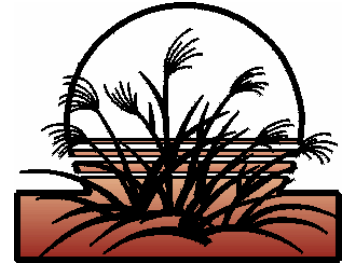




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Our meeting for Thursday, December 11th will be at the combined studios of UPN 29 and Fox 9 in Eden Prairie, MN. The starting time for our meeting will be at 6:45 pm for this one time only. Please make sure that you arrive between 6:30 (but not earlier!) and 6:45. Due to security at the facility, anyone wishing to attend this meeting will have to email Karl Spring no later than December 10th at kspring@mnfox.com. This is necessary so your name appears on a list that security will let into the building. Visits to TV stations are usually well attended, so if you anticipate bringing any guests to the meeting be sure to send their names to Karl also.



Featured Hosts at UPN 29 and Fox 9: Karl Spring and Janie Peterson

Janie Peterson and Karl Spring will give us a guided tour of both the channel 9 and the channel 29 studios. We will view the newsrooms and get to see the differences between the channel 9 and 29 weather computers. Janie and Karl will discuss the interesting aspects of working for channels 9, 29 and FOX Sports Net. The tour will start promptly at 6:45 and end some time before 8:00. We will need to be out of the building by 8:00 because of the evening broadcast.



Karl Spring is Chief Meteorologist at UPN 29 News at 10. He is a member of the AMS and NWA, and has seals from both. Karl is a graduate of Hopkins Eisenhower High School (class of '78), Augsburg College, Dunwoody Institute, and the Broadcast Meteorology program at Mississippi State University. Since beginning his local TV news career in December of 1985, at KAAL-TV, in Austin, MN, Karl has worked at stations in Duluth, Sioux Falls, Toledo, Harrisburg, Rock Island, Washington, Davenport, Peoria and Rockford; and finally, back home to Minneapolis in March of 2001.

Janie Peterson grew up in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. She graduated from St. Cloud State University in 1990 and then continued her education in meteorology at Mississippi State University. She's a member of the American Meteorological Society and an AMS Seal holder. She has worked as a meteorologist in various parts of the country: Rapid City, Topeka, Phoenix, Pittsburgh (first female chief meteorologist), and the Twin Cities (KSTP). She returned to work full time as KMSP's weeknight meteorologist earlier this year.



Comments from our Chapter President Dean Braatz

Membership for the 2003-2004 season is down from years past. If you know of someone who has been a member in the past please encourage these folks to rejoin our local chapter. Dues remain at \$12 for members and \$6 for student members. Remember that the Newsletter from now on only goes to those who are members. Checks for current dues can be turned in at one of the monthly meetings to one of the officers. The officers for 2003-2004 thank everyone for their continued support

to the Twin Cities AMS Chapter.

The third monthly meeting for this season at the NWS was very interesting and informative. Jin Husaby's presentation on the new flood routing scheme being implemented on the Wapsipinicon River in Iowa shows how these new forecasting techniques are improving public service. This river basin now has nine forecast points increasing from two before the model was put on line. Our thanks to Jim for a great discussion and also we wish him well in the new position as a staff hydrologist with the NWS's North Central River Forecast Center.

Our meeting for Thursday, December 11th will be at the combined studios of UPN 29 and Fox 9 at 11358 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie, MN. Meteorologists Karl Spring and Janie Peterson will be our hosts. The starting time for our meeting will be changed to 6:45 pm for this one time only. Due to security at the facility, anyone wishing to attend this meeting will have to email Karl Spring no later than December 10th at kspring@mnfox.com . This is necessary so your name appears on a list that security will let into the building. Visits to TV stations are usually well attended, so if you anticipate bringing any guests to the meeting be sure to send their names to Karl also.

Upcoming meetings that are scheduled for the 2003-2004 season include:

January 15– To Be Announced

February 19– Dale Branch, NWS ATCC

March 20– Craig Edwards and Seth Binau, NWSFC

April 15– Doug Dokken, St Thomas University

May 20– Eve Iverson, Cargill

Let's continue do all we can to keep our chapter strong. Thanks to our members for attending the monthly meetings. It's a fun time to mingle with other weather nuts. Always keep on the lookout for others who might be interested in our chapter. Ask peers and friends to join you when you attend the meetings. Please e-mail me or call me for any information or to pass on suggestions for meeting topics. My e-mail is: dtbraatz1@msn.com and my telephone is 952-925-9186.

The officers for 2003-2004 are:

President – Dean Braatz

Vice President – Doug Dokken

Sec-Treasurer –Seth Binau

Newsletter – Kurt Scholz

Editor's notes



Please be sure to note the change in time, 6:45, and the pre-registration requirements for this meeting. Karl will meet us at the door and point us to the breakroom, where we can wait until everyone is here. We will then assemble in the channel 29 studio, which is adjacent to the channel 9 studio. Karl hinted that door prizes may be awarded, and possibly weather trivia quiz. Be sure to contact Karl kspring@mnfox.com at least a day in advance of the meeting if you wish to attend.

