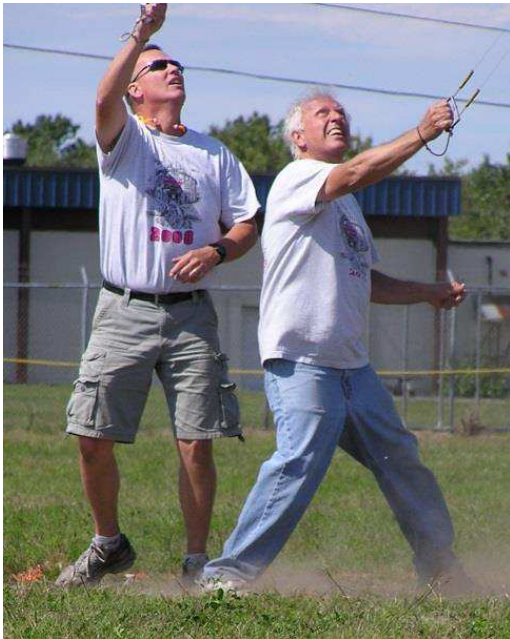


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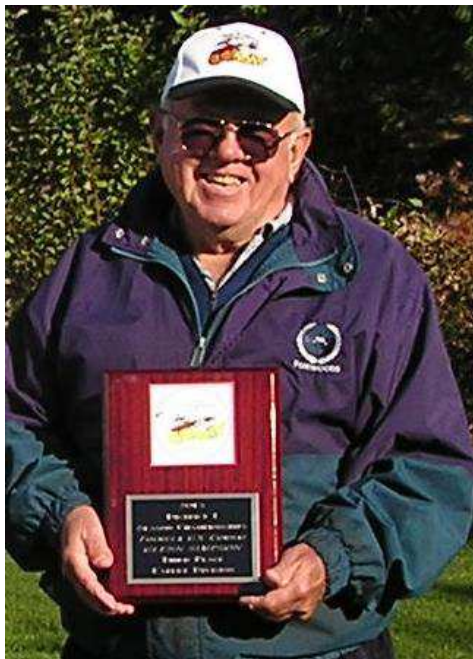
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Neil Simpson and Brian Stas finished "1-2" in this year's Expert Division Season Points



Glenn Simpson was third in the Expert Division Season Points

2013 Regular Season Award Winners

The final results have been tabulated
The following flyers are
The 2013 Division Champions

**Neil Simpson-First Place Expert
Brian Stas-Second Place Expert
Glenn Simpson-Third Place Expert**

**Chris Sarnowski-First Place Advanced
Paul Kubek-Second Place Advanced
Rick Clark-Third Place Advanced**

A Recap of the 2013 season can be found
on page two

Photos of the awards presentation held
as part of the Fall Fly Off
can be found throughout
this issue

**2013 Formula GX Season Re-Cap
10 Contests (3 different winners)**

4/21	GX Icebreaker-Wrentham, MA	Neil Simpson
5/5	GX Shootout-Wrentham, MA	Brian Stas
5/26	Wingbuster Spring Championship-Halifax, MA	Neil Simpson
7/28	Wingbuster Summer Classic-Halifax, MA	Brian Stas
8/12	Central Mass Championships-East Brookfield, MA	Matt Stas
9/1	New England Championships-Halifax, MA	Neil Simpson
9/7	Maine Jet Rally-Sanford, ME	Neil Simpson
10/5	Wingbuster Fall Championship-Halifax, MA	Neil Simpson
10/13	Fall Finale-Halifax, MA	Brian Stas
10/27	Wingbuster Fall Fly Off-Halifax, MA	Brian Stas



**Chris Sarnowski and Paul Kubek finished first and second in
the 2013 Advanced Division Season Points Championship**



Rick Clark (left) shown here with Joe Fustolo finished third in the Advance Division season points championship.



Neil Simpson, Brian Stas and Glenn Simpson were the top three in the 2013 Expert Division Season Points Championship.

