

Re: Mt St Helens Activity

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Michael Mcneil wrote:

> *"Tadapope"* <*tadapope@aol.com*> wrote in message
> *news:20040925190352.15758.00001040@mb-m13.aol.com*
>
>> *It's getting ready to blow again!*

All the folks what know here say that it's just a bit of very shallow rock cracking and minor steam explosions from recent weeks of excess rain in the region percolating down into the dome and surrounds.

> *(I thought August was the Harvest Moon.) Here is an interesting run of
> lunar spells. (If you are new to thaumaturgy, the time of the spell is
> everything.)*

Pretty sure September is the Harvest Moon.

> *While it erupted on the 18th May 1980 there was plenty of warning
> about it for months in advance. I believe the tremours started some 2
> or three months prior. March wasn't it?*

First earthquake was on March 20; first steam explosion that brought old ash to the surface was on March 27.

> *These are the times of the phases for that year:*
>
> *2 Jan 09:02 Thundery*

Thunder is pretty rare in western Washington in January.

> *10 Jan 11:50 Windy and overcast*
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> *17 Jan 21:19 Humid and breezy*
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> *24 Jan 13:58 Fine*
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> *1 Feb 02:21 Unsettled with a spell half way between ho hum to
> thundery. (Earthquakey weather if ever I saw one.)*

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'cept we still don't get much thunder...

- > 9 Feb 07:35 Unsettled with a spell half way between wet to fine.
- > Usually bloody awful or there is trouble brewing.
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- > 16 Feb 08:51 Breezy & humid. Another bad one for the earth sciences.
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- > (All after the fact of course but interesting in that this sort of
- > weather spell is not dissimilar to recent events.)
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- > 23 Feb 00:14 Windy and overcast
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- > 1 Mar 21:00 Here we go then. Thundery.

Okay. Now we're getting to the time of year when we get a few one-bang-wonders in the unstable air behind a Pacific cold front.

- > 9 Mar 23:49 Similar to 23rd Feb, nothing to write home about.
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- > 16 Mar 18:56 Wet.
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- > 23 Mar 12:31 Unsettled with a spell half way between dull and
- > overcast, with a tendency to mist or light drizzle and wet.
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- > I think the type of thing this produces is of the Levant variety.
- > Those readers with records of their own* may dismiss this as a load
- > of tosh but
- > when things don't occur as the code predicts then the system starts to
- > overload and we all know what that means, don't we children?
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- > 31 Mar 15:14 Humid and breezy. (These humid and breezy ones count as
- > thundery weather world wide by the way. And unsettled spells to boot.)
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- > 8 Apr 12:06 Cassic: dull and overcast, with a tendency to mist or
- > light drizzle
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- > 15 Apr 03 46 Unsettled with wind and rain in profusion.
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- > 22 Apr 02 59 Thundery.
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- > 30 Apr 07:35 9 Feb 07:35 Unsettled with a spell half way between wet
- > to fine. Usually bloody awful or there is trouble brewing.
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- > 7 May 20:51 1 Mar 21:00 Here we go then. Thundery.
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- > 14 May 12:00 8 Apr 12:06 Cassic: dull and overcast, with a tendency to
- > mist or light drizzle
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- > 21 May 19:16 Interesting repetition. So now you know what to look for.
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- > *I gather the weather inthat part of the world is not too dissimilar

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- > *to the type I enjoy over here. What is important is the digression*
- > *between this folklore (new though it appears) and weather model runs.*

You can poke around at the University of Washington Atmospheric Sciences web site for Pacific Northwest weather, as well as temp, pressure, wind, and precip records going back about 8 years for many stations.

Bob ^,^