

Extreme Tornado Research and Photography... The Real Life Version of the Movie "Twister"

Reed Timmer
Extreme Storm Chaser, Meteorologist
Specializing in severe weather forecasting, survival, and research

An action-packed presentation full of extreme tornado intercept videos and robust scientific research from storm chaser/meteorologist Reed Timmer of Discovery Channel's Storm Chasers. Reed will talk about what it's like to drive into the heart of strong tornadoes with his bullet-proof tornado research vehicle (Storm Research Vehicle - SRV). Wind data collected by the SRV from inside two particularly strong tornadoes during the 2009 season will also be presented.

PRESENTER'S BIO

Having intercepted over 250 tornadoes and a dozen powerful hurricanes during the last decade, Reed Timmer is well-known as the most successful and extreme storm chaser in the world. Not only is Reed one of the few people in existence to document both an F5 tornado, and the most devastating hurricane in U.S. history (Hurricane Katrina), but he also graduated with a PhD in Meteorology from the University of Oklahoma in 2009.

Reed's "hands-on" experience with a vast assortment of hazardous weather and natural disasters, as well as his extensive education in the science of meteorology, have made him one of the world's most respected experts on severe weather forecasting, safety, and survival. Reed is a strong advocate for extreme weather and disaster education, and conducts storm spotter seminars for the National Weather Service, emergency managers, and the general public.

Growing up in the ever-changing climate of western Michigan, Reed's passion for extreme weather has dominated his life for as long as he can remember. His illustrious storm chasing career began at the age of 12, when he destroyed the family video camera in his front yard while being pelted by quarter-size hail in a severe thunderstorm. At the age of 18, Reed decided to pursue his ultimate dream, and enrolled at the University of Oklahoma to study meteorology and chase storms in Tornado Alley.

As a star on Discovery Channel's *Storm Chasers* in 2008, Reed became the first person in history to capture High Definition video inside a tornado. The eight episode series had a record 19 million viewers during the 2008 season, and was one of the highest rated shows on Discovery Channel.

You may have also seen Reed on Discovery Channel's *When Nature Strikes* in Fall, 2008, which featured his intercept of Hurricane Ike on Galveston Island as a deadly 15 foot storm surge threatened their position on the sea wall. Reed has also appeared on all major news networks, including Good Morning America with Diane Sawyer, CNN with Wolf Blitzer, CBS, NBC, and The Weather Channel.

Reed is CEO of Weather Fusion, LLC and Extreme Tornado Tours, LLC, offering forensic meteorology and consulting services, extreme weather media, and storm chasing tours. His tornado, hurricane, and blizzard footage has been licensed to over 100 production companies and television networks since 1997, and has been seen by hundreds of millions of people worldwide on television, internet, and mobile video devices.

His media and client credits include:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA)

Discovery Channel

National Geographic

The Weather Channel

History Channel

BBC

Fuji Television Japan

ABC

NBC

CBS

CNN

Fox News

Univision

Men's Journal Magazine

People Magazine

Ralph Magazine, Australia