



Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

April 2015

Notes from the President –

Greetings! I am pleased to announce that we will have an April meeting - together with the University of Houston Student AMS Chapter. They have an outstanding speaker in Dr. Richard Orville coming to present at the University of Houston. I have known Dick for 25 years. He has attended several Houston AMS meetings, and is a member of our Chapter. Don't miss hearing from one of the world's lightning experts and the person responsible for the Houston area Lightning Mapping Array. Meeting details are below.

I want to congratulate our Vice President, Chris McKinney, as he was recently promoted to the Decision Support Services Program Manager at NWS Southern Region Headquarters. Good luck Chris! We will miss you.

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“Lightning through a Lens: Past, Present, and Future”

Speaker:

Dr. Richard Orville
Research Professor
Department of Atmospheric Sciences
Director, Cooperative Institute for Applied
Meteorological Studies (CIAMS)
Texas A&M University

Thursday, April 23rd

6 PM Meeting
Dinner nearby, after the meeting, for those interested

Meeting Location:

Room 634 - Science and Research Building 1
(SR1) - University of Houston

Park in the stadium garage, which has an entrance from Holman St., and is located at the corner of Cullen Blvd and Holman St. The cost for parking is \$3.

After parking, exit the garage, cross Cullen Blvd and continue straight (in between a banana shaped building and an all glass window building) until you reach SR1, which is a brown, brick building. The elevators inside will be to the right. After reaching the 6th floor, you will continue straight down the hallway to room 634 which will be on the right.

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Notes from the President continued...

I am still looking to pass the torch to a new President - and with Chris leaving - we are also looking for a new Vice President for our Chapter. Please let me know if you are interested in either position. Brian and Jennifer continue as Treasurer and Secretary, and I really appreciate their help and dedication.

Thanks, Lance

Maps & Directions

University of Houston
Room 634 - Science and Research Building 1 (SR1)



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www.amshouston.net

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.ametsoc.org

Speaker Information...

Education:

Princeton University: Physics A.B. 1958
University of Arizona: Meteorology M.S. 1963
University of Arizona: Meteorology Ph.D. 1966

Selected Experience:

2014-present: Research Professor, Department of Atmospheric Sciences
1993-present: Director, Cooperative Institute for Applied Meteorological Studies (CIAMS), Texas A&M University
2003-2014: Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and Department Head (2003-2007)
1991-2003: Research Scientist and Fellow, CIAMS, and Distinguished Lecturer, Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
1979: Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Meteorology and Space Science and Engineering Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
1976: Visiting Senior Scientist Advanced Study Program, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado.
1970-1971: Associate Program Director for Meteorology, National Science Foundation, Washington, DC.

Professional Societies:

American Meteorological Society (Fellow, 1979)
American Geophysical Union (Fellow, 2009)
American Association for the Advancement of Science
Royal Meteorological Society (Foreign Member)
National Weather Association
American Optical Society
Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers
International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics
Sigma Xi

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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 \$20 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 \$20 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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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Work or Home? (please circle one)

Email Address _____

Home phone number _____

Work _____

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This is for: ___ Dues/___ Address change.