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The Alamo



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Banquet Table Center Piece

5th Old Antarctic Explorers Association Reunion San Antonio Texas 3–5 November 2010

Compiled by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

From the Secretary's Desk

Submitted by Marty Diller

Another highly successful biennial OAEA National Reunion took place during the first week of November 2010 in San Antonio, Texas. As always, these Reunions mark the beginning of another term of office for new OAEA Officers and in 2010, the membership re-elected President Jim Heffel and Vice President Tony Herman to their second terms. Sadly, Tony Herman passed away in October, and at the Reunion, Jim Heffel appointed Laura Snow to serve in Tony's stead. Laura is the daughter of Naval Aviation Pilot (NAP) Ashley C. Snow, Jr., a Navy enlisted (Chief Aviation Machinist Mate) pilot chosen by RADM R.E. Byrd for the 1939–41 U.S. Antarctic Service Expedition. After Tony Herman, Laura had collected the next highest number of votes in the 2010 election for OAEA Vice President. Other new officers in 2010 include Directors Dave Bresnahan (over 40 years in USARP/USAP operations), and Art Herr

(VX-6 pilot 1962–64), who replaced outgoing Directors Steve Edleman (2000–10) and Marty Diller (2005–10). In another move, with the recent resignation of Secretary Art Lindberg, Jim Heffel also appointed Marty Diller to take over as OAEA Secretary.

In other business, at the first Officer's Meeting (3 Nov), the Board of Directors (BOD) approved the FY-2010 Financial report (published in this issue), the Merchandise Committee report, and the Scholarship Committee report.

At the 4 November General Membership Meeting the Financial, Merchandise, and Scholarship reports were presented to the membership. The OAEA treasury and the 'Rookery' (ship's store) are both in the black. Ed Hamblin explained that poor returns on investments have prevented the award of any Scholarship grants since 2008. The BOD will be considering By-Laws changes designed to boost the amount of funds available for the 2011–12 school year.

See: 2010 REUNION On page 4.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

James "Jim Da Retired Cop" Heffel—OAEA President

TO ALL OAEs—The Fifth OAEA Reunion hosted in San Antonio, Texas by OAEA Immediate Past President, John Lamont West and his Reunion Committee was a huge success with over 225 members and guests in attendance.



A special thank you is extended to everyone who helped make the reunion a success.

Reunion details are including in this issue. A reunion memory book will also be published, but don't expect to see it before March or April. If you have questions, or if you have candid photos to contribute, contact the memory book editor Billy-Ace Baker

The 2012 OAEA Reunion will be held in San Diego, California on 24–27 October and will be hosted by the OAEA Southwest Group. For long-term planning the 2014 reunion will be held in the Norfolk, Virginia area.

The OAEA Treasurer has requested that the below information concerning income tax deductions be included in this issue of the Gazette.

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

Jim Heffel

OAEA President

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If you have any questions, contact the OAEA Treasurer Cyril Buehler, 3108 N Via Serena South, Laguna Woods, CA 92637, or buehlercy@copper.net or 949 462 9729.

More info on donations to the OAEA, including a donation form are available on the OAEA web site at: <http://www.oaea.net/OEAEDonorAwards.html>.



GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES

Feature Stories, Odds & Ends, Collected, Compiled & Written by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

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OAEA MEMBER REPORT

Editorial by Billy-Ace Baker

If you look at the OAEA Accounting Statement on the last page of this issue you will see a Membership Status at the bottom of the report. Comparing the 2010 Membership Status with the previous three years I see that the OAEA Life Member totals have increased by an average of 75 new Life Members each year, but on the other hand the Annual Member totals have declined. Although it is a factor, everyone getting older and taking advantage of the cheaper Life Member rates at their advance age is not the main problem.

The main problem is that even though we have a significant number of new Annual Members each year, the old Annual Members fail to renew their membership. A few only join in order to be eligible to attend the OAEA reunions, and then they intentionally let their dues expire. However, most simply forget to renew their dues and have to be reminded several times. And therein lies another problem. The OAEA is not set up to send renewal notices by US Mail, so we send email notices to the Annual Members who are delinquent. Some do not have email addresses, some of the email reminders bounce, some go unanswered and a few members renew their dues.

The below Annual Members dues have expired or will expire shortly. If you are on this list please renew your dues as soon as possible, or if you know anyone on the list please contact me at upizauf@aol.com or Ed Hamblin at chamblin74@verizon.net. Membership renewal checks should be mailed to OAEA Membership Committee, 3104 Deepspring Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321; checks should be made payable to OAEA. If upgrading membership to Life, please note so on the check.

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Mann, Alan

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Kee, John

Krieger, Charles

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Metzger, Bruce

Morgan, Nina

Panehal, Paul

Rejcek, Peter

Silbermann-Green, Frances

Stark, Renee

Wallis, John

Yates, William

There are also Annual Members from previous years who failed to renew their dues. When the above list is resolved I will publish a list of those delinquent Annual Members who have been dropped or are otherwise MIA.



2010 REUNION

From page 1



On the first day of the reunion John Lamont West spent a lot of time on the phone troubleshooting the Name Tag ID Card System. The waiting line was all the way to the hotel desk.

In new business, the location for the sixth OAEA national reunion was confirmed to be at the Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa in San Diego during 24–27 October 2012. Also, Ed Hamblin volunteered the OAEA Tidewater Group (Virginia) to host the 2014 OAEA national reunion and the membership unanimously approved that site. In other new business:

- Harold Ayers encouraged OAEA members interested in an Antarctic tourist cruise to take advantage of their Antarctic experience to gain extensive discounts on cruise accommodations by agreeing to be a speaker during a cruise. Harold will investigate and report on these cruise opportunities in a future *Gazette*.

- An item that did not get published in the official meeting minutes was a comment by Henry Storm concerning the decline in new

OAEA members and the resulting decrease in dues money. Henry recommended that all NEW Life membership dues be placed into an interest bearing account (lock box) and that, as is done with the Scholarship Fund, only interest from those dues would be made a part of the operating budget. He further recommended that the OAEA seek additional funding from current Life members to provide “priming” of the lock box account. Much like the “Anniversary”, “Special”, “Holiday”, and so forth. solicitations you receive from other

organizations (DAV, VFW, FRA, Air Force Museum, and so forth), these contributions from Life Members would be voluntary and would provide significant resources for the OAEA since—with the guarantee the money would be lock boxed—they would be, in a manner, providing an endowment for the perpetuation of the OAEA we love. If such a voluntary effort were to fail, Henry would support a mandatory solicitation for additional monies from existing Life members; perhaps calling for an “Extending Life” Membership Class with a viable fee to perpetuate the OAEA with these dues.

At the second Officer’s Meeting on 5 November, new business included a request by Laura Snow for the OAEA to support her personal effort to petition the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to have an Antarctic feature named for Tony Wayne, the last surviving member of Byrd’s 1939–41 USASE. Both the Antarctic Society and the American Polar Society are already backing this petition, and the Board unanimously approved participation by the OAEA. Billy-Ace Baker will coordinate with OAEA Museum Coordinator Gene Van Reeth to pen the OAEA letter of recommendation and support. Another item that was not mentioned in the official meeting minutes was brought up by Billy-Ace and concerned the unauthorized use of the OAEA logo on two Facebook pages. The OAEA Board of Directors will ensure that the owners of the pages are contacted and that their use of the OAEA logo is discontinued.

The complete, official minutes of these meetings are posted on the OAEA website for everyone to read, print, and/or download.

Memorial Service Report

By Anne Hazard

A very special part of the 2010 San Antonio OAEA Reunion was the Memorial Service. During this part of the Reunion, we remember and honor those who gave their lives in the exploration of Antarctica.

The ceremony began when OAEA Secretary Marty Diller asked the



Gary Skaar poses under the OAEA Pennant

members to stand as the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society; Sons of the American Revolution presented the colors. The colors were posted after the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

OAEA Past-President John Lamont West, the Chairman of the San Antonio Reunion, introduced OAEA Member John Orr, a member of the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution who explained the historical significance of the dress of each member of the unit.

Next, OAEA Chaplain Dennis Casey delivered the Invocation. See Chaplain Casey's column on page 18.

Life Director Billy-Ace Baker gave a brief explanation and format of the Memorial Service. Please note that Billy-Ace has spent countless hours researching and compiling the List of Antarctic Fatalities.

To symbolize the fact that the members of the Antarctic Memorial Honor Roll came from the "four corners of the earth", one OAE stands in each corner of the room. The four corners represent the North, South, East, and West. In a clockwise rotation the names are read. A bell is rung after each name is read. OAEA Director Dave Hazard was the bell ringer. The readers of the names were Jim Eblen (past OAEA President), Jim Heffel (current OAEA President), Laura Snow (OAEA Vice President), and Gary Skaar (OAEA GCG Chapter).

After a moment of silence, the members had time to remember those who gave their lives in the exploration of the Antarctic and to reflect upon their own experiences on the "ICE" as *Antarctic Reflections* was played. The program evoked some deep emotions of remembrance for all.

Chaplain Casey concluded the ceremony with a "Benediction".

