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## Wingbuster Spring Championship

**NEIL SIMPSON, BRIAN STAS  
& CHRIS SARNOWSKI  
ARE TOP THREE**

MAY 26, 2013– HALIFAX, MA – The Wingbuster Spring Championship attracted five pilots for a day of Formula GX action. The weather was cloudy with just a little rain early and a strong breeze. Temperatures topped out in the high fifties. The grounds at the Wingbuster control line facility were manicured and very green.

Round one action saw Brian Stas and Rick Clark earn two cut wins setting the early pace in the process. In round two Neil Simpson got past Brian two cuts to one in a five minute action filled battle. In the very next match Rick faced off against Chris Sarnowski, a match that ended in the only mid-air of the day. Round three was low scoring with the best scores posted by Neil and Chris each earning 520 point air-time wins over Rick and Brian respectively. In the final round Brian got a two cut win over Rick while Neil was posting a one cut victory over his brother Glenn. When it all sorted out the final order of finish was Neil, Brian and Chris.

Thank You to the Wingbusters for allowing us to use their fine facility.

Wingbuster Spring Championship  
Formula GX Combat  
5 Contestants (all from MA)  
10 matches - 1 mid air

(E) Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	2275pts
(E) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	2050pts
(A) Chris Sarnowski-Bedford, MA	1440pts
(A)Rick Clark-Hingham, MA	1325pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1210pts

## Eastern Mass Invitational F2D Combat

**GREG WORNELL, BRIAN STAS  
AND PAUL KUBEK  
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

JUNE 2, 2013- HALIFAX, MA – The weather was very warm and except for a strong wind, it was a good day for F2D combat. The location for this event was the Wingbuster club field which is a beautiful very green grass field with shade in the pit area. If combat is flown in heaven it must be on a field that looks an awful lot like this one. Six contestants were on hand for what was opening day of the New England F2D season. At the end of three rounds three pilots had been sent home with two losses each. Greg Wornell was sitting at 3-0 while Brian Stas and Paul Kubek were at 2-1. Greg gave both Brian and Paul their second loss and since they both finished at two wins and two losses a coin toss was used to determine second and third place between these two pilots.

Eastern Mass Invitational  
F2D Combat (6 contestants)  
June 2, 2013

Greg Wornell/Wellesley, MA	5-0
Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	2-2 won coin flip
Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	2-2 lost coin flip
Jeff Vader/Franklin, NH	1-2
Chris Sarnowski/Bedford, MA	0-2
Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	0-2



**The top three at the Wingbuster Spring Championship for GX combat were Neil Simpson (1st), Brian Stas (2nd) and Chris Sarnowski (3rd)**



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
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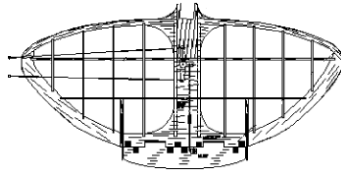
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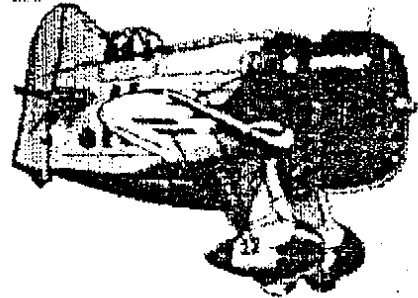
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## F2D News - June 2013

Mark Rudner

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The Team Trials and NATS are upon us. There's just one month to go. This year, the AMA site in Muncie will host an F2D double header of epic proportions. Are you ready? If you haven't made up your mind about whether or not to come, here's your answer: Just do it (thanks Nike, just put the check in my account).

So now that everyone is definitely going, it's time to make sure everything is in order. At a big event like this, time will inevitably tight, so it's important to make sure that you're organized and ready. Let's make a checklist.

