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Flt ID: 20120618H1	From: KMCF	To: KMCF
Flt. No: 12 -	Blk In: 1612 z	Time On: 1604 z
ETD: 102	Blk Out: 0953 z	Time Off: 1000 z
ETE: 6 +	Blk Time: + 6.3 Hrs	Flt Time: + 6.1 Hrs
Sponsoring Org: AOC	Program: PSM	Purpose: Wind/SFM R CAL

AOC Flight Crew

Aircraft Commander:	HALVERSON	Data System:	NAEHER
Co-Pilot:	SWEENEY , LIBBEY	AVAPS:	MASCARO
Navigator:	BAKOB ,	System Eng:	LYNCH, C
Flight Eng:	KLIPPEL , HEYSTEK	AA:	RICHARDS
Flight Director:	WILLIAMS ,	AA:	WARNECKE
Avionics:	PEEK	Crew Chief:	

Participating Scientists / Visitors

<i>Name (Last, First)</i>	<i>Activity on Aircraft</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>

Remarks (Storm Name, Mission ID, Recco Times, Fix Times)

Recco Times

Fix # *Fix Time*

Storm Name: ~~WXXWXA~~ TRAIN

Mission ID: _____

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Flight ID:	20120618H1	Time Off:	1000	Time On:	1604
	A/C - Takeoff		Wx Station - Takeoff	A/C - Land	Wx Station - Land
Pressure	PS ² 1014.9	PS ¹ 1012.2	29.99	1015.1	1017.5 / 1016.1
	Data Disposition / Date / Quality				
Flight Level Tapes					
Radar Tapes					
Cloud Physics Tapes / CDs					
Video Tapes					
Dropsondes	2	Good: 2	Bad:		
AXBT	1				
AXCP					
AXCTD					

Remarks:

42000 27 152 12009 105m CUL 25²⁰ NO PLAB in D.S. or SFMR
 ~ HDOB 102 22/20 TDM. 2 went out
 (1430Z)
 NO NAVTEL
 NO HDOB (update for SWIC)
 NO SFMR on screens or wmm / HDOB but yes in display
 15kts SFC
 uprinter? where?
 NO SCR 800 on windows
 W: Vista, FN logger, R: Avaps
 SKA restarted?
 BT came in but not show up in AAMPS Data -
 Old Sys not picking it up or display App - Resolved this
 should work for next fit

NOAA • AOC • SED N42RF AVAPS DROP LOG Lead Tech: Joe Bosko

Project: Hurricane 2012
Take Off: 1000Z

Mission: WIND Cal 2012 Flight ID: 2012061841
Landing: 1604Z Flt Dir: JESS WILLIAMS

WD WS UWZ 120 pts

P9A pda roll pitch
↓ 5 of

121 pts per leg

P3 Wind Calibration Exercises

P9A 52

726 pts 5,9334976

52 2,2614303

15/c

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
1,500	with	180	.8	.6	102237	102437	
1,500	into	180	.3	.08	103201	103401	
1,500	with	210	.4	.2	104310	104510	
1,500	into	210	.5	.3	105202	105402	
1,500	with	240	.6	.3	111458	111658	
1,500	with	240	.6	.4	112332	112532	

10/c

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
5,000	into	180	.8	.7	113420	113620	
5,000	with	180	.5	.3	114120	114230	114312
5,000	into	210	.7	.5	115144	115344	
5,000	with	210	.2	.04	120358	120558	
5,000	into	240	.2	.04	121100	121136	121314-121438
5,000	with	240	.3	.09	121915	122165	

84+

5/c

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
10,000	into	180	.6		123642	123842	
10,000	with	180	.5	.3	124345	124545	
10,000	into	210	.3	.09	125258	125458	
10,000	with	210	.2	.07	125920	130120	
10,000	into	240	.4	.2	132120	132320	
10,000	with	240	.8	.17	132808	133008	

14059 - 16914

15/s

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
15,000	into	180	.9	.8	134218	134418	
15,000	with	180	1	1.	135000	135200	
15,000	into	210	.9	.8	135759	135959	
15,000	with	210	.2	.02	140522	140722	
15,000	with	240	1	1	142050	142250	
15,000	into	240	.6	.4	142753	142953	

726

5,575261
2,220725

0.969

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
20,000	with	180	.3	.1	145050	145250	
20,000	into	180	.3	.1	150040	150210	150325 150355
20,000	with	210	.7	.6	150810	151010	
20,000	into	210	.5	.3	151645	151845	
20,000	with	240	.9	.8	152920	153120	
20,000	into	240	.8	.7	153718	153918	

