Non-Aerospace Research Quests of a Designer/Flight Test Engineer

Things you probably do not know about Rutan

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• Efficiency - Home and Automotive

Interest is technology, not tree-hugging.
• Anthropogenic Global Warming

  – Focus is data analysis, interpretation and how it is used/miss-used.
  – Complex data from disparate sources - similar challenge to the engineering Experimental Test experience.
  – Not a Climatologist’s study; more from the view of a flight test guy who has spent a lifetime in data analysis/interpretation.
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# Scares - Two Distinct Types

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<td>Volcano - Caused Atmospheric Pollution; crops die/ice age</td>
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<td>Solar - Caused Climate Disaster; ice age, warming, radiation</td>
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<td>Asteroid and Comet Strikes; climate crisis/mass extinctions</td>
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My Background - Flight Test Data Analysis

The more complex or uncertain the data, the more judgment is needed to interpret and the more susceptible the conclusions are to bias.
Greenhouse Gas Warming
The Alarmist’s Key Ammunition;
Humans add CO2 to Atmosphere
That ‘pollution’ drives temperatures to Catastrophe

How much does human activity affect greenhouse gases?

This block represents all greenhouse gases, which comprise only 2% of the total atmosphere.

3.62% of greenhouse gases are CO2

3.4% of CO2 is caused by human activity

Source: http://www.ncpca.org/pdfs/GlobalWarmingPrimer.pdf
Global Atmospheric CO2 is now Very Low

Late Carboniferous to Early Permian time (315 mya -- 270 mya) is the only time period in the last 600 million years when both atmospheric CO2 and temperatures were as low as they are today (Quaternary Period).
Selection of only the circled data points that support your theory

Measured Atmospheric CO2 %
Manipulation of data

Blue line is modern, accurate data
Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii

Figure 2. Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Carbon Dioxide Concentrations (1751-2004)

Concentration in parts per million

Emissions in billion metric tons
Assessing the Blame for Warming

1960 to 2000 shows good correlation of warming and Carbon emissions. Not true when you look at all the data.
No Intended Deception Here

One data source; Thirty-year
Temperature history

Many data sources; 15k years
Roman and medieval Warming in
perspective.
You would never see this in a UN Report

Data source mix without deception

“Global warming” in perspective: The recent 300-year period of “global warming”, nearly all of which cannot have been anthropogenic, is insignificant in comparison with the Holocene climate record. Throughout much of the past 10,000 years, including the Minoan, Roman (R), and Medieval (M) warm periods, global temperatures were up to 5 Fahrenheit degrees warmer than the present. Today’s temperatures are not unprecedented.
Two Types of Presentation Fraud

Scale changes and data source mixing
Surface Temperature Measurement

Number of surface thermometer stations and global temperature vs. date (1950 to 1999)

When the Soviet Union rapidly collapsed in 1989/91 they did not maintain many of their surface temperature measuring stations. Thousands of the cold stations were closed.
A Note About Gore’s hero, NASA’s Chief Alarmist
Honest Presentation?

"Nobody is interested in solutions if they don't think there's a problem. Given that starting point, I believe it is appropriate to have an over-representation of factual presentations on how dangerous (global warming) is, as a predicate for opening up the audience to listen to what the solutions are. "Al Gore, Grist Magazine, May 9, 2006
But, Gore does not ‘Manufacture’ Data
He has lots of help

• His ‘Hockey Stick’ graph is from UN/IPCC, 2001 (now discredited)
• Cherry Picking Data
  – Present only data that supports ‘The Cause’
  – Focus on Katrina, but ignore thunderstorm statistics
  – Show only melting ice, but ignore ice growth
  – Quote only the highest-possible crisis predictions
  – Focus on CO2 fears; ignore its benefits
  – Never discuss any climate good news
• “Statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital.”
UN IPCC Data Manipulation

1990 to 2001; a complex, lengthy path of data manipulation, driven by non-scientific issues.

Refer to link below and to the book “Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming” for details

UN Data Manipulation

The upper panel was given 390 times the weighting of the lower panel.

A false balance is abomination to the Lord: In the compilation of the UN graph purporting to abolish the medieval warm period, the upper data, showing the present day to be warmer than the previous 600 years, was given 390 times the weight of the lower data, showing the Middle Ages as warmer than the present.

Making falling temperatures... into rising temperatures

Prestidigitation: The raw temperature data (left) show cooling. The data after adjustment by GISS show warming, because data from the 1930s have been altered. The reason for this alteration of historical data is unclear and requires investigation.
The Media Does Not Investigate
They just listen to the Alarmists and then report that GW is “worse than the UN predictions”
High-slope, 20-year Periods are Not Unique


No anthropogenic signal: The world warmed at the same rate from 1860-1880 and from 1910-1940 as it did from 1975-1998 (see the three parallel magenta trend-lines). The former two periods occurred before humankind can possibly have had any significant influence on temperature. Therefore there is no anthropogenic signal in the global temperature record, and no basis for the IPCC’s assertion that the warming rate is accelerating.
Opposite conclusion, same data, thus it might be low confidence.