1) Models. How many will you bring? Have you test flown and trimmed all of them? Does every model fly exactly like the others, or are there some "oddballs?" While this may be obvious to many, I can't stress enough the importance of eliminating those variations. It's not enough to test a plane and make a note that it may be a little touchy, or a little stable. If one model is flying a bit different from the others, figure out the reason and make some adjustments until it falls into line as best as possible. Combat requires precise flying, and if you're spending the first minute of a match getting used to your plane, your chances of success will be greatly diminished. Even when you've done your best to trim all of the models to fly the same, there will inevitably be some small variations left. Taking the philosophy above one step further, Alex Prokofiev gave some advice about how to decide which plane to use first in an upcoming match: whenever possible, always fly the last plane that you flew before this match. In this way, you will be as well adjusted as possible to your primary model. I think it's a good rule to live by.

2) Engines. Are they all cleaned? How do the bearings feel? If you notice than an engine is starting to blow a lot of plugs, take it out of service and see what's wrong inside. If you're running pure castor oil as the lubricant in your fuel, be sure to get the black carbon build up off of the top of your pistons before starting an intensive competition like the one ahead.

3) Props. Have you balanced them? Many props come close to being balanced, but it's a good idea to check. Do you have more than one type of prop, or will you pick a single type and use it uniformly throughout the contest? It can be a good idea to have a backup type, in case the weather conditions turn out to be very unfavorable for your first choice.

4) Bladders. It is going to be hot out there. This could be a good time to make some new bladders with fresh tubing, to avoid any messy mishaps. One note on this, however. Recently I ran into a bad batch of tubing. I made all new bladders before a contest (and unfortunately had also distributed some of the tubing to friends who did the same), but then discovered that the tubing would develop a large bulge after one or a few runs. If you just got a new supply of tubing, I suggest making at least one test bladder from it first to check that the material is in good shape. In addition, it's a good idea to keep tubing from different shipments labeled, in case any problems like this arise. Unfortunately, I had mixed all of my tubing together, so now it's not so easy to identify which is the unreliable stuff. Since I only had about 1 foot left in total, I decided to just totally renew my supply.

5) Shutoffs. Make sure they're tested, and won't misfire on you in the air. An untimely flame out can be one of the most frustrating ways to lose a match.

6) Lines. Don't forget them.

7) Helmet. Don't forget that either.

Of course there are many more things to get in order before the contest, but I hope this should be a good start. Most importantly, don't forget to "bring it" in the circle. See you in Indiana!

2013 Wingbuster Spring Championship-Halifax, MA-May 26th



Neil and Glenn Simpson prep Neil's Carbon Coyote



Glenn Simpson, Brian Stas and Rick Clark



# 2013 Eastern Mass Invitational - F2D Combat - June 2nd

Jeff Vader Photos



Greg Wornell



Greg Wornell and Neil Simpson



Brian Stas and Paul Kubek



Jeff Vader and Chris Sarnowski



Brian Stas and Chris Sarnowski

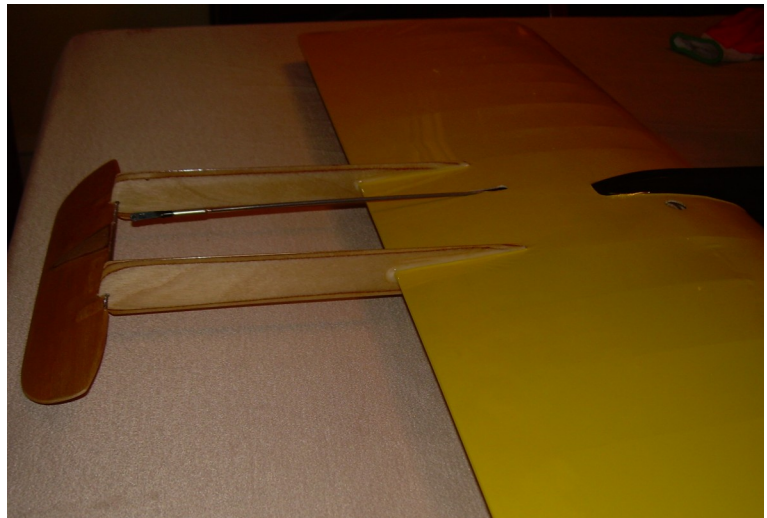


Ouch !!