726

90
6,216913
2,2963745

.997

ALL

- SWL 6,002433889
WT 2,29131227corr
0.996

3630

OLD
6,108566
2,27652
2,2963803
7,203803
0,22

Slip

PQB PDB \rightarrow length of slope

PDB -15 when straight + level

15k 110053 - 110535 283,75
 $\text{Slope } 7,21228847 - 389$

141058 - 141606 309 slope 6.81840972

Bath 592 7.044860821

0.0 6,108560
2.277652
0.22
7,203803

AA

15k

Plot w0 ws uwz for all legs + circles

Chg in Amp of WD + S + UWZ in circles +

equalize uRAD b/4 + after 90/270 turns 130³⁰
circles 130³⁰
(3)100

0.22

0.15

0(1)2.5

90/270
123830 124145

PD Beta off -15

270

070

240

P3 Wind Calibration Exercises

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1512

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
1,000	with	180	60/12	240	1021	1024	
1,500	into	180	60/10	060	1029	1035	extended
1,500	w/w	210	60/15	240	1041	104530	SFM R
1,500	into	210	30/5	060	105417		
1,500	into	240	60/7	060	1111		
1,500	with	240	62/12	210			sonar

4 min

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
5,000	into	180	065/13	070	1235		
5,000	with	180		250	1242		
5,000				070	1250		SFM R
5,000				250	1259		SFM R
5,000				070			
5,000				250			BT

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
10,000	into	180	070/12	070	1133	1136	
10,000	with	186	068/18	250	1140	1144	
10,000	into	210	073/10	070			
10,000	w/w	240	068/13	250			
10,000	into	240	075/10	070			
10,000	with	240	076/11	250			

Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
15,000	into		98/15	105			
15,000	w/w		163/20	285	1348		
15,000	into		100/12	105	1356	13	
15,000	w/w			285	1403		
15,000	w/w		148/18	285			
15,000	into		148/10	105	1426		extended b/c turb

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Level	Into/with Wind	IAS	wdir/wspd	Track	Start Time	Stop Time	Notes:
20,000			127/18	310	1450		
20,000			023/3	130	1458		
20,000				310			
20,000				130			
20,000				310			
20,000				130	1536		

15K 1.18 https://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&view=bsp&ver=ohhl4rw8mbn4
 180 102238 - 102437 ✓
 180 ~~102253~~ - ~~102452~~ ✓
 103152 - 103351 ✓
 210 104310 - 104510 ✓
 105206 - 105405 ✓
 3628 ~~111~~
 5,97316
 2,28302
 ,996

240 111310 - 111510X
 112315 - 112515X

150120 - 150210
 50

5K
 180 123642 - 123842 ✓
 124215 - 124415 +
 210 125200 - 125400 +
 125915 - 130115 ✓
 240 132125 - 132325 ✓
 12932800 - 133000 ✓

10K
 180 113410 - 113610 ✓
 114120 - 114320 ✓
 15 0.83X
 210 115405 - 115605 ✓
 120350 - 120550 ✓
 240 121239 - 121438 X .485
 121920 - 122120 ✓

20K
 180 145053 - 145252 ✓
 150120 - 150210 ✓
 150310 - 150420 ✓
 210 150810 - 151010 ✓
 151659 - 151858 +
 240 152925 - 153125 ✓
 153710 - 153910 +

1.5K 180 134220 ✓ 134420
 - 134955 ✓ 135155
 210 135758 ✓ 135958
 140526 - 140720
 240 141925 - 142125
 142200 - 142900 +
 024
 ,127
 * .37

* .625

* .625

* .625

20K

6.16044 - ~~111~~

15K

5.92633 → 2.28356

* 9974

10K

6.05785 2.33625

* 9992

5K

5.96403 2.30510

* 9977

15K

5.60606 2.21801

* 9985

* 9888

All 5.97312
 2.28302 9964

P3 Wind Calibration Exercises

Suggested Order of Operations

SFMR Calibration: Needs to be done before 9AM with legs centered over buoy
15,000 ft PA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins ✓
**Yaw Maneuver, 200 kts IAS, 5 complete cycles, $\pm 5^\circ$ Sideslip, Roll $< \pm 3^\circ$ —
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Dropsonde on last leg

060

10,000 ft RA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins ✓

070

5,000 ft RA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins — D.P.
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 4 mins —
3 Concentric Circles to the Left, 30° Roll, 210 kts IAS —
3 Concentric Circles to the Right, 30° Roll, 210 kts IAS —
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —
AXBT on last leg (need to be depressurized)

13152 BT

1,500 ft RA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Yaw Maneuver, 200 kts IAS, 5 complete cycles, $\pm 5^\circ$ Sideslip, Roll $< \pm 3^\circ$ —
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —

