



Central Iowa NWA Meeting
December 6, 2012 – 6:30 pm
Pizza Ranch - Ankeny, IA



Featured Presentation on Iowa 2012 Climate Data

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1. 17th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Update

a. Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny, Iowa: April 4th – 6th, 2013

b. Please see Pre-meeting Conference Update for all of the teams' update

c. Latest Team Info

i. Agenda

1. Gallus sent final email to Dr. Veer from Joplin for his response or else will find a replacement
 - a. Maybe have someone who experienced the storm*
 - b. Like a one-year review of how things are working with recovery and how the town came to together*
2. Bob Ryan (derecho) turned down to present
3. Want final list of speakers by January 15th to post on the conference website

ii. Registration

1. Mindy has an old Motorola Droid she will donate to the club to use for registration.
 - a. Can use with just the hotel wifi without needing to set up a phone contract
2. Received a free PayPal device that would work though some android devices, but doesn't work with her Motorola Droid.
 - a. Would need an updated android phone or iPhone or iPad
3. Also received a free Intuit Go Payment device that would work with the old Droid.
 - a. A 2.75% fee per transaction
 - b. Money goes directly into our checking account
4. Can test out the phone and device on December 14th at the hotel and will be set aside for possibility of official chapter acceptance at the next meeting

2. Treasurer Update

a. Member Dues: \$10

- i. Give to Jim Lee
- ii. Cash or check (made out to Central Iowa NWA)
- iii. All existing members who have not paid yet need to at the January meeting
- iv. New members need to pay asap, will cover through January 2014

b. Current balance: \$23,123.95 (as of the meeting)

3. Other

- a. Dave has the website updated so please take a look!
- b. If there are any problems, please let Dave know.

4. Next Meeting: January 16, 2013 at 6:30pm 2020 Agronomy Hall

- a. Will have a short meeting with pizza provided by the chapter and trivia event to follow with ISU AMS Club
- b. Josh Alland will reserve the rooms

Attendance

Rod Donavon
Jeff Zogg
Jim Lee
Karl Jungbluth
Harry Hillikar
Brenda Brock
Corey Harguth
Ethan Milius
Josh Alland
Dave Flory
Bill Gallus
Lyndee Clark
Mindy Beerends



Central Iowa NWA
November 29th, 2012



Pre-Meeting Conference Update

1. 17th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference Summary
 - 2013: April 4th – 6th: Courtyard by Marriott - Ankeny
 - Conference Teams listed on last page
 - To join a team, email melinda.beerends@noaa.gov
2. Conference Team Update Highlights
 - Agenda
 - I Lou Wicker was chosen as the banquet speaker and accepted his invitation. The ISU Grad Meteor Club will also have him give a talk at ISU, and thus split the costs with us, saving the chapter 1/2 the cost of an invited speaker.
 - Troy Albert, principal of the Henryville, IN high school that was hit by the 3/2 tornado, was invited and accepted. From the phone conversation, he sounds like a good speaker and was very excited to be invited.
 - Invitations were also extended to Dr. Frank Veer from Freeman Hospital in Joplin and to Bob Ryan from WJLA-TV in Washington DC. Dr. Veer inquired about an honorarium, and after the chapter voted to approve \$250 for that, he was informed but has yet to respond to an email.
 - ..1. If Dr. Veer declines, Jeff Zogg mentioned 2 other Joplin speakers who spoke at the Iowa Homeland Security conference and were both good, and we would likely pursue having at least one of them come instead.
 - ..2. Likewise, the public affairs office at WJLA-TV has been contacted twice and said the message has been passed to Bob, but we are still waiting to hear back. If Bob declines our invitation, the team would have to decide whether or not to pursue a different 6/29 derecho event speaker, and would likely try to find a broadcaster to keep our invited speaker list diversified.
 - After discussions among team members, it is likely we will invite Dennis Cavanaugh from the DFW office to talk about the 4/3

tornadoes in Dallas. His SOO has already been notified about our interest, but did mention some concern about allowing Dennis to leave if severe weather threatens.

- If all of the above speakers come, that would equal 4.5 invited speakers, and might be sufficient. The team is also considering whether to bring in someone to talk about the 4/14 event, possibly an SPC forecaster to talk about the Day 2 High Risk issued for the event, and a Sandy speaker. Broadcaster Ginger Zee was mentioned as a possibility for the Sandy speaker, but there has been little discussion about these last 2 possibilities as of yet.
- Electronics
 - No Updates
- Pam Daale Scholarship
 - The scholarship application is nearly complete and will be posted before the meeting on Dec 6th. The prior Scholarship and Honors section was removed because the team decided it was irrelevant to the selection process.
 - The application will be available on the Central Iowa NWA and the National NWA websites
 - The team will be contacting numerous Universities soon to promote the scholarship
 - We will be updating the scholarship application scoring system soon
- Radar Workshop
 - Awakening software materials from Chris Karstens to see what needs to be updated.
 - Case has been selected, and preliminary data has been QC'ed.
 - Grabbing of environmental data will commence soon.
- Registration
 - Will likely be opening registration in early January after checking that all systems are go with the webmaster.
 - Once have final invited speaker list will email out the Conference Announcements (hopefully by early January to coincide with opening registration.
 - Paypal Mobile Card Reader may work on a Motorola Droid, have an email to officially check it out. Looks like any issues would be with the encryption. It is compatible with Intuit GoPayment device which is a competitor's card reader. The fees are 2.75% versus the 2.7% through Paypal, so virtually similar. The phone could access the hotel's free wi-fi to make the connection, thus it would not need cell service. I have

one that I no longer use, which I may be able to donate to the chapter for use during the conference at the registration table.

- Will need to possibly order badges and folders for the conference (most likely in February).
- Travel
 - Will be working on estimating travel costs as we begin to get confirmed speakers.
- Vendor
 - Phone list has been created. Calls will start going out soon to local businesses for ads as well.

2012 – 2013 Conference Committees

Registration Team

Mindy Beerends (Chair)
Josh Alland
Corey Harguth
Ethan Milius
Thomas LeBlanc
Lyndee Clark
Frank Boksa
Kristy Carter
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Electronics Team

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Kevin Snow

Travel Team

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Ken Podrazik
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Vendor Team

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