

DC-AMS Newsletter

Washington, DC Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

October 2009 Issue

Next Meeting:

Date: Wed, Oct 28, 2009

Location:

NOAA/NWS, Building
SSMC2, Room 2358
(2nd floor conf room)

Address:

1325 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Agenda:

6:30pm—Social/Snacks

7pm—Opening Remarks

7:10pm— Presentation by
Dr. Jack Hayes

8:30pm—Wrapup Meeting

Those wishing to attend,
must RSVP by Friday,
October 23rd to:

dc.ams.chapter@gmail.com

Chair's Corner

By Andrea Bleistein



I don't know about all of you but fall is my favorite season of the year. The air becomes a little crisper, football starts again and the DC-AMS Chapter year gets into full swing. If you missed our kick-off meeting on September 16th, you surely missed a good time. Not only did Jack Williams give a great overview of "The AMS Weather Book: The Ultimate Guide to America's Weather," many of you generously contributed to the DC-AMS Scholarship Fund with your purchase of raffle tickets. I am excited to announce that we raised over \$240.00 with your contributions!! The officers and I were all very happy to hear all of your ideas about future DC-AMS activities and we hope to do as many as feasible.

We've modified our tentative schedule a bit and have some set dates for upcoming meetings in this issue, including a happy hour/food drive event and Dr. Jack Hayes to speak to the DC-AMS Chapter. Looking forward to seeing you soon and keeping with our networking – outreach – education theme! ✨

Upcoming DC-AMS Chapter Food Drive

The DC-AMS Chapter is always looking to do more in the community. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons just around the corner, food pantries around the DC Metro area are looking for to stock their shelves for what should be a very busy year.

With that in mind, the DC-AMS chapter will be holding a non-perishable food drive to benefit a local area food pantry at the November meeting. Between now and then, we ask that you start to set aside whatever you can spare to help your neighbors in the community. Also, spread the word to your friends and family that we are collecting. We would love to make this a very happy holiday season for those who may need some assistance this holiday season.



**Feeding the
Community**

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October 2009 Meeting



The NOAA/NWS building is located at the corner of East-West Highway and Colesville Road in Silver Spring, MD

We are pleased to announce the October 2009 DC-AMS meeting will be held in the second floor conference room at NOAA/NWS Headquarters on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6:30pm. Our featured guest at this event is Dr. John L. "Jack" Hayes, Director of the National Weather Service.

Jack Hayes is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Assistant Administrator for Weather Services and National Weather Service (NWS) Director. In this role, Dr. Hayes is responsible for an integrated weather services program, supporting the delivery of a variety of weather, water, and climate services to government, industry, and the general public, including the preparation and delivery of weather warnings and predictions, and the exchange of data products and forecasts with international organizations.



DC-AMS will provide sandwiches from Potbelly Sandwiches at this meeting once again. Sandwiches are free for dues paying DC-AMS member and \$5 for non-members and guests. Since NOAA/NWS headquarters is a Federal building and since we need a headcount on who is eating sandwiches, **only those who RSVP will be allowed into the meeting and will be given a sandwich.**

Please RSVP to dc.ams.chapter@gmail.com by Friday, October 23rd.

NOAA/NWS Headquarters Address:

1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

NOAA/NWS Headquarters (SSMC2) is accessible via the Silver Spring stop on the METRO Red Line. Parking is available under SSMC3 for free after 7pm. SSMC3 is located at 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

October 2009 Networking Happy Hour



The DC-AMS will be holding a "Networking Happy Hour" at McCormick and Schmick's in Washington, DC on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00pm. M&S's is famous for its extremely cheap happy hour prices.

McCormick and Schmick's is located at:
600 13th Street NW , Washington, DC 20005
and is just a block West of the Metro Center METRO stop.

Come strike up a great conversation with your fellow DC-AMS chapter members while winding down from a long day at work.



Upcoming SKYWARN™ Spotter Training Opportunities

SKYWARN™ is a national network of volunteer severe weather spotters. The spotters are trained by local National Weather Service Forecast Offices on how to spot severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, hail and flooding. In some parts of the country, spotters also report snowfall and ice accumulation.

