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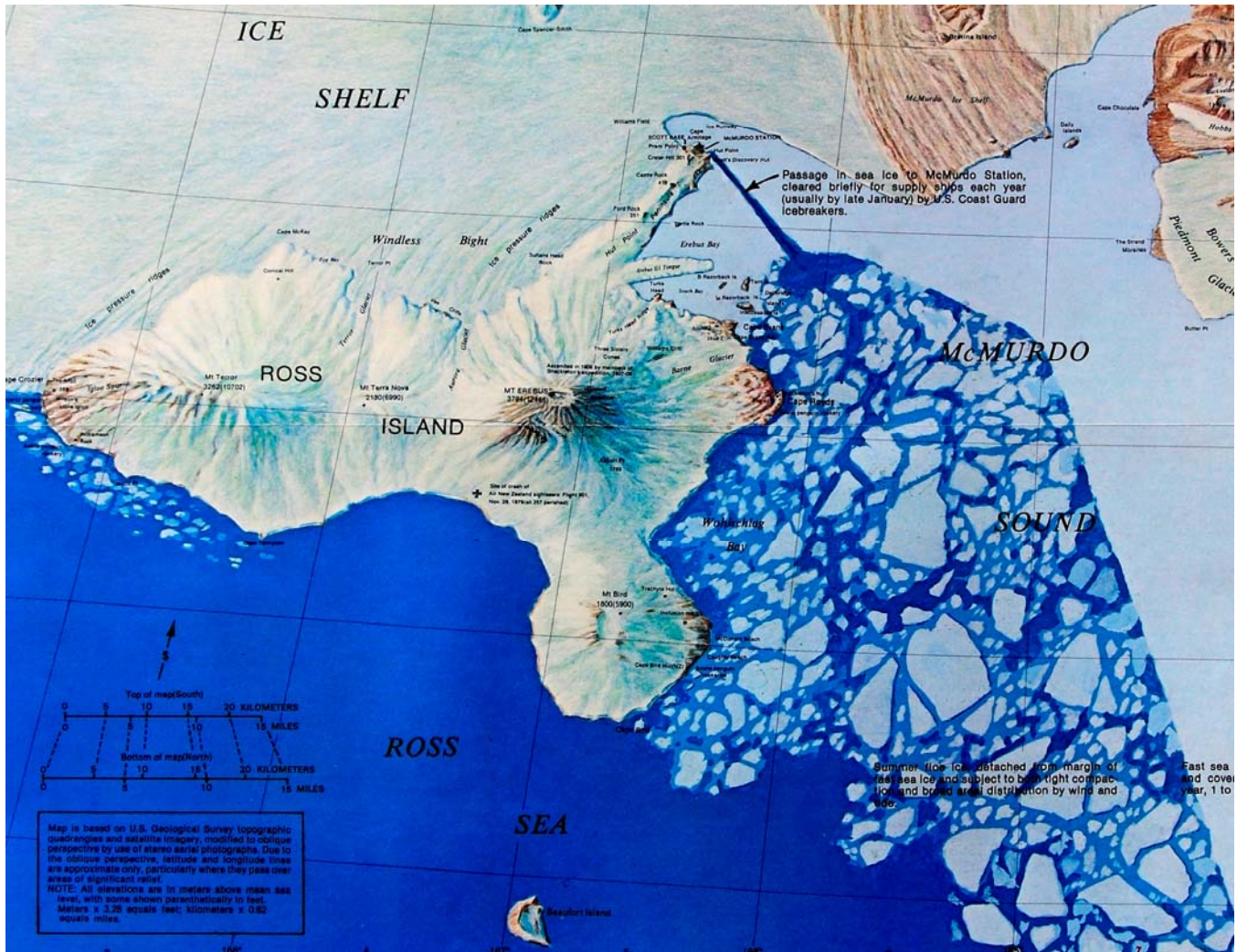
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Dee Molenaar McMurdo Area Map Detail

Mountaineer Reunion Brings Back Memories of the Ice

By Bill Lokey

Some of the highlights of my life took place in Antarctica. I learned to climb mountains and developed skills in polar logistics on the Ice fields of SE Alaska. When I graduated from college with my degree in Art, I sought a life of high adventure with the support contractor to USARP and headed for McMurdo Station as



Bill Lokey

the Berg Field Center Manager in the fall of 1969. Over the next six years, I made four trips to the Ice: winter-over in DF-70 at McMurdo, Assistant Station Science Leader at Byrd Station in DF-72, winter-over again at McMurdo in DF 74 and then back to winter-over as Station Manager at Palmer Station in DF 75.

See: **LOKEY** on page 4.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

James "Jim Da Retired Cop" Heffel—OAEA President

TO ALL OAEs—As 2011 comes to a close, I hope that everyone had a happy holiday season and that everyone returned home safely from wherever your travels took you.

At the 2010 OAEA Reunion in San Antonio, TX the 2012 reunion committee announced that the dates for the reunion would be 24–27 October. These dates were subsequently published in the *2010 Reunion Memory Book* and in the *Gazette* Reunion Column. However, the reunion committee chairman Jim Maddox, has informed me that the dates have been changed to 28–30 November 2012. It is regretted that the dates had to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. But mark your calendars now and plan on attending. More information on this gala event will be forthcoming in a special reunion edition of the *Explorer's Gazette* that will be published in early 2012.

Membership growth is always a challenge. I would like to personally challenge each of you to recruit a new member. The best way to do this is to contact the OAEA Membership Chairman Billy-Ace Baker and provide him with the name and contact information (if available) of the person you wish to recruit. You will receive credit in the New Member section of the *Gazette* even if the person you nominate does not join. Current membership statistics are listed on the Editorial page in this issue.

In 2012 the OAEA will be holding an election to fill the offices of President, Vice President, and two Directors. Self-nomination forms soliciting volunteers to fill these positions will be sent out by the Election Committee Chairman after the first of the year. If you are a Regular Member in good standing please consider volunteering to serve as an officer in the OAEA.

To all those who have lost loved ones, please accept my sincere condolences. My prayers are with you. To those under the weather, I wish you a speedy recovery.

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:

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Jim Heffel
OAEA President



GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES

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

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OAEA Membership Committee Report

Editorial by Billy-Ace Baker

When Dave Bresnahan was elected as an OAEA Director he volunteered to assist me on the Membership Committee. In this capacity he sent me names and email addresses of 150 science personnel. I was able to obtain postal addresses of 100 of those I contacted and subsequently sent them OAEA info packages. I have not tracked how many of them joined. As a spin-off one of the referrals from Dave, Kathy Licht, sent a list of 10 people that she referred for membership.

After Dave sent me his contacts from the scientific community he moved from the DC area to Colorado and has not yet commenced sending me the names and contact info for the support personnel that he knows. Hopefully he will resume sending me his lists, as they have been very helpful in recruiting potential members.

Membership totals for 2010 and 2011:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
60	56 Annual Members
62	62 Memorial Members
57	62 Commemorative Members
1238	1337 Life Members
149	179 Deceased

There are also 223 Annual Members who have expired dues. Some of these may also be deceased.

The total membership for all categories is: 1919

I am currently sending out an average of three OAEA info packages per day. Ed Hamblin, the OAEA Database Manager, processes the paperwork for an average of one new member every three days. He has noted that most of the new members live in California or Florida

Explorer's Gazette Expenses

When I took over the printing and mailing of the Explorer's Gazette there were over 600 members who were receiving copies by US Mail. See the Editorial Column in the Jan-Mar 2009 Gazette for full details.

We are currently mailing the Explorer's Gazette to 200 members who either do NOT have access to the Internet or who have made a substantial donation for the Gazette printing and mailing expenses. Thirty-two of the mail recipients have made donations ranging from \$10 to \$100. Some of these donations were made several years ago so the total amount of the donations does not cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Printing and mailing of 200 copies, including the cost of the labels and envelopes, comes to a total of \$813.10 for each issue, or over \$3200 for one year. This comes to around \$4.07 per copy, or about \$16.28 per year for each person. There are also seven copies that are mailed overseas that cost more, but I didn't factor that in. The overseas mailings can't use the bulk mail permit, so they have to be hand massaged.



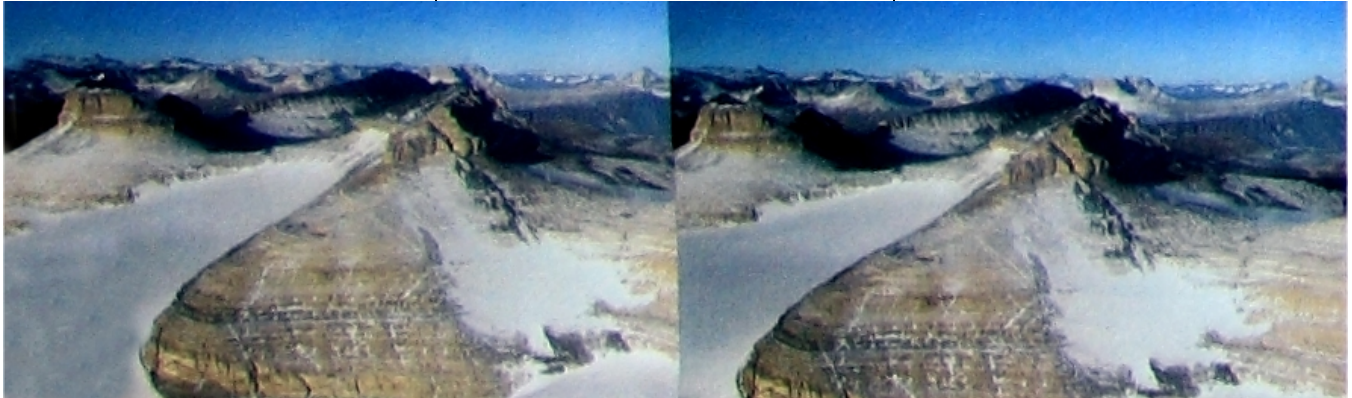
LOKEY

From page 1

During the long winters, I spent a great deal of time reading about Antarctic history. One of my heroes of the early explorers was Dr. Edward Wilson, a friend of Robert Falcon Scott who perished with Scott on their return from the South Pole in 1912. I especially enjoyed the watercolor

of Polar Programs and recommended Dee be selected as part of their Artists on the Ice program. Dee went to the Ice in 1980 and did a number of paintings which have been put together in a beautiful presentation *McMurdo Sound Area, Antarctica: Historical and Scientific Gateway to the Frozen Continent*.

geologic and climatic settings, plant, animal, fish, and bird life—and the scientific research being carried out “Down Under,” along with a description of the points of interest on Ross Island and in the McMurdo Station-Scott Base complex. This is an excellent wall chart for the geography and earth sciences classrooms and for



The “3-D” stereo photos above present a view northward over the western Asgard Range, with the Olympus Range beyond. The near peak is Mount Sutherland, which is composed of the buff-colored Beacon Sandstone, with a summit formed of a sill of the dark Ferrar Dolerite. Beyond is Oliver Peak, also capped by dolerite. The stereo effect can be achieved by optically separating the two photos with a sheet of cardboard held vertically between them. The left and right eyes then see only their respective views, and the brain converts these to a single, three-dimensional view. The photos must be evenly lighted for each to contribute equally to the effect.

paintings Wilson did on his expeditions with Scott to Antarctica.

