

## **9. Cloud Tales**

**Cloud Tales Preface** An introduction to my professional career as a cloud seeder.

**Alien Spaceships** Sacramento sees cloud seeding flares over Folsom Reservoir, but one lady mistakes them for an alien invasion.

**Baskin Robbins Lends a Hand** Under proper conditions, it's possible to observe the actual effects of seeding on clouds.

**Commercial for the Super Bowl** The University of Wyoming King Air is featured in a commercial filmed specifically for the Super Bowl.

**Flying High** Lew Grant tries flying a large kite from the top of Chalk Mountain.

**Greenbrier** Clearing fog by helicopter to evacuate the government from Washington, D.C. in case of war.

**Holy Clouds** One of the few successful cloud-seeding programs in the world occurs in northern Israel over the Galilee.

**Lightning Almost Never Strikes Twice** Flying research aircraft into storms can be dangerous.

**Orange Jumpsuit** Joanne Simpson directs cloud seeding operations to alleviate drought in Florida.

**Punching Holes in the Fog** Clearing fog at Fairchild AFB for B-52s and KC-135s to launch and recover.

**Rainmaker** The story of the San Diego Rainmaker who flooded Mission Valley.

**Smoke Rings** Volcanoes sometimes belch strange cloud formations.

**Squaw Peak** Tom Henderson and Larry Vardiman survive two nights atop Squaw Peak in the Sierras during a major snowstorm.

**Survival in the Wild** How would you remain alive in cold, wet weather if stranded in the woods?

**Taking the Fall** A TV interviewer sets Larry up to defend the SSCP cloud seeding project against accusations of contributing to flooding in California.

**Toast to the Queen** Larry experiences British culture during a conference at the Royal Society in London.

**Walking Around in a Fog** Attempting to disperse fog at Travis AFB with an orchard blower.

**War Wagon** Larry pulls an acoustic sounder with an old truck into the American River Canyon at night in a storm down a road he's never driven before.

**Wolf Creek Pass** Larry collects ice crystals with a four-wheel drive truck and discovers he's been driving between chain stations with the pass closed.