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Left to Right Standing: Tom Noel, Dian Belanger, Tom Henderson, Gil Dewart, Bernie Hudson, Dick Prescott, Mel Havener, Barney Halloran, Dave Baker, Ned Barr, Len Paine, Sam Almond, Unident, Gerry McKee, Bill Spindler, Ed Ehrlich, John Perry, Ken Waldron, Jerry Marty, Popeye Brinton, Steve Bruce, Peter Lang, Elaine Hood, Willie Williamson, Andy Martinez, Erma Hale, and Lee Mattis. Seated: Tony DeLeon, Rediron McCormick, Jim Rooney, Cliff Dickey, George Rooney, Bob Molla, Dave Grisez, Allen Kruger, Chet Thomas, Billy-Ace Penguin Baker, Bill Stroup, and Bob Ballou.

Photo by Mark Williamson

All ADFA Attendees Who Have Been to the Ice Pose for Group Photo

11th Antarctic Deep Freeze Association Reunion

By Elaine Hood

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was the site of the 21–24 June 2011 ADFA Reunion, hosted by Gerry McKee. There were over 77 attendees, including spouses.

On Tuesday 21 June attendees were greeted by Gerry McKee, Billy-Ace Penguin Baker, and Leonard Paine at the registration desk. Directions were given for the hospitality room, always run with efficiency and fun by Bill Stroup and his family. The drinks flowed and the bowls of munchies were never empty.

On display in the hospitality room were the dozens of items for sale, available for door prizes, silent auction, or later available at the live-bid auction, thanks to Dave and Sharon Grisez who had hauled everything from Indiana. Some very nice quality polo shirts and ball caps embroidered with the ADFA logo; note cards, photos, and penguin trivets,

penguin toys, penguin dishtowels...all things penguin were available.

The ADFA reunions flow so smoothly for us attendees primarily due to the behind the scenes hard work of Dave and Sharon Grisez and the Stroup family. I know they barely had 30 minutes to relax the entire week due to their constant attention to details of what needed to be done.

On Wednesday most of the guests, and many of the members attended a full-day bus tour of the Gettysburg battlefield and visitor's center. Mr. Paul Bauserman, a local historical expert, was the battlefield guide. He described these troops over here under Meade and those troops over there under Longstreet and then there were the men under Beauregard and those others under Pickett...and before long I think our heads were swimming with who was who and which side of the battle they were on. But even

See: ADFA on page 4.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

James "Jim Da Retired Cop" Heffel—OAEA President

TO ALL OAEs—I hope that this finds everyone in good health and that everyone has been able to cope with the extremes in weather that have plagued the country since winter ended.



Everyone who ordered one should have received his or her copy of the long awaited San Antonio 2010 OAEA Reunion Memory Book. The wait was worth it and this is the largest memory book since the OAEA started having reunions. Billy-Ace was able to get a mug shot of everyone who attended the reunion and as a result extra pages were needed. He solicited donations from everyone who ordered a book. The response was better than he had hoped for. He was able to purchase eight extra pages bringing the total to 32 numbered pages plus the covers and still had \$150 left over that was donated to the OAEA Scholarship Fund. Thanks to everyone who donated for the extra pages.

The books were mailed out around the middle of May. If you attended the reunion and did not order a book you may still do so. Copies are available from the Dunning Company for \$30 each. Also if you ordered a book and have not received your copy you should contact Dunning by email or telephone at: cd@dunningcompany.com, or 1 800 846 6335. Be sure to mention the OAEA 2010 Memory Book Job Number: JN: 10162.

Speaking of scholarships, by the time this issue of the *Gazette* hits the streets the OAEA Scholarship Chairman, Ed Hamblin should have announced the winner of the 2011–2012 OAEA Scholarship.

Since my last column there have been two major reunions that were attended, and enjoyed, by OAEs who served in Antarctica ranging from Operation Highjump through the present time. Stories about both reunions are included in this issue of the *Gazette*.

I solicit your recommendations and suggestions on those areas of the OAEA that you perceive as going well, as well as, on those areas where you feel we can do better. Feel free to contact me at jim1031@hotmail.com, or 25 Lakewood Road, So. Weymouth, MA 02190.

In closing, I wish to remember those who have lost a loved one or a friend. 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



GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES

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

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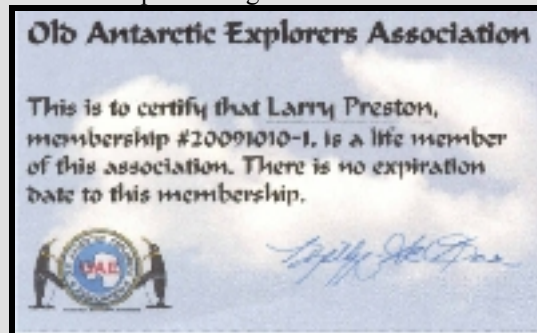
Editorial by Billy-Ace Baker

When we started the OAEA in late 1999 certificates and wallet ID cards were issued to new members. Due to funding restraints we had to stop issuing these items after a few years. Ed Hamblin took over the job of OAEA Database Manager following the 2008 reunion and it has always been our goal to start issuing certificates and ID cards again. However, up until now Ed has not had the time to devote to this project. In the meantime we agreed on a format and style for these items and now Ed has started production and has developed a procedure to distribute the certificates and cards.

Priority is as follows: New Life Members through the alphabet, then Annual Members paid through June 2012. There are currently 207 Life Members pending. It may take a couple of months to clear the backlog. The hardest part is getting the ribbon/foil right. With that said, however, new members from here on will be processed on the fly and the new member mail outs will include certificate, membership card, letter, donation form, and two decals.

If you have changed your address you need to send an update to Ed Hamblin at ehamblin74@verizon.net or the below address:

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3104 Deepspring Drive
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Wallet ID CARD



Certificate on Parchment

ADFA Reunion **From page 1**



Wyndham Hotel Gettysburg

with confusion over details, we all returned to our hotel with a greater understanding of the immensity of the battle, the hardships faced by both sides (can you imagine 100% wool uniforms in July with no ready source of drinking water?) and the horrors of war.

The second full day of the reunion was filled with presentations. Ken Waldron led us in prayer for those who have passed and for those who could not attend the reunion due to health issues.

Dian Belanger, author of *Deep Freeze*, gave a moving tribute about Jim Bergstrom who passed away in February 2011. Jim's widow Catherine, daughter, and granddaughter were in attendance. Dian explained how it was in part due to Jim's diligence to have the story of *Deep Freeze* told that eventually led to her being able to not only author the history of *Deep Freeze*, but also to travel to the South Pole. Jim had been the executive officer at McMurdo Air Operations Facility (as McMurdo was originally known) during DF-I.

Editor's Note: See the Jan-Mar 2011 Gazette page 16 & 17 for Dian's tribute to Jim Bergstrom.

The next presentation was about the South Pole's geodesic dome, which was built in the early 1970s by the Navy and then dismantled and removed from the continent during the 2009-2010 austral summer. Jerry Marty (NSF), John Perry (Project officer 1971-1973 for the construction of the new station), Lee Mattis (TEMCOR Tech Representative for Dome Construction), and Steve Bruce (RPSC Project Manager for Dome Deconstruction) gave a detailed presentation of why a geodesic dome was selected for the station, how it was



A Few of the Hundreds of Monuments in the Battlefield National Park. Out of the 165,000 men who did battle at Gettysburg, more than 51,000 were killed, wounded, or captured. Photograph by Elaine Hood.

constructed and the process for deconstruction.

Dave Baker was scheduled to give a video presentation of *The Early Years*, but there was no VCR equipment available so he showed a DVD of his most recent trip to the Antarctic Peninsula with his son.

Bill Spindler (former South Pole winter site manager) presented an overview of the history of South Pole

Station from Amundsen and Scott's arrival 100 years ago through the IGY, the "last Supper" in the original Pole Station, ending with the dedication of the current station in 2008.

Andy Martinez, current South Pole Station Technical Operations Manager, gave a presentation about the demolition of "Old Pole" as the original IGY South Pole Station has been referred to. Safety concerns resulted in the implosion of the station in December 2010.

A short business meeting was held with the re-election of Gerry McKee as Chairman, Billy-Ace Baker as Vice Chairman, and Bill Stroup as Treasurer. Ken Waldron officially replaced Dick Bowers as Membership Director, but Dick will continue as the ADFA Historian. David Baker



Guest speakers Jerry Marty, Steve Bruce, Lee Mattis, and John Perry Pose for a Group Photo



Cliff Dickey, Andy Martinez, and Ken Waldron Talking to Personnel at the South Pole. Cliff and Ken were Members of the First South Pole Station Winter-Over Party.

and Leonard Paine were nominated and elected to fill the two vacancies on the Board of Directors. David Baker later agreed to serve as Assistant Treasurer. Robert Stroup will be hosting the 2013 reunion in New Orleans.

