

The April meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the AMS was held in Valparaiso, Indiana with the Valparaiso University Chapter. Mr. Harry Volkman, retired broadcast meteorologist, was the featured speaker with his presentation on 75 years of weather and media.

Mr. Volkman described his passion for the weather as a young child, evolving into reading books about the weather to satisfy his knowledge of the subject. Through his military experience and persistence through college, Mr. Volkman landed his first job in the Great Plains as a broadcast meteorologist. He was the first person to issue a tornado watch over the television and a brief video presentation of this was shown at the end of his presentation. He also shared many on and off camera experiences throughout his broadcast meteorology career answering various questions from the Valparaiso University students.