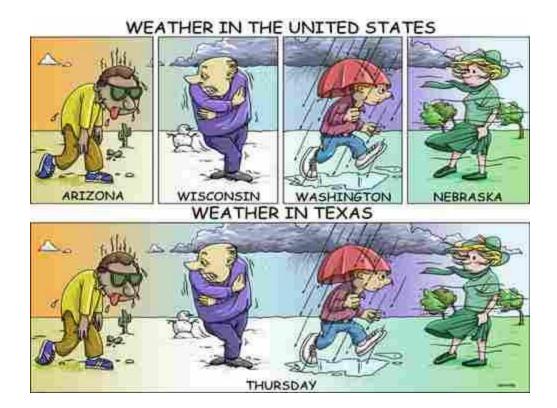
## WX Reports – Part 2



Gary White

### Convective Outlooks (AC)

- Both Textual and Graphic
- Two Day Outlook
- Look for Severe Thunderstorms
  - SFC Winds > 50 knts and Hail > ¾ inch
- Three Probabilities
  - Slight
  - Moderate
  - High

### Convective Outlook (AC)



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- Best to Use Both Text and Graphic
- In Gulf Coast Region,
   When is Greatest Risk of
   Severe WX?
- Which Way is/are
   System(s) Moving in
   Gulf Coast Region?
- Can You Get This Information from Graphic Alone?

SPC AC 171237

DAY 1 CONVECTIVE OUTLOOK NWS STORM PREDICTION CENTER NORMAN OK 0737 AM CDT MON SEP 17 2012

VALID 171300Z - 181200Z

... THERE IS A SLGT RISK OF SVR ISTMS THIS AFTERNOON THROUGH TONIGHT ACROSS PARTS OF THE GULF COAST REGION...

#### ... GULF COAST REGION...

WATER VAPOR LOOPS SHOW TWO UPPER TROUGHS AFFECTING THE CENTRAL/EASTERN UNITED STATES. THE FIRST SYSTEM IS OVER EAST TX...AND WILL TRACK EASTWARD INTO THE GULF COAST REGION THROUGH THE FORECAST PERIOD. MODEL GUIDANCE INDICATES THE ASSOCIATED SURFACE LOW /CURRENTLY OFF THE MIDDLE TX COAST/ WILL MOVE ACROSS THE LA DELTA AND INTO SOUTHERN MS/AL OVERNIGHT. STRENGTHENING LOW/MID LEVEL WIND FIELDS IN THE WARM SECTOR OF THIS LOW WILL RESULT IN INCREASINGLY FAVORABLE VERTICAL SHEAR FOR ORGANIZED/ROTATING CONVECTION. DESPITE NEAR MOIST-ADIABATIC LAPSE RATES...SURFACE DEWPOINTS IN THE 70S WILL YIELD MARGINAL INSTABILITY AND THE POTENTIAL FOR SURFACE-BASED STORMS. AT THIS TIME...THE GREATEST RISK OF SEVERE WEATHER WILL LIKELY OCCUR AFTER DARK. LOCALLY DAMAGING WINDS AND A TORNADO OR TWO ARE POSSIBLE ACROSS THE SLIGHT RISK AREA.

#### ... UPPER MIDWEST...

THE SECOND UPPER TROUGH IS CURRENTLY OVER THE DAKOTAS...AND IS FORECAST TO ROTATE SOUTHEASTWARD INTO THE UPPER MS VALLEY BY TOMORROW MORNING. A RATHER STRONG COLD FRONT WILL SURGE SOUTHWARD ACROSS PARTS OF IA/WI/MO/IL/IND THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING. RELATIVELY STRONG HEATING AHEAD OF THE FRONT...COUPLED WITH DEWPOINTS IN THE 50S AND SUBSTANTIAL FRONTAL CONVERGENCE IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. THE STRONGEST OF THESE STORMS COULD PRODUCE HAIL AND GUSTY WINDS. ORGANIZED SEVERE STORMS ARE NOT EXPECTED AT THIS TIME.

