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President's Message
By Larry Browning

Our last meeting on September 12 we again tried a picnic and family event. Kite flying was our theme and it seemed to be well received. Some of the highest and longest flying kites were the simple plastic ones. Joanne Anderson's addition of an improvised tail on some of the kites seemed to have made all the difference. It was also fun to watch Bryan Ruby try out his stunt kite for the first time. He did better than some of the old pros. He certainly did better than I did (I'm not a pro, but I am getting older) with my small stunt kite. Even my wife and daughter had more success than I did. But I think we all had fun.

Thanks to Tilly Laskey from the South Dakota Art Museum (SDAM) in Brookings for visiting us for our kite-flying event. Tilly and the SDAM are planning a kite festival on Saturday, April 28. There will be a number of activities with, hopefully, some real professional kite flyers. The event should be a lot of fun to watch and participate in so mark your calendars.

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Weather MINDS
meeting Tuesday,
November 14th, 2000
7:00 PM at the NWS Forecast Office in
Sioux Falls.

Meet at Ground Round in Sioux Falls
for dinner by 5:30 PM. Ground Round
is at 1301 W. 41st Street.

Jim Reider, Emergency Coordinator--
Woodbury County
Siouxland ARES/Skywarn, Inc.
at next Meeting
By Mike Dircksen

Jim (JR) Reider, Emergency Coordinator-Woodbury County Siouxland ARES/Skywarn, Inc. and member of WxMNDS will be the speaker at our November 14th meeting. His program will be on Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and SKYWARN--how we work together with emergency management resources in counties and communities.

We work with local Emergency Services people to provide emergency communications throughout the local and regional areas during times of need.

My program will include a variety of photographs, sounds and images that will show quite clearly what we do and I think will be interesting and enlightening.

President Continued

Remember that our November meeting is our election meeting. If you have any inclination to help out as an officer please mention it. The jobs are not burdensome, and you would be doing the organization a service. Also, if anyone is going to the annual meeting of the AMS in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Jan. 14-19 please let me know. It would be great if we could have a representative at the "Local Chapter Breakfast" on Tuesday, 16 January 2001, from 7 to 9 AM. Checkout the web address: <http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS>, which you can get to from our own web site.

Larry



AMS Scholarships

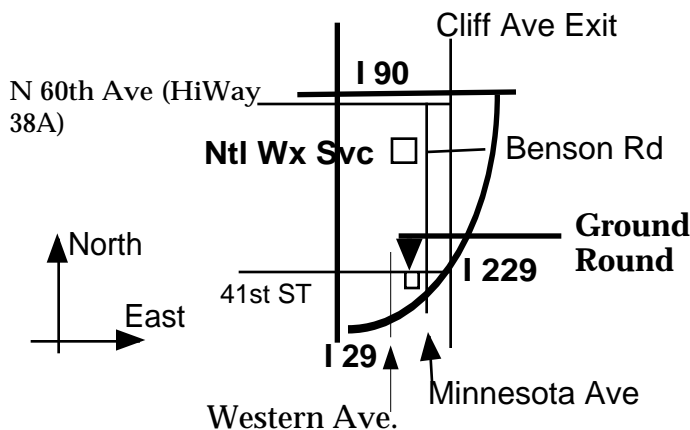
The chapter recently received information requesting AMS chapters to promote the 2001-2002 AMS/Industry Minority Scholarships. This scholarship is intended for those college students entering their freshman year in the fall of 2001 and plan to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. The two-year scholarship is funded by donations from members to the AMS, along with industry groups which include The Weather Channel, Litton PRC Inc., NBC-TV, and IBM. We have included the application form for the Minority Scholarship with this newsletter and ask that you pass the information to any high school student or teacher that could make use of the scholarship.

Additional information of the Minority Scholarship along with other scholarships offered to students can be found at the AMS website, at <http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS/> under the Student Information and Resources: Scholarships and Fellowships section.

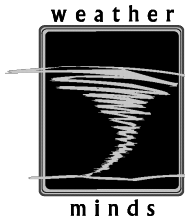
There is an application form included with this newsletter.

Bryan Ruby
Secretary

"Imagination is More Important than Knowledge"
-Albert Einstein



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The Newsletter: Digital or Snail Mail By Bryan Ruby

This fall will mark a renewed effort to placing our newsletter onto the Weather Minds homepage. We will be placing the newsletter online in the Adobe Acrobat format (PDF) which should speed things along. Through a free plug-in that you download from Adobe, you'll be able to view and print our newsletter through your internet browser.

We'll have all the necessary links on our Weather Minds homepage by the end of September at: http://www.engineering.sdstate.edu/~physics/wx_minds/news.htm



Of course, you may not like to read the newsletter online and prefer the print copy sent to you. Don't worry! We will continue to send a copy of our newsletter to all members through the postal service. For those of you that aren't members but have been on our mailing list the past few years, we're happy to continue sending you the newsletter through the mail. However, if you are not a member, please let us know that you still want to be on our mailing list. You can reach us either by e-mail at wxminds@bryansplace.com or by sending a note to the return mailing address on this newsletter.

