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First, we would to say “thanks”, again, to all of you who provided information after the recent storms. This was especially true the night of the tornados. While we could not do storm spotting as it was well after dark when they hit, a number of you provided good information after the storm, that we passed on to the weather bureau. It gave them an early sense of the magnitude of the damage.

Most of you that reported were without power so you were calling from a dark house and neighborhood. We appreciate all of you who checked in.

Please remember to attend the **Advance Spotter class** on May 15th. 6:30 PM at Memorial Hospital. No reservations required, but you may want to get there early as we expect a large turn out. Bring a friend.

For any of you that may have missed the basic class that we recently held, you can attend a **Basic Storm Spotter** class in Petersburg. The Menard Cty ESDA is sponsoring a basic class to be held at the Menard electric building, 7:00 PM., Thursday, May 4th. No reservations, just show up! The class is at the new headquarters of Menard Electric on the east side of 97 just south of New Salem State Park. (note: if any of our members who have not taken a basic class before attend this session, please send me a note so I can put that into your information)

Menard County has a new ESDA director. We recently met there and discussed how our team can be of service. We expect to be more involved, especially with storm spotting. Everyone should be sure that you have the updated “spotter location” sheet and you have your Menard County map properly marked.

We recently purchased a newer two meter radio for Menard County ESDA and we plan on having it installed in the near future.

We also discussed leaving one of our computers with the radio so that whoever is manning the base station, can have access to “real time” weather.

Four local hams have contacted us requesting information on our team. We have sent them information and have added them to our mailing list. We hope they will be joining us.

We are working on updating our list of “certified” team members. If you think you have met the requirements, but do not have a badge, please contact Dick (rdrew@eosinc.com).

We hope to have new badges prepared in the near future.

Thanks to all.

For the committee
Dick Drew KOHMO

