



**If you build it ...**

## **Southern Ontario Stunt Championships 2023**

### **CONTEST REPORT**

**by John McFayden**

... and they did come. A great bunch of stunt pilots gathered together to enjoy the spirit of friendly competition and great food the Beanfield is renowned for. Hosted by Brad and Nancy LaPointe in beautiful Dresden Ontario, this year included traversing the Dresden Mud Gauntlet.

#### **SATURDAY**

For those that successfully managed to complete the Mud Gauntlet and then passed the Naomi Macklem registration inspection, the only remaining obstacle to face was **THE WIND!** Boy howdy it was drafty. Even the 7-foot-tall corn stalks were bending over in the face of the tempest. The new flag and flag pole that Len Bourel added to the Beanfield was a benefit to every pilot.

But, a contest is a contest. CD Len Bourel declared that he could judge in any wind and that the contest was on. The desire to win an 8 x 11 paper certificate over-whelmed common sense and the pilots took to the pits.

Old Time Stunt was up first and 4 courageous pilots faced the test. Len Bourel and John McFayden got good and comfortable upwind of the circle and were glad that they were judging. The Old-Time pattern is thought to be “easier” to fly than the CLPA schedule but

navigating brisk winds with Old-Time designs is extremely challenging. More than one pilot had to exit the pilot circle to regain control.

Only Dwayne Donnelly and his very experienced Barnstormer dared to test fate with two flights.

Classic/Nostalgia 30 then took over the circle. The wind showed no effort to reduce in velocity. While 4 pilots had registered only 3 elected to place their models into the gale. Len and John returned to the upwind side of the circle and played a little "Name that Bug" while the competitors prepped their planes.

Again, the wind conditions convinced each pilot to fly just one flight. While not scoring the highest flight of the round, Brad LaPointe did set a new Beanfield Slack-Line Recovery course record for the longest distance covered by a pilot to regain control of their model for a single flight! (Guinness has been contacted to determine if a new World Record was achieved!)

Dinner is of course the real reason that most entrants actually attend events at the Beanfield. Fresh off his Nostalgic jaunt around the field, Chef Brad and his sous-chef Nancy of Esterville Manor, Q'd up a feast of chicken, sausages, hot dogs and sweet corn with several tasty sides. And, while control-line pilots are renowned for their healthy eating discipline, the scrumptious one-bite brownies proved to be irresistible.

The days Awards were handed out following dinner by CD Len Bourel.

## SUNDAY

A heavy thunderstorm Saturday evening "improved" the track conditions for Sunday's running of the Mud Gauntlet. Always a crowd favourite, the Gauntlet did not disappoint those that enjoy a good 180-degree slide in their family vehicle.

Sunday of course features the big money events, Profile Stunt and CLPA.

This year, CD Len Bourel, organized the schedule to allow 1 round of Profile Stunt followed by 1 round of CLPA. Following a short break, round 2 of Profile Stunt was flown followed by the final round of CLPA. The goal was to ensure everyone the best chance for at least one flight in "good air". That is exactly what happened. Round 1 for both classes were virtually "Stunt Heaven". Round 2 flights were flown in progressively more challenging conditions as the air heated up and thermals began to generate turbulence.

Profile Stunt featured 9 entries. Judges were Len Bourel and John McFayden.

Profile Stunt featured two pilots in their competition debut plus the mystical return of Ivan McKenzie to the Stunt Wars.

As all experienced competition pilots know and the two "newbies" quickly learned,

- 1) A part that has stayed in place for hundreds of flights will fall off during a contest flight.
- 2) Engines that start first-time during practice – don't at a contest.
- 3) A glo starter battery will fall off and roll behind you or into the prop during a contest.
- 4) The judges do not award bonus points for stunts done upwind so don't do that.
- 5) Sharp corners that stall the plane don't earn good marks.

CLPA featured 11 entries. 9 in A class and 2 in B class.

Judges were Len Bourel and Naomi Macklem.

As with Profile, round 1 in CLPA was flown in near ideal conditions. The sun location was a bit of an issue and pilots and judges had to keep an eye on wind direction. Round 2 however was late in the afternoon and the wind became more of an issue but not the velocity, thermals. The air became very bumpy and with even more directional changes.

Following the completion of CLPA, Chef Brad and Nancy of Esterville Manor hosted another Q-Feast along the river bank. The food was excellent and a fresh stock of One-Bite Brownies was flown in.

Awards were handed out and Dwayne Donnelly was Beaned with a Beanfield Cap for driving the longest distance to compete.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to Brad and Nancy Lapointe for hosting the SOSC and preparing awesome food.

