

DC-AMS Newsletter

Washington, DC Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

November - December 2009 Issue

Holiday Party:

Date: Tue, Dec 15, 2009

Location: Vapiano, 623-625
H St. NW, Washington, DC

Price: \$25, payable under
meetings on www.dc-ams.org

Those wishing to attend, must
RSVP by Friday, Dec 4th to:
dc.ams.chapter@gmail.com

Rescheduled Meeting:

Date: Wed, Jan 6, 2010

Location: DC FD - Engine 3,
439 New Jersey Avenue NW,
Washington, DC

Price: Free, with non-
perishable item.

Agenda:

6:00pm—Social/Sandwiches
7pm—Opening Remarks
7:10pm—Presentation by Dr.
James Augustine
8:30pm—Wrapup Meeting

Those wishing to attend, must
RSVP by Sunday, January 3rd
to: dc.ams.chapter@gmail.com

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Chair's Corner

By Andrea Bleistein

Can you believe that the holidays are already upon us? I know for sure that I can't! But believe it or not, most of us will be sitting down with family and friends for many good meals and quality time over the next month discussing the past year and looking forward to the coming one. I am hopeful that many of you can make it to our 1st DC-AMS Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, December 15th at Vapiano. Our intent is to network, socialize, and just have a great time...this is an informal fun event! We are requesting that you RSVP by December 4th so we can provide a head count for a reserved space, with a small cost of only \$25! This flat rate will cover just about anything on the menu, including your beverage of choice and all unused dollars will go to the DC-AMS Scholarship Fund.

As many of you know, we had to cancel our Nov 10th joint meeting with the DC EMS since our featured speaker came down with the flu. I am happy to announce that we have rescheduled this meeting for Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Check out the meeting flyer in this newsletter for details. For those of you who did not get our late cancellation notice and did show up to Engine 3, I sincerely apologize, but please know that the food you did bring was donated to the shelter that Engine 3 supports on a regular basis.

I am also sad to report that Frank Padula, our DC-AMS Outreach Officer, has resigned from his position. We are scrambling to find a replacement for this very important part of our chapter and I anxiously request that if any one of you are interested in taking the reins we would be supremely grateful along with the students in our DC-metro area who are given the opportunity in the late Spring to show their talents at our Banquet. Please contact me, Andrea, directly if you would to discuss the duties and expectations for this position: 631-838-4394.

I hope all of you have been able to enjoy the great fall weather over the last few weekends. I was able to go along for a Nov 15th motorcycle ride along Skyline drive with temps in the 60s...there's nothing like it.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and I am looking forward to seeing you at Vapianos on December 15th!!



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December 2009 Meeting / Holiday Party

The DC Chapter of the AMS will be meeting at Vapiano in the Chinatown section of Washington, DC on December 15th for a holiday party / networking event.

Unlike other monthly meetings, there will be no featured presenter. This is strictly an event to celebrate the holidays and network with fellow DC-AMS members.

Vapiano is located in the Chinatown section of Washington, DC

Cost for the event is \$25 per person and is payable via PayPal on the DC-AMS site under the "Meetings" section. A direct link can be found here: <http://www.dc-ams.org/index.php?p=meetings>. The \$25 buys you a "chip card" to use towards purchase of food and drinks.

Please RSVP to dc.ams.chapter@gmail.com by Friday, December 4th, 2009.

Vapiano Address:

623-625 H Street N.W,
Washington, DC

Vapiano is accessible by METRO at the Chinatown-Gallery Place station on the Red Line. On street parking is limited, so it is suggested you take METRO.



November 2009 Meeting Rescheduled

This is a reschedule of our November 2009 meeting in which we were going to meet with Dr. James Augustine, Assistant Fire Chief and Medical Director, Washington DC Fire EMS. Due to Dr. Augustine getting ill, we had to reschedule the meeting. As with before, Dr. Augustine will discuss how weather impacts DC Fire and EMS department decision making.

Admission: Free, but we ask you bring any non-perishable food that the DC-AMS Chapter and in partnership with the DC- Fire EMS can donate to the Capital Area Food Bank.

