

F2D News - July 2010

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SPECIAL CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT: This month I am excited to report that the New England Cup of F2D, which has long been a dream, is now set to become reality. The contest is scheduled for September 25-26, 2010 on the beautiful grounds of Silver Lake High School in Kingston, MA. As some of you may recall, I have written about this field previously in the F2D News. We have held smaller events here before, and everyone agrees that the nicely groomed athletic pitch is about the best setting anyone could hope to fly on. It's a first-rate site, and our plan is to host a first-rate competition to match it.

I've been living in the Boston area for nearly 7 years now. A week after my arrival, I drove out to Worcester, MA to take part in the New England Championships of Formula GX Combat. Amidst all the nerves of moving to a far-away place and starting graduate school, it was really comforting to find a thriving community of combat pilots in my new home. Before coming I knew that the community existed based on contest reports and names I'd seen in the MACA News. However, there seemed to be a sort of separation between East and West, with little mixing between our communities. After meeting the New England combat crew, and finding out that there is a whole community of great guys and dedicated fliers out here, I got the feeling that it would be really beneficial for everyone to see more cross-pollination. In particular, I had a dream to bring F2D combat to New England, and to host a big competition on the scale of the Houston World Cup here. The idea was both to give our guys the chance to fly with some of the top pilots from other parts of the country (hopefully other countries too!), and to introduce the rest of the country to the enthusiastic group of fliers that we have out here.

It is my sincere hope that many of you from outside the New England area will come out for this event. Weather-wise this should be one of the best times of the year, and I think it will give people a chance to come fly in a new (and of course historic) part of the country (Plymouth rock, where the pilgrims landed with the Mayflower, is only a few miles from the contest site). Kingston is conveniently accessible from Boston Logan International Airport, and is within a day's drive from Detroit and all points in between (made the drive for the Team Trials last year). We will post more information about lodging options soon. Looking forward to seeing you here!