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Minutes from 16 February 2006 Meeting

AMS Wright Memorial Chapter meeting of 16 February 2006

Meeting of Chapter with Dr. Karen Kowalewsky, President.

16 February at Villa di Giovanni – Fairborn, Ohio

2006 Annual AMS Meeting – Atlanta, GA

Our local chapter had a poster at the Annual AMS. See the 2006 Annual AMS Meeting summary for more details.

TechFest 2006

TechFest 2006 is scheduled for 18-19 February 2006 at Sinclair community college. Schedules, demonstrations and support plans were finalized.

National Weather Service Spotter Training

The National Weather Service spotter training schedule is available on the web at <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/iln/training.htm>

For counties in our region

Ohio County	Location	Date	Time	Contact Name and Phone #
Greene	County Media Room, 541 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia	2/22/06	6:30 PM	EMA (937) 562-5994
Clinton	Wilmington City Building Community Room	3/2/06	6:30 PM	EMA, (937) 382-6673
Montgomery	Miami Valley Hospital, Berry Women's Pavilion, Wyoming St., Dayton	3/11/06	9 AM – noon	http://www.Dayton-SKYWARN.org

*If you have an idea for an article or the Notes section of the newsletter, please submit it to Mary Bedrick, Secretary for inclusion in the next newsletter.
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The "Advanced Severe Weather Spotter Seminar - 2006" will be presented by Dayton SKYWARN and NWS Wilmington, OH on Saturday, March 11 2006. The seminar will be held at the Miami Valley Hospital Campus, Berry Woman's Pavilion between 1:30 and 4:00 pm. The schedule includes a severe weather history of the Ohio Valley, discussion of flooding and an advanced spotter talk. Prior attendance at a Spotter Training class would be helpful.

Ohio State Severe Weather Symposium

Ohio State's meteorology club will present the 10th Annual Severe

Weather Symposium on Friday April 7, 2006 from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. The symposium will be held at the Fawcett Center at the Ohio State University. There is no cost for the symposium and it is open to the public.

More information about the Ohio State Severe Weather Symposium can be obtained at: <http://geog-www.sbs.ohio-state.edu/metclub/>

Northeast Ohio AMS Chapter Meeting

Jim Kosarik, Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Meteorological Society President invited members of our chapter to attend their February meeting at Kent State University. Peter Manousos, Science and Operations Officer, NCEP will be speaking on NOAA/NWS NCEP Model Status and Plans. The meeting will be held Saturday, February 25 at 11:00 am at McGilvrey Hall, Room 302, Kent State University.

Directions to McGilvrey Hall: Downtown Kent and campus are near the intersection of Route 43 and Route 59. McGilvrey Hall is at the corner of South Lincoln and East Summit Street. From the south (and from I-76), take Route 43 four miles north into town and turn right onto East Summit Street by the CVS and Advance Auto Parts stores. From the north and Route 59, head south on Route 43 (called South Water Street in Kent) and make the first left at the light onto East Summit Street. On East Summit Street, turn left at the first light and park in the lot on your right. The parking lot is at the rear of the DuBoise Bookstore and is usually free on the weekend. McGilvrey Hall is across the street from the bookstore. On line directions: <http://imagine.kent.edu/directions/kent/travel.asp>.

Mr. Kosarik also said, if we like, we could be added to their e-mail distribution list. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kosarik (James.Kosarik@noaa.gov).

Club financials

The club membership in attendance voted to pay for the Chapter Poster.

Future meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm 9 March. Mrs. Knott has agreed to give a talk on her years as an observer. Please keep an eye out for e-mails with meeting location.

Attendees

Karen Kowalewsky, President
Allison Schauer, Treasurer
Mary Bedrick, Secretary
John & Dorothy Turnbull
Cliff Dungey
Bill Anderson
Kirk Lehneis
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Ed Blish

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March

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

*If you have any suggestions for the chapter or this newsletter, please forward them to the Secretary, Mary Bedrick
(mary.bedrick@wpafb.af.mil)*

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)

2006 Annual AMS Meeting – Summary

The AMS's 86th Annual Meeting was held January 29 – February 3, 2006 at the World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA. More than 2000 atmospheric scientists gathered to discuss a broad range of weather and climate-related issues including space weather, drought, flash floods, 2005 weather highlights, climate change, aviation weather, drought flash floods, 2005 weather highlights, heat and health issues, and much more.

Ms. Allison Schauer, Treasurer, and Ms. Mary Bedrick, Secretary, represented the Wright-Memorial Chapter at the Annual meeting. They displayed a Chapter poster and recent newsletters among other local chapter displays.



Former Wright Memorial Chapter President, Dr. Pete Roehr, catches up on latest Wright Memorial news at 2006 Annual AMS meeting.

Ms. Schauer and Ms. Bedrick also attended the Chapter Breakfast, hosted by the National American Meteorological Society. It gave various chapters an opportunity to discover the activities and programs supported by other chapters.

TechFest 2006

TechFest 2006 hosted dozens of science and engineering exhibits 18 and 19 February 2006 at Sinclair Community College. The Wright Memorial AMS Chapter hosted a booth again this year providing information about meteorology and atmospheric sciences to grade school and high school students, teacher and their parents. This year's display included a static electricity experiment, radiosondes, handouts on various aspects of atmospheric sciences, and of course a tornado video.

Wright Memorial Chapter President, Karen Kowalewsky and Vice President, Paul Gehred, explain how a radiosonde works to a group of interested onlookers at TechFest 2006.



Many thanks to the AMS volunteers that made this year's display the best ever. Thanks go out to Robin DeLaVega, Allison Schauer, Paul Gehred, Karen Kowalewsky, Mary Bedrick, Joe Reich, and John Turnbull. Special thanks to John who manned the exhibit solo on Sunday afternoon and then took down the display.

Forecast Contest

February Contest

The ole' weather proverb states that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. Your task this month is to predict how loud the lion roars.

Predict the following for Wright-Patterson AFB for March 1st:

- 1) High Temperature
- 2) Low Temperature
- 3) Max wind speed for the day in knots
- 4) Total water equivalent for the day (in hundredths of an inch)
- 5) Total Snowfall (in tenths of an inch)

As a bonus, predict the total number of severe weather reports as reported by the Severe storms forecast center in Kansas City.

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 **23 February 2006**.

January results

	PTS
Lane	100
G.DecCombes	90
Gehred	80
Bedrick	70
Marx	60
Martin	50
N.Scurman	40
Schauer	30
J.Turnbull	20
D.Turnbull	10

Year to date results

	OCT	NOV	JAN	TOTAL
Mary Bedrick	80	100	70	250
Paul Gehred	40	52	80	172
Jim Lane	60	0	100	160
John Turnbull	100	28	20	148
Jeff Martin	0	88	50	138
Greg Marx	0	64	60	124
Karen Kowalewsky	20	76	0	96
Gary DesCombes	0	0	90	90
Kirk Lehneis	0	40	0	40
Nick Scurman	0	0	40	40
Allison Schauer	0	0	30	30
Dorothy Turnbull	0	14	10	24

Picture of the Month



Photograph by Mary Bedrick. Sundog over Beaver creek, OH. Afternoon of 9 February 2006.

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www.ametsoc.org/chapters/wrightmem/index.html