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SALSA Geophysics/SALSA EM, Day 13 Update

- The team now plays the waiting game. We need to have the SLACO (ski landing aircraft commanding officer) make it out to our landing site (Camp 20) in a Twin Otter to check out the surface conditions and (hopefully) give the go-ahead for us to land an LC-130 there. This flight has been on the books for nearly a week now; yet again, it was canceled thanks to the weather system that has been sitting on the Siple Coast. In some better flight news, today brought the first C17 flight from Christchurch in almost a week.
- The full team met with the Field Support Supervisor and the Search and Research Team Supervisor for a final run through the field plan and to identify potential risks we may encounter in the field.
- After dinner, we organized a more in-depth snow machine repair course with the Mechanical Equipment Center supervisor Tony Buchanan. The team learned all about snow machine suspensions, fuel pumps, and carburetors.