

## F2D News - February 2007

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If I had to sum up the recent conditions in Boston with one word, it would have to be “glacial.” I was hoping to get to do a little flying this long President’s day weekend, but mother nature put a stop to that pretty harshly. A recent snow storm followed by rain then extremely cold temperatures has left the city covered in a giant sheet of ice. I guess now we know how those wooly mammoths feel.

When conditions are like this, sometimes it’s hard to imagine that things will ever be nice enough to fly again. However, there are places in this country where the weather is good and the first signs of the new season are already popping up. In fact, even as we speak the Jacksonville Flying Rebels in Jacksonville, Florida are preparing to host their first major F2D competition of recent years. The contest will be at Herlong Airport in Jacksonville, FL on April 14 and 15 of this year. Cash prizes will be awarded based on attendance.

It’s really exciting to see more competitions springing up around the country. I know these guys are putting in a lot of work to try to make this a first class competition. I’m planning to be there, and I hope as many of you as possible will find your way there to show them your support by competing. There’s been a lot of talk in recent years about how we need to see growth in our combat ranks. This is the real deal, so let’s enjoy it and make something of it.

Once you realize that you should go, you can call Bill Duane for more information and directions (email: [wedwane@bellsouth.net](mailto:wedwane@bellsouth.net), tel: (904) 422-1519). And remember, cash prizes claimed on or after April 15 don’t have to be reported until next year’s tax return.