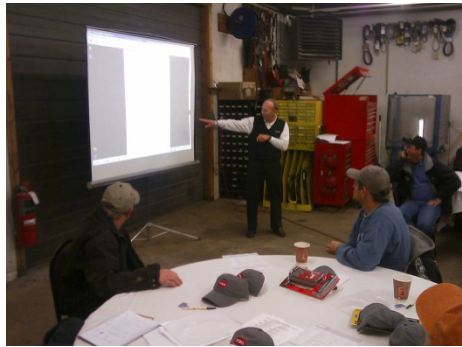




The second annual MiGCSA FREE Equipment Technician Education Seminar was held on Tuesday the 20th at Crystal Mountain Resort and Spa in Thompsonville. There were 32 in attendance for the 4 hour meeting, including Equipment Technicians, Company Representatives, Educators, and Students from the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Career-Tech Center. We also welcomed 9 new MiGCSA Equipment Technician members.



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The day started with Tom Tarr from the Career Tech Center on the value of [OPEESA](#) & the [EETC](#) certification. He was followed by John Garlitz of Spartan Distributors (Toro) who went over in detail the techniques of hydraulic schematic readings. Gene Klinkman from Midwest Golf and Turf (Jacobson) discussed the techniques of hydraulic schematic reading. And Jeremy Warner from Weingartz (John Deere) finished the education with a hands on demonstration of 2 and 4 stroke leak down testing.

Every speaker provoked lively discussions among the attendees and opinions on what has worked for them at their facilities, and the information exchanged among the Technicians was very valuable. Lunch was provided thanks to Midwest Golf and Turf, and some attendees enjoyed a round of golf for only \$15 after the meeting. Thank you to all who attended coming from all corners of the state, a special thank you to Dave Ertl of Traverse City Golf and Country Club for putting this great program together and supporting the MiGCSA and continuing the education of Equipment Technicians.



Jeremy Warner from Weingartz

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