20,000 ft PA

Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 180 kts IAS, 3 mins ✓
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 210 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 210 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Pitch Maneuver, 210 kts IAS, 5 complete cycles, $\pm 5^\circ$ Pitch
Racetrack Leg Into Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Racetrack Leg With Wind, 240 kts IAS, 3 mins —
Dropsonde Deployment on first leg 180 kts

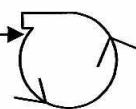
** If running late save 15,000ft Yaw maneuver for during climb from 1,500ft to 20,000ft

P3 Wind Calibration Exercises

Legs:

- 1 leg tracking true into wind and 1 leg tracking true with the wind at each IAS at each altitude (total of 30 legs)
- Must be at least 3 mins long
- DO NOT CHANGE TRACK/HEADING!!

- If wind speed > 13kts and wind direction changes by > 10° then Re-Do!
- Do 90/270 turns at the end of leg between into/with wind to head back on reciprocal course.



Into wind, 90/270, with wind – 3 Minutes

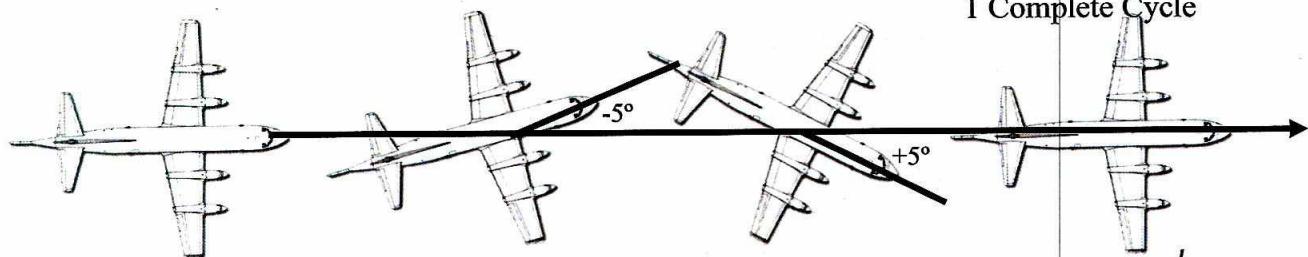
A/C speeds:

180 kts
210 kts
240 kts

Altitudes:

1,500 ft RA
5,000 ft RA
10,000 ft RA
15,000 ft PA
20,000 ft PA

Yaw Maneuvers:



1 Complete Cycle

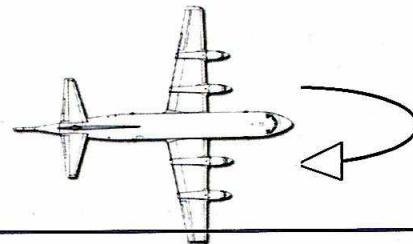
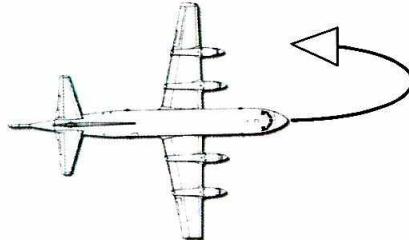
1 min per cycle

~5-6 min
+/- 55 P

- Do at 1,500 ft RA and 15,000 ft PA
- Do at 200 kts IAS (See WP-3 Standard Op Notes)

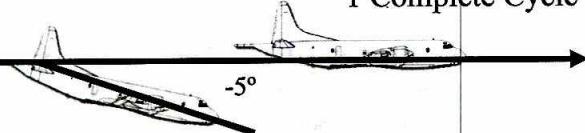
- TRY NOT TO FLUCTUATE IAS!!
- Yaw by $\sim \pm 5^\circ$ sideslip, Roll $< \pm 3^\circ$
- Do 5 cycles (above picture is 1 cycle)

3 Concentric Circles:



- 5,000 ft RA
- 30° roll
- 3 left turns
- 3 right turns
- At 210 IAS racetrack legs

Pitch Maneuver:



- Do at 20,000 ft PA
- Do after the 210 IAS racetrack and before you start the 240 IAS racetrack

- Do at 215 kts IAS
- Do 5 Cycles of $\pm 5^\circ$ Pitch (above picture is 1 complete cycle)

N42RF Calibration Results
From June 18, 2012 Wind Cal Flight

N42RF flew a 6 hour mission on June 16, 2012 over the USF buoy 42022 to the WSW of Macdill, at 27.5N 83.7W. Several maneuvers were executed in order to determine the coefficients for the attack and slip angles. Yaw maneuvers were performed at 1500 feet and 15000 feet to provide input for deriving the slope for the aircraft's slip angle. Several speed runs, tracking into and out of the wind, were flown at five pre-determined altitudes. The data collected from these maneuvers were used to determine the slope and intercept for the aircraft's attack angle.

