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Bad-Ass Biofuel Snow Speeder Headed to Antarctica

Condensed from a story by Chuck Squatrigula

Explorers planning to traverse Antarctica are finishing work on one bad-ass snowmobile—a Lotus-designed, prop-driven, biofuel-burning ice-rider that will scout for crevasses beneath the snow.

The Bio-Inspired Ice Vehicle will lead the way for a team of 11 researchers in two vehicles that will travel 3600 miles during the [Moon Regan Transantarctic Expedition](#). The trip starts on the west coast of Antarctica at Patriot Hills and heads east to the South Pole retracing the steps of the famous [Fuchs and Hillary crossing](#). Then it heads north to McMurdo through the Trans-Antarctic Mountain Range

The point of the 40-day jaunt is to examine the impact of global climate change on the continent and raise awareness of the issue. They also hope to make the fastest overland crossing of Antarctica.

The expedition was slated for last year but ran into some delays, which gave the team time to revise the ice-glider.

The biggest change is under the hood—the 1150-cc BMW motorcycle engine is being ditched in favor of a Rotax 914, which is said to offer better performance in the cold. The four-cylinder turbocharged engine, designed for recreational aircraft, is good for 100 horsepower (sustained) and 106 pound feet of torque.

The engine runs on E85 biofuel and drives a three-blade prop with variable pitch. The BIV weighs 675 kilograms and is about 15 feet long with a track of 15 feet. It rides on three skis with independent suspension. Floor it and it'll top out at 84 mph. When it's time to stop, a studded "foot" brings you down from speed much like an ice axe.

A GPS-enhanced radar system will help detect voids in the ice, and the driver can report the coordinates to the rest of the team. There's only room for one in the BIV, so the 11 people making the trip will take turns driving it. And, undoubtedly, doing some power slides.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

James "Jim Da Retired Cop" Heffel—OAEA President

TO ALL OAEs— Fall is upon us and the OAEA 2010 Reunion is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.



Thanks to everyone who donated \$25 to the OAEA for a chance to win two free tickets to the San Antonio Reunion. A total of \$7507.10 was collected from 382 entrants (from 82 separate individuals) and the winner of \$1000 in cash (in lieu of the two tickets) was Billy-Ace Baker, OAEA Life Director.

The results of the OAEA 2010 Election of Officers and Directors are in; I offer my congratulations to everyone who was re-elected or newly elected to office. Full election results are on the Editorial page (page 3) in this issue.

Thanks go to Steve Edelman and Marty Diller, the outgoing members of the Board. Each made valuable contributions to the OAEA during their tenures. The time and effort they expended to make our organization just a little better is greatly appreciated.

For those gallant members who volunteered as candidates during this election and were not elected, a hearty 'thank you' for offering to serve. Although there were only five vacancies up for election, we were fortunate to have sixteen members who were willing to step forward and be considered candidates for office.

I encourage all members to contribute their ideas, suggestions, time, and means to perpetuate the goals of The Old Antarctic Explorers Association, to assist in the growth of the OAEA, and to share membership with your friends and associates. I solicit your recommendations and suggestions on those areas you perceive as going well in addition to those areas where you feel we can do better. Feel free to e-mail me at jim1031@hotmail.com.

In closing, I wish to remember those who have lost a loved one. I express my condolences to the families of the many OAEs who have passed away. To those under the weather, I wish you a speedy recovery. Until the next time, take care.

Jim Heffel

OAEA President

PS Be sure to vote in your local elections before you leave home for San Antonio.



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2010 OAEA Election

Editorial by Billy-Ace Baker

On 24 September I received word from the OAEA President, Jim Heffel, that the results of the OAEA election had been verified and accepted and he asked that I publish the results to the membership.

The results of the OAEA Election of Officers and Directors were disseminated via the bulk email system (OAEA topica.com and OAEA Information YahooGroups.com) for members who have email access.

In previous elections candidates were allowed to run for one office or for all offices, but for this election a resolution was proposed and passed by the BOD that restricts candidates to run for one office only.

For the second election campaign in a row the Election Committee was chaired by Bob Gaboury of Camarillo, CA. Bob was responsible for the solicitation of candidates, preparation, and dissemination of the election material and ballots, and the counting of the ballots by his Election Committee.

On behalf of the Officers and Directors, I extend my congratulations to all the candidates elected/re-elected to office.

A special thank you is also extended to those who ran for office, but were not elected. The association would cease to exist if people like you did not step forward and volunteer to help govern the OAEA.

And last of all thanks to the 2010 OAEA Election Committee and to Bob Gaboury for volunteering once again to serve as the Chair of the Committee. Under his leadership the 2008 and 2010 election campaigns have gone smoother than any of the previous OAEA elections. The results of the 2010 election, including the number of votes received by each candidate, are as follows:

PRESIDENT

Heffel, James - 252 (Winner)
Maddox, James - 157
Hoffmaster, Brian - 84

VICE PRESIDENT

Herman, Andrew - 215 (Winner)
Snow, Laura - 160
Gaboury, Robert - 117

DIRECTOR - 3

Hamblin, Edwin - 281 (Winner)
Bresnahan, David - 219 (Winner)
Herr, Arthur - 173 (Winner)
Livermore, Gerald - 142
Rejcek, Peter - 128
Roberts, Eugene - 128
McCauley, Robert - 126
Wallace, Jim D. - 105
Meier, Myron - 98
Andersen, Kevin - 59



WINFLY: First Flight Since March 2010 Lands in Antarctica During Winter Night



Andre Fleurette, NSF/USAP photo

Air Transport lands near McMurdo Station

By Peter Rejcek

The first U.S. Antarctic Program flight to Antarctica landed safely at [Pegasus airfield](#) near [McMurdo Station](#) on 15 August 2010, ushering in the 2010 Winfly season. Winfly is the time between winter and the summer when additional support personnel, such as carpenters and cooks, arrive to prepare



USAF C-17

the station for the upcoming science field season. Several groups of

scientists are also scheduled to arrive during Winfly to take advantage of the atmospheric conditions at that time of year, as well as to study the foraging behavior of seals under dark conditions. The flight was particularly noteworthy for the use of night-vision goggles, which help the C-17 pilots land on the ice runway in the dark in conjunction with reflective runway markers. The Air Force first tested the capability in 2008, but this is the first year passengers flew on a night-vision mission. About 120 people were aboard the plane. Seven flights are planned for the month of August before the main summer field season begins in late September.



Williams Field Pegasus Runway

DF-11 Summer Season Begins at McMurdo Station



Photos by Cara Sucher

Passengers and Crew Exiting Australian Airbus

An Australian Antarctic Division Airbus A319 landed at McMurdo Station on 23 September, officially kicking off the summer field season for the U.S. Antarctic Program. The flight took about five hours from Christchurch, New Zealand, and carried 49 passengers.



Mount Erebus Seen From the Airbus

Most support flights from Christchurch are made by the U.S. Air Force from Lewis-McChord out of Washington State using the C-17 Globemaster III. A second Airbus A319 arrived 28 September after three days of weather delays, along with a C-17. The Antarctic summer field season lasts from October to February.



Airbus Monitors Show Passengers their final destination

This year promises to be one of the biggest field campaigns in recent memory. Several science teams arrived during Winfly in August for atmospheric studies, as well as research on seal behavior in the winter.

New England Chapter Fall 2010 Meeting

by Marty Diller

New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer

A new venue for Chapter meetings was inaugurated on 25 September, when for its Fall meeting, the OAEA-NE Chapter gathered at the Captain's Galley restaurant in the southern Maine resort town of Old Orchard Beach. With the spring meeting in Rhode Island and summer meeting in Connecticut, it was time to head to northern New England and let the southern New Englanders make the long drive to a meeting. A total of 51 attendees enjoyed the Captain's Galley's scrumptious lunch buffet and the chance to socialize with other OAEs one more time before winter arrives.

Featured Presentation

The Chapter changed speeds a little for this meeting and instead of a presentation about the Ice, conducted a traditional 2-bell military Memorial Ceremony to honor all Chapter members who have passed on since the New England group began regular meetings in June 2002. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, CWO4 (CEC) Charlie 'CB' Bevilacqua, USN (Ret); MCB(Special), DF-I (w/o McM), DF-II s/s Pole) led the ceremony with the assistance of bell ringer CAPT (MC) Walt McLean, USN (Ret.); ASA DF-63, w/o). The names of seventeen Chapter members and OAEs—who were former Antarctic tourists, military, and USAP personnel—were announced; each name accompanied by two bells during this somber ceremony. The ceremony ended with a reading of the lyrics to "Taps".



CB Bevilacqua reads the lyrics of "Taps" to close the 2-bell Memorial Ceremony. In the foreground is ceremony bell-ringer Walt McLean.

Chapter Business

OAEA President Jim Heffel was in attendance and reminded any procrastinators that time was quickly running out to reserve a hotel room at the special OAEA rate for the upcoming 2010 National Reunion. He went on to announce the winners of the 2010 OAEA Election of Officers.

Finally, he shared the news that OAEA National Secretary, Art Lindberg, will be receiving a national award on 7 November at The Lantana banquet hall in Randolph, MA, for previously classified undercover work with the CIA during his career in the Navy.

Editor's Note: Art's story 'Art Lindberg's Walk in the Cold' (aka Operation Lemonade) appeared in the June 1980 issue of *The Reader's Digest*. PDF reprints of the article are available from the Editor on request. Complete issues of the June 1980 Digest are often available on eBay.

