

AMS/NWA MEMPHIS 17 JAN 2012 MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening Comments, - a welcome to everyone to the winter meeting. Jim Branda the secretary conducted the meeting.
2. Jim Branda gave the Treasurer's report there is \$481.91 in the savings/scholarship account, and \$725.36 in the checking account, for a total of \$1,206.27.
3. A call for scholarship committee members was given with handouts available for nominating individuals. If you're interested on being a part of the committee please talk to, or email Tom Salem.
4. The national AMS meeting will be held in New Orleans the week of Jan 23-27<sup>th</sup>.
5. Mississippi State will be hosting their 2012 Southeast Severe Weather Conference on the 2/3 of Mar 2012 for all of those who would like to attend.
6. No response has come back from the Pink Palace in Memphis in putting an AMS booth/program together for the spring debut of an IMAX presentation called "Tornado Alley". Will try to contact them a second time.
7. The annual Shelby County Skywarn Spotter Class will be held on 19 March 2012 at 7pm. The training will be located in the banquet room of Wing C in the Agricenter. The AMS/NWA Memphis chapter in the past has provided refreshments along with an announcement to invite new members.
8. No other business was brought to the table
9. Introduction to the night's speaker Tom Salem. Tom discussed the latest Dual-Pol radar changes, products and their applications in identifying different weather phenomenon, and where these products can be found online. Surrounding radars are also schedule to get the Dual-Pol upgrade throughout 2012. Training of the new products is also available from the Warning Training Branch (WTB) website.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Branda, Secretary

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Tom Salem, President