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
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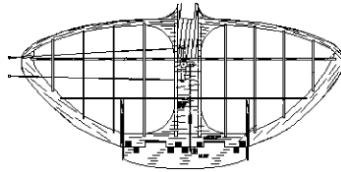
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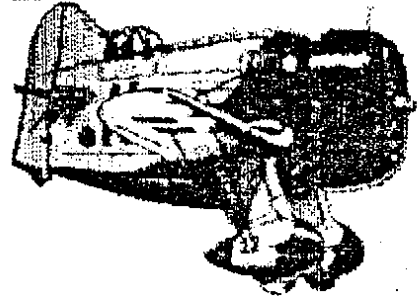
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F2D News - December 2013

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So here we are – the shortest day of the year has arrived. Christmas is around the corner, and New Years just after. The Pingvinen (Penguins), our local control line club here in Copenhagen, just had our yearly “Julefrokost” (Christmas lunch). After several hours of feasting on kick-ass food, and a (a-chem) healthy dose of schnapps to go around, the discussion eventually turned to combat plans for the new year.

Yup, break time is over, folks. Personally, I didn't get much flying in this fall. It was a much more extended break than I had intended, but now it's time to get serious. The World Champs are barely 8 months away, and training needs to quickly ramp back up into gear.

What does it take to get ready for a big event like that? On the one hand, combat is combat. On the other hand, when you go to a champs, there is no “next week,” no time for an off day. One needs to be prepared and ready, and to have total focus in order to be on the ball from the launch signal in round 1. In getting to that point, there is no substitute for flying time in the months/year leading up to the event.

Training and practice matches are great. These activities help make you comfortable, and sharpen your timing and control of your model. However, practice matches are not a replacement for contest experience. While your plane flies the same at the contest as it does back home (apart from any effects of elevation change), your brain may do funny things when it's game time. If you show up and fly around like it's Sunday afternoon in the local park, you might make some cool moves, take a few nice cuts. If you want to go all the way, though, every nerve in your body has to be in it to win it. So far I do not know of any way of achieving that state in regular practice. If we could find a way to do that, it would be awesome. However, until that time, no amount of practice matches will fully compensate the experience and learning that can come from competing in contests, both big and small.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to start laying out a plan for the coming year. Which contests will you go to? How much practice can you fit in between? What are your goals? Regardless of whether your sights are set on one particular prize, the season should be a learning experience and a chance for constant improvement. How will you measure this improvement?

If one takes a break over the winter, inevitably some of the gains of the previous year will be lost. Even a two week break between practice sessions is enough to notice a drop in performance. Year after year we ratchet ourselves up, slowly reaching higher and higher levels of flying. Over the holidays, it could be nice to use a little bit of that quite time around the fire to dream about how next season will go, all the trophies you'll win, and how to maximize progress during this time. Then get off your butt and go fly!

Happy new year everyone. All the best for an exciting and successful 2014!

Top Three in the Advanced Division Season Points Championship



Chris Sarnowski



Paul Kubek



Rick Clark (right) shown here with Ara Dedekian

Proposed 2014 Schedule

This is based on last year's schedule . . . many of the permissions are not in place, it is very tentative and there will surely be changes and adjustments.

13-Apr	Middlesex, NJ Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
20-Apr	GX Icebreaker	GX	Wrentham, MA
27-Apr			
4-May	GX Shootout	GX	Wrentham, MA
11-May	Mothers Day		
18-May	Gil's Combat Meet		Hershey, PA
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
25-May	Eastern Mass Invitational	F2D	Halifax, MA
1-Jun			
8-Jun	Brodak Week-June 10th to 14th		
15-Jun	Brodak Week-June 10th to 14th		
22-Jun	Wingbuster Summer Championship	GX	Halifax, MA
29-Jun	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	F2D	Halifax, MA
6-Jul			
13-Jul	Nats Week-July 14th to 19th		
20-Jul	Nats Week-July 14th to 19th		
27-Jul	Wingbuster Summer Classic	GX	Halifax, MA
3-Aug	East Coast Championships		Hershey, PA
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
10-Aug			
16&17-Aug	Lee Stunt Contest		Lee, MA
17-Aug	Central Mass Championships	GX	E.Brookfield, MA
24-Aug	Wingbuster Shootout	GX	Halifax, MA
31-Aug	New England Championships	GX	Halifax, MA
6-Sep	Sanford Jet Rally/Mass Cup	GX	Sanford, ME
5&6-Sep	Mass Cup Stunt Contest		Wrentham, MA
14-Sep	Middlesex, NJ		
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
21-Sep	Wingbuster Fall Championship	F2D	Halifax, MA
28-Sep			
5-Oct	October Air War		Vincentown, NJ
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
12-Oct	Fall Finale Combat Tournament	GX	Halifax, MA
19-Oct	Eastern Mass Championship	F2D	Halifax, MA
26-Oct	Fall Fly-Off post season contest	GX	Halifax, MA
2-Nov			

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Editor's Note: As we go to press it seems like the May 25th F2D meet in Halifax will be moved due to a conflict with the club's annual clean-up day. This may have a snowball effect on other scheduled dates . . . more info next issue.

