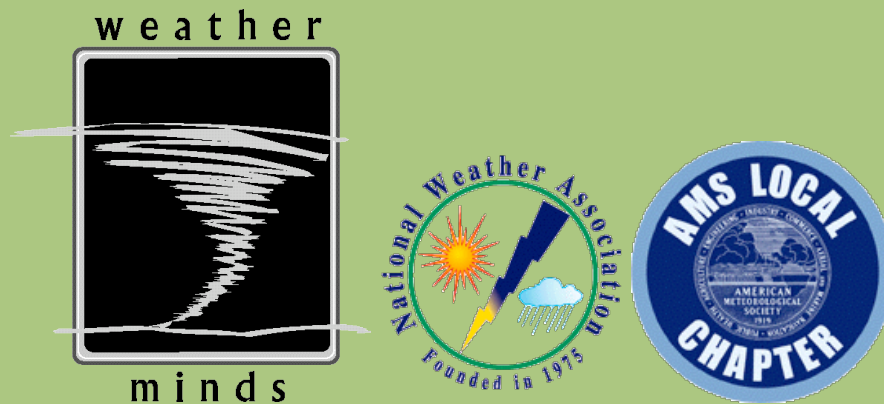


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President's Message May 2009

I hope all is well with each of you. We need to have a final meeting before summer activities start and next Tuesday, May 12 is our traditional Tuesday. We don't have a formal presentation, but we do have some important business to take care of. In particular we need to discuss how the Science and Engineering Fairs went, check our finances and collect dues to make sure we're OK for the next year. Let's plan on meeting at the Szechwan Restaurant, 415 N Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104, Phone: (605) 332-2010 at 5:30PM on Tuesday, May 12, and having a business and social dinner together.

Tim Masters was able to judge at both the Mitchell and the Brookings fairs. Tim reports that: "The fair at Mitchell was rather small, due to weather and funding. Winner, Todd County, and Wessington Springs did not come because of the snow, and a couple others decided not to participate this year. The director said that there were at least a couple of new schools, but they did not have many displays. Overall, the projects that I saw looked very professional, but it was hard to find any dealing with meteorology. I only awarded one prize, for an anemometer experiment."

Joanne Anderson was able to help Tim with judging at the Brookings fair. The picture below is from the Brookings fair (officially known as the Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair). Many of you will recognize Weather

MINDS member Joanne Anderson in the left of the picture below. Next to her is Marie Todey of Brookings Middle School, and on the right is Jae ho Son of Great Plans Lutheran High School in Watertown. Marie won an AMS certificate and our prize book for her project “Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Rain!” and Jae ho won our prize of \$20 plus book and AMS certificate for his project “Sublimation Rate of Snow.” Marie is a student of Julie Steen and Jae ho is a student of Greg Diersen. Both Marie and Jae ho are holding the books we awarded them. I’m hoping to see many of you at the Szechwan next Tuesday.

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