



ACON MARYLAND / DELAWARE CHAPTER

# Heavy Snowfall Continues For the Second Month



The month began with a storm which dropped its heaviest snow in Southern Delaware, the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland and areas southeast of Washington, D. C. The heaviest snow fell in a east-west band from Rehoboth Beach Delaware west to the Chesapeake Bay. Unofficial totals of two feet were reported. Southern Delaware reported its second snowfall of over 10" of the season. Since 1948 when records began only five other storms produced a 10"+ snowfall before this season.

Some of the heaviest snowfall totals reported by our observers on the 2nd and 3rd were: 12" by Kenney Boggs in Whalesville, 17.1" by Floyd Abell of Hollywood, and 14" by John Zyla of Ridge. An average of six to eight inches was common over the rest of the two state area.

Another snowstorm dumped snow on the two state region mid month. Totals with this storm were generally in the six to ten inch range. The heavier snowfall reported totals reported by our observer were: 11.8" by Dan Hansen of Millersville, 11.5" by Marty Brumback of Odenton, 11.2" by Paul Schlosser of Kingsville, 10.3" by

Marty Sharrow of Owings Mills. Dan Hansen also reported that 10.9" fell at his station 4 miles SW of Baltimore.

After the snowstorm at the beginning of the month the temperature fell below zero over most of the area for the first time this winter season. Temperatures ranged for a low of -20 reported by Rebecca Harvey of Eagle Rock to +7 in the City of Baltimore as reported by Joe Manfre. Only four of our observers failed to report temperatures of zero or below (does not include NWS data or other data).

The temperatures for the first half of the month averaged well below normal while the second half of the month averaged well above normal. Overall the temperatures for the second month of the year averaged within a degree of normal.

With all of the heavy snow that fell during the first half of the month and the frequent rains during the second half of the month, precipitation averaged one half to one and a quarter inches below normal. Measureable precipitation fell roughly on half of the days this February.

## Welcome John Zyla

John joins us from southern St. Marys County Maryland

*Greatest snowfall total for the month:*

*26.4" at Hollywood in St Marys County — more than what fell in Garrett County in Western Maryland !!!*

*Warmest temperature:*

*73 at Millersville, Baltimore 2 SE, & Ridge*

*Coldest temperature:*

*-20 at Eagle Rock*

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# Observers Monthly Highlights

## Dan Hansen of Baltimore 4 SW

February continued the snowy trends of the incredible Winter of '96. An additional 17.7" fell bringing the seasonal snowfall total to 64.4" A bitter cold blast occurred early in the month setting the lowest temperature of the winter. But several mild spells resulted in overall temperatures averaging near normal. While snowfall was frequent it did not remain on the ground too long. Strong winds behind a cold front late in the month caused minor wind damage to my roof shingles and to aluminum siding on other houses in the neighborhood. Precipitation was below normal for the month with less than 2.5" falling.

## Al Kreinik of Parkton 5 SW

Record low temperature of -11 set on the 5th. Old Parkton record of -8 set on 2/2/61 at Parkton 2 SW.

## Marty Sharrow of Owings Mills

A surprise snowstorm on February 16 deposited 8.1" with heavier amounts to the east and south.

## Joe Manfre of Baltimore 2 SE

First half cold and snowy. Second half mild and wet.

## Herb Close of Manchester 1 SW

Snowfall so far for the season as of February 29 is 76.7", a new record for the winter season.

## Bobby Miller of Millers 4 NE

January like the first half, March like the second half. Both temperature and precipitation a little below normal.

## Ray Muller of Finksburg

New site record min temp of -12 set on the 5th.

## Rob Cohen of Potomac 4N

76 degree temperature range between maximum and minimum - record for any month.

## Stan Rossen of Glenmont 1 NNE

Although snowfall was nearly twice normal, total precipitation and average temperature did not range too far from normal. The 15.3" of snow made this the 4th snowiest out of 20 Februaries at this site. A temperature range of 80 degrees between the max and min is a record for the month. The old record was 68 degrees set in 1985. It also is a record for any month on record.

## Kevin Shaw of Gaithersburg 2 WNW

49.2" of snow in January and February makes it the snowiest 2 months on record breaking the previous record set in January - February 1979 with 48.3".

## Jeff Taylor of Germantown 1.5 SW

All time station record minimum temperature of -9 set on the 5th.

## Gary Gallaher of Bear 6 WSW, DE

The weather this month was quite variable. The first 19 days were cold and snowy. Temperature averaged 5.1 degrees below normal. The last 10 days were warm. The temperature averaged 10.8 degrees above normal making it the first month with above normal temperatures since October 1995. The season snowfall stands at a station record. The old record was 47.2" set in the winter of 1966-67.

## Kenney Boggs of Whalesville

"Too much snow"

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