

Whitby Aero Modellers



# Whitby Flyer

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Hello again. I waited a few days after the first of September to write in order that I might provide some commentary about the Club Funfly that was held on Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **CLUB FUNFLY**

The day turned out to be quite cool and there was a stiff breeze with rain threatening at times. I'm sure a lot of fellows made the trip to the field amidst concerns that there would be very little flying. These concerns were soon dismissed when it became apparent that the guys were going to fly regardless of the breeze. I made an informal count at one time during the day and there were 35 different planes in the pits. I made several observations and would like to comment here. Firstly, a big THANK YOU to club executive, Howard Smith, he took the initiative to hold an event. He decided that an informal gathering with no contest structure and simply lots of flying was the way to go. I think that he succeeded in getting our club off its' collective butts and into some activity. Secondly, there were various models that, to me at least, seemed to represent the full spectrum of R/C aircraft. I will list some here.

- Jim Moss flew his B-17 and the sound of the four engines was like music. We all know Jim for the great builder and flier that he is, but, I must say I didn't know B-17's could loop and roll. Jim also flew a prop. jet that had small rocket motors in the tail. It was kind of neat when he ignited them.



- Here I have to apologize for I didn't get the names of the two pilots who flew their turbine jets. One was a Boomerang and the other was a big Bobcat. Both were fast and flown flawlessly. Quite a treat to see at our filed. (The 'bobcat' was actually a Falcon 120 owned and flown by WAM member Brad Torrens. -Howard)



- Don Mitchell had his big Spitfire and as usual it was hard to tell it from a full scale Spit as Don made those smooth low passes and pull ups into a climbing turn that showed off the classic Spitfire wing. My personal favorite.



- A giant scale Corsair built by a Whitby club member flew for the first time, again, with Jim Moss at the controls, and it flew and looked great.



- Kelly curl, from Flying Stuff Hobbies, who is a keen supporter of our club, flew many electric planes and demonstrated his advanced piloting skills. I think we must all acknowledge the inroads being made by electric power and Kelly makes it look simple. He is always willing to

help with shared information and advice.  
(Sorry, Kelly - I didn't have any pics to post! -Howard)

- Parker was there also with some of his unique foam designs and again his piloting was amazing. I especially liked the flying Maple Leaf.



I left about mid day and so did not see the whole show, but, I understand there was a pylon race demonstration by our club racers as well as helicopter activity and lots of flights from general sport and scale planes. It was obvious to me that if a spectator came to the event knowing nothing about R/C flight, they would have received a good tutorial in all the various branches of the hobby. That has to be good from a "spread the word about the hobby" standpoint.

Howard was busy at the Bar-B-Q grill ably assisted by his good lady wife. Everybody enjoyed the food. My only contribution to the day was to man the grill for about 10 minutes. Other club members did public address announcements, provided music and instituted radio frequency control.

In Conclusion, a GREAT DAY at the field. I hope that Howard has spurred us on to discussions at the winter Club meetings that will enable us to continue to foster other club activities. He is owed a big helping of appreciation by our club.

## **CLUB SHIRTS**

Don Cavanaugh was at the field and was wearing a very nice golf shirt that had the club logo embroidered on the breast and a nice airplane on the sleeve. It looked very cool. Don has written an article to tell club members about the availability of this shirt as well as white T-shirt with club name. Please see below.

### **Club "Whitby Aeromodeller" Golf Style & T- Shirts**

Take a look at the great "Whitby Aeromodeller" Golf Shirt pictured here at the August 30 Fun Fly. This shirt was supplied by Randy Hind, - a club member and proprietor of "Tugboat Promotional Services". The shirt gathered a considerable amount of interest among the guys in attendance at the Fun Fly. The stitched artwork on the sleeve and crest is really beautiful and several of the guys said they'd definitely like to buy one should they become available.



Accordingly, the club is considering placing an order for the shirts – which are knit cotton and would sell for about \$28.00. They come in small, medium, large and extra large sizes. If you would like to buy one please indicate your intention to do so by emailing Don Cavanaugh or by phone 905-579-9907. Please indicate the number you want and the sizes.

Randy offers the standard white T- Shirt pictured below – They are good quality cotton T-Shirts so if you would like one they will sell for about \$9.00 - Please let Don Know how many you want and the sizes:-



So please give it some thought guys – here's a chance to step into some sartorial elegance at a great price.

By the way - look for Randy at the field - he's relatively new to the club having earned his wings in 2008 - he's an absolute gentleman and just about the nicest guy you'll ever meet on or off the field. He usually flies his LT-40 in the afternoon and is getting his Toledo ready for flight

Bob Byrnes.