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The Stufft Family Closes in on 100 Years of Service!

By Bob Bonack, NWS Met Tech

In October of 1992, **Ruby Stufft** incredible commitment to the National Weather Service mission was recognized when she was presented with a new award named in her honor: the Ruby Stufft Award.

The Stufft Award is presented to a Cooperative Weather Observer who has completed 70 years of service.

Ruby completed 70 years of service in 1989. In 2000, Ruby's son **Lester**, accompanied by other family members, had the honor of presenting the Ruby Stufft Award to **John Kortes** in Medicine Bow, WY.

John began taking weather observations in 1930 and is one of very few Observers who have reached 70 years of service.

Curt Stufft began taking weather observations at the Stufft Ranch, which is 40 miles southwest of Ainsworth, NE, in June of 1911. Eight years later the duties were handed down to his son, Ruby's husband **Foster**. Ruby quipped when reminiscing after being presented an award for 65 years of service, "My husband didn't want any part of it, so of course, being green, I said I would take it, and I have had the job ever since."

She was just 19 years old when she started, and continued another 76 years until she passed away at the age of 95.

Her son Lester, who had been her backup Observer for many years, then became the full-time Observer, and he continues taking observations at Ellsmere to this day.

Lester has the same passion for the weather as his mother. He also adds remarks to his observations describing the weather in more detail and calls in storm and snowfall reports.

These reports are vital to the NWS North Platte, NE, office because few

observations come from areas that are as remote as the Stufft Ranch.

The weather station at the Ranch was once known as Koshopah 7NE, but it was decided to change the station name to Ellsmere 9ENE when the town of Koshopah had just one vacant building remaining.

Ruby recorded maximum and minimum temperatures, cloud cover, color of the sunrise and sunset, and daily rainfall and snow. She especially enjoyed the beautiful sunrises and sunsets over the Sandhills of Nebraska, and



Ruby Stufft

"I get a lot of enjoyment in making out the reports. Words cannot express what the award really means to me. Thanks again."

in her many letters to the regional office, she would often describe them in detail.

At the end of each month, she sent three copies of her weather records to NWS North Platte and another copy to the local newspaper. Her weather information was also broadcast over the local radio station.

When she was presented with the John Campanius Holm Award in 1966, Ruby sent a letter to the NWS Central Region Cooperative Program Manager (CPM) thanking him for his part in making it possible for her to receive the award.

She said, "I get a lot of enjoyment in making out the reports. Words cannot express what the award really means to me. Thanks again." In another letter to the regional office when plans were being made

to visit her Coop station, Ruby said, "If I knew when you were coming I would be so glad to have dinner ready."

The two most prestigious awards presented to Observers are the Thomas Jefferson and John Campanius Holm Awards. Ruby was honored with these awards in 1966 and 1976, and Lester in 1999 and 2008. NWS had never presented both awards to two generations of the same family before.

According to Lester, the biggest and most important award awaits, and that is the Family Heritage Award, which is presented to families who have served 100 years. To Lester, it is not about personal achievements, but working together as a family to continue the legacy of weather observations taken at the Stuff Ranch. ☼

Volunteer State Flooded with Observers

By Ralph Troutman, NWS Nashville, TN

Tennessee State Parks include a weather program in their educational nature offerings. Local city park nature centers in Nashville and Fairview also are part of the Coop network and make taking observations part of their educational programs.

Montgomery Bell State Park was right in the middle of the May 2010 flood in Middle Tennessee, recording almost 13 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. The park's rainfall report was essential for monitoring the flooding conditions along the Harpeth River.

Fall Creek Falls State Park, the first Tennessee State Park to join the Coop program, tracks the weather to ensure its visitors have a safe and enjoyable time outdoors. This increased awareness of weather conditions gives the park managers more vital information to help keep Tennessee State Parks safe.

The official Coop program site locations are set up on a 25-square-mile grid, which

leaves a lot of land and people between each site. After a disastrous flood occurred in Fort Collins, CO, that missed the official rain gauges, Nolan Doeskin, the Colorado state climatologist, developed a program that would help fill in the gaps between official measuring locations. The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow (CoCoRaHS) network was born. The idea was to recruit motivated individuals with a quality rain gauge to report the precipitation in their backyard.

