

# The Catch

## **COCORAHS—LOGGING IN**

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Good afternoon,

Some wind gusts and a few big rain drops are flying out of a thunderhead over the foothills to our west. Wish it would rain, but this may be all that we get.

### **Sorry for the inconvenience this morning**

For those of you who tried to submit your rainfall data this morning, you probably noticed that you had to log in. Quite a few of you brought that little problem to our attention :-). It turns out that the company that hosts the CoCoRaHS web site had to move the site to a different server early this AM due to hardware failure. The result was that we all had to log in again. I know this was inconvenient, and some of you gave up because you couldn't remember your username and password. Unfortunately, in the world of computers, these things happen and we have to deal with it.

Keep in mind that it is easy to find your Login information when you need it. Click on "Login" at the top of the CoCoRaHS webpage and then select "Find My Login Information" <http://www.cocorahs.org/FindLoginInfo.aspx> Our system will promptly send you your username and password via e-mail. Please note that the password is case-sensitive. Also note that the default username is FirstName + LastName without a space. Some people add a space and can't log in.

The passwords that we issue are wild and random and very difficult to remember, but you are always welcome to change them to something easier to keep track of. When you have logged in, you can change your username and password from the My Account area. Change Username:

<http://www.cocorahs.org/Admin/MyProfile/ChangeUsername.aspx>

Change Password:

<http://www.cocorahs.org/Admin/MyProfile/ChangePassword.aspx>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

## **Indiana hits 300**

Several states have shown recent surges in CoCoRaHS volunteer activity. Indiana hit an all time high of 323 daily precipitation reports earlier this week. New Mexico is now close to 250 reports per day. Illinois is getting very close to 200. Tennessee has rapidly surged past the 100 mark in just their second month of CoCoRaHS participation. Texas, after a slow start, is now heading toward 100 and is planning a massive media campaign to recruit volunteers next month. Our newer states of Wisconsin, Nevada and Montana are also climbing. Alaska is on the move with 5 reports coming in now on some days (got to start somewhere). Nevada has had no rain for two weeks, so when it does rain their number of reports could surge even higher. As for precipitation, Alaska is still our driest state so far with only a small handful of days with rain and only a few tenths of an inch of precipitation since they started reporting in early April.

## **Florida for CoCoRaHS!**

We had a great conference call this AM with a number of weather, water and education officials from Florida. It sounds like they are eager to join CoCoRaHS. With all the localized thunderstorms, drought conditions and tropical storms plus all the retired meteorologists and other folks in Florida, that will be one amazing state to watch when they get involved. Furthermore, they don't even have to worry about learning how to measure snow.

## **Pleasant Weekend**

Again, sorry for the inconvenience this AM. It looks like a pleasant weekend weather-wise for much of the country this weekend, so have a good time.

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