



# CoCoRaHS Collections

## “Because Every Drop Counts”

The Ohio Newsletter

Summer 2021

### Why CoCoRaHS?

Last newsletter I asked “Why did you join CoCoRaHS? What do you like most about CoCoRaHS? We would love to hear from you!” and it has been great hearing so many of your stories! If you would still like to share yours with the next newsletter please email [Ashley.Novak@noaa.gov](mailto:Ashley.Novak@noaa.gov)

**OH-FR-111** “I’ve always had a fascination with weather. Watching storms come in is thrilling - watching the clouds change, guessing when it will hit us and how strong it will be. Once I was introduced to CoCoRaHS I was hooked. Getting up in the morning and checking my gauge while the coffee is brewing has become second nature. I enjoy seeing the changes in weather patterns just by looking at my monthly totals. Plus, seeing my rain/snow totals on the news occasionally is exciting! Being able to participate in weather reporting activity around our state is so satisfying.”

**OH-RC-15** “I joined CoCoRaHS back in 2009 after attending a severe weather spotter training session. I was excited to be the first observer in Crawford County Ohio. In fact, I was kind of bummed out that I had to give up CW-1 in April when we moved to Richland County. But I still faithfully report every day. Nearly 3100 reports and going strong! I enjoy being part of a network of reporters who, I hope, occasionally glance at my reports from time to time like I do theirs to see how much rain/snow other parts of the area are getting.”

**OH-SM-22** “I also joined back in 2009 after first learning about it when I moved to MD and started working at NCEP's EMC. My station has resided in 3 locations across MD and OH. Despite some short hiatuses, it has been an active CoCoRaHS station. My biggest reward, as a meteorologist who works with raw data ingest and quality control, is knowing that my backyard station is being assimilated in real time numerical weather prediction! My little rain gauge is one small part of a collective whole working to improve weather forecasting to benefit everyone!”

**OH-ER-8** “ I started a while ago as something I do for Master Gardener hours. I also live on a farm where rain gauges have always been present. Since I have been doing this I cannot believe how many neighbors ask me "how much rain did you get". This is very common knowledge that I have this official rain gauge but they are shocked some days at how much I have and how much they have. I truly enjoy it - except for those awful winter days when everything is frozen! I plan to continue to do this for many years.”

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### Why CoCoRaHS? (Continued from page 1)

**OH-HR-11** “I have always been interested in the weather. There was a course on storms and weather-watching in Norwalk, where we live. That was informative and enjoyable, so we signed up to participate in weather monitoring. I keep a garden journal and note rainfall, but I am often amazed at just how much fell in a week, or how long it’s been since we got rain. Last year we tried measuring snow and found that interesting, too. I was a legal assistant, and worked on a case involving an ice storm. It had much less impact where it was “officially” recorded, but our area was hard hit. I knew that because my husband and I were election judges that night and had great difficulty making the white-knuckles short drive home! My boss was able to obtain the data he needed to prove that his client did indeed step out of an elevator onto black ice. So my favorite thing about the weather monitoring I do is the thought that my reports matter, that they might help others.”

**OH-AL-5** “Our daughter was somewhat involved in the start-up of CoCoRaHS. In 1998 she lived in Burlington, CO but was temporarily in Fort Collins working on a masters degree thru the University of Northern CO. One night she needed a book from the Colorado State library but decided to get it the next morning. The next morning she did not get the book since 12 inches of rain caused the CSU library to be under water. Where she was staying on the west side of town had only about 1 inch. That storm and the large differences in rainfall in such a close area was the reason Nolan started CoCoRaHS. My daughter got me interested but I could not join until about 12 years ago when Ohio had an advisor. My daughter now lives in Fort Collins and works at CSU near the office where Nolan had worked and has met him.”

### Golden Raindrop Award

Congratulations to our new Golden Raindrop Award member! This individual has reported over 3000 daily precipitation reports. Award certificates will be sent via email soon.

**OH-WD-14**



### Silver Snowflake Award

Congratulations to our new Silver Snowflake Award members! These individuals have reported over 2000 daily precipitation reports. Award certificates will be sent via email soon.

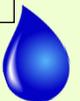
**OH-CN-14**

**OH-DL-13**

**OH-DR-9**

**OH-FY-5**

**OH-MW-4**



### Bronze Observer Award

Congrats to our new Bronze Observer Award members! These individuals have reported over 1000 daily precipitation reports. Award certificates will be sent via email soon.

**OH-AL-10**

**OH-AT-23**

**OH-BL-6**

**OH-CK-13**

**OH-CY-41**

**OH-ER-4**

**OH-FF-14**

**OH-GR-19**

**OH-HD-22**

**OH-HM-37**

**OH-HR-10**

**OH-LS-21**

**OH-TS-14**





## 500 Club!

Congratulations to our newest 500 Club members! These observers have submitted at least 500 daily precipitation reports since becoming a CoCoRaHS observer. We look forward to adding onto this list with the next newsletter. Way to go!



