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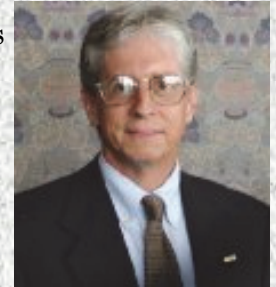
This newsletter is intended to enhance communications between CCMs, the BCCM, and the AMS. It is published quarterly to provide information about the on-going activities of the CCM program. All CCMs are reminded that there is a location on the AMS website for a forum to facilitate communication and exchanges between CCMs. The CCM forum can be accessed via the CCM webpage at: <http://ametsoc.org/amscert/ccm/index.html>

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The Chair's Column

Depending on your early motivation to starting taking atmospheric courses in college, I can guess you did not know what an important societal role this field would play during your career. Who could have pictured the current advances in measuring and understanding atmospheric processes on a wide range of time scales, and then communicating the information to clients and the public for every one's safety and economic benefit? That's a long step from Charlie Brown lying on his back in a meadow seeing animal figures in the clouds.



Speaking of current public involvement, please see the AMS web site information on "polar vortex", citing the Glossary material and ending with an invitation to share "ongoing scientific research results in all areas of weather, water, and climate, as we have since 1919." And what better a place to further this involvement than by participating in the CCM Forum!

Your CCM Board is winding up a very busy year, processing 22 applicants. This would not have occurred without some diligent work by your Board, and the incredibly great support from Kelly Savoie at AMS Headquarters. If you do not see the Board members at the Annual Meeting, please understand we are occupied giving oral exams. The CCM Breakfast may be the best opportunity for in-person visits. We are pleased with the response to the query for incoming Board members. I also encourage you to communicate with the Board your availability for regional exams. Apart from exams near home base, some conferences could be excellent opportunities for the regional exams. If that process worked smoother, the oral exams at the Annual Meeting could be a more reasonable number than we have this year. One good example could be the dynamic duo pair of Applied Climatology and the Meteorological Observations and Instrumentation meetings this June in the Boulder area.

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PETER "PETE" LEAVITT

AMS Fellow & CCM

1931-2013

LEAVITT, Peter "Pete" of Newton Centre passed on Monday, October 21 at 82 years old following a long battle with cancer. Meteorologist, founder of WSI Corp., Patriots fan and pianist; possessed with endless intellectual curiosity. He was the husband of Miriam Mimi, father of Michael Leavitt, Karen Leavitt & her husband Jay Zager, and Lauren Leavitt, and grandfather of Sam Zager and Tad & Max Leavitt. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Peter R. Leavitt Family Fund for GI Oncology Research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston. Levine Chapels, Brookline 617-277-8300 www.levinechapel.com



Published in The Boston Globe on Oct. 23, 2013

Book Deal Announcement

Dr. Elizabeth Austin, CCM

Dr. Elizabeth Austin, world-renowned Atmospheric physicist, forensic meteorologist and founder of WeatherExtreme Ltd. (<http://www.weatherextreme.com>) has recently signed a book deal to publish Treading On Thin Air. The book is part memoir and includes taking a journey through the world of weather and climate and how intimately they so directly impact our daily lives.

She will be dealing with and exploring the controversial topic of climate change, what's happening with our stratosphere, explaining severe weather events, the profession of forensic meteorology and how the business of 'weather' has become a major economic factor in recent political history.



Dr. Elizabeth Austin's forthcoming book deal was negotiated by Literary Agent Dan Strone, CEO at Trident Media Group (<http://www.tridentmediagroup.com>) and will be published by Pegasus Books. Dr. Austin is very pleased to have the book published by such a distinguished publishing house. (<http://pegasusbooks.us>).



Volunteer Opportunities at the AMS Annual Meeting

There are several volunteer opportunities available during the AMS Annual Meeting. We particularly would love to have a few CCMs available at the CCM Table during the Student Conference and Career Fair reception on Saturday night from 5:30pm – 7:30pm, if anyone is available. In addition, there was an error in the volunteer times at the Resource Center in previous CCM newsletters. The Resource Center will be in the Exhibit Hall this year so please see below the revised schedule.

Please email Kelly Savoie (ksavoie@ametsoc.org) if you are interested in volunteering at the AMS Annual Meeting.

Student Conference and Career Fair:

CCM Table

Saturday (5:30pm - 7:30pm)

CCM Booth at the AMS Resource Center during high traffic times:

Monday (5:30–7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday (3:00–3:30 p.m.)

Wednesday (10:00–10:30 a.m. AND 5:30–6:30 p.m.)

PowerPoint Display at the CCM Booth

There will once again be a PowerPoint display at the CCM booth at the AMS Annual Meeting profiling the background and interests of active CCMs. **This is a final reminder that if you would like to include a slide for the display, please email it to Kelly Savoie (ksavoie@ametsoc.org) by January 17th.** A sample slide and PowerPoint template may be found at <http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/ccmppslides.html>. If you participated last year, your slide will once again be included. Please email Kelly a revised slide if there are changes. Otherwise, your previous slide will be included. You may view the current PowerPoint display at <http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/50th%20Anniversary%20CCM%20Show%20Web.ppt>.