It was a pleasure working with Billy-Ace preparing and executing the Memorial service and I want to thank him again. In spite of his protestations he and Marty Diller are great MCs. I



Welcome Aboard Bag Stuffers Pose With Their Bags

am sure John West was thrilled that he did not have to worry about the execution of the Memorial Service especially with the bulk of the Reunion on his shoulders. I think it went well all things considered. I know I enjoyed myself. It was so good to see folks once more.

Editor's Note: In future versions of the Memorial Service Anne and I are hoping to include photos of the personnel who gave their lives while serving in Antarctica.

MERCHANDISE REPORT

*A Report from Pam Landy
Chief cook and bottle washer*

After the 2008 Pensacola Beach Reunion I was determined that I would not be involved in the 2010 San Antonio Reunion and I would have more time to enjoy myself, but that was not to be. Because of circumstances out of his control, John Lamont West recruited me to help with the 2010 Reunion.



Reunion T-Shirt Sales

On discussing merchandise to sell, with John Lamont, we decided that the only item that would be sold by the 2010 Reunion Committee would be

Tee-shirts with the reunion logos. Based on poor sales at the 2008 Reunion I ordered fewer shirts in all sizes resulting in a smaller overall quantity than what we had for the 2008 reunion. This was a good decision because we still ended with a few left over shirts. Of the 144 shirts ordered, there were only a few left. The girls at the Front desk of the El Tropicana, were very impressed with the shirts, and sweet talked John in to giving each of them one of the shirts. A Special thank you to all that helped selling the shirts, giving me some time to do other things.

The budget for the Welcome Aboard Bags and contents was limited to \$25 per bag. I procured the bags and contents, along with the help from Uncle Billy-Ace for the OAEA decals and the reunion logo pins. John's only request was to include something from Texas. So I procured two packets of flower seeds for each bag—a packet of Texas Bluebonnet and a packet of Texas Wildflowers. The bags also included a 2010 Reunion travel mug.

Glennys Harris and I decided to fill the bags Monday night, as we had errands to run Tuesday. We had many eager early birds to help us, which made it go fast. Many thanks to all that helped, we appreciated it.

The project for the Centerpieces for the tables was challenging finding the pieces to make the penguin part of the San Antonio theme. I was happy as to the way they turned out, and thankful to my daughter Maria for making the Permanent Resident cards for them.



Riverwalk Boat Tour From the Hotel to a Mexican Restaurant

Tuesday we went to Sams Club and purchased 25 cases of water, 30 cases of mixed soda, and 15 boxes of individual packets of assorted chips and pretzels. John Lamont wanted to have these in the Hospitality Room, so if you were sitting around chatting, you would have something to drink and snack on. John Lamont got up early each morning and went to Dunkin Donuts and purchased 12 dozen assorted donuts. He also ordered gallons of coffee from the hotel each morning. The coffee was so expensive that it almost broke the bank to keep the urns full.

Before we left Pensacola Dave and Ann Hazard stopped by for an overnighter en route to the reunion, I was grateful to them for taking three boxes of merchandise. As it turned out we were still loaded to the max, with the Tee-Shirts, Center Pieces, and some of the empty Welcome Aboard Bags, driving across from Florida, what a difference driving home was with a practically empty SUV.

I think the location of the Merchandise Sales is a key point in selling. In the beginning all the vendors were in a small room across the hall from the Hospitality Room and not everyone knew where we were located, plus with the daily tours, people were out of the hotel a good part of the time. Signs in the hotel lobby didn't help that much and eventually all the vendors

were moved into the Hospitality Room and into the Banquet Room on Friday evening.

Once again, Thanks to all who helped me, some days I felt I did not have enough hands. A Special thanks to John Lamont for all his time spent to make this a **Memorable Reunion**. A fun time was had by all, I only wish we could have spent more time exploring San Antonio.

Guest Speaker Presentations.

By Elaine Hood

Several random tid bits before I go into the speaker presentations.

Warren Gould from Operation High Jump (1946-47) attended the Thursday presentations, but returned to his home in Austin Friday morning, thus was not there for the banquet when John West was hoping to introduce him to the crowd.

There was also a lady at the reunion that was a relative of someone who was on George I when it crashed on Thurston Island during Highjump. She came to the reunion especially for the Memorial Ceremony. If anyone can remember her name please let me or Billy-Ace know.

Buz Dryfoose and his wife Sam brought his display of gear used during Buz's deployments 1957-62. Buz first

flew R5Ds, then R4D8s and then was the first Navy pilot qualified to fly the C-130 Hercules.

Three presentations were given Thursday afternoon

Andrew Klein, Associate Professor of Geography at Texas A&M, gave an overview of "55 years of Change at McMurdo Station." He and his colleagues have analyzed aerial photos of McMurdo to determine where buildings have been located and land disturbed for roads, building sites and removed for fill. They have taken soil samples to determine where gasoline and oil spills have occurred. We were pleased to hear that the levels of contaminants are well below the threshold levels for playgrounds in the United States. More than once Klein reminded the audience that the Navy was not polluting any more than the rest of the world was during the same time period when it was normal to bury waste, dump it in the ocean and so forth. Standards have changed in recent decades and Klein's team is helping to monitor the impact.

Andrew's Antarctic Experience: He was on the ice during the 1999-2001 and 2003-2010 seasons. All at McMurdo Station Antarctica (with side-trips to various locales in the Ross Sea Region).

Bill Spindler provided an overview of projects underway in Antarctica over the past two years. There was a photo series showing the deconstruction of the Dome at South Pole. The geodesic panels are now being stored at Port Hueneme. Bill's photos also showed the dark navy blue McMurdo's main building 155 is now painted and the demolition of some water plant buildings on the side of Observation Hill. Bill maintains a personal web site that focuses on the South Pole, but also includes some information on McMurdo: www.southpolestation.com.

Spindler's Antarctic Experience: **NSFA: December 1972**, one-week TAD visit to McMurdo in

preparation for (cancelled) orders to winter in 1974

Holmes and Narver: South Pole Station Manager, October 1976- November 1977

ITT Antarctic Services: October 1986-April 1990, project engineer: Palmer, November 1986 Pole, December 1986-February 1987

Palmer, April 1987

Pole/McMurdo, 1987-88

Palmer, April 1988

Palmer, August-October 1988

(generator replacement)

Pole, 1988-89

Palmer, October 1989

Pole, 1989-90

Palmer, March/April 1990

RSA Engineering, Title II Inspector Pole, February-November 2005

Raytheon RPSC, SPSM Project Engineer. Pole, February-November 2008



Bill Spindler Discussed Changes in the US Antarctic Program

Colonel Ian Biggins served as the Department of Defense and Air National Guard liaison officer between the National Science Foundation/USAP and the 09th Air National Guard for six years. He described the logistics



Col Biggins Spoke on DOD Operations in Antarctica

support DoD offers to USAP as well as the history behind the transition between U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force in the 1990s. Col Biggins answered questions about the current fleet of ten LC-130s operated by the 109th Airlift Wing (ANG). He also described the challenges of the dwindling supply of Jet Assisted Takeoff (JATO) rockets. Due to operational requirements and cost considerations, JATO rockets are no longer being manufactured. As estimated cost to re-capitalize the rockets is up to \$20,000 per unit. The existing supply is being used as a safety measure, as opposed to a mission enhancer. Ian is not certain how many JATO rockets remain in the inventory; but he thinks the number is less than 1,000. The JATO supply is managed by the 109th AW. JATO bottles are not reused.

Colonel Biggins' Antarctic Experience: He was at McMurdo Station during the following Austral Summer Seasons:

- DF-05 One week
- DF-06 Two weeks
- DF-07 Three weeks
- DF-08 Four weeks
- DF-09 & 10 Six weeks each

During that time he served as a LC-130 Aircraft Commander and Co-Pilot in the 139th Expeditionary Airlift

Squadron 05-08, Squadron Commander of the 139th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (07-08), and Commander 13th Air Expeditionary Group (08-10). He spent the bulk of the time at McMurdo, but flew to the Western Antarctic Ice Sheet, Pine Island, and South Pole, including one RON at South Pole.

Editor's Note: The 2010 Reunion Committee owes a special thanks to newly elected OAEA Director

Dave Bresnahan for lining up Biggins and Klein as guest speakers. The Committee gifted free Life Memberships to them. Since Bill Spindler is a long time Life Member the committee presented him with a plaque to commemorate the occasion.



Memorabilia

By Sam Dryfoose

The Memorabilia display, mounted in large part by E.D. "Buz" Dryfoose, was first successfully displayed in the Merchandise Room. It consisted of examples of cold weather clothing (none of which is EVER for sale!), photos, a cruise book, some selected airplane models, and other personal items connected with the years of service in the Antarctic. When the room was re-assigned, the display moved to the OAEA Hospitality Room

It was much easier to set up the display and keep track of it with the security attached to the Merchandise

Room. The room was large, had private comfort facilities, and a lovely view of the Riverwalk canal. It could be locked and had specific hours of access. There was no difficulty moving across the hall when it became necessary to vacate those premises. Many hands made light work. In many ways, having the display in the Hospitality Room afforded more attendees the chance to view the items.



Buz stands with a manikin displaying cold weather clothing worn while flying support for the NSF during his years (1957-1962) with VX-6.