The Complete History of the New England Season Point Championships

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
1990			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Joe Fustolo	Gerry Pompeii
Advanced Division:	Jeremy Simpson	Joe Fustolo Jr. / Glenn Simpson	Jason Greene
Sportsman Division:	John Merritt	Ernie Carosella	
1991			
Expert Division:	Lloyd Seymour	Joe Fustolo	Gerry Pompeii
Advanced Division:	Len Minick	Jason Greene	Barry Greenhalgh / Jeremy Simpson
Sportsman Division:	Leon Bowen	Conrad Wondolowski	Ernie Carosella
1992			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Lloyd Seymour	Joe Fustolo
Advanced Division:	Len Minick	Conrad Wondolowski	Eddie Blair
Sportsman Division:	Tom Richard		
1993			
Expert Division:	Gerry Pompeii	Lloyd Seymour	Neil Simpson
Advanced Division:	Eddie Blair	Conrad Wondolowski	Jim Mynes
Sportsman Division:	Dana Lord	Don Brueck	Tom Richard
1994			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Lloyd Seymour	Joe Fustolo
Advanced Division:	Paul Kubek	Conrad Wondolowski	Tom Richard
Sportsman Division:	Don Brueck	Steve Lovely	
1995			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Conrad Wondolowski	
Advanced Division:	Tom Richard	Jim Mynes	Dave Parizo
Sportsman Division:	Don Brueck		
1996			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Conrad Wondolowski	Dave Parizo
Advanced Division:	Tom Richard	Dana Lord / Len Minick	Paul Kubek
Sportsman Division:			
1997			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Conrad Wondolowski	Dave Parizo
Advanced Division:	Tom Richard	Len Minick	Paul Lord
Sportsman Division:	Vinnie Langella	Brian Stas	
1998			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Dave Parizo	Gerry Pompeii
Advanced Division:	Brian Stas	Tom Richard	Len Minick
Sportsman Division:	"DJ" Webber		

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
1999			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Dave Parizo	Will Rogers
Advanced Division:	Paul Lord	Paul Kubek	Brian Stas
Sportsman Division:			
2000			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Dave Parizo	Glenn Simpson
Advanced Division:	Len Minick	Brian Stas	Paul Kubek
Sportsman Division:	Dick Sherman	Matt Stas	Ken Hargreaves
2001			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Glenn Simpson	Joe Fustolo
Advanced Division:	Brian Stas	Dick Sherman	Len Minick
Sportsman Division:	Ken Hargreaves	Matt Stas	Ernie Carosella
2002			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Glenn Simpson	
Advanced Division:	Dick Sherman	Ken Hargreaves / Brian Stas	Len Minick
Sportsman Division:	Matt Stas	Rick Clark	
2003			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Jim Carpenter	Dick Sherman
Advanced Division:	Brian Stas	Paul Kubek	Matt Stas
Sportsman Division:	Shaylene Vader	Jeff Vader	
2004			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Joe Fustolo	Dick Sherman
Advanced Division:	Brian Stas	Paul Kubek	Ken Hargreaves
Sportsman Division:	Shaylene Vader	Richard Sherman	
2005			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Dick Sherman	Joe Fustolo
Advanced Division:	Jeff Vader	Brian Stas	Paul Kubek
Sportsman Division:	Shaylene Vader		
2006			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Dick Sherman	Glenn Simpson
Advanced Division:	Jeff Vader	Brian Stas	Ken Hargreaves
Sportsman Division:	Shaylene Vader	Richard Sherman	
2007			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Ken Hargreaves	Glenn Simpson
Advanced Division:	Jeff Vader	Brian Stas	Paul Kubek
Sportsman Division:			

