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The Iosco County Recycling program held its first ever household hazardous waste collection at the airport on September 6th. The event was an overwhelming success according to the vendor. There were close to 250 residents who brought in their hazardous waste between 9:00 and 1:00. The professional waste disposal team was very pleased with the airport as a venue and expressed an interest in making this an annual September event. Items collected included old paint, used motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, various chemicals and even DDT, which has been banned in the U.S. since 1976. As a bonus, the airport now has a generous inventory of charcoal lighter fluid, spray deodorizer and spider spray.

The sign-up was quick and easy on the Iosco County website. You simply had to pick a time for your arrival which helped minimize a long wait time. One thing they did learn, from this first time event, is that a lot of people brought their products in plastic bins, which they wanted returned to them. This really slowed down the sorting process considerably. So they will encourage people to bring their products cardboard boxes next year. You may want to start thinking about the things around your own home that you wouldn't want to see in a landfill. I'll let you know the date of next year's event once a date has been announced.

Kim Sanford, a former club member, volunteered to assist with a project at the airport. The steps on both sides of the county plow truck had deteriorated so badly from corrosion that they became unsafe. He offered to fabricate new steps and reinforce the supports. I couldn't be happier with the results of the repair, which will definitely extend the life of the truck. He didn't want any compensation for his efforts, but I definitely want to get him back up in the air soon. Thank you, Kim aka "Toaster." We appreciate your generosity. You're a valuable part of our airport family!

We couldn't have asked for better weather for our 2nd annual fish fry, and it showed—about 30 people attended this year's event, which was held on Saturday, September 13th. We welcomed three planes from Alpena, as well as aircraft from Clare and Bad Axe. It was a perfect evening for a sunset flight back home. Although, the Clare pilot likely had the sun's glare in his windscreen the whole way back. Special thanks to Bill Deckett for catching and frying the fish, and to everyone who joined us for a great evening of food, fun, and aviation related conversations. This tradition will likely continue as long as Bill keeps fishing! Thanks again, Bill.

"Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory."

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