



# Recent Events

The following is a list of events that required special monitoring by members of the Lafayette RACES Group. Since members hold dual membership in Skywarn, all activities for both groups are reported on this site to simplify reporting. All radar images on this page are courtesy of American Weather Concepts at <http://www.weatherconcepts.com>

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December 31, 1999-January 1, 2000

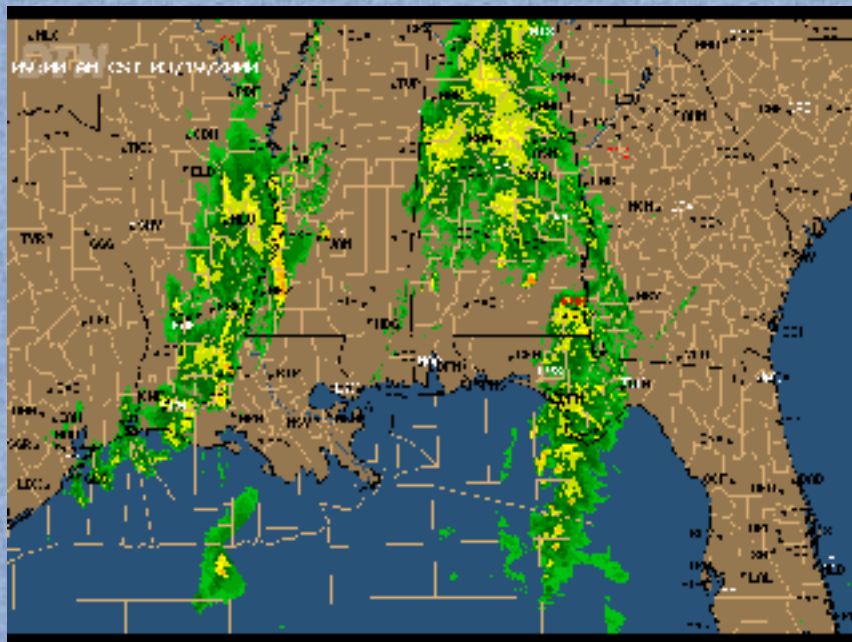
The Lafayette RACES Group provided assistance to the Lafayette City-Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness during their Y2K Event Monitoring Center operations from 7:00 AM December 31st, 1999 until 01:00 AM January 1st, 2000. No Y2K related problems were reported.

February 26, 2000

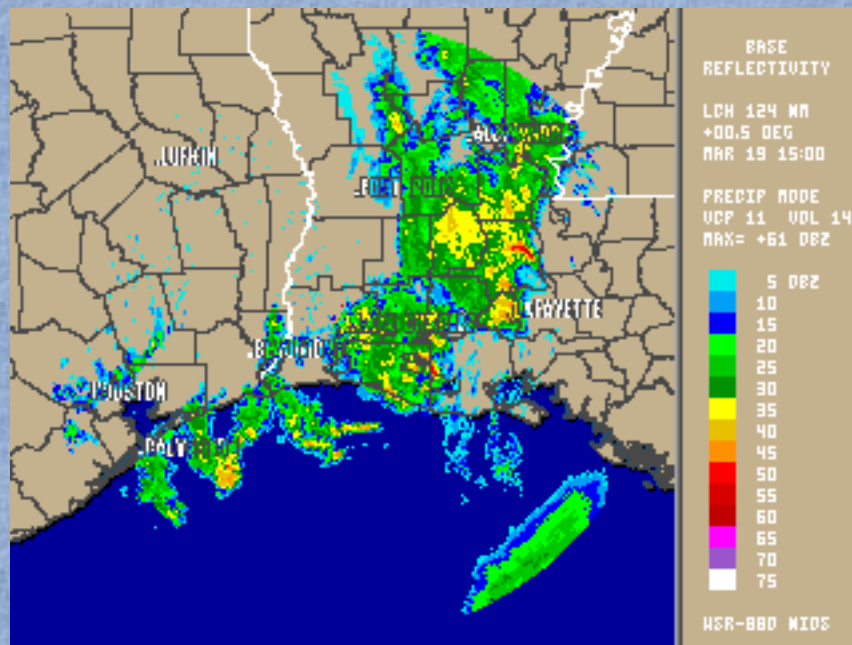
In association with a weak cold front that passed through Acadiana, the NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for St. Landry parish at 3:52 PM CST.

