



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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October's meeting will be on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Riverview Airport fire 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 webpage for information or send Ken Baas items to put on the web.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Please note the date and time change for this meeting. The October meeting will again be the annual picnic and bonfire at the Riverview Airport fire pit located to the north of our usual meeting room across from the row of T-hangars. Bring your family and friends (pets welcome also). As in year's past, it will be a potluck picnic, so bring a dish to pass, the hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided. **To plan for the food needed, we ask that you respond to this email with the number in your party ASAP.** Send your reply to Bob Swietek via email at airdale69@aol.com (preferred) or by phone at 616-676-2951. If I'm not home just leave a message with your name and number in your party. Looking forward to seeing you at the bonfire.

Treasurer's report for Sept. (Sept 30, 2010):

Cash:	\$121.46	Checking:	\$291.69
Savings:	\$4517.54	Total:	\$4930.69

Income: \$25 (New member dues)

Expenses: \$332.11 (Propane, Mich.corp. regist.)

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections of officers for the 2011 year will be held in November. The all positions are open for nomination. Anyone interested in participating as an officer of this Chapter is urged to contact Dick Foster ASAP. A quick look at the officer list at the back of the newsletter shows that several of the

positions are being filled by the same person. The health and quality of this Chapter can only be maintained with everyone's help and support. One way is to participate as an officer or board member.

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT

The meeting commenced at 10.12 am with 14 members and guests attending. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm

FEATURED PRESENTATION

The featured presentation was by Irn Jousma on the RUC (Rapid Update Cycle) model for Weather forecasting. This tool is used extensively by the glider community in forecasting weather for the immediate 6–12 hours but also has applications for the “powered” community. Irn demonstrated this tool through an online hookup. The tool is a graphical presentation of anticipated weather, by location, and includes altitude pressure in both AGL and Mb, temperature, winds & direction. A tutorial is available online for the novice viewer to become familiar and confident in interpreting the data presented. As with all forecasting models, accuracy diminishes the farther out in time the viewer goes. Similar to the NOAA aviation graphical plot, the advantage of this model is that the viewer can view the anticipated weather at various altitudes. To view this model online, including using the tutorial, go to <http://ruc sounding.noaa.gov> or access through the [NOAA homepage](#) and select “soundings / interactive”. This was a fine presentation and those present were provided with another great technique for their aviation planning toolbox. Thank You Irn Jousma.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. The business meeting began with a moment of prayer for those who gave their lives on 9/11/01.

2. All were reminded about the September 24th trip to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB. The bus has been filled but you can still attend by driving there yourselves. (**Update:** The bus ride there and back was great as were the overnight accommodations. The museum was well laid out with 100's of examples of aircraft of all types. A great time was had by all. If you missed this year's trip, make the trip to Dayton for a visit. You will not be disappointed.

3. If you missed the August presentation by Dr. Greg Pinnell, you can still catch it. Dr. Pinnell will be at the Grand Haven Airport on Friday, October 1st at 7:30 pm.

4. YOUNG EAGLES

The Young Eagles flight for the Boy Scouts in Watervliet on Aug 18th was cancelled due to weather. The next scheduled flights are with a group (30) of home schoolers on October 9th from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. If you would like to help, contact Dick Foster at 538-8849 ASAP.

The Young Eagles flights conducted in August at Park Township Airport resulted in 189 ear to ear grins with 6 available pilots. This couldn't have happened without the support of the 6 generous pilots and many dedicated ground crew personnel. Well Done.

Thus far, Chapter members have flown a collective 2160 Young Eagles, with Dick Foster accounting for 1549 YE's.

5. TECH CORNER

The FAA has issued a requirement for **all** aircraft owners to re-register your aircraft. Deadlines are based on the month of the original registration. Notices will be sent to all owners but be forewarned, mail does not always get delivered but the requirement still exists.

6. CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Share in C172 (club aircraft) based at the Sparta Airport. Contact Ken Mosley for details.

Future tentative programs for 2010:

Nov: Officer Elections / Recruiting Efforts / Future Programs

Dec: Riverview Christmas Brunch

Jan 2011: (TBD) P51 reunion film

(Do you have any more ideas? Bring them to the next meeting.)

Some possibilities are:

- "How to" topics on aircraft building.
- "I have this friend who..."
- "This is a new product ... This is how it works"

It's our Chapter. Its only as good as each one of us want to make it.

Remaining 2010 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

11/13 12/11

The 2010 officers for EAA145:

- President, Position Open
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