



Houston Chapter of the American Meteorological Society

February 2012

Notes from the President –

Greetings! We had a great lunch meeting at the Weather Museum in January. Jill and Maureen gave us their AMS presentations. We also had a good group discussion concerning Texas weather pioneers that gave Jill some additional ideas. The Weather Museum celebrated Groundhog Day this past week. As you can see in the photo below (from the Houston Chronicle), There was no groundhog, but Tuck the Armadillo saw his shadow, indicating 6 or more weeks of winter. I have my doubts concerning Tuck's prediction, and think we are likely to see a continuation of above normal temperatures in February.



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“Hydrometeorological Impacts from Inland-Moving Tropical Systems - Welcome Rainfall or Devastating Flood”

Speaker: John Feldt, Hydrologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service's Southeast River Forecast Center

Wednesday, February 29th

5-7 PM National Flood Workshop reception
7-8 PM AMS Meeting

Location:

Renaissance Hotel
6 Greenway Plaza East
Houston, TX 77046

Speaker Information-

John Feldt is the Hydrologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service's Southeast River Forecast Center (SERFC) in Peachtree City, Georgia.

John began his federal career in 1977 and has held a diverse array of field and management positions across the National Weather Service. A graduate of St. Louis University, he has served over thirty years in the National Weather Service.

He was the Meteorologist-in-Charge of the Des Moines, Iowa, office during the Great Midwest Floods of 1993 and has been the Hydrologist in Charge of the SERFC since 1997. His background in both hydrology and meteorology provides him a good foundation to lead one of the most active river forecast centers in the nation.

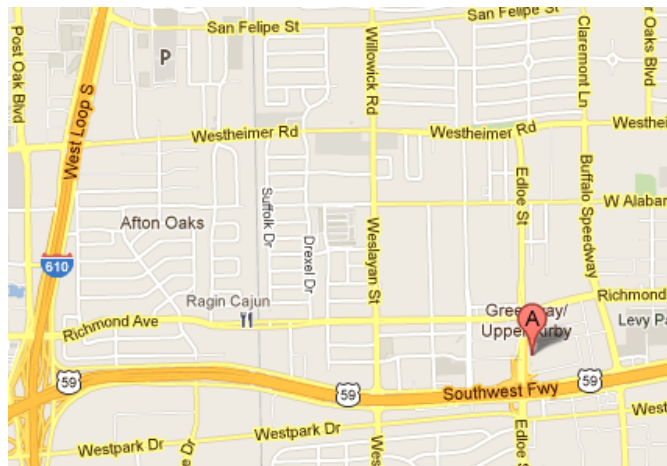
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Over seventy percent of all inland-moving tropical storms or hurricanes move inland within the SERFC's area. John has been involved in some of the Southeast United States' biggest floods, including Hurricane Floyd in 1999, the active 2004 hurricane season, and the Historic North Georgia Floods of 2009.

Maps & Directions

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Notes from the President continued...

Our February meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Flood Workshop (February 27th-March 1st). For more information on the workshop, see: www.wxresearch.com/nfw/ Mr. John Feldt from the Southeast River Forecast Center will be speaking to our group about rainfall from inland moving tropical cyclones. If you are able to, show up early for the workshop reception before our meeting so you can mingle with workshop attendees.

The Olympics of the Mind competition for high school students is returning to Houston this year after going to other cities for the past 10 years. It is scheduled to take place on July 5th; however, this is a tentative date, and it could end up being held on July 6th. The science categories for the competition include: Earth and Space Science, Physics, Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science, Chemistry/biochemistry, Biology/microbiology, and Medicine and health. So, you can see that a meteorologist's background is related to several of the categories above. The competition is in need of judges with expertise in these categories. If you would like to participate as a judge please contact me at lance.wood@noaa.gov. Note: there is a mandatory judge's orientation the night before the competition.

Thanks,
Lance

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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 \$15 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 \$15 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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