No severe weather was reported as the front moved through Acadiana and the warning was cancelled by 4:45 PM. A Skywarn observer near Lafayette High School reported 0.91 inches of rain accumulated during the duration of this event.





*Figure 2*  
*The second line moving through the Acadiana region.*



*Figure 3*  
*NEXRAD image captured during the Thunderstorm Watch for Lafayette parish.*  
*Note the severe thunderstorm in St. Landry parish.*

Rainfall totals for each day as measured near Lafayette High School was 0.71 inches on the 18th and 0.47 inches on the 19th for a two day total of 1.18 inches.

Lafayette Skywarn observers monitored this event and reported hail size and locations directly to the National Weather Service. No tornadoes were associated with this event.

March 27, 2000

Early in the morning the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch for southwest, southcentral and central Louisiana. At 3:12 AM the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for St. Landry parish as a severe thunderstorm was observed 9 miles northeast of Opelousas moving southeast at 20 mph. This storm moved into the vicinity of Leonville but no severe weather resulted. By 6:50 AM the Severe Thunderstorm Watch was cancelled.

March 29, 2000

At 12:39 PM the National Weather Service issued a Tornado Watch for all of the Acadiana region including Acadia, Lafayette, St. Landry, Vermilion, St. Martin and Iberia parishes. The Lafayette Skywarn Group maintained a watch on this event but no severe weather resulted and the Watch was cancelled at 6:00 PM.

April 2-3, 2000

In association with a moderately strong cold front the Acadiana region was placed under a Tornado Watch and began receiving severe weather statements from the National Weather Service on the evening of April 2nd. At 8:35 PM the NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for St. Landry parish for a particularly large system. This warning was cancelled by 9:30 PM. Sporadic storm damage was reported in the parish mostly from straight-line wind; some dime-sized hail was reported.

On the morning of April 3rd the front passed through the Acadiana region, see Figure 4. At this time the entire area was placed under a Tornado Watch.

6:01 AM a Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued for Acadia and St. Landry parishes.

6:12 AM a Tornado Warning was issued for Acadia parish. The text is provided below.

6:43 AM a Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued for Lafayette parish.

6:54 AM a Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued for St. Landry Parish.

7:07 AM a Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued for Vermilion parish.

7:20 AM a Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued for St. Martin parish.

7:38 AM a Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued for Iberia and St. Mary parishes.

BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED

TORNADO WARNING

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE LAKE CHARLES LA

609 AM CDT MON APR 3 2000

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN LAKE CHARLES HAS ISSUED A

o TORNADO WARNING FOR...