The CoCoRaHS program came to Tennessee in April 2007, just in time to document one of the worst droughts in recent history. Tennesseans lived up to their heritage as the "Volunteer State" by stepping up and developing one the largest and most active CoCoRaHS programs



Park volunteer takes observation.

in the nation.

Tennessee was the first state in the Southeast to adopt the program and became the model for many other states to follow. Rain or shine, Tennessee averages more than 325

CoCoRaHS reports a day. Many Observers haven't missed a report from the time they started. More observers are still needed to increase the observation resolution statewide and nationwide. There still isn't much we

can do about the weather, but thanks to the dedicated volunteers of the Coop program and the CoCoRaHS program, we are beginning to understand the daily and long term influence it has on all of our lives. ☼

From Colorado to Florida, Observer Really Goes the Extra Mile

By Matt Parke, NWS Key West, FL

Randy Matson an Observer from Colorado Springs, CO, is one of a few volunteers who donate several weeks a year to work at Ft. Jefferson National Park, Dry Tortugas, FL. This isolated location is about 70 miles west of Key West, FL.



From left, **Randy Matson**, Observer, Colorado Springs, CO, and **Tree Gottshall**, Chief of Maintenance, National Park Service, Ft. Jefferson National Park, Dry Tortugas in the Florida Keys, accept a 25 Year Honored Institution Award. Photo by Matt Parke, NWS Key West, FL

The site is only accessible by ferry or seaplane. Ft. Jefferson, known as the "Gibraltar of the Gulf of Mexico," was constructed over a 30-year period as a strategic bastion to guard the important shipping routes from ports between the Gulf of Mexico and the East Coast.

During the Civil War, the fort served as a military prison for captured deserters and

housed four men convicted of complicity in Abraham Lincoln's assassination, including Dr. Samuel Mudd.

In its latest incarnation, Ft. Jefferson serves as a Research Natural Area. It encompasses 46-square miles of park as a "no take ecological preserver."

Observers live at the park during their volunteer stint. The park is self-sufficient in water and electricity and receives supplies about every other week. **Tree Gottshall**, the Chief Maintenance Officer, oversees the staff and volunteers in this truly unique National Park Service location. ☼



Lighthouse at Ft Jefferson National Park in the Florida Keys.

Ft. Jefferson National Park, Dry Tortugas, Florida Keys Cooperative Observation site is only accessible by ferry or seaplane.

John Campanius Holm Award

Recognizing 36 years of service to America, NWS Pendleton, OR, has named **Doug Daniels**, holding award, as a 2010 recipient of the John Campanius Holm Award for outstanding service in the Cooperative Observer program. Meteorologist-in-Charge (MIC) Mike Vescio presented the award during a ceremony held at Doug's residence in Glenwood, OR.



Special Service Award: 50+ Years



Ken Bock was given a Special Service Award for more than 50 years of observations sent to NWS Memphis, TN. Ken has been providing outstanding service relating to weather and climate dating back to when NWS was known as the "Weather Bureau." Throughout that time he has shown his dedication to serving the citizens of Wynne and northeast Arkansas. Photo by Lane Goodwin, KWYN radio, Wynne, AR.

75 Year Honored Institution Awards

Montana Power Company, PPL Hebgan Dam Power House received a 75 Year Honored Institution Award in West Yellowstone, MT. Receiving the award was **Bret Pearson**. Presenting the award was MIC Michael Mercer Photo by Observing Program Leader (OPL) Jerome Saucier, NWS Great Falls, MT.



Staff members at **Brookfield Renewable Power** in Colton, NY, show their 75 Year Honored Institution Award. Presenting the award is Andy Nash, MIC, WFO Burlington, VT, far left. Holding the award is **Dan Parker**, the primary Observer. Also pictured are 10 current and retired plant workers.

Helmut E. Landsburg 60 Year Awards



From left, Keith Meier, MIC, NWS Billings, MT, presents the Helmut E. Landsburg 60 Year Award to **Alex Collie**, of MacKenzie, MT, with the assistance of Bob Tibi, former NWS Western Region Director. Collie has been observing the weather in MacKenzie since 1950 on the ranch his mother homesteaded in 1910. Collie and his son, Alex, Jr., continue to operate the cattle ranch in southeast Montana. Collie received the Holm Award in 2002. Photo by OPL Carolyn Willis.

