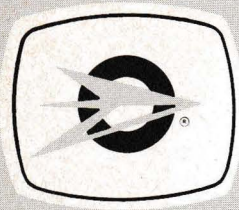




AVRO ARROW REUNION
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, MALTON
26 MARCH 1983

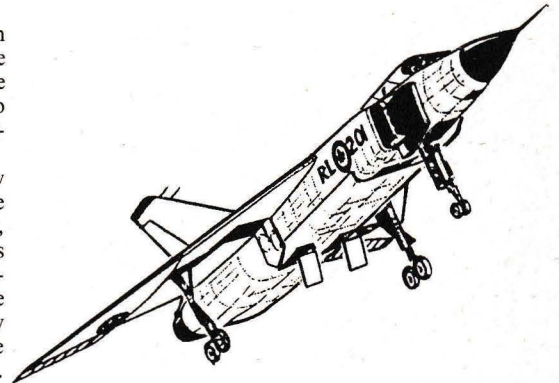


ARROW REUNION – 25TH ANNIVERSARY



It was all planned by the Canadian Aviation Historical Society. March 25, 1983 would be the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Avro Arrow. Why not hold a reunion, open to all those who were associated with the Arrow-Iroquois project?

It was a modest idea, promoted by a few volunteers. Maybe two or three hundred people would turn up. But the idea, like the aircraft, took off with a rush. Radio and TV stations picked up the story. Those who heard it phoned their neighbours. The CAHS committee were deluged with calls. By the appointed day for the gathering (Saturday, March 26), people were waiting for the doors of the hall to open. In the next few hours, over 2500 poured into the International Centre in Malton. They came from all over southern Ontario, and from Montreal, from Florida, from California and Seattle. Everyone was there — top executives, engineers, draftsmen, shop tradesmen, lab technicians, test pilots and flight line



mechanics. But not everyone in the crowd had grey hair. The young people were there too — keen lads not yet born when the Arrow flew, but fascinated by its story.

It was Old Home Week condensed into a day, as former associates noisily greeted each other after a parting of 20 years, 25 years, sometimes more. There was frequent embarrassment as name tags were scrutinized — "I'm sure I know you, but I can't recall your name!" There were photo displays, films and scale models in abundance. A succession of speakers at the rostrum recalled their part in the Arrow project, with a few personal anecdotes thrown in. Much attention was centered on Jan Zurakowski, the first Arrow test pilot. Everyone wanted a handshake, a quick chat, and maybe an autograph. Well organized, well attended, it was in all a most satisfying day. As several old-timers remarked afterwards: 'That get-together was something special. It could never happen again.'

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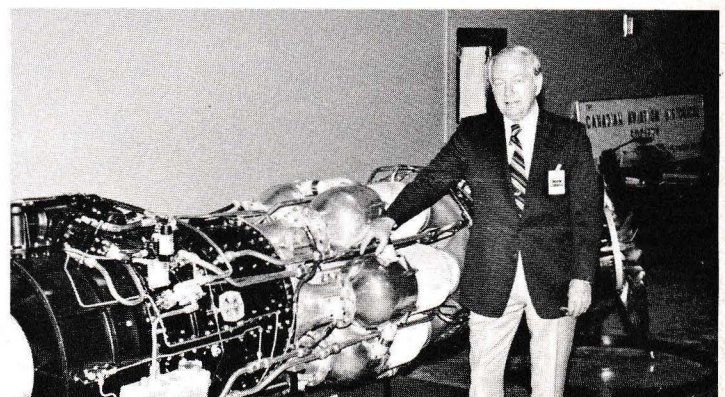
Due to the widespread interest in the Arrow Reunion by Orenda employees and retirees, this issue includes a special insert and photo layout of some of the persons in attendance.



This striking display of colour photographs of the Arrow attracted a lot of attention.



When Jan Zurakowski stepped up to the microphone, the entire audience rose from their seats to give him a standing ovation. This was a measure of the affection and respect shown for this modest man, not just by his associates, but by the whole community.



