

**Docket No. SA-539**

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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**

**Washington, D.C.**

Meteorology – Attachment 4

(5 Pages)

## Transcript for the Hot Air Balloon accident near Lockhart, TX on July 30, 2016

This transcript covers the Fort Worth Flight Service Station (FCFSS) WS042 Preflight position for the time period from July 30, 2016, 10:06:07 UTC, to July 30, 2016, 10:09:57 UTC.

Agencies Making Transmissions	Abbreviations
Fort Worth, FCFSS, WS042	WS042
Balloon, N2469L	N2469L

1006:07      WS042      lockheed martin flight service

1006:10      N2469L      good morning lockheed hot air balloon two four six nine lima looking to fly in the vicinity of hotel yankee india this morning between say ah six thirty eight thirty wondering what you're calling for winds at three and six and ah vad winds at one two and three

1006:31      WS042      okay alright let's see

1006:34      N2469L      alright yeah fired up

1006:37      WS042      let me fill out these blanks so I can kind of like an app you have to fill out the blanks before you can get the (unintelligible)

1006:43      N2469L      alright

1006:44      WS042      and you'll go for about an hour to two hours at the most correct

1006:48      N2469L      oh yeah yeah

1006:49      WS042      okay

1006:50      N2469L      yep

1006:51      WS042      well alright we're still showing

1006:55      N2469L      looks like we got some low clouds

1006:57      WS042      ah we're still showing a stationary front extending from west texas to oklahoma and arkansas it's kind of been there for a week south of the front just a moist unstable air mass so checking the airmets there are no airmets um on the radar

1007:12      N2469L      (unintelligible)

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1007:14 WS42 on the radar we are showing one small area of light precip very very light precip  
ah about sixty miles to your south south west

1007:25 N2469L i'm not going that far

1007:26 WS42 yeah

1007:27 N2469L (unintelligible)

1007:28 WS042 the movement is very little

1007:34 N2469L okay

1007:35 WS042 and tops ten or fifteen thousand feet at the most so alright now let's look at  
(unintelligible)

1007:39 N2469L nothing connected

1007:40 WS042 i don't think it's a problem for you ah san marcos reporting surface wind calm  
visibility ten one thousand one hundred scattered temperature two three and dew  
point two two austin it's one thousand niner hundred scattered temperature two  
four and dew point two three did I give you the altimeter altimeter for san marcos  
three zero zero four

1008:08 N2469L okay

1008:09 WS042 forecast um let me find the right area two thousand five hundred broken tops to  
six thousand feet isolated light rain showers tops to flight level two zero zero oh  
after twelve zulu just two thousand scattered and twelve zulu is seven o'clock let's  
compare that to the terminal forecast at austin the austin terminal forecast  
between ten and fifteen zulu surface wind one seven zero at four visibility  
unrestricted ceiling one thousand two hundred broken so what what i'm getting  
from these two forecasts is that lower layer you see outside will probably go  
broken and then mid morning go back to scattered and raise up a couple of  
thousand feet

1009:02 N2469L okay

1009:03 WS042 forecast wind

1009:04 N2469L (unintelligible)

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1009:05 WS042 at three thousand feet one eight zero at seventeen

1009:10 N2469L (unintelligible)

1009:12 WS042 and six thousand one eight zero at twelve temperature seventeen if you can get that high this morning

1009:18 N2469L (unintelligible)

1009:20 WS042 let's see what the vad wind profiler is in that area um most of it's echo tops there we go alright austin san antonio alright at one thousand no return at two thousand from the south at fifteen

1009:49 N2469L uh hm

1009:50 WS042 at three thousand from the south at twenty

1009:55 N2469L uh okay

1009:56 WS042 for four thousand the same

1009:58 N2469L (unintelligible)

1009:59 WS042 (unintelligible) the surface winds

1010:01 N2469L oh well

1010:04 WS042 let's see

1010:05 N2469L yeah

1010:06 WS042 and the surface winds are calm so probably (unintelligible)

1010:10 N2469L when do they forecast those to pick up

1010:13 WS042 the um

1010:14 N2469L or do they

1010:15 WS042 according to the terminal forecast at austin now basically ten zulu which is now one seven zero at four fifteen zulu two zero zero at eight fifteen zulu is ten o'clock this morning

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1010:33 N2469L okay

1010:34 WS042 so basically (unintelligible)

1010:35 N2469L yeah I think once the sun (unintelligible) the winds are going to pick up

1010:38 WS042 yeah and those clouds may be a problem for you I don't know how low you want to stay but

1010:45 N2469L um

1010:47 WS042 alright

1010:48 N2469L well we just fly in between them

1010:49 WS042 in between them

1010:52 N2469L we find a hole and we go hey thank you have a blessed day okay

1010:56 WS042 alright good morning

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