South Pole Station personnel placed a telephone call to the group and a light-hearted exchange of information was enjoyed. The Polies asked questions of the Deep Freeze veterans and vice versa.

The Thursday evening banquet was followed by a special birthday cake and singing for Dick Prescott, whose birthday was that day. Dick then served as auctioneer for the live bid auction of items, raising money for ADFA, which has no membership dues and relies on the money raised from merchandise sales and the live auctions at this event for funding the reunions.

It was another memorable reunion of friends and fellowship and I look



Left to Right: Dave Grisez, Auctioneer Dick Prescott, ADFA Chairman Gerry McKee, and Sharon Grisez. Dave held up and described the items to be auctioned while Dick called out the bids. Sharon kept a log of who won what and collected the bidders money. Photo by Mark Williamson

forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans in June 2013.

REGISTRATION DESK REPORT

By Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

The reunion Registration Desk (tables actually) was manned from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. by Gerry McKee, Billy-Ace, and Len Paine. During the day there were several other people who helped with the registrations and relieved us while we went to lunch. Gerry was called away numerous times to take care of other urgent reunion business and someone was always available to take his place at the desk.

I had the easiest job. All I had to do was write down everyone's name and ensure that their welcome aboard bags had a copy of the DF-I & II DVD. In addition to writing down attendee names I checked the roster to make sure that they were member of the ADFA. Non-members were given ADFA membership applications.

Len Paine handed out the Welcome Aboard Bags and inserted the DVD into the bags (couples received only one DVD). Len also distributed the nametags and the Door Prize tickets.

When Gerry was at the tables he collected money for the battlefield tour and sold 50/50 raffle tickets. When he had to be away from the tables Len sold 50/50 tickets and others helped with collecting tour money.

At around 6 p.m. the Registration Desk was closed and the function was moved to the Hospitality Room.



Dick Prescott Birthday Cake

VX-/VXE-6 Reunion 19-22 May 2011

By Marty Diller

Very early in 2010, PRCM Joe Hollern USN (Ret); VXE-6 1989-92 Maint. Control; 1996-98 MMCPO) and a couple other ex-'Sixers' began planning a squadron reunion. Not much more than a year later, that 4-day event took place at the Drawbridge Hotel and Convention Center, Fort. Mitchell, Kentucky, just a few miles from the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International airport.



Drawbridge Inn Lobby

My wife Bev and I arrived on Thursday evening, 19 May and were reminded that the typical OAE hates to be late for any scheduled event (all of you OAEA reunion committee members have seen this firsthand)—as we discovered that many of this reunion's attendees had already been there for one or two days (or more)! Another similarity with OAEA reunions was the usual cases of last-minute cancellations due to health issues, but in the end, 163 squadron members (including a large number of OAEA members) and their spouses and guests from 31 states as far away as Hawaii gathered to renew acquaintances and enjoy the warm camaraderie and hospitality at this sprawling hotel.



**Colleen and Izzy Gantz
Travelled From Hawaii to
Attend the Reunion**

Despite the rambling layout of the hotel, it somehow managed to convey the sense and ambiance of a quaint country Tudor-style inn with its warm wood and stone lobby and restaurant-bar. At the reunion registration desk, along with a nametag, each attendee was issued tickets to the daily continental breakfast in the hotel restaurant, and a packet that contained a framed 8X10 color photo of a squadron aircraft

or Antarctic scene, and maps and brochures of local area attractions.



Registration Desk. Photo by Dave Hazard

Joe procured a large hospitality room for the duration of the reunion, which he kept stocked with complimentary water, soda, ice, beer, coffee, and snacks throughout. The adjacent meeting room was used for the Friday night Welcome Aboard party and the Saturday night Reunion Banquet, raffle & auction fundraiser, and dance. Other events included a Friday morning Golf Tournament, and tours (on your own) of local attractions using the local Transit Authority shuttle and discounted tickets which were available at the hotel's front desk.



Puckered Pete logo on the left helped attendees find their way to the hospitality room. This large logo, made by Joe Hollern, may be given to the Quonset Air Museum in Rhode Island if it is not held for use at future VX-/VXE-6 reunions. (photo by Dave Hazard). The Puckered Pete poster on the right showing Pete packing an Ice Pirate into an ice hole was drawn & Painted by Maria Landy. It was presented to John Jaenisch who had it framed and it is hanging in his living room in Pensacola.

The Hospitality Room was open every day until midnight, and had plenty of tables for squadron mates to talk and share their cruise books, photo albums, and memories. As at past OAEA reunions, Buz Dryfoose and his wife Sam set up "Buz's Antarctic Museum" in the Hospitality Room and were available to answer questions and share memories of their Antarctic Experiences. Also, OAEA Merchandise Coordinator, Dave Hazard, was there to sell jackets, ball caps, polo shirts, pins, and so forth. He went home with \$1,507 for the OAEA Merchandise fund after selling almost all of his stock! A link to the OAEA Ships Store will soon be established on the OAEA website so that everyone can easily order merchandise. On Saturday, a DVD player and TV were brought in, and a few Antarctic DVDs were shown.



OAEA Merchandise Coordinator, Dave Hazard, stayed busy throughout the Reunion selling merchandise.

On Friday morning, Ron Regan, an investigative reporter with the Cleveland, OH, Channel 5 (ABC) '5 On Your Side' news team, spoke briefly to those in attendance in the Hospitality Room. He relayed the latest news and progress on his investigation into possible radiation exposure of personnel due to malfunctions and leaks from the PM-3A nuclear power plant that was operated by the Naval Nuclear Power Unit Detachment at McMurdo Station during the 1962-72 period. After his talk, Ron answered questions and interviewed on camera a few of the attendees who have experienced cancer or other health issues that may be attributed to radiation exposure during their deployment to McMurdo.

Friday evening featured the Welcome Aboard party with buffet-style *hors d'oeuvres* and a cash bar. The evening passed quickly as attendees rekindled old acquaintances, recalled their Antarctic and squadron experiences, and met other ex-Sixers who either preceded or followed them to the squadron. Attendees generously purchased raffle tickets for a number of squadron/Antarctica-related items donated by Joe Hollern and other attendees in order to raise funds for the

earthquake-ravaged Cholmondeley Children's Home (located in Governor's Bay at the head of Lyttelton Harbor, near Christchurch).



Gary Davidson, Tim O'Connor, and John "JJ" Jordan

The Home is managed by the NZ Ministry of Social Development and has an important role in helping troubled families, and families needing support with problems that are disrupting or preventing parents from providing for the proper care of their children. VXE-6 "adopted" the Home in the mid-1980s, and up until the squadron's disestablishment in 1999, squadron members donated funds, toys and other items for the children there. Since the 6.3 magnitude earthquake on 22 February 2011, Cholmondeley residents have been housed in temporary quarters while plans are made to rebuild the Home.



Kiwi Mafia: Barbara Donelson, Diane Anderson, Colleen Gantz, Sandy Conery, Glennys Harris, Pam Landy, Denise Brown, Sandy Newell, and Julieanne Smith

Just prior to the Saturday night Reunion Banquet, individual and couples portrait photographs were taken by the official reunion photographer, Classic Imaging. A reunion Memory Book will be produced. The banquet featured a chicken and prime rib buffet dinner with a cash bar. Former squadron Commanding Officer (June 97-May 98) CDR Bill Warlick, USN (Ret), was the featured guest speaker and he talked about the squadron's legacy and accomplishments over its 44-year history in support of Antarctic research and exploration. Bill had previously asked LCDR 'Buz' Dryfoose, USN (Ret) DF-III, -IV and 60-62), as one of the early Deep Freeze veterans present, to share a story about his early DF years in Antarctica. When called up

to the podium, Buz spoke about the time in DF-IV that the Navy saw fit to send four Navy Captains—psychiatrists—to the Ice to ascertain if wintering-over had mentally affected any of the personnel. Buz's tale involved the Captains' visit to Little America V and you can read about it at Antarctic Newseum website at: www.radiocom.net/vx6/skippers.htm.



