



# Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

May 2013

## Notes from the President –

Greetings! We had a good time at our last meeting as Dr. Barry Lefer led us through a weather balloon launch. We got to see some interesting ozone structure in the upper atmosphere with a tropopause fold behind a powerful storm system.

We are nearing the end of the year for officer purposes. We need to have a member step up to lead us next Fall and Spring, as I am planning to step down as Chapter President. I have really enjoyed my time serving as VP and President these past 3 ½ years. We have had many great meetings/speakers, and I would very much like to see this trend to continue next year. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please send me an email ahead of the meeting:  
[lwood10213@yahoo.com](mailto:lwood10213@yahoo.com).

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*“After Katrina and Sandy, what other places await a Hurricane Disaster?”*

**Speaker:** Bill Read, KPRC Hurricane Expert

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

6 PM Dinner

7 PM Meeting

**Location:**

Rudy's BBQ

21361 Gulf Freeway

Webster, TX 77598

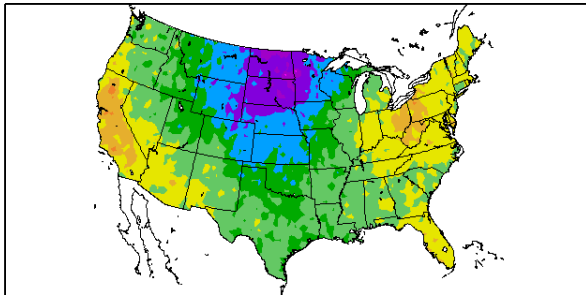
## Speaker Information-

- KPRC Hurricane Expert June 2012 - present
- Director, National Hurricane Center January 2008 - June 2012
- MIC WFO Houston Galveston area January 1992 - January 2008
- NWS HQ Mar. '89 - Jan. '92 - Program Leader Severe storms and Flash Floods
- WFO Fort Worth March 1983 - March 1989 Lead Forecaster
- WFO San Antonio April 1978 - March 1983 Forecaster
- NWS Test and Evaluation Division February 1977 - March 1978
- US Navy Meteorological Officer June 1971 - August 1975
- MS Meteorology Texas A&M 1976, BS 1971

## Notes from the President continued...

I hope you have been enjoying the cool weather we have been receiving in April and May. Take a look at how much of U.S. has been below normal since early April. (Graphic from the High Plains Regional Climate Center)

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
4/7/2013 - 5/6/2013



Generated 5/7/2013 at HPRDC using provisional data.

Regional Climate Centers

As we approach the start of the 2013 Hurricane season, I am pleased to announce that KPRC hurricane expert Bill Read has agreed to speak to us again this year. Bill is an outstanding speaker with 40 years of tropical cyclone experience, so I hope you will make time to come out and hear his opinion concerning potential hurricane disasters.

**Thanks,  
Lance**

**CHAPTER WEBSITE**  
[www.amshouston.net](http://www.amshouston.net)

**NATIONAL WEBSITE**  
[www.ametsoc.org](http://www.ametsoc.org)

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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 \$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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Work or Home? (please circle one)

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