

AMS/NWA MEMPHIS CHAPTER 18 SEP 2013 MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening welcome to everyone. Thanks for attending our September meeting kicking off our 2013/2014 year.
2. Dues for this year will remain at \$10.00. Please pay our treasurer Jim Branda.
3. A brief introduction to our officer's selected in May was done.
4. The treasurer's report was given...showing \$1,075.00 in available funds.
5. The annual NWA conference will be held in Charleston, SC next month.
6. No new business was brought forward/discussed.
7. Introduction to tonight's first speaker, Herb Tyson an FAA training instructor at the Memphis Approach facility. Herb discussed the geographical boundaries of the Memphis Control Center (ZME) and how it lies amongst the other 21 across the country. He also discussed the different altitude levels controllers are responsible for and briefed criteria needed for keeping planes separated for safety.
8. The night's second speaker was Stephen Kearney, an Aviation Meteorologist with the Memphis CWSU. Stephen presented the importance of weather decision making to pilots, controllers and ground operators. The Center Weather support Unit not only coordinates with the main Aviation center in Kansas City, but also with the Memphis Weather Forecast Office and with the onsite FEDEX meteorologist department. Finally, having the FAA controllers adjacent to their office allows for critical quick decisions concerning both the near real-time weather and forecasted weather for optimum flight safety.
9. After the presentations the group was split up and given tours of the CWSU and the FAA department.

Jim Branda, Secretary

Approved,

Tom Salem, President