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Central Mass Championships

NEIL SIMPSON, BRIAN STAS & BILL BISHOP ARE TOP THREE

AUGUST 2, 2020 6 EAST BROOKFIELD, MA 6 Six contestants were on hand for this year's running of the Central Mass Championships. The location was the 6Podunk Airfield in East Brookfield, Massachusetts. The weather was hot with a moderate breeze and cloud cover to give some relief.

Round one saw Matt Stas post a 725 point win to take the early lead. He was followed by Brian Stas, Bill Bishop and Neil Simpson who all posted good scores to stay within striking distance. In round two Brian and Matt mid-aired early hurting both their cumulative scores while both Neil and Bill posted airtime wins to place them in a tie atop the leader board. In round three Neil and Matt faced off with Neil getting two cuts early and Matt then taking all of Neil's streamer giving Neil a two cuts to one win. In the next match Brian got an airtime win over Bill leaving Matt, Brian and Bill in a three way battle for second place all five hundred plus points behind Neil. In the first match of the final round Chris Sarnowski, after a slow start, scored his second good win a row this one over Cody Bishop. In the next match Bill Bishop and Matt Stas each got a cut but a line tangle crash cost Matt airtime and the match win. In the final Neil and Brian faced off. Neil took all of Brian's streamer early and then had to run like a rabbit with Brian catching him twice for a two cut to one win. When the scores were tabulated Neil was first, Brian second and Bill third.

Later, everyone ate, drank and enjoyed each other's company at the post contest cookout at Neil and Beth's house (same location as the airfield). The food was prepared and the festivities were hosted by the lovely Beth Brennan. About thirty minutes into the cookout the scheduled thunderstorm came and while some went home a little wet no one went home hungry.

Central Mass Championships
Formula GX Combat
6 contestants (all from MA)
12 matches (one mid-air)

Neil Simpson-E Brookfield, MA/2155pts
Brian Stas-Kingston, MA/1965pts
Bill Bishop-Pembroke, MA/1750pts
Chris Sarnowski-Bedford, MA/1640pts
Matt Stas-Woburn, MA/1525pts
Cody Bishop-Pembroke, MA/900pts

The Top Three at this year's Central Mass Championships

were
Neil Simpson (1st)
Brian Stas (2nd)
and
Bill Bishop (3rd)



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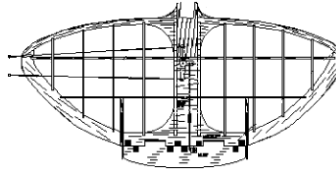
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2020
Silver Lake Shootout

GX Combat
Silver Lake Regional
High School
August 23rd Kingston, MA
AMA Sanctioned

Rumors, Facts Etc.

F2D MEETS: The two F2D meets scheduled for September 13th and October 11th are being changed to Formula GX contests. We are seeking permission to run them at the 107th in Saugus, MA. The dates have been moved to September 12th and October 10th.

SHOOTOUT RULES: The “Shootout Rules “ that will be used for the “Nemesis Only”contest(s) can be found on page five. Flown, at least initially, in a single or double elimination format at the end of a GX contest(s). This will make it practical to compete with just one airplane. Speed Limit will be 75mph.

CONTEST FUND: This month we auctioned off airplanes, engines and equipment from the Will Roger’s estate and it has, to date, grown the contest fund by \$595.00.

Shootout Rules-Kill Version

These rules, minus a few tweaks, were conceived by Gene Pape. Gene may or may not approve of the tweaks, however, in the interest of giving credit, where credit is due, Gene is the gentleman who is the inspiration behind this concept.

Each match will have a 1 minute staring period where the pilot will start his own engine, get to the pilots circle, and be ready for his plane to be launched. At the end of that one minute period, pilots not ready to launch will forfeit the round. If both pilots are ready to launch, the signal to start will be given. Both planes will be launched from 180 degrees apart, and combat will begin immediately for a 3 minute match period. The match will be scored with 1 point for the first cut, 2 points for the second cut and 3 points for each additional cut. A kill wins the match if the pilot executing the kill completes the three minute match period. In the event 1 airplane crashes, or lands for any other reason before the end of the 3 minute period, the other will win the match. If both pilots land before the end of the 3 minute period both forfeit the round. Ties will be re-flown. Can be flown single, double or triple elimination

2020 Schedule

Updated 8-20-20

This is tentative, several of the permissions are not totally in place
There may well be changes and adjustments.

23-Aug	Sunday	Silver Lake Shootout	GX	Kingston, MA
13-Sep	Sunday	Eastern Mass Invitational	GX	Saugus, MA
26-Sep	Saturday	Fall Finale Combat Tournament	GX	Saugus, MA
10-Oct	Saturday	Eastern Mass Championship	GX	Saugus, MA
24-Oct	Saturday	107 th RC Flyers Fall Championship	GX	Saugus, MA
7-Nov	Saturday	Turkey Day Shootout	GX	Saugus, MA

2020 Central Mass Championships– August 2nd



Team Stas . . . Brian and Matt



Team Bishop . . . Bill and Cody

2020 Central Mass Championships– August 2nd



Matt Stas



Neil Simpson and Brian Stas
mix it up in the final match

Cody Bishop photos

New England Contest Fund

10/27/2019 through 8/20/2020

8/11/2020

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Date	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 10/26/2019			430.00
10/27/2019	Brian Stas	Contribution	100.00
10/27/2019	Fall Fly Off	Trophy Expense	-46.00
10/27/2019	Fall Fly Off	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
10/27/2019	Fall Fly Off	Entry Fees	60.00
11/17/2019	Turkey Day Shootout	Entry Fees	50.00
11/19/2019	Turkey Day Shootout	Trophy Expense	-4.00
11/19/2019	Turkey Day Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
1/20/2020	Will Rogers	Contribution	100.00
6/15/2020	Len Thibault	Contribution	75.00
6/20/2020	GX Shootout	Entry Fees	70.00
6/20/2020	GX Shootout	Trophy Expense	-44.00
6/20/2020	GX Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
6/20/2020	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	10.00
6/20/2020	Rick Clark	Contribution	100.00
8/2/2020	Central Mass Championships	Entry Fees	60.00
8/2/2020	Central Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-44.00
8/2/2020	Central Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-55.00
8/2/2020	Proceeds From Auction Will Ro...	Contribution	595.00
10/27/2019 - 8/20/2020			952.00
BALANCE 8/20/2020			1,382.00
TOTAL INFLOWS			1,220.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-268.00
NET TOTAL			952.00