Our newest Chapter member, AG2 Russ White; ASA Det C DF 62-67; USARP DF-68), created a CD PowerPoint Presentation of many of his photos from his seasons on the Ice, and gave a number of copies to the Chapter to make available to attendees for a small donation, thereby raising \$66 for the Chapter's general fund! He also took the podium for a few minutes and shared some of his Antarctic memories with everyone. In another example of generosity, Life member Dee Potter, whose husband, passed away in January 2010, donated Bill's TF-43 DF-I cruise book to the Chapter before the meeting got underway. Dee was determined to make the donation before another meeting passed her by, and she brought three guests on the 3.5-hour drive from Rhode Island to witness and photograph this special occasion.



Russ White

In New Business, Chapter President Fred Santino is looking for assistance from anyone in developing a brochure about the OAEA, and to help get a draft version ready for review at the next meeting. The brochure will be used for advertising and educating the public about the OAEA and the New England Chapter; copies to be handed out at presentations, and other events and venues involving the Chapter.



Dee Potter presents her husband's cruise book to Marty Diller, who accepts it on behalf of the Chapter. QMC Bill Potter, USN (Ret.) served in DF-I aboard the USS Arneb.

Fundraising

Chapter-logo polo and tee shirts and nylon jackets were the featured merchandise items at the meeting. Limited edition, color OAEA-logo belt buckles, OAEA license plate frames, and OAEA-logo ball caps and polo shirts were also available for sale.

Additionally, the Chapter still has a quantity of Noel Gillespie's original-edition book about VX-/VXE-6, *Courage Sacrifice Devotion*, and is now selling them for \$15.00. A bookplate signed by the author accompanies each book. Of note, the Chapter Board of Directors has been donating copies of Noel's book to New England libraries, veteran's homes, and other appropriate organizations.

To order any Chapter merchandise by mail, go to the 'OAEA-NE Merchandise' link on the OAEA website (www.oaea.net), or contact Dave Hazard directly at: 207-353-9068. Dave Hazard now also handles OAEA National

merchandise sales. Raffle, prizes were either donated by Chapter members or the Chapter.

Raffle winners included: CB Bevilacqua (24"X20" penguin lithograph), Ed Cunningham (penguin doormat), Bev Diller (penguin Christmas ornament), Kathy Donovan (penguin cake mold), John Giro (Christmas penguin nut bowl), Joe Gonzalez (set of 4 Christmas penguin tumblers), Win Hames (book *Operation Deep Freeze 50 Years of US Air Force Airlift in Antarctica 1956-2006*), Billie Hunter (ceramic Christmas penguin gift box), John Janke (Antarctic book *The Longest Winter*/penguin Christmas ornament), Al Kapocius (un-numbered OAEA-logo belt buckle/penguin Christmas ornament), Carl McKenna (Antarctic book *The Longest Winter*), Pinky Palsgraf (matted Ski-Herk poster), Marilyn Robicheau (bronze penguin family figurine/penguin Christmas ornament).



Dot Kuetha and Pat Tengco, guests of Dee Potter, and Russ White look over items donated for the raffle drawing.

Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm on Saturday, 26 March 2011, at Pelly's 19th Hole Restaurant in North Kingstown, RI.



OAEA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Billy-Ace:

Thanks for putting my info regarding Patrick Tinney in the Locator Column of the Apr-Jun issue of the *Gazette*. He was in CBU-201 though, not 202. No matter, I doubt if I will hear from anyone. I just can't seem to get anyone that knew him to respond.

Mary Beerman

Billy Ace,

It was a great pleasure to sit down last weekend to read the *Explorer's Gazette*. It seems the paper gets longer and longer and I marvel at the amount of work I know you put into it.

I'm attaching a photo of Charlie Bevilacqua and me taken today, 12 July. Charlie B swung by the RPSC office today to say hello, as he always does when he is in the area.

I'd like to extend the same invitation to all the other OAEA members who may be in the Denver area at some point. If you have an hour to spare, stop by and I'll give you a tour of the office.

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Elaine Hood & "CB" Bevilacqua

Billy-Ace,

I note in the 'OAE Locator' column that my cell # is incorrectly stated. The correct # is 904 699 5829. Oh, and my landline is 904 284 7158. (More very useful info, I'm sure).

Dick Pedigo

Billy:

In response to the question of the pictured Para-Rescue team members in the Apr-Jun 2010 *Gazette*. I don't recall all rates or rank at time of photo so will just go with names. The names of my fellow team members in the photo are: Knelling (L to R) Steve M. Moyer, John C. Peipock, Jay L. Lord, and P. L. Kempainen. Standing (L to R) Jim D. Johnson, Mark A. Jordan (myself), Mike Harpley, D.D. Dodgen, A. C. McKenna, Ray Norwood, P. A. Garofano, and Harry V. Gorrick.

The photo appears to have been taken on the drop zone at NAS Lakehurst, NJ during a weeklong jumping detachment.

Mark "Flash" Jordan



Billy-Ace:

In the Tidewater Group column in the last issue there was mention of the "Ice Cube". I seem to remember an article in the *Gazette* about the origin of the Ice Pier. Wasn't that the same thing?

Tony Herman

Editor's Note: The Ice Pier, Ice Wharf, and/or the Ice Cube are one and the same. The "McMurdo Ice Pier History" article was the cover story of the Jan-Mar 2006 issue of the Gazette.

Hello Billy

Just advising that I have found Priscilla Illingworth—the girl whom I've been searching for—she's in Brisbane Australia and all is well.

I've now been in touch with her and her father did not work at the Deep Freeze Base like I thought but at NAC at the Harewood Airport. Sorry for putting you on a mystery search asking your members who had worked in Christchurch around 1964–65.

Jill Wood
Wellington NZ

Dear Editor:

I really enjoyed the 'Chaplain's Corner' in the Apr Jun issue of the *Gazette*. I especially liked the one about Whiskey Rich by "Big John" Henry. Wasn't Big John the guy who bad-mouthed Tom Sweeney for being honored by the NE Chapter?

Link Lettman

Editor's Note: Yes, ENCS Kenneth Henry wrote the Chaplain's corner and he bad-mouthed Tom Sweeney in the Jul-Sep 2009 issue of the Gazette. Big John had a lot of interaction with the DF-67 chaplains. Below is a photo of him with LCDR Oakley the Protestant chaplain at South Pole Station.



Chaplain Oakley, CM1 Floyd Virdin, and EN1 Ken "Big John" Henry

Billy-Ace:

In the NE Chapter report in the Apr-June *Gazette* Dick Wolak discussed the disposition of the South Pole Dome. On 19 June John Perry, Lee Mattis, and I completed a Dome report. It is not 100% of what we wanted, but ran out of time and knew NSF/OPP wanted a baseline summary to begin their final disposition and souvenir option planning. Until that determination has been made the Dome will remain in storage at CBC Port Hueneme, CA.

I'm on a 3-month assignment with NSF within their Biology Directorate (flying back and forth)—Obama stimulus money.

See you in November

Jerry Marty

Billy,

I mentioned to you back when Jim Johnson passed away that I had an image of the Para Rescue team members who jumped at pole station on Christmas day 1973. I told you Jim was a participant. I had misplaced the image and just recently found it. I was wrong Jim was not among the team members who jumped that day. After seeing the image again I discovered my mistake.



The members are from left to right, PRC Raymond "Ratman" Smith LCDR Jerry Smith, CWO2 William "Bill" Couch, Bill retired as a full Commander, AME2 Mark "Flash" Jordan and LTJG Roy Formby. Formby was a member of the ground crew and did not make the jump.

Billy Ace:

Although I won't be able to attend the reunion I want to let you know what an excellent piece of journalism you did on the recent issue of the *Explorer's Gazette*. That takes a lot of time, I know and I really enjoy reading it. Although I was never on the Ice full time and only as a "tourist", I feel that my three trips there including a stay at Patriot Hills and at the South Pole itself qualifies me to at least enjoy what the others are saying. Being a Naval Aviator, and a Marine for 30 years makes what everyone is saying easy to understand. KEEP IT UP.

Harry Taylor

Editor's Note: Thanks for the atta-boys. If you were strictly a civilian I would say: "thanks for the kudos". Your Antarctic Experience makes you just as qualified to be an OAE and a member of the OAEA as any of the military, scientific, or contract personnel who served on the ice. How about submitting a story about your trips to the ice for a future Gazette article? I am sure that you have some interesting photos of yourself and some of the things that you saw and did down there.

Hey Billy:

I Talked to Karl Smith's widow this afternoon and told her of the memorial donation from the OAEA-GCG Chapter in Karl's name and she was very pleased at the gesture. Could she become an honorary member, being a member's widow? Just a thought

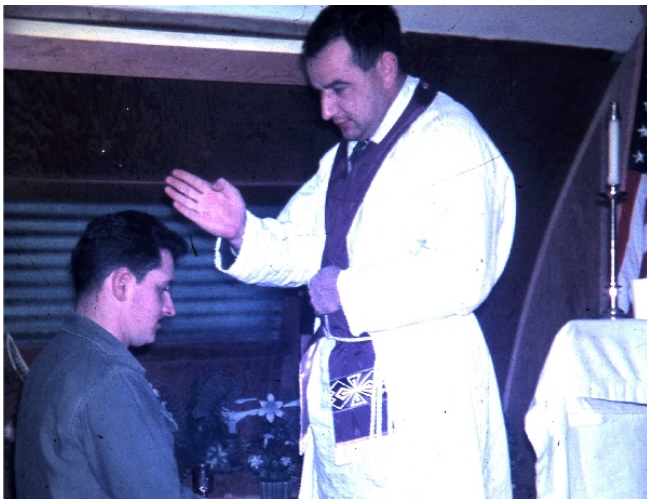
Bill Fazio

Editor's Note: One of my duties is to send a letter of condolence to the NOK of deceased OAEA Members. In that letter there will be information about the OAEA. One of the provisions of our By-Laws is that widows/widowers and surviving children of deceased OAEA Members are eligible to become Regular Members of the OAEA with all the privileges including voting. In other words they will have the same status as someone who has been to the ice. BUT they have to join and pay dues. So in the package I include a membership application as well as some goodies.