During the years that I worked in Antarctica, when I was not on the Ice, I continued to work in Alaska and to climb mountains. I got to know Dee Molenaar, a famous mountaineer in the Northwest who was also



Dee and Bill

an artist. Dee guided on Mt. Rainier in the 1940's and was a member of the American Expedition to K2 in 1953. He is known in the Northwest for both his mountaineering accomplishments and his paintings of mountain scenes and maps.

Dee's watercolor's reminded me a great deal of the works of Dr. Edward Wilson. I worked with the NSF Office

Dee and I have continued our friendship and as fellow alpinists and also Life Members of the OAEA, got together this fall for a few beers, reliving old adventures and telling of tall tales. At 94 he is still quite active.

I wanted to share this with the readers of the *Gazette* who might not be aware of the artwork that Dee created on his trip to the Ice over 30 years ago. To take a closer look at the McMurdo Area Map on Dee's website click here: [Dee's McMurdo Area Map](#)

MAP DETAILS

Oriented to “looking south” into the continent (with south at top of map), the 24"X36" map is a product of Dee's NSF-supported visit to Antarctica in 1980, along with subsequent detailed research. The map margin includes several paintings of areas of scenic, geologic, and historic interest, and a text and illustrations on the sheets' backside provide an introductory overview of Antarctica and the McMurdo area—the human history,

those fascinated by the Polar Regions and their historic explorations.



Mount Erebus by Edward Wilson



Mount Erebus by Dee Molenaar

ANTARCTICA AN ENCYCLOPEDIA

By Laura Snow

BOOK REVIEW

Antarctica: an Encyclopedia, John Stewart, McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers, West Jefferson, NC, 2011, 1771 pages, two volumes, \$495.

When John Stewart began writing the second edition of his *Antarctica: An Encyclopedia*, he had no idea that he would spend four and a half years on the task. Two volumes containing 1771 pages, weighing eleven pounds, was the result.

Among Stewart's sources are hundreds of interviews, diaries, archival material, government documents, and old newspapers, all of which were in several different languages. In many instances Stewart's prodigious research uncovered previously untapped material.

All Antarctic geographical features are listed up to February 2011. Location, physical aspects, and its name in each of the languages of the nations that recognize it describe each feature. In most cases an explanation of the honoree is provided. In hundreds of instances, where no one knew why a feature was named, Stewart was able to discover the source of the name.

All expeditions are listed up to the time of writing and are listed under E for Expeditions. Additionally, each expedition has its own entry, usually laid out in a detailed chronology.

The book contains thousands of biographies of those who went to Antarctica before World War II. Among the thousands of biographical entries found are those of explorers, ships' crews, scientists, whalers, and so forth.

One of the groundbreaking aspects of the book relates to the Falkland Islands Dependency Survey (FIDS). There is a complete list of FIDS. Most are biographed and each FIDS station has a detailed entry.

Hundreds of post-World War II biographies cover explorers, scientists, Navy personnel, and other support personnel. The Seabees are covered in detail, particularly those who built the South Pole Station. Each of these has a personal biography.

Included in the thousands of entries are topics, such as Distinguished Visitors, Deaths, Dogs, Cats, Women in Antarctica, Blacks in Antarctica, Suicides, Food, Sledges, Chickens, and more.

The book contains too many topics to describe here.

John Stewart's *Antarctica: An Encyclopedia* is THE book to add to one's collection. No one has previously written

anything about Antarctica that comes close to the scholarship and presentation in these two volumes.



Author John Stewart at a Party Celebrating the Publication of his book Broadway Musicals

Other books by John Stewart and year of publication:

Encyclopedia of Australian Film, 1984

African States and Rulers, 1988

Antarctica: An Encyclopedia, 1991

Moons of the Solar System, 1992

Italian Film, 1994

The British Empire, 1996

The Harveys of Liverpool, 1998

African States and Rulers (2nd ed), 1998

Broadway Musicals, 2005

Confederate Spies at Large, 2006

African States and Rulers (3rd ed), 2006

Byron and the Websters, 2007

Antarctica An Encyclopedia (2nd ed), 2011

The Acrobat, 2012

Italian Film (2nd ed), 2012

Editor's Note: Autographed copies of Antarctic An Encyclopedia may be ordered from Gayle Winston, at the River House at: riverhouse@skybest.com, or 336 982 2109. Gayle will be stocking the book, and John will inscribe it, something you won't get if you buy it elsewhere.



First Edition and Second Edition Side-by-Side in Billy-Ace's Library



A BRIEF HISTORY OF ANTARCTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, DETACHEMENT CHARLIE

By Bruce DeWald

Editor's Note: The previously unpublished press release below was written in the Austral Summer of 1974 by the then LTJG Bruce DeWald USN, Naval Aviation Observer (Weather), Assistant OIC of Naval Support Force Antarctica (NSFA) Det. Charlie. The text has been edited to change the narration from the present to the past tense.



AG1 Bruce De Wald DF-63 LCDR Bruce DeWald 1981

GOOD BYE DET CHARLIE, BUT THE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE GOES ON AS: Meteorological Division, Operations Department, Commander, Naval Support Force, Antarctica (CNSFA).

Operation Deep Freeze commenced in 1955, to support the International Geophysical Year (IGY). U.S. Navy meteorological support—including meteorological officers and enlisted Aerographer's Mates (AGs)—started with the formation of Operation Deep Freeze I, and continued until the disestablishment of NSFA in 1998.

When it all started in early 1955, there were Navy meteorological personnel assigned to CNSFA, staff in Washington DC; Antarctic Support Activities (ASA) and Mobile Construction Battalion (MCB) (Special) at Davisville, RI; and Air Development Squadron Six (VX-6), established at NAS Patuxent River, MD, then moved to NAS Quonset Point RI. There were also meteorological personnel assigned to Winter-Over parties, Detachment Alfa at McMurdo Station and, varying year by year, at several other U.S. Antarctic stations.

The first major meteorological reorganization occurred on 22 August 1962, when CNSFA Detachment Three, was established, co-located with the (then) Naval Weather Research Facility aboard NAS Norfolk, VA. Meteorological Officers and AGs from CNSFA (less two meteorological officers and one AG1 who stayed on the staff in DC) and ASA filled out Detachment Three. The VX-6 AG billets were absorbed into Detachment Three in 1963. One of the

primary functions of Detachment Three was homeport meteorological training, including an Antarctic Weather School that trained all newly assigned meteorology officers and AGs prior to their next deployment.



AG2 Robert Schafer Operating the GMD Recorder Working the Upper Air Winds

On 01 July 1965, Detachment Three became Detachment Charlie.

On 01 July 1972, the billet for CNSFA was changed from Rear Admiral to Captain and the staff was downsized and relocated to Davisville RI, where Commander Antarctic Support Activities (CASA) assumed the title of CNSFA. The Officer in Charge of Detachment Charlie became the Staff Meteorologist and the former Assistant Staff Meteorologist went to Davisville as the meteorological liaison between Detachment Charlie and the Commander during the non-deployed period.

On 01 July 1974, Detachment Charlie was disestablished and all meteorological functions were absorbed into CNSFA. Simultaneously, all meteorological personnel relocated to NSFA, Detachment Port Hueneme, CA, and continued their homeport meteorological training program and Antarctic Weather School at the Geophysics Division of the Pacific Missile Range at NAS Point Mugu.

The Meteorological Division of the Operations Department, CNSFA, the Meteorological Division had billets

for four officers, 21 AGs and two Meteorological Electronics Technicians. The Meteorological Division's mission was to provide all meteorological services for station, ship, air and scientific support for the U.S. Antarctic Program and to train for that mission when in homeport.

During its annual deployment to Antarctica, from October through February (Austral Summer), the



AGC James Frankhauser and AG1 Bruce DeWald Working on Surface Analysis

Meteorological Division established and operated McMurdo Weather Center. Services including surface, upper air and shore ice observations; local weather forecasts and warnings; aviation terminal forecasts for Williams Field (near McMurdo Station), South Pole Station, Byrd Surface Camp and other continental locations as required; WEAX forecasts for ships; weather radio facsimile broadcast; and a flight clearance section that briefed both continental and inter-continental flights. As required, meteorological personnel flew as Special Air Crew Weather Observers in VXE-6 aircraft to support the mission. Two AGs and one ET manned Byrd Surface Camp, taking upper air and surface observations. One AG assisted the NOAA meteorological personnel at South Pole Station. Additionally, one or two forecasters and four or five AGs manned the flight weather clearance office in Christchurch, New Zealand, where they forecasted and briefed all Antarctic bound flights to McMurdo Station. As required during deployment, Meteorological personnel from McMurdo rotated to Byrd Surface Camp, South Pole Station, and Christchurch.

So, with a new name and a new homeport in California, the Navy meteorological support for Operation Deed Freeze continued.

