



Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

July 2009

Introduction to Marine Meteorology: Dorri Breher, Senior Meteorologist

Thursday, July 30th
Dinner – 6:00pm
Floyd's Cajun Seafood House, 281-332-7474
Meeting – 7:00pm
Houston/Galveston NWSFO, 281-337-5074

This is an introduction to marine meteorology to discover who uses these forecasts, why the forecasts are important and how the forecasts are made. Forecasts are made for companies and people who are interested in what the winds and waves are at a certain location. Find out how high winds and waves affect vessels and platforms out in the open water. Finally, learn about the components of the forecast and how they are predicted and verified worldwide.

Dorri Breher is a Senior Meteorologist for the Marine team at ImpactWeather, Inc. located in

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Notes from the President –

Greetings!

The new Chapter Officers and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming monthly chapter meeting on this Thursday, July 30. This will be our first of the Summer meetings that we have planned. We're going to start it off with a dining experience of great Cajun cooking at Floyd's over in Webster, TX on I-45 South just south of the I-45 / NASA 1 Parkway, in the same area as Pappas BBQ where we shared dinner back in May. We will then meet up at the NWSFO just east of the intersection of I-45 & FM-646. This month's Guest Speaker will be one of our own chapter members, Dorri Breher, the Marine Forecast Supervisor from Impact Weather. Dorri is also once again our Chapter Secretary, so come out and check out what she has to say about the skills of being a Marine Forecaster.

Last month we had our annual Officer Election, and the only Officer that was replaced was our former Secretary, Regina Perry, from Wilkins Weather, who decided not to run again, and was replaced by Dorri Breher. Brian Planz, from Wilkins Weather, is back as Chapter Treasurer; and the Vice President Position will be once again filled by the twins, Drew Wasson, from Hewlett-Packard, and Aaron Studwell from Weather Insight. Just in case you haven't heard, Drew is the Father of a beautiful baby girl named Margarita, thanks to his beautiful wife, Jill! Congrats Y'all!

Since this is a summer meeting, please don't hesitate to bring out a friend or older child that may have an interest in learning more about meteorology. If you are a sailor, surfer, fisherman, or shrimp boater, you may just learn something about forecasting marine weather. Hmmm I wonder if those guys on the Discovery Channel's "Deadliest Catch" listen to a good Marine Forecaster. Think of all the different type of people working out there off-shore... Cruise Ships, Freighters, Cargo Ships, Tankers, Working Platforms, Sea Going Tugs, Fishermen, Sailors, Sport Fishermen,

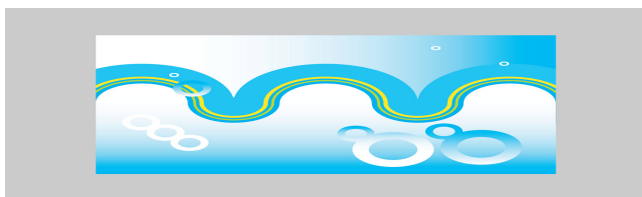
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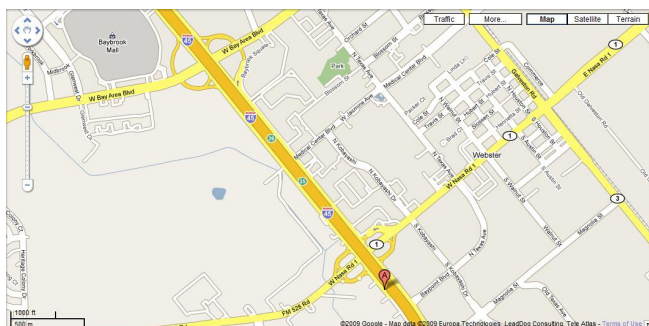
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Houston, Texas. Her weather interests started as a young child in Ballwin, Missouri where she grew up on the edge of Tornado Alley. It was no surprise that she declared her major in Meteorology but it was all the way down at Texas A&M University where she attended college. After graduating in 1996, her first weather job started in 1998 in Houston. She has worked in Houston at three different companies as a marine meteorologist. Dorri's been at ImpactWeather since 2001, serving at various times in capacity of meteorologist and supervisor.

