Topic: Aim:

Weather

1. Temperature / Dewpoint

Temperatures must be in degrees Fahrenheit.

(<u>never</u> show units on the station mode – not even the degrees symbol)

2. Determining Humidity

BEST WAY:

Compare air temperature to dew point. (If close together, humidity is high)

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Observe cloud cover. (full = overcast)

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Observe present weather. (precipitation)

Weather
Station Models
(Synoptic Weather Maps)

Use symbols to represent the present weather of a location.

Special Note: no units are used on station models

3. Wind Direction and Speed

The staff shows the direction wind comes from.

Feathers (flags) indicate speed. Remember to indent half-feather if speed is less than 10 knots.

half-feather does not start on end of staff

4.

Barometric Trend

RISING

"+ number" or "/"

FALLING

"- number" or "\"

STEADY

no change indicated

5. Converting 3-digit Pressure Readings to Millibar Readings

To get the 3 digit number to put in the upper right corner of a station model, just take the last 3 digits of the millibar reading.

- 1. IF < 500 PUT A 10 IN FRONT AND A DECIMAL BETWEEN LAST TWO DIGITS. Example: **196** = **1019.6 mb**
- 2. IF ≥ 500 PUT A 9 IN FRONT AND A DECIMAL BETWEEN LAST TWO DIGITS. Example: **752 = 975.2 mb**

When putting the millibars reading onto the station model:

JUST USE LAST 3 DIGITS OF MILLIBAR READING.

Example: 1011.2mb