Billy:

One more thing while I'm at it. While reading the Guest Chaplain's column in the Gazette I was reminded that Father Casey played an important role in my Antarctic Experience. In February of the DF-67 summer season he baptized me in the Chapel of the Snows at McMurdo. I am attaching a photo of the ceremony. I had him over to my house in Quonset for a spaghetti dinner after that season.

Faz



Bill Fazio being Baptized by Father Denis Casey 1967

Editor's Note: The spaghetti dinner at Quonset Point must have been the next season because Father Casey wintered-over during DF-67. I heard that Father Casey also performed the wedding ceremony when Dave and Anne Hazard got married at Quonset.

Chief:

I Love the Gazette—great work!

Pete Kearney.

Billy-Ace

Great issue of *Explorer's Gazette*. Wonderful article on US Antarctic Service Expedition. The Proceedings of American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia is an extensive resource for this expedition. Keep up the good work.

John Barell

www.morecuriousminds.com

Editor's Note: John Barell is the author of Quest For Antarctica and Surviving Erebus. Both books were reviewed in the Oct-Dec 2007 issue of the Gazette.

Hi, Billy-Ace:

I finally managed to download the most recent *Explorer's Gazette* and once again, you have outdone yourself, Sir! It would be wonderful if other organizations would learn to be as informative and concise as you consistently demonstrate. You have a marvelous staff of Assistant Editors and we salute them, too!!

Buz and Sam Dryfoose

Billy-Ace:

I enjoyed the WASA Radio article by Bob Flint in the Jan-Mar 2010 issue of the *Gazette*. In the last paragraph Bob wrote: "I know we could never compete with the Radio and Television operations that exist there today."

The Armed Forced Radio and Television Network, is still affiliated with the USAP. We have a couple of channels that are direct feeds from a military station. The last I knew it was out of Guantanamo Bay. I believe the AFRTS people bundle various programs together in packages as they perceive are desired by the various military locations. For example Incirlik, Turkey, gets a difference combo package than Gitmo. We have one channel that has a lot of sports on it and another that will have Oprah, The Simpson's, NBC News, and so forth. all bundled. So McMurdo gets "outside news and TV" from this link. Then, we have one channel that just scrolls a PowerPoint Presentation over and over and that is our local info channel providing flight schedules, daily weather, what is on the menu, and so forth. We also run one channel that just shows movies.

Likewise, we get one or two AFRTS radio feeds with music and news and lots of public service announcements geared for the military personnel.

We also broadcast our own local radio station where a volunteer will DJ music. That only runs in the evening because everyone has to work during the day.

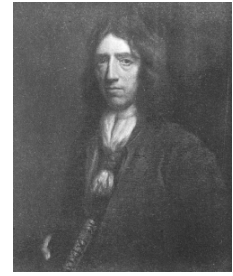
The television and radio operation are under the purview of the Multimedia Manager who has about 20 people working for him. One of them operates the McMurdo Television and Radio stations and another contractor technician flips the switches.

Elaine Hood

THIS QUARTER IN HISTORY

*Ghost written by Black Jack of Ballarat
for Lionel Wafer*

From the new (in preparation) Second Edition of John Stewart's
Antarctica: an Encyclopedia, due out in 2011.



Lionel Wafer

JULY: On 22 July 2003, Kirsty Margot Brown, a 28-year-old British Antarctic Survey (BAS) marine biologist wintering-over at Rothera Station, was snorkeling in the water near the station when



she was grabbed by a 13-foot long leopard seal (Kirsty was 5 foot 2). She let out a scream, but was dragged under, to a depth of approximately 200 feet, and held there for nearly six minutes until the seal returned her to the surface. Her scream had been heard, so now other BAS personnel were out in a boat, and were able to drive the seal away, pulling Kirsty aboard. But she was virtually dead. She was flown to the hospital in Port Stanley, where she was found to have sustained 45 injuries, 36 of them to the face and head, mostly tooth-marks. She never made it, and her body was returned to the UK. This sort of attack is unique in the annals of Antarctica. Kirsty Island was named after her, on 29 September 2004.

After a working trip to Greenland for an oil company, Kirsty went on a hurried visit to New Zealand and Australia and accepted an offer to do a PhD at Adelaide University. Some four and a half years later, and still working on her PhD she flew to England, to interview for the job of Marine Biologist at Rothera with BAS. She wintered-over there with her 22 good friends and was thoroughly enjoying life. On her last morning she saw the sun again for the first time. Apart from work, Kirsty was a great horsewoman, winning a junior championship at Hickstead, was said to be a very good pool player, and could drink most people under the table. She also had a particular interest and talent for photography. Posthumously and very unusually, Adelaide University awarded her a PhD for her work.



Kirsty's Memorial

Editor's Note: There is a memorial toposcope at Rothera Point with the following inscription, "*Kirsty "Bang" Brown, 27/9/1974 - 22/7/2003 In such a short time she achieved so much and lived life to the full.*"

AUGUST: On 25 August 1949 Operation Highjump II was cancelled. Highjump II was the Antarctic expedition that never happened. An expedition that never took place perhaps merits no more than a footnote in history. Task Force 66 was to comprise seven ships, and 3500 men, and was conceived to strengthen the US claim to Antarctica, in case such a claim ever became necessary (which it didn't). Byrd, Siple, and Dufek participated in planning Highjump II and would all operate in the roles they had played during Operation Highjump 1946-47. However, none of them devoted more than a paragraph or two about Highjump II in their books about their Antarctic Experiences. The proposed cost of the expedition was too great, and the Chief of Naval Operations canceled it, after wasting 1.3 billion dollars of the taxpayers' money. In 1954 when the Navy was directed to provide logistics support for the IGY Captain George Dufek was promoted to RADM and was recalled to Washington to serve as the Commander of Deep Freeze I. He pulled the Highjump II records from the archives and used them as a basis for planning the highly successful Operation Deep Freeze I. But that's another story for a future 'This Quarter in History' column.

SEPTEMBER: On 7 September 1967, Argentina built a refuge hut (a "refugio huto") four km WSW of Camel Nunataks, on the south side of Mott Snowfield, on Trinity Peninsula, between their Esperanza Station and the Chilean station of O'Higgins, and named it *Abrazo de Maipu*. How did this name come about? In 1818 the combined Argentine-Chilean forces beat the Spanish royalists at the battle of Maipu, thus sealing independence. The two South American generals, Bernardo O'Higgins and Jose de San Martin, both obviously a bit tight, locked together in the famous "Embrace of Maipu", known in Spanish as the *Abrazo de Maipu* (that's all they did, folks—embrace—nothing more sinister). This abrazo has been captured in watercolor and oil by artists over the years, and has inspired other generals to similar (and sometimes truly fulsome) public displays of buddieship. The refugio was closed briefly, and then re-opened in 2003, for joint use with Chile.



Abrazo de Maipu

THE BIRTHDAY BOYS

BOOK REVIEW/OBITUARY

Compiled by: Billy-Ace

BERYL BAINBRIDGE NEVER SHARED THE ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE BUT she wrote a best selling novel about the ice—the tragic expedition of Robert Falcon Scott in *The Birthday Boys* (1991)

Beryl Bainbridge, an acclaimed English novelist who turned her difficult childhood and memorable episodes in British history into lean, sardonic fiction, died on 2 July in London. She was 77.

In 2008, *The Times* of London called Ms. Bainbridge one of the “50 greatest British writers since 1945,” for a body of work that was marked by dark humor, psychological tension, and violence.

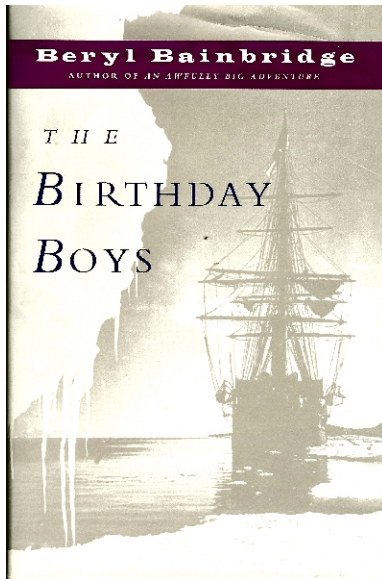
“She was a natural storyteller,” her American publisher, Kent Carroll, said in a telephone interview. “Everything was fresh and original. She had a penetrating vision of the vanity of humanity.”

Her early works, including *The Dressmaker* (1973), *Sweet William* (1975) and *A Quiet Life* (1976), drew on her youth in Liverpool and her experiences in the theater. Later, she turned to history, with a series of novels that won over critics and readers alike. *The Birthday Boys* (1991) was a fictional account of Robert Falcon Scott's doomed expedition to the South Pole in 1911

and 1912; *Every Man for Himself* (1996) retold the story of the Titanic; *Master Georgie* (1998) addressed medicine and photography during the Crimean war of the 19th century; and *According to Queeney* (2001) examined the life and death of 18th-century man of letters Samuel Johnson.

