

Central Oklahoma Chapter of the AMS/NWA (COCAMS/NWA)

Meeting Minutes

Jeremy Grams, Secretary

Thursday, 4:30 PM, January 31, 2008

National Weather Center (NWC) in Norman, OK

Welcome/Recap

President Patrick Burke opened the meeting with a summary of recent chapter activities. These included: an October tour of NSSL Phased Array and Dual Polarization Radars from Doug Forsyth, Jack Hales presentation on two historic floods in Kansas City at the November meeting, and the Storms of 2007 DVD public premier at the NWC in December. Around 75 people attended the premier, majority were the general public.

Storms of 2007 DVD Project

Mark Sessing, vice-president, reported that around 400 DVDs have been sold. With around \$7700 in sales and \$3600 in expenses, \$4100 in profit has been generated. 75% of the profit will be provided to charity (e.g., American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity), with 25% assigned to the chapter treasury.

AMS Annual Meeting

Kit Wagner, treasurer, attended the meeting and chapter breakfast in New Orleans, LA. Reporting via phone to Patrick, he mentioned the breakfast was well-attended, especially from the student chapters. He also noticed that the winner chapter posters were printed on larger paper than ours. Patrick thanked the poster committee, including chapter member Heather Moser who was present, for their work in creating the poster..

National Severe Weather Workshop

The workshop will be held on March 6th-8th in Norman. Kit will once again provide support for the chapter by handling registration monies. Greg Carbin, chapter member and chair of the workshop planning committee, mentioned that the agenda had been recently finalized. Meteorological application and scenario presentations will be the focus for the first two days of the workshop, held at the National Center for Employee Development. The final day will feature special invited presenters and storm observation training at the NWC. Registration online is available at <http://www.norman.noaa.gov/NSWW2008/workshop.html>

Upcoming Science Fairs

- Oklahoma Mesonet and Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Science Fair on February 16th, from Noon to 4 pm in the NWC.
- Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair on February 28th in Ada.

Patrick indicated he would like a few chapter members to participate as judges for both fairs. Members are urged to contact an officer if interested.

Future Events

The next meeting will likely be held in late February/early March with a tour of the Moore Emergency Operations Center. Patrick will continue to be in contact with Gayland Kitch to firm

up a date for the tour. The next joint activity with OUSCAMS will be a game night in March or April. Some ideas include going out for dinner, followed by going bowling or playing pool. The chapter BBQ will again be planned for May.

Spring Contest

Patrick presented his idea of a guessing contest for predicting the date, time, and county of the first confirmed tornado in Oklahoma during 2008. The contest will be open to all dues-paying members of the chapter and OUSCAMS with prizes to be awarded. Jeremy was tasked with distributing an email with rules and information. A link to contest information was posted on the chapter web site.

Speaker

Greg Carbin, warning coordination meteorologist at the NWS Storm Prediction presented “Meteorological Memories of 2007”, detailing 10 of the nation’s high-impact weather events in 2007. Greg chronicled: Central/Southern Plains ice storms and heavy rains, a Nor’easter, tornado outbreaks from the Southeast to the High Plains, the Greensburg KS EF-5 tornado, and droughts/wildfires in the Southeast and West. His talk provided meteorological information about each event interspersed with photographs and videos detailing each phenomenon.