Those who took Thursday's night Tour #4 enjoyed German beer, the food, the music, and a trick roper who demonstrated his prowess with the lasso and the bullwhip on members of the tour group.



Rope Trick Artist at The German Beer Garden/Texas Barbecue Tour

museum. One can easily tell they were/are well endowed and attended. All branches of the military services are even-handedly treated in the museum. Money seems to not have been a problem and the exhibits are state-of-the-art and first class. Outside, in the garden area, there are hundreds of ship, squadron, and station plaques from Navy, Marine, Army, and Air Corps units. There are four aircraft in the museum: Two American—a B-25 on simulated USS *Hornet* (CV-8) flight deck representing the Doolittle Raid and a FM-2 Wildcat (with one wing off-representing a battle damaged aircraft on an island base. Two Japanese aircraft: an Aichi D3A1 "Val" dive-bomber; very distressed as if damaged in an air raid and a Kawanishi N1K "Rex" floatplane fighter that looks great in a glossy paint job; probably did not look this good in wartime operation. Well worth the time (all day) to do it right. Several gift shops and one stand-alone bookstore with a great variety of books, including a used book section.

TOURS German Beer Garden

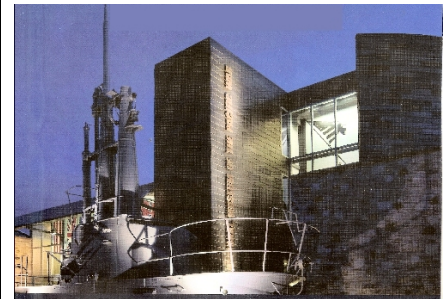
By Marty Diller

The western swing band performed during the Texas Bar-B-Que dinner at the German Society Beer Garden.

National Museum of the Pacific War

By Bruce DeWald

Sally and I visited the museum in Fredricksburg TX on our way back from the reunion. It is really a superb



Museum of the Pacific War



Panoramic View of Ships Store Tables in the Partagas Room

Raffle Report

By Joyce Hopkins

There were a total of eleven items submitted for the raffle. The large framed pen and ink drawing of the USS *Bear* was the most prominent item. It was won by Elaine Hood from Denver. Unfortunately UPS repacked the item and in the process of shipment broke the glass and damaged the frame. Elaine filed a claim, but the amount of the UPS compensation was only about one third of the value of the print and the cost of framing it and shipment to Colorado.

The other items that I remember were an advance copy of a coin to be sold at South Pole Station this year to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the discover of the South Pole, a crystal figurine, two hand-crafted cribbage sets, afghan knitted by Elizabeth Raky, a zip-fronted sweatshirt donated by Antarctic Connection, and a bronze penguin figurine.

I do not have a total number of tickets sold or final accounting for the money. About two hours before the banquet, we had about \$450 in sales. In that time period immediately before the banquet sales were brisk. I did not count the money. I just turned it all over to John West.

One thing that I feel really hurt sales was the fact that the Hospitality Room was unmanned most of the day, necessitating that we remove the items whenever no one was there. This is a consideration for the next planning committee. In Warwick and Pensacola, most events took place in the same large room, so the items were always on display.

I enjoyed working this table. I got to meet and converse with many people I would not have otherwise met. Looking forward to San Diego in 2012!

SHIPS STORE REPORT

By Dave Hazard

On 3 November 2010 the OAEA Ships Store "The Rookery" held its Grand Opening at the OAEA Reunion in San Antonio, Texas. In spite of the out-of-the-way location in the *Partagas* Room the turnout for the store was outstanding. All of the new khaki jackets were sold out within two hours after opening. I would like to thank B-A for buying the first jacket with the embroidered OAEA logo. He did an outstanding job modeling it for the store! The following merchandise was offered for sale at the reunion: OAEA polo shirts and OAEA ball caps were the standard items for sale. The ship's store committee decided to branch out and offer a variety of new items. The introduction of embroidered jackets with the following logos was a huge



Door Prize Table in the Hospitality Room. The Tickets for Each Item were Placed in the Mayo Jars That Were Painted and Decorated by Billy Blackwelder to Look Like Penguins

success, OAEA logo, AIRDEVRON SIX Puckered Pete, and ANTARCTIC-DEVRON SIX Puckered Pete. NSFA ball caps and Puckered Pete polo shirts were also available.

The store also had the Antarctic Service Medal lapel pin, OAEA Key rings, OAEA logo watches for sale.

The ship store committee would like to thank everyone who purchased merchandise at the reunion. The ship store brought in sales of well over \$1600. Sometime in the first quarter of 2011 we hope to have the merchandise on the OAEA web site. If you are interested in ordering any of the above listed merchandise, please contact Dave Hazard at dhazard68@gmail.com, or by calling 207-353-9068.

The reunion also hosted several vendors who are familiar faces from previous reunions. These included:

—Billy-Ace who had a few items on the end of the OAEA Ships Store table. (See separate report);

—Gloria Hutchings and her brother Raymond Croteau represented The Antarctic Connection. As usually Gloria donated something for the door prize table. (See separate report);

—Dian Belanger had autographed copies of the paperback version of her book *Deep Freeze*, the IGY and the Origins of Antarctica's Age of Science;

—Walt Walters sold copies of his Antarctic novel, *Project Galaxy*;

—The OAEA-NE Chapter and Dave Hazard sold items of interest to the reunion attendees. The New England

Chapter is still selling Noel Gillespie's book *Courage Sacrifice Devotion*. They have a limited number of these books available for purchase. The New England Chapter also has license plate holders for sale along with an OAEA Penguin hatpin. The Antarctic Connection had various merchandise for sale with an Antarctic theme. Dave Hazard had three ball caps for sale at the reunion they included Puckered Pete ball caps plus VXE-6 and VX-6 ball caps with only lettering. He also introduced Puckered Pete Hat pins for those old VX/VXE-6 personnel who attended the reunion. Dave will be taking the OAEA Ship Store on the road this coming May 2011 to the VX/VXE-6 reunion to be held at Fort Mitchell, KY. Once again we would like to thank all the reunion attendees who bought merchandise from the ship store. Bravo Zulu.



On the Last day of the Reunion John Lamont West and his Helpers Could be Seen Still Trouble Shooting the Name Tag System

Ace's Place

By Billy-Ace

I had a small shop open on the end of the OAEA Ships Store tables. My wares consisted of OAEA, ADFA, and Highjump patches. Plus some OAEA pins and 90 South License plates. Most of the time my store was unmanned and attendees just left the money in a Ziploc bag on the table. At other times Woody was sitting by my merchandise and he accepted the money and put it in the Ziploc bag. Thanks Woody.

Antarctic Connection Report

By Gloria Hutchings

The Antarctic Connection wants to thank the OAEA for inviting us to attend as vendors at the recent San Antonio reunion. Once again, it was great to catch up with some of our friends and to hear more of the incredible stories you OAEs have.

Tom is on his way to the South Pole as I write this for his 20th (and possibly his last) season. Things are a little more "cushy" these days and communication links are much improved, thanks to the efforts of all of you for paving the way.

Looking forward to the next reunion.

The End of a Great Reunion

By Billy-Ace

On Saturday morning everyone was hustling around to bid farewell to their shipmates and new found friends. Many were milling about in the hotel lobby waiting for their shuttle bus to the airport. Some were checking out and waiting for a clerk to help them with loading their luggage in their cars.

We don't really know how many people attended the reunion. In the end John Lamont was making photo nametags and not bothering to log the names in his spreadsheet. I count 225 registered individuals. There was 13 cancellations or no-shows. Everyone who cancelled received a Reunion Welcome Aboard Bag that was mailed to them by Priority Mail. Registration

fees and tour fees were returned to everyone except for a few people who donated their registration fees when they canceled.

I hope to see everyone at the Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa in San Diego in October of 2012. Until then it's been real.



Good Night Lennie . . . Good Night Dave . . . Good Night PK

Sunset at the Fort Sam Houston RV Park

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Endangered Mustachioed Penguin:

In the "In Memory" pages of the Jul-Sep 2010 issue of the *Gazette* it appears you have an error in the dates of BANZARE in the obit for Alf Howard.

Gus Shinn

Editor's Note: Gus is correct the dates should be 1929-31. Apparently Gus's eyesight is not as bad as he claimed when he resigned as the Explorer's Gazette proofreader.

Billy:

I just wanted to thank you and everyone involved for all the time and effort spent in making the OAEA reunion such a success. My wife and I had a great time at the reunion and visiting San Antonio.

Thanks again.

Butch Suchland

Dear Billy-Ace:

The death of Tony Herman was so sad. I knew Tony and he will be greatly missed. My prayers go up for his family and for all who knew him.

Ron Henderson

Editor:

I enjoyed the reunion in San Antonio very much. The Riverwalk boat ride and the Alamo tour were great. Most of all I enjoyed meeting new friends and getting reacquainted with those I have not seen since we left the ice in 61. We had safe flights both ways. The only problem I had is the headroom. The overhead seems to be getting lower all the time as well as seat spacing getting smaller.

Bruce Raymond

Editor's Note: For those who do not know Bruce he is a big boy. Weighing in at ump de ump pounds and standing six foot four inches tall.



Billy-Ace

I was sorry to read in the Jul-Sep issue that "Philatelic" Jim Boswell had died. I am enclosing a photo that I took of him canceling reunion envelopes at the first OAEA reunion in 2002.

