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AIR SHOW

by Sam Jay & Beverly Hudson

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Chilliwack Spring Fly-In

At the Saturday morning float-fly, pilots and planes assemble on the shore in beautiful conditions.



Once again the annual Chilliwack Fly-In was a great success and was sure to please every pilot and spectator with a great variety of planes and action.

Held in the beautiful Fraser Valley in British Columbia, Canada, it has become an annual pilgrimage for many RC

Right: Hal Norrish's Antonov AN-2 Colt comes in for a landing. Below: photographer Beverly Hudson is on the end of the runway to capture Ivan Pettigrew's Blackburn Beverley as it flies overhead. The massive, 1/15-scale plane has a 125-inch wingspan and 1,700 square inches of wing area, and it's 77 inches long.



MAAC Hall of Famer Ivan Pettigrew with photographer Beverly Hudson and Ivan's Blackburn Beverley.

PHOTOS BY BEVERLY HUDSON



Frank Jaerschky's Twin Otter in Canadian SAR colors; it was trimmed so perfectly that he was able to do hands-free take-offs just by advancing the throttle.

pilots in Canada and the U.S. The 4-day, all-electric event is held on the U.S. Memorial Day weekend. Not just your typical fun-fly, it offers pilots the opportunity to fly on wheels at the field and on floats at a nearby pond.

Frank Jaerschky wowed the crowd with his award-winning T33 Silver Star while Geoff Dryer commanded a great deal of attention with his collection of very large aircraft, including the RC Guys Decathlon.

After a successful flight, Sam Jay ties up his Cessna 172 at the dock and breathes a sigh of relief.



Ivan Pettigrew's 98-inch-span DH 86 Express—one of his largest scale beauties.

Not to be outdone for large-scale electric models, Ivan Pettigrew graced the skies with his beautiful DH 86 Express, Blackburn Beverley and Short Solent. For many years, Ivan has been front and center in the advancement of electric flight. His designs and engineering feats of large-scale, lightweight models led him to

be recognized by the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC) for his many years of contributions to the hobby.

Long-time flying buddy Hal Norish and MAAC's B.C. zone director, Ron Dodd, presented Ivan with a plaque and inducted him into the MAAC Hall of Fame for his commitment to the hobby and support of fellow modelers.

The dedication of the other modelers was showcased by their beautiful planes. Modeled after a Grumman Goose that his father once flew for Chalk's Airlines in Key West, FL, Dan

Dan Kachur shows off his scratch-built Grumman Goose, which he built out of 1/4-inch fanfold blue foam following his own drawings.





As a child, Wayne Powell (Victoria, B.C.) vacationed on Vancouver Island, and he was inspired by his memories of the flying tankers he saw there. He scratch-built this beautiful Martin Mars from Ivan Pettigrew plans.



Frank Jaerschky put on quite a show with his Gotha—especially during his last flight when he was challenged by light wind. This aircraft is a fair-weather flyer.



A regular at this event, Grant Lord from Washington state flies his large-scale Fly Baby biplane.

Kachur picked up the award for Best Floatplane. Sam Jay brought along his longtime companion Barney the Bush Pilot and his dog Clyde in his new ride, a Cessna 172. Greg Davis's Etrich Taube and Frank Jaerschky's Gotha G.IV displayed amazing scale detailing. The Gotha picked up the weekend's Best Scale award.

We always have a great weekend that electric pilots shouldn't miss. Ron Dodd and the Fraser Valley RC Flyers club are terrific hosts, and for more great images from this year, visit the Team Tracon website. Mark your 2010 calendars for May 28 through 31. We hope to see you then. ☺

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Modeled after Germany's 1910 first mass-produced military plane, Greg Davis's petite, delicate-looking Etrich "Taube" (German for "dove") is a real scale beauty.