**Ken Cook's  
Voodoo  
Project**

**Here's Ken's Voodoo  
with  
Color Added  
Very Pretty Airplane**





2013 Regular Season Points Championship (thru 5/26)

Name	Total	Total	Percent	Regular Season Formula GX Stats							
	Accum	Possible		2012	2012	2013	2013	% Imp	Mid #	Mid %	
	Points	Points		Meets	Ave	Meets	Ave				
Stas, Brian	28	30	933	9	1761	3	2162	22.8%	1	8.3%	
Simpson, Neil	27	30	900	10	2039	3	2135	4.7%	1	8.3%	
Sarnowski, Chris	25	30	833	10	1529	3	1612	5.4%	1	8.3%	
Stas, Matthew	8	10	800	1	1093	1	1655	51.4%	0	0.0%	
Clark, Rick	7	10	700	2	1330	1	1325	-0.4%	1	25.0%	
Kubek, Paul	13	20	650	8	1376	2	1315	-4.4%	0	0.0%	
Simpson, Glenn	17	30	567	6	1340	3	1240	-7.5%	0	0.0%	
Dedekian, Ara	0	0	0	1	533	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	
Fustolo, Joe	0	0	0	7	1513	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	
Hargreaves, Ken	0	0	0	6	1633	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	
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Vader, Jake	0	0	0	7	1553	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	
Vader, Jeff	0	0	0	7	1560	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	

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.

## *Rumors Facts Etc*

**CONTEST FUND:** This month we received very generous donations from Brian Stas, Rick Clark and "Old Rusty Lines" himself, Mister Jim Carpenter. Thank you gentlemen.



The boys mix it up at the Eastern Mass Invitational - Jeff Vader Photo

### ***2013 Central Mass Championships***

**East Brookfield  
Elementary School  
East Brookfield, MA  
August 18th, 2013**

**Formula GX Combat  
Prizes for top three**

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

### ***2013 Wingbuster Summer Classic***

**Wingbuster Club Field  
Halifax, MA  
July 28th, 2013**

**Formula GX Combat  
Prizes for top three**

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





# *Wingbuster Summer Sizzler*

**Wingbuster Club Field  
Halifax, MA  
June 30th, 2013**

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



# *2013 Len Minick Memorial Combat Challenge*

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

**East Hampton, CT  
June 23rd, 2013**

**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds  
Prizes for top three  
First Match 10:00 am AMA Sanctioned**

# 2013 Schedule

( all events tentative-there may be adjustments )

23-Jun	Len Minick Memorial	GX	East Hampton, CT
30-Jun	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	F2D	Halifax, MA
7-Jul			
13&14-Jul	F2D Team Trials		Muncie, Indiana
15to20th-Jul	Nats Week-July 15th to 20th		Muncie, Indiana
21-Jul			
28-Jul	Wingbuster Summer Classic	GX	Halifax, MA
3-Aug	East Coast Championships-Saturday Contest Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		Hershey, PA
11-Aug	Wingbuster CL Stunt Fun Fly		Halifax, MA
17&18-Aug	Lee Stunt Contest		Lee, MA
18-Aug	Central Mass Championships	GX	E.Brookfield, MA
25-Aug	Salmon River Shootout	GX	East Hampton, CT
1-Sep	New England Championships	GX	Halifax, MA
7-Sep	Sanford Jet Rally-Saturday Contest	GX	Sanford, ME
7&8-Sep	Mass Cup Stunt Contest		Wrentham, MA
15-Sep	Middlesex, NJ Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
22-Sep			
29-Sep	Wingbuster Fall Championship	GX	Halifax, MA
5&6-Oct	NEST Fall Profile Stunt		Wrentham, MA
5-Oct	October Air War-Saturday Contest Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		Vincentown, NJ
6-Oct	Wingbuster Shootout	F2D	Halifax, MA
13-Oct	Fall Finale Combat Tournament	GX	Halifax, MA
20-Oct	Eastern Mass Championship	F2D	Halifax, MA
27-Oct	Fall Fly-Off post season contest	GX	Halifax, MA

