

Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

January 2010

Notes from the President –

Greetings, Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society. This is my first President's Notes and this is also the first of the year and the first of the new decade. So I would like to thank the Houston Chapter for trusting me to lead our organization over the next year.

I am picking up the mantle of our Past President, Lew Fincher, in guiding our Chapter towards earning National Chapter of the Year honors. I am proud to be leading what I think is the most diverse chapter in the nation. From the Weather Service to Spaceflight, from aviation to energy to environmental, we represent so many disciplines within our field. We also have a strong base of non-meteorologists who want to learn and share their own weather experiences.

We are going into the new decade with a speaker that will give us his perspective on the biggest weather story in Houston of the last decade, Hurricane Ike. We will also be looking towards enriching the future by working with future scientists through sponsoring and judging the Houston Science Fair. We will continue to find other ways to expand our boundaries as an organization through volunteering in the community and provide learning experiences for our membership.

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Yikes! It's Hurricane Ike – storm chasing and ride out on Galveston Island - presented by Tim Marshall

Thursday, January 21st

Dinner – 6:00pm

Meeting – 7:00pm

La Brisa Mexican Grill

502 Wesley Drive

League City, TX 77573

Tim Marshall is a meteorologist and civil engineer who makes his living surveying and assessing damage in the wake of tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and hailstorms.

He was born and raised in the Chicago, IL area and became interested in tornadoes when his hometown was struck by an F-4 tornado on April 21, 1967. Tim earned a B.S degree from Northern Illinois University majoring in meteorology, an M.S. degree in Atmospheric Science from Texas Tech University, and an M.S. degree in Civil Engineering also from Texas Tech. Tim began chasing storms in 1978 and has witnessed over 200 tornadoes and 18 hurricanes to date.

In 1983, Tim went to work for Haag Engineering Company, based in Dallas, and has surveyed more than 100 natural disasters during the past 27 years. In 2008, Tim rode out Hurricane Ike on Galveston Island and conducted aerial and ground surveys after the event. Last year, Tim was selected to be the navigator on board the lead Probe vehicle in VORTEX 2 where

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CHAPTER WEBSITE

www.amshouston.net

NATIONAL WEBSITE

www.ametsoc.org

Speaker Information continued...

he deployed instrumented pods in front of tornadoes.

Tim is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineering, American Meteorological Society, and National Weather Association. He currently serves on the Severe Local Storms and Enhanced Fujita scale committees and is a consultant to National Hurricane Center regarding updating the Saffir-Simpson scale.

Tim has written numerous publications on storms and storm damage and has appeared on dozens of radio and television programs.

Notes from the President continued...

If you have any questions or suggestions for me, feel free to write me at the addresses listed in this announcement. For additional information, please check out <http://www.amshouston.net>.

Kind Regards,
Aaron Studwell

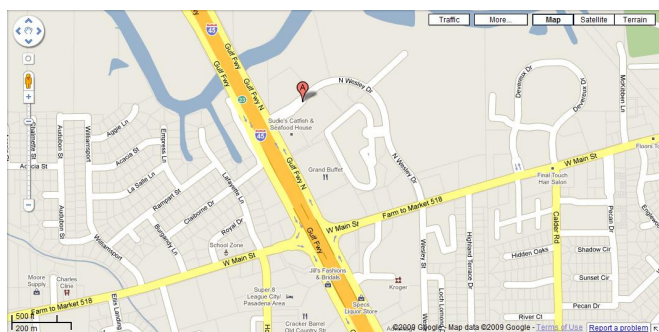
Special Announcement – Secretary Position Available for 2010

Dorri Breher, 2009 Secretary, would like to offer the opportunity for a **new** person to step up and help the chapter be its best. Following are the duties, responsibilities and time estimates so that you can better understand the chapter's needs.

- Publish newsletters and announcements through the shared Houston AMS account on Google Gmail. 1 hour per month
- Maintain contact list (Google Gmail). Less than 1 hour per month
- Ensure timing and accurate postings of meeting and announcements on the chapter website. Less than 1 hour per month
- Attend meetings, take notes and send brief summary to National AMS via email. 2.5 hours per month
- Represent local chapter to National AMS as contact for national programs like Science Fair and Scholarship selection. 6 hours for one month each
- Obtain and distribute thank you gifts for speakers. Less than 1 hour per month

Maps & Directions

La Brisa Mexican Grill
502 Wesley Drive, League City, TX 77573
281-554-4000



[Click here for link](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[90TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY](#)

[LOCATION: ATLANTA, GA – DATES: 17-21 JANUARY 2010](#)

NATIONAL WEATHERPERSON'S DAY

DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 2010 - THANK A WEATHERPERSON FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE. THE DATE COMMEMORATES THE BIRTH OF JOHN JEFFRIES, A BOSTON PHYSICIAN AND ONE OF AMERICA'S FIRST WEATHERMEN. HE WAS BORN ON FEB 5, 1745 (OR 1744 ACCORDING TO SOME REFERENCES) AND KEPT WEATHER RECORDS FROM 1774 TO 1816.

[2010 MINNESOTA STORM CHASING CONVENTION](#)

[LOCATION: ST. CLOUD, MN – DATE: 7 FEBRUARY 2010](#)

[2010 LUBBOCK SEVERE WEATHER CONFERENCE](#)

[LOCATION: LUBBOCK, TX – DATES: 17-19 FEBRUARY 2010](#)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Houston Chapter boasts of one of the most diverse memberships in the country. Due to our location we have meteorologists and scientists working for many different types of industry, government, private and media. These people are involved in forecasting and monitoring weather world-wide, right from Houston.

In addition, we welcome everyone and anyone who is interested in weather and weather-related topics.

Our dues are only \$10 per year. Funds are used to pay for dinner and thank you gifts for our speakers, and provide awards for the winners of the Houston AMS Special Awards at the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston held each spring.

If you'd like to become a member, please fill out the form below with your most recent information, include \$10 cash or check and turn it into any officer. If you prefer, you can mail the form and money to our Treasurer. Please see the address below. Checks should be made out to: *Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society*

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Work or Home? (please circle one)

Email Address _____

Home phone number _____

Work _____

Mail to:

Brian Planz

c/o Wilkens Weather Technologies, Inc.

2925 Briar Park Drive, 7th Floor

Houston, TX 77042

Send my newsletter by: ___ mail/ ___ email.

This is for: ___ Dues/ ___ Address change.

Feel free to contact any of the officers for comments, questions, suggestions or even additions to the newsletter. We would appreciate hearing from you.

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