ICECAPS Weekly Report

May 1 – May 7, 2013 Ben Castellani



General:

•Week plagued by bad weather and postponed and cancelled flights.

•A big thanks to Sven for continued help with LN2 calibrations

•05/10 Camp-wide power outage 1723-1729 UTC. All instruments appear fine. This power issue is currently being diagnosed but a major fix will not be until a generator man comes up in July 2013.

Significant Weather Observations:

•05/09 Blowing snow and halos most of day. 15-25 knots.

- •05/10 Drifting snow / cirrostratus / halos. Light winds <15 knots
- •05/11 Overcast with increasing winds to 25+ knots. Light snow. 1-2" accumulation.
- •05/12 Winds up to 25 knots decreasing through day. Weak halos most of day.
- •05/13 20+ knot winds all day. Clearing skies. Some halos.

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Dataman Account:

• Normal.

MWR:

- 05/08 LN2 Calibration of HATPRO.
- 05/09 LN2 Calibration of HATPRO.
- 05/10 LN2 Calibration of HATPRO.
- 05/12 LN2 Calibration of HATPRO.

- 05/13 LN2 Calibration of HATPRO.
- 05/14 LN2 Calibration of HATPRO.

SODAR:

• Normal

POSS:

• Normal.

MMCR:

• Normal

CAPABL:

• 05/13 Removed upper tube to prepare for move. Covered telescope hole with plastic. CAPABL will be fixed by Ryan in July.

MPL:

• Normal.

VCEIL:

• Normal.

IceCAM:

• Normal

PAERI:

• Normal.

ASIA-A:

Normal

IcePIC:

• No pictures taken.

Radiosonde:

- 05/09 Morning sonde launched at 1223 UTC (1 hour late) due incoming C130.
- 05/10 Morning sonde not launched at all due to incoming Basler flight arriving at 1300 UTC.
- 05/11 Morning sonde not launched at all due to incoming Basler flight arriving at 1215 UTC.

• 05/12 – Morning sonde launched at 16 UTC (5 hours late) due to incoming Basler flight. Terminated at 13km.

• 05/12 – Evening sonde launched at 00 UTC (1 hour late) due to incoming Basler flight.