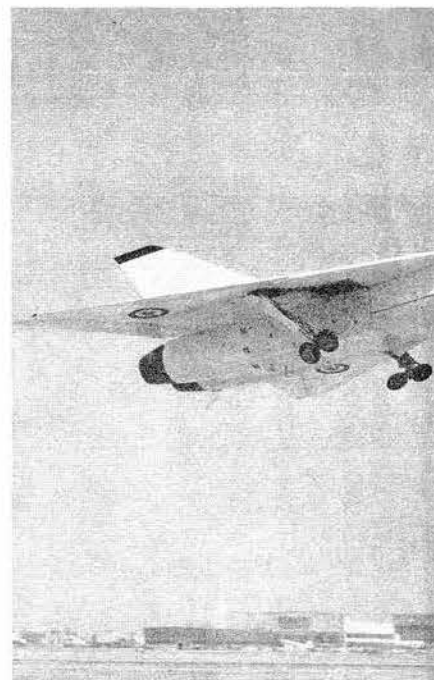
Sid Britton, formerly Chief Design Engineer at Orenda, had provided advance publicity for the reunion in radio and newspaper interviews. The Chinook engine made an appropriate background for many photographers.



Harry Farrow (former Chief of Testing Services, Sopwith Laboratory) and Jim Turner (former Orenda Test Engineer).

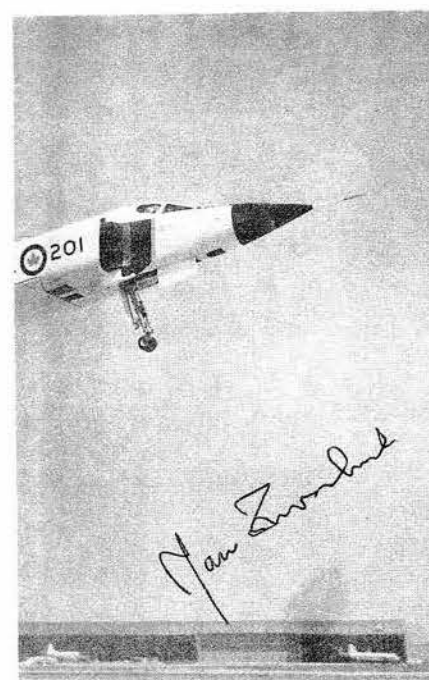


Mel Phipps (former Orenda Project Manager) and Colin Wrong (former Senior Aerodynamicist now Vice-President, Engineering, Pratt and Whitney Canada).



The time was 9:55 AM on March 25, 1958, as the first flight. At the controls was the man whose signature

** GREAT DAYS

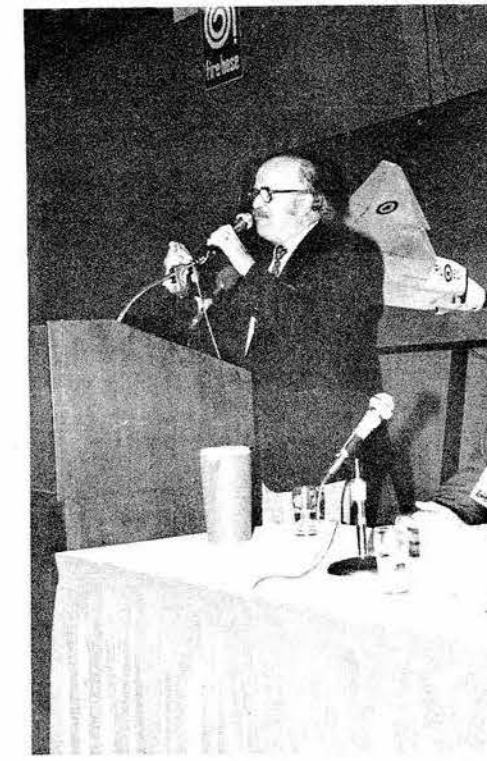


... was lifted from the Malton runway on its maiden voyage in this photo.