OICs Detachment Three/Charlie

- 8/1962-7/1963 LCDR A.T. Buckmaster
- 7/1963-1965 LCDR C. Zilch
- 1965-1967 LCDR V.G. Law
- 1967-1968 LCDR R.W. Sallee
- 1968-1970 LCDR W.F. Mitchell
- 1970-7/1972 LCDR A. (Jake) W. Bengel
- 7/1972-7/1974 LCDR M.J. Nemcosky.



Philatelic Cover Serviced at Byrd Surface Camp By AG3 James Kelly and Cancelled at McMurdo Station



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I read the newsletter (Jul-Sep) while on a trip to Raleigh NC. It is a good one. Keep up the work and kudos to you for all your dedication to the OAEs. Next month I will attend an Explorer Club meeting in Minneapolis. I will be in the company of the young and, in my estimation, the somewhat inexperienced. I hope to attend an OAEA gathering sometime but only time will tell. I keep busy writing a science column for our local newspaper. At times I even get a chance to tout the Antarctic, which you know I love. After four plus years of ice time I miss the Place. I see that some tourists visited Antarctica on the MV *Orion*. I served as senior lecturer on her for the first three Antarctic voyages before she was sent to do the Australian voyages. She is a fine ship and I recommend her to anyone who wants to go south. Sorry about my rambling.

Cheers, John Annexstad

Editor's Note: John wintered at Byrd Station during DF-III as a seismologist. He writes for the Pilot Independent newspaper in Walker Minnesota.

Chief,

That was a good picture and piece about Barb and me traveling over from Lake City for the weekend to attend the August GCG Meeting but why am I always captioned as CWO Bob Conner. I've seen that before in the *Gazette*. After I made E-8 I did have an application in to go straight to CWO3 but tore it up when I found out I couldn't stay on the "boats" as a CWO3. So, I put in my papers and transferred to the Fleet Reserve with 24 years active. TNX for all you do for the OAEA.

73's, Bob and Barbara.

Editor's Note: I guess that is my bad. I will try not to make that mistake again. For some reason I always thought that Bob retired as a CWO, but as I now understand it he was a W1 when he was selected for Senior Chief and that made him eligible for CWO, but he declined.

Yo, Billy-Ace

Thanks once again for such a great *Gazette*. The pics of Art Ellison really brought back some good memories. We wintered over together in 1968. That was Art's 3rd winter. If you talk to him, tell him I said "hey".

Burke Richards

Editor's Note: Ellison moved back to Reno NV in early October. See below for Before and After photos of Burke.



Dear Chief Baker:

I can't thank you enough for your kindness in sending me extra copies of the Jun-Sep issue of the *Gazette* that had my story by John Stewart.

CWO Tony Wayne
The Last Man

Billy-Ace,

My memoir, *Quest for Antarctica—A Journey of Wonder and Discovery* (2011) has been published as an ebook and is available on amazon.com and other sources.

I would also like to invite everyone to visit my Internet site at the below links:

<http://www.morecuriousminds.com>

<http://morecuriousminds.blogspot.com>

<http://antarcticdreams.com>

John Barell



Dear Billy-Ace,

The National Science Foundation informed Raytheon Polar Services on 22 December that Lockheed Martin has been awarded the Antarctic Support Contract.

Raytheon has held the contract since 2000, and will work with Lockheed to transition the contract to them by 1 April.

There are many fine former coworkers of ours who have led the Lockheed proposal, so we expect a smooth transition.

Lockheed Martin is a large company, of course, and the polar contract will fall under their Information Systems and Global Solutions division.

The contract is for 13.5 years, which means it will go from 1 April 2012, to 1 October 2025. The contract is for 4.5 years initially. After which, if they are doing fine, then it will continue for another 8.5 years

As you know, the Antarctic Support Contractor hires the personnel to do the work that the Navy used to do.

We hire the electricians, plumbers, carpenters, food service, mechanics, and so forth.

There are other contractors who operate the helicopters and weather forecasting as well as small fixed wing airplanes.

But the prime logistical contractor hires the majority of the support personnel.

This new contract was structured to enable smaller companies to participate in this federal contract.

Therefore, while Lockheed Martin is the prime contractor, there will be several businesses under their leadership umbrella, including:

- PAE Government Services, Inc. (Engineering, Operations)
- Maersk/Damco (Logistics)
- GHG Corporation: (information Technology/ Communications)
- Best Recycling (Waste Management/ Recycling)
- Gana-A'Yoo Services Corp (food service/ housing/postal service/retail)

It is an exciting time for us, as we enter the second century of Antarctic scientific research.

Elaine Hood
Communications
Raytheon Polar Services

Billy-Ace:

Just to set the record straight about emceeding the August GCG Chapter meeting, that happened just as did my entry into military service: I didn't volunteer, I was drafted. But this time not the Audubon County (Iowa) local draft board #5, **YOU** drafted me. But like the military I was very happy to do it.

Chuck Minerman

Billy-Ace:

Another top-notch issue! I look forward to reading each one. Sadly, the **In Memory** section seems to be growing. Cute picture of your cat too!

Jody Livesay

B-A,

I was saddened to read in the 'In Memory' column that John Yeckley had passed away this summer. Yeckley kept me in hilarious tears of laughter when I met him at the 2005 Deep Freeze (ADFA) reunion in Biloxi. His stories of the DF-I YOG-70 transiting to McMurdo was a story I had never heard, but will always remember.

Thank you for your diligence in providing the obituaries for the *Gazette*. I just wish it (the 'In Memory' Column) wasn't so long.

Elaine Hood

Billy-Ace,

You asked me about this after seeing an article in a Pensacola newspaper. I got to thinking that other members have seen an article similar to that in their own newspapers and may have some doubt as to whether they should donate money to the OAEA. If you have room in the next edition, please include the following information.

Cy Buehler
OAEA Treasurer

In recent news, over 275,000 organizations automatically lost their tax-exempt status because they did not file required annual reports for three consecutive years as required by law. Since the beginning of OAEA the former Treasurer and the present Treasurer have filed the appropriate documents with the IRS. OAEA continues to be a tax-exempt organization to which donations can be made and deducted from your annual income tax if you file a Schedule A with your return. Donations to OAEA can be for the *Gazette*, Scholarship, Memorial Fund, or General Fund. Donation forms can be found on the OAEA website at: <http://www.oaea.net>. If you do not have access to the Internet make your check out to the OAEA, mark it for the fund you wish to contribute to and mail it to:

OAEA
3104 Deepspring Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23321 USA

Billy-Ace

In the 'Letter to the Editor' column in the Jul-Sep issue you made several mistakes regarding my MIG-25 flight. First of all the flight was made in 1995 and not 1979, and secondly kites fly at 24,000. I took the MIG up to 75,000 feet at Mach 2.4.

Much more impressive.

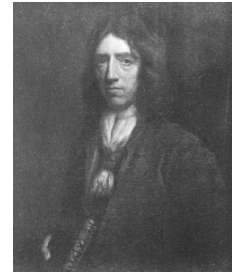
Oneil Boudreaux



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



Nikolai Hanson

OCTOBER: On 14 October 1899, Norwegian zoologist and taxidermist Nikolai Hanson, of Kristiansund, died “of unknown causes” at Cape Adare while part of the British Antarctic Expedition of 1898–1900, led by Carstens Borchgrevink. He was buried there on 20 October, the first recorded human buried on the actual continent of Antarctica. Earlier that year, in late July, he had contracted scurvy (some say it was beriberi). He was 29.

NOVEMBER: On 10 November 1944, in London, during the war, a Norwegian sailor died in the parish of Stepney. They listed him as Kristian Olsen, aged 54, and then buried him. But he wasn't Kristian Olsen—they made a mistake—he was Karinius Olsen, and a lifetime before he had been cook and carpenter on the *Fram*, the youngest member of Amundsen's famed expedition of

1911–12, the one where the Norseman and four companions became the first men ever at the Geographic South Pole. Although not one of the shore party, Olsen received this praise from the great leader: “This was well done for a lad of twenty. I wish we had many like him”. After the expedition, he was one of the crew who returned to Europe on the *Highland Scot* from La Plata, on 12 June 1912. In 1919 he married, in his hometown of Natterroy, Julie Johansen, and continued on as a seaman, sailing out of Oslo. Then came the War, and he found himself in London.



**Karinius Olsen Fram Cook and
Carpenter**

DECEMBER: On 31 December 1969 the Italian flag was planted for the first time in Antarctica—at Deception Island. The 34-ton, 16-meter, two-masted, lateen-rigged motorized felucca *San Giuseppe Due* had just pulled into the harbor there, meeting the American research ship *Hero* at that moment. The *San Giuseppe Due*, designed by Merchant Navy commander Giuseppe Ajmone Cat (1934–2007), and built at Naples, left Anzio on 27 June of that year, under the command of Ajmone Cat and his amateur crew of three, and three expeditioners who were making a round-the-world trip flying the Italian flag. After Deception, they visited various bases, and then made their way back to the Falklands, arriving back in Anzio on 21 November 1970. But she would be back.



San Giuseppe Due Italy Antarctic Expedition

Tidewater Group December Get-Together

by Ed Hamblin

WITH EVERYTHING THAT GOES on around the Tidewater area all the time, and the eclectic interests of all our local Old Antarctic Explorers, getting together with a group of ice mates for a couple of hours on any Saturday can seem impossible, sometimes. Things sort of came together for us on 3 December, and nine of us and a “grandson” who has aspirations to be a military pilot met up at our regular place. Strictly social in nature, it was a good visit.

“Captain” Dave Steward was able to make it down from the Eastern Shore. We don’t see much of him, as during the

good weather months, he is booked to give sailing lessons. A Life Member of the OAEA since 2003, Dave was the first Navy Storekeeper assigned to Palmer Station, wintering over with his year lasting from January 1970 to February 1971. He came down and departed by Coast Guard Icebreaker.



