



Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

September 2012

Notes from the President –

I hope everyone had a great summer! Well, we are nearing the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season, and that means it is time for our first meeting of the 2012/2013 year. It has been a busy summer, tropical cyclone-wise, with 13 named storms and 6 hurricanes; however, no major hurricanes have threatened the U.S., at least yet.

For this coming dues year, the officers have decided to increase or annual dues from \$15 to \$20 dollars. We feel that this is necessary in order to provide speaker gifts and to pay for an occasional room fee for meetings. Our main financial contribution will continue to be our support of the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston, giving prizes to students for the top projects in the Earth Science category.

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“State of the Air: Air Quality and Climate Change in Texas and Beyond”

Speaker:

Dr. Daniel Cohan
Assistant Professor, Rice University

Thursday, September 20th

5:45 PM Dinner
7 PM Meeting

Dinner Location:

Potbelly Sandwich Shop
5800 Kirby Drive
West University Place, Houston, TX 77005
Phone: 713-343-9106

Meeting Location:

Rice University
Duncan Hall Room 1064
See maps & directions section below for additional details

Speaker Information-

Daniel Cohan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rice University. His research specializes in the development of photochemical models and their application to air quality management, uncertainty analysis, energy policy, and health impact studies.

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Notes from the President continued...

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Daniel Cohan has agreed to speak to our group at our September meeting. See below for the meeting details. Dr. Cohan will focus on Texas air quality and climate change, as his research focuses on the application of atmospheric modeling to inform air quality decision-making.

We will be sending out an Evite request for the meeting. Please indicate in the notes if you will be attending the dinner as well. Thanks for your response, as it really helps Chris and I to know approximately how many will attend the dinner and/or meeting. Please come out and support the Houston AMS, as we get a chance to hear from an expert concerning two increasingly important topics for the future: air quality and climate change.

Thanks,
Lance

Speaker Information continued...

Before joining Rice, Dr. Cohan worked for the Air Protection Branch of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. He received a B.A. in Applied Mathematics from Harvard University, a Ph.D. in Atmospheric Chemistry from Georgia Tech, and served as a Fulbright Scholar to Australia. Dr. Cohan is a recipient of an NSF CAREER award and a member of the NASA Air Quality Applied Sciences Team.

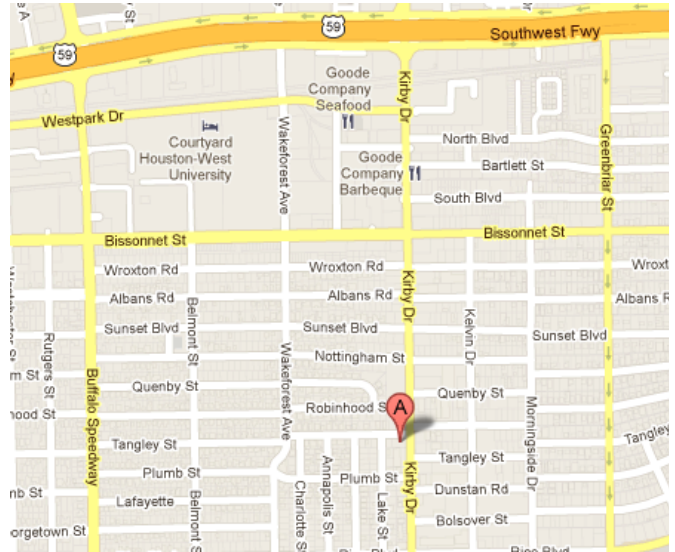
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Maps & Directions

Dinner:

Potbelly Sandwich Shop
5800 Kirby Drive
West University Place, Houston, TX 77005



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Meeting Location/Parking:

Rice University
Duncan Hall Room 1064
Note: Duncan Hall is building 22 on the campus map
<http://www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html>

The closest visitor lots are at the North Annex Lot, via Entrance 20 off of Rice Boulevard, or The Founder's Lot via Entrance 1 off of Main Street. Visitor lots require a credit card to enter.

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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 \$20 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 \$20 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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