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# Fair was best ever

BY DOUG HARRISON  
 The Acton Tanner

"It was truly a fantastic experience."

That's how Acton's Janis Fread termed her first year at the helm of the 81st Acton Fall Fair, which drew thousands of people who crammed the fairgrounds at Prospect Park.

As of Monday afternoon, Fread was unsure as to how much money the 1994 Fall Fair generated, but added gate receipts were up from '93 over Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"Admission prices were adjusted this year (children and student rates changed), so we're not sure yet, but it was extremely profitable. The most money we've pulled in," admitted the first-year president. The 1994 Fair, with a budget of \$65,000, made a profit.

"It was packed here all the time up-and-down the midway." Although she couldn't confirm the weekend attendance or a rumour

that the Fair broke a gate record on Friday, Fread did say past Acton Fall Fairs have drawn between 10,000 and 13,000 patrons.

For entertainment, there were a bevy of attractions from various rides for all ages and agricultural shows — including a beef cattle show, junior 4-H show and horse shows — to a petting zoo.

And the Fair's new attractions of pigeon and paddleboat races, along with a new outdoor entertainment stage, were big hits.

"They (the new events) were profitable and the stage is coming back next year. The musical groups did quite well, were happy and expressed an interest to return next year," explained Fread, who said the paddleboat races were quiet on Saturday due to threatening rain that never materialized, but ran consistently during Sunday's 90-minute time slot.

The biggest surprise of the weekend, according to Fread, was the success of pigeon races. By the end of Saturday's lineup, this event had raised over \$300 for the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Pigeon race organizer Ron White, who is also second vice-president of the Fall Fair Board, said there's enough interest to

## \$23K for Fox Run

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
 The Acton Tanner

In wheelchairs and strollers, on bikes and on foot, 126 Acton residents ran their own Marathons of Hope on Sunday in Acton's 14th annual Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research.

The young and the old, the well and the infirm helped raise \$23,400

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### ACTON'S AMBASSADOR!

Outgoing Miss Acton Fall Fair Claire Langridge crowned Shana Peddle, our first-ever Acton Ambassador, at the annual pageant Friday at the Community Centre. Ann Lucas and Emily Savage were first and second runners-up. We profile Shana on Page 5 of this edition. (Doug Harrison photo)

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