In conjunction with various civic groups around the District of Columbia Metro area, the NWS forecast office in Sterling, Virginia run these SKYWARN™ training opportunities. Here's a list of opportunities coming up in the DC Metro area over the next few months:



Class Name	Date/Time	Location	Contact
Basics I	Oct. 20 7:00 PM	Fire Training Academy 1108 Jefferson Street Alexandria, VA 22314	Kim Purcell 703-706-3940x231 kim.purcell@alexandriava.gov
Basics I	Oct. 21 7:00 PM	Loudoun County Fire Rescue Training Center 16600 Courage Court Leesburg, VA 20175	Robert Hiltner robert.hiltner@loudoun.gov 703-737-8706
Winter Storms	Nov. 7 11:00 AM	University of Maryland 1202 Martin Hall (Engineering) College Park, MD 20742	Lisa Wojdan lwojdan@atmos.umd.edu Register at: http://www.atmos.umd.edu/~gcm/wiki/skywarn.html
Basics I	Nov. 9 6:00 PM	Charles Co. Gov. Bldg Commissioners Meeting 200 Baltimore Street La Plata, MD 20646	Jen Adams (301) 609-3430 adamsjen@charlescounty.org or Michelle Lilly (301) 609-3429 lillym@charlescounty.org
Winter Storms	Nov. 10 6:00 PM	Allegany County Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security 11400 PPG Road Cumberland, MD	Tim Thomas 301-876-9155 Tim.Thomas@allconet.org

For more information on these SKYWARN™ or to verify dates and times, please visit the NWS Sterling Forecast Office website located at: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/skywarn/skywarn.htm>

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DC-AMS Treasurer's Report—September 2009



DC-AMS's ending balance as of 9/01/09 is \$8,144.28

9/01/09 Beginning Balance:	\$6532.14
— Amounts Already included in Beginning Balance —	
• Business CD:	\$4115.27
• Petty Cash	\$100.00
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Income	
SAIC Scholarship Donation (2008-2009):	\$500.00
Raffle at September Meeting:	\$241.50
New Memberships (mail/cash):	\$555.00
New Memberships (PayPal):	\$439.89
Total Income:	+ \$1,736.39
Expenses	
Check #474 to Brent MacAloney (Sandwiches for Sept Meeting)	\$119.25
Monthly Bank Services for cancelled checks—September 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:	\$124.25
Ending Balance (9/29/09)	\$8,144.28

AMS National Officers Voting Coming Soon!



Voting for AMS national officers is online-only, with voting open at the AMS web site www.ametsoc.org/ams on Friday, October 16 and closes on December 17. Paper ballots can be sent in the mail to members who request one in writing, but that's rarely done, it seems.

The September issue of the Bulletin of the AMS (BAMS) provides no information on how or when to vote. That information will appear at the web site as the polls open. But in the September BAMS, members can read the bios and statements of all the candidates, or they can be read online at http://www.ametsoc.org/elections/2009_candidates.pdf.

DC-AMS Chapter members will see that one of our own, Jon Malay of Lockheed Martin, is one of the two candidates for President-elect. All our members should exercise their responsibility to help choose the

leadership of the Society and are encouraged read the statements of the candidates and be sure to vote.

Note: You'll need your member number to vote online. You can find that number above your name on the plastic bag your issue of the BAMS comes in.

September 2009 DC-AMS Meeting Notes

The DC-AMS’s September 2009 meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) building in downtown Washington, DC.

The theme of the September meeting was a “Members Night” in which sandwiches were served from Potbelly Sandwiches for all new and existing members. The purpose of the meeting was to get to know fellow members, as well as provide feedback to the officers regarding which way the DC-AMS chapter should go during the 2009-10 year.

As an added bonus, we were fortunate to have widely acclaimed weather author, Jack Williams, on hand to discuss his latest release, “The AMS Weather Book: The Ultimate Guide to America’s Weather.”

After the one hour social / dinner hour, chapter Chair, Andrea Bleistein, welcomed the 30+ attendees to the meeting. She allowed all of the 2009-10 chapter officers to introduce themselves. After which she turned the floor over to Jack Williams.

