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2011 Minnesota Storm Chasing Convention, 26 February 2011, Arbor Lakes in Maple Grove, Minnesota

The 2011 Minnesota Storm Chasing Convention will be held 26 February 2011 at The Holiday Inn—Arbor Lakes in Maple Grove, Minnesota.

The keynote speaker will be Tim Samaras (TWISTEX). Additional speakers include Ryan Wichman (with Adam Lucio and Jesse Risley); Jenna Blum (*New York Times* best-selling author with her new book, *The Storm Chasers*); Dean Baron (MidwestChaser.com); Michael Stanga (TheWxPage.com); and Justin Turcotte (Meridian Environmental Technology, Inc.)

Registration details are available at www.mnstormchasingconvention.com. (12/10)

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11th National Severe Weather Workshop, 3–5 March 2011, Norman, Oklahoma

Emergency managers, weather enthusiasts, teachers, students, meteorologists, broadcasters, and vendors in threat alerting, sheltering, and communications will gather, present, and discuss interrelated topics about weather hazards in early March 2011. Some of the subjects that will be highlighted during the 2011 National Severe Weather Workshop include impacts of hazardous weather events: response and recovery; the role of law enforcement in weather emergencies; progress in prediction technologies; siren policy; National Weather Service products, services, and outreach; weather radar technology updates and training; media relations; psychological impacts and issues of significant weather events;

and weather trade and technology expo.

Information, registration, and vendor details will be available at the National Severe Weather Workshop Web site: www.norman.noaa.gov/nsww/. (12/10)

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39th Broadcast Meteorology Conference, 22–24 June 2011, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The 39th Broadcast Meteorology Conference, sponsored by the American Meteorological Society, and organized by the AMS Board of Broadcast Meteorology, will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 22–24 June 2011. Preliminary programs, registration, hotel, and general information will be posted on the AMS Web site by 29 February 2011.

This conference will take advantage of the wide range of meteorological expertise that is focused in the Oklahoma City area. The presence of the largest meteorology department in the nation at the University of Oklahoma, the National Weather

Center, the Storm Prediction Center, National Severe Storms Laboratory, NOAA and the NWS, and the home of the Oklahoma Mesonet are among the local agencies that we plan to interact with. These resources will provide a special opportunity to have a large span of topics presented by leading scientists within the conference and within the short course that will be offered.

Broadcasters are encouraged to present at the conference on any aspect of meteorology and the climate system. Was there a significant weather event recently in your market? We encourage you to share your work with your peers, especially if it pertains to severe weather. Other useful presentations can be focused on effective use of words and graphics to communicate the forecast and science to the consumer, the forecasting process in the weather center, data gathering and analysis, dissemination of forecasts, nowcasts, and educational pieces over a variety of medias, and adding value to forecasts: Is there more than just getting the meteorology right? Examples of reportage in

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the role of station scientist on any of the variety of communications platforms is also highly encouraged. We will hold a joint session with the Conference on Weather Warnings and Communication as well. Presentations relating to the partnership between the National Weather Service, broadcast meteorologists, and the emergency management community, how the warning message is most effectively conveyed on available medias, and your experience as to how people respond to warnings are also welcome.

Papers from the research and operational communities are solicited in all facets of atmospheric science that would impact broadcast meteorology. These topics include operational forecasting of convective storms, their mode and their initiation, operational and research tools for storm detection, life cycle and modeling, overview of recent research projects and their results such as the VORTEX studies, flash flood and river flood forecasting and nowcasting, the climate system, climate change, urban meteorology and climatology, challenges presented in the forecasting of tropical and mid-latitude storms, beyond the forecast: impact of extreme weather on society and agriculture, new dual polarization and phased array radars as operational forecast tools and for NWP model initialization. This is a unique opportunity to present to professional communicators that have expertise in atmospheric science.

Deadline for abstracts is *24 January 2011*. Authors of accepted presentations will be notified by e-mail around 1 March 2011. All abstracts, extended abstracts, and presentations will be available on the AMS Web site at no cost to viewers.

In addition to the conference, a one-day short course and tour of the Storm Prediction Center is planned for Saturday, 25 June 2011 following the conference. Details will be posted

on the AMS Web site as soon as they become available.

For further program information, please contact one of the conference cochairs, Maureen McCann (e-mail: maureen.mccann@gmail.com; tel: 512-851-7002) or Richard “Heatwave” Berler (e-mail: heatwave@pro8news.com; tel: 956-523-3535). (12/10)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference on Weather Warnings and Communication, 23–24 June 2011, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Conference on Weather Warnings and Communication, sponsored by the AMS and organized by the AMS Board on Societal Impacts and Committee on Severe Local Storms, will be held 23–24 June 2011 at the Renaissance Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A preliminary program, registration, hotel, and general information will appear on the AMS Web site (www.ametsoc.org) by 1 March 2011

Advances in lead time on storms and detection of possible events have pushed the boundaries of technology and society. Issues have expanded to include dissemination of warnings to a mobile community and questions of how much lead time is enough. With new technology being developed and tested, improvements to the WSR-88D radar network, and dissemination of warnings through new outlets, people have more advance notice than ever before. This introduces new questions, such as how will people react given additional lead time and how long will people be willing to remain in their shelters?