Dick Spaulding and Louie Kyler

After the guest speaker and presentations were made, Classic Imaging was on hand to take group photographs for the reunion's Memory Book. Attendees from each decade were photographed in groups and other groups, such as the para-rescue team members, gathered for group photos as well. Anyone who would like to order copies of the group photos may call and order from Classic Imaging (800 334 6388). Meanwhile, the raffle drawing took place, followed by an auction of squadron and Antarctic-related items, which were donated by Joe Hollern, and some of the attendees. As an example of an exceptional donation and the generosity of the bidders: Lennie Bourgeois donated two large 'Puckered Pete' decals—designed for the back of RVs—for the auction, and the two decals went for \$150 and \$100, respectively! John Jaenisch (AMSC, LC-130 FE, 1985-88, 1994-97) voluntarily stepped up to the podium to perform the auctioneer duties. Joe later said that the raffle and auction netted a total of \$2,547 for the kids in Cholmondley Home!

After the reunion, Joe reported that \$52 was leftover after paying off all reunion expenses, and that he threw in one more dollar to make the raffle and auction amount come to a total of 2,600—even for the kids. Joe now plans to put together a newsletter for all attendees to let them know where the raffle and auction money is going, as well as to see a copy of a letter sent to Cholmondley on behalf of all that attended. The newsletter will also announce the establishment of a "Penguin Family" website where squadron alumni can interact and get news of the next VX-/VXE-6 reunion.



Pete Underwood and Bob Capling. Very Important Guys

Editor's Note: Glennys Harris took some of the photographs for this article. About 150 of the photos she took at the reunion can be viewed by clicking here: [View photos](#)



A group shot of many, but not quite all of the squadron personnel who attended the reunion. Can you guess who is missing?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Billy-Ace:

I enjoyed the Jan-Mar cover story about the USS *Gravely*. I have a little additional information concerning VADM Gravely. He first visited the ice during the 71-72 season. He was part of a DV party that included Senator Barry Goldwater and his son, ex-Senator Jim Buckley, his brother William, SecNav John Chaffee, and VADM Stansfield Turner (later head of CIA). I don't recall who the others were, but there was at least one more congressman. Billy Blackwelder can fill you in on an incident that happened there at the South Pole, which involved the two Buckley's.

Kelsey Goodman



RADM Sam Gravely and CDR Goodman at the South Pole

Editor:

The wording in the obit for William Nicholson in the Jan-Mar issue is cruel and thoughtless. In no other obit do you mention the cause of death. Absolutely no reason for this. I am ashamed for the OAEA for printing this.

Bob Brunelli

Editor's Note: If a person dies from other than natural causes I often mention it in their obit. For instance in this issue Erhard Loretan died in a mountaineering accident. I did not mention that Erhard also served time in prison for killing his infant son. That would have been cruel and thoughtless. Your attention is invited to the Disclaimer Statement on page 2 of each issue of the Gazette. So you need not be ashamed for the OAEA.

Hi, Billy-Ace:

What a wonderful job you continue to do with the newsletter, so full of personal interest photos and stories, inspiring articles and notes about members far and wide.

Thanks again for your tireless work on behalf of this organization,

John Barell

Editor's Note: John is looking for personal stories from OAEs for a forthcoming book See his entry in the Locator Column on page 19 of this issue for more information on his project.

Billy-Ace,

Just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the most recent edition of the *Explorer's Gazette!*

Zoe shared it with me when she received it, but I did not have time to read it in full until today, when the June 2011 *Can Do* was haze gray and underway.

We enjoyed seeing Zoe listed as a New Life Member, but we were also saddened to see Bruce Sidell listed in the In Memory pages. Zoe worked out of Bruce's lab in Maine during her last two Antarctic tours.

Also, we note that many Old Antarctic Explorers live in Northern Virginia. Is there an active OAEA Chapter in Northern Virginia? We know there is an active Tidewater Chapter in Norfolk, but that is 150 miles away.

Harry (Lenchitz)

Editor's Note: Harry is the editor of Can Do the quarterly newsletter of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America. His wife Zoe is the author of the eulogy to Bruce Sidell on page 16 in this issue. Zoe and Harry want to establish a "Northern Virginia" OAEA chapter. Their areas of interest includes OAEs who live in VA, DE, MD, DC, and WV. They are hoping to have a meeting this fall if they can find enough people interested in attending. Anyone interested may contact Zoe or Harry at: hlenchitz@yahoo.com, or zeppley@gmail.com, by telephone at: 540 775 2415, or 7178 Potomac Forest Drive, King George, VA 22485.



B-A:

I just saw Hugh Dakers' obit in the Jan-Mar *Gazette*. I just wanted to add that Hugh was called back to cook on the RV *Hero* for her last cruise as well. What a great guy. We had a bit of fun in Chile both of us were going to behave while there but it turned into a failed attempt and there would be a funny story about Pt Hueneme that isn't for family viewing. Good thing he paid for that hotel room with cash.

Cheers. Mort (Jim Mortier)

Editor's Note: It wasn't mentioned in the obit, but Hugh was the cook on the Hero's first voyage to Palmer Station in 1968. The RV Polar Duke replaced the Hero in 1984.



R/V Hero in Bransfield Strait

Billy Ace:

A huge **THANK YOU** for the tremendous amount of time and energy you put in turning out the *Explorer's Gazette*. **WELL DONE**

Bill Doherty (Highjump)

Hi Billy-Ace:

I was assigned to the crew of 140439 before it left from Christchurch for McMurdo and until it arrived back at Christchurch in December 1959. It is appropriate that I help with the plaque cost. I'll send a check.

Jim Golden

Billy:

I downloaded the form and will contribute to the memorial plaque for BUNO 140439. I was the RM stationed at Little Rockford Weather Station and I probably sent the weather report for the flight.

Richard Barnard

Billy-Ace:

I could not download the donation form but will get my check in the mail this afternoon. Lloyd Newcomer and myself flew the first trip into Wilkes in P2V 140439 the year before and I can remember very vividly the hard sastrugi we encountered upon landing. Dr Thiel who was killed in the crash had also been with us the year before. Where is the Memorial Plaque to be displayed?

Capt. Jim Cornwell, (USN Ret)

Editor's Note: Thank you, and everyone else who contributed to the cost of the plaque. There was more than enough money donated to pay for the plaque. However, it is rumored that some of the members of the OAEA Board of Directors have NOT yet paid their pledges that they made to help finance the plaque. The excess funds have been placed in the Memorial Fund for future plaques to honor those who died in Antarctica. The plaque will be placed on a cairn in the cemetery near the Wilkes/Casey Station. Details will be published when the deed is done.

Dear Editor:

Sorry to hear of the passing of Tom Schanz (Apr-Jun 2010 *Gazette*). He was one of the "Good Guys". I was in VX-6 as jumpmaster of the Para-rescue teams the summer of DF-64 and remember him well. May he rest in peace.

PR1 Warren Barney

Billy-Ace,

I'm pleased to report, after a *loong* day at Pensacola, attending the "Hot Washup" for *Golden Eagles 11*, I got back here to the foxhole and *Phoebe* was able and readily to print every word of Volume 11, issue 1, of the *Explorer's Gazette*—all 24 pages, and in color yet! Thanks, I'll enjoy it.

As ever, Doc Abbot

Billy-Ace

Great Newsletter, keep up the great work and thanks for the memories.

RM2 Conrad Krueger
Winter-Over DF-68 ASA Det Alfa

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
1 Each

APRIL: On 4 April 1925, Einar Mathisen, a Norwegian whaler on the *Svend Foyn I*, died on board of septicemia, in the South Shetlands, and was buried in the Whalers Bay cemetery on Deception Island. Born 7 September 1887, Einar's tomb, accessed through a tunnel of black marble, and then a porthole, contained a pillow that signified that his only home before this one was the ship's cabin.

Editor's Note: The Whalers' Cemetery has 35 burials and a memorial to nine men whose bodies were not recovered. Much of the cemetery was overwhelmed and buried in debris from volcanic eruptions in 1967, 1969, and 1970. The first grave and the memorial were tall monoliths and were knocked over by the eruption. Most of the other gravestones or crosses were low and these are still in place beneath the surface. Subsequent erosion of the debris has begun to reveal some traces of the cemetery and a coffin, without its bottom, is now on the surface.



**Whalers' Cemetery on Deception Island, South Shetland Islands
before the volcanic eruptions**

MAY: Just before dawn, on 20 May 1916, three ghostly black figures vaguely resembling humanoids, shuffled noiselessly out of the mountains of South Georgia into the outskirts of the Norwegian whaling village of Stromness. No civilized man had ever been in those mountains before, the terrain being as impossible and forbidding as any on Earth. The whalers often wondered, but had never found out, what sort of primeval life forms might be lurking there. At 6.30 a.m., the three humanoids heard the whaling ship's whistle blow, a warning to the workers to get out of bed for the day's work. The whistle blew again at 7. Being a human noise, it startled the three life forms, but this shock was as nothing compared to seeing their first human beings at one o'clock that afternoon. At 3 o'clock they arrived at the station itself. Two small Norwegian boys ran from them in sheer terror, and grown men moved to the other side of the road, afraid. Finally, the three moving shapes made it to the whaling manager's house, and knocked on the door. The astonished manager's mouth dropped open even further when the leader of the three humanoids said, "My name is Shackleton".



