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**Confirmed Tornado  
Manitock Station, Ontario  
August 7, 2000**

**Date- Local:** Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000

**UTC:** Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000

**Time- Local:** 1530

**UTC:** 1930

**Location:** Manotick Station

**Region:** City of Ottawa

**Classification:** Confirmed Tornado

**Category:** G

**Casualties:** None

**Track Length:** None available

**Width:** 10 m

**Motion:** None available

**Damage Estimate:** None available

**F-Scale Rating:** F0

**Code:** SS

**Damage Survey:** None available

**Spotter Reports:** Three

**Other Documents:**

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## **Tornado F-Scale Assessment**

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April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

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**Classification:** Confirmed Tornado

**Date:** Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000

**Location:** Manotick Station, City of Ottawa Region

**Assessment:** F0

**F-Code:** SS

**Explanation of Assessment:** Lawn ornaments, some weighing 50 kgs tossed around. Cedar tree launched 150 m.

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## Spotter Reports, August 7, 2000

**CLASSIFICATION:** Severe Thunderstorm **SOURCE/WATCHER ID:** The Ottawa Citizen  
**EVENT TIME (UTC):** 19-30 **EVENT DAY:** 7.0 **MONTH:** 8.0 **YEAR:** 2000.0 **EVENT DURATION (HR):** 0.0 **(MIN):** 0.0 **DAY OF THE WEEK:** **EVENT LOCALE:** Manotick  
**ASOCTD PUBLIC RGN:** Ottawa-Hull **DETAILED DESCRIPTION:** "Tim Bullock: "We're calling it a probable tornado, but a weak one". Possible tornado struck lawn ornament business on Manotick Station Rd. 10 m wide swatch damage to ornaments." **INITIAL ASSESSMENT:** YES **SPL WX STATEMENT IN EFFECT ?:** NO **STATEMENT LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **WATCH IN EFFECT ?:** YES **WATCH LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **WARNING IN EFFECT ?:** YES **WARNING LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **TORNADO:** F0 **WINDSPEED:** **RAINFALL:** MM **RAIN DURATION:** **HAIL DIAMETER:** MM **HAIL DESCRIPTION:** **EVENT DESCRIPTION:** Tornado **Mesoscale ?:** **Synoptic ?:** **Big Event ?:** **Statement Est Hit/Miss:** NO **Watch Est Hit/Miss:** YES **Warning Est Hit/Miss:** NO **Separate Event (30km/30min):** UKN **Vetted by:** RS **Vetted date:** 01/09/00

**CLASSIFICATION:** Severe Thunderstorm **SOURCE/WATCHER ID:** Ottawa Wx Office  
**EVENT TIME (UTC):** 20-00 **EVENT DAY:** 7.0 **MONTH:** 8.0 **YEAR:** 2000.0 **EVENT DURATION (HR):** 0.0 **(MIN):** 0.0 **DAY OF THE WEEK:** **EVENT LOCALE:** Manotick  
**ASOCTD PUBLIC RGN:** Ottawa-Hull **DETAILED DESCRIPTION:** "Funnel cloud reported. (Note tornado warning issued at 20:11Z)" **INITIAL ASSESSMENT:** NO **SPL WX STATEMENT IN EFFECT ?:** NO **STATEMENT LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **WATCH IN EFFECT ?:** YES **WATCH LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **WARNING IN EFFECT ?:** YES **WARNING LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **TORNADO:** NO **WINDSPEED:** **RAINFALL:** MM **RAIN DURATION:** **HAIL DIAMETER:** MM **HAIL DESCRIPTION:** **EVENT DESCRIPTION:** Wind **Mesoscale ?:** **Synoptic ?:** **Big Event ?:** **Statement Est Hit/Miss:** NO **Watch Est Hit/Miss:** YES **Warning Est Hit/Miss:** YES **Separate Event (30km/30min):** UKN **Vetted by:** RS **Vetted date:** 08/08/00

**CLASSIFICATION:** Severe Thunderstorm **SOURCE/WATCHER ID:** Ottawa Sun reporter  
**EVENT TIME (UTC):** 20-10 **EVENT DAY:** 7.0 **MONTH:** 8.0 **YEAR:** 2000.0 **EVENT DURATION (HR):** 0.0 **(MIN):** 0.0 **DAY OF THE WEEK:** **EVENT LOCALE:** Manotick  
**ASOCTD PUBLIC RGN:** Ottawa-Hull **DETAILED DESCRIPTION:** "Some wind damage at a patio furnishings store...some 40 lb lawn ornaments knocked over. Reports of mud on a wall. (reported by an Ottawa Sun reporter called to the scene by someone on site) It was likely out of the storm which produced meso signatures. A" **INITIAL ASSESSMENT:** UNCONFIRMED **SPL WX STATEMENT IN EFFECT ?:** NO **STATEMENT LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **WATCH IN EFFECT ?:** YES **WATCH LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **WARNING IN EFFECT ?:** YES **WARNING LEAD TIME (HR):** (MIN): **TORNADO:** POSSIBLE **WINDSPEED:** **RAINFALL:** MM **RAIN DURATION:** **HAIL DIAMETER:** MM **HAIL DESCRIPTION:** **EVENT DESCRIPTION:** Wind **Mesoscale ?:** **Synoptic ?:** **Big Event ?:** **Statement Est Hit/Miss:** NO **Watch Est Hit/Miss:** YES **Warning Est Hit/Miss:** YES

