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Raise the Arrow Project: the Search and Discovery of the Avro Arrow Free Flight Models in Lake Ontario



John Burzynski is head of OEX Recovery Group that found test models of the Avro Arrow jet in Lake Ontario off Point Petre. He will talk about this important discovery on Wednesday, January 19.

As part of the engineering work to design the Avro Arrow in the mid-1950's, a flight test program was conducted at Point Petre in Prince Edward County. A series of 1/8th scale Arrow models were launched into Lake Ontario on booster rockets to study their flight characteristics at Mach speeds. The models weren't recovered at the time, and remain as some of the only vestiges of the Arrow program that were not destroyed upon its subsequent cancellation in February 1959.



For over 30 years different search teams had looked for the elusive "lost Arrows" on the bed of Lake Ontario without success. The OEX Recovery Group was formed in 2017 to continue the search, and over the summers of 2017 – 2020 conducted modern sonar and used remotely operated vehicles (ROV) to conduct target investigation, and ultimately raised one of the early test models using dive teams. The search concluded in the fall of 2020, with the discovery and imaging of the resting place of pieces of one of the final test models in the series.

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