

The Kitchener Waterloo Flying Dutchmen Radio Control

Model Aircraft Club (“KWFD”) is a not-for-profit organization of about 90 members, which has operated in the Twin Cities for the past 45+ years.

The club exists to facilitate and to promote the building and flying of radio control model aircraft in the Kitchener-Waterloo (and surrounding) area, and to encourage the camaraderie that results from the mutual love of flight and flying. The membership is made up of people from diverse backgrounds and of all ages (currently ages 13 - 81), and has facilitated literally thousands of member enthusiasts in its 45 year history. The model aircraft are propelled by various means (usually electric or 2-stroke/4-stroke gasoline or nitromethanol engines), and vary in size. The wingspans of these aircraft range in size from 2 feet to 12 feet or more (i.e. 1/2 scale models) with the average wingspan being 6 to 8 feet. In every September for the past 40 years, the KWFD have hosted their annual Scale Rally and Air Show at their beautifully manicured and picturesque flying field just north of Waterloo Ontario. This weekend-long event has come to be known in the hobby as one of the “best modelling events in North America”, drawing participants from Ontario, eastern Canada and north-eastern United States. Typically, thousands of spectators attend to watch the daily air shows and to talk it up with the 125 - 150 pilots (with their 200-300 aircraft) and the many vendors who attend.