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## *2013 Salmon River Shootout*

### Salmon River State Forest

Located on Route 16 approximately halfway between Routes 149 and 196

**East Hampton, CT      August 25th, 2013**

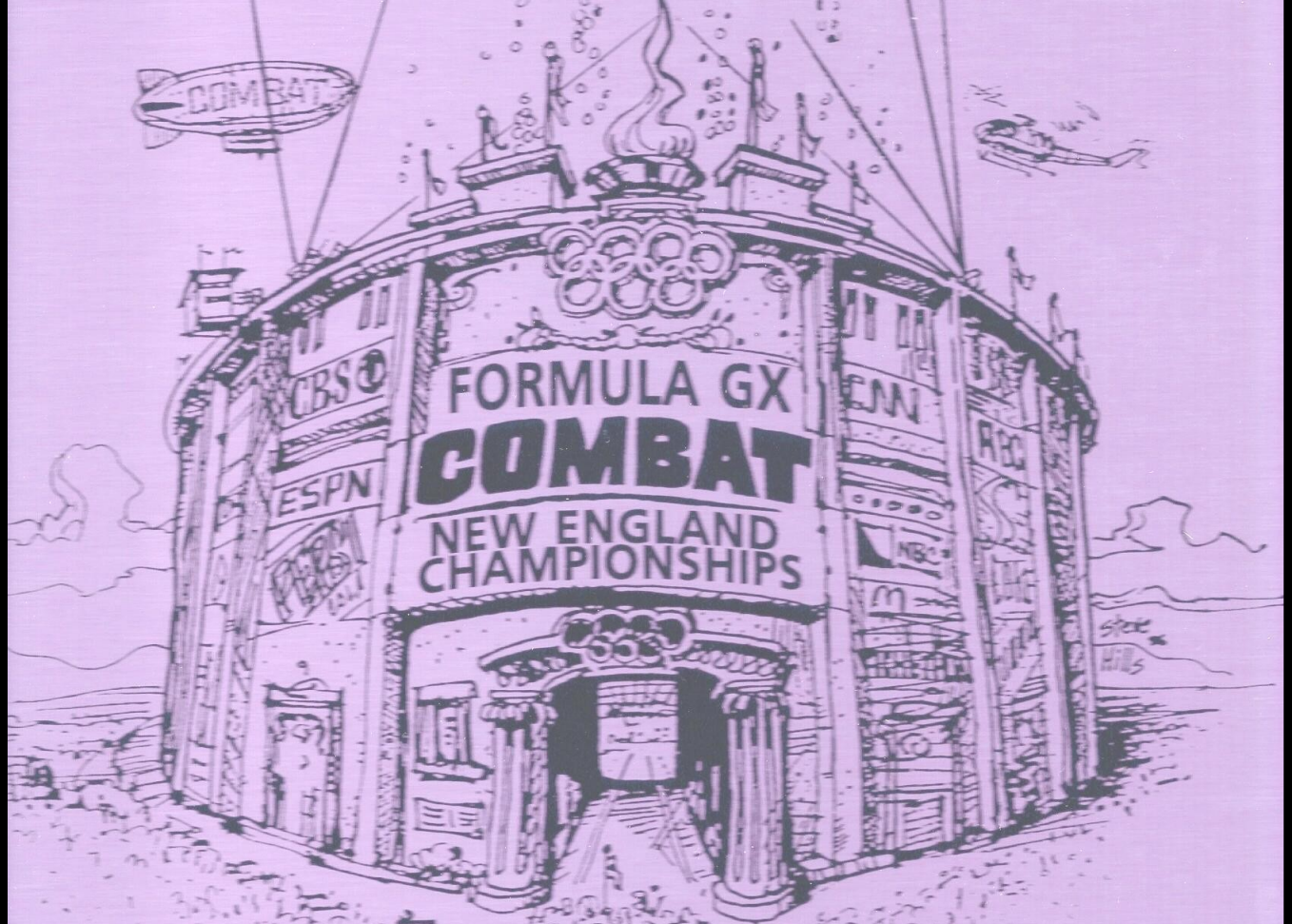
**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds**