Billy Blackwelder
AKA The Helo King



Editor's Note: Jim is applying the special pictorial cancel to the envelopes that were preprinted with the OAEA logo.



OAEA 2002 Reunion Pictorial Cancel

Billy-Ace:

During the summer season of DF-74, Art Ford, a USGS Geologist asked us to play some of our Antarctic songs for him. Art recorded us and about 20 years later, he send me a cassette. I finally got around to putting it on a CD to keep up with I-Tunes technology.

I would be happy to make copies of the CD for any OAE who does not have Internet access as long as it does not get out of hand.

Bill Lokey

Editor's Note: The CD that bill sent to me has ten songs on it. I don't know the names of all the songs, but some of the titles are:

<i>Hercules</i>	<i>Dead Penguin in the Middle</i>
<i>USARP Lullaby</i>	<i>of the Road</i>
<i>Puff the Magic Penguin</i>	<i>Waltzing with CASA</i>
<i>Big Iceberg in the Sky</i>	<i>Three Jolly USARPs</i>

The CD in MP3 format can be downloaded from the Internet by clicking here: [DF-74 Songs Of The Summer](#). Bill can be contacted at: wmlokey@comcast.net or 1002 North I Street, Tacoma WA 98403

Dear Editor:

Just passing along this vote of thanks. Please accept my appreciation for your contributions to make the OAEA 2010 Reunion a success.

John Lamont West

John & Committee Members,

Have returned safely home to Florida after a wonderful reunion. Our thanks to you for all you did to make it a great time. As usual it was wonderful to see everyone and talk of old times.

Thanks again for a great few days in San Antonio.

Billy & Kathy Crowe

Billy-Ace,

Another great issue but was surprised to receive a copy by snail mail the other day. I always print one out from your e-mail notification or from the web. Started to read it and realized had already read it. I have, I believe, a complete compilation all printed out from your e-mails or web site. Save the postage! Thanks.

Best regards,

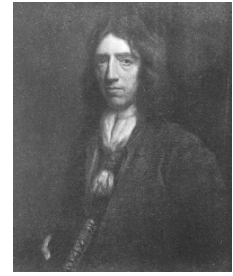
Bob Epperly

Editor's Note: Thanks for the atta-boy. Let's see if I can explain this in layman's terms. In order to get a price break I have to have 250 copies of the Gazette printed for mailing to about 225 OAEA members who do NOT have email. In order not to waste the extra copies I send a few to people like yourself who have made donations to the Gazette Printing and Mailing Fund, but who actually get their copy online as you do. I call these "gratis" copies. If it comes to a time when I have to mail out all 250 copies to people without Internet access then I will delete the gratis mailings. FYI at the end of the year if I still have any extra copies of the Gazette I mail them, and some OAEA Membership Applications, to the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators who place the extra copies on the Antarctic tourist ships.

THIS QUARTER IN HISTORY

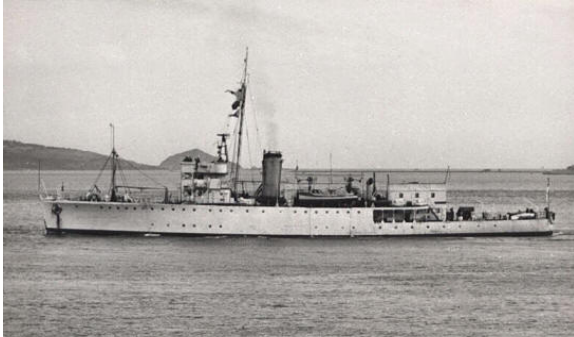
Ghost written by Black Jack of Ballarat
for Lionel Wafer

From the Second Edition of John Stewart's
Antarctica: an Encyclopedia, 2011.



Lionel Wafer

OCTOBER: On 1 October 1957, the FIDS relief ship *HMS Shackleton*, commanded by Capt. Norman Brown, pulled out of Southampton on her usual run to Montevideo, then on to Port Stanley,

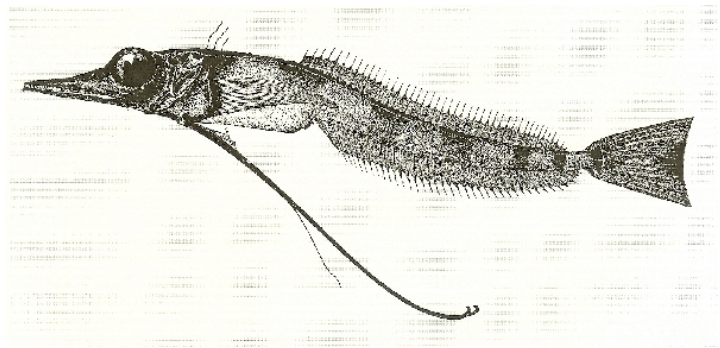


HMS Shackleton

then down to the British bases in Antarctica. However, not long into the voyage, Asian flu broke out on board and the crew were all taken sick, leaving the outgoing Fids to steer the ship across the Atlantic. After the Bay of Biscay, they were due to stop at Dakar, but, being a plague ship, they made direct for Montevideo, where they arrived on 23 October, Jim Franks navigating the vessel into the harbor there. The following month, the *Shack* was holed below the waterline when she struck an iceberg, but managed to limp back to South Georgia for repairs. Not long after that Capt. Brown got into a fight with Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, and quit not only the *Shack* (which he called "totally inadequate") but the sea as well. "I'm fed up with ships", he said.

NOVEMBER: Ice fish. *Cryocraco antarcticus*. A coastal fish with big eyes, large pectoral and tail fins, and a long protruding jaw full of teeth. In short, it looks like a fish. It is a fish. But it has no red blood corpuscles, and has a built-in antifreeze that keeps it from freezing. When Ditlef Rustad discovered this fish at Bouvet Island (in the South Atlantic) in 1928 he (and no one else) could believe that such a creature could exist. It was proved, and further studies done on it, by Johan Ruud, from 1930 to 1954. L. Harrison Matthews wrote about it in 1931. However, it wasn't discovered by Rustad at all. Some American sealers on the *Charity* found one in the South Shetlands on 21 November 1821, while out fishing. It was described as "a very curious fish, about 20 inches long, the head much resembling that of an alligator, about 3 inches long [i.e. the head was 3 inches long], the body resembling the cod in shape and color; on opening the body there was no appearance of blood".

Reproduced from John Stewart's 2011 2nd edition of *Antarctica: An Encyclopedia*



DECEMBER: On 6 December 2010, Bulgaria released to the anxious world their latest 94 names of Antarctic geographical features. Altogether, they have named 707 over the years. The Bulgars, alone among all the countries that name such features on a more or less regular basis, have an agenda that is truly bizarre. At the expense of reason and relevance, they have deliberately set out to create a Little Bulgaria in Antarctica. Most of their features have absolutely nothing to do with Antarctica, being named for 10th-century czars, old Thracian kings, priests, voyvods, the most obscure writers, scientists, pilots, inventors, crackpots, pamphlet-makers, and singers, everyone who ever did anything Bulgarian, anything at all. And now that they've run out of those, they're casting farther a field to include Bulgarian-Americans and people who have visited Bulgaria. Every single town and village, river, monastery, mountain, creek, and spa in Bulgaria has been (or will be) reproduced (in name) in Antarctica. They even name features after Bulgarian high schools and folk pageants. And, what makes it worse, they are doing this in such mad profusion.



Voyvoda dressed to kill

DEEPFREEZE!

A Photographer's Odyssey in the Year 1959

BOOK REVIEW

Condensed by: *Billy-Ace*

ROBERT MCCABE VISITED ANTARCTICA IN NOVEMBER 1959 (DF-60), A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE SIGNING OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY.

His photographs and text focus on McMurdo Station on Ross Island, an important location for the early explorers who preceded his visit by some 50 years. The photographs also record South Pole supply flights and cargo drops

Cold, white and forbidding the images spring from the glossy pages as they once did from the window of a plane carrying a young photographer into the icy wastelands of Antarctica.

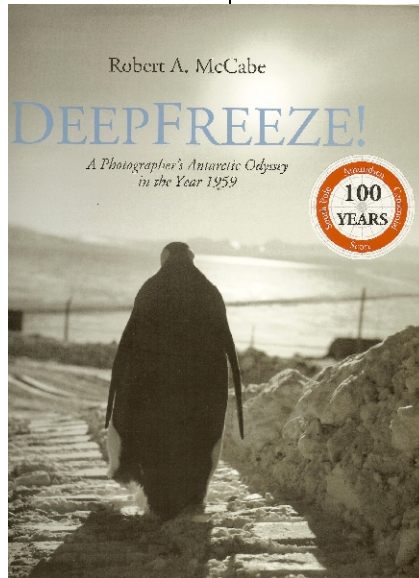
Deep Freeze! A Photographer's Antarctic Odyssey in the Year 1959 by Robert McCabe has been published to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the race to be the first to the South Pole.



McCabe and Emperor Penguin In Front of Pressheim

impressions were of endless distance as they approached the US base at McMurdo Sound.