Brad Miller

Besides Dave, our other “out of town” was Herb Schaefer. Herb comes down to most of our quarterly social high teas from the Williamsburg, Virginia area. He originally joined the OAEA as an annual member in 2008, and then the next year, became a Life Member. His “ice time” was with VX-6 from 1967–1969 as aircrew and Avionics Tech. Herb has been part of the Tidewater brain trust



Bill Raymus

planning of the 2014 OAEA reunion that is being held at the Norfolk Waterside Sheraton. 12–14 November 2014.



Ron Rooks



Herb Schaefer

Manny Perez, another OAEA Life Member brought his grandson, Garrett Johnson. Garrett has aspirations to be a military pilot, and when he found out that attendee Neil Sugermeier had been a pilot, immediately started latching on to everything that Neil said about flying.

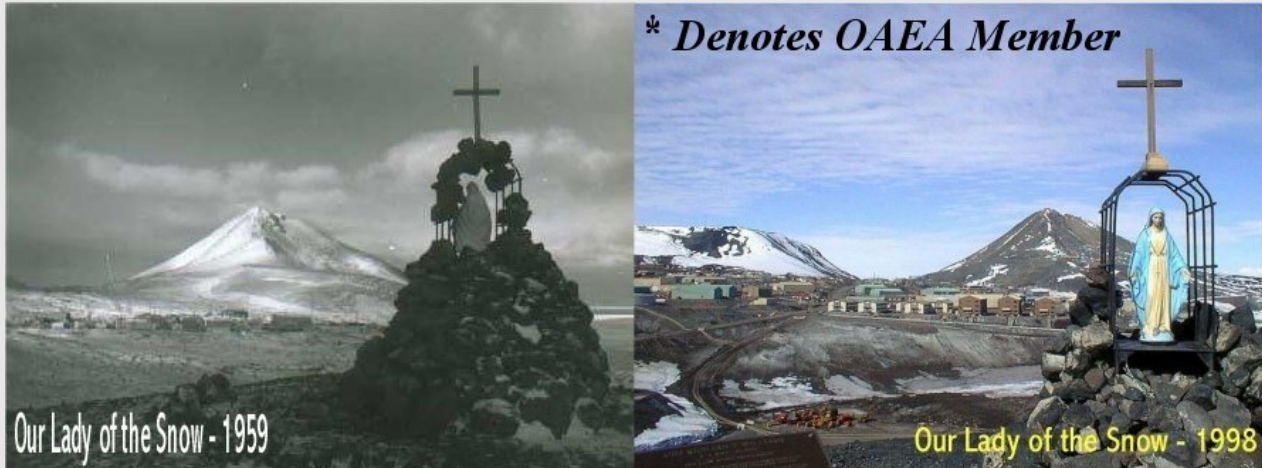
Brad Miller, Jim Silverstorf, Bill Raymus, Ron Rooks, and Ed Hamblin rounded out the “crew”. Although we sort of take “adverse pride” of not having any sort of business agenda, it seems that the upcoming San Diego reunion and our 2014 reunion are becoming the focal point of the get togethers. There was some discussion about both, and Tidewater will have several attendees at San Diego. Good notes will be taken in preparation for our 2014 effort.



Manny Perez, Garrett Johnson, Jim Silverstorf, and Neil Sugermeier

Since our September outing, Bill Raymus went to a Northern Virginia OAEA “meet-up”, organized by Zoe Eppley. And although not part of the regular non-business agenda, Jim Silverstorf and Ed Hamblin finalized plans for their next weekend, which included a road trip over to Nashville, TN to visit with a winter-over friend.

Our next Tidewater “thing” will be 3 March 2012 at the House Of Eggs Restaurant in Norfolk, at the standard 3 PM time. Hope to see you there. If you aren’t on the Tidewater area e-mail tree and want to be added so you get reminders, drop Ed Hamblin, an e-mail or phone message at: chamblin74@verizon.net, or 757 405 3362.



IN MEMORY

OAE Samuel Almond, 76, died on 13 October 2011, in Hamilton, OH. Sam served with MCB(Special) at McMurdo during DF-I. Sam was a member of the Antarctic Deep Freeze Association (ADFA)

OAE Ellen Moore Anderson, also known as Wash-the Han-yeh-tu-wih (Good Moon), 82, died on 11 December 2011, in St. Cloud, MN. Good Moon visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Martha Ann Baganz, 87, died on 10 November 2011, in Charlottesville, VA. Martha visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Donald Guy Ball, 99, died on 18 October 2011, in Brunswick, ME. Donald served during DF-III under contract to the US Navy. Ball Stream is named in his honor.

OAE Robert S. "Bob" Ballau, 75, died on 20 October 2011, in Chantilly, VA. Bob served in Deep Freeze.

OAE Craig W. Bertram, 67, died on 18 December 2011, in Bakersfield, CA. Craig served in Antarctica as a diver.

*OAE CDR Ronald Bolt, USN (Ret), 78, died on 18 November 2011, in Reno, NV. Ron served in VX-6 as an R4D pilot during DF-61 to 63 as a LT. Mount Bolt is named in his honor.

OAE CPO George Boyer, USN (Ret), 76, died on 10 November 2011, in Spokane, WA. George served in DF.

OAE YN1 Richard "Ski" Joseph Buczkowski, USN (Ret), died on 3 November 2011, in Palm Bay, FL. Ski served on the USS *Arneb* during DF-I (1955-56)

OAE HMC Harold Butler, USN (Ret), died on 20 December 2011, in Christchurch, NZ. Harold wintered-over at Little America V during DF-II (1956-57) and ASA Summer Support 1961-64.

OAE Ellie Witherspoon Caffery, 87, died on 23 November 2011, in Lacombe, LA. Ellie visited Antarctica twice on Russian icebreakers as a tourist.

*OAE Sister Mary Odile (Margery) Cahoon, OSB, 82, died 2 October 2011, at the St. Scholastica Monastery, in Duluth, MN. Sister Mary wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-74 as an NSF grantee.

*OAE James E. Chandler, 70, died on 1 December 2009, in Palm Bay, FL. James was a dropped member due to non-payment of dues.

OAE LTCOL John "Jack" Child, USA (Ret), 73, died on 18 June 2011, in Washington, DC. Jack was a member of the American Society of Polar Philatelists.

OAE Steven C. Clark, 67 died on 6 October 2011, in Burlington, VT. Steven served in Antarctica in the Navy during the early 1960s.

OAE William Edward Cobb, 87, died on 12 November 2011, in Jefferson, MD. Bill served in Antarctica with the US Weather Bureau during DF-78.

OAE LT. Jack Lynwood Conerly USCG (Ret), 73, died on 14 December 2011, in Savannah, GA. Jack served in Deep Freeze.

OAE Newton "Pappy" Coughennour, USN (Ret), 80, died on 5 May 2011, in Syracuse, NY. Pappy served in DF as a CE1.

OAE Leigh "Lee" Crabtree, 58, died on 9 July 2011, in Liverpool, TX. Lee served with SATTRACK at McMurdo in 1988. From 1990–2008 he served with the USAP contractor. He wintered-over at South Pole and McMurdo.

OAE Richard Bruce Dalbeck, 82, died on 20 December, in Cape Elizabeth, ME. Dick served as the Supply Officer on the USS *Atka*.

OAE Joseph William Dawson, 75, died on 3 December 2011, in Middletown, OH. Joseph served as a Seabee in DF and deployed to the ice on the USS *Arneb*.

OAE Georgia E. Cogswell Davis, 89, died on 19 November 2011, in Fayetteville, NC. Georgia visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Austin Deans, OBE, 96, died on 21 October 2011, in Christchurch, NZ. Austin visited Antarctica as a painter under the NZAP Artists and Writers program.

OAE Rebecca "Becky" M. Dickhut, 51, died on 5 November 2011, in Chicago, IL. Becky was a USAP grantee and deployed to Antarctica several times as an environmental toxicologist.

OAE AD1 Robert W. Eadie, USN (Ret) 92, died on 8 October 2011, in Winsted, CT. Robert served during DF-I (1955–56).

OAE AGCS Gerald "Jerry" N. Edwards, USN (Ret), 74, died on 21 December 2011, in Elmore, OH. Jerry served during DF on the USS *Edisto*.

OAE Wayne Edward Fine, 73, died on 10 December 2011, in Powell, TN. Edward served on the USS *Glacier* during DF-II as a Quartermaster.

*OAE CMCS Daniel F. Flynn, Sr., USN (Ret), 72, died on 27 November 2011, in Gulfport, MS. Daniel served in CBU-201 in DF-69 and NNPU in DF-73.

OAE Luc Fortin, 44, died on 27 October 2011, in a plane crash, near Vancouver International Airport in Richmond, Canada. Luc had 14000 hours flying small aircraft all over the world including Antarctica.

OAE Norman Thomas Foster, 91, died on 11 October 2011, in Midway, NC. Norman visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE COL Henry Edmund Gilpin III, USAFR (Ret), 89, died on 11 December 2011, in Monterey, CA. Henry visited Antarctica as a photographer on assignment.

OAE Ethel M. Goolsby, 89, died on 2 November 2011, in Falls Church, VA. Ethel visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Westerdahl William Gudmundson, 93, died on 16 November 2011, in CA. Wes visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE James T. Gunn, 66, died on 30 January 2011, in Pittsburgh, PA. James wintered-over at McMurdo in NSFA Det Alfa during DF-73 as an ET1.

OAE Thomas W. Havard, 83, died on 1 December 2011, in Williamsburg, VA. Thomas visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE OC1 Ned M. Henry, 86, died on 26 November 2011, in Audubon, MN. Ned served as the cook on the USS *Sennet*, during Highjump (1946–47)

OAE Aubrey Hightower, USN (Ret), 76, died on 6 November 2011, in Whitehouse, TX. Aubrey served in Antarctica with the Naval Support Unit.

OAE Ann Gray Hodder, 86, died on 8 December 2011, in Santa Rosa, CA. Ann visited Antarctica when she was 82 as a tourist.

OAE CDR Bob Kenny, CEC, USN (Ret), 88, died on 23 October 2011, in Mechanicsburg, PA. Bob served with MCB (Special) at McMurdo during DF-I summer season as a CM1. Bob was a member of the ADFA.