CCM Breakfast

The CCM Breakfast at the Annual Meeting will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center in Room B401 on Wednesday, February 5th from 7-8:15am. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Kelly Savoie (ksavoie@ametsoc.org).



Seventh Annual CCM Forum

Program Chairs: Gerald J. Mulvey , Northrop Grumman Corporation ;
Mark Wenclawiak , All4 Inc.

Location: Room B403 (The Georgia World Congress Center),
unless otherwise specified below

For a full schedule & additional information, please visit
<https://ams.confex.com/ams/94Annual/webprogram/7CCM.html>

8:15 AM-9:00 AM: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Session 1 **Extreme Weather Consulting Opportunities: Before an event**

9:00 AM-10:00 AM: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Panel Discussion 1

10:30 AM-11:00 AM: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Session 2 **Extreme Weather Consulting Opportunities: During an event**

11:00 AM-12:00 PM: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Panel Discussion 2

1:30 PM-2:30 PM: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Lecture 2 **Horton Lecture**

Location: Room C209 (The Georgia World Congress Center)

4:00 PM-4:30 PM: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Session 3 **Extreme Weather Consulting Opportunities: After an event**

4:30 PM-5:00 PM: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Panel Discussion 3

5:00 PM-6:00 PM: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Lecture 3 **Walter Orr Roberts Lecture**

Location: Room C113 (The Georgia World Congress Center)

2014 AMS Meetings of Interest

31st Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology, 31 March–4 April 2014, San Diego, California

2014 AMS Washington Forum, 1-3 April 2014, Washington DC

Second Conference on Atmospheric Biogeosciences, 12 May –15 May 2014, Portland, OR

31st Conference on Agricultural and Forest Meteorology 12 May –15 May 2014, Portland, OR

21st Symposium on Boundary Layers and Turbulence 9-13 June 2014, Leeds, United Kingdom

21st Conference on Applied Climatology 9–13 June 2014, Westminster, CO

17th Symposium on Meteorological Observations and Instrumentation, 9–13 June 2014, Westminster, CO

42nd Conference on Broadcast Meteorology, 17–20 June 2014, Olympic Valley, CA

14th Conference on Cloud Physics, 7-11 July 2014, Westin Copley Place, Boston, MA

14th Conference on Atmospheric Radiation, 7-11 July 2014, Westin Copley Place, Boston, MA

Anthony Slingo Symposium 7-11 July 2014, Westin Copley Place, Boston, MA

27th Conference on Severe Local Storms, 3–7 November 2014, Madison, Wisconsin

Other Meetings of Interest in 2014

For details about AMS & other meetings of interest, see the AMS Bulletin or check the AMS website at: <http://www.ametsoc.org/MEET/meetinfo.html>

The AMS Summer

Community Meeting

The AMS Summer Community Meeting is a vibrant, important forum for the public, private, and academic communities to come together to address critical issues for the weather, water, and climate community. In the past two years we've addressed the state of the enterprise, renewable energy, social media, greenhouse gases, and transportation, to mention a few of the topics.

The Board on Enterprise Communication, which is charged with organizing the Summer Community Meetings, is looking for topic ideas for the August 2014 meeting, to be held in State College, PA, as well as AMS members, including student members, who are interested in helping plan the meeting. Please contact Betsy Weatherhead (betsy.weatherhead@noaa.gov), chair of the Board on Enterprise Communication and copy Gary Rasmussen (grasmussen@ametsoc.org) on the AMS staff, if you have topic suggestions or are interested in being a part of the planning team.

The Chair's Column

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One last item before the editor's owl snatches this scroll from my hand – the Professional Development system. I think last year was the cycle for the old guard's catch-up submittals; guess what I was doing on December 31. Two points: join me in a resolution to use the system more frequently, partly as a self-check on "am I doing enough to keep up with this crazy world?" And do not hesitate to contact the Board with suggestions for modifying how we earn points. If the process does not result in true growth and development, then it is not working as intended.

If we miss you in Atlanta in February, then come to thaw from the polar vortex with us in Phoenix during January 4-8, 2015.

Paul Fransioli, CCM 291, your 2013 Chair of the BCCM

Your input needed...

Fellow CCMs,

All CCMs are encouraged to submit items for this quarterly newsletter. We would like at least one article from a CCM about what they are doing for each issue. Have you recently been involved in an interesting case? Learned something new in the field or hit an unforeseen snag in your practice of meteorology? Let your fellow CCMs benefit from your experience - write a one-two page article for the CCM newsletter. Surely each of us has a piece of knowledge which is not proprietary and might contribute to the overall level of professionalism among CCMs. Please share by sending your MS Word format article to dick.westergard@shadetreemeteorology.com or Jennifer.M.Call@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Your newsletter editorial volunteers,
Jen Call and Dick Westergard