Thank you to CD Len Bourel for organizing the events and judging every event flown

Thank you to Naomi Macklem for generating score sheets and certificates and for judging CLPA and tabulating.

Thank you to John McFayden for judging Old-Time, N30/Classic and Profile Stunt.

Thank you to Alan Fiel for tabulating.

Thank you to Brian Cox for helping out with every other task that such a contest requires.



**Most of all, Thank You to everyone that participated in the Southern Ontario Stunt Championships.**





Bill Trumble preps his Smoothie for Old Time stunt.



Dwayne Donnelly fuels up his trusty and long-loved Barnstormer.



John Paris Jamieson



Dwayne Donnelly fuels up his newly minted Brodak Ares for Classic/N30.

**Saturday's Score Boards**

Southern Ontario Stunt Championship Sat. July 29, 2023 Old Time Stunt			
Beanfield Flyers			
Pilot	Flight 1	Flight 2	Place
Brad LaPointe	250	—	3
Bill Trumble	241	—	4
Dwayne Donnelly	157	266	2
John Paris	288	—	1

Southern Ontario Stunt Championship Saturday July 29, 2023 Classic/Nostalgia 30			
Beanfield Flyers			
Pilot	Flight 1	Flight 2	Place
John Paris	498	—	1
Dwayne Donnelly	346	—	3
Brad LaPointe	446	—	2
Bill Trumble	—	—	



**OLD TIME CHAMPIONS**

**John Paris 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Dwayne Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Brad LaPointe 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**CLASSIC/N30 CHAMPIONS**

**John Paris 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Brad LaPointe 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Dwayne Donnelly 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**SUNDAY PROFILE AND CLPA**



Brad LaPointe's Dixon Ringmaster 576.



Pat launches Ivan's Trick Stick



Stewart Morrison's Cardinal



Dave Lovgren's Brodak FW 190

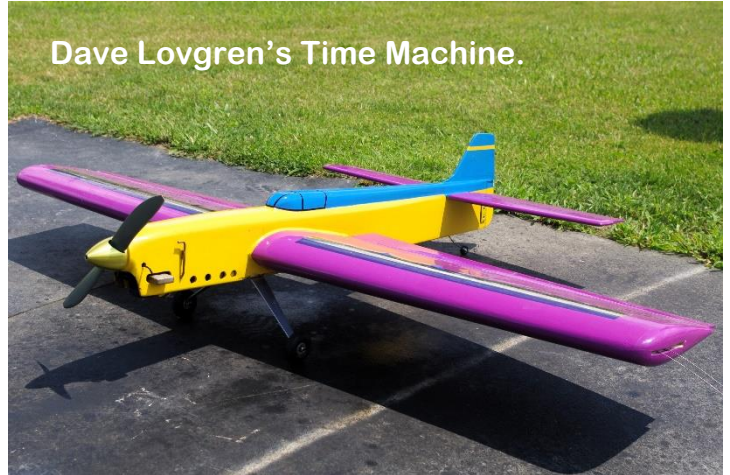


Velvet by John Paris.



Pat's MaxBee.





Sunday's Score Boards

SUN. JULY 30, 2023  
SOUTHERN ONTARIO STUNT CHAMPIONSHIP  
PROFILE STUNT

The Beanfield Flyers

Best Score of 2

Pilot	Flight 1	Flight 2	Place
John Paris	535	538	1
Brad LaPointe	497.5	497.5	2
Ivan MacKenzie	467	445.5	7
Bill Trumble	426.5	488	3
Dave Lovgren	484.5	441.5	5
Dwayne Donnelly	470.5	459	6
Stewart Morrison	416.5	298	8
Brian Cox	487.5	478	4
Tom Knight	58.5	324	9

SUN. JULY 30, 2023  
SOUTHERN ONTARIO STUNT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Beanfield Flyers

Class B

CLPA

Best Score

Pilot	Flight #1	Flight #2	Place
Bill Trumble	478.5	420.5	6
John McFayden	527	502	2
Tom Knight B	242.5	—	28
Pat MacKenzie	517	521.5	3
John Paris	531.5	548	1
Dwayne Donnelly	465.5	476	7
Brad LaPointe	501.5	502	4
Stewart Morrison B	404.5	—	18
Ivan MacKenzie	458	420.5	8
Brian Cox	418.5	432.5	9
Dave Lovgren	443	499.6	5



**PROFILE CHAMPIONS**

**John Paris 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Brad LaPointe 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Bill Trumble 3<sup>rd</sup>**



CLPA B Champion