Norwegian Whaling Village at Stromness

JUNE: The time: morning, 6 June 1920, during the annual winter-over. The place: Orcadas Station, the Argentine meteorological base in the South Orkneys. Buenos Aires geologist Augusto Tapia went out to check the temperature, and fell through the ice between two solid chunks. He only had his hands to get him out, but he made it. However, he was virtually dead. The others found him an hour and a half later. His hands had become hopelessly gangrenous. Willi Kopelmann, the base leader, knew it was either amputation or death for Tapia, but there was no doctor. However, there was a Swedish medical treatise in the hut, and, using only this as a guide, and no anesthetic, Kopelmann took a pair of nail clippers and snipped off eight of Tapia's fingers. All he had left was two thumbs. After he got back to Argentina, Tapia married Cecilia Marandet, and died in 1966

Tidewater December Get-Together

by Ed Hamblin

The first Saturday in June
 Some Tidewater area OAE "onlies" showed up at our quarterly social call at House Of Eggs Restaurant; I will call them that, because there were only a few of the regular faces. Ed Hamblin, Brad Miller, Cliff and Jean Dickey, Bill Murray, and Wayne Rogers were all that could make it.



Electronics Technician. Cliff recounted an interesting story about Paul Siple and company wanting the crew to fill out a sort of psychological profile questionnaire during the winter, and Cliff said the Navy guys were collaborating with each other as to what to answer, and the apparent lack of seriousness upset the scientists with their preconceived notions. It was a good story from a different perspective.

Editor's Note: Cliff can be seen talking to the South Pole on page 5 of this issue.



Brad Miller NSFA DF-75 Wayne Rogers Highjump

It is all good, and hopefully no one takes it personally. There is a lot going on in the area, and so many of the "crew" have schedule conflicts no matter when we have it. Although we aren't a charter OAEA group and have no business agenda, the one thing on the table for our area group is the 2014 Old Antarctic Explorers Association reunion, which we are hosting. We have nailed it down to 12 through 14 November 2014 with the host venue being the downtown Norfolk



Billy Murray Palmer DF-68

Waterside Sheraton. The *ad hoc* working committee made up of Brad Miller, Bill Raymus, Herb Schaefer, and Ed Hamblin met with local folks and whittled down the list of over a dozen potential host sites. We started really working on it right after the first of the year to find the right place. The Sheraton and Norfolk tourism representative are working very hard for us.

Cliff Dickey was a good sport when we grilled him about his experiences wintering at the South Pole that first year. Cliff wintered with the initial Pole crew as a Navy



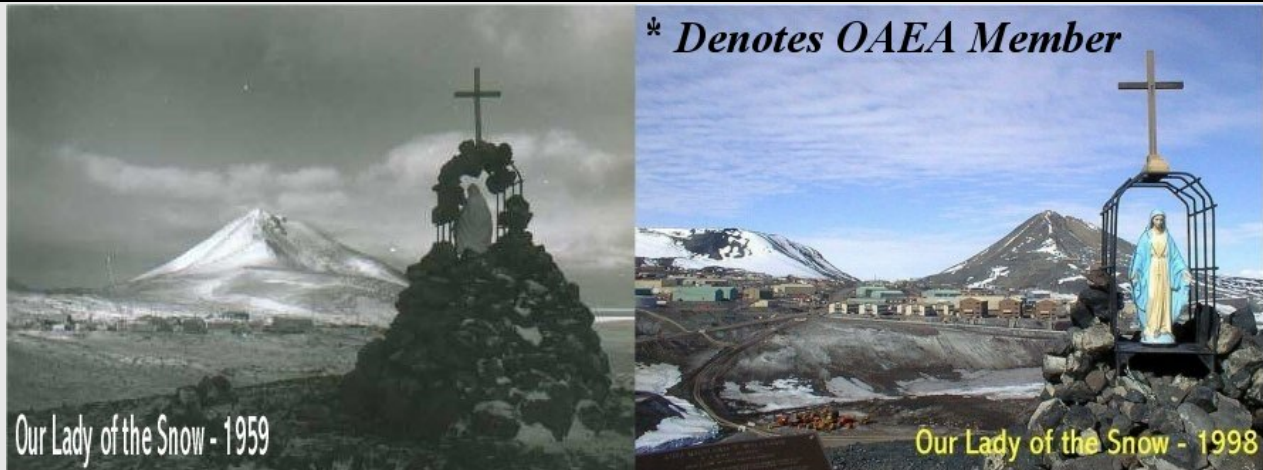
Cliff and Jean Dickey

A note of interest: The House of Eggs is apparently "secure" for the time being. For almost as long as we have been meeting here it was on the block, but when everything was all done, the daughters bought it (if I am to believe that). This place is in a pretty good location, close to being a landmark, and has a great side room to support meetings of up to about 70 people. And it is cheap. For a long time, you could actually get a steak meal for less than 8-dollars. It is more than that now, but still not a wallet buster.

Our next get together will be Saturday, 10 September at 3 PM, at the House Of Eggs Restaurant in Norfolk. If you aren't already on the e-mail distribution for reminders, contact Ed Hamblin, ehamblin74@verizon.net to be added.



The Tidewater "Onlies" less Ed Hamblin



IN MEMORY

OAE James Arness, 88, died on 3 June 2011, in Los Angeles, CA. Arness is best known for his role in the TV series *Gunsmoke* also starred in the first movie adaptation of the novella *Who Goes There* by John Campbell, Jr, published in 1938. The setting for the novella is a scientific camp in Antarctica. The movie that Arness starred in was released in 1951 as *The Thing From Another World*. The movie was remade in 1982 as *The Thing* and was used as a prequel in 2011, also called *The Thing*.

OAE Dwight N. "Bud" Bay, 77, died on 10 June 2011, in Delaware, OH. Bud served on the USS *Glacier*. Year unknown.

OAE Lewis "Chief" Bloesing, USN (Ret), 68, died on 19 June 2011, in Williamsburg, VA. Lewis served on an icebreaker during DF. Year unknown.

OAE William "Bill" Leonard Buckbee Jr., USAF (Ret), 73, died on 7 May 2011, in Big Spring, TX. Bill served in Deep Freeze with the USAF. Unit and date unknown.

*OAE RMC John "JP" Burns, USN (Ret), 76, died on 16 April 2011, in Watertown, MA. JP wintered-over with ASA during DF-63, 67, and 70. Burns Glacier is named in his honor.

OAE David A. Butters, 88, died on 18 April 18, 2011, in San Diego, CA. David, originally from Scotland, served on the whaling ship *Southern Venturer*, during the 50-51, 51-52, and 52-53 austral whaling seasons and circumnavigated the Antarctic continent twice.

OAE James O. Buttram, 82, died on 4 April 2011, in Gadsden, AL. James served during Highjump on the USS *Mount Olympus*.

OAE Alpha McCook Bryant, Jr., USN (Ret), 85, died on 24 May 2011, in Ft. Myers, FL. Alpha wintered-over as a CS1 at Little America V during DF-III

OAE Patricia Chambers (nee Manglicmot), 58, died on 15 June 2011, in San Diego, CA. Patricia worked eight season with the USAP contractor in Human Resources. She married Randall Chambers at the South Pole on 11 February 1985. They may have been the first couple married at the South Pole. Patricia was also Miss Philippines of San Diego County in 1973.

OAE DR Jerrold Corbett, MD, 86, died on 17 April 2011, in Jackson, CA. Jerrold made 14 trips to Antarctica on tourist expeditions serving as the ships doctor.

OAE Jesse D. Cottrell, 83, died on 11 May 2011, in Mansfield, OH. Jesse served during Highjump. Unit unknown.

OAE LTC Paul Kent Coughlin, NYNG, 78, died on 2 May 2011, in Dover, VT. Paul sailed to Antarctica on a yacht.

OAE Robert "Bob" Coyne, USN (Ret), 80, died on 7 June 2011, in Pensacola, FL. Bob served on the USS *Glacier*. Year Unknown.

OAE Benjamin A. DeBaets, 70, died on 23 June 2011, in Elm Creek, NE. Benjamin wintered-over at Byrd Station during DF-62 as an EON3.

