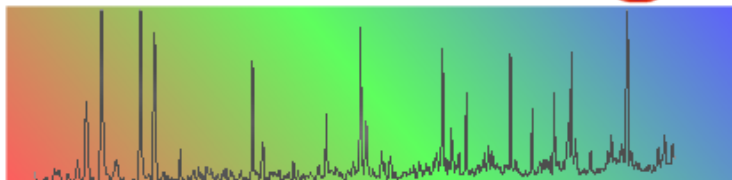




# SAS-Chicago



## November Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

The November 2009 meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, located at 1000 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. See the map on the following page.

Social Hour: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Speaker: 7:30 PM

### Are You Ready for a Severe Weather Disaster?

by

**James Allsopp**

Warning Coordination Meteorologist

*National Weather Service, Romeoville, IL*

Thunderstorms pose a number of threats to people in northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana, including damaging winds, large destructive hail, flash floods, lightning, and tornadoes. Having a good understanding of the weather threats that impact this area, and having a preparedness plan for the home, business, and school, are the keys to surviving a severe weather disaster.

There are several steps involved in preparing for severe weather. First, be aware of the threats that impact the local area. The presentation will give an overview of lightning, strong winds, hail, flash floods and tornadoes. It will sort out facts from myths. Next, it is important to receive and understand forecasts, watches and warnings for severe weather. Finally, once the warning is received, people need to react to the information and take the proper precautions. The presentation will provide advice for sheltering at home, at work, and in the vehicle.

Please make your dinner reservations for the upcoming meeting by email at [sas.chicago@bigfoot.com](mailto:sas.chicago@bigfoot.com), using our online form <http://www.sas-chicago.org/Online%20Registration%20at%20Elk%20Grove%20Holiday%20Inn%20.htm> or by calling Slav Stepanovich at 847-421-2056. Leave your name, company affiliation, a telephone number, the number of reservations and your choice of entree. Please call by noon Friday, November 6th, so that proper arrangements can be made with the restaurant. If you can't attend, cancel by Friday noon: SAS is charged for no-shows.

**Entree choices: London Broil, Chicken Marsala, or Vegetarian Lasagna.**

Dinner Cost Members: \$30

Students and Unemployed Members: \$10

Non-members: \$35

## Biography of Jim Allsopp

Jim Allsopp is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM) with NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) Chicago office, located in Romeoville, and serving northeast and north central Illinois and northwest Indiana. As WCM, Jim is the liaison between NWS and other federal, state and local government agencies and organizations dealing with hazardous weather preparedness. He also works closely with the local media to help provide a unified and efficient delivery of hazardous weather information to the community. Jim oversees the hazardous weather program at the Chicago office and works to make communities, schools, and businesses better informed and better prepared for hazardous weather. This is in support of the primary mission of NOAA's National Weather Service – to save lives and protect property and to promote the nation's economy through weather warnings and forecasts.

On a personal note, Jim grew up in the Chicago area and earned a Bachelor's Degree in meteorology from Florida State University in 1978. Jim has been with the Weather Service for 29 years. He began his career in St. Louis and Los Angeles and spent 10 years as a forecaster at Indianapolis. He has been the WCM at the Chicago office since 1991.

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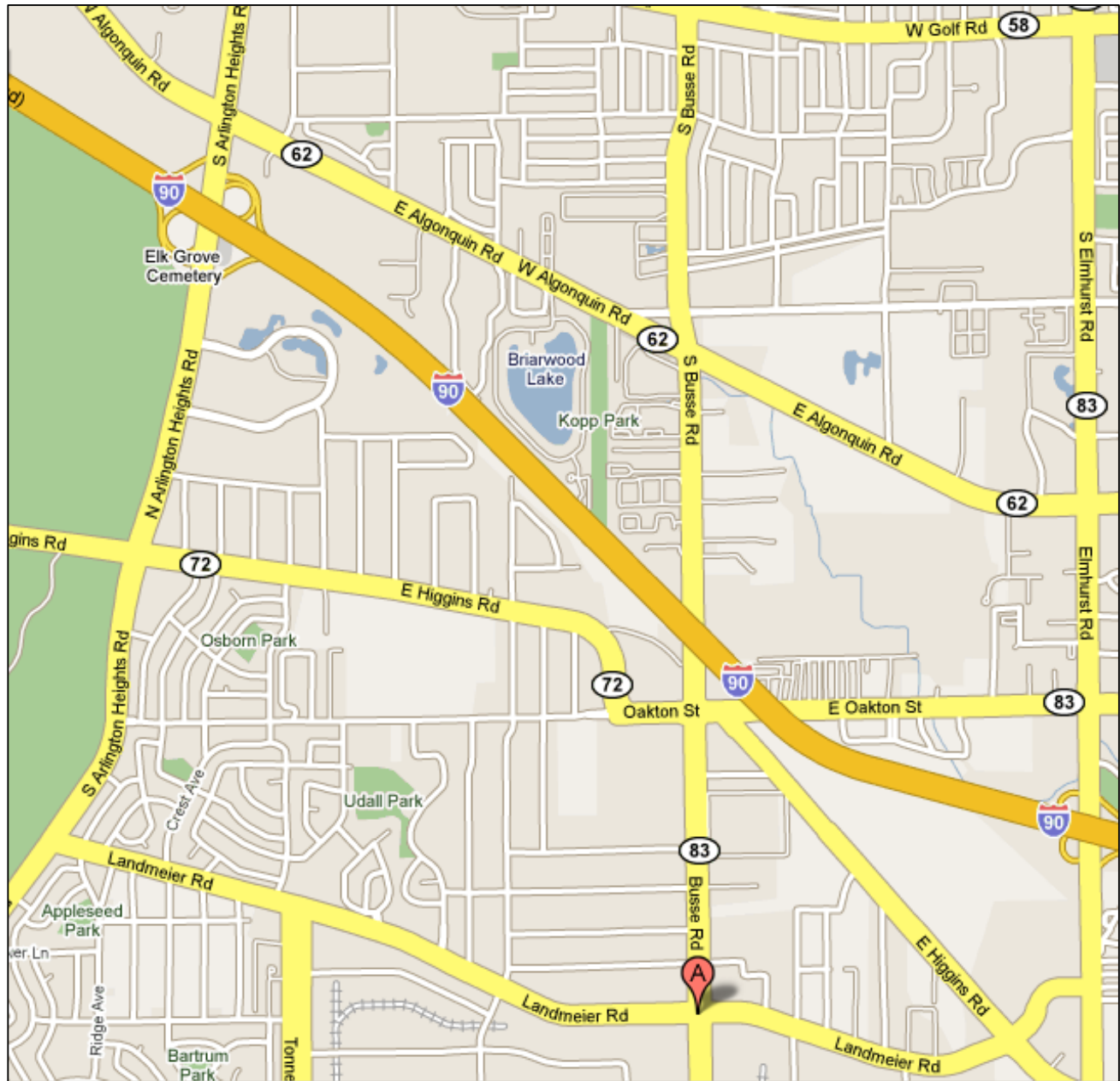
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**December Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009  
**Great Mistakes in Science**  
by  
**Foil Miller**  
at Hackney's on Lake in Glenview