

Science and Engineering Council of Santa Barbara: Monthly Luncheon

Elephant Bar Restaurant, Thursday December 11, 2008 -- 12:00-1:30

----- THIS MONTH'S TOPIC -----

What's the Weather? Forecasts and Delivery Formats from the National Weather Service

From fires to floods, Santa Barbara certainly has its share of extreme weather. Come find out what the government is doing about it—in terms of forecasting, that is. Our speaker will discuss National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts that are available on the Web, through GIS applications, and through Google Earth maps. He'll address the NWS winter forecast, and its prediction for whether we are in for a La Niña or El Niño. You can ask questions about weather, warnings, and more.

----- PRESENTER -----

Eric Boldt, Warning Coordination Meteorologist National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast Office, Oxnard



Eric is responsible for the weather office's severe weather watch and warning program, which covers a four-county area from Los Angeles County to San Luis Obispo County, including the nearby coastal waters. This area involves the second largest population center and second largest media market of all 122 NWS offices across the nation. He also serves as the primary contact and outreach coordinator between the NWS and local users of weather services, such as the media, emergency managers, first responders and the general public. Eric grew up in tornado alley. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas (Bachelor of Science) and has worked in the field of meteorology for over 20 years. He has worked as a meteorologist for the NWS across the Pacific Northwest, the northern Rockies, and for nearly 4 years in southern California.

----- OTHER INFORMATION -----

\$14 SEC members, \$20 non-members.

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Elephant Bar Restaurant: 521 Firestone Road, off Hollister just west of Fairview Avenue, in Goleta.

From the Co-Presidents: We hope to see all of you at the very interesting talk at the luncheon meeting December 11th. In the new year, we will be offering another exciting series of luncheon presentations with local high-tech reps, student science-fair winners and job-market experts. If there is a particular talk you would like to hear (or would like to *present!*) please let us know at scieng@silcom.com.

We sincerely wish you and yours a very happy holiday season. **Tim Murphy and Gary Kravetz**

Please Note: luncheon seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

