

Oregon AMS Chapter Programs include...

- Monthly meetings (except for December and summer). Most meetings offer a guest speaker and are technical. We offer 1-2 dinner meetings each year. Topics are highly varied and interesting.
- All meetings are open to the general public, free of charge. Members do receive notification of events and can vote for officers. Elections for officers are conducted each spring.

The Oregon-AMS...Who We Are:

- Weather enthusiasts
- Teachers and College Professors
- Families and Students
- Federal, State, and Tribal Government agencies
- Television and Radio meteorologists
- Private sector meteorologists
- Gardeners and Arborists
- Interested citizens
- People like YOU! Come join us!

Executive Council (2009-2010):

Bobby Corser, *President*

Pete Parsons, *Vice-President*

Kyle Dittmer, *Secretary*

John Rinier, *Treasurer*

Mark Nelsen, Steve Pierce, and Tyree Wilde, *Councilors*

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# American Meteorological Society ∞ Oregon Chapter ∞



“A Tradition Since 1947...”

Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ...  
“WHAT WILL THE WINTER BE LIKE?”  
Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2009  
10 am to 12 Noon  
OMSI Auditorium

Sponsored by: Oregon-AMS and  
Oregon Museum Science & Industry

## History of the Oregon-AMS Chapter:

The national AMS was founded in 1919. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1947, following the effort of Professor Fred Decker, the national AMS council recognized the organization of a “meteorological seminar group at Oregon State College as a branch of the AMS.” Branches were later labeled as chapters. Prof. Decker served as Chairman for ten years.

In February 1955, Prof. Decker advised the national AMS of plans to reorganize the OSC group as a state-wide branch, with meetings to be held around Oregon. At that time in Oregon, there were 45 members from the national AMS. The current level of Oregon-AMS membership is over 100 and has grown rapidly in recent years.

The first meeting of the redesigned Oregon Branch was held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1956 in Portland with 36 present. Other meetings in 1956: April 6<sup>th</sup> in Salem (24 attended), June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Portland (21 attended), and August 31<sup>st</sup> in Salem (15 present).

Members were eager to promote the fledgling field of meteorology. Individuals were ambitious and professional ideals were paramount. To help bind the small group, quarterly meetings were planned as dinner meetings with invitation for spouses and guests. A strong democratic tradition has prevailed as hundreds have volunteered over the years to serve as Oregon-AMS officers.

The purpose of this society is to advance professional ideals in the science of meteorology and to promote the exchange, development, and application of meteorological knowledge.

**MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$7 PER YEAR!!**

Our dues cycle is September through June, as is our meeting schedule. Please visit our website: [www.ametsoc.org/chapters/oregon/index.html](http://www.ametsoc.org/chapters/oregon/index.html)

## PROGRAM:

Prelude...*In Memoriam*...Prof. Fred Decker (OSU), Mr. Jack Capell, and Mr. Dave Willson (NWS)

Opening Remarks...Jim Todd, OMSI

Opening Remarks...Bobby Corser, *OR-AMS President*

Review of 2008-2009 Winter Weather...Mark Nelsen

Historical Data and Snowfall Potential...Steve Pierce

WINTER 2009-2010 FORECASTS:

Tyree Wilde, *NOAA-NWS Meteorologist*

George Taylor, *Applied Climate Services, LLC*

Peter Parsons, *ODA Meteorologist*

Kyle Dittmer, *CRITFC Hydrologist-Meteorologist*

Closing Remarks...Bobby Corser, *OR-AMS President*

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Mr. Wilde has worked 15 years for NOAA-NWS and 11 years for the U.S Air Force Weather Service in operational meteorology.

Mr. Taylor was the Oregon State Climatologist during 1989-2008.

Mr. Parsons works for the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture. He was a TV meteorologist for 14 years and a high school counselor for 7 years.

Mr. Dittmer has worked 10 years for the PNW Indian tribes and 10 years for NOAA-NWS as a Hydrologist - Meteorologist.