OAE [Jay Childs Klinck](#), 68, died on 27 December 2011, in Wolfeboro, NH. Jay wintered-over at Palmer Station as a CM2 during DF-70 and at Siple Station during DF-73 as a Holmes and Narver contractor. Klinck Nunatak is named in his honor.

*OAE CDR Richard A. Koch, USN (Ret), died on 12 May 2011, in San Antonio, TX. Richard served in VX-6 during DF-III and IV (1957–59) as a P2V pilot.

OAE Kenneth Lee Lamalie, USN (Ret), 75, died on 12 November 2011, in Palm City, FL. Kenneth served on the USS *Atka* during DF.

OAE Daniel A. Leary Jr., 82, died on 3 October 2011, in Burlington, CT. Daniel visited Antarctica, with his son, as a tourist.

*OAE Geoffrey Lee Martin, died on 15 October 2011, in Sydney, Australia. Geoffrey wintered-over at Scott Base. He accompanied Sir Edmund Hillary as he crossed from the New Zealand's Scott Base to the South Pole in 1958 to support the Fuchs Expedition.

OAE LCDR John "Jack" E. Lynch, Jr. USN (Ret), 90, died on 19 December 2011, in Roslyn, PA. Jack served during Deep Freeze.

OAE James Edward McCarthy, 79, died on 29 October 2011, in Needham, MA. James served as a National Weather Service Technician with USAP.

OAE Gordon Elliott McInnes, 84, died on 6 August 2011, in Canberra, AU. Gordon was OIC of Casey Station during 1970 and 1973

OAE Charles E. Mills, 67, died on 27 December 2011, in New Philadelphia, PA. Charles served on the USS *Atka* during DF-66.

OAE TMCS (SS) Brooks R. Newell, USN (Ret), 71, died on 9 August, 2010 in San Antonio, TX. Newell served on the DF picket ship USS *Peterson* during DF-60.

OAE Ann Kelting Nott, 73, died on 26 October 2011, in Albany, NY. Ann visited Antarctica as a tourist with her husband.

OAE Paul A. St. "Saint" Pierre Sr., 49, died on 3 November 2011, in Portland, ME. Paul served in Antarctica as a welder with the USAP contractor.

OAE CDR Charles Leslie Roberts, Jr., USNR (Ret), died on 31 December 2011, in Annapolis, MD. Charles wintered-over at Hallett Station during DF-III (1957-58) as the Station Scientific Leader (SSL) and at South Pole Station during DF-63 (1962-63) again as the SSL. Roberts Cliff is named in his honor.

OAE Joseph E. Robert Jr., 59, died on 7 December 2011, in Washington, DC. Joseph visited Antarctica as a tourist where he survived a helicopter crash.

OAE Charles Joseph "Charlie" Santagate, 71, died on 24 December 2011, in Winter Haven, FL. Charlie served on the USS *Atka* during DF-62.

OAE Alistair Senior, 40, was killed while testing his homemade hovercraft on 16 December 2011, in Waitakere, New Zealand. Alistair visited Antarctica with the Chilean Navy as a Scuba Diver.

OAE Margaret Caron Townsend, 70, died on 21 November 2011, in Crowsnest, Canada. Margaret visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Reverend Edwin R. Weidler, CDR, CHC, USN, (Ret), 95, died on 15 October 2011, in Richmond, VA. Edwin was the winter-over chaplain at McMurdo during DF-60.

OAE Gerard "Rod" Wichelns, 87, died on 30 November 2011, in Zanesville, OH. Rod served in Highjump.

OAE Carey P. Williams III, 72, died on 24 November 2011, in Selma, OR. Carey served in Antarctica with the USAF.

OAE Lee Ellen Young, 67, died on 7 November 2011, in Washington, DC. Lee visited Antarctica as a tourist and walked with penguins with her husband Fred.

*OAE Maxine Yow, 84, died on 11 October 2011, in Gooding Idaho. Maxine's husband Captain Warren Yow was a C-124 pilot and he flew missions to Christchurch. During the austral winter he flew missions to the DEW Line. He was scheduled to begin flying missions to McMurdo during DF-IV, but his aircraft was shot down by MIGs in the Arctic. Warren and his entire crew were killed. Maxine was a double Air Force widow. Her first husband was killed in Burma during WW-II.

OAE AGC Louis Stich Zeller Sr., USN (Ret), 89, died on 28 December 2011, in Beaufort, SC. Louis served on the USS *Atka* during the pre DF mission 1954-55, and the USCG *Westwind* during DF-III.

OAE Marian Allen Zimmerman, 81, died on 28 November 2011, in Silver City, NM. Marian visited Antarctica as a tourist.



VETERAN OF THREE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITIONS

by Laura Snow

At the age of fifteen, Robert Johnson went to sea on an old, full-rigged, three-masted ship, the *Pacific Queen*. The ship was sent to Cedros Island on the

Pacific Coast of Mexico to collect sea lions for the San Diego Zoo. On its return voyage, one of the crew was seriously injured when he fell from the rigging. The ship ran into a storm, resulting in ripped sails. The ship was unable to reach port. The crew ran out of food. It was a miserable experience for all, except Robert Johnson.

When the United States Coast Guard Cutter *Pegasus* located the *Pacific Queen* and boarded her, it was evident that her seaworthiness was in doubt and she would have to be towed to port. The Coast Guard officer lined up the crew and questioned each man. Most of the crew had had enough and wanted to return to San Diego on the Coast Guard cutter—but not Robert Johnson. He was having the time of his life!

This experience led Johnson to join the Navy in 1937 at age seventeen. He spent eighteen months aboard the USS *Pennsylvania*. Johnson was then sent to the USS *Bear*, a 70-year-old Scottish-built barkentine. The *Bear* was one of two ships that transported the United States Antarctic Service Expedition, 1939–1941, to the Antarctic. She would serve as Admiral Byrd's flagship.

Johnson believed he was chosen to serve on the *Bear* as a result of his prior sailing experience.

Bendik Johansen was brought from Norway to serve as the sailing master. Johansen taught the rest of the deckhands to sail.

Ten of the crewmen came from a battle group. Four of the engine room personnel had been submariners and were

chosen because subs had diesel engines. A 600 horsepower Atlas Imperial diesel engine had been installed on the *Bear* to help push the ice.

The *Bear* was under sail for the majority of the journey to the ice. She was never in shipping lanes and spent a great deal of time in uncharted waters. The diesel engines were used as little as possible in order to save fuel. The crew sailed for weeks without seeing other ships or land.



Boats Johnson at his Home in Jacksonville Florida



USS Bear 10 January 1941 at West Base

On the 1940 return trip to the States, the *Bear* experienced 100-knot winds in the Strait of Magellan. They anchored off Patagonia to assess damage to the ship. The Patagonian pirates would move the sea buoys and land beacons in order to make ships run aground. Armed guards were posted in order to keep pirates from boarding.

On the 1941 second half of the journey the *Bear* hit an iceberg during a whiteout, causing damage to the jib boom and bowsprit. They docked at Punta Arenas for repairs. Furthermore, in a *Time* magazine article a reporter asked a member of the ice party what they planned to do while in Punta Arenas. "Rock collecting" was the answer.

On his return to Antarctica with Highjump, 1946–1947, Johnson was a member of Task Force 68 and was in the ice party. They lived in six-man wall tents with pot-bellied stoves. Johnson was involved with rescue activities and dog teams, which included seal hunting for dog food. While seal hunting, Johnson's M29C Weasel broke through the bay ice. The plugs had been removed from the floatation tanks to prevent condensation, causing the Weasel to sink. Johnson and two others walked the seven miles back to camp and reported the loss of the Weasel to the officer in charge, whose response was, "I can't think of a better place for it." According to Johnson, this occurred on the same day Admiral Richard Byrd was flying over the South Pole.

When the USS *Burton Island* arrived to pick up the ice party, Finn Ronne's private expedition, the Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition was frozen in at Stonington Island on the Antarctic Peninsula, the former location of the USASE East Base. His ship, *The City of Beaumont*, was encased in ice. When the *Burton Island* arrived at Stonington Island to provide assistance, it was Johnson who was tasked with



L/R Boats R. R. Johnson, H. J. Ertenberg, and S. Kanefsky in the rigging of the USS Bear

explaining to Ronne how the two-inch tow wire would be passed to the *Beaumont* in order to tie up to the *Burton Island*.

During Operation Windmill, 1947–1948, Johnson was chief boatswains mate on the USS *Burton Island*. Johnson has vivid memories of a storm between Antarctica and New Zealand, near Scott Island, when the *Burton Island* took a fifty-two degree roll.

Prologue: At the age of fifteen, Robert Johnson developed his love for the sea and high adventure. When he joined the US Navy, his adventures included three trips to Antarctica, an experience he has never forgotten. Robert Johnson retired in 1957, after serving twenty years in the Navy. He and his wife Mildred live in Jacksonville, Florida.

Parachute jump

During Operation Highjump three test jumps were made. One jump was made by a nonqualified, non-service-trained, Navy enlisted man, BMC Robert Johnson, whose observations are not included in the *US Army Observers Report* since his observations were practically nil due to his inexperience in parachuting.



Boat's Polar Silk Society Membership Card

RULES GOVERNING

Individual Parachuting must be in the military service
Parachute jumps must be North of 78° N or South of 78° S.
RADM R. H. Cruzen and RADM R. E. Byrd were voted board of Governors on 5 February 1947. PSS was formed at Little America Antarctica on 4 February 1947 with TF-68, Antarctic Expedition Operation Highjump 1946–47 by FSGT S. A. London US Army Air Forces. Members to date: FSGT S.A. London US Army, 4 Feb 47; BMC R. R. Johnson, USN, 5 Feb 47; PR1 M. D. Sprake, USN 19 Feb 47.

Back of Polar Silk Society Membership Card

BMC Robert Johnson jumped at 2000 feet over Little America from a C-47 transport plane making 110 miles per hour on the 1946–1947 United States Antarctic Expedition. In the photo below Johnson is getting ready to make his jump and is shown holding his wife's lucky bra.