"You just had images of vast, vast endless glaciers and ice," said McCabe. "It was an extraordinarily memorable



trip at a time when you couldn't just call a cruise line and take a boat to the edge of Antarctica."

The narrative is in layman's terms mostly transcribed at the time from observations made on a reel-to-reel magnetic tape recorder. Being nonscientific McCabe's observations are perhaps more relevant.

"We were given a huge amount of clothing we carried on to the plane and they reduced the temperature gradually as we approached," said McCabe. "But when we got there the sun was shining and it was warmer than inside the plane." Though the Antarctic remains an inhospitable and dangerous place, he notes the agreeable aspects of the base during his visit.

"Meals are excellent and there is ample supply of beer and movies, mostly Westerns," he writes in the book, though later he admits the beer is either warm or frozen.

McCabe, then 24 and a serious amateur photographer, used his vacation when no one at New York Sunday Mirror Magazine wanted to take up an offer from the US Navy to visit the southern end of the earth.

After an arduous journey leapfrogging the Pacific by way of Hawaii and New Zealand, his first



The PAO radio room (Pressheim) at McMurdo

All of the photographs in the book, whether originally color or not, were reproduced in black and white harkening back to earlier, sometimes less successful Antarctic exhibitions such as that of Robert Falcon Scott.

McCabe, who is now 77, divides his time between New York City and Athens, Greece.

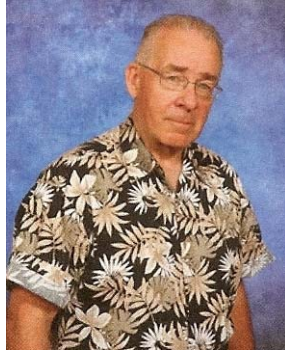
(Reporting by Nick Olivari; Editing by Patricia Reaney)

Editor's Note: McCabe donated four copies of his book to the 2010 OAEA Reunion Committee. The books were used as door prizes at the reunion banquet.

Tidewater December Get-Together

by Ed Hamblin

The Tidewater OAEA social group had a nice 4 December get together. Although it was dreary and cool, a nice number showed up. We had three new “faces” that came; all had to drive a bit to get there. Cliff and Jean Dickey came down from Williamsburg up on the peninsula. That is no mean feat facing the Saturday traffic coming down through the Newport News area. Also new to the group was Dave Steward who came in from Cape Charles on the Eastern Shore, driving across the scenic Chesapeake Bay Bridge/Tunnel (and paying the exorbitant toll to do so...). Besides the new, the “old” included Brad Miller, Ron Rooks, Fred Nootnagle, Herb Schaefer, Bill Murray, Wayne Rogers, Neil Sugermeier, Bill Raymus, and Ed Hamblin.



Dave Steward, Chris Dickey, and Jean Dickey

Although we sort of pride ourselves on the “no business” aspect of our gatherings, that will change out of necessity. Main topic of discussion this time was the plan for Tidewater region to host the 2014 OAEA Reunion. Those of us who attended the great function in San Antonio in November (thanks John West!!!!) know that Ed Hamblin “volunteered” Tidewater as the 2014 event host during the General Assembly meeting. A big thanks to Brad Miller, who immediately after return from San Antonio, contacted some of the right people in the area and has already put things in motion to helping locate a venue here as the place to host the 2014 function. For this area, the “long pole in the tent” will be nailing down the place...it is hard to believe that the professional event planners in this area are already working out as far as 2016. Right now, the “location scouting

committee” is Brad and Wayne Rogers. Wayne has been involved in setting up a major function here before, and is bringing his knowledge of how things work to the table. They are working on getting some quotations from area hotels that are interested in hosting, and sometime after the holidays, an *ad hoc* group of us will get together to pick the “best for the most”. Once we have that in place, then we can settle down and build our plan and get the committees in place.



Bill Raymus, Brad Miller, and Ron Rooks

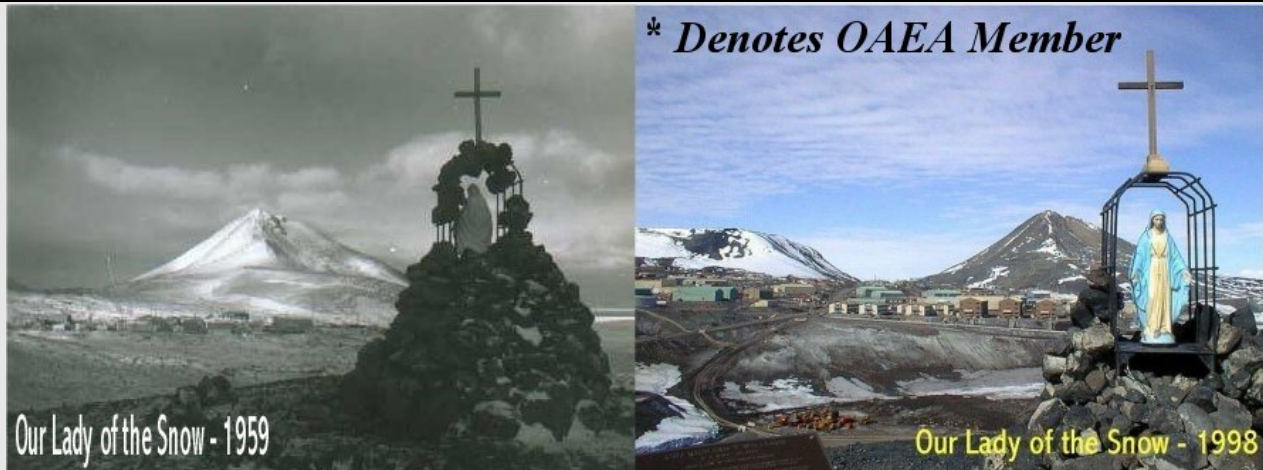
The newly commissioned USS *Gravelly* (DDG-107) has just arrived in Norfolk. The ship is named after Admiral Samuel Gravelly, Jr, who happens to be a Commemorative Member of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association. In his tenure as ComThirdFlt in the 70s, the Admiral visited the ice on an operations familiarization visit; while deployed, he was part of our “Chop Chain”. He was made a Commemorative member in 2009. An article about the ship with some pictures is in work for the next issue of the *Gazette*.

If you are in the Tidewater area and interested in being part of the area Old Antarctic Explorers “social network”, POC is Ed Hamblin; e-mail is ehamblin74@verizon.net,



Nootnagle, Schaefer, Murray, Rogers, and Sugermeier

telephone is 757-405-3362. Drop an e-mail or call to be added to the group. The next Tidewater gathering will be Saturday, 5 March at House Of Eggs Restaurant in Norfolk.



IN MEMORY

OAEs: Four members of the French Antarctic Expedition were killed on 29 October 2010 when their helicopter crashed with no survivors. On board were Frederic Vuillaum, Expedition Leader; Lionel Guignard, Pilot; Anthony Mangel, and Jean Arquier, Mechanics.

OAEs: Twenty-two members of a South Korean fishing boat were killed in Antarctica on 13 December 2010 when the ship sank. Seventeen members of the crew survived. Killed were seven South Koreans (including the skipper), seven Indonesians, four Chinese, and four Vietnamese.

OAE Robert Alexander Abramowitz, 82, died on 12 December 2010, in Stanhope, NJ. Robert served in the USN during Highjump.

OAE James Johnson Allen died on 26 November 2010, in Apex, NC. James served on the USS *Philippine Sea* during Highjump.

OAE Anne Hurt "Anna" Arrington, 76, died on 12 November 2010, in Richmond, VA. Anna visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE CDR Robert C. Balchunas, USN (Ret), 81, died on 24 November 2010, in North Kingstown, RI. Robert was the Executive Officer of ASA and NSFA during the 1970-1976 period. Balchunas Point is named in his honor.

OAE Henry Preston Black, 91, died on 27 June 2010, in Bermagui, NSW Australia. Henry was the winter-over OIC of the ANARE station on Macquarie Island during the IGY (Dec 1956–Jun 1958). In 1959 he was the OIC of Wilkes Station.

OAE Dr. Edward W. Borgia, 82, died on 12 December 2010, in Rochester, NY. Edward served during Highjump aboard the USCGC *Northwind*.

OAE Margaret Waters Brooks, 72, died on 7 November 2010, in New Haven, CT. Margaret visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Robert Louis Burke, 66, died on 11 December 2010, in Palm Desert, CA. Bob visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Edward L. "Jack" Canfield, died on 12 October 2010, in Columbus, OH. Jack served during Highjump.

OAE CAPT Richard Caswell, USN (Ret), died on 12 June 2010, in Greendale, WI. Richard served as the Public Works Officer with ASA during DF-69 and 70.

OAE Richard Dean Colin, 72, died on 14 September 2010, in Camarillo, CA. Richard served on the USS *Arneb*.

OAE Algar H. Cosby, USN (Ret), 80, died on 20 October 2010, in Chantilly, VA. Algar served on the USS *Wyandot* during DF-I.

OAE DR John Holmes Dearborn, PhD, 77, died on 24 November 2010, in Orono, ME. John wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-IV and 61 as a Marine Biologist. He also spent five summers in Antarctica. Mount Dearborn is named in his honor.

OAE AGCS Richard E. Dennis, USN (Ret), died on 7 December 2010, in Milton, FL. Unit and dates unknown.

