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Notes from the President

The March Chapter Meeting will be held at Fuddruckers on the southeast side of town. Dinner starts at 6:00pm and the Meeting starts at 7:00 as usual. Attached is a map of the location for Fuddruckers. It is on the north bound side of I-45, just inside Beltway 8. The address for Fuddruckers is 11950 Kurland, Houston, TX 77034 and the phone number is 281-484-7371. The Speaker for our March Meeting will be Larry Johnston, the Team Leader of the Texas Department of Insurance office located in La Marque with a 12 inspector staff that inspect from High Island, to San Luis Pass to Friendswood and East of Hwy 146 to Morgan's Point. Larry worked in the residential and commercial roofing business since 1986 and in July of 1998 he went to work for the Texas Department of Insurance in the Windstorm Inspection Division and has worked in the following counties, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Galveston, Jefferson, Matagorda and the section of Harris county East of Hwy 146. Larry is certified in several codes including the International Residential Code, One and 2 family dwelling Inspector, Residential Combination Inspector, Coastal Inspector and Commercial Building Inspector. Larry worked in Slidell Louisiana 2 weeks after Hurricane Katrina, and worked the Texas Coast after Rita and now Ike. He has seen firsthand damage of many other tropical storms and seen the damage to properties and homes along with damage to his own home during Alicia in 1983, when he was 5 miles east of the eye path on its way to down town Houston.

- **I do hope the membership will show up at this month's meeting as will have plenty of topics to discuss, and you**

will be needed to voice your opinions and concerns on much of the agenda.

- **First off, I would like to have someone who attended the National AMS Conference stand and give the Chapter a brief synopsis of the event.**
- **A couple of other items that I hope we can hear from the Officers about are the results of the Regional Science Fair from earlier this month.**
- **Earlier this month we also did our annual duty to the National AMS concerning the selection/judging of the Industrial & Minority Scholarships.**
- **I also hope to have our Chapter Website back up and running very soon with a few added features. If there is something that could be added to the website, please let me know asap as we are trying to post much more information on the website than we've ever had before. We want to make the website something that will bring more interest to our chapter and also better educate others in our area on the subject of all things meteorological..**
- **I would like one of the officers to give a report on last month's meeting and presentation held last month at the Clayton Library, by Dr. Rob Griffin from Rice University.**
- **I also want to thank our Past President, Anthony Yanez, along with KPRC-TV, Channel 2 donating a copy of their Hurricane Ike Special that was broadcast last month. I want to thank Anthony and the rest of the weather department at KPRC-TV for this kind donation. I do hope that other members follow suit with this type of donation for our Chapter Library. Remember, the Library will be located at the Houston-Galveston NWSFO in League City. Wouldn't it be fantastic if other Media Outlet Meteorologists would join KPRC-TX, Channel 2 in donating such educational materials? Hmm, do I hear a challenge?**

- **How about you, yes you, the person reading these notes, what could you contribute to the betterment of the chapter and its membership? Do you know of any upcoming events that might be interesting or enjoyable to attend by our membership? Perhaps, a special show, perhaps a movie, a mixer that would be fun or interesting? If you do, please let any of the officers know, or bring it up at the next membership meeting.**

- **I would also like to have our local NWSFO MIC take the floor and give us all any updates on projects or programs that are being done, such as SKYWARN, and the upcoming workshops and conferences. I feel that it would be interesting to hear from the NWSFO Science Officer and the WCM as well. I don't want to leave anyone out, so please, stand up and fill us in on any interesting projects you may be working on, or know about.**

- **I would also like to get a few volunteers to form a "Speaker's Committee", that can find speakers in our chapter that would be willing to go out and talk to different groups in our area to help educate on any subject related to their field of expertise in any relationship to Earth Science / Meteorology.**

- **One last item and that is corporate sponsorship of our chapter. I seem to remember that at least a few of the companies used to donate at least $100.00 to our treasury. My company will restart the tradition this month with a donation of $100.00. Such "sponsorships" will be noticed on our website, and on future newsletters. It would be nice if the Chapter had its own PowerPoint Projector, Screen, and Speaker System & Mic, of its own for future meetings. Maybe we can raise enough funds to purchase it.**

- **On that subject, don't forget to get your dues paid, still just $10.00 annually. Brian is our Treasurer and will be very glad to sign you up. Remember also to try every meeting to bring a guest, let's keep our chapter growing.**

See you at the meeting,

Lew Fincher