John Nellermoe, center, received a Helmut E. Landsburg 60 Year Award from NWS Bismarck, ND, for his volunteer service as a Cooperative Weather Observer at Trotters, ND. Presenting the award is Rick Krolak, Official-in-Charge, from the Williston Weather Office. Also pictured is Dave Cousins, Meteorologist Intern.



50 Year Edward H. Stoll Award

Humble and dedicated are the words that describe **Marian Gallagher**, center, holding a Edward H. Stoll Award. Marian, who takes observations at Holly Springs, IA, says she has no thoughts of retirement. She readily told MIC Greg Harmon and Data Acquisition Program Manager (DAPM) Donald Morin from NWS Sioux Falls, SD, that she expects to continue recording the weather at her location for many years to come. A special cake was enjoyed as the group exchanged weather stories. On hand to help with the celebration were, from left, sons Don, daughter Darline and son Dennis.



J. Newton Wallace accepts an Edward H. Stoll Award recognizing 50 years service as a Coop Observer from Susan Nelson, NWS Western Region Cooperative Program Manager (CPM). Over the past half century, Newt has received almost every award offered to Observers, including the Holm Award in 1995 and the Jefferson Award in 2000, the two highest awards for Observers. Newt is now Publisher Emeritus of the *Winters Express* and still delivers copies daily to his readers in town. His son Charles now runs operations at the paper. Newt takes the daily readings from the station behind the newspaper's offices. He is a leader of his community, his church and in his profession.

50 Year Honored Institution Awards



NWS Burlington, VT, presented the **Cornell Coop Extension** in Canton, NY, with a 50 Year Honored Institution Award. Pictured from left to right are Andy Nash, MIC, NWS Burlington VT; **Charles Hitchman**, Observer; and **Glenn Pierce**, retired Observer. Photo by Gerald Macke, OPL.



From left, **Jeff Bartels** and **Bruce Schlosser** accept a 50 Year Honored Institution Award for the **Garrett, IN, Sewage Treatment Plant** from Brentley Lothamer, center, OPL, NWS Northern Indiana. Photo by NWS Northern Indiana Service Hydrologist Mike Rehbein.



The staff at the **Fort Lewis College Field Station** in Hesperus, CO, are shown accepting a 50 Year Honored Institution Award. From left are **Gus Westerman**, Supervisor; **Beth La Shell**, **Carolyn Blehm** and **Alyssa Green**. The award was presented by Becky Klenk, CPM, NWS Grand Junction, CO.



Justin Jones, Observer at **UMETCO Minerals** in Uravan, CO, accepts a 50 Year Honored Institution Award from CPM Becky Klenk, NWS Grand Junction, CO.

50 Year Honored Institution Awards



Bobby Caldwell, right, CEO of East Arkansas Broadcasters and **Lane Goodwin**, left, Chief Engineer, accept a 50 Year Honored Institution Award from Jim Belles. MIC, NWS Memphis, TN, on behalf of the staff of **Radio Station KYWN**, Wynne, AR. Thanks for a job very well done!

Scot Unger, left, and **Brian Dewitt**, right accepting a 50 Year Honored Institution Award for the **Logansport, IN, Wastewater Treatment Plant**. Presenting the award is Brentley Lothamer, OPL, NWS Northern Indiana. **Jeff Hand** and **Brian Zimmerman**, not pictured, also take observations. The Logansport Plant has been sending in observations since July of 1854! Photo taken by NWS Northern Indiana Service Hydrologist Mike Rehbein.



Observer **Shane Dye** accepts a 50 Year Honored Institution Award for **United Water** of Pine Bluff, AR. The award was presented by John F. Orgler, OPL at NWS Little Rock, AR.

45 Year Dick Hagemeyer Awards



Richard A. Feser, center, Observer at Springfield, MN, received the Dick Hagemeyer Award for 45 years of dedicated service. The award was presented by Jim Zandlo, left, Minnesota State Climatologist; and Steve Buan, Service Coordination Hydrologist, NWS North Central River Forecast Center, Chanhassen, MN. Richard was presented the award at the annual Kuenast Lecture Series at the University of Minnesota.