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
2008			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Glenn Simpson	Joe Fustolo
Advanced Division:	Brian Stas	Jeff Vader	Paul Kubek
Sportsman Division:	Chris Sarnowski	Jake Vader	
2009			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Joe Fustolo	Glenn Simpson
Advanced Division:	Paul Kubek	Chris Sarnowski	
Sportsman Division:	Richard Sherman	Jake Vader	
2010			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Joe Fustolo	Jeff Vader
Advanced Division:	Chris Sarnowski	Paul Kubek	
Sportsman Division:	Richard Sherman	Jake Vader	
2011			
Expert Division:	Brian Stas / Neil Simpson	Jeff Vader	
Advanced Division:	Chris Sarnowski	Paul Kubek	
Sportsman Division:	Richard Sherman	Jake Vader	
2012			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Brian Stas	Jeff Vader
Advanced Division:	Ken Hargreaves	Chris Sarnowski	Paul Kubek
Sportsman Division:	Jake Vader		
2013			
Expert Division:	Neil Simpson	Brian Stas	Glenn Simpson
Advanced Division:	Chris Sarnowski	Paul Kubek	Rick Clark
Sportsman Division:			

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Date	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 8/31/2013			1,557.00
9/1/2013	Wingbuster Model Airplane Club	Donation Expense	-250.00
9/1/2013	New England Championships	Trophy Expense	-273.00
9/1/2013	New England Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
9/1/2013	New England Championships	Entry Fees	180.00
9/7/2013	Maine Jet Rally	Trophy Expense	-6.00
9/15/2013	Larry Scarinzi	Contribution	20.00
9/22/2013	Wingbuster Shootout	Trophy Expense	-6.00
9/22/2013	Wingbuster Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
9/22/2013	Wingbuster Shootout	Entry Fees	50.00
10/5/2013	Wingbuster Fall Champs	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/5/2013	Wingbuster Fall Champs	Entry Fees	50.00
10/5/2013	Wingbuster Fall Champs	Trophy Expense	-6.00
10/13/2013	Fall Finale	Entry Fees	80.00
10/13/2013	Fall Finale	Trophy Expense	-6.00
10/13/2013	Fall Finale	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/20/2013	Eastern Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-6.00
10/20/2013	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/20/2013	Eastern Mass Championships	Entry Fees	50.00
10/27/2013	Season End Awards -Shirts	T-Shirt-Hat Expense	-234.00
10/27/2013	Season End Awards	Trophy Expense	-295.00
10/27/2013	Fall Fly-Off	Trophy Expense	-6.00
10/27/2013	Fall Fly-Off	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/27/2013	Fall Fly-Off	Entry Fees	60.00
10/31/2013	2013 Streamers (256qty)	Streamer Expense	-48.00
9/1/2013 - 12/20/2013			-766.00
BALANCE 12/20/2013			791.00
TOTAL INFLOWS			490.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-1,256.00
NET TOTAL			-766.00

2013 Regular Season Points Championship (final stats)

Name	Total	Total	Percent	Regular Season Formula GX Stats							
	Accum	Possible		2012	2012	2013	2013	% Imp	Mid #	Mid %	
	Points	Points		Meets	Ave	Meets	Ave				
Cook, Shawn	9	10	900	0		1	2155		1	25.0%	
Lopez, Louis	9	10	900	0		1	2470		0		
Simpson, Neil	81	90	900	10	2039	9	2209	8.3%	3	8.3%	
Stas, Brian	72	90	800	9	1761	9	1952	10.9%	3	8.3%	
Stas, Matthew	23	30	767	1	1093	3	1862	70.3%	2	16.7%	
Sarnowski, Chris	51	70	729	10	1529	7	1576	3.1%	4	14.3%	
Kubek, Paul	48	70	686	8	1376	7	1631	18.5%	1	3.6%	
Fustolo, Joe	26	40	650	7	1513	4	1613	6.6%	3	18.8%	
Cook, Ken	6	10	600	0		1	1840		1	25.0%	
Glenn, Roy	6	10	600	0		1	1620		0		
Simpson, Glenn	42	70	600	6	1340	7	1349	0.6%	3	10.7%	
Clark, Rick	33	60	550	2	1330	6	1133	-14.8%	5	20.8%	
Dedekian, Ara	7	20	350	1	533	2	650	22.0%	0	0.0%	
Hargreaves, Ken	0	0	0	6	1633	0			0		
Langella, Vinnie	0	0	0	1	1630	0			0		
Seymour, Lloyd	0	0	0	0		0			0		
Vader, Jake	0	0	0	7	1553	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	
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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.