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SALSA Geophysics/SALSA EM, Day 22 Update

Nothing says welcome back to Antarctica like some wind. We woke up to 15-20 kt winds with blowing snow and took the morning as an opportunity to finish storm-proofing camp.

- Winds died down after lunch so we got back to our planned activities: re-reading science gear and a final clearing of the skiway, including packaging up put-in items we can't deal with, like huge pieces of dunnage and Air Force pallets, for the SALSA Traverse to help us get home.
- We had a bit of strange Antarctic experience when we stepped out of our tent this afternoon to find that we had new neighbors! The South Pole Traverse drove into Camp 20 for a late lunch, so we snow machined over to say hi. We had a quick chat with the crew, which included WISSARD Traverse alum Kristy Carnie, and then let them get on their way.
- Our respite from the wind didn't last long as winds picked up to 25-30 kts in the late afternoon, with blowing snow and limited visibility. We hope weather improves by morning so we can dig out camp and get moving with science.



SALSA Geophysics/EM crew stop in for a chat with the SPoT1 team.