“I much prefer the past,” she said in 2001. “I don't feel comfortable in the so-called present.”

Ms. Bainbridge, who was expelled from school at 14, worked as an actress in regional theater and was a housewife before finding belated recognition as a writer. In her late 30s, she held low-level jobs in publishing and worked in a factory, applying labels to wine bottles—which became the subject of her 1974 novel, *The Bottle Factory Outing*.



She was also something of a free spirit, known for her eccentric London house, in which visitors were greeted by a stuffed water buffalo named Eric. For years, she seemed to survive on cigarettes, whiskey, and love affairs. She had little patience for the feminist movement, saying that in her household women had always been in charge.

“Beryl had an absolutely original voice: She was a serious comedian, all of whose novels ended tragically,” writer Michael Holroyd told the *Guardian* newspaper in England. “She presented herself sometimes as a clown, an entertainer, but behind that mask was a committed novelist.”

Most reference sources say Beryl Margaret Bainbridge was born on 21 November 1934, in Liverpool. In a 2008 essay, Ms. Bainbridge wrote that she was born in 1932, and recently unearthed records indicate that her birth had been registered in early 1933.



Beryl at home

When her mother found a risqué limerick and illustration among Beryl's things, she took the evidence to her daughter's headmistress, who expelled Ms. Bainbridge from school at 14.

After falling in love in her early teens with a German prisoner of war in England, Ms. Bainbridge joined a Liverpool theater group and spent several years on the stage in England and Scotland.

She married artist Austin Davies in 1954 and had two children, a boy, and a girl, before divorcing in 1959. In 1965, Ms. Bainbridge had a daughter out of wedlock and raised her children as a single mother. They survive her, along with seven grandchildren.

Ms. Bainbridge completed her first novel, *Harriet Said*, in 1958, but it wasn't published until 1972 because its subject matter—two girls who kill the mother of one of them—was deemed offensive.

She wrote about other unconventional subjects, as well. Her 1979 novel, *Young Adolf*, imagined a visit by the young Adolf Hitler to his half-brother Alois, who actually lived in Liverpool and married an English girl. Ms. Bainbridge's 1977 novel *Injury Time*, which won the Whitbread Award, was a black comedy about terrorists in London. She won a second Whitbread in 1996 for *Every Man for Himself*.

Ms. Bainbridge's 1991 book about Scott's ill-fated Antarctic journey—published in the United States in 1994—

was a turning point in her fiction and launched her onto the bestseller charts. In a grim, yet sympathetic account, Ms. Bainbridge imagines Scott saying, before he and his team of explorers freeze to death, "As far as I'm concerned, there are worse things than dying. Cowardice for one."

For years, Ms. Bainbridge believed she would die at 71, and she was surprised to reach her 72nd birthday. She continued to write and at the time of her death had completed most of a novel about the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy, *The Girl in the Polka-Dot Dress*.

In 1968, Ms. Bainbridge had traveled across the United States by car and ended up in Los Angeles the night Kennedy was killed. It was just another of the strange conjunctions that animated her fiction and her life.

Sources: By Matt Schudel
Washington Post Staff Writer
Sunday 4 July 2010

Editor's Note: Beryl would have been an outstanding OAE.

OAEA Southwest Group Meeting

By Jim Maddox

The OAEA Southwest group held its third lunch/get together of the year on 18 September in Camarillo, CA at Round Table Pizza. This is the second year that we have met at Round Table Pizza and again we enjoyed the accommodations and service of the staff.

Cy and Mille Buehler, Val Johnston, Bob and Linda Gaboury and Jim Maddox met at Bob Gaboury's home and counted the 2010 election returns prior to the lunch. It seems the biggest discussion going on was about the earthquake in New Zealand. Some members brought some flash drives but no one had a computer with them. Al Cox emailed his photos and some of the damage was pretty amazing. I think I

remembered some of the places in the photos, but you all know how memory can fool you.

Our next meeting will be on 22 January in San Diego. Val Johnston has volunteered to be the host.

Members, and family in attendance were Bob and Linda Gaboury; Cy and Mille Buehler; Choyce and Maureen Prewitt; Victor Resce; Jack and Judy Kane; Valerie Johnston, Ralph Saukko; Al Cox, and Jim Maddox.

The 2010 reunion will be before our next meeting; several will be heading that way. And we are looking forward to getting together with all the OAEA members.

If any OAEA members would like to join us at our next lunch/get together in San Diego, CA. Please contact Jim Maddox at 661-945-0469 or jmaddflynav@aol.com.

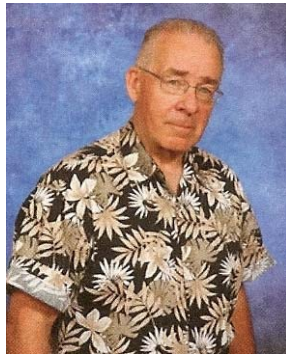


Left to right, Victor Resce, Bob Gaboury, Choyce Prewitt Jr, Linda Gaboury, Maureen Prewitt, Ralph Saukko, Mille Buehler, Cy Buehler, Jim Maddox, Judy Kane, Valerie Johnston, Jack Kane, Al Cox.

Tidewater September Get-Together

by Ed Hamblin

A lot of conflicting things happen in September around here. NASCAR races in Richmond, free art and craft displays on the Boardwalk in Virginia Beach, the air show at Oceana, Labor Day Weekend, the Rock and Roll half marathon and associated events, old car shows, wine tasting expositions, and the list goes on. Labor Day weekend is the traditional finale to a very busy tourist season around here, so the number of events for the locals goes up exponentially as the tourists leave. Trying to schedule a convenient time and date for our area Old Antarctic Explorers quarterly "meet, greet, and eat" this time of year is a lot like nailing Jell-O to a wall which we all know is impossible. Nonetheless, we had a few regulars show up. Jim Silverstorf, Brad Miller, Bob Cantrell, Herb Schaefer, Ron Rooks, and Ed Hamblin.



11 September 2010 Tidewater meeting group less Ed

One of the more interesting tidbits of news out of the group is that Jim Silverstorf finally got his ham radio license. During the winter-over 73-74 season at McMurdo, he started running ham patches as a volunteer operator. He never lost his interest in amateur radio, and after sticking to the "Silverstorf 35 Year Plan" now has his ticket. Good on Jim! It must be great on the ice now to not have to depend on radio waves for spotty Ham Radio and MARS Comms. At McMurdo, they have Internet bandwidth and satellite phone capabilities. I was amazed on the way from the airport to the Pensacola reunion hotel in 2008 when Sam Feola got a phone call from the South Pole Traverse party.

Because the earthquake in Christchurch was just a few days before we met, there was a lot of joint reminiscing about our ChCh adventures. I was the only one who remembered the Wizard. (*Editor's Note: See Below*)

There were only a few of us, so we broke up quickly. We will meet up again on 4 December at the House Of Eggs at 3 PM. A note about the House Of Eggs is that it was up for sale for quite a while with no takers. It is now off the market, and for the foreseeable future will remain open. If you are in the Tidewater area and are not part of the Tidewater Area Old Antarctic Explorers e-mail "tree" and would like to be added, contact Ed Hamblin, 757-405-3362, ehamblin74@verizon.net.

Ed Hamblin Chesapeake, VA

Christchurch Wizard Update

by Billy-Ace Baker

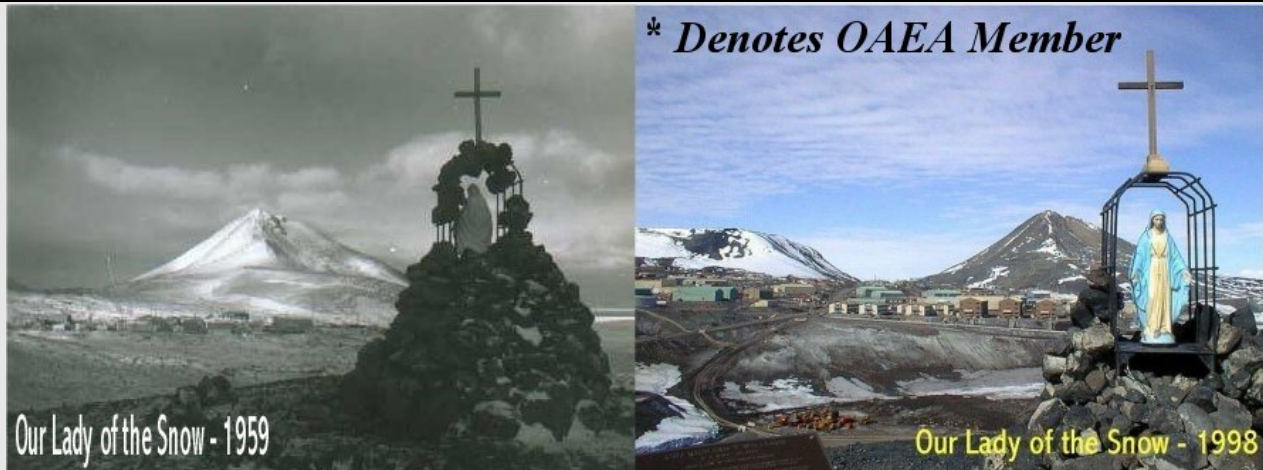
Christchurch, NZ, 17 October 2004—**The Wizard of Christchurch says it's time to retire**—That was the headline that appeared in a story about the Wizard's retirement in the Fall 2004 issue of the *Gazette*.

