

Scheduled Tweets for March 2nd 2016

0001

Mar 2-4 1966: One of the most intense blizzards on record will impact the Northern Plains over the next 3 days. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2 1966 12AM: A surface low pressure develops west of the Rocky Mountains over southeastern Colorado. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2 1966 6AM: Overcast with light snow developing in Bismarck. Light winds. #CalmBeforeTheStorm #Blizzard66

800

Mar 2 1966: Light snow in Bismarck now but a winter storm is brewing south and will cover North Dakota in 3 days of blinding snow#Blizzard66

830

#Blizzard66 SNOWMAP

900 with image

Mar 2 1966: Heads up, the original observations taken from the NWS in Bismarck for the 2nd.#Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Timeline of what was observed in Bismarck. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2 1966: Snow falling over much of southern ND this morning as surface low pressures merge. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Bismarck received 22.4 inches of snow, in 3 days. Second only to November 23-25, 1993 totaling 23.5 inches #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: For more on the historic blizzard check out our website. #Blizzard66
<http://www.weather.gov/bis/March1966Blizzard>

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Mar 2 1966 10:55AM: Snow started to fall in Montpelier, per the cooperative weather observer there. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: For more reports from around North Dakota #Blizzard66
http://www.weather.gov/bis/march1966blizzard_reports

1200

Mar 2-5 1966: During the blizzard NWS employees had very little to eat & picked lock on airport restaurant for food#Blizzard66

1230 with image

Mar 2-4 1966: More stories. #Blizzard66

1300

Mar 2-5 1996: NWS employees went above and beyond the call of duty for this historic storm. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2 129PM: Blowing snow is observed in Bismarck and is continuously observed through 3 AM March 5th #Blizzard66

1400

Mar 2-4 1966: ND towns with 30 or more inches of snow: Medina, Pretty Rock, Devils Lake, Grafton, and Hague. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Highest reported storm total snowfall in North Dakota: 32 inches at Grafton and Hague. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Other ND snow totals: Minot 1", Fargo 15.4", Grand Forks Airport 27.8", Jamestown 27". #Blizzard66

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Mar 2 1966 3PM: Snow & blowing snow intensifies in Bismarck Visibility drops to a 1/2 mile & stays below a mile for 51 hrs #Blizzard66

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Mar 2 1966 315PM: In Bismarck wind gusts now to 35 mph and remain near or above 35 mph through March 4th. #Blizzard66

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For more on the conditions that make a blizzard check out this brief video. #Blizzard66
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JkSk136hAc>

1600

Mar 2-4 1966: The Gackle weather observer checked "Damaging Wind" on their reporting form each day of the storm. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Storm total snowfall. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Believe it or not, Williston only gets a trace (a dusting, if that) of snow during the storm. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: More stories from across North Dakota, share your story here or with us on Facebook. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Northwest ND receives very little snow, but high winds cause widespread blowing dust. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Because there was not much snow on the ground prior, blowing dust mixed with falling snow and was dubbed "snirt". #Blizzard66

1900 with image

Mar 2 1966 7PM: Forecasted surface analysis. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: For an in depth weather analysis check out this site. #Blizzard66
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Mar 2 1966: Bismarck receives 3.4 inches of snow on the 2nd & a peak wind gust of 49 mph at 10PM and just before midnight. #Blizzard66

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Not around for the Blizzard of 1966, maybe you remember the April blizzard of 1997 #Blizzard66
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2100 with image

Comparing blizzards, March 1966 vs April 1997. #Blizzard66

Scheduled Tweets for March 3rd 2016

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Mar 3 1966 12AM: NWS employee LeRoy Nordahl works alone til 1pm performing all duties including a balloon launch in 60 mph winds #Blizzard66

0005

Mar 3 1966 12AM: Occluded surface low pressure over southeast South Dakota. #Blizzard66
IMAGE: U:\Focal Points\Climat\MarchBlizzard\Daily Weather Maps - All Images Produced at Midnight CST\Zoomed Surface – Midnight/03031966