"My wife put this in my sea bag"

OAEA Southwest Group Meeting

By Jim Maddox

The OAEA southwest group held its third and final lunch/get together for 2011 at COCO's restaurant in Camarillo. Everyone enjoyed the food and accommodation of the staff.

We had a new OAEA member John H. Blankenship join us for his first lunch with the southwest group. After lunch the group discussed the resignation of the 2012 reunion coordinator. It was agreed that Jim Maddox would be the new reunion coordinator with the help of Jack Kane, Jim Belen, and Bob Gaboury.

After reviewing the contract with the Catamaran Hotel, it was found that the event agenda needed to be corrected. Working with the Catamaran Hotel we had to revise the dates for the reunion so the hotel could provide us with the banquet rooms needed for our reunion. The new reunion dates are 28 to 30 November. I know it is only a week after Thanksgiving, but it can't be helped. I want to reassure all OAEA members that the reunion group will do its best to provide a reunion that all will enjoy.

If any OAEA members would like to join us for our next lunch in San Diego at the Red Robin Del Mar on 21 January 2012. Please contact Jim Maddox at 661 945 4069.



Back row: John Blankenship, Jim Eblen, Cheryl Buehler, Al Cox, Choice Prewitt. 2nd row: Judy Kane, Cy Buehler, Ruth Eblen, Millie Buehler, Maureen Prewitt, Jim Maddox. 1st row: Vic Rescue, Bob and Linda Gaboury, Jack Kane. Gabby's grandkids in the foreground: Kayden 3 years and Riley going on 5.

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

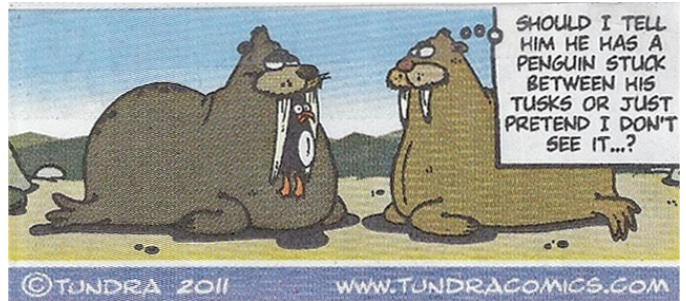
The below listed personnel have joined the OAEA since the last issue of the *Gazette*.

Thanks to Chet Segers, Les Liptak, Chuck Minerman, Marty Diller, Ash Badger, Billy Bounds, Gene Rody, Ed Hamblin, Mike Windstrom, Bill Linsink, Marni Sammon, Kathy Licht, Nick Majerus, Joe Hollern, Bruce DeWald, and Dave Bresnahan 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

Amsler, Charles CIV	Annual	USAP McM, Palmer, RV L. M. Gould, Polar Duke, 1986-2011
Amsler, Margaret CIV	Annual	USAP Palmer 1979-2011
Anderson, Timothy ETC	Life	NSFA WO 91-92; USAP 95-96, 2011-12
Anderson, Woody E3	Life	USS <i>Arneb</i> DF-II & III
Beiler, Christian E-7	Life	USAF DF-69
Braddock, Peter CIV	Life	NZAP/USAP 74-11
Brister, "Woody" CIV	Life	USAP Contractor 1991-92 & 1995-96
Brown, Thomas CWO4	Life	NSFA WO 75-76
Cahoon, Mary CIV (Nun)	Commem	USARP WO 73-74
Ducharme, Milton AEC	Life	VX/VXE-6 1956-58 & 1970-73
Gandy, Nicky E8 USA	Life	NSFA Term Ops 74-77
Gordon, Richard LCDR	Life	VXE-6 73-76
Harvey, Ralph CIV	Life	USAP 1987-2010
Horrocks, Ronald RD2	Life	USS <i>Hissem</i> 63-64
Horton, Jerry PH1	Life	VX-6 WO DF-67/ VXE-6 SS 73 to 76
Jones, Clair "Bud" AE2	Life	VX-6 DF-II SAR
Keho, Jeffrey CAPT	Annual	VXE-6 81-84, 90-93
Kellam, William ET1/ETC	Life	WO McM DF-70 ASA/NSFA SS 71-79
Kello, Robert, AZ3	Life	VXE-6 68-71
Licht, Kathy CIV	USAP	94-95/05-07/10-11
Liso, Mike CEW2	Annual	CBU-201 66-67
Lowery, Gary CIV	*Annual	GCG Groupie
Lozen, Mike RMC(SS)	Life	ASA WO McM 66-67
Lyons, Berry CIV	Annual	USAP 1981-2011
Mayewski, Paul CIV	Life	USAP Victoria Land, South Pole 1968-2011
McWhinnie, Mary CIV	Commem	USARP <i>USS Eitanin</i> 62-63, WO McM 73-74, Palmer 75-76
Mlinarich, Carl PNCM	Annual	ASA/NSFA 70-73
Parmiter, Larry YN2	Annual	CBU-201 67-68
Pitsos, Daniel ATR3	Life	VX-6 63-66
Przywitowski, R. F. CIV	Life	USARP WO McM 66,

Shinn, Connie CIV	*Life	WO South Pole 68
Silverstorf, James PNCM	Life	Daughter of Gus NSFA WO McM 73-74
Smith, John CAPT	Life	VXE-6 1986-89
Soltis, Thomas CIV	Life	RPSC McM 2008-09
Soule, Stuart PS2/DV2	Annual	USCGC <i>Southwind</i> 66-69
Stepp, William CIV	Life	USAP 2002-04
Wall, Diana CIV	Life	USAP 1989-2010
Waller, William CIV	*Annual	NE Chapter Groupie
Wheatland, Marion CIV	Life	MV <i>Orion</i> 2011
Widener, Leslie EMC	Life	NSFA WO 73-74
Wilson, W.F. CIV	Life	USARP McMurdo & Wilkes Stations



REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

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

All Seabee Reunion: Gulfport, MS, 11-14 Oct 2011. POC Robert P. Smith, smithrp@cableone.net, 228 424 1185, or 12416 N Oaklawn Lane, Biloxi MS 39532.

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 *Yancey* served during Highjump.

USS/USCGC *Edisto* (AG-89, AGB-2 7 WAGB-284): Melbourne, FL, 22-26 April 2012. POC Glenn Smith, PO Box 747, Mims, FL 32754, phone: 321 269 5637, or email: ussedisto@cfl.rr.com. The *Edisto* served during Windmill, DF-I, 61, 63, 65, 69, and 70

All Icebreaker Muster: Amelia Island, FL, 13-18 May 2012. POC Louis Lariccia, at: 623 308 0093, or by email at: louie-vicky@msn.com. Or POC Joseph Quintillani at 508 548 0329. Website: <http://www.icebreakermuster.net>.

OAEA: San Diego, CA, 28-30 Nov 2012. POC Jim Maddox, 661 945 0469 or jmadflynav@aol.com.

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.

- Lucy Smickersgill is looking for anyone who worked with or might have memories of Trevor Hatherton., New Zealand scientist and the first SSL at Scott Base in 1957. Lucy works for BBC Television in Yorkshire, England, where Trevor was born. But just about nothing is known about Trevor Hatherton in his native county. She is hoping to make a short film, to be shown on local TV, about Trevor's life and achievements. Lucy can be contacted at: BBC Television, St Peter's Square, Leeds Yorkshire LS9 8AH England, or by telephone at 0044 113 2247141, or by email lucy.smickersgill@bbc.co.uk.

- Demetrius Vecris collects vintage sunglasses and is looking for a Bausch and Lomb Ray Ban (Double Gradient) sunglasses. B&L produced the "Deep Freeze" aviator Ray Ban beginning in the late 50s specifically for Navy personnel in Antarctica. He has spent years looking for a pair with no results, Anyone who has any information on where he could find a pair of these sunglasses he would be more than happy to discuss some sort of arrangement to take them off their hands. Demetrius can be contacted at: vecron@iinet.net.au, or 31 Edinburgh Street, Clayton 3168Victoria, Australia, phone: +61 39543 4613

- Win Hames would like assistance from anyone who may have documentation that will show that he was a member of the DF-II (1956-57) party at Little America V. He is attempting to correct his record of military service that omits some of his participation in Operation Deep Freeze as a Chief Hospitalman assigned to VX-6. LA-V. DF-II veterans may recall there was an x-ray machine there with no qualified operators. Win figured out how to use it when caring for a sailor who broke his arm during a football game. Also, in late 1956, Win accompanied an injured aircraft crash victim from the Ice all the way to Washington, DC. Win may be contacted at P.O. Box 2638, Belleview, FL 34420-2638, or cell: 401 824 6368, or by email at: hameswinjr@aol.com,

- Donald R Walk was the OIC of Old Byrd during DF-61 and the doctor of the first stage of New Byrd. He would like to hear from others who served with him. He can be contacted at: walkdon@sbcglobal.net

- Gregory Martin is looking for LCDR John Richards. Greg lost touch with John years ago. His wife was Dee Toni and the last known place of residence was Iceland. Any info on John or his wife would be appreciated. Greg can be reached at Gregory_Martin@eogresources.com, or 1405 Wedgewood Dr Cleburne, TX 76033. Phone: 817 240 1541. Cell: 619 850 4091

- Ted Pressley is looking for friends from Deep Freeze 1957-1961. Ted can be contacted at: anachi@charter.net.

- Jim Durham HMC(AC) (Ret) was with VX-6 Medical at Williams Field in 1966 and wintered-over during DF-67 with ASA. He would like to hear from any of his shipmates from those years. Also he would like to hear from anyone who wintered-over and felt like they had suffered PTSD symptoms from their duty on the ice. Jim can be contacted at: pepawdurham@aol.com, or 5530 N.W. 77th Ct. Coconut Creek, Fl. 33073

GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



Glacier Flood — A sudden outburst of water released by a glacier. Norwegian equivalent: *Jokul-laup*.

Hail — Precipitation of small balls or pieces of ice (hailstones). When the diameter of the hailstones is less than 5mm the balls are called ice pellets. French equivalent: *Grele*.

