



Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

June 2014

Notes from the President –

Greetings! Although we have not seen much severe weather this spring across southeast Texas, we did have an EF1 tornado touch down in Lovelady, TX on April 13th. Meteorologically, this event appears to be an interesting case as it was spawned from a small convective cell with no lightning. This tornado, the existing mesoscale environment, and sparse radar coverage, will be presented at our next meeting. NWS Houston/Galveston meteorologists Chris McKinney and Brian Haines will present this case study to the group, and lead a discussion as well.

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"Lovelady, TX: A case study of a tornadic cell in a sparse radar coverage environment"

Speakers:

Chris McKinney
Forecaster
NWS Houston/Galveston
League City, TX

Brian Haines
Forecaster Intern
NWS Houston/Galveston
League City, TX

Thursday, June 12th

6 PM Dinner
7 PM Meeting

Dinner/Meeting Location:

Rudy's BBQ
21361 Gulf Freeway
Webster, TX 77598

Speaker Information-

Chris McKinney:

Chris is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Houston/Galveston Weather Forecast Office where he has been assigned since July 2008. During his tenure at the local office, Chris has worked a number of significant weather events, including Hurricanes Dolly, Gustav, and Ike, and has deployed as an Incident Meteorologist to support efforts to fight wildfires in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Texas A&M.

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It is also that time of year to set the officers for next Fall/Spring. Please send me an email (lance.wood@noaa.gov) if you are interested in becoming President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the Houston AMS chapter. Our chapter is in need of volunteers to step up and help lead our meetings next year. We have had many great speakers/meetings the past several years, and I have really enjoyed leading the chapter as vice president/president since December 2009. I will be stepping down as president after our June meeting, and I would like to be able to pass the torch to our next president, so that we can continue on with our meetings next fall.

Thanks,
Lance

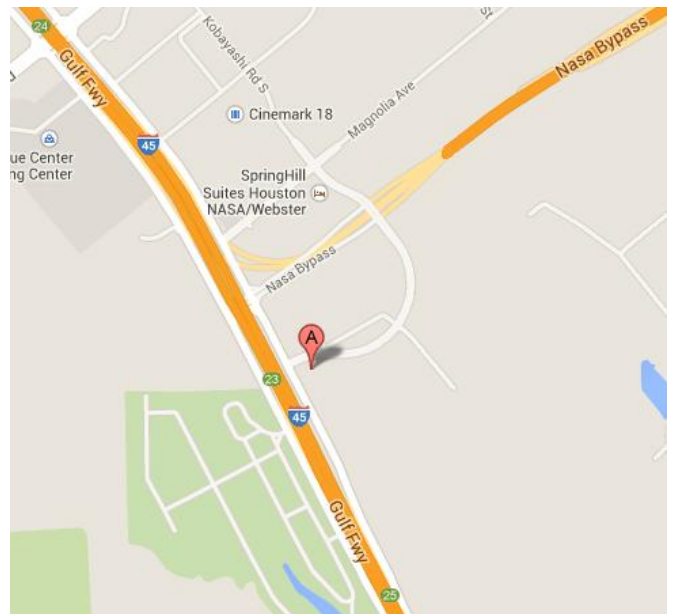
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Brian Haines:

Brian is a forecaster intern at the Houston/Galveston NWS office. He is from Houston, TX and graduated from Texas A&M University with both undergraduate and graduate degrees. His interest in meteorology started when he was young, and has only continued to grow over the years.

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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