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NSROC Service Awards

Awards for years of service were given to NASA Sounding Rocket Operation Contract, (NSROC) employees during their annual Christmas Party & Awards Ceremony held December 18.

In addition, "Above and Beyond Awards" were presented to Michael Walker and Ernest Cornwell for obtaining certification in property management. The following employees were recognized for years of service.

15 Years

Paul Harmon
Tracy Gibb
Herb Haugh
Wayne Taylor
Carvel Keiser

25 Years

Gerry Doyon
Sylvia Onions
Bob Wiand
Glenn Finney
Harold Cherrix
Dwight Barnes

30 Years

Bill Dougherty

40 Years

Bruce Scott

35 Years

Ed White



The next Inside Wallops will be January 12, 2009.

News from Antarctica



CSBF photo

The Antarctica Balloon Campaign is well underway with the launch of CREAM-IV on December 18 and ANITA-II on December 21.

View the progress of both missions on the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility web page: <http://www.csbf.nasa.gov/antarctica/ice0809.htm>

(left) ANITA-II at float altitude as viewed from a telescope.

NASA Wallops Runways Available for Santa Claus



If Santa Claus should experience any mechanical problems or just need a rest stop on his journey along the East Coast this Christmas Eve, NASA's Wallops Flight Facility will be available and is prepared to be of assistance.

The Facility has been selected as one of Santa's emergency landing sites for his annual flight, as well as being an official rest area for old Saint Nick.

"We are more than happy to be able to assist Santa Claus in this capacity," said Jay Pittman, Chief of the Range and Mission Management Office at Wallops.

Using advanced radars and telecommunication systems, Santa's flight up the East Coast will be monitored. Through a direct communications link, he will be able to notify Wallops airport officials if a landing at Wallops is necessary.

Snacks and shelter will be available for Santa and the reindeer.

"Santa loves the Delmarva Peninsula," said Sam Claus, Santa's Head Elf. "He is excited about visiting the boys and girls on the Eastern Shore again this year."

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*Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas
and a
New Year of Peace and Happiness*

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