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Minutes from 12 January 2006 Meeting

AMS Wright Memorial Chapter meeting of 12 January 2006

Meeting of Chapter with Dr. Karen Kowalewsky, President.

12 January at Amber Rose – Dayton, Ohio

2006 Annual AMS Meeting – Atlanta, GA

Our local chapter is planning on having a poster at the Annual AMS Meeting in Atlanta, GA. The poster will include summaries of the chapter history and activities. A draft copy of the poster was presented. Member provided suggestions for the poster.

The 2006 Annual AMS meeting is scheduled for 29 January – 2 February 2006. You can register online through 2 February, although the early registration rates no longer apply. Check out the AMS website for more information: <http://www.ametsoc.org/meet/annual>

TechFest 2006

TechFest 2006 is scheduled for 18-19 February 2006 at Sinclair Community College. We would like to have an AMS booth at this year's event. We have already requested a TV with a VCR, access to the internet and plugs to power everything.

We are looking for volunteers to help gather information for the booth, create displays and to staff the booth during TechFest. Now is your opportunity to suggest experiments or hands-on demonstrations to get the kids and adults involved. Also, if you have old copies of WeatherWise or BAMS, we can pass these out at the booth. Pass any suggestions to the AMS TechFest Coordinator, Mary Bedrick (mary.bedrick@wpafb.af.mil).

National Weather Service E-Spotter

With members covering a large portion of southwest Ohio, President Kowalewsky suggested participation in the National Weather Service eSpotter Program.

eSpotter is a system to facilitate the submission of spotter reports online. The system is being developed to enhance and increase timely & accurate online spotter reporting and communications between spotters and their local weather forecast offices. The use of the system is currently available for trained spotters and emergency managers. eSpotter enabled offices are listed at the bottom of this page.

For more details and the link to the online training check-out the eSpotter home page: <http://espotter.weather.gov/>

Club financials

*If you have any suggestions for the chapter or this newsletter, please forward them to the Secretary, Mary Bedrick
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The club treasury has \$423 as reported by the club treasurer, Ms. Schauer.

Members present at the meeting voted unanimously to buy 6 AMS mugs to provide to future speakers as a thank-you gift. They are priced at \$5 per mug.

Future meetings

The next meeting will be held at Giovanni's on Dayton Yellow-Spring Rd at 11:30am. Plans for TechFest 2006 will be finalized at this meeting.

The March 2006 meeting will most likely be held in the Wilmington, OH area. We are anticipating having a longtime county weather observer, Mrs. Marie Knott give a talk. The meeting is scheduled for 9 March 2005 at 6 pm. The location has not yet been selected.

Attendees

Karen Kowalewsky, President
Paul Gehred, Vice President
Allison Schauer, Treasurer and family
Mary Bedrick, Secretary
Eric Sondergelt
Gary Descombes
Roland Tadd
Jeff & Songyon Martin
John, Dorothy and family Turnbull

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January

29 January – 2 February 2006 – Annual AMS Meeting, Atlanta GA

February

29 January – 2 February 2006 – Annual AMS Meeting, Atlanta GA
16 February 2006 – 11:30 am – AMS Meeting (location: Giovanni's on Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd)
18-19 February 2006 – TechFest 2006, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH

March

9 March 2006 – 6 pm – AMS meeting – 2006-07 Officer Nominations (location TBA)

April

13 April 2006 – 11:30 am – AMS meeting (location TBA)

May

11 May 2006 – 6 pm – Last AMS meeting of 2005-06 year (location TBA)

Forecast Contest

January Contest

With the next meeting 16 February, Groundhog Day will have come and gone. Your task, if you chose to accept it is to predict the following conditions in Punxsutawney PA at 730AM, the time the ground hog comes out of its hole.*

Since Punxsutawney does not have an observation, we will use Pittsburgh PA to verify. If there is no observation taken between 7AM and 8AM, I will average out the 7AM and 8AM observations to get the final answer.

Predict the following:

- Temperature
- Wind speed in knots
- Sky cover
- Precipitation
- Fog

See our website for more details (<http://www.ametsoc.org/chapters/wrightmem>) and the official form. Send your forecasts to John Turnbull via mail (799 Spinning Rd. Dayton OH 45431) or via email to john.turnbull@wpafb.af.mil by **20 January 2006**.

Year to date results

	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Mary Bedrick	80	100	180
John Turnbull	100	28	128
Karen Kowalewsky	20	76	96
Paul Gehred	40	52	92
Jeff Martin	0	88	88
Greg Marx	0	64	64
Jim Lane	60	0	60
Kirk Lehneis	0	40	40
Dorothy Turnbull	0	14	14

Picture of the Month



Photograph by Karen Kowalewsky. Blizzard of 1993 - Farmington, NY, March 1993.

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