SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 1984 WEATHER ON THE MONTEREY PENINSULA, CALIFORNIA

General: Very cool with light rainfall, windy, and average fog conditions characterize the weather of April 1984.

Temperature: The month’s average of 52.8°F is among the 25% coldest April’s on record (33 year record) at the National Weather Service Station in Monterey. The normal is 54.1°F. Both days and nites were cool – especially the daytime readings. The average daily high of 60.8°F is 2.1°F below normal while the average daily minimum, 44°F, is only 0.4°F below normal. With afternoon gusts of 25 miles per hour the equivalent wind chill temperature near the time of maximum temperature in April was in the middle 30s. Only three April’s since 1951 recorded more daily maxima in the 50s than 1984 (namely 1975, 1967, 1964) – another measure of a cold April. High for the month hit 84°F on 14 April while the month’s low, 40°F, was recorded on the mornings of 9 and 27 April.

Precipitation: 0.75” of rain fell in April 1984, compared to 1.81” average and a median value of 1.29” (note: there are as many April rainfall amounts above 1.29” as below 1.29” in the past 33 years). This is the fourth straight month of below normal rainfall on the Peninsula. (Jan’s 0.11” was a record low for the month.) Normal seasonal rain to 1 May is 18.73”; thus far, 15.26” has fallen, which is closer to the seasonal median as of 1 May, namely 16.37”. The annual normal (median) to 30 June is 19.34” (17.04”).

Wind: Gusty spring winds were the normal for April 1984. The Airport average (06:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.) of 9.2 miles per hour (mph) is the highest of the past 3 years. Maximum daily wind gusts at the National Weather Service Climate Station averaged 25 mph, the highest monthly value in both 1983 and 1984. On 24 and 25 April the readings hit 37 and 39 mph, respectively. Winds on the immediate coast and offshore undoubtedly exceeded these values considerably.

Fog: Only fog occurrence behaved according to expectations. Six days with some fog in April compares to a 21-year average of seven such days.

Earthquake: One of the strongest quakes recorded on the Peninsula the past 30 years was registered around 1 p.m. 24 Apr 1984. Locally, the damage was minimal, confined mostly to window, concrete and plaster cracks, and articles falling off shelves.
NWS Climate Station, Monterey, CA

April 1984

Temperature (degree F)

Precipitation (inches)

Total = 0.75
Average = 44.8
Average = 60.8