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George wrote:

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Yes. Go ahead, but I can't guarantee how long I'll keep them up.

Posted at <http://www.talkweather.com/forum/viewtopic.php?p=318214#318214>

Note what I mentioned about your hearing the freight-train sound and the wind picking up. You had a closer call there than you knew. It happens that way sometimes. Tornadoes do not wait for the siren to announce them; they have their own agendas.

I've only heard the sound once, during the outbreak we had here on April 30 last year, when in retrospect a funnel cloud that had been on the ground previously (because it splattered 'green hail' all over the west side of my house that didn't come from the local vegetation) passed by the NW corner of my house at 4:30 a.m. Heckuva way to be woken up but we had no damage here, though the neighbors on either side of me did get a little bit. It does sound like a freight train, but this one also had a similarity to a conveyor belt. Of course, I wasn't in my most objective frame of mind just then (BG).

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was an confirmed F2 tornado that touched down in St. John, Kentucky, which is about 5 miles from where I was born (many of my mother's family are buried in the St. John cemetery there), and near Hodgenville. There were a few homes destroyed and a convenience store as well as at least one trailer, I believe. Also numerous barns and trees were leveled. There were also trees knocked down across U.S. highway 31W between Elizabethtown and Radcliff, near Ft. Knox. There may have been

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structural damage there as well. Closer to home here in Louisville, a funnel cloud was spotted near Campground road and Cane Run Road (less than a mile from my home). Trees were knocked down there as well, and a roof was blown off of a building to a chemical factory there (that factory is inside an industrial area called Rubbertown). About a mile further north, a tree fell onto a house, destroying much of the front portion of the house. There was no damage that I've discerned in my neighborhood, thankfully. All in all, it was a fast-moving, and rather severe storm, with high winds, marble-sized hail and larger, and torrential sideways rainfall (we got over one inch in about 5 minutes here with a total of about 1.5 inches total for the storm). I don't know how fast the winds were, but I estimate that they were over 60 mph here and possibly higher. There was also a funnel cloud spotted in northeastern Louisville, but no damage was reported.

However, I've heard reports that the worst damage was near Hodgenville, Kentucky, southeast of Elizabethtown, though I don't know the extent of the damage there. That is about all the information I have, other than that there were no reported injuries or deaths, thankfully.

Ah, springtime in the South. But wait, it's only January, isn't it. (Shrugs shoulders) Folks who haven't been here in the springtime have to take it on faith that the rewards more than compensate for the occasional moments of sheer terror.

Thanks again, George, and keep yer feet on the ground there.

Barb

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