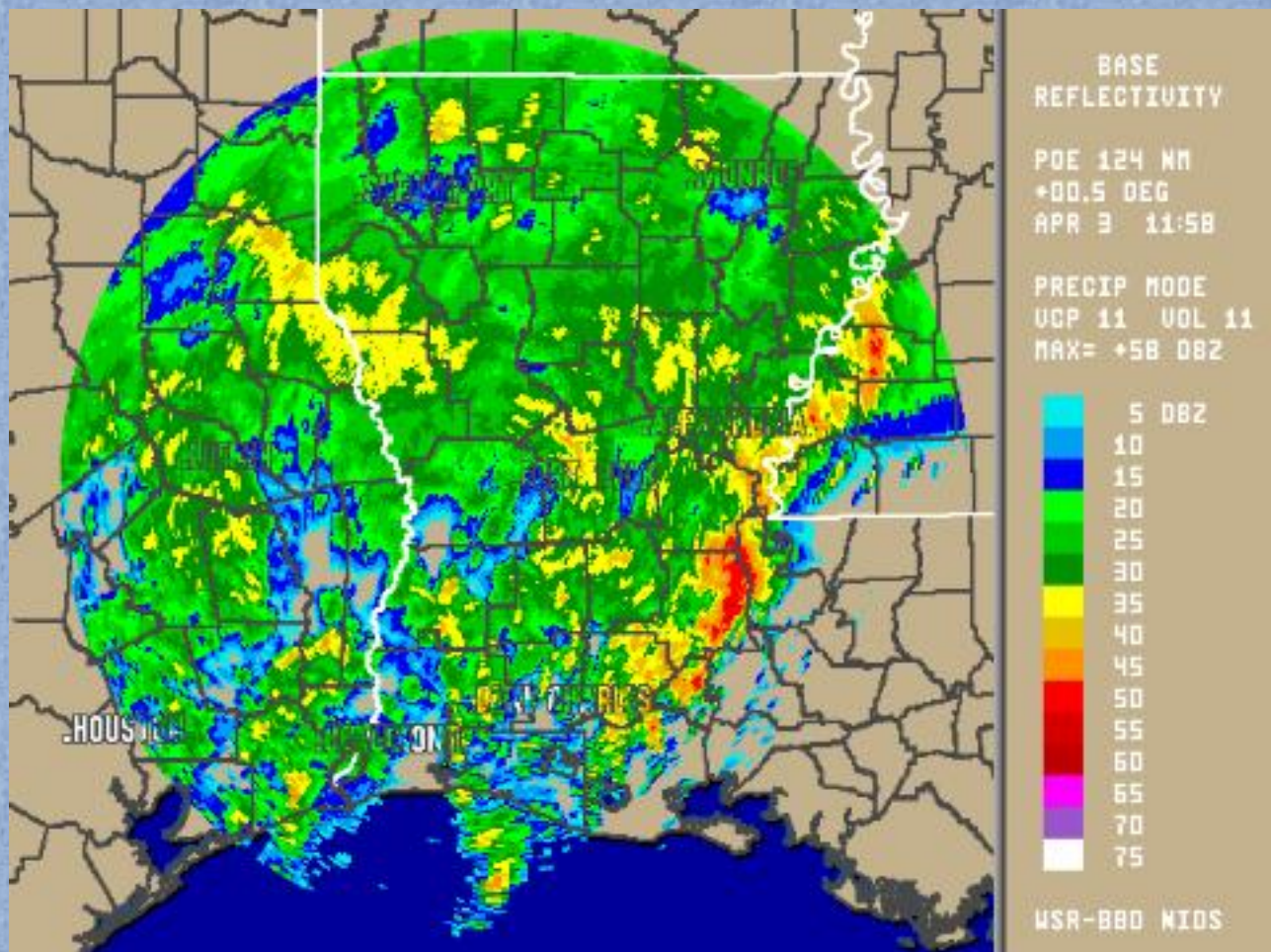
ACADIA PARISH IN SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

o UNTIL 715 AM CDT

o AT 546 AM CDT...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR INDICATED A DEVELOPING TORNADO 15 MILES NORTHWEST OF IOTA...MOVING EAST AT 35 MPH.

o THIS TORNADIC STORM WILL BE NEAR... CHURCH POINT BY 615 AM CDT

A TORNADO MAY FORM AT ANY TIME - TAKE COVER NOW. ABANDON MOBILE HOMES AND VEHICLES FOR MORE SUBSTANTIAL SHELTER. AVOID WINDOWS



*Figure 4.  
The front moving through the Acadiana region.*

A report by a Lafayette Skywarn Observer near Lafayette High School reported that no measurable amount of rainfall was collected on April 2nd but 0.62 inches was measured on April 3rd.

No Severe Weather Observed Locally During May June or July, 2000

August 10, 2000

At 8:10 PM A Tornado Warning was issued for Iberia and St. Martin parishes as a possible tornado was indicated by Doppler radar over south-central Iberville parish moving southwest at 10 mph. This warning was in effect until 9:15 PM. There was no confirmation of an actual tornado and no reports of substantial damage.

At 9:13 PM a Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued by the NWS in Lake Charles for Iberia, Vermilion, St. Martin, Lafayette, and St. Mary parishes. No severe weather was observed by Skywarn spotters and the warning was cancelled at 10:15 PM.

August 23, 2000

At 1:26 PM the NWS in Lake Charles issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Lafayette Parish as a severe thunderstorm 5 miles south of Scott moved toward Scott. The Lafayette Skywarn Group maintained a watch on this event but no severe weather resulted. The warning was cancelled at 2:15 PM.

August 31, 2000

At 3:58 PM a Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued for St. Landry parish as storms spread across Acadiana. This was followed by a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Acadia parish at 5:42 PM, Vermilion parish at 6:45 PM, and for St. Landry, St. Martin and Lafayette parishes at 8:20 PM. A Tornado Warning was issued for St. Landry, St. Martin and Lafayette parishes at 8:38 PM as a possible developing tornado was observed by doppler radar 10 miles northeast of Carencro and moving south at 15 mph. A Tornado Warning was issued for Iberia and Vermilion parishes at 9:27 PM as a tornado was reported over southeastern Lafayette parish between Lafayette and Youngsville. This was not confirmed by Skywarn spotters. All warnings for the area were cancelled by 10:30 PM. No significant damage or confirmed tornado was reported.

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