OAE Merle Dowd, 92, died on 1 December 2010, on Mercer Island, WA. Merle visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Keith Alan Echelmeyer, 56, died on 2 October 2010, in Fairbanks, AK. Keith served with the USAP as a glaciologist. The Echelmeyer Ice Stream is named in his honor.

OAE Mary Gertrude Flickinger, 90, died on 20 November 2010, in Lombard, IL. Mary owned a travel agency and visited 168 countries and Antarctica for business purposes.

OAE UTC Roy Edward Fowler, USN (Ret), 72, died on 4 November 2010, in Port Hueneme, CA. Roy made two deployments to Antarctica. Unit and dates unknown.

OAE Mary Gertrude Flickinger, 90, died on 20 November 2010, in Lombard, IL. Mary visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Edwin Calvin Flowers, 83, died on 2 October 2010, in Sun City West, AZ. Edwin was a meteorologist and wintered-over at South Pole Station during DF-II and again During DF-60 as the SSL. Flowers Hills is named in his honor.

OAE John Allen Fulton, 91, died on 15 November 2010, in Sacramento, CA. John visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Ronald Garrick, 72, died on 23 September 2010, in Gore New Zealand. Ronald was a carpenter at Scott Base in 1969-70, 1978-79, 1979-1980. He was the leader at Vanda Station in 1982-83. He was also the leader of the crew that demolished the old buildings at Hallett Station. In 1986-87 we was caretaker of the Ross Island historic huts.

OAE Jean Gray, 67, died on 18 November 2010, in Pebble Beach, CA. Jean visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE David Habin, 88, died on 4 December 2010, in Marblehead, MA. David served on the USS *Currituck* during Highjump.

OAE CAPT Herbert J. Hartman, CEC USN (Ret), 95, died on 5 August 2010, in Keyser, W. VA. Herbert visited Antarctica as a tourist when he was 88.

OAE Robert Henin, 91, died on 7 September 2010, in Coral Gables, FL. Robert visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE Elizabeth "Betsy" M. Henley, 68, died on 21 November 2010, in Bedford, In. Betsy was the wife of LCDR Joe Henley who was the NSFA PWO during DF-74 and 75. Betsy served as Secretary of the OAEA Ohio Valley Group.

*OAE RMCM Andrew "Tony" Herman, USN (Ret), died on 5 October 2010, in Honolulu, HI. Tony wintered-over at Byrd Station during DF-63 as an RM2. Tony was the Executive Vice President of the OAEA from 2008 through 2010 and had just been re-elected for a second term.

OAE AGCS, Robert Hicks, USN (Ret), 67, died on 25 June 2010, in Camarillo, CA. Bob served in NSFA. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Kennett Hobbs, 81, died on 16 December 2010, in Knoxville, TN. Kennett visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE MSGT Andrew Holzemer, USMC (Ret), 89, died on 11 December 2010, in Onamia, MM. Andrew served as a Flight Engineer in VX-6 during DF-II.

OAE CAPT James L. Howard Sr., USCGR (Ret), 78, died on 2 October 2010, in Annapolis, MD. James served on the USCGC *Eastwind* during DF-62, and 63.

OAE CAPT Robert Steven Hurtig, USAF (Ret), 65, died on 23 November 2010, in Rock Port, MO. Robert wintered-over as the ITT Resident Manager at South Pole Station during DF-84 and McMurdo during DF-89.

OAE Dr. Henry Andrew Imshaug, PhD., 85, died on 18 November 2010, in Chelsea, MI. Henry was a USARP biologist in the 60s and 70s. Imshaug Peninsula is named in his honor.

OAE MAJ Ben Irons, USAF (Ret), 92, died on 27 December 2010, in Santa Cruz, CA. Ben visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE UTCS Earl Frank Johnson, USN (Ret), 76, died on 14 December, 2010, in Hawthorne, FL. Earl was a member of the first winter-over party at South Pole Station during DF-II. Johnson Col in the Sentinel Range is named in his honor.

OAE Graham Jones, 85, died on 30 September 2010, in Balboa, CA. Graham visited Antarctic while in a yacht race.

OAE Clyde Levere Juchau, 84, died on 28 September 2010, in Logan, UT. Clyde visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE CDR John Walter. Kelsey Jr., USN (Ret), 90, died on 15 April 2010, in Springfield, MD. John served as Deputy CASA and wintered-over at McMurdo as the XO during DF-IV.

OAE William Malcolm Lacy, 82, died on 11 December 2010, in Austen, TX. William traveled to Antarctica as a member of the Air Force Artist Program.

OAE Carl Lakes, 87, died on 16 October 2010 in Cincinnati, OH. Carl served during Highjump.

OAE Annabel Lorraine Larzelere, 96 died on 26 July 2010, in East Lansing, MI. Annabel visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE CECS Clarence S. "Dugan" Lynch, USN (Ret), 81, died on 23 December 2010, in Northborough, MA. Dugan served with MCB(Special) at McMurdo during DF-I and ASA during DF-65. He was a member of the ADFA.

OAE Gerard E. Martin, 68, died on 18 December 2010, in Norwich, CT. Gerald served in Deep Freeze as a PO3. Unit and year unknown.

*OAE CECS Richard L. Masters, USN (Ret), died on 15 October 2010, in Ontario, CA. Dick served as a CE1 in NSFA and wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-75.

OAE Sylvester "Guy" Megargee, 85, died on 27 December 2010, in Scranton, PA. Guy visited Antarctica on an Audubon Society sponsored nature tour in search of new bird species.

OAE Gladys Gillig Moore, 101, died on 25 October 2010, in Stinson Beach, CA. According to her obit Gladys was the first female tourist to visit McMurdo Station in the early 60s.

OAE William D. Murdock, 76, died on 15 December 2010, in Rancho Mirage, CA. Bill served on the USCGC *Northwind* during DF-IV

*OAE Hugo Alfred Carl Neuburg, 90, died on 16 December 2010, in Blacksburg, VA. Hugo wintered-over at Ellsworth Station during DF-II as a glaciologist. He later made 10 more trips to Antarctica including three in the mid 1970s with the Ross Ice Shelf Project. Neuburg Peak is named in his honor.

OAE ATCM Arthur "Art" Newlee, USN (Ret), 88, died on 18 February 2010, in Ventura, CA. Art visited Antarctica as a tourist in 1995.

OAE Beverly J. Oliver, 80, died on 6 December 2010, in Elgin, IL. Beverly visited Antarctica as a Russian icebreaker.

*OAE Robert N. "Bob" Owler, 71, died on 22 October 2010, in Titusville, FL. Bob was a member of VX-6 from 63 to 66 as an ADJ1.

OAE Judith A. Radocha, 70, died on 9 February 2010, in Alameda, CA. Judith visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE [Hamilton "Rocky" Rothrock](#), 71, died on 29 October 2010, in the Snow Hill, Antarctica penguin rookery surrounded by 4000 nesting penguins. Rocky, a wildlife photographer, was flown to the rookery by helicopter from a Russian Icebreaker in order to photograph the penguins.

OAE Miriam R. Schantz, 92, died on 1 October 2010, in Emmaus, PA. Miriam visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Paul Schneider, 74, died on 25 November 2010, in Vero Beach, FL. Paul served at Little America V during DF-I and II.

OAE Dr. Thomas L. Snyder, DDS, 82, died on 7 December 2010, in Amherst Township, OH. Thomas served as an Air Traffic Controller on the USS *Philippine Sea* during Highjump.

*OAE UT1 Wilbur "Bill" G. Sumney, USN (Ret), 76, died on 9 October 2010, in Dayton, OH. Bill served in MCB-1 during DF-61 and 62, ASA in DF-63 and 64, and in MCB-71 in DF-74.

OAE LCDR George C. Thomas, USN (Ret), 90, died on 10 December 2010, in Lynn, MA. George served during the IGY.

OAE Colonel Morris T. Warner Jr., USAAF, (Ret), 78, died on 11 October 2010, in Staunton, VA. Morris deployed to the ice with the 60th MAW during DF-78.

OAE Nina Colleen Warner, 20, died on 17 August, in Phoenix, AZ. Nina visited Antarctica as a tourist when she was teenager!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Denis Casey—OAEA Chaplain

DEAD BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Reflecting on the OAEA 2010 reunion in San Antonio several highlights come to mind. Meeting old shipmates, recalling and sharing memories and old experiences, availing of the opportunities to be updated on the present status and future of research in Antarctica, were very important and informative.

But God's good book, the Holy Bible tells us that there is a time for everything



and for me one of the most memorable features of the reunion was the memorial service. Since it was my first time at a reunion I did not know what to expect. As the names appeared on the screen and the bell was tolled in memory of each individual the thought that crossed my mind was "That

their dying was not in vain and their memory lives on. May they rest in Peace". An old Hebrew proverb reads, "Say not in grief. He is no more, but live in thankfulness that he was".

What the caterpillar perceives as the end, to the butterfly it is just the beginning. Find comfort that our comrades who served and died in Antarctica are not forgotten.