During the 2004 AMS Conference in Seattle, the Local Chapter Affairs Committee (LCAC) will be hosting a Chapter Kiosk located near the AMS Resource Center. Various resources will be available to our Chapter members and perspective new members. The Kiosk will be open for Weather Fest and throughout the conference. As always we are encouraged to submit a conference poster and abstract, but this year we're also invited to provide material promoting our chapter at the Chapter Kiosk, which can include brochures, flyers, business cards, etc. If our chapter is interested in displaying material at the Kiosk, we can submit a copy to Sherri Del Soldato sdelsol@sbcglobal.net or Kelly Garvey kgarvey@ametsoc.org by **December 31, 2003**.

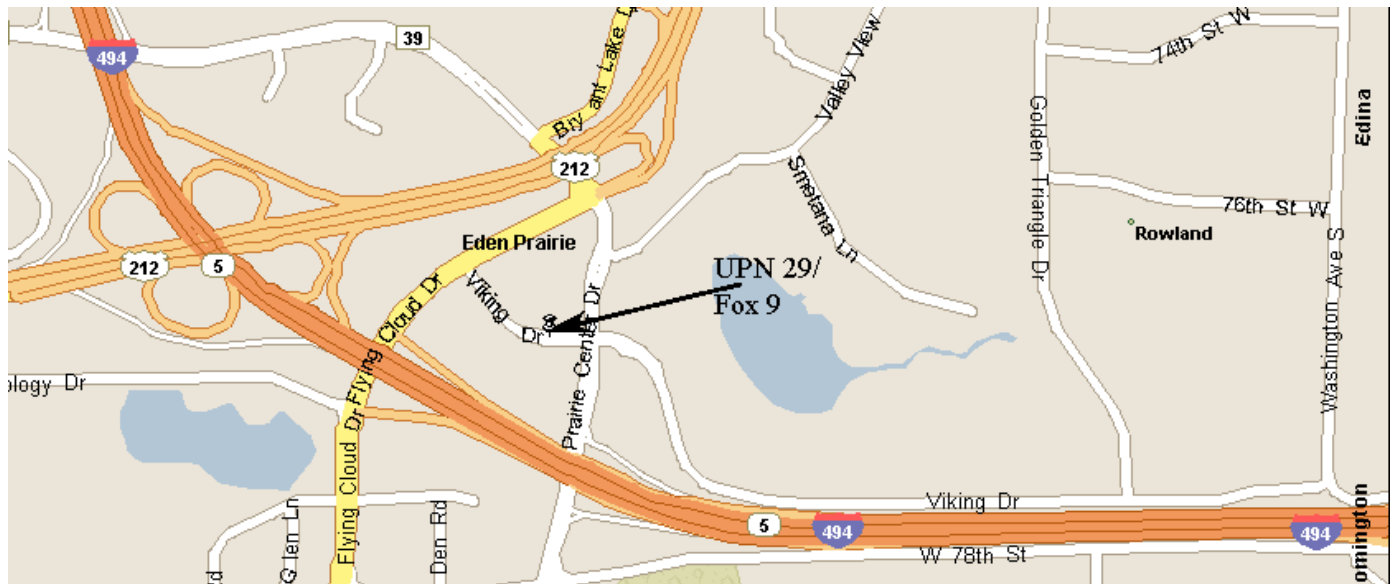


AMS on the WWW

The address for the Twin Cities Chapter of the AMS is:

http://byte.stthomas.edu/www/math_http/weather/tcametsoc.html. Please send any comments, suggestions, changes of address, misspellings, etc. to Kurt Scholz, k9scholz@stthomas.edu.

Reminder: The December meeting will be held promptly at 6:45 pm, on Thursday, December 11 at the combined studios of UPN 29 and Fox 9 at 11358 Viking Drive, Eden Prairie



Directions: From the northwest: Take **Highway 494** south to the **Valley View Road** exit. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left and continue through several stop lights (the road eventually becomes Prairie Center Drive) until you reach **Viking Drive**. Turn right onto Viking Drive and go a short distance before turning right into the KMSP/WFTC parking lot. Enter the building under the "Twin Cities Broadcast Center" sign.

From the east: Travel to **35W**, then go south to **Highway 62 (Crosstown) West**. Continue west on 62 to **Highway 212 West**. Take the **Prairie Center Drive** exit off of 212, and turn left when you reach Prairie Center Drive. Continue to Viking Drive, then turn right, and go a short distance before turning right into the KMSP/WFTC parking lot. Enter the building under the "Twin Cities Broadcast Center" sign.

From the south: Travel to **494 west**. Take **Exit 11A** to **Prairie Center Drive**. Turn right and continue to **Viking Drive**, then turn left, and go a short distance before turning right into the KMSP/WFTC parking lot. Enter the building under the "Twin Cities Broadcast Center" sign.

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