

Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

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Notes from the President –

It has been said that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. As meteorologists, it is our responsibility to not only remember the past but to also understand it. With that knowledge, we can educate the public whether it is through the media, speaking at local schools or just informing our neighbors.

The Texas coast has been fortunate to not have suffered the human tragedy on the scale of the Galveston Hurricane of 1900. The lessons of that storm have been well documented. In 2009, Hurricane Ike made landfall along the Upper Texas coast and was the third costliest hurricane in the history of the United States. As the years go by, we gain more historical perspective on this storm. Just like the 1900 storm, books have been published and will continue to be written. This month, we have the opportunity to have an author who has written books about both storms.

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"Hurricane Ike: An Infinite Monster" presented by Rhiannon Meyers

Monday, February 21st

Dinner – 6:00pm

Meeting – 7:00pm

Pappas Bar-B-Q

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Speaker Information

Rhiannon is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has worked as a reporter since 2005. She covered Hurricane Ike for The Galveston County Daily News and spent almost two years covering its devastating aftermath. She was part of the Daily News team that won the 2009 Star Breaking News award from the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors for coverage of the hurricane. She, along with fellow reporter Leigh Jones, co-authored "Infinite Monster: Courage, Hope and Resurrection in the Face of One of America's Largest Hurricanes," which was released in June.

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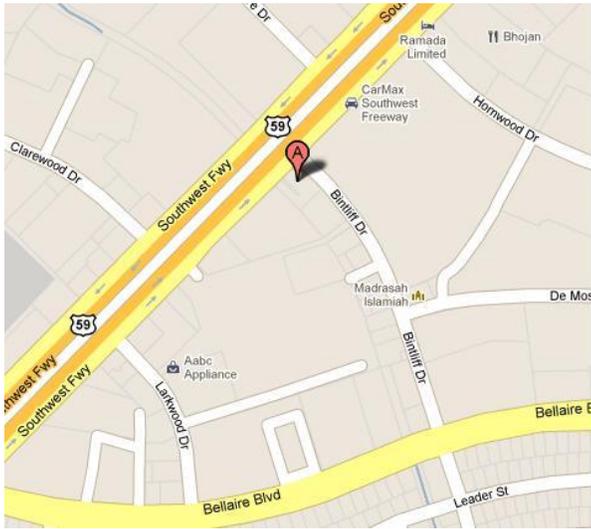
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This meeting will be a chance for us to learn some of the lessons from Ike. While most of us lived through that storm, only a few of us know the whole story of what happened both during and after this tragic event. I strongly encourage our membership to come out to this meeting. This will be a chance to meet others in our organization, share your experiences and memories of Ike, and listen to our speaker sharing her lessons learned while working on the book, Infinite Monster.

We have been privileged to have so many good speakers over this past year and this is yet another one. Many thanks to our past President Lew Fincher for helping us arrange Ms. Meyers to speak at our meeting. This is a rare opportunity, so I encourage everyone to make the most of it.

Best regards,

Aaron Studwell

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Are you interested in acquiring the AMS's designation as a Certified Consulting Meteorologist? The certification is open not just to people in private consulting practice but to any professional meteorologist. The list of CCMs includes many working in fields such as academia, government, and industrial practice. There are currently ten meteorologists in the Houston area who have achieved the CCM title.

Receiving the CCM designation is a career capstone for professional meteorologists, indicating that they have been given the endorsement of their peers. For more information check on the AMS's CCM website at:
<http://www.ametsoc.org/amscert/index.html#ccm>.

If you are interested in learning more about the path to becoming a CCM contact local chapter member Jerry Hill, who currently serves on the AMS Board of Certified Consulting Meteorologists. You can reach him at 713-784-9250 or at jerryd_hill@sbcglobal.net.

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 \$15 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*

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