The main theme of Jack’s presentation was on how he used his latest book to “communicate weather.” He spent a great deal of time showing exceptional weather graphics from his book and sharing stories about how his book evolved. Some of the topics Jack discussed were the sun, ocean, satellites, hurricanes, clouds, daily forecasts, and much more,

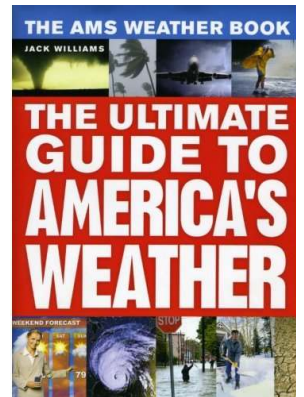
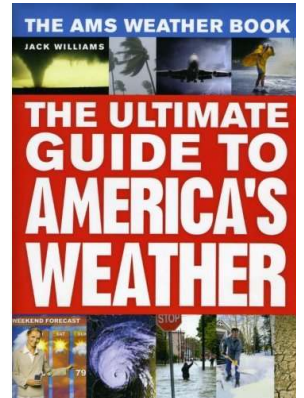
After Jack’s presentation the first of several raffles took place. Jack was kind enough to donate a copy of his “The

AMS Weather Book” to the DC-AMS chapter to raffle off. Other items that were raffled off were an Apollo 13 book, autographed by Commander James A. Lovell, Jr., 2 tickets to a Washington Nationals game, a 40th anniversary Apollo 11 pin, and a gift certificate to Mamma Lucia’s for dinner for two. In total, the DC-AMS was able to raise a whopping \$241 for the scholarship fund.

After the raffles, the floor was opened up to the members to share with the officers what they would like the chapter to do during the 2009-10 chapter year. Although all of the suggestions were excellent, here are a few that were mentioned:

- A sit-down dinner meeting
- Participation in a Habitat for Humanity project
- Visit to the DCA weather observation office or Naval Observatory
- Meeting at NSF Café Scientifiques, Cleveland Abby house , or Arts Club of Washington
- Meeting on national security implications of climate change
- Tour of DC weather events
- Field trip (skiing or snow tubing, etc)
- Hold a DC-WeatherFest
- Have a Marine Technology Society joint meeting
- Have a picnic at Great Falls
- Hold a SKYWARN™ Spotter Training (partnership with UMD)
- Work with Girl Scouts STEM program

The meeting ended around 9pm with members being able to purchase books from Jack Williams and he was more than happy to autograph them.



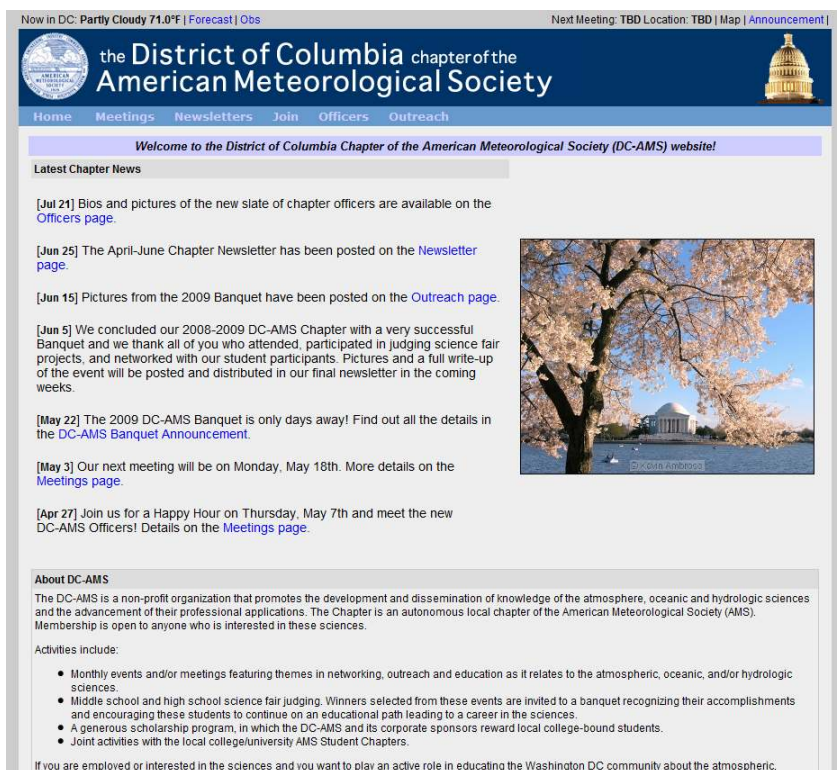
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Want to contribute to a future DC-AMS Newsletter?

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.

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



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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!

Don't forget to become our friend on Facebook!

From the DC-AMS chapter Facebook page you can:

- view invitations to the monthly meetings and other club outings,
- interact with Chapter officers and other DC-AMS members,
- post to the discussion board, and
- share interesting weather photos and links.

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>