Food: Free, sandwiches and refreshments for all who RSVP.

Please RSVP to dc.ams.chapter@gmail.com by Sunday, January 3rd, 2010.

DC Fire Department—Engine 3 Address:

439 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Engine 3 is accessible by METRO at the Union Station or Judiciary Square stations on the Red Line. On street parking is limited, so it is suggested you take METRO.





The DC-AMS Officers would like to wish all of the chapter members and their families a very safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Upcoming DC-AMS Chapter Food Drive

The DC-AMS food drive that was to be held at the cancelled November 2009 meeting will be held at the January 6th, 2010 meeting.

We ask all members to bring at least one non-perishable item to the January meeting to donate to the Capital Area Food Bank on behalf of the DC-AMS and DC Fire and EMS squad at Engine 3.

By this point the holidays will be behind us and the Capital Area Food Bank will be working hard to replenish its shelves. Anything amount that you can donate will be gladly accepted.



Feeding the Community

DC-AMS Treasurer’s Report—October 2009

10/01/09 Beginning Balance: \$8144.28

— Amounts Already included in Beginning Balance —

- Business CD: \$4115.27
- Petty Cash \$100.00

Income

New Memberships (mail/cash/checks): \$0.00
 New Memberships (PayPal): \$0.00
 Total Income: + \$0.00

Expenses

Check #475 to Andrea Bleistein (Sandwiches for Oct Meeting) \$195.57
 Check #476 to Brent MacAloney (Food/Drink for Oct Meeting) \$30.94
 Check #477 to Brent MacAloney (Sandwiches for Oct Meeting) \$14.67
 September 2009 Maintenance Fee \$12.00
 Monthly Bank Services for cancelled checks—October 2009 \$5.00
 PayPal Fee (already deducted in above deposit) \$0.00
 Varying percentages for \$5 (9%), \$15 (5%), \$25 (4%), \$35 (3.75%) —
 Total Expenses: \$258.18

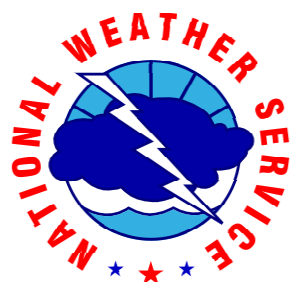
Ending Balance (10/31/09) \$7886.10



DC-AMS’s ending balance as of 10/31/09 is \$7,886.10

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October 2009 DC-AMS Meeting Notes



The DC-AMS's October 2009 meeting was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at the NOAA Silver Spring Campus in Maryland.

The theme of the meeting was Conversation with Dr. Jack Hayes – NWS Director in which sandwiches were served from Pot-belly Sandwiches for all new and existing members. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a recap of weather events from 2009, ongoing and new initiatives of the National Weather Service as well as with NOAA and internationally, and to hear about the future direction as the National Weather Service.

Andrea Bleistein, Chair of the DC-AMS, provided welcoming remarks to the approximately 50 attendees, chapter announcements and introduced Dr. Hayes. Some of the announcements included upcoming November and December chapter events as well as updates to the DC-AMS Outreach webpage and a reminder about the AMS Annual Meeting to be held on January of 2010.

Jack Hayes presentation covered the following details:

2009 Recap:

Tornadoes

~1,000 so far (last year: 1,700) and
Avg. lead time: 12 min.

Atlantic Hurricanes

8 named storms (last year: 16) and
2 hurricanes (last year: 8)

Flooding

Major flooding along Red River
and elsewhere

Avg. lead time for flash floods: 73
min.

Happening Now:

El Niño - Expected to strengthen
with impacts across U.S.

