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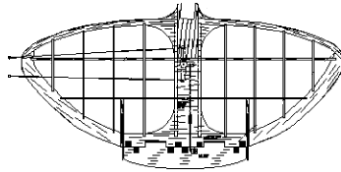
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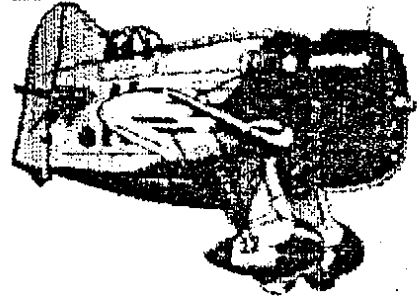
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F2D News - December 2015

Mark Rudner (rudner@mit.edu)

Here we are again, approaching the end of another year. As I mentioned last month, this year we got a special boost right at the end of the F2D season -- the FAI decided to include combat as one of four featured aeromodeling events at the World Air Games in Dubai. I wrote up a report on it for Model Aviation, and since I'm not allowed to duplicate material I'll have to invite you to read the full report there. It was quite an event, though. Control line combat and RC pylon were flown right along side with parachuting competitions, full-scale glider aerobatics, rescue helicopter slalom, and all kinds of other interesting sports.

The scale of the whole event was way beyond anything any of us had ever experienced at a World Championships. There was a huge media presence, with a live feed from the field (also shown on-site on "jumbotron" monitors) and running commentary on the PA system. After the first day a wind storm blew in with 20 mph winds, which obviously made flying quite tough. Nonetheless, the show went on. In that kind of wind you can't expect to see many nice small cuts; combat tends to turn more into a survival game. Despite many quirks, it was all-in-all an interesting experience. When the dust settled, Alex Prokofiev emerged as the first ever World Air Games champion in F2D (and it's not clear when the next will be). Jussi Forss (Finland) took second place, while Rudi Konigshofer (Austria) came in third.

In less than five months we'll be back at it at the World Championships in Perth, Australia. It's a pretty compressed schedule this year, so there's no time to waste for those who will be competing there. In the three days preceding the World Champs there will be an open F2D World Cup (see <http://www.cl-ausworldcup2016.org/index.php>). If anyone has been thinking about taking a once in a lifetime trip to Australia, now's the time to do it. Kangaroo steaks and combat -- I don't know what could be a better way to spend a warm week in May!



2015 World Air Games - Dubai . . . photos from Mark Rudner



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Raul Mateo Spain



Mark with Team New Zealand
Doug and James Palmer



Team Estonia



Year 2015 . . . A Look Back

Brian Stas and Rick Clark in action . . . GX Icebreaker held May 3rd in Wrentham, MA

Proposed 2016 Schedule

(updated 12-17-15)

This is based on last year's schedule . . . some assumptions may be wrong and many of the permissions are not in place, it is very tentative and there will surely be changes and adjustments. **Contests highlighted in red are based on assumptions and the dates may be subject to correction.**

10-Apr	Eastern Mass Invitational	F2D	Wrentham, MA
10-Apr	Middlesex, NJ		
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
17-Apr			
24-Apr			
1-May			
8-May	Mothers Day		
15-May	Gil's Combat Meet		Hershey, PA
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
15-May	Wingbuster Spring Championship	GX	Halifax, MA
29-May	Wingbuster 1/2A Championships	1/2A	Halifax, MA
5-Jun	Brodak Week ???		
12-Jun	Brodak Week ???		
19-Jun			
26-Jun	Wingbuster Summer Sizzler	F2D	Halifax, MA
3-Jul			
10-Jul	Nats Week-July 11th to 16th		
17-Jul	Nats Week-July 11th to 16th		
24-Jul	Wingbuster Summer Championship	GX	Halifax, MA
31-Jul			
7-Aug	East Coast Championships		Hershey, PA
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
14-Aug	Central Mass Championships	GX	E. Brookfield, MA
21-Aug			
28-Aug	Wingbuster GX Shootout	GX	Halifax, MA
4-Sep			
11-Sep	Middlesex, NJ		
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
18-Sep	Wingbuster Fall Challenge	F2D	Halifax, MA
25-Sep			
2-Oct	October Air War		Vincentown, NJ
	Speed Limit and single elimination 1/2A		
9-Oct	Fall Finale Combat Tournament	GX	Halifax, MA
16-Oct	Eastern Mass Championship	F2D	Halifax, MA
23-Oct	Philly Flyers Combat	SL	Philadelphia, PA
30-Oct	Fall Fly-Off	GX	Halifax, MA