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Chris Sarnowski

**2012 Nats - 3rd place 1/2A combat - 4th place Speed Limit
2012 Wings over Niagara - 2nd place F2D combat - 3rd place Speed Limit
2012 District I Advanced Division Season Championship - 2nd place**

2013 Schedule

(all events still very tentative-there will be adjustments)

14-Apr	Middlesex, NJ		
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
21-Apr	GX Icebreaker	GX	site to be determined
28-Apr			
5-May	GX Shootout	GX	site to be determined
12-May	Mothers Day		
18&19-May	NEST Spring Fly In (control line stunt)		Wrentham, MA
19-May	Gil's Combat Meet		Hershey, PA
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
26-May	Wingbuster Spring Championship	GX	Halifax, MA
2-Jun	Eastern Mass Invitational	F2D	Halifax, MA
9-Jun	Brodak Week-June 11th to 15th		
16-Jun	Brodak Week-June 11th to 15th		
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
4-Aug	East Coast Championships		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/Mass Cup	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		Vincentown, NJ
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
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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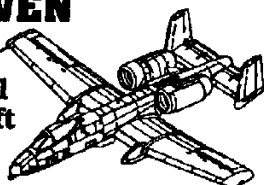
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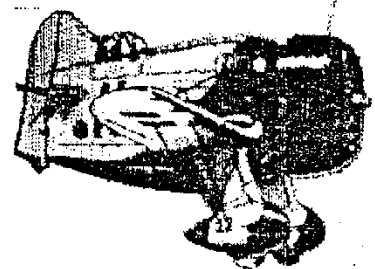
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F2D News - February 2013

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Here we are, another season just about to lift off. In the US, this year's F2D circuit will kick off with the March Madness, March 16-17, in Phoenix, Arizona. Unfortunately I won't be able to make it since I'm now based in Europe, but Lance and the boys never fail to put on an awesome contest so I encourage anyone who can make it there to do so. This is a Team Trials year, so it's time to start whipping those reflexes back into shape!

Out here in Denmark, the thaw is not yet on. Nonetheless, this weekend we had our first training of the year out at the Penguin Club in Borup (an awesome site, complete with heated clubhouse, about 40 minutes west of Copenhagen). Henning Forbech made the 2.5 hour drive down from Aarhus, and Ole Bjerager gave me a lift from town. The others were apparently too scared of the cold. More circle time for the three of us!

It was a bit nippy in the morning (probably around 28 or 30 Fahrenheit), which wasn't so noticeable until the first time I had to needle an engine. At those temperatures, the prop blast will suck the heat out of your fingers in no time flat. It was a good day of flying, though. We got in about 10 or 11 matches each. Something interesting that I noticed while flying on snow for only the second time in my life was that, on a cloudy day, there isn't much contrast between the ground and the sky. I suppose if it were actually snowing, it would be pretty surreal.

Speaking of Denmark, in the spring (long after the thaw!) there will be a World Cup competition in Aalborg, Denmark on May 18-19. Since I'm living out here now, I hope I can help our guys in the US come out here for some international competitions. If you're thinking you might like to check it out, just let me know. I'll be happy to do whatever I can to assist. We're hoping the Aalborg World Cup will get a good turnout. Henning Forbech has put up a web page with more info (<http://www.f2d.dk/konk/danish-worldcup-2013.htm>). One interesting feature is that they're planning to offer a minimum of 3 matches for every competitor, by arranging one extra round for anybody who had the misfortune of going out 0-2. It's of course not an outcome that anybody wants to see, but perhaps the extra guaranteed bit of flying will be enough to tip the expected returns in favor of making the trip. It'll be great if we can get a strong American showing here!

In other news, I recently received word that Bobby Mears won a speed limit combat contest with an electric model. From our subsequent conversation it sounds like he sees a lot of room for improvement, but I think it's a great milestone for electrics. Lothar Hentschel in Germany recently reported that he broke the 24 seconds/10 laps barrier with his electric F2D model. Over Christmas I picked up a few more motors to test, and am hoping to one-up him in the coming weeks. Interestingly, we each discovered that LiPo batteries don't hold up well in the cold. Lothar says that, by heating his battery to around 85 degrees Fahrenheit just before the flight, he was able to get maximum power out of it on a winter's day. Apparently this is a problem that doesn't only affect toy airplanes, at least according to the recent New York Times report on a failed DC-Boston road trip of an electric car using similar battery chemistry... Anyway, in Texas or California this shouldn't be much of an issue, but if anyone in the frozen north is planning to experiment with electric before winter's end, it's something to keep in mind (don't be discouraged!).

I guess that's about it for now. Remember the new streamer dimensions for this year (1.5 meters string, 2.5 meters of paper), and especially the new scoring rules (match stops as soon as both streamers are cut). Initial tests with the new streamers seem to show an increase in the number of cuts, which would be great to see if it holds up in competition. It will also be interesting to see how combat is affected by the new match termination rules. Please see the resources page of the F2DNews website (<http://f2dnews.homestead.com/Resources.html>) to pick up a copy of this year's rules.

Happy Flying!

Rumors Facts Etc

CONTEST FUND: This month we received a very generous donation to the contest fund from Mister Len Thibault.

Thank you Len.

MACA: The current group of MACA officers are working hard to breathe new life into the organization and combat in general. The time is “now” to support their efforts by sending in your 2013 membership fee. Support the newsletter, as well, with articles and contest reports. The newsletters have been great reading. They can continue to be great if we support new editor, Chris Sarnowski, by supplying him with material.