LAST KNOWN BYRD III SURVIVOR (USASE 1939-41)

Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker

In grainy, black-and-white video footage and well-worn photographs, the crew of the USS *Bear* navigates frigid seas, sailing past sharp chunks of ice and long, flat ice shelves. In one particularly haunting photo, the ship is pinned between two icebergs and unable to move, the vessel the only sign of human life in a cold and inhospitable land. One member of this early expedition to Antarctica is still alive: 95-year-old CWO Anthony Wayne, USN (Ret). Wayne lives at Kingsway Manor Assisted Living in Schenectady, in a room decorated with Navy medals and pictures of his deep sea diving days and journey to the world's most remote continent. According to OAEA Associate Member John Stewart, author of the two-volume work *Antarctica An Encyclopedia*, Wayne is the last living member of the crew that accompanied Adm. Richard E. Byrd to Antarctica in 1939. And the only person alive now to have set foot on the continent prior to World War II.

Stewart learned of Wayne's existence, while doing research for a revised edition of his encyclopedia. The United States Antarctic Service Expedition (USASE) is one of the least known Antarctic expeditions. Very few books have been written about USASE because World War II began and the men on the expedition dispersed.

OAEA Vice President Laura Snow is in the process of creating a website about the USASE. (See the Apr-Jun 2010 issue of Explorer's Gazette)



SN Anthony Kelczweski

When Laura found out about Tony Wayne from John Stewart She gifted Wayne a Life Membership in the OAEA in addition she has submitted a proposal to the US Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names (ACAN) to have a geographic feature named in Tony's honor. The Antarctic Society, the American Polar Society, and the OAEA have contributed letters to ACAN endorsing Laura's proposal. OAEA Museum Committee Chairman Eugene Van Reeth authored the letter of endorsement for the OAEA.

Editor's note: Sara Foss of the Schenectady, NY Gazette contributed to this article.



Tony Wayne Shows Off his Shadow Box



Wayne Americanized his name following the outbreak of WWII. Before he joined the Navy he posed for the famous Charles Atlas advertisements that ran in comic books.

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

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

Thanks to Jerry Schleinig, Jim Golden (two referrals), Glen Harris, Jim Mortier, Elaine Hood, Dave Bresnahan, and Jim Landy 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

Biggins, Ian COL	Life	NYANG 2004-2010
Buttler, Kenneth EON3	Life	ASA 61-63
Chaplow, Lester CIV	Life	99 NZAP Student Scott Base
Connell, Graeme, CIV	Life	NZARP Scott Base 68-69
Daniel, Davis Jr. CS3	Life	DF-II WO Wilkes Sta
Farren, George III SW3	Annual	MCB-71 SS DF-73
Hopkins, Joyce NOK	Life	Widow of Jessie
Ignagni, Everett, MIL	Commem	Highjump
Johnson, Larry RM3	Life	DF-61 WO
Klein, Andrew CIV	Life	USAP 99-01, 03-10
Knowles, Clark LT	Life	NSFA LAV & McM DF-III & IV
Lampman, George CIV	Life	USAP McM 99-10
Miller, Sydney NOK	Life	Widow of HMC Frank Miller PM-3A
Morin, Theresa CIV	*Annual	NE Chap Groupie
Orr, John HMC	Life	PM3A WO F-67 & 73
Shoemaker, D. SKSN	Annual	ASA WO DF-67
Toby, Stephen LCDR	Life	VXE-6 69-71
Wilson, Ashley CIV	Life	Dau of Ashley Snow

REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

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

USS Brownson (DD-868): Plymouth Meeting, PA, 19-23 May 2011. POC Joseph Eliff, 610 948 6475, josepheliff@ussbrownson.com. USS *Brownson* served during Highjump.

USS Philippine Sea (CV-47). St Louis, MO, 29 Sep—02 Oct 2011. POC Chuck Davis, 270 Mentel Terrace, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, philsea@embarqmail.com, or 941 743 5460. USS *Philippine Sea* served during Highjump.

DF-70 Winter-Over. San Antonio, TX, 30 March-3 April 2011. POC Dale Cockrill, mdaleteach@aol.com, or 770-387-2270.

NNPU. Branson, MO, 16-20 May 2011. POC Rags Garland, rags_seabee@comcast.net, 8000 Rabbit Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17112, 717 469 2075.

VXE-6. Fort Mitchell, KY, 19-22 May 2011. POC Joe Hollern, jhollern@wowway.com, 614-906-6289, 556 Liberty Ln, Westerville, OH 43081.

USCGC Eastwind (W-279): South Portland, ME, 15-19 June 2011. POC LeRoy Grant, 603 447 6040, Box 292 Albany, NH 03818, junelee.1@roadrunner.com. USCGC *Eastwind* served during DF-I and DF-60 through DF-67.

ADFA. Gettysburg, PA, 21-24 Jun 2011. POC Jerry "Mac" McKee, 610 857 9567, 331 Gum Tree Road, Coatesville, PA 19320, mac19552@verizon.net.

USCGC Westwind (WAGB-281): Mobile, AL, 9-11 September 2011. POC Frank Roberts, 910 279 0823, or froberts@frankrobertsconstruction.com. The *Westwind* served during DF-III, 67, 68, and 71



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.

- CAPT Brian Shoemaker, USN (Ret) has been diagnosed with dementia. He has not been able to use the computer for over a year. He is still in the first stage and is still running six miles a day and swimming a few laps in the pool in Panorama, where he and his wife Johanne moved four years ago. He can walk the dog without getting lost, and he runs on a bike trail or at the gym where he runs on the treadmill. He is still reading but has no recall of what he reads but it keeps his mind occupied. The sad thing is he has lost so many friends because he has forgotten them and they miss hearing from him. Johanne would like for Brian's old friends and shipmates to keep in touch by email or snail mail and she will read to him any mail that he gets so keep in touch. Johanne Shoemaker can be reached at: jopie38@gmail.com, Shoemakerbj@comcast.net, or 1420 Boulevard Park Lane SE Lacey WA 98503.

Editor's Note: Brian Shoemaker wintered over at McMurdo during DF-67 as the XO of the VX-6 Det, and he served as Commander Naval Support Forces Antarctica from July 1982 through August 1985.

- Keith Nolen would like to hear from anyone who served with his Dad AG2 Jerry Nolen at McMurdo during DF-I. Jerry died in January 2010 and in his memorabilia was a model of the USCGC *Eastwind* still in the box. Keith would like to sell the model to the highest bidder. If you knew Jerry or if you are interested in the *Eastwind* model you can contact Keith at: Keith@nolenfamily.org, 407 701 9954, or 2411 Lake Margaret Drive, Orlando FL 32806.



1994 hardbox issue. From the original 'S' kit molds. Like most of Revell's older ship models, this one is well molded and well detailed. Features rotating turrets/elevating guns, helicopter pad with helicopter & full rigging instructions. Molded in correct white, wood brown, and butterscotch. This model has never been started. All parts and instructions are still in the factory sealed bag. Complete with decals and flag sheet.

- John Swan would like to hear from anyone who served during DF-III. John wintered-over at Wilkes Station and went south on USS *Arneb*. John can be contacted at jjoanie526@sbcglobal.net, 916-212-8969, or 5124 Cherokee Way, Sacramento, CA 95841

- Graeme Connell is trying to identify the Navy Captain in the below photo. The photo was taken at Scott Base in 1968 or 69. Graeme thinks it might be Captain Hugh Kelley who was CASA during DF-69. Graeme can be contacted at: graemekc@telus.net, or 2004 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2V OY9 Canada.



GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



Freezing Drizzle — Drizzle, the drops of which freeze on impact with the ground or with objects on the Earth's surface or with aircraft in flight. Norwegian equivalent: *Isslag*.

Hoarfrost — A deposit of ice having a crystalline appearance, generally assuming the form of scales, needles, or feathers. Produced in a manner similar to dew, but at a temperature below zero degrees C. French equivalent: *Givre Mou, Gelee Blanche*.

Ice Jam — An accumulation of broken river or sea ice caught in a narrow channel. German equivalent: *Eisstaunung*.

Open Pack Ice — Composed of floes seldom in contact and with many leads. Ice cover 4/10ths to 6/10ths. French equivalent: *Pac Lache*.

Snow Patch — An isolated area of snow, lying above or below the regional snow line, which may last through the summer and is composed of firn. German equivalent: *Schneefleck*.

Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by *Billy-Ace Penguin Baker*

Saturday 02 October 2010

OAEA GCG Meeting—On an unseasonably cool day 24 Members and guests of the OAEA-GCG Chapter met at the Shrimp Basket in Warrington, FL for our monthly meeting. First time guests were Amy Preston, daughter of Larry and Sharon Preston, and Walter Smith Jr, son of Walter Smith, Sr.



Sharon and Amy Preston

It was good to see Lennie and Helen Bourgeois back after an absence of two months. Also back after an absence of three months was John Jaenisch.

Our guest speaker was Laura Snow who gave us an update on her USAS 1939–41 Expedition research. While Laura went over her notes, and distributed some handouts Pam Landy sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle and I passed out the door prize tickets.



Walter Smith Junior and Walter Smith Senior

With the ticket sales and distribution out of the way OAEA GCG President, Duck Talbert made several announcements and introduced the guest speaker.