Christchurch's Wizard, a familiar sight to Deep Freeze personnel for many years, apparently decided to retire and move to Oamaru after his large wooden house was destroyed by a fire on 8 October 2003, which Christchurch police treated as arson. The Wizard, his partner, and two boarders were lucky to escape with their lives, and the wizard's extensive book and video collections were destroyed. The Wizardmobile, constructed from the front halves of two VW Beetles, was also attacked and damaged. However, the Wizard apparently soon came out of retirement because he has been seen by USAP personnel and visitors to Christchurch ever year since his announced retirement.

The Wizard, now 77-years-old, has his own web site at: <http://www.wizard.gen.nz>. I recently visited the web site and there were current posts in his guestbook/chat room.



The Wizard in Cathedral Square in December 2006.



IN MEMORY

OAE Stanley “Andy” Anderson, USCG (Ret), 87, died on 31 August 2010, in San Luis Obispo, CA. The unit served with and year(s) of Andy’s Antarctic Experience are unknown.

Beryl Bainbridge, 77, died on 2 July 2010, in London, UK. Beryl wrote *The Birthday Boys* (1991) a fictional account of Robert Falcon Scott’s doomed expedition to the South Pole in 1911 and 1912. *See Book Review on page 12.*

OAE COL Wyler L. Baxter, USAF, (Ret), died on 15 August 2010, in San Antonio, TX. Vernon and his wife visited Antarctica as tourists during Christmas and New Years of 2004–2005.

OAE Vernon Benson, 67, died on 12 July 2010, in Jacksonville, FL. Vernon served on the USCGC *Souhwind* during DF-69.

OAE Regis “Jack” Fredrick Birx, 76, died on 21 August 2010, in New Port Richey, FL. Jack deployed to Antarctica with the USAF.

OAE Harry Black, 91, died on 22 July 2010, in Australia. Harry wintered-over in 1956 at Macquarie Island ANARE base as the OIC. In 1959 he was the OIC of Wilkes Station.

James Forrest Boswell, 63, died on 25 September 2010, in Pensacola, FL. Jim was a US Army veteran and was retired from the US Postal Service. Jim aka “Philatelic Jim” helped to service commemorative covers (envelopes) for the first OAEA reunion in 2002. He also helped with the 50th Anniversary of the First Aircraft Landing at the Geographic South Pole by servicing commemorative covers for that event on 31 October 2006 at the Navy Aviation Museum in Pensacola.

OAE John W. Buckman, 73, died on 23 June 2010, in Huntersville, NC. John served on the board of the Mecklenburg County Audubon Society and he traveled to Antarctica in search of new bird species.

*OAE Colin Bull, 82, died on 7 September 2010, on a cruise ship to Alaska. Colin was the leader of the Second Victoria University of Wellington Antarctic Expedition (VUWAE) to the Dry Valleys in 1958-59. He was also a member of the 1960-61 VUWAE. While at the Dry Valleys Colin named Lake Vanda after one of his sled dogs. In 1961 he moved from NZ to the USA to become a Dean at Ohio State University. Colin was also a member of the American Polar Society, and the NZ Antarctic Society. Lake Bull and Bull Pass are named in his honor. *See related story on page 18.*

OAE CDR Malcolm Keith Burley, RN (Ret), 82, died on 23 August 2010, in the UK. Malcolm made his first trip to Antarctica on the ice patrol ship HMS *Protector* as a junior officer in 1960. In 1964-65 he set up and led the Combined Services expedition to South Georgia. He next led the British Joint Services expedition to Elephant Island in 1970-71. Malcolm has a mountain named after him in South Georgia.

OAE Donald R. Burnett, 78, died on 11 September 2010 of breast cancer, in Cupertino, CA. Don was the OIC of Wilkes Station during DF-II. Burnett Island is named in his honor.

Jane Cameron, 60, died on 11 November 2009, in Argentina from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Jane was the archivist at the Falkland Islands Government Archives.

OAE ENCS Edwin William Carothers, USN (Ret), 72, died on 21 August 2010, in San Diego, CA. Unit served with and date(s) of Antarctic experience unknown.

OAE William Joseph Chapleau, 70, died on 13 August 2010, in Rutland, VT. William made two deployments to the ice and worked on the NNPU construction site.

*Nellie Chelton, 76, died on 8 December 2009, in Elberta, AL. Nellie was a Life Associate Member of the OAEA and the OAEA Gulf Coast Group Chapter.

OAE James R. Clark, 66, died on 4 August 2010, in Seattle, WA. Jim deployed to Antarctica with the USAF.

OAE CMCS Willis "Ray" Clem, USN (Ret), 75, died on 28 September 2010, in Mount Vernon, MO. Ray wintered-over with MCB(Special) at Little American V during DF-I as a CM2. He also made three other deployments to the ice including a winter at McMurdo during DF-IV. Ray was a member of the ADFA. Clem Nunatak is named in his honor.

OAE Samuel W. Cooper, USMCR (Ret), 74, died on 3 August 2010, in Omaha, NE. Samuel visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE John Diebold, 66, died on 1 July 2010, in Nyack, NY. John was a marine scientist who, in the 1990s, sailed the world's oceans, including the Ross Sea, using sound to study earthquake faults, underwater volcanoes, and other normally hidden features of the seabed.

OAE Stuart Rowell Dole, 90, died on 25 July 2010, in Berkeley, CA. Stuart visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Jeff Fregger, 49, died on 15 June 2010, in San Jose, CA. Jeff served as an AE in VX-6 during DF-81.

OAE Robert V. Fulkerson, 87, died on 27 August 2010, in Los Angeles, CA. Bob visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Lawrence L. "Larry" German, 90, died on 18 August 2010, in Columbus, OH. Larry visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Pat Gilliam, 63, died on 10 September 2010, in Englewood, CO. Pat was a RPSC employee who deployed to the ice several times in the late 90s. He was a member of the Multi-Media and Web Services Team and was in the USAP for over ten years. Pat was a Vietnam era combat veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart.

OAE James Timothy Halley, 62, died on 15 June 2010, in Modesto, CA. Tim visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Judy Hancock, 84, died on 22 August 2010, in Scottsdale AZ. Judy visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Paul W. Heiser died on 8 August 2010, in Reno, NV. Paul wintered-over at Scott Base during DF-IV. Mount Heiser is named in his honor.

*OAE [Jesse Lee "Jack" Hopkins](#), 72, died on 8 September 2010, in Pasadena, TX. Jack wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-61 as an RM2. He was a member of the OAEA 2010 Reunion Committee.

OAE Alf Howard, 104, died on 4 July 2010, in Brisbane Australia. Alf was the last surviving member of the 1929–21 British, Australian, and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition (BANZARE). He served as the hydrologist and chemist aboard the BANZARE ship *Discovery*, and at 23 was the youngest member of the pioneering team led by Sir Douglas Mawson. Howard Bay is named in his honor.

OAE John William Howard, 94, died on 19 August 2010, in Tulsa, OK. John was a member of the Travelers Century Club. His travels included two tourist trips to Antarctica, the second one following in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton.

*OAE CAPT John David "Dixie" Howell, USN (Ret), 90, died on 25 November 2009, in Johnson City, TN. Dixie was the Air Group Commander on the USS *Pine Island* during Highjump.

OAE Everett J. Ignagni, 82, died on 23 August 2010, in Naples, FL. Everett served during Highjump.

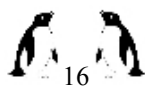
OAE Martin Mack Inman, 88, died on 20 August 2010, in Knoxville, TN. Martin was an Aurora scientist with USARP at Byrd Station during DF-61 and 62. Inman Nunatak is named in his honor.

OAE Joseph V. Knack, 77, died on 28 June 2010, in Bartlett, TN. Joseph was a meteorologist and he wintered-over at Byrd Station during DF-III. Knack Point in the Horlick Mountains is named in his honor.

OAE Jesse Knieberg, USN (Ret), 84, died on 13 September 2010, in Jacksonville, FL. Jesse served in Deep Freeze. Unit served with and year(s) unknown.

OAE Henry Lemaire, 89, died on 20 September 2010, in Shelburne, VT. Henry visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Sir Graham "Mont" Liggins, 84, died on 24 August 2010, in Auckland, NZ. Mont deployed to McMurdo in the late 70s. He received the Polar Medal for his study of seals in conjunction with infant mortality.



Joseph L. Lynch, Jr., 79, died on 30 March 2010, in Pittsburgh, PA. Joe was an armchair polar explorer. He was very active in the American Society of Polar Philatelists serving as Secretary and Director. From 1967 to 1998 he contributed columns to the *Ice Cape News* and served as the Art Director. Over the years he designed numerous cachets that were used on philatelic mail from Operation Deep Freeze units.

*OAE ETCS William J. May, Sr., USN (Ret), 89, died on 7 August 2010, in Harpswell, ME. Bill wintered-over at Little America V during DF-III. He was a member of the OAEA New England Chapter.

*OAE AGC Duane Mark Paul, USN (Ret), 70, died on 16 July 2010, in Newberry, MI. Duane was in NSFA Summer Support during DF-77.

*OAE HMC Frank Phillip Miller, USN (Ret), 83, died on 6 September 2010, in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Frank wintered-over three times (DF-65, DF-71, and DF-73) at the PM-3A nuclear power plant.

OAE Willis "Willie" H. Nelson, 89, died on 26 September 2010, in Palo Alto, CA. Willie was a geologist with the USGS during DF-64. Nelson Peak is named in his honor.

OAE Paul Dean Paxton 68, died on 27 June 2010, in Middleton, ID. Paul served in Antarctica while in the USN. Unit served with and date(s) unknown.