0133

Mar 3 1966 133AM: Blizzard officially begins with 300 foot visibility, heavy snow and 54 mph wind gusts in Bismarck. #Blizzard66

0700

Mar 3 1966 7AM: Peak wind gust to 64 mph measured at the Bismarck Airport. Heavy snow and whiteout conditions. #Blizzard66

0800

Mar 3 1966 8AM: Whiteout continues with another wind gust to 64 mph in Bismarck. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Timeline of what was observed in Bismarck. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Storm total snowfall. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966 AM: Two NWS employees had to abandon their cars and walk back home, unable to get to work. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: First time distribution of *Bismarck Tribune* was cancelled since it was founded in 1873. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: Heads up, the original observations taken from the NWS in Bismarck for the 2nd. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966 Noon: Visibility is still zero at Bismarck and snow has not let up at all. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966 12PM: Surface low occludes over eastern SD, helping the storm to slow and virtually stall #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966 12PM: A well-defined band of very heavy snowfall extended from northern MN to western SD #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966 1PM: Sheriff is able to bring two NWS employees, Alan Hanson and Martin Bauman to the airport to relieve Nordahl. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966 1PM: Wind gusts fall from 55mph to 43mph & visibility rises to 300 feet and more or less stays there til 345PM.#Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: Winds are north northeast. They will become northwesterly on Friday, March 4th, 1966. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: The Almont cooperative weather observer describes the weather as a "severe storm." #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: High winds and drifting blocking many roads, according to the Medina weather observer. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: Only 8 inches of snow falls in Fairfield, all on the 3rd, but the observer notes say "Heavy Snow Blizzard". #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966 4PM: Visibility drops back to zero and remains at zero through 1030 PM at night. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: W.F. Gaebe, New Salem observer, unable to measure amount of water in the snow because the gage was buried. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: The Bowman weather observer stated the road was blocked by this point. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966 6PM: Wind chills were falling and nearing -10 F. Widespread blizzard conditions across the area at that time. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: For the 3rd 15.5 inches of snow at the Bismarck Airport. 2nd only to April 14, 2013 when 17.3 inches fell. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: For Bismarck the peak wind gust for the day was 64 mph. #Blizzard66

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Mar 3 1966: Bismarck, highest visibility was ¼ of a mile just after midnight. 22.5 hrs of the day were in blizzard conditions. #Blizzard66

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Mar 4 1966 133AM: Over 24 hours with near- zero visibility officially at Bismarck Airport. #Blizzard66

0400

Mar 4 1966 4AM: Visibility briefly "improved" to 600 ft at the Bismarck Airport. 51 mph wind gusts. #Blizzard66

0700

Mar 4 1966 5AM: Temperature drops to 8 degrees in Bismarck, the lowest temperature during the blizzard, Wind chill of -16. #Blizzard66

0800

Mar 4 1966 8AM: Visibility at Bismarck Airport back down to zero. Snow & blowing snow continued. #Blizzard66

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Mar 4 1966: The Hurdsfield cooperative observer wrote "zero visibility most of the time" on the 4th. #Blizzard66

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Mar 2-4 1966: Livestock loss in North Dakota through the blizzard is estimated to be 4 million in 1966 dollars. #Blizzard66

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Mar 4 1966 12PM: Occluded low starts to weaken. New low forms in eastern MN. Heavy snow moving east. #Blizzard66

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Mar 4 1966: The Linton weather observer wrote "Worst blizzard since 1888. All Roads Blocked." #Blizzard66

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Mar 4 1966 6PM: This marks the last hour Bismarck records zero visibility. Things are starting to improve. #Blizzard66

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Mar 5 1966 6AM: Blowing snow finally ends in Bismarck. #Blizzard66

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Mar 4 1966 10PM: NWS employees Hanson and Baumann are finally able to make it home. #Blizzard66

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Mar 5 1966 12PM: NWS employees Meyers and Monson relieve Nordahl and Pruitt after 19 hour shift.
#Blizzard66