



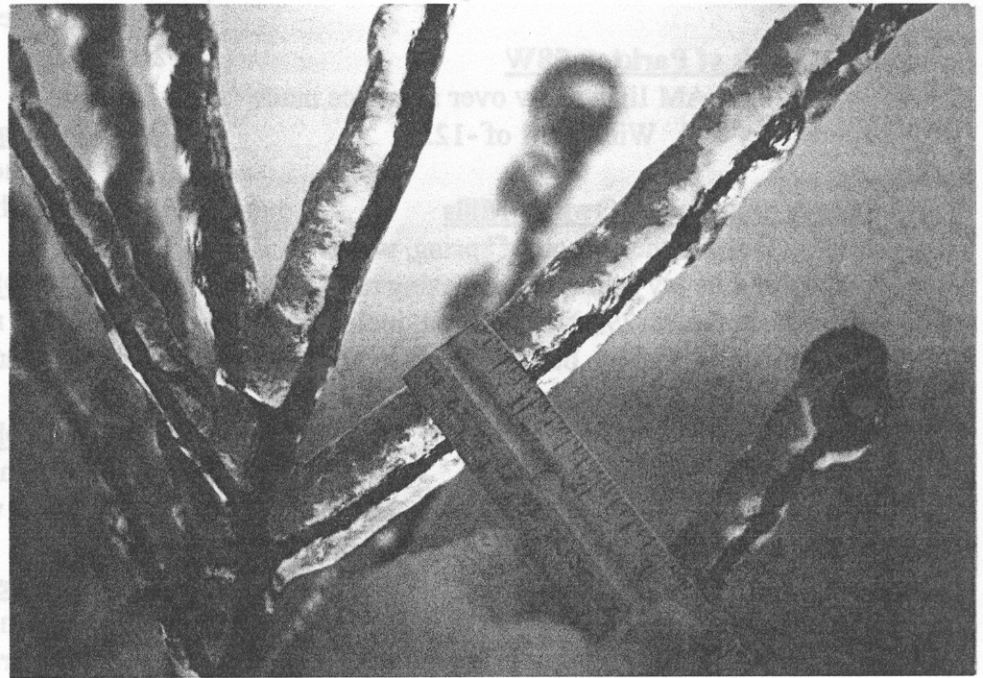
ICE STORM HITS CARROLL COUNTY

On the 28th-29th a cold raw rain fell over most of the two state area. In Carroll County the rain froze on contact and coated everything with ice. It was the worst ice storm in the 20 years that our observer from Manchester, Herb Close, has been observing the weather.

The heaviest glaze, which was 3/4 inch to 1" thick, occurred in the highest elevation of the county. In the valleys where the temperatures were a little warmer the build-up of ice was not as severe. The storm lasted for 30 hours. Herb reported that he was without power for 20 hours. Many trees and power lines in the area were damaged. The prominent sound in the area was the snapping of trees and the popping of electrical transformers.

Bobby Miller of Millers 4NE also reported many large branches and a few trees down due the the storm. He lost power for over 18 hours on the 29th.

Al Kreinik of Parkton 5SW, northern Baltimore County, reported that a falling branch broke his windshield on his way home. He also lost power due to the storm for 3 hours.



ICE BUILD-UP AS MEASURED BY HERB CLOSE OF MANCHESTER

COLD WEATHER CONTINUES

Temperatures this month fell to 4 degrees below normal from being close to normal last month. The coldest temperatures occurred on the 9th and 10th. Minimum temperatures fell into the single digits and the maximum were in the 20's over a large part of the two state area. We were teased with a taste of spring on the 25th when the temperatures rose in to the 60's and 70's over the area. Three days later a cold rain fell over the area. Most of the snow fell during the first 8 days of the month. Above normals snow again fell this month in the eastern areas of the two state region.

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Observers Monthly Highlights

Marty Brumback of Odenton

Odenton was in the maximum precipitation area on the 2nd and received 5.1" of snow, well above the forecasted snow totals.

Dan Hanson of Millersville, 1SE

3rd - Minor wind damage occurs

Al Kreinik of Parkton 5SW

8th - AM light snow over some ice made roads very bad. Wind chill of -12.

Marty Sharrow of Owings Mills

Despite the arrival of spring, winter maintained its icy grip with a freezing rain episode on the 28-29. Nearby area, including Owings Mills, had ice build-ups 1/4 to 1/2" causing downed tree limbs and utility lines.

Joe Manfre of Baltimore 2SE

Colder than normal temperatures and wetter than normal precipitation this month.

Herb Close of Manchester 1SW

March was the first month this season with below normal snowfall. Severe ice storm on the 28-29th.

Bobby Miller of Millers 4NE

Second coldest March of 14 observed. Severe ice storm on the 28-29th.

Rebecca Harvey of Eagle Rock

Maximum snow depth for the month was 10" on the 23rd.

Rob Cohen of Potomac 1N

Coldest March since 1984.

Fred Hetzel of Olney 2SE

23rd - Best view of the comet Hyakutake.

Stan Rossen of Glenmont 1NNE

March was the second coldest on record here. The minimum temperature on the 10th was only the 4th day in any March with a temperature of 9 or below. Barometric reading of 30.95 on the 10th was the highest on record for March and is the third highest on record. The previous high readings were 31.06" (2/13/81) and 30.96" (2/18/79).

Kevin Shaw of Gaithersburg 2WNW

Second coldest March on record. Another month with above normal snowfall.

Jeff Taylor of Germantown 1.5W

More minimum temperatures 32 or below this month than in February 1996 (21 vs 19).

Raoul Windolph of Dawsonville

March was difficult to describe without using "8&! words.

Gary Gallaher of Bear 6WSW, DE

March saw below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation and snowfall. Temperatures continued their below normal trend of being colder than normal 5 out of the last 6 months.

Greg Keefer of Hagerstown 1E,

A brief but powerful and severe snow squall came roaring through early in the morning of the 3rd. Very cold morning of the 10th. It tied that days record low of 7 set in 1941.

Phillip Keavey, our observer from Waldorf, Maryland, relocated to the Detroit Michigan area in April. We will miss his monthly data. For those of you who are a member of the IWW, you will be able to see his data once he gets his station set up.

Thanks Phillip.