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Paul Kubek 2015 "Most Improved Pilot" Award Winner

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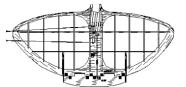
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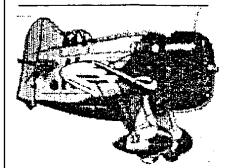
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F2D News - January 2016

Mark Rudner (rudner@mit.edu)

It's the middle of January. Here in Denmark we have snow on the ground, and I just read that a big storm is headed into the northeast back home. While it may not look or feel like it, early March is just around the corner and that means one thing . . . March Madness.

No, I'm not talking about college basketball. The March Madness F2D contest in Phoenix has long held an important position as the kick-off event for the combat season. This year it is even more important than usual.

For those who don't know, we're on a compressed schedule this year with the World Championships coming up in the second week of May, in Perth, Australia. With the champs being held so early in the season, there will not be many opportunities for our team members to go out and compete to get in top shape before heading down under. As a result, even more than usual, March Madness (with triple elimination F2D to be held March 12-13), will be one of the main preparation steps for our team on the way to Australia. Therefore I would like to encourage as many of you out there as I can to make the trip to Phoenix to compete in March Madness. It's always a great contest, you'll get a break from the cold weather, and you can help get Andy, Andrew, Greg, and Sasha tuned up for Perth. Let's get a big turnout and make this one for the record books. It's a win-win-win. I just bought my tickets. Are you in?

See you in the circle!

Mark

The Complete History of New England's Most Improved Pilot Award

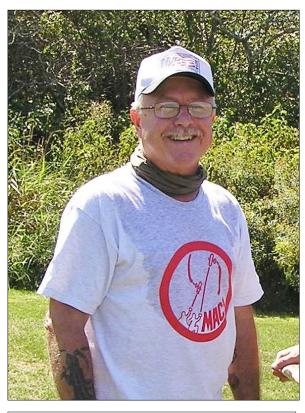
(In years with multiple winners the pilots with the highest percentage of improvement are listed left to right in descending order)

- 1990 Marty Fugate, Paul Kubek, Jeremy Simpson, Joe Fustolo Jr.
- 1991 Barry Greenhalgh, Len Minick, Gerry Pompeii, Jason Greene, Paul Kubek
- 1992 Neil Simpson, Ernie Carosella, Conrad Wondolowski
- 1993 Eddie Blair, Conrad Wondolowski, Lloyd Seymour, Tom Richard
- 1994 Tom Richard, Steve Lovely
- 1995 Jim Mynes, Don Brueck, Dana Lord
- 1996 Dave Parizo
- 1997 Dana Lord
- 1998 Brian Stas
- 1999 Paul Lord

Marty Fugate won in 1990 the first year the award was presented

- 2000 Len Minick
- 2001 Joe Fustolo, Ken Hargreaves, Brian Stas, Matthew Stas
- 2002 Dick Sherman
- 2003 Paul Kubek
- 2004 Jeff Vader
- 2005 Jeff Vader, Shaylene Vader
- 2006 Ken Hargreaves
- **2007** Ken Hargreaves
- 2008 Jeff Vader
- 2009 Joe Fustolo
- 2010 Jeff Vader
- 2011 Brian Stas
- 2012 Neil Simpson
- 2013 Paul Kubek
- 2014 Chris Sarnowski
- 2015 Paul Kubek





Paul Kubek was this yeargs Award Winner

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Half-A combat by Phil Cartier. Golden Bee with TD cylinder.



Phil Cartier (It), with foam wing Bumblebee II and arch combat enemy Ivars Greigins. Both are from Minnesota.

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Rumors, Facts Etc.

CONTEST FUND: This month we received a generous donation from Mister Will Rogers . . . Thank you Will.



2015 Nats . . . A Look Back **Bob Mears and Neil Simpson... Speed Limit Combat**

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

New England Contest Fund 6/1/2015 through 1/20/2016

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BALANCE 5/31/2	2015		629.00
6/6/2015	Wingbuster 1/2A Champs	Entry Fees	40.00
6/6/2015	Wingbuster 1/2A Champs	Trophy Expense	-6.00
6/6/2015	Wingbuster 1/2A Champs	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
6/6/2015	Joe Fustolo	Contribution	200.00
6/27/2015	Paul Lord	Contribution	100.00
7/26/2015	Trophy Logo Artwork	Trophy Expense	-50.00
7/26/2015	Neil Simpson	Contribution	50.00
7/26/2015	Rick Clark	Contribution	10.00
7/26/2015	Wingbuster Summer Classic	Entry Fees	60.00
7/26/2015	Wingbuster Summer Classic	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
7/26/2015	Wingbuster Summer Classic	Trophy Expense	-48.00
8/9/2015	Central Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-45.00
8/9/2015	Central Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-8.00
8/15/2015	Summer Sizzler	Trophy Expense	-48.00
8/15/2015	Summer Sizzler	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
8/15/2015	Summer Sizzler	Entry Fees	50.00
8/30/2015	Fall Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
8/30/2015	Fall Championships	Trophy Expense	-6.00
8/30/2015	Fall Championships	Entry Fees	40.00
9/5/2015	GX Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
9/5/2015	GX Shootout	Trophy Expense	-48.00
9/12/2015	Fall Challenge	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
9/12/2015	Fall Challenge	Trophy Expense	-48.00
10/11/2015	Wingbuster Model Airplane Club		-250.00
10/11/2015	Fall Finale	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/11/2015	Fall Finale	Trophy Expense	-48.00
10/18/2015	Eastern Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-6.00
10/18/2015	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/25/2015	Fall Fly Off	Trophy Expense	-50.00
10/25/2015	Fall Fly Off	Permit-Sanction Expense	-20.00
10/27/2015	Barry Baxter	Contribution	20.00
10/31/2015	2015 Streamers (138qty)	Streamer Expense	-26.00
	Will Rogers	Contribution	100.00
6/1/2015 - 1/2	-	Contribution	-202.00
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