Wallops Mission Celebration

Wallops employees (civil servants and contractors) joined in a Mission Celebration on June 7, 2007, to celebrate a year of mission success at Wallops with food, entertainment, and fun.

Every employee received a framed plaque and a new Wallops mission logo pin in recognition of the excellent support of Wallops’ missions that resulted in spectacular successes during the past year.

Entertainment was provided by the Wallops Music Club Band, and food was provided by the Wallops Exchange and Morale Association.

Teams representing different codes took part in the first Launch Wing-off preparing hot and spicy chicken wings. The Judges Choice award went to Code 200, Management Operation Directorate. The People’s Choice award went to Code 800, Suborbital and Special Orbital Projects Directorate.

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A Very Dry May  by Ted Wilz, Senior Meteorologist

After a dry March and a very wet April, conditions were dry again in May. There were seven days with measurable precipitation, totaling only 1.35 inches, well below the monthly average of 3.13 inches. There was no rain after May 20, giving us a very dry end to the month.

Temperatures during May were normal, averaging 62.6 degrees, only .3 degree above normal. No new record high temperatures were set. There were eight days with 80 degree temperatures or better. The warmest day was Memorial Day, May 28, when the temperature reached 86 degrees. The coldest days of the month were on May 7 and the 14 when temperatures dropped to 41 degrees. A record low reading, 41 degrees, was tied on May 14.

An area of low pressure developed off the coast on Sunday, May 6, giving us the strongest winds for May at 53mph. Strong winds continued the next day at 41mph, but no rainfall occurred at Wallops.

July’s weather brings summer heat to the region in earnest with average high temperatures in the low to mid 80’s. An afternoon sea breeze often cools afternoon temperatures a few degrees. When we occasionally get an offshore breeze, temperatures can heat up into the 90’s. We have reached into the 100’s four times. In 199 the all time high of 101 degrees was set on July 10. Low temperatures in July usually average in the upper 60’s. The all time low for July was a chilly 51 degrees on July 2, 1965.

This year is expected to be above average in activity according to the National Hurricane Center. Be prepared!