**Separate Event (30km/30min): UKN Vetted by: RS-tornado warning issued @ 20:11Z Vetted  
date: 08/08/00**

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COVER FROM A TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR,  
PEOPLE IN MANOTICK STATION WERE FLEEING  
AN APPARENT **TORNADO**. FORTUNATELY, THE  
ONLY KNOWN VICTIMS OF YESTERDAY  
AFTERNOONS UNCONFIRMED TWISTER WERE  
SOME CONCRETE LAWN ORNAMENTS LINED UP  
AT K-AND-B LAWN ORNAMENTS. THE  
45-METRE PATH OF ORNAMENTS -- SOME  
WEIGHING MORE THAN 40 KILOS -- WAS  
TOSSED INTO THE AIR. ONE ORNAMENT WAS  
DECAPITATED. KEN ROUSSON, HIS SON AND  
SEVERAL CUSTOMERS FLED TO THE ONLY  
SHELTER AVAILABLE -- A THIN SHEET-METAL  
SHED JUST METRES FROM THE TWISTER'S  
PATH. ENVIRONMENT CANADA IS  
INVESTIGATING WHETHER THE FUNNEL CLOUD  
TOUCHED DOWN. IT SAYS A SIMILAR CLOUD,  
WHICH NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND, MADE AN  
APPEARANCE IN EMBRUN. OTTAWA-CARLETON  
POLICE SAY THE HEAVY RAINS AND  
LIGHTNING CAUSED A FEW MINOR ACCIDENTS  
AND KNOCKED OUT POWER TO SEVERAL

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# Twister 'was like a freight train'

**Kate Jaimet**  
 The Ottawa Citizen

It sounded like a helicopter taking off in the bush behind Ken Rousson's property.

Then he turned around and saw the twister.

"It had to be doing a couple hundred miles an hour the speed it came through," Mr. Rousson said afterwards.

"It was like a freight train out of control."

Tim Bullock, a senior meteorologist with Environment Canada, says the funnel cloud has not officially been called a tornado.

"We're calling it a probable tornado, but a weak one," he said.

Mr. Rousson was working in the compound of the concrete lawn ornament business he owns with his wife, Brenda, on Manotick Station Road, 20 minutes south of Ottawa at 3:30 p.m. yesterday.



**Kate Jaimet, The Ottawa Citizen / Ken Rousson surveys his broken Greek nymph after a tornado ripped through his lawn ornament business yesterday afternoon on Manotick Station Road, 20 minutes south of Ottawa.**



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On the front lawn of the property, which stretches about 200 metres from the workshop to the road, half a dozen customers strolled amid the rows of concrete nymphs, bird baths, and statues of the Buddha and the Virgin Mary.

There had been a heavy rain with some thunder and lightning, but the weather appeared to be clearing up.

Then the funnel cloud appeared behind the property and Mr. Rousson just started running.

"It just peeled the leaves off the trees, that's how you could see it. It was like a big cloud of steam coming through," he said. "I was yelling to customers, 'Get inside! Get inside!' I figured if this concrete starts flying we'll never get out of the way."

He sprinted the 100 metres from his workshop to the door of the display room, herding the terrified customers into the shelter. One elderly woman who needed a wheelchair was left in her car in the parking lot outside; there was no time to bring her indoors.

"When I started running the twister was in the bushes. By the time I got to the door, it was right behind me," Mr. Rousson said. "If I had had further to run, I'd never have got out of the way in time."

Across the road, Mr. Rousson's neighbour, Capt. Paul Hutt, of the Greely fire hall, witnessed the twister cut a swathe through the Roussons' display of lawn ornaments, some weighing as much as 50 kilograms.

"You could hear this noise like a helicopter. The next thing I saw was a perfectly defined funnel in the middle of his ornaments. It was double the size of that hydro pole," Mr. Hutt said, pointing at one of the 10-metre-high wooden hydro poles that line the rural road.

"You could see the debris swirling. It was spinning the whole time. Every now and then you'd see something spit out. It kept knocking lawn ornaments over this way and that way."

The twister crossed the road from west to east and then veered off to the north, Mr. Hutt said, just missing his property. Then it dissipated into the atmosphere, leaving nothing behind but a 10-metre wide swathe of headless Greek nymphs, broken concrete puppy dogs, tossed and tumbled birdbaths.

"They were just flying in the wind like the leaves on a tree," Mr. Rousson said.

Much to the relief of Mr. and Mrs. Rousson, no one was hurt, including the woman who was left outside in her vehicle.