

COOP NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2009

Southeast Alaska



New News



Awards!! We are going to be recognizing our outstanding observers each month and a yearly award for COOP Observer of the Year. This will be a hard task for us to do. So many of you are great observers, having to pick just one will be difficult. We are hashing out the details of the guidelines we will be following to make our selections and will publish them in the January-February 2010 newsletter. Some of the big things we will be looking for are; missing data, timeliness, and correctness. To get the ball rolling we have selected two stations that we would like to recognize for an outstanding observing year for 2009! The Hopkins at Ketchikan 13 mile and Mr. Swift at Haines #2. The Observer of the Year will receive a beautiful Jim Green Weather Calendar. Great job, everyone!!

Going high-tech: In early February I will send out an email announcing the release our new COOP web page and the latest newsletter. Another change that is coming up is that the newsletter will be a collaboration project written by Nikki, Cory and I. It will be a perfect trifecta...everyone wins!!



We will continue to mail the newsletter to those without internet access.

Time for Training

True or False

1. When measuring snow I only need to take one sample _____
2. I cannot measure snow more than once a day _____
3. I should call the Weather Office if it is snowing heavily _____
4. It was snowing and now it has stopped, there is no need to measure the snow _____
5. No snow fell, so I do not have to enter anything in the B91 or WXcoder _____

Answers at the bottom of page 2

Cooperative Station Observations NWS Observing Handbook No. 2 on line at:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/coop/Publications/coophandbook2.pdf>



Photo by: Kimberly Vaughan



Where in the World?

I have traveled all over Southeast Alaska; do you know where I was when I took this picture?

Answer at the bottom of this page.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this or any other COOP matter, please feel free to contact us.

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Time for Training Answers



True or False

1. When measuring snow I only need to take on sampleFalse
You need to take 3-5 samplings of snow depth and average them out.
2. I cannot measure snow more than once a day.....False
You can measure snow as often as practical, only clear off the board once a day.
3. I should call the Weather Office if it is snowing heavily.....True
Call us any time something of interest is happening. You are our eyes and ears.
4. It was snowing and now it has stopped, there is no need to measure the snow.....False
Any time snow stops is a good time to measure.
5. No snow fell, so I do not have to enter anything in the B91 or WXcoder.....False
No matter if it has snowed or not, an entry is required.
 - Snow fell: Enter the amount.
 - Snow did fall: Enter a "0".
 - You were unable to measure the snow: Enter "M".
 - Only a Trace of snow fell: Enter "T".



Where in the World? Pelican, early spring 2009.