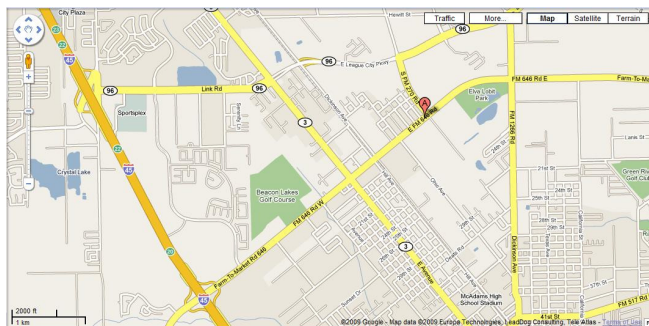


Maps & Directions

Floyd's Cajun Seafood House
20760 Gulf Freeway, Webster, 77598
281-332-7474



Houston/Galveston National Weather Service
Forecast Office
1353 FM 646 Suite 202, Dickinson, TX, 77539
281-337-5074



CHAPTER WEBSITE
www.amshouston.net

NATIONAL WEBSITE
www.ametsoc.org

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and off-shore racing teams, both power and sail. All depend on a good Marine Forecaster.

Since we will be back at the NWS Office, think about donating a book, video tape, DVD, or CD to our Chapter Library. Donations have been picking up, thanks to you, our membership. Last month's presenter, Mark Sudduth, from HurricaneTrack.com donated 3 different DVD's of the 2004, 05, and 08 Hurricane Seasons to our Library. We will also be adding presentations from past and future Chapter Meeting Presentations as well.

In closing, remember to help us make our chapter grow, by bringing a friend along with you, the Annual Dues are still just \$10.00 a year, and also let us know of any upcoming interesting events, of any kind that you might think your fellow members would like to attend. We are also looking for members of our Chapter "Speakers Bureau" as requests for volunteers to talk to the community are now coming in. There is one listed on our Chapter Website, under "Jobs". Check it out and if you are interested please contact me and I will work with you to see you fit the bill for what they need. I will bring this up more at the meeting.

Take time to check out our Chapter Website, (www.amshouston.net), for the latest anytime. If you have any ideas for making our Chapter the best it can be to our membership, come to the meeting and tell us please. Remember, a chapter is only as good as its membership.

So Thursday, June 25, turn off the TV set, shut down the internet, get off the couch and come join us for I feel a very interesting evening. Don't forget to bring along a friend. Dues are now due at \$10.00 per year. Also, please remember that we are still looking for past chapter records, photos, minutes, and the Chapter of the Year banner.

Let's plan on the August meeting being held on August 27, on the West-side of town. The times will be the same as usual, Dinner at 6:00p.n., followed by the Chapter Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be announced.

See ya there,
Lew Fincher
"Folks, this is perfect weather for today's game. Not a breath of air..."

Curt Gowdy

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 \$10 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 \$10 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*

Mail to:

Brian Planz

c/o Wilkens Weather Technologies, Inc.

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City/State/Zip _____

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Home phone number _____

Work _____

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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.

Contact Information

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST ANNUAL TEXAS HURRICANE CONFERENCE

LOCATION: HOUSTON, TX – DATES: 07 AUGUST

CHARRETTE: RICE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

LOCATION: GALVESTON, TX – DATES: 08 AUGUST

RECEPTION: RICE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

LOCATION: HOUSTON, TX – DATES: 10 AUGUST

13TH CONFERENCE ON MESOSCALE PROCESSES

LOCATION: SALT LAKE CITY, UT – DATE: 17-20 AUGUST

SECOND UPCOMING DESIGN FORUM

LOCATION: HOUSTON, TX – DATE: 19 AUGUST

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