**Prizes for top three**

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



# **2013 New England Championships Formula GX Combat**



**Wingbuster Club Field Halifax, MA  
September 1st, 2013**

**Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00 am - AMA Sanctioned  
Trophies for 1st , 2nd and 3rd**

# Lone Star Shootout



**Lubbock Texas**  
**Aug 31-Sept 1 2013**  
**Fast2d**  
**F2d Equipment, large mufflers ok, start your own,(jr. and senior citizen exception). No start time, 4 min match, Collision doesn't end match, fuel supplied, no F2D penalties, shutoff required.**

\$50.00 Entry fee. Includes Lunch Saturday. Trophies, Motors & Planes for Prizes!

**COMBAT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Place – New Fora & F2D Plane**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – New Fora**

**3<sup>Rd</sup> Place – New F2D Plane**

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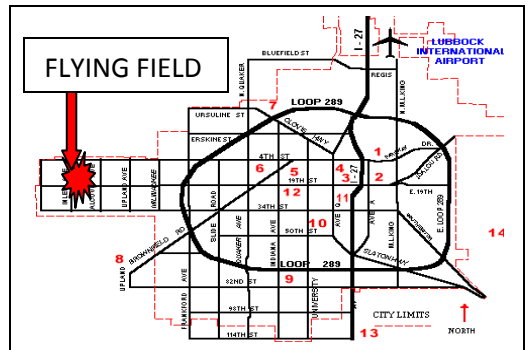
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11/4/2012	Season Ending Awards	Trophy Expense	-344.00
11/4/2012	2012 Season End Hats	T-Shirt-Hat Expense	-143.00
11/4/2012	Fall Fly-Off	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
11/4/2012	Fall Fly-Off	Trophy Expense	-6.00
11/4/2012	Fall Fly-Off	Entry Fees	165.00
11/4/2012	Rick Clark	Contribution	5.00
11/4/2012	Joe Fustolo	Contribution	5.00
11/11/2012	Eastern Mass Finale	Entry Fees	105.00
11/11/2012	Eastern Mass Finale	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
11/11/2012	Eastern Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-8.00
11/11/2012	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	15.00
11/21/2012	2012 Streamers (366qty)	Streamer Expense	-69.00
11/23/2012	Streamer String (6 Rolls)	Streamer Expense	-16.00
1/5/2013	Will Rogers	Contribution	100.00
2/5/2013	Len Thibault	Contribution	50.00
3/2/2013	Chip Giordano	Contribution	25.00
3/27/2013	Barry Baxter	Contribution	14.00
4/14/2013	Larry Scarinzi	Contribution	20.00
4/21/2013	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	45.00
4/21/2013	GX Icebreaker	Permit-Sanction Expense	-45.00
4/21/2013	GX Icebreaker	Entry Fees	75.00
4/21/2013	GX Icebreaker	Trophy Expense	-6.00
4/25/2013	Louis Lopez	Contribution	100.00
5/5/2013	GX Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-45.00
5/5/2013	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	45.00
5/5/2013	GX Shootout	Trophy Expense	-6.00
5/5/2013	GX Shootout	Entry Fees	90.00
5/26/2013	Wingbuster Spring Championship	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
5/26/2013	Wingbuster Spring Championship	Trophy Expense	-6.00
5/26/2013	Wingbuster Spring Championship	Entry Fees	75.00
5/26/2013	Brian Stas	Contribution	5.00
5/26/2013	Rick Clark	Contribution	85.00
5/28/2013	Jim Carpenter	Contribution	100.00
6/2/2013	Eastern Mass Invitational	Entry Fees	90.00
6/2/2013	Eastern Mass Invitational	Trophy Expense	-6.00
6/2/2013	Eastern Mass Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
<b>11/1/2012 - 6/20/2013</b>			<b>434.00</b>
<b>BALANCE 6/20/2013</b>			<b>1,226.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>			<b>1,214.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>			<b>-780.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>			<b>434.00</b>