..HART/LEITMAN.. 09/17/2012

### AIRMETS (WAs)

- Particularly Hazardous to Small Aircraft
- Three Types
  - Sierra Think See IFR Conditions
  - Tango Think Turbulence
  - Zulu Think FreeZing for Icing and Freezing
     Levels

### AIRMETS (WAs) (cont.)

WAUS44 KKCI 171445
DFWZ WA 171445

AIRMET ZULU UPDT 2 FOR ICE AND FRZLVL VALID UNTIL 172100
AIRMET ICE...AR TN MS AL MO IL IN KY
FROM 20N IND TO CVG TO HNN TO HMV TO GQO TO 20SSW MSL TO 30SSE
IGB TO 30WSW ELD TO 20WSW ARG TO 60SE FAM TO 20N IND
MOD ICE BTN 150 AND FL250. CONDS CONTG BYD 21Z THRU 03Z.
FRZLVL...RANGING FROM 125-155 ACRS AREA

WAUS44 KKCI 171445
DFWT WA 171445

AIRMET TANGO UPDT 2 FOR TURB VALID UNTIL 172100
AIRMET TURB...OK TX AR TN LA MS KS IA MO WI LM MI LH IL IN KY
FROM 20ENE ECK TO 40S ECK TO FWA TO CVG TO 30S TTH TO 30SSE FAM
TO 60WNW ARG TO 50SW LIT TO AEX TO 50SSE LFK TO 50SE TTT TO
40ENE END TO 70SE OVR TO 20SW DLL TO 20ENE ECK
MOD TURB BTN FL240 AND FL390. CONDS CONTG BYD 21Z THRU 03Z.
OTLK VALID 2100-0300Z...TURB OK TX AR TN MS IA MO WI LM MI LH IL
IN KY
BOUNDED BY YVV-50SE ECK-FWA-CVG-30S TTH-DYR-20ESE ARG-30ESE ELD20NNE TXK-60SSE MLC-40ENE MCI-30ESE DBQ-50SE GRB-YVV
MOD TURB BTN FL240 AND FL390. CONDS CONTG THRU 03Z.

WAUS44 KKCI 171445
DFWS WA 171445
AIRMET SIERRA UPDT 4 FOR IFR AND MTN OBSCN VALID UNTIL 172100
AIRMET MTN OBSCN...TN KY
FROM HNN TO HMV TO GQO TO LOZ TO HNN
MTNS OBSC BY CLDS/PCPN/BR. CONDS CONTG BYD 21Z THRU 03Z.
OTLK VALID 2100-0300Z...IFR AR TN LA MS AL MO KY AND CSTL WTRS
BOUNDED BY 40NW DYR-HMV-GQO-LGC-40NE SJI-40ENE HRV-20W LCH-20SSW
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CIG BLW 010/VIS BLW 3SM PCPN/BR. CONDS CONTG THRU 03Z.

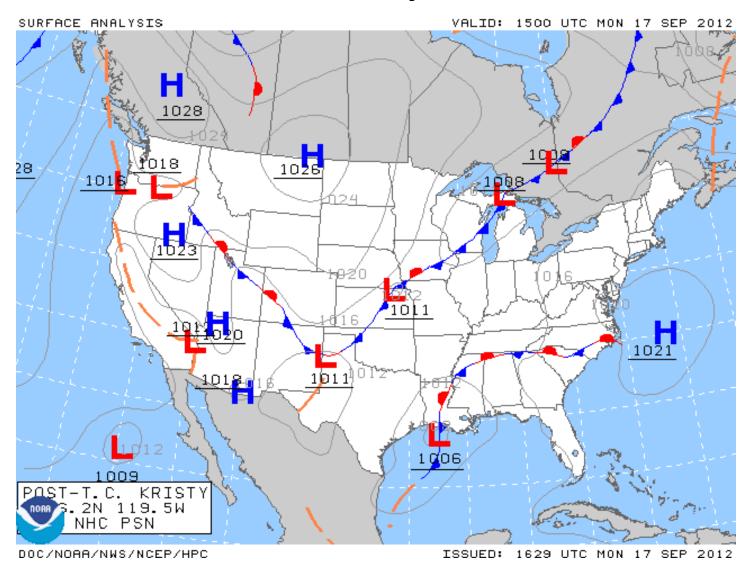
### SIGMETS (WSs)

