



Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

March 2011

Notes from the President –

One of the purposes of our Chapter is community outreach. In a traditional sense, this means for us to communicate with our friends and neighbors and help educate. Our Chapter will have two chances for our membership to do outreach work over the next two months.

First, our March meeting will be a joint meeting with the Texas A&M Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (TAMSCAMS). Three of our members will speak to the students about their work and experiences since they graduated from Texas A&M University. These three represent the professional diversity we have in our membership. By sharing what their path has been since leaving College Station, we hope the students will gain some insight to what may lie ahead for them.

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Joint Houston AMS and Texas A&M Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society Meeting

Tuesday, March 22nd

Dinner – 5:30pm

C&J BBQ

105 Southwest Parkway #100

College Station, TX 77840

Meeting – 7:00pm

Eller O&M Building--Texas A&M University Campus

1st floor lecture room

Speaker Information

Lance Wood, Science & Operations Officer,
National Weather Service, League City, TX

Roberto Gasparini, Ph.D., Senior Air Quality
Consultant
Source Environmental Sciences, Houston, TX

Rita Matos, Meteorologist
Wilkins Weather, a Rockwell Collins
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The other opportunity is that our Chapter is a Special Awarding Agency for the Science Engineering Fair of Houston. We will be judging projects on all three academic levels and providing a scholarship to the first place winner in the Senior Division. The other winners will receive a weather radio or an annual subscription to *Weatherwise* magazine.

In more ways than we realize, we impact the lives of the ones around both personally and professionally. By sharing our experiences and knowledge with others, we improve the world around us. And that improves us, both personally and as a Chapter.

Best regards,

Aaron Studwell

Feel free to contact any of the officers for comments, questions, suggestions or even additions to the newsletter. We would appreciate hearing from you.

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Interested in being a Certified Consulting Meteorologist...

Are you interested in acquiring the AMS's designation as a Certified Consulting Meteorologist? The certification is open not just to people in private consulting practice but to any professional meteorologist. The list of CCMs includes many working in fields such as academia, government, and industrial practice. There are currently ten meteorologists in the Houston area who have achieved the CCM title.

Receiving the CCM designation is a career capstone for professional meteorologists, indicating that they have been given the endorsement of their peers. For more information check on the AMS's CCM website at: <http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/index.html#ccm>.

If you are interested in learning more about the path to becoming a CCM contact local chapter member Jerry Hill, who currently serves on the AMS Board of Certified Consulting Meteorologists. You can reach him at 713-784-9250 or at jerryd_hill@sbcglobal.net.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Houston Chapter boasts of one of the most diverse memberships in the country. Due to our location, we have meteorologists and scientists working for many different types of industry, government, private and media. These people are involved in forecasting and monitoring weather world-wide, right from Houston.

In addition, we welcome everyone and anyone who is interested in weather and weather-related topics.

Our dues are only \$15 per year. Funds are used to pay for dinner and thank you gifts for our speakers, and provide awards for the winners of the Houston AMS Special Awards at the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston held each spring.

If you'd like to become a member, please fill out the form below with your most recent information, include \$10 cash or check and turn it into any officer. If you prefer, you can mail the form and money to our Treasurer. Please see the address below. Checks should be made out to: *Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society*

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