OAE Lee Rice, 82, died on 5 July 2010, in North Bay, Ontario, Canada. Lee was a surveyor with FIDS at Base D (Hope Bay), 1957-58. Rice Bastion in Graham Land is named in his honor.

OAE Shelagh Noreen Robinson, 95, died on 2 June 2010, in Melbourne, AU. Shelagh was one of the first three Australian women to visit Antarctica. She served as the ANARE Welfare Officer during the 1975-76 season

OAE CDR James N. Schenck, USCG (Ret), 83, died on 19 August 2010 in Virginia Beach, VA. James was the Executive Officer of the USCGC *Staten Island* during DF-71. Schenck Peak is named in his honor.

OAE Wes Skiles, 52, died on 21 July 2010, in Palm Beach, FL, in a reef diving accident off the coast of Florida. Wes traveled to Antarctica as a National Geographic diver/photographer to film the iceberg B-15. His death came just a few days before the publication of his cover story for the August 2010 issue of National Geographic.

OAE Jaap "Jack" Tinbergen, 78, died on 20 June 2010. Jack was an ionosphere scientist at the Port Lockroy FIDS base during the winters of 1957 and 1958.

OAE Vincent C. Vanaria, 64, died on 9 July 2010, in West Warwick, RI. Vincent was in ASA Summer Support during DF-66.

OAE John M. Waltersdorf, 84, of Hagerstown, MD, died on 2 September 2010, in Lewes, DE. John served as a US Army Photographer in Highjump.

OAE Robert Joseph Watring, 67, died on 14 September 2010, in Hartville, OH. Robert served in Antarctica with the Seabees as an EO.

*OAE Charles W. Webster, 79, died on 24 April 2010, in Preston, MO. Charles was a USARP Meteorologist. He wintered-over at Wilkes Station with the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition during DF-63. He also deployed to Antarctica during DF-69 and DF-75. Webster Glacier is named in his honor.

*OAE UT1 Ronald J. Williams, USN (Ret), 78, died on 6 May 2010, in Benton, PA. Ron wintered during DF-IV as an AT2 in VX-6 and he wintered in DF-73 as a UT1 with NSFA Det A.

*OAE ATCS James A. Wilson Sr., USN (Ret), died on 13 January 2010, in Greencastle, IN. Jim served in VX-6 during DF-III, IV, and 60. Wilson Peak is named in his honor.

OAE George F. Yarworth, 73, died on 3 August 2010, in Walnut Creek, CA. George served on the USCGC *Westwind* during DF-III.

OAE MSCS Francisco Bagacay Ytom, USN, (Ret), 87, died on 1 July 2010, in Camarillo, CA. Frank served in Deep Freeze. He retired from the Navy in 1974.

OAE Igor Alekseevich Zotikov, 83, died on 23 August 2010, in Moscow Russia. Igor wintered over at McMurdo as a USSR exchange scientist glaciologist during DF-65. Zotikov Glacier is named in his honor.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Denis Casey—OAEA Chaplain

While there are many great scientific experiments very successfully conducted in Antarctica; there are still many unanswered questions. Some of the questions are as old as time itself and even in the bible they are present. The question "Where did it all begin", is one of many posed to Job. He was being reminded of Gods mighty works as creator of the world, the sea, and everything else.



Job was asked, "Have you ever visited the place where the snow is kept or seen where the hail is stored?"

Have you ever in your life given orders to the morning, or sent the dawn to its post?

Where were you when I laid the earths foundations? Tell me since you are so well informed.

Who decided the dimensions of it, do you know?

Have you journeyed all the way to the sources of the sea?

Has the rain a father?

Who begets the dewdrops?

What womb brings forth the ice?"

Those of us privileged to spend some time in Antarctica have had an opportunity to gain some insight into the beauty and vastness of Gods creation. Psalm 104 reminds us "You stretch the heavens out like a tent, you built your palace on the waters above. You fixed the earth on its foundations, unshakable forever." To God be the glory for the great things He has done.

COLIN BULL 1928-2010

Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker

Colin Bull passed away in his sleep on Tuesday 7 September 2010. At the time of his death Colin was participating in a cruise with his wife Gillian, northward along coastal Alaska aboard the Holland-America Line ship Amsterdam.



Colin was born in 1928 at Birmingham (UK) and the family later settled in County Herefordshire where he completed his early schooling. He often jested that he was a Hereford Bull! He attended the University of Birmingham between 1945-1952.

Colin launched his long career in polar work as a member of the University of Birmingham Spitzbergen Expedition (1951). After a short period in the Physics Department at the University of Cambridge, Colin



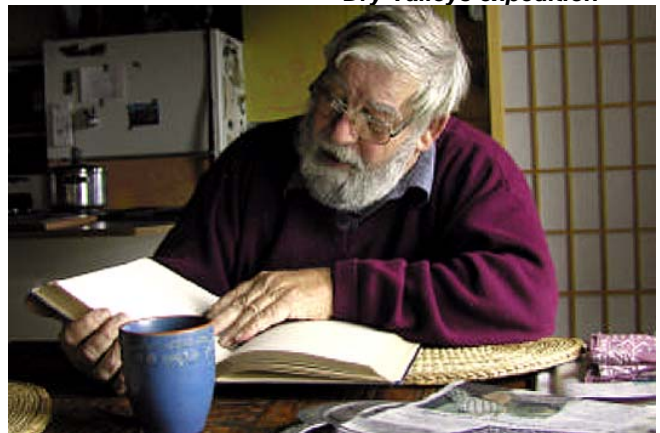
Colin sending code to Scott Base

joined the British North Greenland Expedition (1952-54) as a geophysicist-glaciologist, weather observer, and also assumed the role of Chief Scientist. Gillian and Colin emigrated to New Zealand in 1956 where he held a position as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Physics at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW). His prior polar experience was put to good use as leader of the 1958-59 VUWAE expedition to the Dry Valleys, and also as a member of the 1960-61 VUWAE party. Dick Goldthwait,

Professor of Geology at The Ohio State University, met Colin during this period and enticed him to join him in Columbus (1961) and assist in the founding of the Institute of Polar Studies (later Byrd Polar Research Center). Over the next quarter century Colin assumed the roles of Director of the Institute of Polar Studies, Chairman of the Department of Geology, and Dean of the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. After 13 years as Dean, Colin and Gillian retired in 1986 to Bainbridge Island across Puget Sound from Seattle.



Colin Bull, right, and Peter Webb sort food for a 1958 Dry Valleys expedition



Colin Bull reads a book from his vast collection of Antarctic works at his home on Bainbridge Island.

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

The below listed personnel have joined the OAEA since the last issue of the *Gazette*.

Thanks to Tidewater Group, Dave Dubois, Laura Snow, Tom Dunn, Tony Herman, Paul Dalrymple, Pete Kearney, Al Rogers, Pygmy Hyndman, DAV, John Korn, Pam Landy, NE Chapter, and Black Jack (2) for recruiting new members or for providing names and contact info for prospective members. If you know of any OAE, or anyone interested in Antarctica, who is not a member of the OAEA please send their contact info to the OAEA Membership Chairman at upizauf@aol.com, 850 456 3556 or 10819 Berryhill Road Pensacola FL 32506.

*Denotes Associate Member

§Denotes Upgrade to Life Member

ΦDenotes Upgrade to Regular Member

Borgerding, Richard AD2	Life	VXE-6 90-94
Buettner, Bob RMC	§Life	NSFA SS 86-90
Burch, Bill Civ	Life	ANARE Wilkes 61
Burlingame, Wm RM2	Life	NSFA Det A McM WO DF-71
Churchill, Janet CIV	*Life	R4D Pilot
Cordell, Harold CMA3	Life	ASA Det A WO DF-62
Cutcliffe-McClung R. CIV	*Life	Spouse
DeGeorgio, Georges	Life	WO RARE 1947-48
Drummond, Jim RM2	§Life	ASA 64-67
Dutcher, James BU2	Life	CBU-201 McM 68-69
Fish, Robert AG2	Annual	NSFA DF-73
Grimes, Paul EQCM	Life	WO DF-III & DF-65
Hasty, Mary CIV	*Life	Spouse
Hince, Bernadette CIV	Life	WO Davis Station 69
Houseal, Philip MAJ	Commem	South Pole WO Dr 91, Palmer Dr SS 90. KIA
Kane, Jack YNC (SS)	Life	NSFA 76-80
Korn, John Mil	*Life	Groupie at Large
Latino, Terry CE2	Annual	ASA SS DF-65, 66, & 67 McM & So Pole
Linder, Mike LT	Life	ASA WO McM DF-67
Loper, Donald AE1	Annual	VXE-6 74-77
McClung, Bernard LT	Life	VXE-6 70-72
Nachtsheim, Dan PH1	Life	Combat Camera Group DF-69
Och, John EO1	Life	MCB-8 SS DF-63
Rooks, Ronald CM1	Life	ASA SS 63-65
Rosenow, William LCDR	Life	VXE-6 70-73
Scarborough, W. AMHC	Life	VXE-6 75-78
Tegtmeyer, Darrell RM2	Life	WO DF-IV NAV McM
Terrizzi, Frank AG1	Life	ASA Det C 64-74
Warner, Chuck AG1	Life	ASA McM WO DF-63
Wayne, Tony SN	Life	USS <i>Bear</i> USAS 1941
White, Russell AG2	Life	ASA Dets A and B. USARP 61-68
Wood, John CIV	Annual	H&N, ITT, USAP 78-86/DF-90, & DF-09
Woods, Jimmy SK1	Life	PM-3A Crew III WO
Yale, Gregory HT1	Life	NSFA WO Fire Chief McM DF-78

REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

Send reunion information to Billy-Ace Baker at 850 456 3556 or upizauf@aol.com for publication in the *Gazette*

USS *Thomas J. Gary* (DE/DER-326): Pigeon Forge, TN, 5-8 Aug 2010. POC Ronald Day, 315 528 0641, rsday13654@yahoo.com. USS *Thomas J. Gary* served during DF-66 and 67.