Ice — The solid form of water in nature formed either by: (a) the freezing of water, (b) the condensation of atmospheric water vapor direct into ice crystals, (c) the compaction of snow with or without the motion of a glacier, or (d) the impregnation of porous snow masses with water. German equivalent: *Eis*.

Ripple Marks — Corrugations on a snow surface caused by wind. French equivalent: *Rides surnivales, rides de neige*.

Snow Barchan — A Horseshoe shaped snowdrift, with the ends pointing down-wind. Spanish equivalent: *Duna de nieve*.

New England Chapter Fall 2011 Meeting

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

Typically, the New England Chapter meets in southern Maine or New Hampshire each Fall, and on 24 September the Bull N'Claw restaurant in Wells, Maine, welcomed us back for the first time since 2008. A savory menu selection, fine weather, and the promise of changing foliage helped attract 60 members and guests for this meeting.



Jim Kelly talks about PM-3A radiation issue

Featured Presentation

The subject of reported leaks in the McMurdo Station PM-3A nuclear power plant during its operation in the 1960s and '70s once again was a big topic of discussion. Instead of having a separate presentation, member Jim Kelly (ASA Det Charlie DF-72 - 74) reported on the status of the DOD/VA investigation into this issue during the business meeting. In response to a letter from Senator Blumenthal (CT), Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki stated that the DOD is in



Raffle Prize Table

the process of making a "McMurdo radiation dose exposure assessment" and is searching the National Archives to identify veterans that may have been affected by the released radiation. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency is to present their progress in making this assessment at a meeting of the Veteran's Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR) in San Antonio, Texas, on 23 March 2012 (www.vbdr.org). The VA will enter dose exposure data into a NIOSH 'Interactive Radio Epidemiological Program' which provides a statistical estimate on the probability that a veteran's disease is associated with ionizing radiation exposure. If the VBDR determines that radiation exposure did occur, this will assist the VA in adjudicating claims and providing benefits to affected veterans. (See: www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/radiation/radiation-vbdr-insert-feb2011.pdf)



Al Buckes (seated) helps Bev & Marty Diller with Door Duty

Jim also contacted Mr. Stephen Polchek, the VBDR Executive Director, who said weather records, documented dosimeter readings, and any other available data will be reviewed to help determine possible radiation exposure and the severity of any exposure to McMurdo personnel. Jim said that any veteran needing help in pursuing a medical claim should know that every U.S. Senator has a staff person assigned to help with veterans' issues. He added that information about possible PM-3A radiation leakage has not been widely disseminated throughout the VA, and veterans should not give up if medical claims are being denied. He recommended they provide a copy of Senator Blumenthal's letter, and explain that they were stationed at McMurdo during the time in question.



Peter & Denise Lahtinen and John & Lorna Hemeon

Chapter Business

Since 2010, the Chapter has been cooperating with Cape Ann Science Alliance (CASA) founder Bill Waller in advocating that NASA establish a prototype staging facility for planetary exploration in Antarctica, and that NASA take advantage of the collective wisdom that veterans (including OAEA members) of Antarctic expeditions can provide. NASA accepted that recommendation and a meeting was arranged for 14 October near Boston with Chapter members who have had experience in the construction of facilities in Antarctica (see related article this issue). In recognition and appreciation of Bill Waller's continued interest and support of the Chapter's Education Program, the Chapter gave Bill an annual Associate membership in the OAEA.



Duke & Jean Ducharme and Sheryl & Ken Proctor

Also, Fred Santino has established an OAEA New England Chapter MeetUp.Com webpage with a link to the Chapter website. Meeting and reunion announcements are on this webpage, and people can upload photos and sign-up to attend meetings by joining MeetUp. 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.

Fundraising

Raffle winners included: Irene Cowan, Don Germain, Win Hames, and Gloria Hollo (each won a penguin welcome slate); Charlie Bevilacqua (un-numbered OAEA-logo belt



Art & Marilyn Smith, Jim Rooney, and guest Joe Gonzalez

buckle); Don Germain (Antarctic book *March of the Penguins*); Don Germain, Jim Kelly, and Peg Lippka (penguin Christmas decorative flag); Paula Hall (penguin Christmas candle topper); John Hollo and Nancy McKenna (penguin hand towel set); Quentin Risher (uncirculated Antarctic \$2.00 bill and a pearl penguin pin); Marilyn Robicheau (fleece penguin throw); George Smith (uncirculated Antarctic \$1.00 bill); Chet Thomas (Antarctic book *1910-1916 Antarctic Photographs*); and Gloria Hollo (Uncle Sam wooden lawn decoration with U.S. flag, handmade by member John Hemeon).



Dot & Quentin Risher, Jim Kelly & fiancée Jessie McGuire, and Marie & Ash Badger

Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 31 March 2012, at *Pelly's 19th Hole* restaurant in North Kingstown, RI; with an early (noon) start time.

New England Chapter Members Meet with NASA Official

By Marty Diller

Since 2010, in keeping with our Education Program Outreach goals, the Chapter has been cooperating with Cape Ann Science Alliance (CASA) founder Bill Waller in advocating that NASA establish a prototype staging facility for planetary exploration in Antarctica. In letters to NASA, Bill recommended that NASA take advantage of the collective wisdom that veterans of Antarctic expeditions can provide. NASA recognized the merit of Bill's advice and sent Deputy Director Chris Moore up from Washington, DC, on 14 October, which turned out to be a rainy Friday evening, to meet with Bill and some OAEs. Chris is the Deputy Director of the NASAs Advanced Capabilities

Division, which is an arm of NASAs Exploration Systems Mission Directorate.



NASA Inflatable Habitat at McMurdo

The roots of this meeting first began to take hold in December 2009, when the Chapter co-sponsored a Panel Discussion with CASA and the Massachusetts Space Grant Consortium. The subject of the panel was: "Settling the Moon and Mars—Insights from Personal Experiences of Living in Antarctica." Bill Waller, an astronomer, educator, and author, chaired the event and the panelists represented five decades of Antarctic experience (* indicates OAEA member):

- Charlie 'CB' Bevilacqua*, (US Navy Seabee, Retired) Operation Deep Freeze 1955–57, McMurdo and South Pole;
- Dr. Valeriy 'Matt' Spitkovsky* (deceased), former Soviet scientist at Mirny and Vostok Stations 1962–64;
- Ed Schwalenberg*, former MIT and University of Nevada researcher, winter-over Palmer Station in 1977;
- John Drews*, ITT Construction contractor, McMurdo Station, austral summer of 1984–85; and
- John Briggs, astronomer and historian, 1994 winter-over at South Pole Station.



Chris Moore, Bill Waller, John Drews and Marty Diller pose for a photo after the meeting

That highly successful event, held at the Rockport (Mass.) Public Library, was well attended, and due to its educational value, some local school teachers actually gave students extra credit for attending. Issues brought forth by panelists, which affect life both on the Ice and on the Moon or Mars, included: dealing with an extreme, cold environment; building shelter while having no place to live during construction; adapting to the dire working conditions; minimizing and rectifying pollution resulting from construction and daily life; and psychological issues and importance of teamwork during construction (e.g., a non-team player or misfit tends to get the dirty jobs, doesn't get any help to do assigned tasks, and gets blamed when things go wrong).

The 2009 Panel Discussion also led to an op-ed piece authored by Bill Waller, titled 'Lessons from Antarctica', which was published in the November 2010 issue of *Sky & Telescope* magazine. In his article, Bill suggested that NASA would benefit from studying the trials and errors of early Antarctic expeditions before building on the Moon and Mars. At its September meeting, in recognition and appreciation of

Bill's interest and support of the Chapter's Education Program, the Chapter gave him an annual Associate membership in the OAEA.

The meeting with NASA rep Chris Moore took place at the Stockyard Restaurant outside of Boston in Brighton, MA, and Chapter representatives in attendance included Bill Waller, John Drews, Fred Santino, and me. John Briggs and Ed Schwalenberg were out of the state on that date and CB Bevilacqua was kept at bay by the heavy rain and rush hour traffic. Chris's wife, his mother, and some other of his close relatives were able to attend.



Speaker Chris Moore

Bill Waller led off with a PowerPoint presentation that compared the Antarctic environment with that of the Moon and Mars, making the point that Antarctic is an ideal "analog" testbed for exploring other worlds—that it is an analogous environment (to the Moon and Mars)—and suitable for testing various technologies and systems in Antarctica before their deployment into space.

Chris then followed with his own PowerPoint titled 'NASAs Analog Missions, Paving the Way for Space Exploration.' NASAs current goals and strategies for exploration of the solar system were outlined, and he described various ongoing "Analog Missions" that he manages. At desert-like sites near Flagstaff, AZ and Devon Island, Canada, at underwater sites off Key Largo, FL and in Pavilion Lake, B.C., Canada, and at a site near the summit of the Mauna Koa volcano in Hawaii, Chris has researchers conducting integrated testing of various robotic prototypes and other technologies and system elements to evaluate the operational characteristics and functional relationships of all these systems before they are deployed in space.

NASA also has conducted testing in Antarctica. In January 2008, NASA partnered with the NSF and ILC Dover to fabricate and test a remotely deployed, inflatable habitat "in an extreme environment"—McMurdo Station. The habitat packs like a tent, but inflates into a building. It took less than 50 minutes to deploy, and it successfully survived 250 days in the frigid Antarctic winter with recorded temperatures as low as -75 degrees F, and winds gusting to 50 knots. Technologies and capabilities developed by this project will be critical to both future NASA space missions and to NSF's support of polar research here on Earth.

Chris closed his PowerPoint with a slide stating that NASA is interested in hearing the perspectives of the OAEs on the value of conducting analog tests in Antarctica and he welcomed John Drews' insights from his Antarctic experience. It is hoped that more interaction with NASA will take place in the future. For more information, visit:

www.nasa.gov/exploration/analog/.

Meeting Photos by Fred Santino

Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

Saturday 01 October 2011 Meeting

—When I went to pick up Sean to take him to the meeting the weather was brisk and cool—so cool in fact that my heater came on—well, it was only 68 degrees outside, but my car AC was set at 70 degrees.