He is well known in his hometown and across the regional weather community for his exemplary records and dedication, including his “above and beyond the call of duty” efforts during many historical and high impact weather events. He received the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award in 2007 at a hometown banquet held in his honor.

Woodrow Harrell, right, of Rockwall, TX, accepts the Dick Hagemeyer for 45 years of service from MIC Bill Bunting, NWS Fort Worth, TX. An informal luncheon was held at Joe Willy’s restaurant in Rockwall in honor of Woodrow. Accompanying him was his wife, Theda, and his grandson. Photo by Hydrometeorological Technician (HMT) Troy Marshall.



A 45 Year Dick Hagemeyer Award, pin and letter of appreciation from NWS Director Jack Hayes, was presented to **Howard** and **Sallye Hayes Borchert** of Stuttgart, AR. Making the presentation was John F. Orgler, OPL, NWS Little Rock, AR.

45 Year Dick Hagemeyer Awards



From left, **Darrell Head** of Center City, TX, was presented with the Dick Hagemeyer 45 Year Award from MIC Bill Bunting, NWS Fort Worth, TX. An informal luncheon was held at the Wagon Wheel restaurant in Goldthwaite in honor of Darrell. Photo by HMT Troy Marshall.

Beth Jones Malta, Cassia County, UT, was recently given the Dick Hagemeyer 45 Year Award for her dedication as an Coop and Aviation Observer. Beth received a lapel pin, and personal letter of appreciation for service above self from the NWS Director Jack Hayes. Rick Dittmann, MIC, NWS Pocatello, ID, presented the Award. Photo by Gary Wicklund.



From left, **Lucille Ottesen** and her husband **Don**, of Sonnette, MT, accept the Dick Hagemeyer 45 Year Service Award. The award was presented by Keith Meier, MIC, NWS Billings, MT. The Ottesens have been Observers for NWS at their cattle ranch in southeast Montana since 1965. They received the Holm Award in 2009. Photo by OPL Carolyn Willis.

45 Year Dick Hagemeyer Awards



Elsie Lee Phillips of Cranfills Gap, TX, accepts the Dick Hagemeyer 45 Year Award from MIC Bill Bunting, NWS Fort Worth, TX. An informal luncheon was held in Cranfills Gap in honor of Elsie. Several members of her family also accompanied her to the luncheon. Photo by HMT Troy Marshall.

From left, **Delbert Rose**, Observer near Oakley, KS, accepts a 45 Year Dick Hagemeyer Year Award presented by Scott Mentzer, MIC of NWS Goodland, KS. Also attending from the NWS Goodland office was Mike Lammers, OPL. Photo by Administrative Support Assistant (ASA) Joy Hayden.



Wilma Joyce Senter, Observer for Fulton, MS, receives the Dick Hagemeyer Award from Jim Belles, MIC, NWS Memphis, TN. Wilma has been keeping the weather record for her location in northeast Mississippi for more than 45 years. For many years she was also responsible for taking river observations on a narrow and shaky bridge over the nearby Tombigbee River using a manual wire weight gauge.



45 Year Dick Hagemeyer Awards



Janet Zieg received the Dick Hagemeyer 45 Year Service Award for her dedication to the Cooperative Program. In 2000 Janet received the John Campanius Holm Award for her superior performance. Presenting the award is MIC Michael Mercer. Photo by OPL Jerome Saucier of the NWS Great Falls, MT, office.

40 Year Length of Service Awards



Shirley Diedrich, Observer at Byers, CO, shows her 40 Year Length of Service Award. The presentation was made by James Kalina, NWS Boulder, CO.



Molly Morgan, of Blantyre, NC, supported by husband Charles, holds up her 40 Year Length of Service Award. The presentation was made by MIC Larry Gabric and DAPM Terry Benthall, NWS Greenville-Spartanburg, SC. Molly received the John Campanius Holm Award in 2006 for her dedicated service.

40 and 35 Year Length of Service Awards



Dean and **Eddie Lou Stanchfield**, right of Wise River, MT, received their 40 Year Length of Service Awards for outstanding dedication to the Cooperative Program. Presenting the award was NWS Great Falls, MT, MIC Michael Mercer, left. Photo by Jerome Saucier, NWS.