OAE Master Chief Daniel Vincent Dempsey, USN (Ret), died on 23 April 2011, in , CA. Danie served in Deep Freeze. Unit and date unknown.

OAE CMSgt John Gerald Doyle, USAF, (Ret), 74, died on 4 June 2011, in Goose Creek, SC. John served in Deep Freeze. Unit and year unknown.

OAE Kenneth Roland Eakright, 76, died on 7 May 2011, in Seattle, WA. Kenneth served in Deep Freeze on a USCG icebreaker.

OAE William R. Farrand, 79, died on 22 March 2011, in Ann Arbor, MI. Bill visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE [CDR Joseph A. Fernald](#), SC USN (Ret), 89, died on 14 June 2011, in Gulfport, MS. Joseph served as a LCDR during DF-I, II, and III on CTF-43 Staff as a Supply Officer

OAE Carl W. Fisher, 92, died on 27 April 2011, in Scottsville, VA. While working for the Bureau of Finance Carl visited Antarctica on an inspection tour during DF-63.

OAE Robert Paul Gram, 68, died on 24 Nay 2011, in Cary, NC. Robert served during DF-61. Unit unknown.

OAE John Vance Griesmer, 72, died on 5 April 2011, in Fairfield, OH. John served as the supply officer on the USS *Edisto* during DF-63.

OAE Raymond Arthur Haag, 82, died on 10 June 2011, in Denver, CO. Ray served on the USS *Currituck* during Highjump.

OAE Charlene Nelson Hennessy Haun, 75, died 17 February 2011, in Washington, NJ. Charlene visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE COL Theodore Randall Hatfield, USAF (Ret), 89, died on 14 May 2011, in Newnan, GA. Theodore served in Deep Freeze with the USAF.

OAE Walter Ernst Hausser, 83, died on 27 February 2011, in Lafayette, CA. Walter visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Robert A. Helliwell, 90, died on 3 May 2011, in Palo Alto, CA. Robert was the program director for the USARP Stanford University VLF program. His first "longwire" experiments commenced at Byrd Station and ran from 1965 through 1970, and at Siple Station from 1970 through 1979. Helliwell Hills in Victoria Land is named in his honor.

OAE Egbert R. Heilman, 91, died on 9 April 2011, in St. Augustine, FL. Egbert visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE LCDR Arthur L. Herr, Jr., USN (Ret), 79, died on 28 June 2011, in Bartlett, TN. Art served in as a pilot and aircraft commander during his 1962–65 first tour in VX-6 and as an LC-130 pilot in his 1972–75 tour in VXE-6. Art served briefly on the OAEA BOD in 2010-11. He was an inducted member of the Explorer's Club and a member of the exclusive British Antarctic Society. Mount Herr is named in is honor.

OAE CAPT Merle Murray Hershey, USN (Ret), died on 22 April 2011, in Virginia Beach, VA. Merle served as a pilot during Highjump.

OAE Earnest R. "Earnie" Highley, USN (Ret), 85, died on 18 May 2011, in Cedar Rapids, IA. Earnie served in Deep Freeze. Unit and year unknown.

OAE William Almon Inglehart, 79, died on 24 April 2011, in Phoenix, AZ. William was an extreme tourist/athlete. On Christmas Day he and his son visited South Pole Station.

OAE Douglas Gordon Irving, JR., 84, died on 19 June 2011, in Sun City, CA. Douglas served during Highjump.

OAE Barclay Kamb 79, died on 21 April 2011, in San Gabriel, Valley, CA. Barclay was a USARP Glaciologist with CALTECH during the 1980s. Kamb Glacier in the Royal Society Range is named in his honor.

OAE Robert Koense Jr., 35, died on 18 April 2011, in Oceanport, NJ. Robert deployed to Antarctica twice with the USAF.

OAE Violet Lanyon, 92, died on 3 October 2010, in Carlsbad, CA. Vi visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Darrel C. Lawson, 78, died on 18 June 2011, in Pocatello, ID. Darrel served on the USS *Curtiss* during DF-II.

OAE CAPT Bainbridge B. Leland, USCG, (Ret), 89, died on 10 June 2011, in Sonoma, CA. Bainbridge was the CO of the USCGC *Burton Island* during DF-68, and 69. Mount Leland is named in his honor.



OAE Ann Gist Levin, 83, died on 9 February 2011, in Ventura, CA. Ann visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Erhard Loretan, 52, died on 28 April 2011, in a climbing accident in Switzerland. Loretan, a mountaineer, died on his 52nd birthday. In 1994 he climbed the highest peak in Antarctica.

OAE Honorable A. Lee McGratty, 70, died on 27 April 2011, in Waynesboro, VA. Lee was the XO of the USS *Durant* during DF-63.

OAE Thomas Wesley Manning, 54, died on 13 April 2011, in Boise, ID. Thomas worked in Antarctica as a USAP contractor.

OAE William "Bill" A. Maranda, 85, died on 11 April 2011, in Pawtucket, RI. Bill served during Highjump. Unit unknown.

OAE Roy Meyer Sr., 82, died on 15 June 2011, in Elmwood Park, NJ. Roy served during Highjump.

OAE Ronald A Muth, 70, died on 2 June 2011, in Catasauqua, PA. Ronald was in the Navy and served in Deep Freeze from 1958-62.

OAE James Nevitt, 76, died on 19 May 2011, in Everett, PA. Jim served in VX-6 during DF-63 and 64

OAE William Everett "Bill" Nickerson, Jr., 65, died on 7 December 2010, in Danvers, MA. Billy visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Robert Charles Perle, 84, died on 31 May 2011, in Toms River, NJ. Robert served on the USS *Burton Island* during Highjump.

OAE Marlene Politzer, 80, died on 5 April 2011, in Broomfield, CO. Marlene succumbed to complications from injuries she sustained during a boating expedition to Antarctica in March.

OAE Sydney W. Porter, 78, died on 23 April 2011, in Ardmore, PA. Sydney was a radiological safety consultant and conducted research at McMurdo during the mid 60s.

OAE COL James Martin Priest, USAF (Ret), 84, died on 9 June 2011, in Springville, UT. James visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Leroy Leonard Sanford, 76, died on 12 May 2011, in Dogie Draw, WY. Leroy was a USARP scientist with the USGS for 18 years. He was a member of the Antarctic Society.

*OAE MSGT Edward J. Silbermann, USMC (Ret), 83, died on 27 May 2011, in Parker, AZ. Edward served in VX-6 during DF-III as a navigator.

OAE Melvin Merl Sisson, 83, died on 6 June 2011, in Port Charlotte, FL. Melvin served in the Coast Guard during Highjump.

OAE Phillip Jonathan "Dr Jon" Stephenson, 81, died on 23 May 2011, in Townsville, North Queensland, AU. Jon served on the BCTAE 1956-58 and crossed the continent with Bunny Fuchs arriving at South Pole Station on 20 January 1958. Jon was the first Australian to stand at the Geographic South Pole. He also served at Heard Island during 1963 with ANARE. Stephenson Bastion is named in his honor.

OAE Edith Jenette Swann, 106, died on 24 April 2011, in Willow Crossing, MA. Edith visited Antarctica with her husband six times on the MV *Lindblad Explorer* when she was in her 70s.

OAE Daniel R. Talpas, 83 died on 19 May 2011, in Strongsville, OH. Daniel served during Highjump on the USS *Philippine Sea*.

OAE John E. Thompson, 84, died on 14 May 2011, in Foley, MN. John served during Highjump. Unit unknown.

OAE Donald Franklin Twigg, 84, died on 30 May 2011, in Keyser, WV. Donald served during Highjump on the USS *Philippine Sea*.

*OAE Robert "Rock" Weyrauch, 83, of Edgewater, FL, died on 7 May 2011, in Robbinsville, NC. Rock served in VX-6 as an AMH1 from DF-60 to DF-62.

OAE Andrea Rene Wickham, 53, died from cancer on 9 April 2011, in Port Aransas, TX. Andi made several deployments to Antarctica as a USAP oceanographic researcher with NOAA.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Denis Casey—OAEA Chaplain

There are three kinds of people in the world or so said Mark Twain. Those who make things happen. Those who watch things happen; and those who have no idea as to what is going on.



Another way of grading would be the “Wills”, the “Wont’s”, and the “Cant’s”. Group A accomplishes everything. Group B oppose everything. And group C fail in everything.