USS *Wyandot* (AKA-92): Philadelphia, PA, 11-16 September 2010. POC Dolores Conroy, 660 Willow Valley Square #M310, Lancaster PA 17602, 717 464 6719, dconroy85@yahoo.com. USS *Wyandot* served during DF-I thru DF-IV and DF-64 thru DF-72

USS *Wilhoite* (DE/DER-397): Russellville, AR, 15-16 September 2010. POC Elisabeth Rider 479 968 6659, canerday@suddenlink.net. USS *Wilhoite* served during DF-61.

USS *Curtiss* (AV-4): Tucson, AZ, 15-18 September 2010. POC Bruce Snider, bruiceusscurtissav4@rgv.rr.com. 956 423 3314. USS *Curtiss* served during DF-II.

USCGC *Southwind* (WAGB-280): Baltimore, MD, 23-26 Sep 2010. POC Ed Clancy, 904 242 9070, clancyedward@bellsouth.net. USCGC *Southwind* served during DF-68, 69, and 72

NMCB/NCB-71: Gulfport, MS, 12-16 October 2010. POC John Allsworth, jba843@aol.com, 309 682 6158, 906 W Northcrest, Peoria IL 61614. MCB 71 served during DF-72 through DF-74.

USS *Currituck* (AV-7): San Francisco, CA, 29 Sep-3 October 2010. POC Gary Adams, ad24history@att.net, www.uscurrituck.org. USS *Currituck* served during Highjump.

USS/USCGC *Edisto* (AGB-2/WAGB-284): Warwick, RI, 17-20 October 2010. POC Glenn Smith, PO Box 747 Mims, FL 32754-0747, 321 269 5637, or by email at: gsmith@cfl.rr.com. *Edisto* served during Windmill, Deep Freeze I, IV, 61, 63, 65, & 70.

OAEA. San Antonio, TX, 3-5 Nov 2010. POC John Lamont West, oaqa2010reunion@hotmail.com, 956 568 3737, 2024 Quail Creek Drive, Apt 507, Laredo, TX 78045-8259. Web site: <http://www.registeroaea.com>.

ADFAs. Gettysburg, PA, 21-23 Jun 2011. POC Jerry "Mac" McKee, 610 857 9567, 331 Gum Tree Road, Coatesville, PA, mac19552@verizon.net.



OAE LOCATOR

Send locator information to the editor by email at upizauf@aol.com, or by snail mail to 10819 Berryhill Road, Pensacola FL 32506, or by phone at 850 456 3556.

- Tom Nolen is looking for Mike Smith who served with CBU-201 in 1968 or 69. Mike and Tom went to BU "A" School in 1968. Tom can be reached at 1927 Hawk Pointe Dr, Festus, MO 63028, Phone: 636 346 6896, or thom71@sbcglobal.net.

- Murland D Ellefson, DF-64 VX-6 Para Rescue Team is looking for PRC James Michaels. Murland can be contacted at: mellefso@acegroup.cc, 507-864-2319, or 30475 Main Street, Rushford, MN 55971.

- Dexter McGaha is looking for Robert Shoemaker, They worked together at Willy Field during 78-80. Dexter, the Old Knuckle Dragger, can be reached at: PO Box 801033 Acworth GA 30101, or mcgahal6@comcast.net.

- Jim Abhau would like to hear from anyone who served with him on the ice. He was an AK and served in VX-6 at Little America V during DF-IV. Jim can be reached at: kontiki223@earthlink.net. No other contact info available.

- Dave DuBois, Winter-Over DF-73 and Summer Support DF-78 and 79, is still looking for a few members of the DF-73 Winter-Over crew. The MIAs are:

- SH3 Charles Conroy
- HT3 Dave Curtis
- CS3 Robert Jaffe
- UT2 Carl Pierce and
- Edward Johnston.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the above men please let Dave know. He can be reached at: winterover73@yahoo.com, 489 Morrills Mill Road, North Berwick, ME, 03906, or 207-676-2773.

- Sandy Nelson is looking for anyone who remembers her dad Delano Arvid Nelson who served with VX-6 around 1958-63. He proudly had a Puckered Pete tattoo on his right calf. Sandy can be contacted at: 238 Water St #1, Jordon MN 55353, or sandra-in-mn@comcast.net.

- Jason Lynn is trying to locate Dana Harvill who served in VXE-6 in the early 80s. Jason lives in Christchurch NZ and the only contact information for him is his email address at: jasonlynn@ihug.co.nz

- Ronald Lewis is looking for Pete Hopkins who was a Helo aircrew member during 1979-81. Ronald can be contacted at: ronald.c.lewis@navy.mil. No other contact info available.



The ice is nice. The only thing I really miss is the FNGs

GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



Drifting Snow — An ensemble of snow particles raised by the wind to small heights above the ground. Norwegian equivalent: *Lett Snofokk*.

Floating Ice — Any form of ice found floating in water. French equivalent: *Glace Flottante*.

Glaze — A generally homogeneous and transparent deposit of ice formed by the freezing of super cooled drizzle on objects of which the surface temperature is slightly below zero degrees C. German equivalent: *Glastt Eis*.

Icebound — A harbor or inlet is said to be icebound when navigation by ships is prevented by the ice, except possibly with the assistance of an icebreaker. French equivalent: *Bloque Par Les Glaces*.

Pressure Ice — A general term for floating ice that has been squeezed together and in places forced upwards. Then it can be described as rafted ice, hummocked ice, or ridged. German equivalent: *Press Eis Gesqueezen Sie Upenzetightsen*.

Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

Saturday 03 July 2010 OAEA GCG Chapter Meeting

—Twenty-five members and guests showed up for the Day-Before-Independence Day Meeting. Our only first time attendee was Tom Holt, guest of GCG Groupie Chuck Minerman.

We had two “Antarctic Firsts” at the meeting. The first one was that Chuck Minerman purchased a 50/50 ticket for the first time in GCG history and according to a rumor he also purchased a round of beer for his table. Chuck claimed that he was spending so freely because he had just received his FEMA money. Chuck was involved in the FEMA flood response in Nashville several months ago and said that he had just received his check. How about that? All this time I thought that he was a volunteer. The second Antarctic First was that Life Associate Member Pam Landy won the 50/50 drawing for the first time in GCG history and she took home \$54 as her share of the ticket sales.



making a few announcements. My first announcement was to inform the members that the GCG Chapter BOD had passed a resolution to donate \$50 to the OAEA Scholarship Fund from the OAEA Treasury whenever a GCG member died. The first recipient of that resolution was SWC Karl Smith, USN (Ret) who died on 13 June 2010 (*See the ‘In Memory’ column in the Apr-Jun 2010 Gazette*). The second announcement was to inform everyone that the OAEA 2010 Ballots are in the mail and to encourage everyone to vote for the two OAEA GCG members who are running for office. The third and final announcement was to encourage everyone to attend the 3-5 November 2010 5th OAEA Reunion in San Antonio, TX. Besides the announcement I had already answered at least a half-dozen questions about the reunion before the meeting.



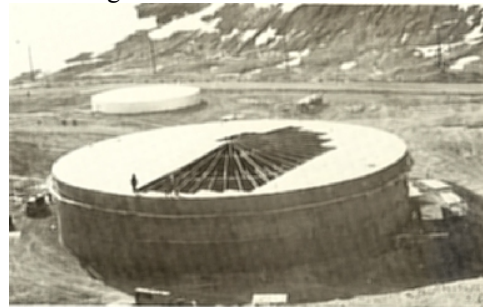
Pam's Winning 50/50 Ticket

Several members showed up wearing patriotic 4th of July headgear. The Blackwelder's sported matching beanies, Chuck Minerman had on a Mr. Seuss top hat, and Karen Nightengale was also wearing a beanie.



Joyce, Chuck, and Karen

After everyone had either finished eating or were still working on their meal Pam started selling the 50/50 tickets and passing out the door prize tickets. In the absence of both the GCG President and Vice President I was stuck with



Above: Antarctica's largest fuel tank with a two-million gallon capacity was built during DF-70 by CBU-201. Below: SW1 Karl Smith, Petty Officer in Charge of Construction of the two-million gallon tank

Before the guest speaker made his presentation our waitress, Heidi, was asked to draw the tickets for the 50/50 raffle and the door prize. As already mentioned Pam Landy won the 50/50 drawing. The door prize was won by Lennie Bourgeois. The door prize consisted of a copy of the

Scholastics First Discover book *Penguins*, donated by Joyce Blackwelder, and a copy of *Operation Deep Freeze 50 Years of USAF Airlift in Antarctica 1956-2006*, donated by former NYANG pilot Tom Noel.

The Last Flight of Puckered Pete patches were back by popular demand and went like hotcakes at \$10 per copy. Previously these patches were sold for \$15 each to cover the cost of the initial set-up.

