



# Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

April 2012

## Notes from the President –

I hope everyone had a great Spring Break! We had a good time at our last meeting in conjunction with the National Flood Workshop at the end of February. Thanks again to the Weather Research Center for helping to support our chapter meetings.

It is that time of the year to start thinking about officer positions for next year. If necessary, we will have a vote for positions where there is interest from more than one member at our early June meeting. Brian and Jennifer are interested in returning as Treasurer and Secretary, and I really appreciate their help and dedication this past year. I would like to pass the torch to someone who is interested in becoming President. If you have an interest in becoming an officer, please send me an e-mail prior to our June meeting. The June meeting will be held on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, location TBD. Bill Read (retired NHC director) will be our speaker.

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## *“The Five Toes of a Hurricane Footprint”*

**Speaker:** Dr. Steve Lyons, Meteorologist in Charge, NWS San Angelo

**Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

6 PM Dinner  
7 PM Meeting

**Location:**

Marina’s Mexican Restaurant  
3500 West Main Street  
League City, TX 77573

## Speaker Information-

**Education:**

- Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. (1981) University of Hawaii, Manoa, Meteorology
- Master of Science – MS (1977) University of Hawaii, Manoa, Meteorology
- Bachelor of Science – BS (1976) University of Hawaii, Manoa, Meteorology

**Selected Experience:**

- Meteorologist in Charge, NWS, San Angelo TX May 2010 to present
- Acting Deputy Director, NWS Southern Region Headquarters (SRH), Fort Worth, TX (August through November 2011)
- Hurricane and Ocean Wave Expert, The Weather Channel (March 1998 to May 2010)
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Meteorology, University of Hawaii (1992 to present)

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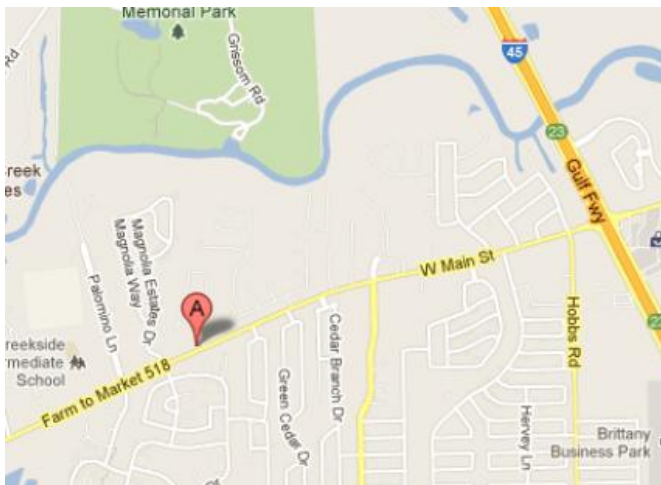
## Notes from the President continued...

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Steve Lyons is going to be in town at the end of April, and has agreed to speak to our group at our next meeting. See below for the meeting details. As many of you are aware, Steve is well known from his time at The Weather Channel as their hurricane and ocean wave expert. This is a great opportunity for you to hear from a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker, who, I guarantee will boost your marine and tropical knowledge. **Please RSVP to me (lance.wood@noaa.gov) by Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending our April meeting with Dr. Lyons.** We have a room minimum food/beverage cost to meet, so a head count is necessary.

Thanks,  
Lance

## Maps & Directions

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## Speaker Information continued...

- Adjunct Professor- Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Texas A&M University (1998-present)
- Chief, Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch, National Hurricane Center (1994 to 1998)
- Techniques Development Meteorologist, NWS SRH, Ft. Worth, TX (1992-1994)
- Associate Professor, Department of Meteorology, School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology University of Hawaii, (1991-1992)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Meteorology, Texas A&M University, (1987-1991)

## Recent Honors:

- Neil Frank Award Winner 2010
- Meteorologist of the Year Award Winner (Weather Research Center) 2010
- Florida Governors Hurricane Conference Dick Fletcher Award Winner 2010
- Ocean City NJ Emergency Management Award Winner 2010

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*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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## 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 \$15 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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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work or Home? (please circle one)

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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This is for: \_\_\_ Dues/\_\_\_ Address change.