



Central Iowa NWA Meeting

April 25th, 2013

Moore Memorial Park - Ames, IA



AGENDA

1. 17th Annual Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference
 - A. Conference Stats Summary/Overview
 - B. Thank You to everyone for all your hard work and another successful conference!
 - C. Great to have Pam's Parents in attendance at the Scholarship Presentation and Banquet

2. Cabinet Email Addresses

3. NWR Programming Event – Saturday: 9am – Noon

4. Chapter of the Year Submission

5. Treasurer Update
 - A. Account Balance

6. Secretary Notes

7. Other Items
 - A. Disc Golf Outing, Next Meeting?

Agenda Team Notes – None

Registration Team Notes – Conference Feedback provided at the Meeting. Only other issue is the tote that the printer was being housed is cracking and putting stress on the printer. Therefore a new tote will need to be purchased.

Electronics Team Notes – N/A

Vendor Team Notes – None

Scholarship Team Notes – None

Radar Workshop Notes – Overall, the workshop went very well. There were no major problems and the few minor ones that came up were quickly solved. Thanks to Daryl, Dave, and everyone else who helped out to make it a success!

Here are some more specific notes about possible changes or improvements for next year:

- One of the biggest problems that cropped up was that people who attended the workshop last year and still had the old WarnGen program installed on their laptops didn't realize that they needed to uninstall the old program and install the newer version. Also, since the new version of WarnGen did not create a shortcut to launch the program, people were having a hard time figuring out what to do once it was installed. We should talk to Chris Karstens (or look into ourselves) about having the program installer create a shortcut on the Desktop or Start Menu, and we should be more explicit about telling people that they need to install the newest version of WarnGen.
- We noticed that many times, only one or two people in the group were issuing warnings while the rest of the group sat back and watched. We should have the groups rotate through so that everyone has a chance to use WarnGen.
- It might be a good idea to analyze the data with the groups in the beginning (10-15 min). Walk them through how to interrogate a storm and what features to look for. Issue a warning or two to demonstrate good polygonology. It was noted that most groups stuck to reflectivity and maybe SRM. Base velocity and the dual-pol products were seldom used.
- Related to the note above, maybe have break points in the workshop where we stop the data and ask the groups what they are looking at. Maybe this will help other groups that are struggling. We could invest in some clickers so groups can vote anonymously.
- We should look into getting more power strips and extension cords so we don't have to borrow (and worry about getting duct tape all over) the hotel's supplies.