

2013 Daily Weather Records Key for Westlake Village/Northgate/Reid

The records for each month in 2013 (except for May and June, when I am chasing storms) generally take up four pages in my weather notebook. My scanner is unable to fully cover a full page side. In order not to leave any information out, the four page sides received six scans total. Thus, you will see that much information appears on a couple of scans.

The line of dates that is on the left edge of each page is generally not on the 3rd and 6th scans, making life difficult. But, the entries are in groups from the 1st to the 10th, the 11th to the 20th, and the 21st to the end of the month, to make it easier to figure out the dates on the scans which don't show the date.

I like to document plenty of local daily max and min temperature data (mostly western SFV and Conejo Valley and surroundings), and I gather this information from different Internet sources. Typically, the daily data are collected within 2-3 hours of 10 p.m. I try to show the morning minimum temperature, but on rare occasion the evening temperatures undercut this value.

The data provided gradually change from year-to-year. I am not making a key for each year, but chances are that if you can't figure out a particular entry, that one of the keys provided will provide the info needed.

This key is for 2013, and looking at the January pdf files, here is what is listed:

Max and min temperature and 24-hour precip amounts from the 4 or 5 p.m. listings courtesy of the NWS Oxnard and Las Vegas offices, plus a couple of WU stations:

Pierce College in Woodland Hills, with peak wind gust data (Knots/dir/hour in PST) thus, a wind entry of 13 13 16 means a peak gust of 13 knots from 130 degrees between 1500 and 1600 PST. Wind at Pierce was in Knots for a little while, and changed back to mph.

CHE/Cheeseboro, a hilltop RAWS station north of Agoura, at 1707', with peak gust provided (dir and speed in mph, and hour (PST). Maximums at many RAWS station, including Cheeseboro, go a few degrees too high in sunny conditions with light winds. I generally take the daily temperature extremes from the hourly readings only.

DW5145 Malibu el. 1715' --- a very well-exposed home station on the Pacific side of the Santa Monica Mountains, southwest of Sandstone Peak. This station gets very high wind gusts during strong Santa Ana wind events. Provided is the day's peak wind and direction. Still going in 2020.

WH/C2288 is a Woodland Hills station (CW2288), now closed (2020), that was just south of the Ventura Freeway, near Fallbrook.

Topanga DW5544, el. 1053', in a big-time frost pocket home station in the Santa Monica Mountains south of Calabasas High School and NW of the town of Topanga. Still going in 2020.

(WU) Calabasas Park Belmonte el. 1438', a Weather Underground home station near or along a hilltop in Calabasas. Well exposed, with peak wind gust provided. Now closed (2020)

WU Agoura el. 798', a Weather Underground station just north of the Ventura Freeway and just west of Lost Hills Road.

Westlake Village/Reid/Northgate/findu EW4921/my station at Northgate, very near Hillcrest and Westlake Blvd. Davis Weather station was setup in the summer of 2013. Prior to that, max and mins from a "sixes" max/min thermometer attached to a tree.

Cal. F.P. is Calabasas Frost Pocket. I had a max/min "sixes" thermometer hanging on the north side of a tree along Mureau Road in Calabasas, just east of the City Hall for many years, until about the Woolsey Fire went through in 2018. This was (and is) a fantastic frost pocket locale near the Las Virgenes creek area (just north of the Ventura Freeway). I frequently passed by here to and from work, and would occasionally exit the freeway to check the max and min temps registered. Thus, the frequency of readings was very variable, with more readings during the winter months during cold spells. The readings provided are the max and min temps since the last observation and reset, usually made in the evening.

SH Cyn is for Schoolhouse Canyon, in Westlake Village. I had a max/min thermometer on a tree in the canyon just west of Hidden Canyon, where I lived from 1999 to 2012. This was a nice frost pocket location, but not nearly as "good" as the one along Mureau Road in Calabasas. The readings provided are the max and min temps since the last observation and reset, usually made in the afternoon. These readings required a 5-minute jog from my home in Hidden Canyon.

Oat Mountain, a NWS station on the top of Oat Mountain in the Santa Susanna Mountains, north of Chatsworth at about 3700'. Looks like wind gust is often provided.

EW0033 WLV/Press is a short-lived Westlake Village station that I established in the back yard of a friend's house, just north of Westlake and Triunfo Canyon roads. It ran from about mid-2012 to mid-2013. This was a Davis Vantage Pro 2 station. The location is a good cold spot/frost pocket area of Westlake Village. It was also sending data to Weather Underground.

NWS Stations, from the 4 p.m. listings by the NWS:

Woodland Hills/Pierce College (the minimum is an overnight/morning minimum, whereas the Pierce data provided above is midnight-midnight when sometimes the minimum is lowest in the evening).

VNY is Van Nuys AP

Chatsworth/findu DW0345/near Plummer and DeSoto; also WU. A home owner and I keep this station in operation (Davis Vantage Pro 2 station). This one was moved from Dave Gorton's place in this trailer park to another nearby home about 2013, when Dave passed away. Dave Gorton was the observer in Chatsworth from about 1962 to 2012.

CSU Northridge, Burbank AP (BUR), Los Angeles/USC/KCQT, and Death Valley/Furnace Creek and Amboy and Baker in the Mojave Desert.

Peak Gust Info for DAG/Barstow-Daggett AP in the Mojave Desert (Dir and speed in knots, and hour of occurrence) 0909/21 means East (090 degrees) at 9 knots between 2000 and 2100 PST

Peak Gust for Whitaker Peak RAWS station, NW of Castaic at 4120'/Dir and speed in mph and hour of occurrence

Peak Gust for Wiley Ridge RAWS station, SE of Fillmore at 1625'/Dir and speed in mph and hour of occurrence

BP LAX is the altimeter/barometer reading at LAX at 12Z and 00Z, with the first two numbers omitted (The 29 or 30 is omitted). So, 21 means 30.21" and 97 means 29.97" The pressure goes outside of the range of 29.50" to 30.50" very infrequently at LAX, so values from 51 to 99 are from 29.50 to 29.99, and values from 00 to 50 are from 30.00" to 30.50"...unless otherwise indicated!

Pressure Gradients The pressure gradients for LAX to DAG (L-D) and for LAX to BFL (L-B) at both 12Z (a little before sunrise) and 00Z (around sunset) are provided. Negative values means that pressures are higher at the inland station compared to LAX.

Beach and Ocean water temps Z and H are beach water temps (F) at Zuma and Hermosa, usually from 4 p.m. obs, SB and SM are water temps (F) from offshore buoys, Santa Barbara channel and Santa Monica Bay.

Upper Air data Provided for VBG at 12Z (Vandenberg AFB) and NKX at 00Z (Miramar): 500 mb height in decameters, the temperature in C at 500 mb, the wind (dir/kts) at 500 mb, and the temperature in C at 700, 850, and 925 mb.