Laura spoke briefly about her continuing research and then went into a detailed account of John Stewart's recent discovery of USS *Bear* crewmember Tony Wayne. It was

thought that all the USASE personnel were deceased, but John Discovered that Tony was alive and well in an assisted living facility in Schenectady New York. Before completing Tony's story Laura digressed and spoke about John Stewart and his research for the revision of his *Antarctica an Encyclopedia* that was first published in 1990. John hopes to complete the Second Edition before Christmas and get it published in early 2011. Following that Laura continued her dialogue about Tony Wayne, and his participation in the USASE and his Navy career of 24 years. (See story on page 18 of this issue)

After Laura has completed her presentation I made an announcement about the OAEA election and the resignation of the OAEA Secretary Art Lindberg and that newly re-elected OAEA VP Tony Herman is in the hospital with lung cancer. Tony has cancelled his plans to attend the reunion, but has not resigned as OAEA VP. Complete results of the 2010 OAEA election was reported in the Jul-Sep issue.

Editor's Note: After this article was written Tony died on 5 October 2010 in Tripler Army Hospital from non-smokers lung cancer. May he rest in peace.



Tomy Herman in dress whites & two of his kids in 2008

Following the guest speaker and several other announcements our head waitress, Malinda Oakley was asked to draw the raffle and door prize tickets. The raffle was won by Gary Skaar who took home \$38 as his share. Ed Feeney won the door prize, consisting of a copy of the *Antarctic Participants Guide for 2006*, a copy of *Penguins*, and an embroidered patch commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Byrd's Flight to the Geographic South Pole.

Following an announcement that the November meeting would be held in San Antonio, the meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to Laura for her presentation, Pam Landy for assisting with the tickets, Lennie Bourgeois for taking photos of the meeting and to our wait staff; Malinda and Melyssa.



Malinda, Melyssa, and the GCG Flag

Saturday 04 December 2010 OAEA GCG Chapter Meeting

—Forty-one members and guest were present at the 4 December meeting at the Shrimp Basket Restaurant. There was standing-room-only until our waitress pulled in another tall table from the alcove for the standees, Jim and Pam Landy and John Jaenisch. Out of town attendees were Life Associate Members Rob Konrad and Robert Konrad who were visiting from Millington TN. Robert is one of the youngest members of the OAEA. The only person younger than Robert is his brother Bradley who will be four in January. Also present was Mary Lou Platt's daughter—also named Mary Lou, who was visiting from California. Local guests in attendance were Amy Preston, and Tom Holt. Tom is the next-door neighbor of Les Liptak.

on their table and those in close proximity got to enjoy the show. Plans are to put the slide show on a CD and it will be shown at a future meeting on the Shrimp Basket large screen TV.



OAEA Life Associate Member Robert Konrad



Ed Feeny arrived just in time to donate a one-foot tall chocolate penguin for a door prize

There was no scheduled guest speaker, but after I had sent out the postcards and submitted the meeting notice to the *Pensacola News Journal*, Larry and Sharon Preston offered to present a slide show of photos they took at the San Antonio OAEA reunion in November. However, due to technical difficulties the slide show never took place but during lunch they left the slide show running on their laptop



Lennie, his Door Prize, and Lovely Wife Helen

OAEA GCG Chapter President Duck Talbert spoke briefly about a trip he and his wife Renie recently made to New Zealand and Australia. While in Christchurch they talked to some members of the NYANG about the ice and the current operating season. They were told that Williams Field might be history in the near future. It is planned that all flight operations be moved to the Pegasus runway. Following that Duck made several announcements including a plug for



the San Antonio Reunion and the Ice Water Navy pins that are being sold as fundraisers. Les Liptak spoke briefly about the Young Eagles program and there being no further business the meeting was concluded in order to get on with the important stuff.

Robert Konrad was asked to stand on a chair and draw the tickets for the Door Prize drawing and the 50/50 Raffle. The 50/50 Raffle was won by Charlie Mauck, who had not been to a meeting since June. Charlie's share of the raffle

was \$66 that he donated back to the GCG Kitty. Normally there is only one door prize drawing but there were six drawings at this meeting. The first drawing was for the book and companion CD version of *Operation Deep Freeze 50 years of US Air Force Airlift in Antarctica* won by Glen Harris. Glen already had a copy of the book, so he returned it for a future drawing. The next four drawings were for 2008 OAEA Reunion ball caps and these were won by: Amy Preston, Les Liptak, Bill Fazio, and Don Emmons. The grand door prize was a large (over one foot tall) chocolate penguin that was won by Lennie Bourgeois.

Thanks to Sean Baker for selling the 50/50 Raffle tickets and to Pam Landy for distributing the Door Prize tickets. Thanks to the following for donating door prizes:

- Air Force book and CD: US Air Force Office of History Scott AFB Illinois
- 2008 reunion ball caps: Pam Landy, 2008 Merchandise Chairman
- Chocolate Penguin: Ed Feeney

And a final thank you to Sean Baker, Lennie Bourgeois, and Mary Lou Platt for taking photos of the meeting.

Communicator Group Fund First \$10,000 Donor to OAEA Scholarship Fund

by Billy-Ace Baker

ON 26 MAY 2010 THE COMMUNICATOR GROUP became the first donor to reach the \$10,000 donor level when the chairman of the Communicator Group Fund mailed a check for \$4435.10 to the OAEA Database Manager. Normally the check would have been submitted to the OAEA Treasurer at the OAEA 2010 San Antonio Reunion. However, the check was submitted early so that the individual donors would qualify for the drawing for the two free round-trip airline tickets to/from San Antonio.

This significant donation brings the total cumulative amount donated to the OAEA by the OAEA Communicator Group to \$11,435.10. This donation makes the OAEA Communicator Group the first entity to reach the \$10,000 Donor Club level. In accordance with OAEA Resolution Pensacola 13 the \$10,000 Donor Level will henceforth be known as the *OAEA Communicator Group Club*.

At the 2010 San Antonio OAEA Reunion General Membership Meeting on 4 November 2010, Marty Diller, acting for the OAEA Treasurer, presented a donor recognition plaque to the Communicator Group Chairman, Billy-Ace Baker, recognizing the group as the first \$10,000 donor to the OAEA Educational Foundation.

RMs, ETS, COMMOs, and EMOs who served with Antarctic Support Activities, Naval Support Forces Antarctica, and Air Development Squadron Six were the original contributors to the Communicator Fund. In 2007 the fund was opened up to ACs, ATs. JOs. And Civilian Comm Specs. Communicators assigned to task force ships were also invited to join the group. One civilian AMRAD volunteer operator and a Marine Corps Field Radio Operator also contributed.

A list of individual OAEA Communicator Group donors who participated in the 2009-2010 drive is listed below

* Denotes Plank Holders in the fund.

§ Denotes Deceased Members

*Baker, Billy-Ace	Boyd, Robert	Eppard, Robert	*§Herman, Tony	Mortier, James	Peverill, William	*Wick, Howard
Baker, Sean	*Boyda, John	Evans, Jim	Hood, Elaine	Northrup, David	*Ryan, William	Wilborn, Thom
Barker, John	*Connor, Bob	*§Everett, Dick	*§Hopkins, Jesse	O'Leary James	*Suchland, Butch	
Berube, Mike	Decess, Alex	Golden, Jim	Johnson, Stanley	Overton, John	Towne, Pertricia	
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*Bowling, John	*Dixon, Doug	Helman, Terry	Maffin, John	*Parkin, Dan	White, Murray	



Billy-Ace Holds up the Plaque

OAEA FY 2010 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT

I certify that the attached report is a true accounting of financial transactions conducted by the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, Inc during FY 2010 (1 Oct 09 to 30 Sep 10) as of 30 September 2010.

Cyril Buehler
Cyril Buehler
Treasurer

FY 2010 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT			
INCOME		EXPENSE	
Donations	8177.10	Administration Costs	430.18
Newsletters	675.00	Office Supplies	386.50
Scholarships	5500.10	Postage	43.68
Scholarship Memorials	225.00		
Undesignated	1777.00	Advertising (Recruiting)	955.56
Dues Payment	3970.00	Donor Recognition	262.74
Annual Membership	490.00	Internet security	50.00
Lifetime membership	3480.00	License	70.00
Entrance Fees	228.00	Newsletters	3137.81
Interest Earned	451.93	Election expenses	895.11
Investment Market	1009.23	Web page expenses	199.91
Merchandise Sales	247.75	Bank charge	3.07
Sales Proceeds	460.90		
Consignment fees	(54.93)		
Cost of goods sold	(158.22)		
Other	2.40		
TOTAL INCOME	14086.41	TOTAL EXPENSES	6004.38
		GAIN	LOSS
		8082.23	
FINANCIAL STATUS OF OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2010			
Summary Statement		Asset Distribution Statement	
Beginning Balance 10/1/09	56896.53	Account	Tangible
FY 2010 Transactions	8082.03	Bank Accounts	27681.51
Ending Balance 9/30/10	64978.56	Scholarship Mutual Fund	25335.94
		Ships Store	2000.00
		Merchandise Inventory	853.49
		Property (Undepreciated)	9107.62
		Totals	55017.45
			9961.11
MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2010			
	Life Members:	1238	
	Annual Members:	60	
	Memorial Members:	62	
	Commemorative Members:	57	
	Deceased Members:	200	