Confidence restored by four sets of separate, reliable data - Hadley, Goddard, U of Alabama and Remote Sensing.
Recent Global Warming has NEGATIVE correlation with CO2 (two sources of the best data)
Atmospheric Temperature over 410,000 years
Data from the Vostok ice cores

- Total historical variance is less than today’s day-night delta.
- Time period encompasses tens of thousands of severe volcano events with greenhouse gas issues swamping any human emission capability.
- The ‘norm’ is lengthy ice ages; warm periods are brief.
- The recent warm period is the most stable; 12k years at a pleasant temperature.
Analysis of the Vostok Ice Core Data

- Encompassing sinusoid is 2 deg C cooler than present (red line).
- Average real temperature is 5 deg cooler than present (green line).
- Aggressive second-derivatives are at warm peaks (red circles).
  - The planet naturally avoids over-temp in a robust, aggressive way.
- The Big Risk is too cold (the planet’s natural preference is severe ice ages with massive extinctions).
Hurricanes, floods, lightning, tornados, sea ice, glaciers, weather deaths, rising seas - Alarmists Claim Crisis Without showing Data.

**Figure 1** Global death and death rates due to extreme events, 1900–2006

- Deaths per year (in 1000s)
- Death rates per year (per million)

**Table 3** US deaths due to weather-related events, 1979–2002. Sources: for extreme events, see text; for total all-cause mortality, USCB (2004).

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<td>16,313</td>
<td>680</td>
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<td>Extreme heat (XH)</td>
<td>8,589</td>
<td>358</td>
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<td>Flood (F)</td>
<td>2,395</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Lightning (L)</td>
<td>1,512</td>
<td>63</td>
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<td>Tornado (T)</td>
<td>1,321</td>
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<td>Hurricane (Hu)</td>
<td>460</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>Sum</td>
<td>30,590</td>
<td>1,275</td>
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<td>Total deaths, all causes, 1979–2002 average</td>
<td>2,189,000</td>
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Show Me the Data

**Hurricanes Per Decade 1851-2004**
- All
- 1,2,3,4,5
- Major Category 3,4,5

**Number of Strong-to-Violent (F3–F5) Tornadoes**
U.S. (March–August)

**Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Intensities 1944-1985**
- Maximum intensity
- Mean intensity

**Global tropical cyclone energy stands at its lowest for 33 years**

Global Tropical Cyclone Accumulated Cyclone Energy
24-month running sums

**Hurricanes hardly happen.** The Accumulated Cyclone Energy Index is now at its least value in a third of a century, indicating that "global warming" over the same period has not led to the increase in hurricanes and other severe tropical storms that has been widely but baselessly predicted.
Why “Global Warming” is now called “Climate Change”

• The quiet realization that the new data does not fit the model predictions.
  – No Greenhouse Gas Model predicted the recent cooling. No model could have predicted the medieval warming or the ‘little ice age’.
  – The branding change coincided with the end of real “scientific consensus”*.

• ‘Climate Change’ is the world’s safest bet. It always has changed and always will change. To call Climate Change a Crisis is silly.

* Of course, Consensus has nothing to do with Science and Science has nothing to do with Consensus.
The More Important Natural Global Warming/Cooling Controls

• The important climate thermostats are too chaotic to model:
  – Precipitation and Cloud formation; A <2% precipitation change more than offsets a **doubling** of CO2, but it cannot be predicted, even short term.
  – **The Pacific heat vent**; observed and powerful, but cannot be modeled. It is also a stable, temperature control thermostat.

• Only the trace greenhouse gas (CO2) can be blamed on human behavior.

• Water vapor is the primary greenhouse gas, overwhelming CO2, but even the EPA will not call water a “pollutant”.
Observations

• Man can measure the past, but cannot code a computer model to predict future global temperatures.
• Man has not demonstrated a reliable ability to himself change global temperatures.
• Warm periods are good, not bad. It would be beneficial to have more warming than present.
• CO2 is not a pollutant.
• Warm periods have been brief and they are not the ‘normal’ planet state.
• Oil/coal are called ‘non-renewable’; but every decade shows an estimated increase in reserves. We will not run out; we will merely slowly switch when costs force a move to cheaper alternatives.
• If Man, in the future, achieves a capability to change global temperatures, he will most certainly use that new technology to warm the planet, not to cool it.
• Is the debate over?
Recommendations

• Drop CCC (Climate Change Crisis) and Cap & Trade legislation. It is naive, non-scientific, irrelevant, hopeless and oxymoronic. Its alarmists can use it to destroy US global competitiveness through Cap and Trade taxes.
  – As proposed, most new jobs are for Government regulation/oversight bureaucracies. The process is already ripe with fraud (85% of permits would be free, 15% auctioned).
  – As proposed, the huge spending would result in no benefit to the planet.

• If the Government really wants to protect citizens from a possible planet catastrophe, then fund commercial R&D on systems to defend against Asteroid Strikes - the only real extinction threat the planet has ever had and the only one in which Man can indeed use his intelligence and sweat to successfully defeat.
  – Commercial R & D jobs would grow the economy, encourage science/engineering education and have other lasting benefits (like Apollo).

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