Herbert Arnold of Ashley, ND, received a 35 Year Length of Service Award and pin for his contributions to the Cooperative Weather Program.

A 35 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Lela C. Cooper** of Deer, AR, by John F. Orgler, OPL, NWS Little Rock, AR. No photo available.



A 35 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Geneva Gates** and her son **Lee Gates** of Botkinburg, AR. The awards were presented by Julie Lesko, Met. Intern at NWS Little Rock, AR.

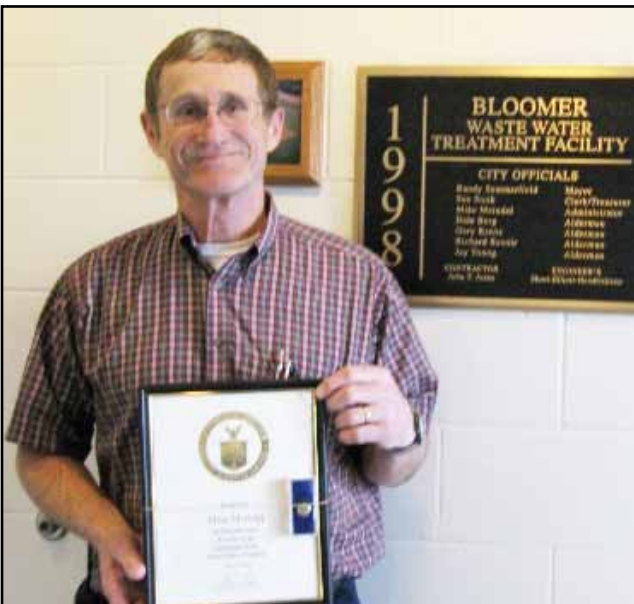
35 Year Length of Service Awards



Ray French from Gouverneur, NY, left, is presented with a 35 Year Length of Service Award by Andy Nash, MIC, NWS Burlington, VT. Ray is a retired science teacher but remains busy tending bees, woodworking and substitute teaching.



Fred and Della Wix, of Culbertson, MT, former John Campanius Holm Award winners, were presented with a 35 Year Length of Service Award by Robert Diaz, Western Region Systems Operations Division Chief, center. Photo by OPL, Matt Moorman, NWS Glasgow, MT.



Mike Meindel, Observer at the **Bloomer, WI, Waste Water Plant**, accepts his 35 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by Ross E. Carlyon, HMT, NWS Chanhassen, MN.



Betty Treu, center, Observer at Studley, KS, accepts a 35 Year Length of Service Award for herself and on behalf of her late husband, **Willard**. Making the presentation was Scott Mentzer, MIC, NWS Goodland, KS, and HMT Christina Henderson. Photo by ASA Joy Hayden.

30 Year Length of Service Awards



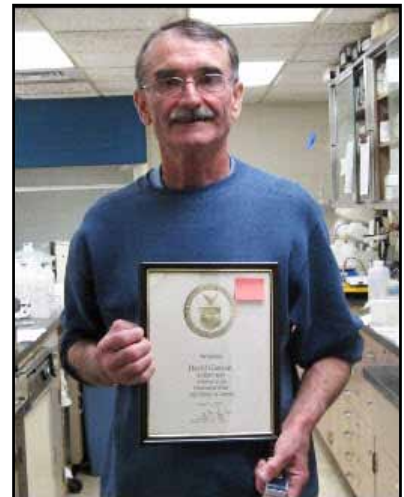
Jerald and **Bonnie Bergman**, center, show their 30 Year Length of Service Awards for Sidney, MT. Jerald and Bonnie have also received the prestigious John Campanius Holm Award in 2007. Presenting the award from left is MIC Benjamin Moyer, NWS Glasgow, MT; Tanja Fransen, Warning Coordination Meteorologist; and Butch Renders, Richland County DES coordinator. Photo by Matt Moorman, OPL.



