



# TaleSpins

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## WRAM SHOW By Hank Mausolf

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To those of you who did not go - you missed it. This trip could easily start out like a novel by Snoopy. It was a dark and stormy morning when five hearty souls ventured out to Westchester County New York dedicated and determined to boost the economy up there come hell or high water (the high water part was a factor, but not a deterrent).

At 3:30 am the hearty group of five consisting of James Braithwaite, Jimmy Chandler, Joe McCary, Hank and Brian Mausolf set out for our trek to one of the larger R/C shows in the country. Even with the weather not cooperating we made good time to New York. We actually arrived at 9:30 am 30 minutes before the show started and decided to have breakfast before going to the site.

The show was held in the Westchester county center in White Plains New York. The site was large enough to handle all the vendors and displays normally expected at such an event. The site consisted of three levels: the ground level (main), and the lower and upper levels. On the ground level there were booths 76 to 230. On the lower level there were booths 1 to 75. The top level was for static display, seminars and meetings. There was also a swap shop and an indoor r/c car racing track.

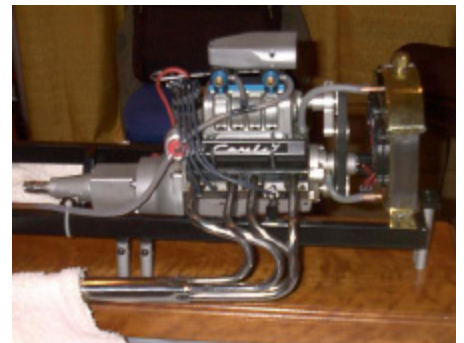
Everyone went up to the upper level to view the static displays before looking at any of the booths. The display was good, but I heard it was smaller than last year. There was a good selection of models represented, everything from a four engine C130 to sport and pattern. A WW2 Avenger was on stage and it was quite spectacular. Also of note was the Cub and the P38. All the aircraft displayed were quite nice and worth the visit. Some of them are in the pictures I took there.



**Extremely Scale F-4-F**

After the static display it was time to get down to some serious shopping and looking for items that we could not do without. Most of the major manufacturers were represented with a few new ones that I did not know. There was something for everyone in every interest in this hobby. If your interest was in planes, helicopters, boats, cars, radios, building, etc., it was there. There was so much it would not do justice to try to cover them all, but just to cover the items and displays that were noteworthy. The best part was of course the fact that it was not too crowded so you could actually get to the booths without pushing your way through four layers of people.

One of the noteworthy displays was a hand crafted 1/4 scale Ford 427 V8 that was used to power 1/4 scale buggies. On display was an normally aspirated version, a supercharged version and a version with overhead cams. These engines operated as did the full size and sounded great. You had to be there to appreciate the work done on these. There was also a turbine powered  
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(real gas turbine) helicopter. An antique model engine display that was quite good. All of the vendors were nice and took the time to answer your questions without rushing through them. It was also nice to see and talk to some of the people I have not seen in many years. AMA had a booth on the upper level with Bob Underwood manning it. Other organizations were represented such as the International Miniature Aerobatic Club, World Miniature Warbird Association, National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics, International Miniature Aircraft Association, and AMA District 2. There were many bargains to be had and it got better on Sunday.

We ended the first day at around 5:30 pm and decided to head for the hotel and figure out dinner. Jimmy and James both purchased electric helicopters and were anxious to try them out in the room (I will let them explain at the meeting). After dinner my room wisely cleaned up and went to bed.

The next morning we all got up, had breakfast and headed back to the site to exhaust the remainder of our financial resources. While Jimmy and James took care of their problems with the helicopter vendor the rest of us continued to search out the bargains. The crowd was light in the morning and it made it nice to get around, but started to pick up at noon. We finally ended our stay at around 12:30 pm and started our trip back to Fredericksburg.

The trip back was very much like the trip up due to the weather. It was so bad the NJ turnpike was closed in the morning due to zero visibility. Even with this we still managed to return at a respectable hour. We then sorted the goodies out and left for our homes.

For anyone interested in R/C it would be a nice visit if for nothing else to get information on what is happening in the industry and to get to talk to experts in the field. My son and I are certainly going back next year.



Contrary to popular belief,  
snow is NOT soft

## Meeting Minutes

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### February Meeting Minutes

The Fredericksburg Aeromasters met at VTS productions on Thursday, February 13. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

#### Old Business

- None

#### New Business

- Hank Mausolf will replace Jim Braithwaite as an Intro Pilot Program Instructor..
- Volunteers are needed for the Training and Program Committees. Please contact Dave Hoe, Training Chairman, or James Bingham, Program Chairman.
- A combination lock has been placed on the shed. To get the combination contact Field Chairman, Don Rhamy.
- The Training Chairman, needs to make a list of all student pilots in the club. If you have not had a solo flight, contact Dave Hoe.
- Motion was made for the creation of a Field Maintenance schedule. Motion made by James Bingham. Seconded by Bob Snelson. So voted.
- A Mall Show has been scheduled for Nov 8 and 9. Volunteers will be needed.
- Program Chairmen is looking for more activities for the club to do through out the year. Contact James Bingham with your ideas.
- We will hold a fun fly a month for this flying season. The points from each fun fly will be totaled at the end to determine the overall winner. The Grand prize will be awarded at the Annual Dinner.
- Motion to adjourned the meeting made by James Bingham. Seconded by Bill Varney. Meeting adjourned.



## Construction Zone by Bill Varney

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After a day of flying....take the oil/fuel covered rubber bands and place them in a container containing "corn starch". Shake'em up good so that they are covered well. The corn starch soaks up the oil and you'll have almost new rubber bands for that next flying session. Snap them before securing that wing and you'll find that most of the corn starch just flies off.....leaving a fresh rubber band.

## Treasurer's Report by Wayne Nelson

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Balance from January meeting:		<b>\$1,171.56</b>
Income (1/10/03 to 2/13/03):		
Membership renewals	\$ -	
Initiation Fee	\$ -	
Donations	\$ 50.00	
Raffle (Jan 03 Mtg)	\$ -	
50/50 Drawing (Jan 03 Mtg)	\$ -	
	<b>Total In-</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
Expenses (1/10/03 to 2/13/03):		
(No Expenses)	\$ -	
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Balance reported at February 03 meeting:		<b>\$1,221.56</b>



Jim Braithwaites's Stearman

## Flight Line Funny by George Codoley

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The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault...it was the ASphalt!"

## Next Meeting

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The next Club Meeting will be on March 13, 2003. We will meet at VTS Productions at 7:30 pm. Don't forget your MONEY for the 50/50 drawing and Raffle.

Also, if you want a club jacket, bring your money (\$23.00). Bernie Arnold can't order the jackets unless he gets 12 orders.



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## 2003 Members Contact Information

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If you receive the newsletter by Email, go to the website for the latest Member Contact information.



**Jim Chandler's Extra**



**Left: Jim Braithwaites's first attempt to fly of the snow ended up in a nose over.**

**Right: After packing down the snow to make a runway, Dave Hoe got his Cub in the air for a nice fly by.**

