



Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

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NEOCAMS Tours WKYC-TV Channel 3 Studios in Downtown Cleveland



A.J. Colby of Channel 3 WKYC-TV provided a great tour.

Saturday, August 12, 2006. The Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (NEOCAMS) had the opportunity to visit and tour the WKYC-TV Channel 3 Studios in downtown Cleveland. The studios are relatively new and digital, state of the art.

We were given a guided tour by A.J. Colby, channel 3 staff meteorologist. He showed us their control rooms, main news studio, additional studios, and the weather set. He demonstrated how he builds the graphics used during the weather broadcast. Their graphics software is provided by a private vendor, which also provides short term mesoscale model graphics twice a day. Sometimes the model may not be representative of local conditions (such as with lake effect). A.J. and the other forecasters on staff must make the decision as to whether to use the mesoscale model graphics or go with another model.

A.J. then invited us to stay during the live noon news broadcast. Half of us went into the control room and half stayed in the studio and then we switched places half way through the broadcast.

Afterwards, A.J. answered questions. The group went to lunch after the tour at the Horn Blowers Restaurant in on the Cleveland water front.

NEOCAMS would like to thank the entire staff of WKYC-TV Channel 3 in Cleveland for their generosity. We would especially like to thank A.J. Colby for his terrific tour. It was very informative and interesting.



Touring the weather set at the TV studio.

No other chapter business was conducted at the summer meeting.

Fall Meeting...

The fall meeting will be held on October 21st at 11 AM in room 302 McGilvrey Hall at Kent State University. Andy VanLoocke, an Ohio State student of atmospheric science, will present his research on upwind conditioning of the boundary layer and how it affects lake effect snow. Click here for the entire fall meeting announcement: <http://www.ametsoc.org/chapters/neohcams/neohcams.html>.