OH-AD-5	OH-CY-47	OH-CY-52	OH-CY-53	OH-DR-31
OH-GR-28	OH-LC-28	OH-MY-62	OH-PK-1	

## Summer 2021 Honor Roll

**From June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, these Ohio stations reported everyday. Here are those stations who get a thumbs up for their dedication!**

Not listed below, but thought you reported everyday? You can check your reports. There are multiple ways to do this. You can go into your account and click on list/edit my daily precipitation reports. This will show your reports everyday. You can also go into 'view data' at the top of the page and click on 'station precipitation summary report.' Input your station and the period of interest. The missing days will be shown with dash marks. If there are additional questions e-mail [Ashley.Novak@noaa.gov](mailto:Ashley.Novak@noaa.gov). This data was pulled September 1st, so if you entered data later your ID might not be shown below.

OH-AD-5	OH-CY-24	OH-FL-16	OH-HM-56	OH-MK-13	OH-RS-10
OH-AL-5	OH-CY-39	OH-FR-2	OH-HR-2	OH-MM-1	OH-SD-2
OH-AS-5	OH-CY-48	OH-FR-8	OH-HY-5	OH-MM-11	OH-SN-3
OH-AS-9	OH-CY-54	OH-FR-83	OH-HY-7	OH-MY-5	OH-SH-10
OH-AT-1	OH-CY-58	OH-FR-87	OH-KN-4	OH-MY-9	OH-SH-11
OH-AT-5	OH-DF-8	OH-FR-111	OH-KN-7	OH-MY-17	OH-SH-15
OH-AT-21	OH-DL-10	OH-FR-121	OH-LK-9	OH-MY-18	OH-SH-18
OH-AT-26	OH-DL-31	OH-GG-4	OH-LC-10	OH-MY-34	OH-SH-20
OH-BL-6	OH-DL-32	OH-GG-7	OH-LC-26	OH-MY-39	OH-SM-5
OH-BT-22	OH-DL-35	OH-GG-11	OH-LC-28	OH-MY-61	OH-SM-22
OH-CB-8	OH-DR-1	OH-GR-15	OH-LR-8	OH-PK-1	OH-SM-32
OH-CB-10	OH-DR-9	OH-GR-26	OH-LS-22	OH-PT-2	OH-SM-40
OH-CB-18	OH-DR-29	OH-GR-28	OH-LS-23	OH-PT-8	OH-TS-8
OH-CC-1	OH-ER-8	OH-GR-37	OH-MC-7	OH-PT-9	OH-UN-4
OH-CM-7	OH-ER-20	OH-HK-7	OH-MD-1	OH-PT-10	OH-VN-3
OH-CM-16	OH-FF-24	OH-HM-24	OH-MD-2	OH-PT-12	OH-WD-12
OH-CM-18	OH-FF-26	OH-HM-31	OH-MD-10	OH-PT-17	OH-WD-14
OH-CN-10	OH-FF-29	OH-HM-37	OH-MH-10	OH-RC-3	OH-WR-34
OH-CN-14	OH-FL-13	OH-HM-45	OH-MH-11	OH-RC-15	OH-WN-14
OH-CN-15	OH-FL-15	OH-HM-55	OH-MK-12	OH-RS-8	



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## Helpful Links for Ohio CoCoRaHS Observers

### Obtain replacement or extra equipment:

<https://weatheryourway.com/>

<https://www.cocorahs.org/Content.aspx?page=store>

### For information on Climate:

<https://climate.osu.edu/>

<https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

### For Current Forecasts and Severe Weather Warnings:

<https://www.weather.gov/>

### For river information:

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps/>

### For drought information:

<https://droughtreporter.unl.edu/map/>

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



## Did you know?

### Moving?

Did you know that your station ID is tied in with the location of your gauge? What does that mean? We do not give out your personal information, however your station is tied into your location. Therefore when you move you need to get a new station ID number/identifier. Your old station ID is simply closed out and then you can start reporting with your new ID which is tied into your new location. This way your data history is tied in with the correct location. Just email Ashley.Novak@noaa.gov with your new address if you have moved in the past and haven't let us know or if you end up moving in the future. Thank you for bringing CoCoRaHS whenever you move!

### Precipitation or Not?

If there is condensation in the gauge or fog that was not accompanied with precipitation, do you report that as precipitation? Any sort of condensation should be reported as 0. You can remember it this way, measure what falls from the sky. You can feel free instead if you have just condensation to enter a 0.00 rainfall report and mention in the comments 0.02 was in the gauge due to condensation. If you are unsure, feel free to ask a coordinator. Remember, knowing days it did not rain is just as important as knowing days when it did. Your daily efforts are appreciated. Just a reminder multi-day accumulation reports are just a click away in your account during those times when you are away from your gauge.