

AMS/NWA MEMPHIS CHAPTER 17 MAY 2016 MEETING MINUTES

1. The President welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the last meeting for the 2015/16 school year.
2. The meeting was then taken outdoors to an adjacent parking lot. The chapter president introduced tonight's speakers, Ron Childers and Britney Bryant from WMC-TV channel 5 in Memphis, along with their recently purchased and modified First Alert Storm Tracker 5 weather SUV. Ron and Britney described the vehicle's capabilities, including a 40 inch flat screen T.V. that slides out underneath the tailgate. This television utilizes their Baron graphic displays and can also capture their maps from back in the studio to perform live broadcasts from the field. The SUV also has a middle hot seat where several computers and displays allow the meteorologists to monitor fast weather changes, including the 3 cameras mounted on the vehicle and the Davis Weather station. All attendees had a chance to seat in the "Hot Seat" and to take pictures. Live broadcasts are mainly done from this position. One unique SUV feature is that one camera can be set to follow a particular part/storm feature when driving no matter the vehicle orientation, while another camera views a different angle of the storm. Since the SUV's arrival, the vehicle has been scheduled for show to several schools in the channel 5 viewing area and has been a big mobile advertisement for Channel 5. Thanks were given to Ron and Britney for taking time out of their T.V. schedule to show their new SUV. After a few questions the meeting resumed inside.
3. The treasurer's report was given.
4. The deadline for scholarship applicants was Monday, 16 May, and at this time no applicants were received. It is possible that a last-minute application date marked on or just before the 16th may arrive this week, otherwise our volunteer scholarship committee will not be needed.
5. A call for nominations for the three elected positions was announced. No nominations were received. The three current chapter members holding office volunteered to serve another year with all present members agreeing.
6. The meeting was adjourned with a reminder that a summer lunch will be scheduled for the middle to end of July and that are next official meeting will be held in September.

Jim Branda, Secretary

Approved,

Tom Salem, President