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NOLAN DOESKEN'S BI-MONTHLY COCORAHS E-MAIL MESSAGE

CoCoRaHS -- Year-End Fundraiser and Consider a Calendar

Fort Collins, Colorado -- December 9th, 2014

Dear CoCoRaHS friends, family and fellow rain gaugers:

If you are new to CoCoRaHS (and we've had a few hundred new volunteers sign up this fall) then please skip over this first section. We're very happy to have you on our rain gauge team and feel free to ask any questions to help you get started and engaged. Write to info@cocorahs.org or contact your local CoCoRaHS volunteer coordinator if you have any questions for us -- or just reply to this message.

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For the past few years We have benefited greatly from financial support from the National Science Foundation and the NOAA Office of Education. This funding is quickly coming to an end. From here on we will be relying primarily on support provided by organizations that use and rely on our data and from private donations. Currently about 10-15% of our annual budget is coming from donations from our own rain gauge volunteers who appreciate CoCoRaHS and want to see this project continue and thrive.

Clearly, what matters most is the donation of your time to go out to your gauge and check for rain or snow each day. That's huge and there is certainly no obligation to give

more than that. But your financial gifts really help as well. For those of you who have already made a financial contribution, THANKS A TON!

If you have not yet contributed to this campaign, please consider making a donation today. So far, we've received nearly 500 donations -- a great start. But if just 25% of us who are involved in CoCoRaHS contribute \$5 or more, this would be 5000 donations totaling well over \$25,000 . . . I hope we can do it. For larger donations of \$50 or more there are some nice "thank you" gifts.

Our year-end fund raiser runs until early January. [To find out more on how to donate click here.](#) Thanks. I'll give you an update on progress later this month.

[The CoCoRaHS Calendar](#)

We have hundreds of beautiful "CoCoRaHS Rain Gauge Calendars" who need an appreciative home. They are truly unique, artistic, affordable and very functional. There will never be another one quite like it (this may be our last). All the photos were taken by fellow rain gauge volunteers.

Every calendar we sell earns a few \$ to support the operational costs of maintaining our national rain gauge network. Please order a calendar for your home or office today. We'll throw in a CoCoRaHS decal for every calendar sold. [To find out more on how to order a calendar, please click here.](#)

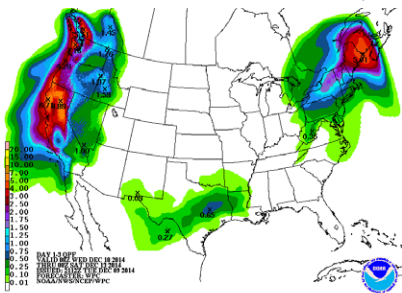
If you're in a position to be able to help support CoCoRaHS even more, then consider a \$50 donation above for a "Calendar" thank you gift.

Special Webinar - Weather Highlights of 2014



This Thursday, Greg Carbin from NOAA's Storm Prediction Center will be presenting a special Webinar entitled "A Review of Significant Weather Events Occurring in 2014". If you're interested in big storms and sever weather, this is one you won't want to miss. [Click here to register.](#)

[Wind and Rain in the West, Wet Snow in New England](#)



Well, if you live near the West Coast, look out! There's a wet and windy storm headed your way with forecasts of possibly as much as 8" of rain especially along the California Coast north from Monterrey. Tie down your trash cans, small pets, and rain gauges and get ready for action. And for those of you in New England, it's time for a good old-fashioned wet snow. Good luck with your measurements and check our [snow training](#)

[resources](#) if you need help. For most of the rest of us, the next few days look to be mild and dry. Even Grand Rapids will have some nice sunshine later this week.

[Farm Story - Where Do They Come From?](#)

The old hens aren't laying much anymore but our young ones are ignoring the long dark December nights and still popping out fresh eggs every day. Our barn cats are plump with good mousing weather. And then there are the flies. We thought after having a week of near zero F weather back in November, that the flies were a thing of the past until next June. But alas, it warmed up on Sunday and some very resilient, hyperactive barn flies made a mad dash for our house and our proving to be un-swattable (sp??). I'm sure there are some CoCoRaHS entomologists out there somewhere who can tell me "Where did those flies comes from?"

P.S. On a separate note, for those who asked, my oral surgery went well and I'm migrating back to solid food.

Thanks for being a part of our rain gauge team, and I hope everyone has pleasing weather (Rain in California, for example) and a great December.

Sincerely and thankfully,

Nolan Doesken and the CoCoRaHS team,
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