

TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO FORGET IT WOULD BE DIVINE

This award is to be presented to an individual or group of individuals, for having committed or having been associated with an outstanding "blooper" during the year prior to the annual meeting.

To be considered for this award, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Eastern Snow Conference.

This award is to be presented and accepted in a manner which is considered to be "in good taste." No one person or organization will be eligible to qualify for this award more than once. Nominations will be accepted by the ESC Equipment Committee. The decision of the committee is final.

EASTERN SNOW CONFERENCE

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ANNUAL SNO-FOO AWARD

to

DONALD R. WIESNET

Mr. Wiesnet is a well known and highly respected satellite hydrologist who's thoughts and opinions are sought and valued worldwide. Consequently, I took the opportunity to discuss various aspects of airborne and satellite snow measurement techniques with Mr. Wiesnet at the Washington, D.C. Eastern Snow Conference meeting. Shortly thereafter, I received a letter from Mr. Wiesnet giving his "snow forecast" for the forthcoming 1985 winter covering the Upper Midwest and, specifically, the Red River of the North. Mr. Wiesnet stated:

"We have not had extensive snow cover and water equivalent over much of the Upper Midwest during recent years. I think this coming year is going to be a big snow year and you should expect substantial snowmelt flooding in the region."

Well, Don, I'm sorry to say we didn't get "extensive snow cover and water equivalent" in 1985 and we didn't have a "big snow year" in the Upper Midwest. In fact, the airborne snow survey business was a bit lean in the Red River of the North; we made airborne snow measurements on only sixteen flight lines in the basin during the entire snow season. Keep practicing, Don, and perhaps you will be able to get a good forecast out of that satellite yet. Best of Luck.

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