	12.5%	
Hargreaves, Ken	20	30	667			3	1703		0	0.0%	
Fustolo, Joe	18	30	600	3	1922	3	1572	-18.2%	2	16.7%	
Vader, Jake	18	30	600	6	1485	3	1597	7.5%	3	25.0%	
Kubek, Paul	9	20	450	6	1591	2	1115	-29.9%	1	12.5%	
Sherman, R "Sherm"	3	10	300	6	1576	1	1110	-29.6%	0	0.0%	
Parizo, Dave	0	0	0						0		
Seymour, Kevin	0	0	0						0		
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Sherman, Dick	0	0	0	7	1694				0	#VALUE!	
Stas, Matthew	0	0	0	2	1950				0	#VALUE!	

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.

Eligibility for "Most Improved Pilot" awards rests with participation in 50% of both the prior and current year New England Formula GX contests. 20% improvement earns an award. If no pilots achieve 20% improvement a single award is presented to the pilot with the highest positive improvement.



# New England Contest Fund

12/1/2011 through 7/20/2012

7/23/2012

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Date	Description	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 11/30/2011</b>			<b>21.00</b>
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
4/29/2012	107th GX Icebreaker	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
4/29/2012	Ken Hargreaves (1/2A Airplanes)	Contribution	30.00
4/29/2012	107th GX Icebreaker	Entry Fees	90.00
4/29/2012	Brian Stas	Contribution	12.00
4/29/2012	Ken Hargreaves	Contribution	25.00
4/29/2012	Joe Fustolo	Contribution	50.00
4/29/2012	Paul Kubek	Contribution	10.00
4/29/2012	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	20.00
5/6/2012	107th RC Flyers Donation	Donation Expense	-25.00
5/6/2012	NH Lions Club Donation	Donation Expense	-100.00
5/6/2012	Granite State Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
5/6/2012	Granite State Invitational	Trophy Expense	-87.00
5/6/2012	Granite State Invitational	Entry Fees	120.00
5/30/2012	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Entry Fees	90.00
5/30/2012	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Trophy Expense	-87.00
5/30/2012	Wingbuster Spring Kick Off	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
6/24/2012	Len Minick Memorial	Trophy Expense	-12.00
6/24/2012	Len Minick Memorial	Permit-Sanction Expense	-45.00
6/24/2012	Len Minick Memorial	Entry Fees	105.00
6/24/2012	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	5.00
6/25/2012	Jim Carpenter	Contribution	100.00
7/1/2012	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
7/1/2012	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	Trophy Expense	-6.00
7/1/2012	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	Entry Fees	90.00
7/1/2012	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	5.00
7/1/2012	Brian Stas	Contribution	110.00
7/8/2012	Eastern Mass Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
7/8/2012	Eastern Mass Invitational	Trophy Expense	-12.00
7/8/2012	Eastern Mass Invitational	Entry Fees	120.00
<b>12/1/2011 - 7/20/2012</b>			<b>757.00</b>
<b>BALANCE 7/20/2012</b>			<b>778.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>			<b>1,257.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>			<b>-500.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>			<b>757.00</b>



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