



Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

October 2013

Notes from the President –

Greetings! I hope you can come out to our first meeting this fall. As the 2013 Hurricane season winds down, we are going to discuss the lack of hurricane activity this year. What makes this an interesting topic this year is the fact that most, if not all, of the publicly available seasonal activity forecasts advertised above normal hurricane activity. Longer lived and intense tropical cyclones are the main contributors to the ACE (Accumulated Cyclone Energy) index, since this number is derived by summing the squares of the wind speeds of active tropical cyclones. Due to the lack of hurricanes and the short duration of many of the tropical storms, the ACE index is very low this year: current YTD ACE is 26.93 (Oct.9th), normal YTD ACE is 87.

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"Analysis of the 2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season"

Speakers:

Chris Hebert
Manager - TropicsWatch
ImpactWeather, Inc.

Lance Wood
Science and Operations Officer
NWS Houston/Galveston

Wednesday, October 23rd

6 PM Dinner
6:45 PM Meeting

Dinner/Meeting Location:

Las Haciendas
12933 Gulf Freeway
Houston, TX 77034
281-484-6888

Speaker Information-

Chris Hebert:



With a B.S. in Meteorology from Texas A&M University and 34 years of forecasting experience, Chris is ImpactWeather's lead hurricane meteorologist and manager of the TropicsWatch team.

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To get our discussion going at the meeting, Chris Hebert (our main speaker) will provide his analysis of the hurricane season. I will also give my thoughts as well, and then we can have a group discussion. Hope to see you there.

Thanks,
Lance

Speaker Information continued...

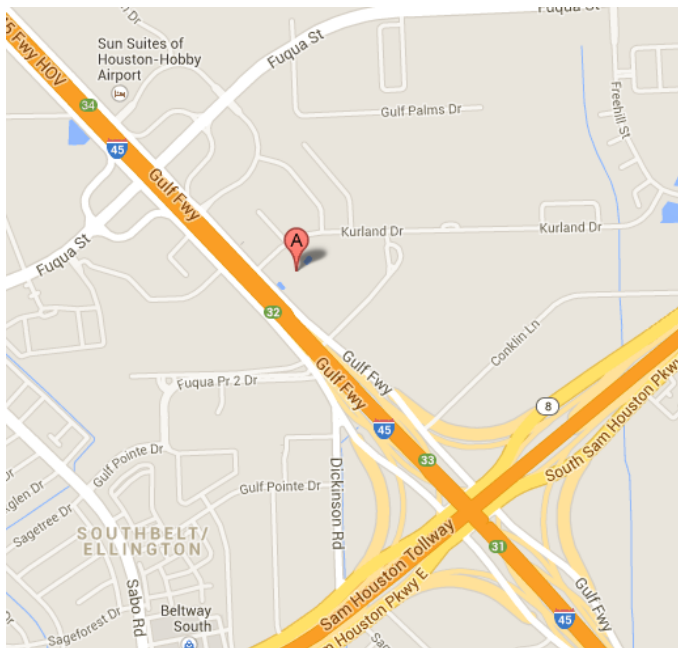
His duties at ImpactWeather, Inc. include leading the hurricane team year-round. During the winter months, Chris manages product development and assists with winter storm and marine fog predictions. One of his main duties during the spring is traveling the country to speak about hurricanes at conventions, seminars and corporate meetings. Topics typically include hurricane preparedness, hurricane forecasting, ImpactWeather's Hurricane Timeline Tools and outlooks for the upcoming hurricane seasons.

Lance Wood:

Lance is currently the Science and Operations Officer at the National Weather Service (NWS) office in League City, TX. Prior to this position, he was a senior forecaster at the League City office. He began his career with the NWS in El Paso, TX, in 1994. Lance became a forecaster at the NWS Lake Charles, LA, office in 1995, before coming to the Houston/Galveston area in 1998. He also has experience as a trade floor meteorologist with Duke Energy. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University; receiving both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Meteorology.

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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