 Hazards for All Aircraft Include Convective Activity

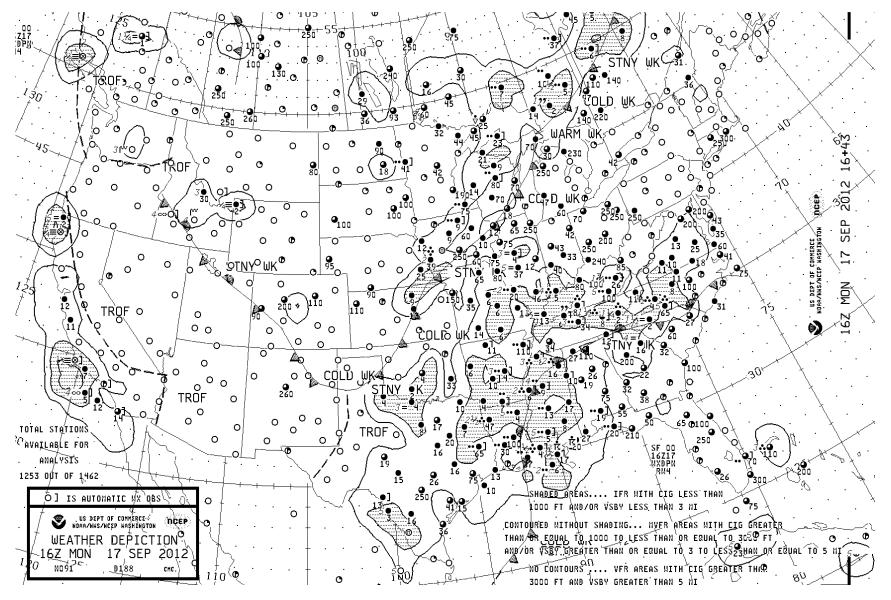
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SIGE
CONVECTIVE SIGMET 7E
VALID UNTIL 1955Z
MI LH LM
FROM 60SSE SSM-10ENE TVC-50N MKG
LINE TS 30 NM WIDE MOV FROM 25040KT. TOPS TO FL400.

OUTLOOK VALID 171955-172355
AREA 1...FROM 30NW CEW-TLH-CRG-40SE VRB-60ENE PBI-150SE MIA-80WSW
EYW-60WSW PIE-170S CEW-30NW CEW
WST ISSUANCES EXPD. REFER TO MOST RECENT ACUS01 KWNS FROM STORM
PREDICTION CENTER FOR SYNOPSIS AND METEOROLOGICAL DETAILS.
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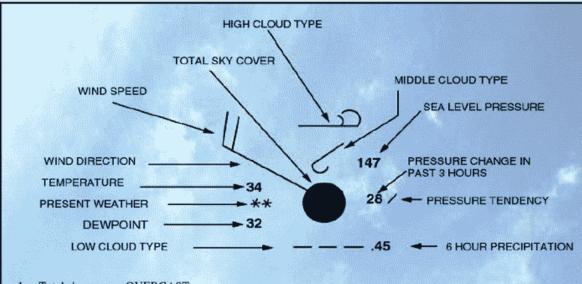
## Surface Analysis Chart



### Weather Depiction Chart



### Station Model



- Total sky cover: OVERCAST
- 2. Temperature: 34 DEGREES F, Dewpoint: 32 DEGREES F.
- 3. Wind: FROM THE NORTHWEST AT 20 KNOTS (relative to True North).

#### Examples of wind direction and speed



- Present weather: CONTINUOUS LIGHT SNOW
- Predominant low, middle, high cloud reported: STRATO FRACTUS OR CUMULUS FRACTUS OF BAD WEATHER, ALTOCUMULUS IN PATCHES, AND DENSE CIRRUS
- 6. Sea level pressure: 1014.7 MILLIBARS (mbs).