Edwina Larry Knowles, a rancher from Neihart, MT, received a 30 Year Length of Service Award. In September of 2002, she received the prestigious John Campanius Holm Award. At 100 years old she shows no sign of slowing down. She says chopping fire wood and tending the yard keeps her healthy. Presenting the award was MIC Michael Mercer, right, and CPM Ed Kurdy. Photo by OPL Jerome Saucier. Daughters Lila Jones and Laverne Knowles were on hand to enjoy the wonderful day.



James Newberry, of Cimarron, CO was presented with a 30 Year Length of Service Award by Becky Klenk, CPM at NWS Grand Junction, CO.



David Hanson, Observer at the **Menomonie, WI, Waste Treatment Plant**, accepts a 30 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by Ross E. Carlyon, HMT, NWS Chanhassen, MN. Photo by HMT Ross E. Carlyon.

Marla K. Doxey, DAPM, NWS Hastings, NE, proudly presented a 30 Year Length of Service Award to **Barbara Baca**, Observer for the Wilsonville, NE, area. Barbara has faithfully continued the long climate history for Wilsonville started in the late 1800s. Since May of 1980, she has measured over 700 inches of precipitation. No photo available.

25 Year Length of Service Awards



Francis "Skip" Benjamin, right, of East Jewett, NY, accepts a 25 Year Length of Service Award from Tim Scrom, OPL, NWS Albany, NY. In addition to taking his daily weather measurements, Skip is also Chief of East Jewett Volunteer Fire Department. Photo by Met. Intern Brian Frugis.



A 25 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Patricia D. Hart** of Center Ridge, AR, by Julie Lesko, Met. Intern, NWS Little Rock, AR.



A 25 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Mary Whitaker Bowen** of McArthur, AR by OPL John F. Orgler, NWS Little Rock, AR.

Maurice "Bill" Davidson of West Bloomfield, MI, shows his 25 Year Length of Service Award presented by NWS White Lake, MI. Bill has been enthusiastic Observer for the NWS. Photo by OPL Bill Deedle Maury.



Bill Klein, Manager of Michigan State University's **Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Station**, near Traverse City, MI, shows his 25 Year Award. Bill has provided an array of accurate and highly detailed data to both the Cooperative Program and the agricultural/horticultural communities, automating much of the documentation and reporting processes. Photo by Denny Fruehauf, NWS Gaylord, MI.

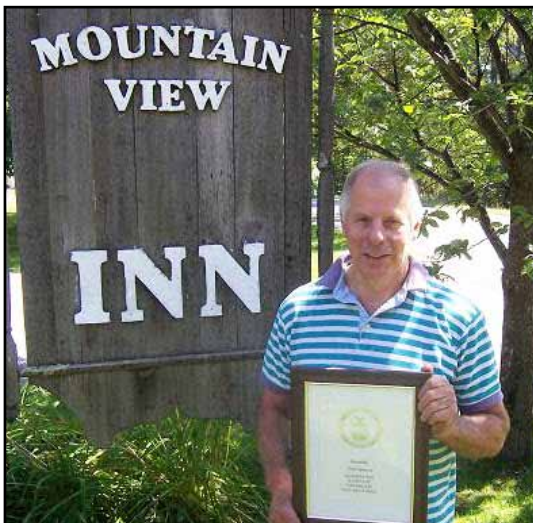
25 Year Length of Service Awards



William Lutz of Saline, MI, left, shows his 25 Year Length of Service Award presented by Bill Deedler, OPL, NWS White Lake, MI. Photo by HMT Danny Costello. William is one of our last remaining farmers observing for NWS in southeast Michigan.



Dwight Mulder, Observer at Montevideo, MN, accepts his 25 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by Kathy Ericksen, HMT, NWS Chanhassen, MN.



Fred Spencer of Waitsfield, VT, displays his 25 Year Length of Service Award. Fred owns and operates the Mountain View Inn, a bed and breakfast run out of a remodeled circa 1820s farmhouse.



A 25 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Dean L. Walls**, of Des Arc, AR. Photo by John F. Orgler, OPL at NWS Little Rock, AR.

25 Year Honored Institution Awards



Steve Gall, employee at the **Cheboygan, MI, Water Treatment Plant**, is shown receiving a 25 Year Honored Institution Award from NWS Gaylord, MI, Senior Forecaster Brian Adam. Photo by Met. Intern Scott Rozanski.



