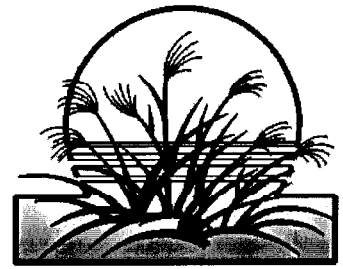




**NEWSLETTER
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The October meeting of the Twin Cities Chapter of the AMS will be at 8 pm Thursday, October 11 at WFTC-TV (FOX 29) in Minneapolis. Directions to WFTC can be found on page 2. AMS members, interested acquaintances and potential members are invited to attend.



Featured speaker: Karl Spring, who will give us a tour of the WFTC-TV news facilities and weather center.

Karl Spring is the Chief Meteorologist at FOX 29 TV. He is a native of Hopkins, Minnesota, and currently lives in Minnetonka with his wife and four kids. Karl has degrees from Augsburg College, Dunwoody Industrial Institute, and Mississippi State University. He is a member of the AMS and NWA. He has the NWA seal and is in the process of applying for the AMS seal. In his 16 years in local TV news, Karl has worked in Austin and Duluth MN, Sioux Falls SD, Toledo OH, Harrisburg PA, Washington D.C., Davenport IA, and Rock Island, Peoria and Rockford IL. He is a lifelong Minnesota sports fan, and has coached youth baseball and hockey for 25 years. Join us as Karl hosts a tour of the FOX 29 news facilities, including the weather center. Those who are interested may stay and watch the 9pm newscast in the studio. If baseball playoffs delay the newscast, there may be a news cut-in instead of a full newscast sometime around 9pm.



Chapter notes- by Ron Trenda

The first Twin Cities AMS chapter meeting of the 2001-2002 season will take place at 8pm on Thursday October 11. The meeting starts an hour later than usual so that we can accommodate meteorologist Karl Spring's busy schedule. Join us as Karl hosts a visit to the newest TV weather center and newsroom in the Twin Cities. Bring along any questions that you have concerning TV weathercasting. Our November meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday November 15 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. The featured speaker will be documentary film producer Doug Hajicek, who will show portions of his recent project titled "Deadly Beauty", which covers many aspects of snow, from avalanches to the unseen creatures that live in the snow. More details on the meeting and the exact location on campus will be included in our November newsletter. You can submit your annual dues to Secretary-treasurer Mary Howard at the October meeting. You can also mail your annual dues to Mary at the address on page 3. Dues remain at \$10 for members and \$5 for student members. Be sure to fill out the member registration form on page 3 and submit your forecast contest entries by October 31. The two contest winners will each receive a \$15 gift certificate and some degree of fame.

Member of the month

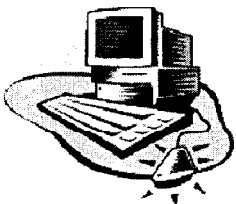
Bruce Watson is our featured chapter member this month. Bruce has been a lifelong weather person. Growing up on one of the upper terraces in the seven terraced city of Eau Claire, he had a great vantage point to watch storms and observe weather phenomena such as fog rolling off the large, deep lake 150 yards north of his boyhood home. Bruce had a home weather station even as a pre-teen and became a member of the Amateur Weathermen of America in the late 1940s. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1954. (continued on page 2)

Volunteering for military service upon graduation, Bruce served as a forecaster and research meteorologist with the Scientific and Professional Personnel program in the United States Army. Upon honorable discharge, he worked in the defense industry in meteorological field data gathering and research activities with the Army, RCA, Honeywell, Geophysics Corporation of America, General Electric Company and the Navy through 1969. Since 1969, he has served full time as a consulting meteorologist specializing in the weather and climate of the Upper Midwest. Long-time chapter members will recall that Bruce served twice as President of our Twin Cities AMS Chapter, in 1968 and 1989.

The October meeting will be at 8pm on Thursday, October 11 at WFTC-TV (FOX 29) in northeast Minneapolis.

Directions: WFTC-TV is located in northeast Minneapolis, just east of 35W and about a mile north of the Mississippi River. Coming from the south, east or west, go to **35W** and travel **north over the Mississippi River**, then take the **Hennepin Avenue E. exit**. Continue past the first stop light (Hennepin Avenue) and go an additional half mile to **the second stop light**, which is **Broadway Avenue**. Take a **right at Broadway** and go a very short distance before turning **left on Ulysses Street**, which runs between a gas station and WFTC-TV. Continue into the WFTC parking lot and ring the doorbell by the employee entrance on the west (Ulysses street) side of the building. Tell them that you are with the Twin Cities AMS, and are there to see Karl Spring. If you are driving in from the north, take **35W** to the **Stinson Blvd. exit**, which runs into **Broadway Street NE**. Then just look for WFTC-TV at **1701 Broadway Street NE**.

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Thanks again to Kurt Scholz and Doug Dokken of The University of St. Thomas for maintaining the web page for our Twin Cities AMS chapter. Chapter information and links to climatological and meteorological information can be found there. The address for the Twin Cities Chapter of the AMS is:
http://Byte.stthomas.edu/www/math_http/weather/tcametsoc.html

Please fill out this form and mail it in with your annual Chapter dues, whether or not you are entering the forecast contest. This information is used for Chapter purposes only, and only your name will be listed on the Chapter web site.

Name _____ Daytime phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

E-mail address _____ If you prefer to be notified via e-mail when the newsletter is posted on our website, rather than having us mail you a paper copy of the newsletter, check here _____

Suggestion for an AMS meeting topic _____

Forecast contest entry: (1) TOTAL DECEMBER 2001 SNOWFALL (INCHES AND TENTHS)

AT THE CHANHASSEN NWS OFFICE _____

(2) HIGH TEMPERATURE (F) ON JANUARY 1, 2002 _____

Tiebreaker question: NUMBER OF DAYS WITH HIGHS OF 25 DEGREES F OR HIGHER DURING JANUARY, 2002 _____.

All temperature readings will be from MSP. Entries must be submitted by October 31, 2001.

Dues are \$10 per year for regular membership, \$5 per year for student membership.

Make checks payable to Twin Cities AMS, and mail to: Mary Howard
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