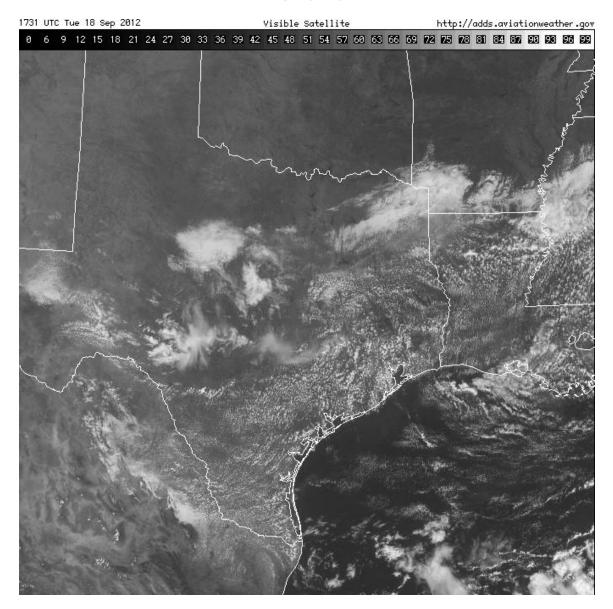
NOTE: Pressure is always shown in 3 digits to the nearest tenth of a millibar. For 1000 mbs or greater, prefix a "10" to the 3 digits. For less than 1000 mbs, prefix a "9" to the 3 digits.

- Pressure change in past 3 hours: INCREASED STEADILY OR UNSTEADILY BY 2.8 mbs. The actual change is in tenths of a millibar.
- 6-hour precipitation: 45 HUNDREDTH OF AN INCH.
   The amount is given to the nearest hundredth of an inch.

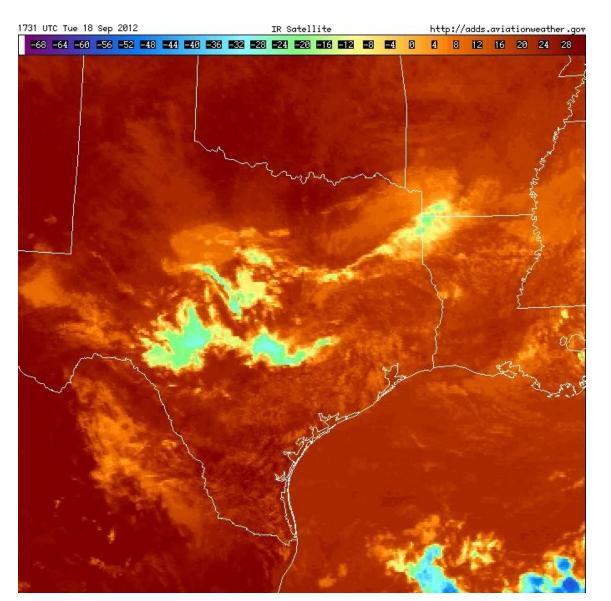
### Satellite

- Three General Types
  - Visual What You Would See from Satellite
    - May be Color Enhanced
    - Only for Areas in Daytime
  - IR Shows Temperature of Upper Atmosphere
    - Colder is Whiter Indicates Potential In-Stability
    - 24 Hour Coverage
  - Moisture Content
    - Likely Color Enhanced
    - 24 Hour Coverage