Many of us find ourselves in all three categories at one time or another in our lives. The won’ts or Cant’s are tough areas to be stuck in. The wont’s have a stubborn attitude and outlook that is almost predetermined by their own decisions; change is a no-no, new ideas are almost sacrilegious, and they won’t budge from an adopted position. The Cant’s have already thrown in the towel. Despair is their “buzz” word.

Perhaps a good way to measure how we stack up is the area of forgiveness. Wills say “Christ will give me the strength”. Wont’s say “I’ll never forgive that blankety blank person”. Cant’s say “I just cannot forgive”.

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE SIDELL

20 March 1948 – 8 February 2011

by Zoe Eppley

18 June 2011—My own research in Antarctica, during the 1989 and 1990 Austral summers at Palmer Station, used brute human power to accomplish things. My work consisted of carrying an incubator full of eggs—my entire season’s research—on wobbly sea legs down the gangplank of the RV *Polar Duke* to the lab, or humping automobile batteries in my backpack to power field experiments on remote islands. Whatever the task, I was always a beast of burden. I learned the joy of machine power when I joined Bruce Sidell’s crew. We were studying icefishes—whose blood runs clear due to loss of the oxygen-carrying hemoglobin—and how they adapted to life in the icy waters of the Antarctic.



Zoe Eppley

Bruce was a professor at University of Maine at Orono, who studied cold adaptation in fish. He didn’t start working on Antarctic fishes until 1987, but it was just a matter of time. He had close friends working on Antarctic fishes: Art DeVries at McMurdo discoverer of antifreeze in blood of the Antarctic cod, and Ian Johnston of St. Andrews University, who worked through the British Antarctic Survey, among others. Antarctica is *sine quo non* for physiologists studying cold adaptation. When I met Bruce, he had just started working on the ice. Bruce and I crossed paths at King George Island. The *Polar Duke* was delivering me to catch my flight home, and collecting Bruce to go to Palmer. Four years later I joined Bruce’s team as a post-doc.



Bruce Taking a Break



From Left to Right: Bruce, Unknown Team Member, and Marine Technician Cole Mather Manning the Net



Bruce in His College Days

Working on icefishes was a big change for me. I had been studying cold adaptation in behavior of nesting birds and the physiology of their young—a project that allowed me to entirely miss northern winters for two years as I worked at



Young Sidell Family

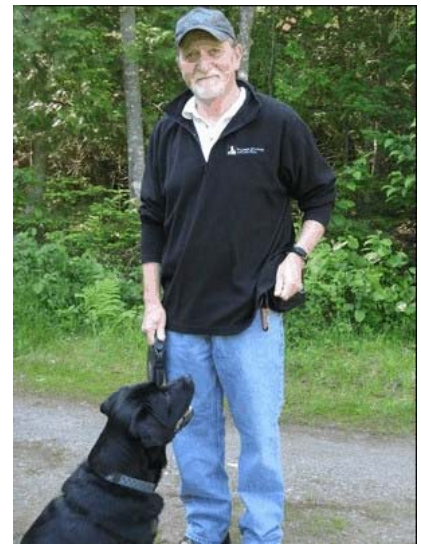
Palmer Station from September to March. I would return north just as the Palmer days started to shorten. Unlike seasonal nesting birds, fish are present year-round, so the fish folks did their research in the off-season, from March to June, and then scooted home to teach classes as the station closed for winter-over. We would leave Maine in March, nearing the end of winter, and journey down to the fading autumn at Palmer. I had traded the glorious 20+ hours of sunlit days of Antarctic summer for rolling in the dark on the icy, wave-washed fantail waiting for the trawl to surface. The other big difference, as I mentioned, was the mechanization. Bruce truly had logistics down. We sent our gear down in 8-foot square grey plastic shipping containers, some of which were used as mobile fish aquaria. These would be swung off the ship with the crane and moved by fork truck. Nearly the only things we'd have to carry were our personal bags.

Bruce studied Antarctic fishes for 25 years, how their muscles functioned in the cold, and how oxygen moved in their tissues despite the loss of hemoglobin. In the group of Antarctic fishes he studied, the Notothenioids, some species had hemoglobin in their blood and some, the icefishes,

lacked it. Some of the icefishes also lacked myoglobin, which carries oxygen within cells. He used fishes with and without these pigments as natural experiments to work out their importance for the function of the heart, muscles, and retinas, and how blood perfusion was controlled. He found that the icefish muscle cells contained densely packed mitochondria, just under the surface. The fatty membranes of the mitochondria were a conduit along which oxygen passed to the depths of the cell. He showed how the loss of these respiratory pigments, hemoglobin in the blood and myoglobin in the cells, truly was a metabolic hit that limited their ability for sustained activity, and caused the structure of their tissues to evolve to compensate.

These fishes could only survive in the cold, oxygen-saturated waters of the Antarctic, where sea temperatures range around 0°C.

As Bruce used to say, if your prey is near frozen and your predators are warm-blooded, it probably doesn't matter how fast you can swim. In collaboration with molecular biologist Mike Vayda and his team, we identified the genetic changes that caused the loss of these pigments and traced the evolution of these changes and compensations within the Notothenioids. After I



Bruce and Barnum

I left, Bruce went on to study the regulation of blood formation by nitrous oxide signaling, again using white-blooded versus red-blooded fishes as a natural experiment. His research is summarized in the article "When Bad Things Happen to Good Fish", by Bruce and Kristin O'Brien [www.life.illinois.edu/ib/426/handouts/Sidell & O'Brien JE B2006.pdf](http://www.life.illinois.edu/ib/426/handouts/Sidell_%20O'Brien_JE_B2006.pdf). Bruce got to be a bit of a celebrity, logging videos to the Gulf of Maine Aquarium. He also gave an interview to Oprah from the ice!

Bruce was a kind man and a careful scientist. He was a stoic man who made ends meet during graduate school by selling blood and being a paid human subject in medical experiments. He had a wicked dry wit and loved IPA beer. Things that brought him great joy were his serial Labrador Retrievers, the house he built on the Penobscot River with his wife, Mary, and seeing his daughters married and six grandchildren born. He died of pancreatic cancer last February, at the age of 63, but not before he built the School of Marine Sciences at UMO. He lived a good life. I learned much from Bruce besides logistics and the advantages of mechanization.

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

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

Thanks to Al Synowicz, George Parker, Jim Heffel, Ken Waldron, Lennie Bourgeoise, Gus Shinn, and Bill Bushall 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 or 850 456 3556.

*Denotes Associate Member
§Denotes Upgrade to Life Member
ΦDenotes Upgrade to Regular Member

Agresti, Michael LCDR	Life	NSFA 78-80
Alstott, Jane AT2	Life	VXE-6 89-94
Applegate, Carol EO1	Life	NSFA SS 86-89
Aucoin, Joseph ABHCS	Annual	NSFA SS 71-76/80-84
Clay, Paul ABH1	Life	VX-6 64-68
Crawford, John ET1	Life	NSFA WO DF-73
Frank, William ABF3	Life	VX-6 DF-64 & 65
Garcia, Jose HTC	Life	USS <i>Mills</i> DF-65, WO McM DF-70
Gority, Raymond E2	Life	USAF DF-I
Hand, Ernest LT	Life	VX-6 DF-62 & 63
Hoffman, Dennis CIV	Life	USAP RPSC MCM 85-95/97/99-01/03-06
Kauffman, Albert AG1	Annual	NSFA 93-96
Kiel-Stanton, Erma NOK	§Life	Sister of Max Kiel
Lahtinin, Peter ADJ2	Life	VXE-6 71-73
Luzadder, Jerry EO1	Life	ASA WO DF-90
Mikel, Harry UT3	Life	ASA DF-70 WO McM
Nason, Norman SW1	Life	MCB(Special) DF-I
Nelson, Grant LTC USA	Life	NSFA Term Ops CHCH 69-72
Orr, Francis LT	Life	VX-6 64-67
Parr, Joe CIV	Commen	USARP (H&N), WO South Pole DF-75 & Palmer DF-78
Poorman, Dean ADCS	Commem	VX-6 Det WO DF-67
Rommel, Darrell RM3	Life	ASA McM WO DF-70
Richards, Burke RM2	Life	ASA WO DF-68
Schultz, Donald BU3	Annual	MCB-6 66
Shinn, Dianne, CIV	*Life	Daughter of Gus
Skillicorn, Richard UT2	Life	MCB(Special) DF-I LA V SS
Spartks, Robert LT	Life	OIC Wilkes Sta DF-III
Waara, Russell AE2	Life	VX-6 Det McM 61-62
Weaver, Stanley WT3	Life	USS <i>Yancey</i> Highjump
Whiting, Roger RM3	Life	ASA DF-68 WO
Wilson, Marvin, Jr CIV	Annual	Son of Marvin Wilson USS <i>Wyandot</i> DF-I
Wood, Vernon YN1	Life	VX-6 Det Alfa WO DF-63 & 67
Wright, Tom ICCS (SS)	Life	ASA WO DF-67
Yarbrough, Leonard CIV	Life	USARP Plateau 65- 66, Palmer 67-68

REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

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

USS *Atka* (AGB-3): Philadelphia, PA, 12-15 May 2011. POC Carl Brown, 616 308 4846, browncarione@aol.com. USS *Atka* served during DF-II, III, 60, 62, 64, and 66.