DAPM Terry Benthall from the NWS Greenville-Spartanburg, SC, office presented a 25 Year Honored Institution Award to the **Lenoir, NC, Fire Department**.



The 25 Year Honored Institution Award was presented to **Lockhart Power** in Lockhart, SC. Receiving the award for Lockhart Power is Observer **John Gilchrist**. Photo by DAPM Terry Benthall, NWS Greenville-Spartanburg, SC.



Jackie Stone, Observer at **Kohler Faucet Operations** of Sheridan, AR, accepts a 25 Year Honored Institution Award from Julie Lesko, Met. Intern at NWS Little Rock, AR. Photo by Met. Intern Sean Clarke.



Steve Sarro, Observer at the **Vail Golf Club**, in Vail, CO, accepts a 25 Year Honored Institution Award from DAPM John Kyle, NWS Grand Junction, CO.

20 and 15 Year Length of Service Awards



A 20 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Samuel C. Cobb** of Keo, AR, by John F. Orgler, OPL at NWS Little Rock, AR. Samuel's family has been taking observations from this site for more than 40 years.



A 20 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **John Barrett** of Rural Vandervoort, AR, by Julie Lesko, Met. Intern at NWS Little Rock, AR.



Mervin Gajewski, left, received a 20 Year Length of Service Award for his volunteer service as an Observer for Alexander, ND. Rick Krolak, the Official-in-Charge at the Williston Weather Office presented the award.



Jim and Betty Biggs received their 15 Year Award from NWS Amarillo, TX. Jim and Betty are proud to have six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, with two more on the way. Jim was born 79 years ago on their land and has spent 59 years sharing it with Betty. Betty continues to contribute a weekly weather report to the *Panhandle Herald*. She says the key to being together for 59 years is having a great deal of tenacity. Award presented by OPL Tabatha Tripp.



OPL Frank Taylor, NWS Peachtree City, GA, presented a 15 Year Length of Service Award to **Freya Browning**. The ceremony was held at the **Georgia Mountain Experiment Station** in Blairsville, GA, where Freya Browning works.

15 Year Length of Service Awards



A 15 Year Length of Service Award was presented to **Ross Denslow** at his home at Lake Toxaway, NC. The award was presented by DAPM Terry Benthall, NWS Greenville-Spartanburg, SC.



Pam Goins of Patterson, NC, shows her 15 Year Length of Service Award presented by DAPM Terry Benthall, NWS Greenville-Spartanburg, SC.



Steven and Peggy Gore received a 15 Year Length of Service Award. Steven was working so Peggy accepted both awards. Presenting the award was NWS Great Falls, MT, OPL, Jerome Saucier.

A 15 Year Length of Service Award was presented to **Deloyd Rankin** of Dumas, AR, by OPL John F. Orgler, NWS Little Rock, AR. No photo available.



A 15 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Debra and Chuck** (not pictured) **Lang** of Georgetown, AR by OPL John F. Orgler, NWS Little Rock, AR. Debra's family has been taking weather observations, in Georgetown for over 55 years.



David McHone of Maxwell, IA, receives his 15 Year Length of Service Award. Photo by Brad Fillbach, HMT, Des Moines, IA.



A 15 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Phillip Moudy** of Danville, AR, by OPL John F. Orgler, NWS Little ROCK, AR. Phillip's family has been taking weather observations, in Danville for more than 65 years.

15 and 10 Year Length of Service Awards



Jimmy F. Reppo, Bonnerdale, AR, shows his 15 Year Length of Service Award. Photo by Sean Clarke, Met. Intern, NWS Little Rock, AR.



Ed Richmeier, of Quinter, KS, accepts a 15 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by Michael Lammers, OPL, NWS Goodland, KS.



Bill Vogelsberg, a very efficient Observer for NWS in southeast Michigan, celebrates 15 years of taking observations at his grain elevator business. Photo by OPL William Deedler NWS White Lake, MI.

Dennis Vonderharr, Observer at the sewage plant in Madison, MN, accepted his 15 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by Kathy Ericksen, HMT, NWS Chanhassen, MN. Photo by HMT Kathy Ericksen.



