

Monthly Meeting
February 27, 2009 11:00am

The meeting began with guest speaker Mike Coyne, Meteorologist in Charge from the Huntsville National Weather Service. He spoke on his career path and gave applicable advice for having success in this industry.

Jessica Busse gave an update on the UAH Graduate Student Association (GSA). There was an excellent turnout at a recent UAH hockey game where GSA reserved special seating for alumni and graduate students. Two of the four officers of the club are from the Atmospheric Science Department, so future developments will prove to be beneficial.

Finances:

Our bank account is at the highest it has ever been. The chapter is looking into buying a tornado machine to take on outreach events such as school talks, radio programming, college fairs, etc. A motion was made by Chris Jewett and seconded by Sandy LaCorte to approve the purchase of a tornado machine for \$200 with the stipulation that an education outreach spending package be created.

Social:

Several social activities will be taking place in the upcoming weeks. Next Saturday, the chapter will go ice skating as a group for a discounted price. The AA Milwaukee baseball farm team, the Huntsville Stars will begin their season in late March, and the chapter plans to attend some of their home games for a group discounted price. Also, bowling and putt-putt activities are currently being planned. An "End of the Semester" party will be planned sometime late April.

Educational Outreach:

The Severe Weather Poster Contest theme for 2009 is "Don't get caught in a bind. Be ready in '09!" The winners from the contest will have their artwork displayed at the Panoply Arts Festival during the last weekend of April. The UAH Science Olympiad was very successful again this year. Thank you to those who helped. Weather radio programming for the WAFF Road Tours will continue until mid-March. The 8th Annual Southeast Severe Storms Symposium will be held from March 27th-28th. The Alabama Science and Engineering Fair will be held Friday, April 3rd; our chapter will judge and present an atmospheric and related science award.

Christina Crowe presented on the progress educational outreach committee. Crosswords, word searches, and color sheets are currently being developed in conjunction with the Huntsville National Weather Service outreach activities.

These activities will benefit both the chapter and the Huntsville NWS. The outreach committee will be putting together an educational outreach spending package of what items are needed for school talks and outreach events. A few suggestions have been balloons with weather symbols, Frisbees, and information bags. The committee will present this package to the chapter no later than the March meeting.

Chapter Apparel:

Designs and ideas for chapter apparel were discussed. The selected T-shirt, polo, and window cling designs are below. Orders for these will be placed no later than March 6th.

These minutes and past meeting minutes are always available at <http://www.nsstc.uah.edu/uahams>.

Our next meeting will be Friday, March 27th at 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker Jonathan Case. We will start the nomination process for the 2009-2010 cabinet at this meeting as well with elections held on Friday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Winning T-shirt Designs

Front – upper left



Back



Solving the World's
Meteorological Problems
One Natural Disaster
At a Time

Polo design – upper left of shirt

