

Summer Storms...

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There can also be large hail (penny size or larger) mixed with the rain, with the hail forming as temperatures cool aloft. In addition... lightning strikes can increase markedly in a short time frame.



In the picture:
The WSR-88D
showed an outflow boundary
(leading edge of
strong to damaging winds)
speeding away
from a rapidly
weakening storm

in southwest Lonoke County around 604 pm CDT on 08/18/2007.

Pulse storms are especially dangerous because there is often not much time to prepare for such an event. These storms can seemingly come out of nowhere, and catch people offguard. That is why it is important to have weather information handy, and to stay informed when storms begin to build. To keep track of developing storms on radar, you can use the following links:

http://radar.weather.gov/ (nationwide radar) http://radar.weather.gov/ridge/radar.php? rid=lzk (Little Rock radar site)

Award Winners!



Cooperative observers are both an important and integral part of the National Weather Service. Cooperative observers have been

trained by the National Weather Service to

provide high and low temperatures (both air and soil), precipitation, and river data on a daily basis. Some individuals and institutions have made the commitment to provide this data for a number of years, and



have been awarded for their efforts. The following awards have been presented to some of our cooperative observers since the first of the year:

25 year Length of Service Award
Gerald and Christina Emerson of Chimes.



30 year Length
of Service Award
Russell Carter of
Evening Shade.