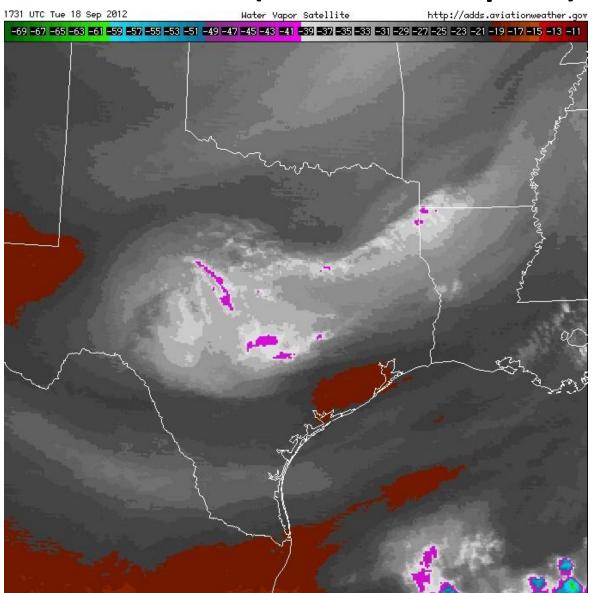
## Visual



## IR (Color Enhanced)



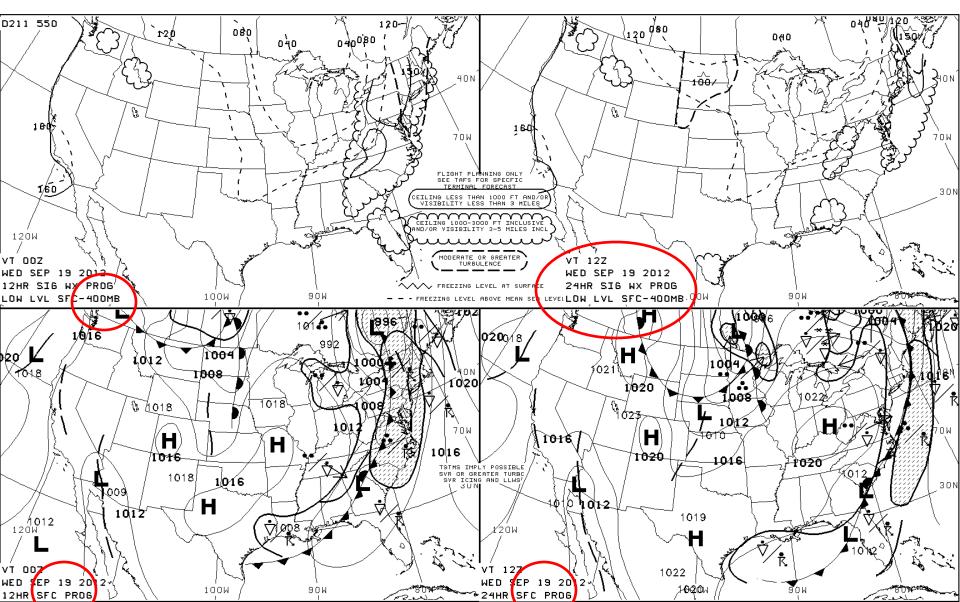
# Moisture (Water Vapor)



### Low-Level Significant WX Prog Charts

- SFC and 24,000' (400 mb)
- Issue 4 Times a Day (00, 06, 12, 18Z)
- 12 and 24 Hr Forecast (Prognostication)

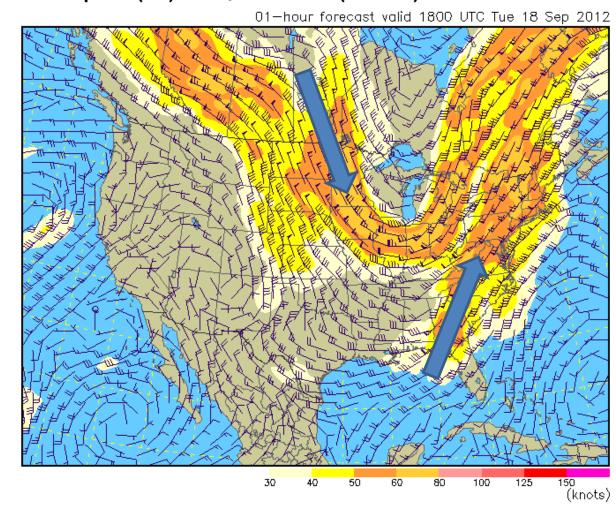
### Low-Level Significant WX Prog Charts



### 500 mb Chart

- Winds of 500 mb are Good Indicator of Direction of SFC WX
- Note Split Jetstream

#### Wind speed (kts) at 18,000 ft MSL (500 mb)



ADDS temp/wind charts supplement, but do not substitute for, the official winds and temperatures aloft forecast contained in the FB product.