

# Bancroft Flying Club Inc.

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### **Bancroft Flying Club and the Bancroft / Jack Brown Airport Celebrates 50 years in the Bancroft community.**

**Bancroft, Ontario, Monday, July 8, 2013.** Lynn Davis, President of the Bancroft Flying Club announced that the Bancroft Flying Club and the Bancroft / Jack Brown Airport is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This milestone in the airports history was kicked off with the Clubs annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast.

Lynn explained that the airport and club were developed by a number of aviation minded individuals in the early '60's that understood what a vital role an airport plays in the development and economic growth of a community, and the Bancroft / Jack Brown Airport proved to be no exception.

The Bancroft / Jack Brown Airport is used extensively by helicopter operators such as the Air Ambulance service, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Hydro, OPP, Department of National Defense and geophysical survey companies. It is also used by a number of tourists and cottage owners from Canada and the United States. The airport provides a strategic location for the supply of Jet fuel for government and commercial helicopter operators, and their purchase of fuel and use of the clubs facilities generates a significant part of the clubs revenue that allows for continued operation of the airport.

Since 1963, the club has owned and maintained the 2,400 foot, gravel runway, making it one of only a few community airports in Ontario owned by a Flying Club.

The airport has seen significant hangar development over the last year with three (3) new hangars being constructed. The airport is an ideal year round stopping spot for students and pilots on cross country trips, as the runway is plowed in the winter. It is also an ideal emergency landing field in case of bad weather.

This year's Fly-In Pancake Breakfast was a little damp due to the weather, but in spite of that there were twenty (20) aircraft that flew in for the event. In addition there were over 425 of the local residents, tourists and fly-in guests who were served breakfast and came to see the variety of aircraft that flew in and the seventeen (17) classic cars that were on display.

The Fly-In Pancake Breakfast was held in conjunction with the town of Bancroft's annual Water, Wheels and Wings event. To promote aviation and the airport to the community, a Club member made his aircraft available for a downtown static display on the parking lot of Vance Motors. The display generated a lot of interest in aviation.

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W.M Aeroflight from Peterborough had two of their Cessna 172's at the airport and were kept busy conducting local sight-seeing flights.

The Bancroft Flying Club in conjunction with W.M. Aeroflight are assessing the level of interest that exists from the community in learning to fly, and if there is enough interest, a satellite school could be established by W.M. Aeroflight operating out of Bancroft.

President Davis went on to say that one of the goals of the Bancroft Flying Club is to raise awareness of aviation in the community and in particular with young members of the community on the many choices they have if interested in pursuing a career in aviation.

The Bancroft Flying Club also announced that its new website is up and running where much information can be found about the Club, the Bancroft Airport and learning to fly. The new website is located at [www.bancroftflyingclub.ca](http://www.bancroftflyingclub.ca).

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