Winter Outlook

Space Weather Services

Mitigates threats to: National security, Communication, economy

Fire Weather Services

85 NWS Incident Meteorologists
support fire suppression nationwide

Tsunami Warning Services

International Activities

Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP)

Global Observing System (GOS)

Bilateral relations

Climate Services Development:

A NOAA-wide priority

Climate observations and monitoring

Climate research and modeling; Mitigation; Adaptation

NWS Strategic Planning - Expanded and More Robust:

Decision support services

NOAA climate services

Water services

Sector-specific services

Earth System prediction capabilities

Dr. Hayes' entire presentation can be found on our website on our Meetings page (<http://www.dc-ams.org/index.php?p=meetings>)

October 2009 DC-AMS Meeting Photos



All photos taken by Sean Potter at the October 2009 DC-AMS meeting with NWS Director, Dr. Jack Hayes. The meeting took place on October 28th, 2009 at the National Weather Service Headquarters on the NOAA Campus in Silver Spring, Maryland.



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Want to contribute to a future DC-AMS Newsletter?

The DC-AMS officers are looking for chapter members content contributions for future DC-AMS Newsletters. Content can be in the form of articles, interesting personal weather stories, photographs, or maybe even some data analysis that you may be conducting. If you have something you feel is worth of including in a future newsletter, we encourage you to send it to the DC-AMS Corresponding Secretary, Brent MacAloney, at Brent.MacAloney@noaa.gov. We look forward to anything you may have to contribute.

A look ahead to future DC-AMS events

We have a couple other upcoming events that we'd like to let you know about:

DC-AMS Career Night—We are also working with the University of Maryland and Howard University Student AMS Chapters to organize a joint DC-AMS Career Night in late January. If any of you are interested in giving a talk, providing job opening opportunities or just looking to network with some of the bright graduate students in the local DC area, I hope you will consider participating. Please contact us at dc.ams.chapter@gmail.com if you would like to assist us in any way to make it a great night for the students!

Local Science Fairs—Science Fairs will soon begin early next year. We will have a formal email and newsletter message with all of the dates and locations in the coming months, so stay tuned and as always we are grateful to the many of you who volunteer in this capacity to reach out to students.

Be sure to continue to visit the DC-AMS Website!

Now in DC: Partly Cloudy 71.0°F | [Forecast](#) | [Obs](#) | [Next Meeting: TBD](#) | [Location: TBD](#) | [Map](#) | [Announcement](#)

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Welcome to the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (DC-AMS) website!

Latest Chapter News

[Jul 21] Bios and pictures of the new slate of chapter officers are available on the [Officers page](#).

[Jun 25] The April-June Chapter Newsletter has been posted on the [Newsletter page](#).

[Jun 15] Pictures from the 2009 Banquet have been posted on the [Outreach page](#).

[Jun 5] We concluded our 2008-2009 DC-AMS Chapter with a very successful Banquet and we thank all of you who attended, participated in judging science fair projects, and networked with our student participants. Pictures and a full write-up of the event will be posted and distributed in our final newsletter in the coming weeks.

[May 22] The 2009 DC-AMS Banquet is only days away! Find out all the details in the [DC-AMS Banquet Announcement](#).

[May 3] Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 18th. More details on the [Meetings page](#).

[Apr 27] Join us for a Happy Hour on Thursday, May 7th and meet the new DC-AMS Officers! Details on the [Meetings page](#).

About DC-AMS

The DC-AMS is a non-profit organization that promotes the development and dissemination of knowledge of the atmosphere, oceanic and hydrologic sciences and the advancement of their professional applications. The Chapter is an autonomous local chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). Membership is open to anyone who is interested in these sciences.

Activities include:

- Monthly events and/or meetings featuring themes in networking, outreach and education as it relates to the atmospheric, oceanic, and/or hydrologic sciences.
- Middle school and high school science fair judging. Winners selected from these events are invited to a banquet recognizing their accomplishments and encouraging these students to continue on an educational path leading to a career in the sciences.
- A generous scholarship program, in which the DC-AMS and its corporate sponsors reward local college-bound students.
- Joint activities with the local college/university AMS Student Chapters.

If you are employed or interested in the sciences and you want to play an active role in educating the Washington DC community about the atmospheric,

As always we want to encourage you to continue to visit the DC-AMS on the World Wide Web at www.dc-ams.org. On the recently updated website you will find everything you need to know regarding upcoming meetings, club membership, local DC area weather information and much more!

Also, if you are on Facebook and want to link up with the DC-AMS Facebook Group, here is the address: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=110370134529>