



The Week That Was: 2014-07-19 (July 19, 2014)
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Quote of the Week: *The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers.* [or relies on TV news] Thomas Jefferson [H/t Tim Ball]

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Number of the Week: +0.69 °C or +1.24 °F

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SEPP'S APRIL FOOLS AWARD
THE JACKSON

The results will be announced at the conference of Doctors for Disaster Preparedness

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Presentations at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Doctors for Disaster Preparedness, July 25-28
Crown Plaza Hotel, Knoxville, Tennessee

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THIS WEEK:

By Ken Haapala, Executive Vice President, Science and Environmental Policy Project (SEPP)

ICCC-9: The Ninth International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC-9) sponsored by the Heartland Institute continues to garner attention. Roy Spencer, co-developer of the method of measuring atmospheric temperatures via satellites, the most comprehensive temperature record in existence, wrote that it was the most energetic of the Heartland conferences he has attended over the years. *“Clearly, we skeptics feel our point of view is being vindicated, that (1) warming is relatively benign, (2) warming is only partly human-caused, (3) the benefits of more CO2 in the atmosphere appear to greatly outweigh the risks, and (4) there’s little that can be done about reducing CO2 emission anyway, until we have new energy technologies sufficient to meet global energy demand.”* He wonders what the size of the conference would have been if it had been government sponsored, and states that the skeptics cannot be ignored any longer. The alarmists pretend that natural causes are cancelling out their projected warming, but ignore that much of 20th century warming may have had natural causes.

On his web site, Alan Carlin posted his remarks upon acceptance of the Climate Science Whistleblower Award. Carlin tried to fight from within the EPA that finding the greenhouse gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide (CO2), endangers human health and welfare (Endangerment Finding). He thought it was based on bad science. He was promptly muzzled. So much for the most transparent Administration ever. This highly questionable finding provides the EPA with the justification to severely regulate power plants, expanding its powers without Congressional action. Carlin states: *So what started out as a scientific issue concerning a proposed Endangerment Finding has now escalated into a major legal and even Constitutional issue concerning Presidential powers. The President roams the country calling us “flat-earthers” and science-deniers. Perhaps it is time to characterize his behavior as illegal and even dictatorial.*

Already steps towards necessary litigation to stop the EPA regulations are being taken. For example, attorney Lawrence Kogan of the Institute for Trade, Standards, and Sustainable Development informed TWTW that one of the important questions is did the EPA meet the requirements under the Information Quality Act? The litigation that resulted in recent Supreme Court decision permitting EPA regulation of power plants that are regulated under different statutes did not address this issue. Kogan has filed Freedom of Information Act request filed to the EPA addressing this issue see <http://nebula.wsimg.com/e155ee64b03ea37237297cdbab7a2854?AccessKeyId=39A2DC689E4CA87C906D&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>