The TexAQS Airforce Begins to Depart Houston

Tonight Scattered showers (30%) and thunderstorms this evening, otherwise partly cloudy with a low near 70. Variable winds 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Partly cloudy with high effort during TexAQS. Happy landings, friends.

G-1 N701BN

The G-1 conducted two urban chemistry characterization flights yesterday. With today’s rainy weather, the G-1 scrapped plans for its final flight and the crew has begun to remove monitoring equipment from the plane. As of this writing, the G-1 is planning to leave the Houston area for the last time on Thursday or Friday.

DC-3 N56KS

The DC-3 conducted its final aerosol/ozone characterization flight yesterday with a 7 hour research flight. The DC-3/Lidar headed back to Virginia today to off-load the instrumentation. Then, it’s a long drive back to Boulder for several of the ETL stalwarts. Without question, the Lidar folks are very excited about the substantial data set collected in Houston. Again, a job well done.
**Twin Otter N153BU**

The Twin Otter is the only “airplane” game in town for TexAQS during the final days of the study, and, if weather permits, will conduct source characterization flights tomorrow and Friday.

The Twin Otter will probably return to Baylor University in Waco, TX, this weekend.

**Study T-Shirt Rules**

The TexAQS study T-shirts are here and are now available. Thanks to the generosity of the Southern Oxidants Study, these shirts are free of charge. In order to receive a shirt you will:

1. Present yourself at Bill’s desk Thursday or Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM CDT.
2. Review/edit your information on the participants list.
3. Receive shirt.

Please present yourself in person if at all possible. Designated shirt pickers-uppers (DSPU’s) will be accepted but only if they check and confirm address for everyone they are serving.

**Upcoming Events**

**Computer Network Termination** - Monday, September 18th. The offices at LaPorte and Ellington Field will have internet and printing access until the 18th. After that, Cathy B’s packing it up and going home (on September 20th)!

**Taking Things Down** - Vince Torres, in particular, needs to know when he can shut off the lights at some of our temporary sites. So take the time to give Vince a call and let him know your plans.

**Trooper of the Day**

EPA’s Bill Lonneman wins the Trooper of the Day for all the VOC analysis support that he (and Paul Doskey and Bob Seila) have provided to the TexAQS Study during the past five-weeks. A big thanks, also, to our friends at Rice University for making space available for our VOC Lab.

**Thoughts for the Day**

“Distrust any enterprise that requires new clothes.”
- David Henry Thoreau (1817-1862)

“The longer I live the more I see that I am never wrong about anything, and that all the pains that I have so humbly taken to verify my notions have only wasted my time.”
- George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

If you show up too late, you may not get your size.