

EC Comments March, 2010

Spring is nearly here and you can certainly tell that by the number of training sessions that are scheduled for this month and early April.

- March 8, 2010: Skywarn Training presented by the National Weather Service Office from North Webster, Indiana. The training will take place at the Reading Emergency Unit Training Center located at 30 Monroe Street in Hillsdale. Presentations will be given at: 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. All are welcome.
- March 16, 2010: BCARC Meeting. Brad McConn, K8BPD will present a spotter training program which will focus on spotters and reporting methodology. This is sure to be good information for all of us. Open to all interested persons. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm in the basement training room of the 911 Communications Center near the airport in Coldwater.
- March 27, 2010: Calhoun County Skywarn Training will be held at 9:00 AM at Lakeview Middle School 300 South 28th Street, Battle Creek, MI 49015.
- April 3, 2010: Indiana, Michigan, Ohio (IMO) Skywarn Quadrant 1 meeting/training session will be held in Angola, IN at 8:30 AM. Brad, K8PBD will be presenting there as well. The location will be posted on the club website at www.branchcountyarc.com.

There are plenty of chances to get some updated training to make sure that we are all on the same page. Refresher training is important and all are encouraged to attend some or even all of the training sessions. Of particular interest is that the Calhoun County session will be conducted by the folks from the Grand Rapids Weather Service office. It is guaranteed that they will have a different view of things than the folks from IWX do and a different look at the same thing can often be helpful.

We are continuing to assist the Coldwater Public Safety Department with verification of proper Tornado siren operation on the first Saturday of every month. Now that Severe Weather Season (March 1) is on us, proper siren operation takes on a new importance. I certainly appreciate all who have helped out in the past 14 months since we took on the task, but there is always room for more folks to take a turn. Volunteering is not a contract to participate every month, but whenever you can help us. The more people that get involved spreads the task out so the same people don't have to do it every month. The whole process takes less than an hour. Come join us!

Keep your eyes on the sky, turn your weather radio back on and set it to accept watches and warnings and come to some or all training sessions. See you soon!

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