

COOP NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2009

Southeast Alaska



Way to go!! In August, Nikki Becker received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geosciences, with a concentration in Operational Meteorology from Mississippi State University.

This year we recognize a couple of observers here in Southeast for their long term commitment to COOP.



Bruce Wing reached 30 years of service in July.
Carl Dierking will achieve 10 years in November.

You can also check out all the awards from around the country in the newly released National COOP Newsletter. <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/coop/newsletters/09summer-coop.pdf>

After doing the newsletter for a few months now, we feel that publishing every two months would work best. Rather than sending the newsletters out via email, we will be publishing them on our web site. This will eliminate the potential problems of receiving large emails. I will be sending out the link to the web page with the next newsletter announcement. We will continue to mail the newsletter to those without computers.



Time for Training

As we all start our annual task of “winterizing”, let’s review some winter time tasks.

Here are some things we should ALWAYS remember this winter:

- Daily snow amount entry; if it didn’t snow enter “0” or if it was a trace enter “T”
- Measure snow in an undisturbed area
- Snow on ground entry; 1. No, snow on the ground enter “0”, 2. Only a trace on the ground enter “T”, 3. Enter measured snow amount to the nearest tenth of an inch.
- Call us or enter a Spotter report with any interesting snow information, as it is happening

 Can you think of any other questions? Email or call us with other things we should do for the winter or other times of the year. I’ll include them in the November newsletter.

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

Extended stay!

During my visit to Angoon this year, a low ceiling and fog kept our plane from taking me home.

Luck was on my side. I was able to get a room at a nearby hotel and the caretaker was nice enough to add me to her dinner list at the last minute. Did I mention there are NO restaurants in Angoon.



Picture by: Kimberly Vaughan

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

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