



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

Web Page (<http://www.EAA145.org>)

October's meeting will be on Saturday, October 17, 2009, 6:00 pm at the Riverview Airport bonfire pit

EDITOR'S NOTE: Let Bob S. know if you prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail in place of postal mail and check the chapter web page for information or send Bill W. items to put on the web.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The program for October is serious, one that requires all of our focus and concentration. Notice this month's meeting will be on October 17th, a date change from the normal second Saturday. **The program topic will be EAT, DRINK (pop & water) AND BE MERRY at the Riverview Airport bonfire site.** Eating begins at 6:00 pm. As in years past, the hot dogs, burgers and pop will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and your own chairs and as always friends and family are welcome. The festivities will end whenever we run out of wood or everyone freezes. If there are any questions contact Dick Foster at 538-8849.

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT

BUSINESS MEETING

The September meeting was held at the G. R. Ford Airport in the National Weather Service Offices on September 12th with 15 members and guests attending. The meeting began with a voice vote approval of the August meeting minutes followed by the Treasurer's report and voice vote approval. Total funds as of September 1st were \$59-1.56 broken down as follows:

Cash on Hand:	\$ 202.15
Savings:	\$5209.57
Checking:	\$ 489.84

Two new members joined; Ken Baas (our new website editor) and Mike Lichterman. A warm EAA145 welcome to both Ken and Mike. No other business was discussed in order to allow time for the guest presentation.

GUEST PRESENTATION

John Kowaleski, a meteorologist with the Grand Rapids Office of the National Weather Service presented an overview of organization and operations of the aviation weather service.



This office is responsible for weather forecasting for southwest Michigan in an area roughly from Osceola Co. south to near the Indiana border and from Lake Michigan east to the Livingston Co. border. It provides weather, hydrology and climate forecasts, watches and warnings for the entire area of responsibility.

In addition to aviation forecast for the area of responsibility, forecasts are published for Public forecasts (as seen on your local TV and radio stations), marine forecasts, fire weather forecasts, Hydrologic forecasts and climate/long term forecasts. A copy of the full presentation will be available at the November meeting for anyone interested.

After the presentation, members in attendance were treated to a tour of the facility and an

Other Available Aviation Products

- **Aviation Forecast Discussion**
- Written by each individual forecast office 4 times a day
- Explains reasoning behind the TAF
- Gives the pilot an indication of the level of confidence the forecaster has in the forecast
- <http://aviationweather.gov/testbed/afd>

opportunity to observe the various terminals and data inputs used as well as introductions to several of the other meteorologists at the site.

The presentation and tour was very informative and interesting to all present

YOUNG EAGLES

This concludes flights for the 2009 season. A schedule of rallies for 2010 will be published as they become available, probably around March of 2010.

CHAPTER POSITION FILLED

The position of website editor has been filled by Kenneth Baas. Welcome Ken to the position and EAA 145. (Note: The website is now up to date and in operation. Any questions should be addressed to ken at the contact phone listed at the end of this newsletter.)

NOSTALGIA CORNER



This ad was posted in a 1949 Popular Mechanics magazine.

← Notice ad number two from the top.

I wonder if AI has any plans still available at the price.

FOR SALE CORNER

Nothing to list

QUIZ ME

There are no questions due to the Annual Bonfire.

Future tentative programs for 2009 we are working on: **(Do you have any more ideas?)**

Nov: "Rag and Tube Reconstruction" – Chuck Helmholdt

Dec: "Christmas Brunch at Riverview"

Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

Remaining 2009 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

11/14 12/12

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