Metro Atlanta AMS Meeting – 11/9/2006
GA Tech

Business:
- AMS/NWA
  - Chip sent the letter off as well as the e-mail – no response yet
  - Hopefully we’ll have a joint chapter by the beginning of the year
  - Will need to vote on bylaws next meeting
  - Need quorum (50% of paid members) to vote
- Next meeting
  - No meeting in December
  - Next meeting – 2nd Thursday in January
  - Will meet at ATL control tower
  - Can take up to 10 people into the tower at a time
    - 60-80 planes land/take off every 30 minutes
    - Will be able to see delays
  - Have gotten initial thumbs-up for tour
- Award presentation:
  - Chip presented Dr. Curry with the 2005-2006 Best Presentation award, for the presentation she and Dr. Webster gave on their hurricane research.
- Treasurer’s report: $2,202.48

Presentation: Dr. Judith Curry, Chair, EAS (since 2002)
- GA Tech programs:
  - GA Tech one of top 10 public universities – one of top 5 engineering schools
    - Approximately 18000 students, almost 6000 graduate students
    - All new construction meets LEED criteria for green buildings
  - EAS research
    - Significant amount of research focused on third world countries and partnerships, air quality research
    - Dr. Curry designed a program that correlates with GA Tech’s mission
      - Three main areas of focus:
        - Climate variability and global change
        - Environmental quality
        - Natural hazards
      - These three overlap and are related in the different fields of research and study in the EAS department
    - 71 undergrad majors
    - No plan to add synoptic professors – EAS plan is not to duplicate programs already in place at other institutions, but rather to prepare GA Tech students for emerging fields and careers
    - Half of undergrad students go to grad school (half of those go to EAS-type research)
- Latest on Dr. Curry’s research on hurricanes and climate change
- Contact Dr. Curry for information on this topic