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 *Cacapon* (AO-52). Bloomington, MN, 14-18 Sep 2011. POC Bill McReaken, 952 809 0102, cacapon@q.com. USS *Cacapon* served during Highjump.

USS *Curtiss* (AV-4). Washington, DC, 7-10 Sep 2011. POC Bruce Snider, bruceusscurtissav4@rgv.rr.com, 956 423 3314. The USS *Curtiss* served during DF-II.

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.

USS *Wyandot* (AKA 92). New London, CT, 17-21 Sep 2011. POC Fred Gladstone, fvgladstone@yahoo.com, 508 942 4077. The USS *Wyandot* served during DF-I, thru DF-IV and DF-64, thru DF-72

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.

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

USS *Sennet* (SS-408): Galveston, TX, 9-12 October 2011. POC John McMichael, 409 770 3106, RR 8, Box 10, Galveston, TX 77554, or macm@airmail.net. The *Sennet* served during Highjump.

USS *Yancey* (AKA-93): New Orleans, LA, 6-9 Oct 2011. POC George Clifton, clifs@ameritech.net, 708 425 8531. The USS *Yancey* served during Highjump.

OAEA: San Diego, CA, 24-27 Oct 2012. POC Jim Maddox, 661 945 0469 or jmadflynav@aol.com.



OAE LOCATOR

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• John Barell (USS *Glacier* 63-64) is working on a book project called *Antarctic Dreams—Life Lessons From The Southern Continent*. He would like to hear from veterans of Antarctic voyages and deployments who can share how these experiences have affected their outlook on life at work, in school, with family, raising children/grandchildren, recreation, religion, philosophy, and setting new destinations in life. Any contributions and/or illustrative stories would be greatly appreciated. John can be contacted by email at jbarell@nyc.rr.com, or by telephone at 212 744 5892. Those with Internet access can view his blog at <http://antarcticdreams.com>.

• Marvin Wilson, Jr. is looking for photos of his dad SFC Marvin Wilson who served on the USS *Wyandot* during DF-I. Marvin Jr. can be contacted at: 757 497 9556, jaybird6566@verizon.net, or 4928 Broad St. VA. Beach, VA 23462.



**Chief Wilson From the
USS *Wyandot* Cruise Book**

• Arthur Alt would like to hear from anyone, especially the scientists, who served with his grandfather Jean Alt at Little America V during DF-III. Arthur can be reached at: alt.arthur@hotmail.fr, or 31 Rue des Anglais, 62930 Wimereux, France.

• Burke Richards is looking for RM2 Charles Kruk and RM1 James "Joe" Winch. Joe who was the teletypewriter repairman. Both of them wintered with Burke during DF-68. Burke can be contacted at: 40195 Waha Glen Lewiston ID 83501, or forestelk@cpcinternet.com.

• SK1 Jimmy Woods is looking for anyone who knows what happened to the little black dog that was left at McMurdo after DF-64. Jimmy can be contacted at: jwoods5283@aol.com, or 2623 Peniel Rd., Timmons ville, SC 19161.

• CMC Guy Lance, is looking for EOC James R. McCollough. Guy and James wintered-over together during DF-70. Guy can be contacted at 931 583 2179 or PO Box 83, Duck River, TN 38454

• Jim Mann is looking for anyone who wintered-over with VX-6 at McMurdo During DF-III (1957-58). Jim can be contacted at: jimmymann@bellsouth.net, 912-367-2294, or 500 Johns Lane SW, Baxley, GA 31513

• Richard Pillsbury is looking for anyone who wintered with him at Byrd Station during DF-70. Richard can be reached at: richardp1946@yahoo.com, or 9824 Bonnie Vista Dr La Mesa CA 91941-6900

GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



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

Glacier Ice — Any ice in, or originating from a glacier, whether on land or floating in the sea. French equivalent: *Glace de glacier*.

Iceberg — A large mass of floating or stranded ice. of greatly varying shape which has broken away from a glacier. German equivalent: *Eisberg*.

Outlet Glacier — A valley glacier which drains an inland ice sheet or ice cap and flows through a gap in peripheral mountains. French equivalent: *Langue glaciaire externe*.

Unbreakable Crust — A hard snow surface lying on a softer layer. Crust may be formed by the sun, rain, or wind, and is described as unbreakable crust if it will not break under the weight of a turning skier. German equivalent: *Harsch*.

Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

Saturday 02 April 2011 OAEA GCG Chapter Meeting

—26 members and guests showed up for our monthly meeting at the Shrimp Basket Restaurant in Warrington. We didn't have scheduled guest speakers, but new member Oniel Bourdreaux volunteered to relate his experience of flying a Russian MIG aircraft in 1979. And long time member Ed Feeney said a few words about one of his lesser-known Antarctic Experiences.



There I was at 20,000 Feet . . .

The meeting broke up early, but not before we held our 50/50 Raffle and Door Prize drawings. As usual Pam Landy circulated and sold 50/50 tickets and distributed the door prize tickets. She asked our head waitress, Sarah, to draw the tickets. The 50/50 Raffle consisting of \$55 was won by Oniel Boudreaux and he donated \$25 back to the kitty. The door prize consisting of a bottle of Ass in Antarctica Hot Sauce and a \$25 Shrimp Basket gift certificate was won by Helen Bourgeois. Jody Livesay donated the door prize.

Following the drawings the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on 7 May.

Thanks for everyone who helped make the meeting a success and special thanks to Pam for conducting the raffle and door prize drawings. Also a special thanks to Lennie Bourgeois for taking the meeting photos and to Jody Livesay for donating the door prizes.



Helen's Door Prize & Helen



Gus Shinn and Ed Feeney Two Old VX-6 Pilots Listen to Neal Tell His Story About Flying a Russian Jet

Pensacola, Florida 7 May 2011—Only 22 members, two guests, two out-of-town OAEA members; Buz and Sam Dryfoose showed up for May's OAEA GCG Chapter meeting. Several regulars were conspicuous by their absence and this included the Emmons and the Blackwelders. The Dryfooses were in town attending the Flying Midshipman reunion. Buz said that because of declining members this might be the last reunion.



Buz and Sam Dryfoose

By 12 noon it looked like everyone who was coming had arrived and after finished her lunch Palm Landy assisted by Helen Bourgeois started selling 50/50 tickets and distributing the door prize tickets.

We held the drawings before the guest speakers in order to give late arrivals extra time. Ella Hoffmaster was asked to draw the winning tickets. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gus Shinn who took home \$35 as his share of the raffle. The door prizes consisting of a copy of the book *South to the Pole* and a South Pole Station patch was won by Bill Fazio.



Our Chapter President was absent, so Les Liptak introduced Phil Duryea the first guest speaker. Phil spoke about the volunteer program at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. He had quite a repertoire of interesting stories about the aircraft on display at the museum. He discussed the new Hangar Bay One and the planes on display in the new facility. Those aircraft include *Que Sera Sera* and the *Truculent Turtle*. He also described the new Flight Academy, which was recently dedicated. Not all of the stories told by Phil were of a serious nature. He told a good yarn about Captain Rasumussen, museum director, who was a former Blue Angel pilot.



Guest Speaker Phil Duryea Introduced by Lester Liptak

Following Phil's presentation I called on Suzy Hutchinson to tell us about her April trip to the New York Explorers Club to attend a family gathering and a ceremony to honor her uncle Hugo Neuberger. (See the Jan-Mar *Gazette*). Following a brief presentation Suzy passed around some photos, letters, email, and other items related to the ceremony honoring her uncle and his funeral.