Jack, Russell and Martha Beach of Winterville, GA, received a 10 Year Award at their business, INCO, Inc., in Crawford, GA. The award is for picking up hourly precipitation data tapes at Jefferson and Monroe. Russell, their German Sheppard, has traveled with Martha and Jack to retrieve the tapes each month for 10 years. Photo by Frank Taylor, NWS, Peachtree City, GA.



Bill Vogelsberg, of Yale, MI, accepts his 15 Year Length of Service Award from OPL, William Deedler. Bill has been a great Observer for NWS at his grain elevator business.

10 Year Length of Service Awards



Joe Collins, Observer for historic Baldwyn, MS, shows his 10 Year Length of Service Award presented by Jim Belles, MIC, NWS Memphis, TN. Joe's place of business has been in the same location since the 1890s. Records date to the 1940s. Joe's interest in meteorology rivals an even sharper interest in University of Mississippi football. Go Ole Miss!



A 10 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Gary** and **Wilma** (not pictured) **Cooper** of Salem, AR, by OPL John F. Orgler NWS, Little Rock, AR.



Pauleen Baker, Observer at Flaming Gorge, UT, shows her 10 Year Length of Service Award presented by MIC Doug Crowley, NWS Grand Junction, CO.



Randy Cooper of Toledo, IA, received his 10 year Length of Service Award from Brad Fillbach, HMT, NWS Des Moines, IA.



Harold and **Rachel Dekrey** of Steele, ND, received a 10 Year Length of Service Award and pin for their service as Cooperative Observers.



Burke Goebel of rural northern Hodgeman County, KS, was presented with a 10 Year Length of Service Award by Jesse Lee, OPL, Dodge City, KS. The site dates back to 1949 and has changed hands many times but managed to continue despite some hard times.

10 Year Length of Service Awards



Jim Gregory, Observer at Rockford, MN, accepts his 10 Year Length of Service Award in snow as tall as his head. The award was presented that snowy day by Kathy Ericksen, HMT, NWS Chanhassen, MN.



Rick and Lori (not pictured) **Jungerberg** Observers in Eau Claire, WI, accept their 10 Year Length of Service Awards. The awards were presented by Ross E. Carlyon, HMT, NWS Chanhassen, MN.



Roger Hill of Worcester, VT, shows his 10 Year of Service Award by MIC Andy Nash, NWS Burlington, VT.

A 10 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Sam** and **Tommy Hutto** of Damascus, AR. The award was presented by Julie Lesko, Met. Intern, NWS Little Rock, AR. No Photo available.



Gary Lambert accepts his 10 Year Length of Service Award from DAPM Donald Morin, NWS, Sioux Falls, SD. Gary has become a self styled climatologist during his decade of recording temperatures and precipitation. He uses his data to create tables of records set at his site.



Mike Knezek, Observer at Kickapoo Caverns State Park in Brackettville, TX, receives a 10 Year Length of Service Award from Joe Baskin, HMT Austin/San Antonio, TX.



Betty Leffew receives a 10 Year Length of Service Award. Betty is a longtime employee of the U.S. Forest Service, working at the Ranger Station at Camptonville, CA. Betty has been operating the Fischer Porter recording rain gauge there since 1990. Photo by OPL George Cline NWS Sacramento.

10 Year Length of Service Awards



A 10 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Minnie Littel**, center, with her grandsons Matthew and Mark. Award presented by Julie Lesko, (back) Met. Intern at NWS Little Rock, AR.



Leonard Martin of Fessenden, ND, received a 10 Year Length of Service Award and pin for his service from NWS Bismarck, ND.



Duane Meyer, Observer in Bricelyn, MN, accepts his 10 Year Length of Service Award. The award was presented by Ross E. Carlyon, HMT, NWS Chanhassen, MN.



Jack Rogers, Observer for Parker, CO, was presented with a 10 Year Length of Service Award. Presentation was made by James Kalina, Met. Intern, Boulder, CO.



A 10 Year Length of Service Award and pin was presented to **Janie Rust** of Sparkman, AR, by Sean Clarke and Julie Lesko, Met. Interns at NWS Little Rock, AR.



Robert D. Souza, not pictured, Observer at Northgate, CO, received a 10 Year Length of Service Award From James Kalina, Met. Intern, Boulder, CO.

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