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I think we can all agree that this summer, for the most part, did not exist ... until September came. Wow ... what great weather we've had in September! It's almost like being in Arizona; you just know that it's going to be sunny every day! I suspect we shouldn't get too used to it though since we all know what's likely to come soon.

Have you seen what they've done to the Mackinac Island terminal building? I guess all those years of paying landing fees finally did something for G.A. We've taken two trips there within the last month and I think I've had my fill of fudge ... for now.

I've managed to procrastinate getting this article out long enough to be able to report on our chapters' "Dinner & a Movie" event last night. We had a very nice turnout for dinner and the hamburgers, salads and desserts were all really good. Thanks to the guys at Boreal Aviation, we each had a bag of fresh popcorn to enjoy with the movie. Our new rooms in the fire station were just perfect for such an event as the acoustics were just right for the movies' sound track. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated food. I understand that now there's a movement afoot to hold a Fly-in event sometime this fall. Maybe this fine summer-like weather will last long enough for that to happen.

This coming Saturday we are having our monthly meeting which will be followed by Young Eagle flights; the last formal YE event for the year. Last month, as you may recall, we had a record number of pilots and planes available for the YE flights and good weather but alas, no kids! We failed to realize that there were other events happening that day, most notably, the county fair. This month I have been working with the director of the Red Cross recreation center at Sawyer and he has told me to expect about 20 kids that he will be bussing to our event so I hope that we have sufficient pilots to participate on Saturday. Please come out to the meeting and help with the flights if you are able.

I was not able to attend the chapter's 2009 Air Academy weekend due to family matters but I have been told that it was a great success despite the less than perfect weather on flight day. The Friday evening classes went well at NMU's maintenance facility and the kids enjoyed the tour of the facility. Saturday's tours of the tower and AMR facilities were also a hit with the kids. Thanks to all the volunteers for keeping the event running smoothly!

Just a reminder; nominations are still being accepted for the positions of chapter president and board of directors positions. If you are interested please contact Roger Bentlage at 248-535-7121 so he can add your name to the list. Nominations will be accepted up to our October meeting which is October 17th.

Hope to see you at Saturdays' meeting!

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