NATS: Speaking of breathing life back into things, Chris Gay, again this year, is cd'ing the “Nats”. The 2013 Nationals has a chance to again be very well attended. I encourage my fellow New Englanders and readers everywhere to support Mister Gay's efforts through your participation. I sincerely believe for combat to flourish the nationals needs to be restored to a place of prominence. The event that everyone attends. We can all help make that happen by making the trip to Muncie in 2013.

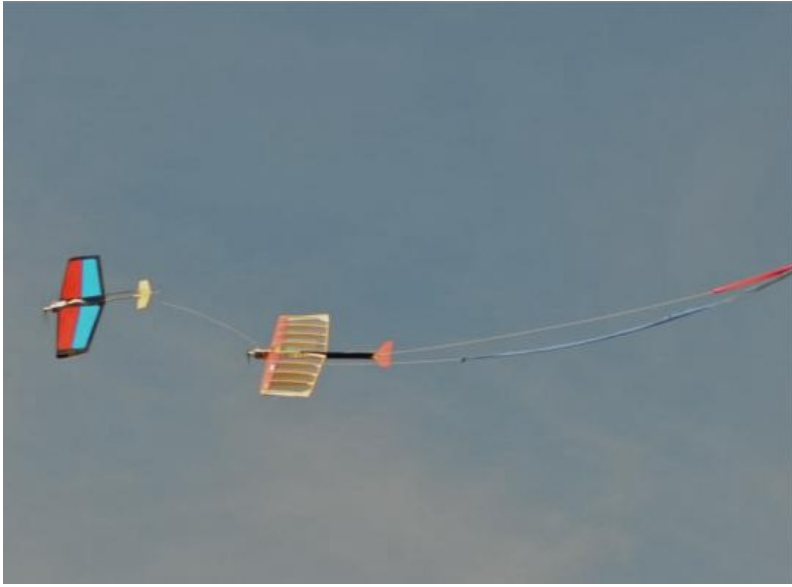
2013 CONTESTS: The schedule is starting to come together. Permits are in place for Salmon River, East Brookfield and all the contests at the Wingbuster Club Field. These contests will happen and the dates are quite firm, as well.



Thank you to combat photographer extraordinaire, Mister Jeff Vader, for another season's worth of great photos. You truly make both this publication and our website infinitely better by sharing your fine work with us.

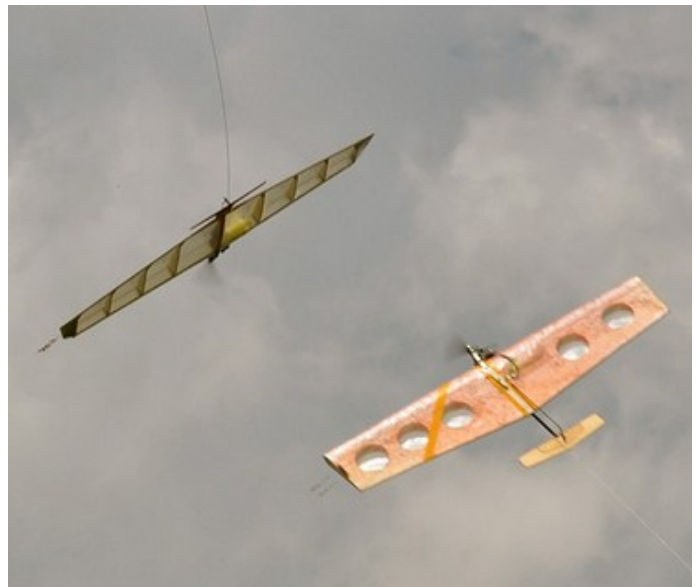
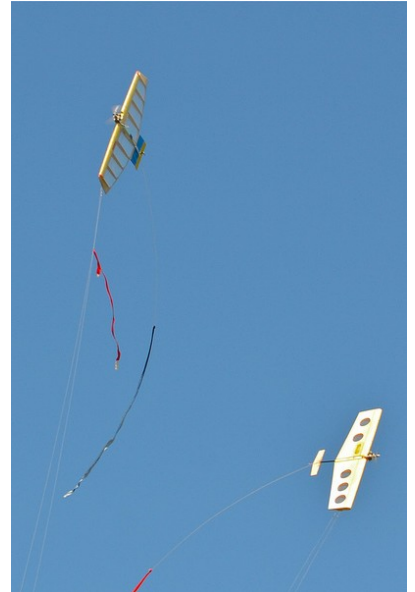
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9/16/2012	Wingbuster Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
9/16/2012	Wingbuster Invitational	Trophy Expense	-4.00
9/16/2012	Wingbuster Invitational	Entry Fees	120.00
9/16/2012	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	5.00
9/16/2012	Rick Clark	Contribution	35.00
9/23/2012	Canceled NH Contest	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
9/30/2012	Wingbuster Model Airplane Club	Donation Expense	-250.00
10/7/2012	Canceled Leominster Contest	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
10/9/2012	Larry Scarinzi	Contribution	20.00
10/14/2012	New England Championships	Entry Fees	240.00
10/14/2012	New England Championships	Trophy Expense	-315.00
10/14/2012	New England Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/14/2012	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	10.00
10/14/2012	Brian Stas	Contribution	10.00
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10/21/2012	Fall Finale	Entry Fees	105.00
10/21/2012	Fall Finale	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/21/2012	Fall Finale	Trophy Expense	-6.00
10/28/2012	Wingbuster Shootout	Entry Fees	75.00
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11/11/2012	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	15.00
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1/5/2013	Will Rogers	Contribution	100.00
2/5/2013	Len Thibault	Contribution	50.00
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