

The Catch

PICNIC TIME FOR COCORAHS

FORT COLLINS, CO — Thursday, August 18, 2005

Greetings to all,

We made it back from Michigan in good shape—very hot and humid the first few days up in Upper Michigan, but then we had some good crash-bang roll-you-out-of-bed at 3 AM kind of storms followed by cooler weather and a remarkably cool trip back to Colorado.

Looks like there was plenty of weather out here to keep track of while I was away. That tornado in Wyoming was a real shocker. I was amazed to see those soaking 2"+ rains over the entire Denver Metro area back in early August. For the rest of our areas it looks like some of you got good rains and others got missed.

DENVER METRO-AREA PICNIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Sorry for the late notification, but our Denver Metro area CoCoRaHS coordinators have organized an end-of-summer picnic for next Saturday, August 27th. It will be in Boulder up at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Here are the details from Steve Hamilton, the metro-area coordinator. This our also posted on the CoCoRaHS "Calendar" on the website.

INVITATION:

The CoCoRaHS Summer Picnic! PLEASE JOIN US on Saturday August 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at NCAR in Boulder. This is the eye-catching facility atop Table Mesa on the SW side of Boulder. (Click <http://www.ucar.edu/org/mesalabmap.shtml> for map.) This will be a POT LUCK picnic, (see below for information). We will meet in the NCAR Cafeteria and outside patio area. (A very scenic and meteorologically important location)

Lunch will be held from 11:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by a pre-Fall information and training meeting from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Some early snow measurement training will be provided. We will have hail pads, rain gauges and other supplies

available. Also, the new CoCoRaHS t-shirts will be available as well as some snow rulers.

After the picnic and training, you can visit the NCAR Exhibit Hall and Science Store, which will be open until 4:00 p.m. Click <http://eo.ucar.edu/visit/store.html> for details. NCAR is also the trail head for several excellent hiking trails in the Flatirons and is a great place to bring the whole family.

As I mentioned, this is a POT LUCK...we are looking for volunteers to bring food and drinks, and help with set-up and clean-up. (I especially need help with clean-up because I need to leave promptly at 1:00 p.m.) (Other CoCoRaHS staff will stay later and will be answering questions, distributing supplies, etc.)

We don't need to get too fancy, just sandwiches, side dishes, cookies and drinks. We will also need folks to bring ice, coolers, cups and plates. If you can volunteer in this capacity, please e-mail me at cocorahs@gmail.com by Sunday August 21 and let me know what you can bring.

If you cannot bring a dish or drinks, that's OK! Still come!! Please RSVP to me (Steve Hamilton) at: cocorahs@gmail.com, with your name and how many others you are bringing by Sunday August 21 so we can plan on enough food and drinks. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other CoCoRaHS people...see you there! —Steve Hamilton, CoCoRaHS Metro Area Regional Coordinator.

While this picnic is primarily for those in the Denver area, anyone in the project who wants to drive to Boulder on Aug 27 is welcome to attend. But please do RSVP.

Other CoCoRaHS news and reminders will come in future e-mails.

Thanks again for keeping the project rolling.

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P.S. and more

While I was away, both Wyoming and New Mexico crossed the 100 mark for numbers of people reporting and Kansas is up to nearly 80. We hit an all time record of 1186 daily reports one day in late July!! We had several days when more than 800 of us reported measurable precip on the same day. Not bad.

Hope to see many of you at the picnic in Boulder or at some of the other upcoming events.

We did have a good turnout at the CHILL Radar field trip near Greeley. I believe we hit capacity with at least 20 people attending and some driving a long way to be there.

We have decided to hold the Rocky Mountain Weather and Climate Workshop next spring in preparation for the 2006 severe weather season. More details will follow.