The data, images and results can be found on the server at [/acdata/2012/MET/20120618H1](http://acdata/2012/MET/20120618H1) directory. The coefficients were determined using ZR_TPCAL.xls, an excel program created by 2010 Hollings Scholar Zeljco Raic.

One hundred twenty one (121) points were selected for each leg flown into and with the wind for each airspeed (180, 210, 240 IAS), making a total of 242 points per indicated airspeed per altitude for statistical significance. The following table shows the attack angle coefficients for each of the five altitudes:

	Slope	Intercept
1500 feet	5.575209	2.220725
5000 feet	6.096507	2.337542
10000 feet	6.064407	2.334522
15000 feet	5.933497	2.261431
20000 feet	6.216913	2.296375

The above table is for reference purposes only. To obtain the "final" slope and intercept for attack angle all of the selected data points, ZR_TPCAL.xls was used. For this calibration flight the slope and intercept for the attack angle are as follows:

For all levels (3630 points) Slope: **6.002434** Intercept: **2.291311**

The program computes a correlation coefficient and it is .996 for all legs combined.

The input data to determine the slope for the slip angle came from the two yaw maneuvers. A minimum of, but not limited to, 120 points are required per maneuver. ABD_TPCAL on the HP1000 computes a slope for the slip angle for each maneuver. For this flight the derived slip angle slopes are as follows:

1500 feet	Slope: 6.818409	for 309 points
15000 feet	Slope: 7.212288	for 283 points

As was for the attack angle derivation, both sets of data were entered into the ABD_TPCAL program. The "final" slip angle slope from the 831 points was calculated to be **7.044861**.

To determine the slip intercept, a subjective technique is employed using plots of wind direction, wind speed and vertical wind from the circle maneuvers conducted at 5000 feet. Several plots of the aforementioned parameters were made, varying the intercept value for the slip angle. Through some simple statistics and a "meteorological eyeballing" of the plots, a determination for the slip angle intercept is made. For this flight the slip angle intercept was determined to be **+0.15**. As previously stated this method is very subjective. However it does provide a hands-on view of what is happening to the horizontal and vertical wind values when the value for the slip angle intercept is modified.

From Monday's SFMR / Wind calibration flight overall things worked very well! However, below are a few instrument concerns still, and some that were fixed from the 8 June flight.

Instruments:

--**Total Temp 2** (TTM.2) is still extremely noisy, with 3-4 degrees C of noise. This is being looked into. See *TTMnoise_zoom.png*

--**Dewpointer #2** (TDM.2) a different dewpointer than on the 8 June test flight, did not get cold enough in the high altitudes, nor did it trend with #1 or the TDL ,and was slightly too cold at the low altitudes. See *TDM2unresponsive.png*

Dewpointer #1 (TDM.1) appears to be the best, trends with the TDL and reliable compared to sonde data, though it spiked up just before landing as it normally does. See *dewpointers.png*

--**Novatel** data (AltGPS.3, LatGPS.3 and LonGPS.3) at first was not working but this was fixed in flight. Then it worked fine with the exception of one spike where the GPS Quality went down. See *Novatel_spike.png*

--**Static Pressures** The new AOC A-D box was collecting data for Fuselage (PSM.2). This was compared with PSM.2 and wingtip (PSM.1) from AAMPS data sys before t/o and after landing. The static pressures from this box appear much more stable and consistent, and are closer to the elevation corrected station pressure than PSM.2 from data system. See *StaticPressureCompare.png* - in this image red line is from new box. We will look at this data further to see how it performs at the different altitudes compared with sonde data.

--**Dynamic Attack Pressure** (PQAlpha.1) works great (fixed after last flight).

--No gaps in pure GPS data in fast file and no drop-outs in Radar Altitude data (was seen on previous flight).

All other instruments looked good.

Other:

-SFMR data not in screens or WMM app, but in display app, netCDF and hdobs - Sonia / Leonard have fixed or are fixing this. SFMR data looked reasonable compared to surface wind observations.

-New AXBT system worked for the BT drop but it didn't show up in AAMPS (screens, netCDF, etc) however Dana and Todd already fixed this in flight and it should work next time.

-Remote avaps worked great. I did not see any issues with the sonde data either.

-FD computer is networked to AVAPS and MDS to access files. Tail radar display on FD-2 Linux machine worked good and so did all the other programs.

