



The Natural State Scribe



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A few words from the editor



By the time this edition of the Scribe hit the streets, the calendar is telling us summer is almost done. It seems the heat and humidity we are all familiar with in Arkansas lagged a month or so behind this year but the true dog days of summer now seem to be upon us. Not only do we have our usual severe weather concerns to deal with, we must also be aware of the threat that heat can bring. Heat-related concerns not only include ourselves, but our animals as well. Heat-related illnesses often strike swiftly and with little advanced warning. This edition of the Scribe will hopefully bring to light the problems excessive heat can bring along with the usual assortment of what I hope are interesting tidbits about your National Weather Service. As always, feedback is appreciated in both a good and not so good format. Here is hoping you keep cool...

Joe Goudsward - Editor

IMET Update

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One of the many hats I wear at the Little Rock NWS office is that of Incident Meteorologist or IMET. The IMET has to be able to go on a moment's notice to any place in the country to provide on site weather support for anything from oil spills to wildfires.

Some of the equipment that we used to pack up was a satellite dish that weighed well over 100 lbs and was often an adventure to bring on airplanes. The dishes have been replaced by a satellite receiver that is about the size of a lap top computer.

Weighing in at a little over 6 lbs, the new receiver can be carried on airplanes and allows me to get on the Internet in a matter of minutes to provide live weather support. The joys of technology!



Autumn begins September 23 at 4:51 a.m. Central Time.

"There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather"

John Ruskin

"Some people are weather wise, but most are otherwise."

Benjamin Franklin

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