Les Liptak was the impromptu guest speaker and his subjects were the Young Eagles and the Veterans of Underage Military Service (VUMS). His Young Eagles spiel was mostly refresher information that we had heard before either from Les or Jimmie Baker. However, I did learn that the Young Eagles not only get a ride in Jimmie's aircraft, but that they also get to fly it. Les next spoke on the VUMS of which Les is a member. The main purposes of VUMS are to establish and maintain contact with those who served in the armed forces while underage. **One active VUMS member served at the age of 12, twenty-nine members served at 13, while most were between 14 and 16 years of age.** Les was 15 when he joined the Navy. His photo can be seen in the Summer 2004 issue of the *Gazette* on page 8. Following his main topics Les briefly spoke about the Naval Aviation Museum where he is a volunteer. He stated that a new hanger is being built and that there are plans to include an Antarctic Exhibit in the hangar that will incorporate Antarctic artifacts and memorabilia with *Que Sera Sera* as the central feature.

Following Les's presentation the meeting was concluded. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 7 August 2010 at Beef O'Brady's

Saturday 7 August 2010 Meeting—32 members and guests showed up and enjoyed a no agenda meeting. We had a guest speaker lined up, but he called in sick several hours before the meeting. Chuck Warner, one of our newest Life Members was going to say a few words about his Antarctic Experience when he wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-63 as an AG1.

Guests included Ray and Pat Glau who were guests of Larry and Sharon Preston. The Glau's live in Marietta, GA. Pat is Larry's sister, and Ray is an Air Force veteran.

Jim and Pam Landy were accompanied by their 15-month-old grandson Ayden Hollingsworth. Ayden likes to "people watch" but he got a little restless after trying to observe the strangers while sitting in his car seat on the floor in the back of the room. Jim finally took him for several laps of the banquet room so that he could get a closer look at everyone.

First time attendee Terry Latino joined as an annual member. Terry was a Construction Electrician Second Class

in the ASA Summer Support Unit during DF-65, 66, and 67. In the performance of his duties as a lineman he worked at McMurdo and South Pole Station. I would like to extend a hearty welcome aboard to Terry. Although he has lived in Pensacola since 1982 he had never heard of the OAEA until he met Al Rogers at a mutual friends house.

A very limited number of 100 Anniversary of the Discovery of the South Pole coins were available for sale on a first come first served basis. The lucky buyers, at \$10 each, were Bill Leighton, Glen Harris, and Jody Livesay. The coins will go on sale in Antarctica next year.



100th Anniversary South Pole Coin

After nearly everyone was finished eating I distributed the door-price tickets and Glen Harris volunteered to sell the 50/50 raffle tickets.

GCG President, Duck Talbert asked one of our two waitresses, Angel, to draw the tickets for the door prize and 50/50 raffle. The door prize consisting of a copy of *Operation Deep Freeze 50 Years of USAF Airlift in Antarctic 1956-2006*, a Scholastic *Penguin* book, a first flight over the South Pole flight patch, and a USAP lapel pin were won by Judy Dickson. Mitzi Emmons won the 50/50 raffle. Mitzi took home \$63 as her share.

After the drawings Duck made an announcement urging everyone who planned to attend the reunion in November to send in their registration form and fees as soon as possible. Duck also announced that the GCG made a \$50 donation to the OAEA Scholarship Fund in memory of deceased OAEA Life Associate Member Nellie Chelton. There being no further business the meeting was concluded.

Thanks to our waitresses Angel and Kim for providing us with outstanding service. Also thanks to Glen for conducting the 50/50 raffle ticket sale and Pam for helping with the raffle.



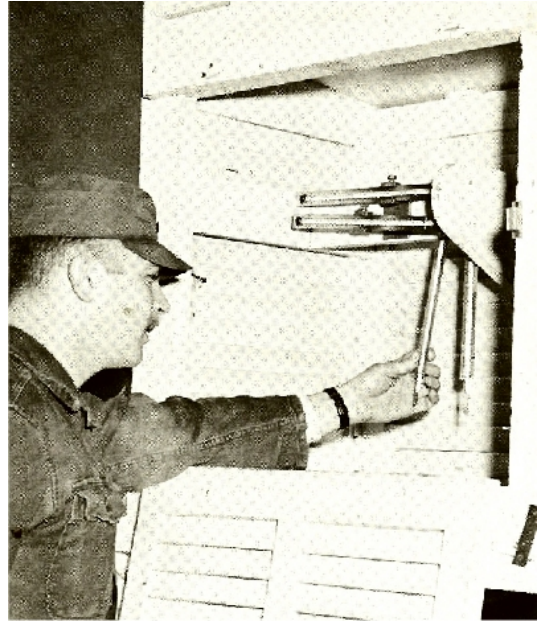
Mitzi and Don Emmons

Saturday 04 September GCG Chapter Meeting—After a four-month hiatus we were back at the Shrimp Basket for our monthly meeting. Thirty-one members and guests were in attendance. One of the guests was Jimmie Baker of the Young Eagles. Jimmie has been to so many GCG meetings that I think it's about time that he signed up as an Associate Member. Out of town members in attendance were Kerry Konrad and her son Bradley.

Last year the OAEA-GCG BOD approved an OAEA sign to be placed on the Sponsor Fence at the Bellview Sports Complex. It was too late to get the signed but it is in place now and just in time for the 2010 football season.



Packer Cheerleader Ashlee Baker and OAEA Sign



Chuck Warner Checking the Weather Gauges



Chuck at his sons trophy shop in Pensacola

Our guest speaker was CWO Charles Warner, USN (Ret) aka "Fart Sack" Warner told about his Antarctic Experience as an Aerographer's Mate First Class during the winter of Deep Freeze 63. Chuck was my roommate on the ice and he said that he drank a lot of beer during the winter, but he only did that in self-defense, as it was the only way he could get any sleep because I snored too much. He also explained to the younger members what a fart sack was. As an after thought to Chuck's presentation I explained one of the devious methods the Weather Guessers used in telling South bound pilots what the weather was at McMurdo. In those days the aircraft could not make it all the way to Antarctica and return safely to Christchurch should they not be able to land. The furthest they could fly south and return to CHCH was known as the Point of No Return (PNR). It was a standard joke that the AGs would not tell the pilots what the weather was really like at McMurdo until they had passed PNR.

Following Chuck's presentation Les Liptak requested the floor and he made a pitch for Jimmie Baker and the Young

Eagles program. Les also announced that the new construction phase of the museum was ahead of schedule and that they would start moving aircraft into the new facility in late October. The new addition, Hangar Bay One, will house approximately 35 aircraft and will add an additional 55,000 square feet to the museum complex.



Artists Version of Hangar Bay One

Once Les had completed his announcements I briefly discussed deadlines for making room reservations and submitting registration forms/fees for the 3-5 November 2010 OAEA reunion in San Antonio.

Following my announcement the only business left was the 50/50 and door prize drawings. Bradley Konrad was asked to draw the tickets. Billy Blackwelder won the 50/50 drawing and he donated his share (\$55) back to the chapter. The door prize, consisting of a copy of 2003 *Polar Press Clippings* published by NSF, a copy of *Penguins*, and a vinyl tote bag embellished with penguins was won by George Griffin.

Following the drawings the meeting was adjourned. Thanks to our waitresses: Natalie, Melinda, and Melody. Also thanks to Joyce Blackwelder for donating the penguin book, Gary Skaar for donating the penguin tote bag and to Pam Landy and Glen Harris for selling and distributing the tickets and a special thanks to Billy Blackwelder for donating his share of the 50/50 drawing.

OAE PERFORMS ON NORWAY'S DANCING WITH THE STARS

Condensed from a story by Ryan Waters

Posted: Sep 24, 2010 03:55 pm EDT.
 High altitude mountain climber and Polar skier, Cecilie Skog changed her down jacket for much less clothes. She is one of the celebrities on Norway's



Dancing With the Stars. Cecilie told news media she has never danced before and that she is dancing for her late husband, Rolf Bae, who died while they climbed K2

Cecilie said Rolf liked dancing. He used to watch this dancing program and she is sure he would have liked to see her participating. Skiing across Greenland in April and May, and heading off to the mountains in August, did not allow much time for practicing dance steps. Last month Cecilie and Ryan Waters lead a team on Kilimanjaro. Cecilie's professional dancing partner, Tobias Karlsson had no choice but to follow Cecilie up the mountain to find time to practice.

Cecilie Skog was born in 1974 and lives in Stavanger, Norway. She is a trained nurse by profession and studied outdoor education at the high school in

Volda. Cecilie has many years experience as a mountain guide both in Norway and abroad working as a glacier expert. She has also climbed the Seven Summits.



Cecilie and Tobias Karlsson

On 1 August 2008, Norwegians Cecilie Skog and Lars Naesse summited K2 at 5:20 pm and hurried down to Cecilie's husband Rolf Bae, who had stopped 300 ft below the summit. Three hours later a serac broke off. Cecilie and Lars watched the light of Rolf's head torch disappear. Rolf and the fixed rope were gone.

It was a shock: Rolf was very well known in the Polar community for a spectacular Antarctic crossing he made

with Eirik Sønneland from Toll Base (Dronning Maud Land) to Scott Base. Cecilie joined in for unsupported trips to both poles and the couple also began to frequent Himalaya before disaster struck.

The dance is on—good luck to Cecilie.



Arriving at the Ross Ice Shelf on 21 January 2010 nearly a century after Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole in December 1911, American Ryan Waters, 36, and Norwegian Cecilie Skog, 35, have achieved the first unassisted crossing of Antarctica. They skied 70 days from Berkner Island to the Axel Heiberg Glacier via the Geographic South Pole.

Editor's Note: Cecilie was featured in a brief Extreme Expeditions story on page 6 in the Jul-Sep 2009 issue of the Gazette.