

## Central Iowa NWA 1/19/06

Website: [www.iowa-nwa.com](http://www.iowa-nwa.com)

Member Attendance:

Meeting Location: NWS Office Johnston, IA

### Presentation

Karl Jungbluth, Rodger Vachalek presented information on the November 12, 2005 tornado outbreak. The presentation mainly showed damage survey images and information.

The tornado was rated F3.

They also gave tips on how to correctly survey damage and what to look for when surveying.

Karl talked a little about how the enhanced Fujita scale would rate some damage sites.

If you want a copy of the presentation, talk to Karl so he can make you a copy.

### Monthly Speaker Coordinator

Dave Flory and Rod Donovan will be in charge of coordinating speakers for our meetings.

Dave talked about bringing Les Lemon in to conduct a Doppler Radar Seminar which is discussed below.

### ISU Doppler Radar Seminar with Les Lemon

The plan is to have Les come to Iowa State to present a seminar on radar. There are pros and cons to this opportunity (listed below).

Les' seminars are a good experience, but cost is a slight issue. The cost may be around \$2000, but flexible. A partnership would have to be done since we couldn't take on the full cost.

We wanted to get a feel for what our members thought about this opportunity.

His seminars tend to be conducted at places where there are no meteorology departments so may not be useful to ISU's department. However, radar concepts are very well taught and displayed.

This will be looked into for a later time.

### Pam Daale Memorial Scholarship

Applications have been coming in to our mailbox. The deadline is the 15th of February.

We talked about inviting Dan Miller to speak again before the scholarship is presented. We decided that we can pay for his registration like we did last year.

### 2006 Conference

#### Agenda

Everyone the agenda team invited is planning on coming to present at our conference.

The only unsure presenter is from FEMA. They will be here but we are not sure if they will be presenting as well.

The Severe Weather Workshop is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, but Dr. Gallus was wondering if this would be a good idea or not. After discussion this, we decided that this will not be a problem.

Walt Lyons will be coming this year! He will be our special speaker on lightning. He will also be showing 30 minutes of his "cloud catcher" video.

A tentative agenda will be on the website very soon. The plan is to start the conference around 3:00 pm on Thursday with the "basic" Doppler Radar Workshop starting at 2:00 pm.

The van for the tornado tour is all set up. We can get another van if we need more. The cost for the tour is not as much as we originally thought. A lot of these decisions will be made as soon as we know how many people are interested.

#### Travel

Brenda has sent out travel forms to our invited speakers to find out their travel arrangements.

#### Registration/Polos

5 people have registered so far, but it's early. We expect registration to pick-up soon. Emails have been sent out to universities to get more interest.

We have decided to change the color of our polo shirts. The cost will be \$10 which can be paid to Elise. Please send your size to Elise ([elisevj@iastate.edu](mailto:elisevj@iastate.edu)) or Janet ([thatsme@iastate.edu](mailto:thatsme@iastate.edu)). The new color will be navy blue.

As Scott, Justin, Elise, Matt, and Janet go to the National AMS Conference, they will recruit attendees and vendors to attend our conference.

If you have any contacts that you think should come to our conference as vendors or attendees, please feel free to contact them.

#### Hotel/Promotions

Postcards have been sent out to many different organizations.

Prices have gone up for the menu at Marriott. We need to decide on what kind of dinner we will have if we don't do the Italian Buffet. Other choices are South of the Border, Deli, and others which are between \$17 and \$22 per person and extra charges are made as well. We decided to stick with the Italian Buffet.

Lanyards are in the process of being ordered.

Vendor recruitment is a must! We are up to three vendors and would like more. No one has offered to sponsor printing. The Chamber of Commerce is giving us bags filled with coupons and other information. Jordan Creek will also be giving a similar bag.

2007 conference hotel needs to be worked on. The Marriott is open and there is the possibility to move the conference elsewhere. We will shop around for different locations and discuss options at a later meeting. The dates for the conference will not change too much for the dates this year.

We can get CD's copied for \$1.50 and have to be turned in 48 hours ahead of time. This cost also includes the printing on the CD. \$0.15 will be added for a jewel case. Total cost will be around \$1.75 per CD.

#### Electronics

Prices have increased again, but Chris thinks we can save about \$300.

Chris suggested we buy some equipment like extension cables and possibly a wireless router.

We decided we will have one screen in the center.

#### Future Meetings

February meeting: ISU with tour of Tornado Simulator (with ISU AMS) before the meeting. The date will be February 16th 5:30. Maps will be sent out at a later date once the location of the actual meeting is decided. This date is tentative based on if the engineers can make it.

March meeting: shortly before conference

April meeting: Science Center of Iowa with tickets to Forces of Nature (IMAX movie) paid by the chapter. The cost may be \$5-\$10. More information will be sent out later.

#### Other Business

The Governor or Lieutenant Governor will be coming to kick off our conference.

If you are not getting emails, please email Elise and she will get you on our email list.