Date: 2021-06-14
Flight Campaign ID: P1C2
Airport, FBO ID, City: Asheville Regional Airport (KAVL) - Fletcher, NC, Knoxville, Mc Ghee Tyson (KTYS) - Knoxville, TN
Aircraft: N331AR

Domain: 07 (Appalachians & Cumberland Plateau)
Sites Flown: ORNL (Oak Ridge National Laboratory)
Days left in Domain: 17

Report Author: Michael Wussow
Lidar Operators: Michael Wussow
Spectrometer Operators: Cameron Chapman
Pilots: Justin Eddington, Paul Nunemann
Flight Hours: 00:43:00, 02:42:00
Hours until maintenance: 68.23
GPS Instruments: 05 - FBO_KAVL, C-TN16, TDOT-TN1A

Summary
After a long wait for clouds to move off, a portion of ORNL was flown in yellow conditions during the last 2 hours of the sun angle window. The crew mobilized to McGhee Tyson airport to refuel and wait for clouds. While on sitting the ground, high outside air and cabin temperatures caused an issue with the lidar system. Cooling of the system once in air resolved the issue. See sections below for more detail.

Concerns
See below.

Comments
-16 lines were flown at ORNL

-We performed a repositioning flight to KTYS to be closer to ORNL and to wait for clouds to lift. System was on while waiting and cabin temperatures reached 40C before more ventilation in plane was able to reduce this to 36C. Upon prepping for survey at KTYS a shutdown lidar system was noticed. System was restarted on the ground and just as engines were started the system shutdown again without warning. It is with high probability this was due to the UPDU reaching 50C, as just before this it was noticed that the UPDU went from 45 to 49 and then it turned off with the fault light illuminated. Due to the heat, takeoff was continued, and system was restarted in-air with a 5 min straight and level before survey start. Once in air, no issues were found, and the UPDU maintained degrees 41C.

-We also experienced an eye-safe shut-off during flight on line 49. It is not clear what caused the shutoff. The area of occurrence was inspected and no tall objects or clouds were found.
Daily Coverage

Estimated Cloud Cover Key

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Cloud Cover

Total number of lines flown: 16

Flight Screenshots
Pictures

View from the ORNL tower cam as we waited for clouds to burn off and push out.

GOES-16 satellite view of clear skies pushing slowly south throughout the afternoon.
Cumulative Domain Coverage

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- Green: 0% (0/69)
- Yellow: 0% (0/69)
- Red: 0% (0/69)

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| 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 |

- Flown: 0% (0/20)
- Green: 0% (0/20)
- Yellow: 0% (0/20)
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### D07|N07A (D07 Nominal Runway)

- Flown: 100% (1/1)
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- Flown: 67% (41/61)
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**Weather Forecast**

Gatlinburg, TN

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- Inclement: 0 in
- Precipitation: 0.19 in
- High: 84°
- Low: 82°

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Graph showing cumulative domain coverage for various locations with weather forecast data for Gatlinburg, TN.
Flight Collection Plan for 15 June 2021

Flyority 1
Collection Area: Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GRSM) – Priority 1 Flight Box
Flight Plan Name: D07_GRSM_R1_P1_P2_v5_PRM_Var_Alt.xml
On-Station Time: 1400 – 2100 UTC / 1000 – 1700 L

Flyority 2
Collection Area: Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
Flight Plan Name: D07_ORNL_C1_P1_v9_PRM.xml
On-Station Time: 1400 – 2100 UTC / 1000 – 1700 L

Flyority 3
Collection Area: Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GRSM) – Priority 2 Flight Box
Flight Plan Name: D07_GRSM_R1_P1_P2_v5_PRM_Var_Alt.xml
On-Station Time: 1400 – 2100 UTC / 1000 – 1700 L

Crew: Cam & Mike