



Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

January 2013

Notes from the President –

Greetings! I hope everyone had a great time celebrating the holidays. We had a great meeting in December on the Texas A&M Galveston campus, and even got to apply what we learned in their computer lab.

I am pleased to announce that the Houston Chronicle's SciGuy, Eric Berger, has agreed to speak to our group at our upcoming January meeting. I have corresponded with Eric for many years concerning the area's big weather events. He is always very complimentary of our office's work, and is an important partner of ours - helping to spread the word ahead of significant weather events. Eric has a very informative science blog that you can check out at:

<http://blog.chron.com/sciguy/>, you can also follow Eric on twitter at @chronsciguy.

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"The Changing Nature of Weather Information and Communication"

Speaker:

Eric Berger
Houston Chronicle's SciGuy

Thursday, January 24th

6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Meeting

Dinner & Meeting Location:

Rudy's BBQ
21361 Gulf Freeway
Webster, TX 77598
Phone: (281) 338-0462

Speaker Information-

Berger spent his college years at the University of Texas dreaming about the stars, which led him to an astronomy degree. But he decided studying a particular classification of stars in depth for the rest of his life seemed a little dull, and preferred meeting interesting people to the solitude of observatories. So he went to graduate school at the University of Missouri and dove into journalism, hoping to explain the complexities of science and medicine to the general public. Hoping to interact with readers, he began the SciGuy blog in early 2005, encompassing everything from nanometers to parsecs. Since Hurricanes Rita and Katrina he has spent an increasing amount of time blogging and writing about weather in general, and hurricanes in particular.

Notes from the President continued...

Please come out and support the Houston AMS, as we get a chance to hear about weather information from a media perspective. Much like many of the subjects at our recent meetings, I think this topic will also generate some great discussion concerning how weather information is being communicated.

Lastly, but certainly not least, I want to wish Gene Hafele the best in his retirement. Gene retired on December 31st, after 38 ½ years with the National Weather Service. Gene is a good friend, and he will be missed here at the office. Fortunately, he is remaining in the area, and I know he intends to continue to attend our meetings, and support the Houston AMS chapter.

Thanks,
Lance

Maps & Directions

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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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