Oral and poster presentations are solicited on all topics related to severe storm warnings processes. Topics include

- warn on forecast—storm-scale modeling pushing limits of predictability

- new developments in warning technology—detection of threats and alerting the public
- innovations in warning formats—what conveys the message best and most quickly?
- the warning partnership—changing roles of the National Weather Service, broadcast meteorologists, and the emergency management community
- how people respond to warnings—studies of how people receive and react to warnings
- service assessments—what have we learned about the warning process by looking at past performance

Please submit your abstract electronically via the Web by *24 January 2011* (refer to the AMS Web page at www.ametsoc.org for instructions.) An abstract fee of \$95 (payable by credit card or purchase order) is charged at the time of submission (refundable only if abstract is not accepted). This abstract fee will also include the costs for submission of an extended electronic manuscript (details below) and digital recording of all oral presentations.

Authors of accepted presentations will be notified via e-mail by early March. These authors are strongly encouraged to submit an extended manuscript electronically by *24 July 2011*. Instructions for formatting extended abstracts (PDF format, up to 3 MB in size) will be posted on the AMS Web site. All abstracts, extended abstracts, and presentations will be available on the AMS Web site at no cost.

For additional information please contact either of the program chairmen: John Ferree, NOAA/National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center, Norman, Oklahoma (e-mail: John.T.Ferree@noaa.gov); Nate Johnson, WRAL, Raleigh, North Carolina (e-mail: nsj@wral.com); or Harold Brooks, NOAA National Severe

Storms Laboratory, Norman, Oklahoma (e-mail: Harold.Brooks@noaa.gov). (12/10)

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19th Conference on Applied Climatology, 18–20 July 2011, Asheville, North Carolina

The 19th Conference on Applied Climatology, sponsored by the American Meteorological Society, and organized by the AMS Committee on Applied Climatology, will be held 18–20 July 2011 in Asheville, North Carolina. This conference is offered jointly with the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Association of State Climatologists. Preliminary programs, registration, hotel, and general information will be posted on the AMS Web site (www.ametsoc.org/MEET/meetinfo.html) in April 2011.

Papers for this conference are solicited on themes including

- sectoral-based science and adaptation (including ecosystems, natural resources, agriculture, energy, coastal, and human systems),
- observational systems and products (including in situ, remote and blended systems, and use of citizen science observations),
- effective climate services (including assessment of science, product, and service needs, assessment of impacts, and communication of climate science),
- drought monitoring, prediction, and impacts

As always, papers on traditional topics in applied climatology are sought, including, but not limited to data quality; climate datasets; links between climate and weather; applied climate studies; and the connection between applied climatology and policy.

The \$95 abstract fee includes the submission of your abstract, the posting of your extended abstract, and

the uploading and recording of your presentation which will be archived on the AMS Web site. We will no longer be producing a CD-ROM, allowing us to extend the deadline date for extended abstracts.

Please submit your abstract electronically via the AMS Web site by 18 March 2011 (refer to the AMS Web page at www.ametsoc.org/meet/online_submit.html). An abstract fee of \$95 (payable by credit card or purchase order) is charged at the time of submission (refundable only if abstract is not accepted).

Authors of accepted presentations will be notified via e-mail by early May 2011. All extended abstracts are to be submitted electronically and will be available online via the Web. Instructions for formatting extended abstracts will be posted on the AMS Web site. Manuscripts (up to 3 MB) must be submitted electronically by 22 August 2011. All abstracts, extended abstracts, and presentations will be available on the AMS Web site at no cost.

For additional information please contact the program chairperson(s): Tim Owen (e-mail: Tim.Owen@noaa.gov) or Ryan Boyles (e-mail: ryan_boyles@ncsu.edu).

In addition, the Committee on Applied Climatology is soliciting nominations for the committee award recognizing outstanding scientific contributions to applied climatology and/or dedication to the advancement of climate services. The Committee on Applied Climatology will

select the awardee. The award will be presented at the 19th Applied Climatology Conference in Asheville, North Carolina. The nominator is responsible for submitting the entire nomination package, including

1. completion of nomination letter limited to three pages,
2. complete CV of the nominee, and
3. up to three letters of support (each up to two pages long). These letters should supplement the information in the sponsor's original nomination of this individual.

Self-nominations will be accepted. All nomination packages are due by 15 February 2011 to Judah Cohen (e-mail: jcohen@aer.com).

ANNOUNCEMENT

15th Annual High Plains Conference, 4–6 August 2011, Wichita, Kansas

This annual conference sponsored by both the Wichita and High Plains Chapters of the AMS/NWA will be held at the Wichita Marriott in Wichita, Kansas. Confirmed keynote speakers include Dr. Cliff House (Missouri State University), Don Burgess (VORTEX2), and Mike Smith (Weather Data)/Merril Teller (KWCH-TV), who will be looking back on the twentieth anniversary of the Andover Tornado. Additional speakers and talks will be announced soon. Details will be posted at www.wichita-amsnwa.org/. (12/10)

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