



*A newsletter from the gang at WeatherBrains, January 16, 2016, issue #10.*

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## Our Newsletter

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Be assured, we have no plans to fill your mailbox with emails. Our goal is to send out an informative newsletter at least monthly, perhaps more often IF time allows, with news and notes of interest to weather enthusiasts. And we have NO plans to share our list with anyone.

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-Brian-  
SkyWritings Editor

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## Upcoming WeatherBrains Episodes

Thanks to our listeners for all the suggestions for guests. We are working on a great lineup for 2016.

Here are some shows scheduled in coming weeks.

**January 18** we turn our attention to flying weather with Scott Dennstaedt from Foreflight talking about in-flight/cockpit weather..

**January 25** we hop across the pond to talk to two meteorologists from the UK Met Office, Alberto Arribas and Niall Robinson.

**February 1** features Jason Bowman from My Weather Concierge.

Our Booking Officer, Bill Murray, is working on a long list of potential Guest WeatherBrains for 2016. We really love getting suggestions from our audience, so keep those guest suggestions coming.

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## NWA Officers Announced

by **Brian Peters**

The National Weather Association (NWA) has announced their officers for 2016 after the recent election.



The graphic features the NWA logo on the left, which includes a sun, a lightning bolt, and a snowflake. To the right of the logo, the year '2016' is displayed in a white box with a blue arrow pointing left. Further right, the words 'ELECTION RESULTS' are written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this, a message reads: 'Congratulations to the new officers and councilors, and thanks to all the candidates!'. The graphic then displays seven circular portraits of the elected officials, arranged in two rows. The top row contains three portraits, and the bottom row contains four. Each portrait is accompanied by a caption identifying the individual and their role.

**2016** **ELECTION RESULTS**

Congratulations to the new officers and councilors, and thanks to all the candidates!

**President-Elect 2017**  
Gail Hartfield-Supina

**Vice-President**  
William Murray

**Secretary**  
Randy Graham

**Councilor 2016-2018**  
Susan Jasko

**Councilor 2016-2018**  
Nate Johnson

**Councilor 2016-2018**  
Jennifer McNatt

**Councilor 2016-2018**  
Greg Stumpf

WeatherBrains is pleased to congratulate two of the WeatherBrains gang, Bill Murray and Nate Johnson, for their election to the cast of characters guiding the NWA. Bill was previously a councilor from 2013 to 2015.

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## Check Us Out

You can find us on the web at [www.weatherbrains.com](http://www.weatherbrains.com)

You'll find all kinds of great information there including back episodes, biography on each of the Weatherbrains gang, and links for Twitter and Facebook. And ways to get in touch with us.

If you want to see the show as it is assembled, you can watch live at [live.bigbrainsmedia.com](http://live.bigbrainsmedia.com) or later on YouTube, just search WeatherBrains.

And don't forget to subscribe to the WeatherBrains newsletter, *SkyWritings*. You can subscribe directly off our web page (link is on the left side) and you can see the latest newsletter in that same location.

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## Speaking of NWA

by Brian Peters

And speaking of the NWA, the next NWA Annual Meeting will be held from the 10th to the 15th of September in Norfolk, VA, at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott on East Main Street.

A lot of planning goes into an annual meeting, and I am speaking from experience after helping with the annual meeting held in Birmingham in 2011. Along with the work come deadlines for things to get done. Here is a list of important deadlines in planning for the 2016 event.

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 15 March 2016
- **Oral and Poster Presenters Notified:** 15 April 2016
- **Preliminary Agenda Posted On-line:** 1 July 2016
- **2016 NWA Annual Meeting:** 10-15 September 2016

I have it on good authority that Aubrey is planning on being at this event after missing the last annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

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## Tornado Deaths in 2015

by Brian Peters

In our last show of 2015, actually recorded on December 22nd, we had as our special guest Greg Carbin, Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM), at the Storm Prediction

Center (SPC). At that time, the death toll in the United States from tornadoes stood at 10. Little did we know that number would triple with several rounds of severe weather during the last 9 days of 2015. In fact, December 23rd has gone into the record books as the 9th most active weather day of 2015 and as the 5th most active tornado day of 2015.

The final confirmed statistics on tornado deaths will not be out for a couple of months. It appears that the tornado death toll in the US went from 10 on December 22nd to 35 on December 31st.

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## Off to an Early, Early Start

by Brian Peters

The article title refers to the 2016 hurricane season in the Atlantic Basin. In case you missed it, there was a hurricane in the Atlantic last week. Yes, last week. But doesn't hurricane season begin in June? Yes, it does, but on rare occasions there can be hurricanes well before the typical start date. So just how odd is this?

The hurricane was named Alex, and Alex was only the second hurricane to form in January in the Atlantic Basin. The first time this happened was in 1938 before the naming of hurricanes was formalized. There actually was a hurricane in the Atlantic Basin in January, 1955, Hurricane Alice. But Alice formed in December, 1954.

Alex was an oddity for another reason, too. This appears to be only the second hurricane on record in any month to form in the area north of 30 degrees north latitude and east of 30 degrees west according to information put out via social media by NOAA hurricane expert Eric Blake.

We'll have to remember that when June rolls around and the first tropical cyclone appears. it won't be the "A" storm, but the "B" storm with the name of Bonnie.

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