



# TaleSpins

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## Top Fun/St. Elmo's Day

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If you were not able to come, you missed a good time. The day started out with our Sunday club meeting. After the meeting we started our traditional St Elmo's Day Funfly. The fun fly was also the first in a five part series of funflies labeled Top Fun. Top Fun is based on a points system where the person with the most points at the end of the series will win a YS 61 engine which was donated by Hank Mausolf.

The event started with the a taxiing event. The pilot could not look at their plane and was directed by their partner through a series of balloons without breaking them. This was much harder than you would think. There was a 5 sec penalty for every balloon broken. The event was won by James Bingham.

The second event was called Whistling Dixie. The pilot would eat a cracker. When the pilot was able to whistle, they would take off and start looping. They would eat another cracker and continue to loop until they could whistle again. Then they landed. The fastest time was set by Jimmy Chandler.



The last event was Reno Shuffle. You rolled a die to determine the number of loops you must perform. They took off loop the number of times the die called for and then landed. They then had to roll that number again and time stops. The fastest time again went to Jimmy Chandler.

During the event James Chandler Sr. and others (sorry but I didn't see everyone who grilled), BBQ'ed hot dogs and burgers for everyone. We had a great turn out this year. **DON'T FORGET** part 2 of Top Fun is on **June 15 @ 1:00.**

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## Meeting Minutes

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### May Meeting Minutes

The Fredericksburg Aeromasters met at Rector Field on Sunday, May 4. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved.

### Old Business

- Wayne Nelson has club hats for sale. \$10.00 ea.
- Porta-Jon has been anchored

### New Business

- Motion made by David Hoe and James Bingham to host the Fredericksburg R/C club at Rector Field to return the favor from there club. So voted.
- Motion made by James Bingham Wayne Nelson to hold all club meetings indoors at VTS Productions on the second Thursdays of the month and to switch our pilot training day to Wednesdays starting in June. So Voted.
- Don Rhamy received his solo flight certificate.
- Motion to Adjourn made to James Bingham and Bill Varney. Meeting Adjourned

## Next Meeting

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The next Club Meeting will be on June 12, 2003. We will meet at VTS Productions @ 7:30 pm.

## Construction Zone

By Jim Braithwaite

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When building your ARF, wait until the last possible minute to attach your vertical and horizontal stabilizers. This prevent you from banging them around when working

## Safety First

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Make sure you have a frequency pin before you turn on your transmitter.

## Missing Frequency Pin

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Someone still has not returned pin number 22. Please drop it off at the field or call James to let him know who has it. 571-237-0742

## Boy Scout Day

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Scouts eating and flying on the simulator

On May 17 2003, we hosted Boy Scout troop 840 from Stafford to the field. The event was intended to help the Boy Scouts achieve their aviation Merit badge.

It wasn't the best day to hold the event. It was cloudy and misty. But the winds were calm and the kids were motivated.

Joe McCary started the event off by introducing the scouts to the basics of flight theory. He covered how control surfaces

worked and some basics of radio control.

After the presentation, Jimmy Chandler brought out his R/C simulator. The scouts loved it. It was like they were at home in front of their PlayStation. Before too long they had figured out how to change planes and were flying f-14s.

We had Jimmy Chandler and James Bingham take the scouts up on the buddy box to give them some hands on R/C time. They had some naturals. Mean

while Dale Johnson BBQ'ed food that he had donated to the event. Thanks Dale.

After all the scouts had flown we got some of their parents involved.

After everyone had flown, the club had flown some of their own planes for a demonstration.

All in all the event turned out to be great and the scouts left telling their parents what kind of plane they wanted!!!

## Festival of Flight by James Bingham

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"over 200 students were waiting to fly!"

On Memorial Day weekend, I went to Fayetteville NC to be a flight instructor for the 100 years of Aviation Festival of Flight.

The event was a total of ten days. Most of the event was rained out but the last weekend was stellar.

The event was sponsored by Hangar 9, JR and Horizon Hob-

bies. They donated 12 planes, fuels, field gear, chargers, shirts..... This list goes on.

The event was a used a lot by the local schools for field trips and at times our tent had over 200 students were waiting to fly!

The festival also had an air show and exhibits to view. They even had a replica of the

Wright flyer. (Later after the event ended and tornado touched down and demolished it.)

The event was great. And in the end, the equipment was donated to the clubs. We received a new club trainer, radio set, fuel, T-Shirts and banners to line the field.