There was a lot going on in Pensacola, so I suppose that's why only 23 members and guest showed up for the meeting. Robert Harlan, VXE-6, who we had not seen at a meeting since September 2006 showed up. It was good to see him again, but he had to leave early to attend a funeral.

After nearly everyone had finished their lunch Glenn Harris started selling 50/50 raffle tickets and Sean Baker passed out the door prize tickets.

Following the distribution of the tickets Laura Snow introduced the documentary video, *The Last Man* that was our featured presentation. The video went without a glitch and was well received. The documentary was produced by Tom Henderson for the Antarctic Society. Tom is also a member of the OAEA and the ADFA. The video is about CWO Tony Wayne, USN (Ret). See the story by John Steward, in the Jul-Sep 2011 issue of the *Gazette* for full details.



Les Liptak Waiting to hand out the Brick Paver Flyers



Bob Harlan

Before the drawings I made an announcement that ABC Richard "Dutch" Schultz, USN (Ret) died in Pensacola on 30 September. Dutch served in VX-6 from 1970 through 1973. Dutch was an old friend and he will be missed. It was not announced but OAEA GCG member Frank Stokes died on 28 September. Frank was

the winter-over Communications Officer at Little America V during DF-III. As is the chapter policy \$50 for each deceased member will be donated to the OAEA Scholarship Fund.



Glenn Harris Selling 50/50 Raffle Tickets to Oneil Boudreaux While Laura Snow Rummages Through Here Purse Looking for Some Cash. Next to Laura are the Preston's who Donated the Door Prizes and won the 50/50 Drawing.

The door prizes consisted of a Rave movie ticket, two adult, and two children ticket to the Circus that is currently in town. Three drawing were held. George Griffin won two of the circus tickets and Sean Baker won the other two. The Rave movie ticket was won by Jim McCreary. Larry Preston won the 50/50 raffle.

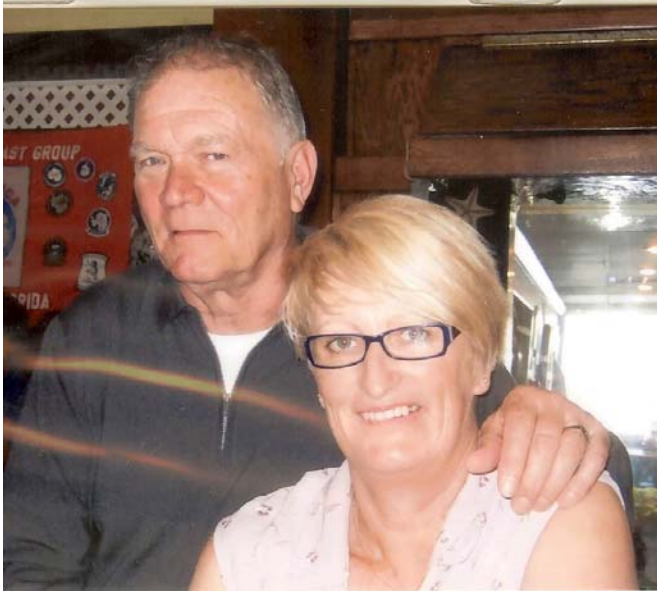


Don Stringer Holding one of the Deep Freeze License Plate Frames that he Purchased.

Les Liptak passed out flyers for the Naval Aviation Foundation Brick Paver Program. Brick pavers are available in two sizes (4"X8" and 8"X8") at the cost of \$100 and \$250 respectively. For more details and an order form go to: <http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org>. Click on "News and Events" to pull down the menu and then click on the "[Brick Paver Program](#)" link.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Thanks to the Preston's for donating the door prizes, Sean Baker, and Glenn Harris for distributing the tickets. Also thanks for Lennie and Sean for taking candid photos and to Laura Snow for narrating the video.

Saturday 12 November 2011—Twenty Six members and guests showed up for the monthly GCG Chapter meeting. First time attendees were Ken and Ann Pye. The Pye's have just moved from Australia to Pensacola. Ken was in VXE-6. Ann is a Kiwi.



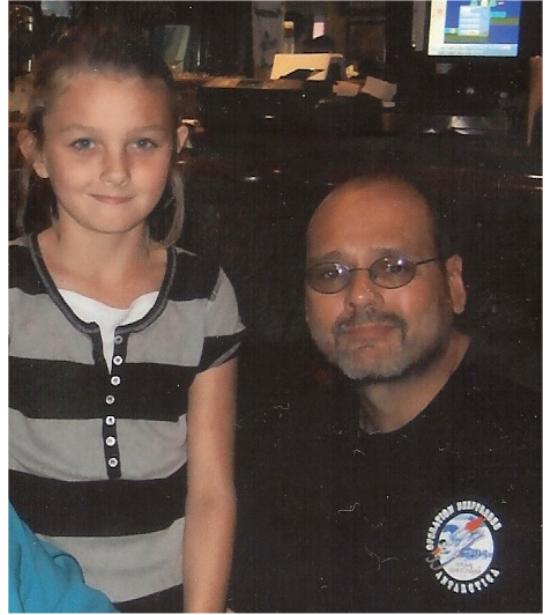
Ken and Ann Pye at Their First GCG Meeting

OAEA Members Susan Hebb and Linda Balink-White were in the Shrimp Basket attending their WAVES luncheon and stopped by the bar to greet a few of us.

There was no scheduled speaker and the only thing on the agenda was to present Pam Landy with a trophy commemorating her winning of the 50/50 raffle on 3 July 2010. The only other order of business was to introduce Ken and Ann to those in attendance. After that the 50/50 raffle was held and Mary Lou Platt held the winning ticket. Her share was \$40 and she donated \$25 back to the GCG Kitty. She said that she would have donated it all, but she was going to use the remainder to develop the film and have some prints made of the photos she took at the meeting. Mary Lou always has extra copies of the photos printed and hands them out to the subjects at the next meeting. Plus she gives me a copy of all the photos that I scan to use in the *Gazette*.

The door prize drawing, consisting of a matted print of an iceberg photograph, and a VXE-6 coin was won by Bill Fazio. The coin was donated by Brian Hoffmaster who also had some of the coins for sale. The print was donated by Ed Feeney. Incidentally another GCG Chapter member John Higdon took the photograph of the iceberg

Thanks to everyone who helped with the meeting. Especially to Pam for selling the 50/50 and to Sean for distributing the door prize tickets. Also thanks to Sean and Mary Lou for taking the meeting photographs.



Ashlee Florence Baker and her Uncle Sean

PAMS TROPHY

At the 3 July 2010 meeting Pam won her first 50/50 raffle drawing. Since she had been helping with the drawings since day one I thought it would be a great idea to save her ticket and to award it to her at a future meeting. However, finding a display box was not that easy. I never found exactly what I was looking for, but out of desperation I used a box that was designed to display a baseball. After I got a brass plate made for it I presented it to her at the 12 November 2011 meeting.



Pam's Winning Ticket Trophy Box. Detail of the Brass Plate shown below.



Saturday 3 December 2011—Our last meeting

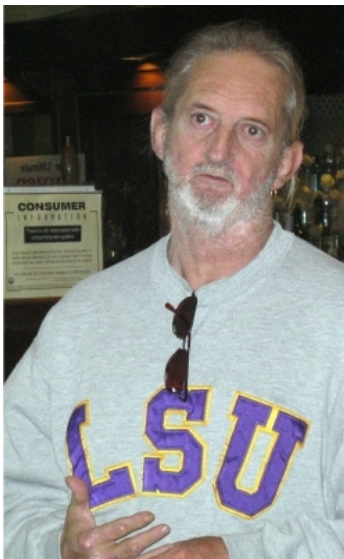
of the year was a beautiful day. That's according to the Weather Man on the Weather Channel. However, the sun was shining, but in reality it was cold and windy. Anyway 33 members showed up for lunch and everyone seemed to be in a festive mood.

Our chapter president Duck Talbert decided to hold the 50/50 raffle and door prize drawings before he introduced our speakers. So, as soon as Pam had finished eating she started selling the raffle tickets and Duck handed out the door prize tickets.



Lennie Telling the Story of his Coin Display

Our waitress Sarah drew the raffle ticket and the winning ticket was held by Larry and Sharon Preston who took home \$55 as their share. Duck asked the Shrimp Basket Manager David Fernandez to draw the door prize ticket and the winning ticket was held by Jim Landy. The door prize



Gary Lowery Outlining plans for a Blanket Drive for Homeless Vets

consisted of a penguin gift bag containing a chocolate "Arctic Pals" penguin and a small penguin statue was donated by the Preston's.

After the drawing were out of the way Duck introduced Lennie Bourgeois whose main topic was his Antarctic Coin and Medallion display board. Before Lennie described the board he told a couple of sea stories (ice stories actually) about his first deployment to the ice and a patch he designed for the squadron. After his ice stories Lennie described how he made the display

board and acquired the coins. Most of the Antarctic related coins are OAEA coins with one for the 100 anniversary of the discovery of the South Pole and one or two from the squadron. The board has two of each coin in order to display both sides. The bottom 1/3 of the board consists of non-Antarctic related coins.



Left to Right: Con Jaburg, Chuck Miner, Les Liptak, and Jimmy Baker

After Lennies talk Duck introduced Gary Lowry as the newest OAEA Member and Gary gave us an update on the status of the homeless veterans in the Pensacola area. Gary suggested that the GCG start an annual blanket drive for the homeless vets. His suggestion met with a lot of interest and the donations will not be limited to blankets, but will include jackets, other warm clothing, and food. Everyone who wants to contribute should bring their donations to the next GCG Chapter meeting that will be on 7 January 2012.

After Gary finished Duck put in a pitch for Jimmy Baker's Young Eagles program. There being no further business the meeting was concluded.

Thanks to every one who helped with the 50/50 and door prize drawings and to Lennie, Sean, and Mary Lou for taking photos of the meeting.



Dan Knox's "kit car" was a big topic of discussion. He parked it right outside the bar entrance and everyone coming to the meeting was curious about it. For some reason several people thought it was a PT Cruiser.