REMEMBERED **



Jan Zurkowski poses for 'just one more photograph'.



Elwy Yost, well-known TV personality, took the microphone to recall his days in the Avro Personnel Department.



George Gow (Avro Flight Test Mechanic), Mrs. Hazel McCallion (Mayor of Mississauga) and Nancy Green Roberts (Avro Technical Illustrator).



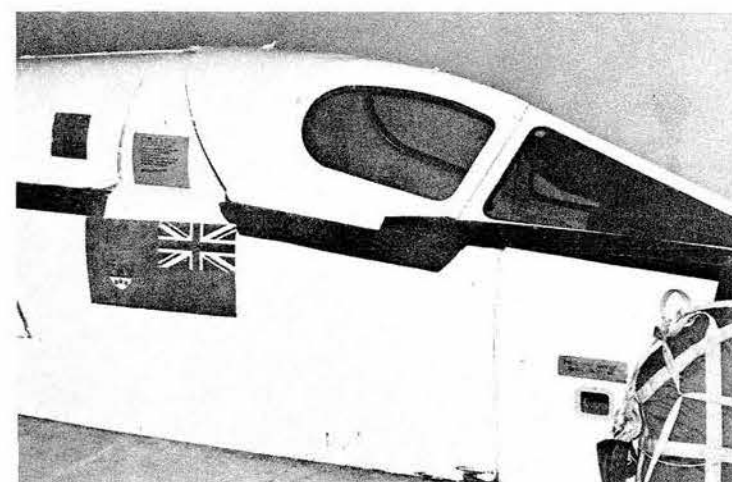
Orenda old-timers: Stu Rahmer (Production Control), Fred Dewis (Experimental Planning), and Graham Eves (Operations Manager).



Zura was kept busy all day signing autographs for admirers, old and young.



Former Avro executives: Joe Morley (Director of Sales and Service), John Plant (General Manager), Jan Zurkowski and Carl Lindow (Chief Design Engineer).



Among the few surviving 'artifacts' of those days were the cockpit mock-up and (extreme right) the aircraft drag-chute.



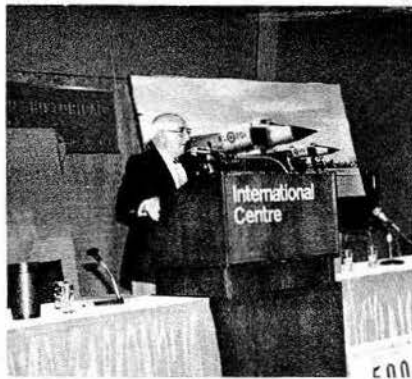
Jim MacMillan of the Orenda Retirees Club, seen here chatting with Zura, did a lot of advance publicity work for the reunion.



Les Wilkinson (C.A.H.S.), Jim Floyd (Avro Chief Engineer), Mario Pesando (Avro Flight Test Engineer) and Joe Morley (Avro Director of Sales and Service).



Former senior staff in the Orenda Engineering Department: Harry Keast, Joe Purvis, Doug Ruppel, Doug Cramb and Mel Phipps.



Joe Morley was one of the guest speakers.



Flying scale models of the Arrow.



Mayor McCallion was an Arrow booster.



Zura signs the Arrow book for a young admirer.



TV and press cameramen close in on test pilots at the speakers' table: Zura, Mike Cooper-Slipper, and Stan Haswell.



Quality Control, past and present: Geoff Durrant, Gil Hunt, and Ken Boucher.



Stu Rahmer — a jet pioneer from Turbo Research days in 1944.



Avro Photo Dept. ready for first Arrow flight in 1958.



Avro photographers reassembled for the reunion. (Photo by Bob Hanly).



C.A.H.S. Committee men Nick Doran, Les Wilkinson and Chester Erb with Jim Floyd.