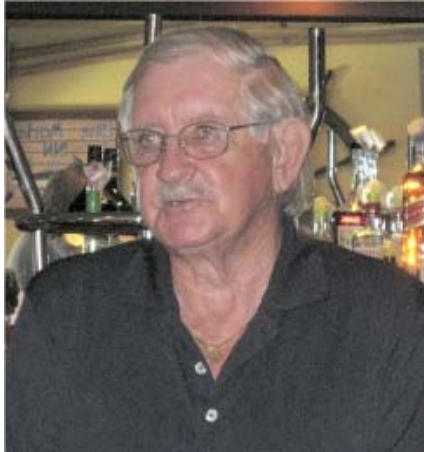
Suzi Hutchinson Holding up one of the Photos to illustrate her Presentation

There being no further business the meeting was concluded. The next meeting of the OAEA GCG Chapter meeting will be at the Shrimp Basket on 4 June.

Thanks to Pam and Helen for conducting the raffle and the door prize drawings. Thanks for our guest speakers and to Lennie Bourgeois and Mary Lou Platt for taking photos of the meeting.

Pensacola, Florida 4 June 2011—What started out as a hot and humid morning for our monthly meeting ended up as a hot and humid afternoon in Pensacola. Thirty-three members and guests were in attendance. The muster sheet revealed that Don Stringer was making his first appearance since the April 2010 meeting. Don said that he had spent the past year out-of-state. Out of town member George Soulia was also in attendance.

After Pam finished her lunch she worked her way through the room selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Pam recruited Raine Talbert to pass out the door prize tickets.



George Soulia Visiting Pensacola From North Port Florida

GCG President Duck Talbert introduced George Soulia and asked him to provide us with his Antarctic Experience. George was a weather guesser and served in the USS *Edisto* during DF-IV and was the ASA Det Charlie Assistant OIC from July 1978 through July 1971.

Following George's dissertation Duck introduced Brian Hoffmaster as the guest speaker who would tell us about the VXE-6 Reunion. However Duck got the wrong man and he should have introduced John Jaenisch who attended the reunion and was also the auctioneer at the reunion (see VXE-6 reunion story on page of this issue). John said that the reunion was a great success and that the squadron veterans are talking about having another reunion several years in the future in Las Vegas. He also said that squadron personnel from all years of Deep Freeze were present. John had a spiral bound reunion booklet, featuring text and photographs depicting VX-6/VXE-6 history that he passed around to anyone who was interested. Duck Talbert was the next speaker and he told us about the Navy Nuclear Power Unit reunion that was held in Branson MO. Duck said that reps from the Atomic Energy Commission and Martin



John Jaenisch talks about VXE-6 Reunion

Marietta were present. The main guest speaker was Phil Smith who was a US Army Lt and was on the Army-Navy Traverse during DF-II from Little America V to Marie Byrd Land for the purpose of establishing Byrd Station. He later served as the USARP Rep on the ice and was the NSF Office of Polar Programs Deputy Director. Between 1956 and 1971 Phil made numerous trips to the ice.



Duck Talks About Nukes



Trivet Door Prize and Trivet Winner Janette Norris

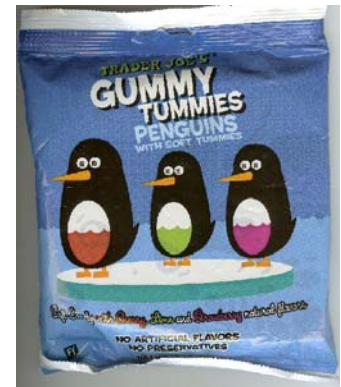
Following the presentations the Bar Tender was asked to draw the 50/50 ticket and the door prize ticket. Paul Dickson won the 50/50 raffle and Paul took home \$64 as his share, or maybe it was Judy who pocketed the money. Janette Norris won the door prize, consisting of a ceramic penguin trivet. Karen Nightengale who was not present donated the trivet.

LHJ donated a package of Gummie Penguins for a door prize, but Billy-Ace claimed them and took them home to add to his Antarctic memorabilia collection.

Following the drawings there was no further business, so the meeting was adjourned. Thanks to Pam for selling the raffle tickets and to Raine for distributing the door prize tickets. And last, but not least, thanks for Lennie for taking the meeting photos.



Paul Dickson 50/50 Winner



LHJs Donation

New England Chapter Summer 2011 Meeting

*By Marty Diller,
New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer*

Chapter President Fred Santino has recently spent a lot of time searching for meeting sites in Massachusetts and northern New England that meet our needs, and Tweed's Pub in Worcester, MA, fit the bill for the 25 June OAEA-NE meeting. Worcester is centrally located in southern New England, and 40 members and guests were able to attend. The Chapter's summer meetings average 44 attendees, but statistically, this meeting had the lowest-ever member attendance ratio—15.5 percent (27 out of 174 New England members). The previous low member attendance ratio was 20.1 percent in October 2007 for a meeting in Brunswick, Maine. The Chapter's spring meetings average 66 attendees.



Nick & Mary Pellegrino, Jack Jennings, and Howard Hanson



Herschel Smith Ships Serviceman First Class Operation Highjump sports his enlisted man's dress blue "crackerjack" uniform with USS Philippine Sea (CV-47) ball cap. "CB" Bevilacqua is seated on the left.

Featured Presentation

Recent media attention on reported leaks in the McMurdo Station PM-3A nuclear power plant during its operation from 1962–72 has continued to keep the Chapter's attention. The two latest videos of the Cleveland ABC-TV affiliate "5 On Your Side" reporting and interviews by journalist Ron Regan were shown to the meeting attendees. Meanwhile, as decided at the previous meeting, the Chapter mailed letters to all New England congressional delegations urging them to support requests by Ohio's Senator Sherrod Brown and the DAV organization for the DOD and Veterans Administration to investigate the possibility that radiation exposure from the leaking PM-3A may have caused cancer in personnel who served at McMurdo. Also, the Chapter sent sample letters to our members for their use in personally contacting their representatives on this issue.

Chapter Business

Fred Santino announced his plan to establish a link to the Chapter website on MeetUp.com, an online network of local groups. MeetUp's purpose is to make it easy for anyone to organize a local group or find one of the thousands already



(L to R) Mike Walsh's brother George, Jeannine & Bob Rainville, Roy Roberts, and Mike Walsh.

meeting up face-to-face on the Internet. MeetUp is also accessible via Facebook, and it is expected that creation of an OAEA-NE "group" online will increase awareness of both the OAEA and the Chapter. Also, attendees approved a proposal by Charlie 'CB' Bevilacqua to purchase a New Zealand flag for display at Chapter meetings, along with the U.S. and POW/MIA flags that are currently displayed.

Fundraising

Raffle winners included: Irene Cowan, Bob Epperly, Quentin Risher (each won set of four Norman Rockwell coffee mugs & Dunkin Donuts \$5 gift card), Howard Hanson (Antarctic books *The Longest Winter* and *March of the Penguins*), Jim

Kelly (both book and DVD *March of the Penguins*), Dick Kopplin (Antarctic book *The Longest Winter*), Nick Pellegrino (DVD *50 Years of USAF Airlift in Antarctica (1956-2006)*), Maggee Richards (24"X20" penguin lithograph), Tony Richards (matted NYANG ski-Herk poster), Quentin Risher (NYANG ski-Herk poster), and Mike Walsh (Thomas Kincaid coffee mug & trivet set).

Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm on Saturday 24 September 2011, at the *Bull N'Claw* restaurant in Wells, Maine.



(L to R) Mac & Nancy McKenna, Jessie McGuire and Jim Kelly, Sandra & Bob Epperly, Dot & Quentin Risher.

OAEA Southwest Group Meeting

By Billy-Ace

The OAEA Southwest group held their meeting on 14 May, in Laguna Hills, CA, but due to the group president, Jim Maddox, undergoing knee surgery, and the group secretary Val Johnston attending training there was no formal meeting.

By separate action Bob Gaboury was appointed as the OAEA Assistant Treasurer. Cy Buehler reported that the Bank of America in Laguna Hills insisted that Bob appear in person with Cy to sign the appropriate documents. Bob and Cy went to the bank to get the job done before the meeting. Bob and Cy were discussing their tours in Antarctica. The bank rep with a straight face inquired, what city is that close to? Bob and Cy both felt they could not improve his geography any by telling him: Ushuaia.

Another bit of news was that Ken Stein resigned as the OAEA 2012 Reunion Committee Chairman for personal reasons. Ken is moving to Thailand and will only be in San Diego for about two months each year.

The next Southwest Group lunch/meeting will be on 17 September in the Camarillo/Oxnard CA area. Anyone who would like to join them is cordially invited. Please contact Jim Maddox at 661-945-0469 or jmaddflynav@aol.com.



Attendees (left to right/standing): Cy Buehler, Jim Eblen, Ralph Saukko, Richard Pillsbury, and Bob Gaboury (seated) Linda Gaboury Ruth Eblen, and Mille Buehler