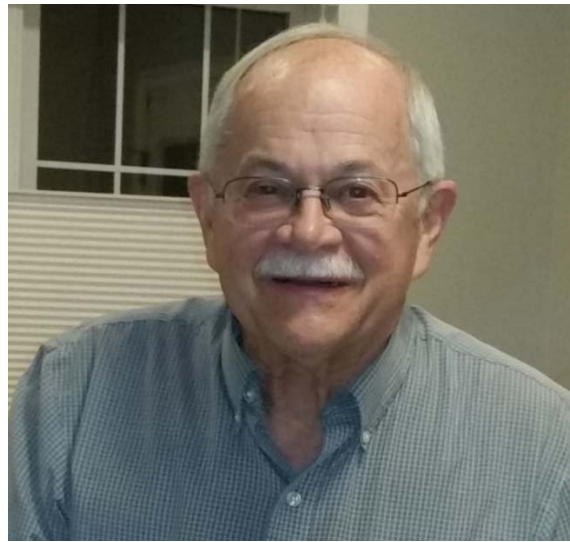


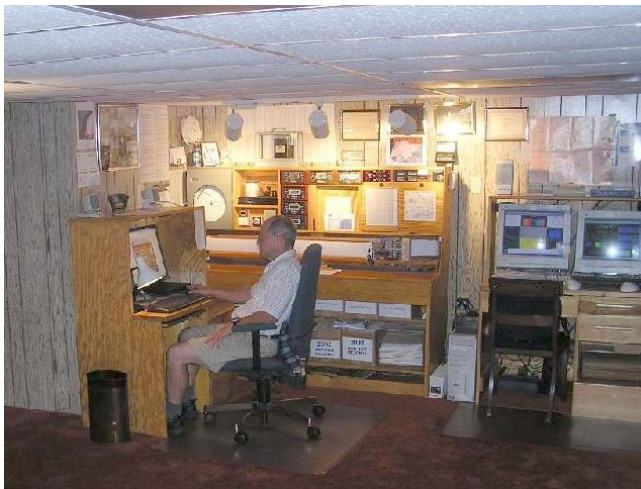
## In Memoriam of Lowell L. Koontz



The Atlantic Coast Observer Network - Virginia/North Carolina/South Carolina is saddened by the news of long-time member, Lowell Koontz's passing.

For 28 years, Lowell was a faithful contributor to our weather database (<http://genserva.com/acon>). He never missed a monthly submission of his stations' data, first by mail in August 1995 and ending with his final submission via email in December 2022. Visits to his Barcroft Hills weather station in Falls Church and to his Springfield Park station in Glen Allen were a highlight for members of our organization.

Barcroft Hills:





And his Glen Allen station at <https://glenallenweather.com>

Lowell was recognized in 2023 with the Special Service Award from the National Weather Service and the state of Virginia.

Never have we known such a devoted, detailed and accurate weather watcher and historian. Thank you, Lowell, for your friendship and steadfast work.

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*V. K. P.*  
OBSERVATION PROGRAM LEADER

Dear Mr. Koontz

It is with great pleasure that I present this Letter of Recognition in appreciation of your dedication and undeniably detailed work to not only the National Weather Service Cooperative Observation Program, but to the metro Richmond area and the state of Virginia as a whole. Your true passion for local weather shines through to anyone you encounter, and I am honored to have worked with you during your time as a COOP observer.

The prestigious and reliable reputation that the National Weather Service Cooperative Observation Program holds is built on the loyal and dedicated service of people like you. I am happy to recognize you for your above-and-beyond contribution to our efforts of building a long-lasting, widespread historical climate database of our local area that will be referenced for many decades to come. Through major snow storms, severe weather, tropical systems, and everything in between, you have been dependable and unwavering in your service to the local area. Your passion for weather and record-keeping is truly inspirational and reminds me of why I wanted to be a part of the meteorological community in the first place. The rest of the staff at NWS Wakefield, VA would like to send their gratitude for your reliable and nonstop efforts in maintaining such detailed records of our area.

We will always be proud and thankful for all your hard work and dedication.

Observation Program Leader  
National Weather Service  
Wakefield, Virginia