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Grant is a life long “weather bug” who is interested in anything weather related. He has spent most of his 68 years in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, but has travelled to five of the seven continents of the world mostly in connection with church mission work. Grant and his wife Yolanda worked at NOAA’s National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) for about 30 years, and he continues to work (on contract to NCDC) as the quality assurance focal point for the Climate Reference Network. While at the Climate Center, Grant spent 10 years supervising the quality assurance and publication of the data from the National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Network. Grant has also been an NWS Cooperative Observer for 50 years. As a licensed pilot with nearly 800 hours of time in the cockpit, Grant has been able to photograph the weather from the air and ground. Some of these weather photographs and video images have been used in numerous books, magazines, and even a NOVA science DVD on “Lightning”. Grant has also appeared in several interviews on the Weather Channel.