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### Remembering the Arrow

The Avro Arrow family, all former workers and devotees of the legendary Canadian fighter jet, gathered Friday at the former Avro (now Boeing) plant on Derry Rd. to mark the 45th anniversary of the airplane's preview back in 1957. Frank Harvey (left) and James Smillie (right) former cockpit crew workers, flank their former boss Lorne Cox the final line floor manager of the Arrow project. See story page 4.

## Arrow vets return 45 years later

More than 300 former Avro Aircraft employees and their families returned to the old plant on Derry Rd. Friday to mark the 45th anniversary — to the day — that they rolled-out the CF-105 Arrow.

Those in attendance told stories of working on the fabled jet interceptor that, almost half a century ago, was on the leading edge of aircraft design.

Just outside the hangar doors, a full-

size silhouette of the interceptor was painted on the tarmac in the exact spot where the original aircraft was unveiled. At one point, the crowd gathered around the outline of the plane to have a picture taken.

Inside, there were many artifacts to be seen, including a replica model of the jet's forward fuselage. Among the guests was chief designer Jim Floyd, who after the

Arrow project was cancelled on Feb. 20, 1959, went to work on the Concorde.

Boeing now owns the Avro plant and company officials said they were proud to have all the old Arrow staff there to mark an historic moment in Canada's aviation history.

Boeing, directly and indirectly, is responsible for the employment of about 30,000 Canadians.