

AMS/NWA MEMPHIS 15 NOV 2011 MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening Comments, - a second introduction of new officers: Thomas Salem (President), Bill Borghoff (Vice President), Jim Branda (Secretary/Treasurer).
2. A scholarship committee for 2012 will be organized during our next meeting on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested on being a part of the committee please talk to, or email Tom Salem
3. Jim Branda gave the Treasurer's report there is \$480.87 in the savings/scholarship account, and \$615.36 in the checking account, for a total of \$1,096.23.
4. The question was asked if there were any other ideas for presentations or presenters that members would be interested in for the upcoming 2012 meetings. If you do please call or email any of the officers. Hoping to have a Dual-Pol radar presentation for the January 2012 meeting.
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. The Pink Palace in Memphis will be putting on an IMAX presentation called "Tornado Alley" early next year. A booth/program from the Memphis AMS/NWA chapter may be requested/needed.
7. Annual dues are due for the 2011-2012 year in the amount of \$10.00. Please pay Jim Branda
8. No other business was brought to the table
9. Introduction to the night's speaker Jim Branda. Jim discussed Midsouth tornado statistics from 2003 to present with a breakdown of EF ratings, path lengths, and fatalities. He also discussed the different storm modes that produced the tornadoes. Finally he mentioned the local Mesocyclone study being conducted at the NWS Memphis WFO and the regional and national studies concerning a Particularly Dangerous Severe (PDS) wording in thunderstorm warnings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Branda, Secretary

Approved,

Tom Salem, President