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MV Greenwave Unloads at Causeway

Successful Cargo Operation Completes Challenging Logistics Season

By Peter Rejcek

The movement of supplies and cargo from the United States across thousands of miles of ocean to Antarctica to support scientific research on the southernmost continent relies on a certain serendipity.

When that fails, send in the Army.

That's what the National Science Foundation (NSF) did when the ice pier at McMurdo Station, constructed during the 2011 winter, failed to thicken and harden, eventually melting away during the summer months like a deflated soufflé.

By 1 December about two months before a cargo ship carrying nearly seven million pounds of supplies and equipment for the U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP) was scheduled to arrive, it was apparent that the pier would not be in any sort of shape to support the truck traffic required to move hundreds of 40-foot shipping containers on and off the vessel.

“We were out of options by the first of December. We had to commit to something, because it was obvious the pier wasn't going to firm up and be substantial enough for operation.”

See: ICEPIER on page 4.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

James "Jim Da Retired Cop" Heffel—OAEA President

TO ALL OAEs—In my previous column I briefly discussed the forthcoming election of OAEA Officers and Directors. Since that time an announcement soliciting volunteers to run for office has been promulgated by the OAEA topica.com and yahoo.com bulk email systems. The volunteer solicitation form is posted on the Internet. See page 20 of this issue for more information on the election. If you feel you are qualified and would like to assume a leadership position in the OAEA you will need to complete the form and return it to the 2012 OAEA Election Committee Chairman not later than 30 May.



Ed Hamblin has promulgated details regarding the OAEA 2012–2013 School Year Scholarship program in the Editorial Column on page 3. The cut-off date for sponsoring someone for a scholarship is fast approaching.

It has come to my attention that the Guest Book on the OAEA web site is no longer available. The Webmaster, Billy-Ace Baker, is attempting to find an alternate guestbook host and get a new guest book up and operating as soon as possible.

Also in this issue of the *Gazette* is the OAEA FY2011 Accounting Statement. According to our Treasurer, Cy Buehler, in an email to the BOD, FY2012 is off to a good start with income from new member dues and donations to the various funds. Thanks to everyone who has helped to recruit new members and those who have made donations.

The 2012 OAEA Reunion in San Diego, CA is fast approaching. POC Jim Maddox and his committee are hard at work in an effort to insure that it will be a very special event. I look forward to seeing everyone in San Diego.

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

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OAEA 2012–2013 School Year Scholarship Award Program

Editorial by Ed Hamblin

The OAEA Scholarship awards program for the 2012–2013 school year is underway. Ed Hamblin, committee chairman has distributed approximately a dozen applications thus far for people who responded to the Topica.com notification in February. He will distribute applications via email or snail mail (if email not available) to the sponsor ONLY, because the sponsor is part of the application process; sponsor involvement is paramount to ensure that the deadline for submission is met. Unless previous arrangements have been made to “slip the date” a couple of days, applications received after the cutoff will be not considered; packages must be received by 6/30/2012.

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Instructions are on the application. All sponsors must be Life Members, or Annual Members of the OAEA with dues paid up through 6/30/2013.

Scholarship awards are funded by interest earned against money donated to the scholarship fund by individuals and organizations within the OAEA or associated with the OAEA (as the Communicators Group, OAEA Chapters New England and Gulf Coast). One of the possibilities to enrich the scholarship coffers is for someone with fundraising experience to step forward, who would be willing to organize and run fundraising events in conjunction with the bi-annual OAEA reunions. There are various adult recreational activities (horse shoes, darts, bowling, golf, poker) that could be turned into scholarship fund raising opportunities with the right person at the helm.

Thanks go out to the following for their generosity with donations to the scholarship fund since the 1 October start of Fiscal Year 2012:

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ICEPIER

From page 1

said Paul Sheppard, Operations and Logistics Systems manager for NSF's Office of Polar Programs (OPP), which manages the USAP.

The ice pier is a one-of-a-kind structure. The U.S. Navy built the first one in the early 1970s. Most last multiple years, but for the last two years, the ice-based wharves have failed. The 2010 pier simply took too much of a beating, cracked, and was swept away in a powerful storm in early 2011.

An unseasonably warm winter that same year meant the next pier was only about half as thick as it should have been to begin the 2011-12 summer field season.

"It wasn't going to work," Sheppard said.

One idea had been to rent a commercial pier, but McMurdo simply didn't have the expertise to assemble the pieces of a floating platform on such short notice.

But the 331st Transportation Company (Causeway) with the 24th Transportation Battalion, 7th Sustainment Brigade, out of Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia, certainly did. Its mission is to set up and operate what the Army calls a modular causeway system (MCS) around the world.



Photo Credit: Corey Chan
The Russian icebreaker Vladimir Ignatyuk, left, escorts the fuel tanker to McMurdo Station.

A train of flatbed trucks carrying about 33 pieces of the MCS, weighing more than 1.3 million pounds, crossed the country in early December to Port Hueneme, Calif., where most of the USAPs cargo is staged for transportation to McMurdo Station.

Members of the 331st Transportation Company helped oversee the loading of the MCS—including two warping tugs, which are used to assemble and maneuver the interlocking components of the system—aboard the Military Sealift Command container ship MV *Green Wave*.

Problem solved. Except nothing is ever that easy when it comes to Antarctica.

The *Green Wave* broke down not long after leaving Port Hueneme, and mechanical problems continued to plague the 469-foot-long vessel until it reached Lyttleton, New Zealand. About 63 containers were removed at the port because there was concern about stability issues when unloading the 90-ton warping tugs.

About 867,000 pounds of the materials left in New Zealand was later airlifted to McMurdo by the U.S. Air Force aboard the large cargo C-17 Globemaster III aircraft over the course of nine missions, according to Derrold Burnett, Supply Chain Management director for Raytheon Polar Services Company (RPSC), the prime contractor for the USAP.

The container ship finally pulled into Winter Quarters Bay, a natural harbor across from McMurdo Station, on Valentine's Day, about two weeks behind schedule. (The name Winter Quarters Bay refers to Briton Robert Falcon Scott's expedition, which wintered at the site for two years at the turn of the 20th century.)

Members of the 331st got to work immediately, assembling the floating causeway in about three days. It took about a week to unload the 6.8 million



Photo Credit: Carlie Reum
Explosives dislodge the ice pier from Winter Quarters Bay.

pounds of food, equipment, and other sundries needed to run both McMurdo and South Pole Stations for another year. The operation also involved members of the Navy Cargo Handling Battalion, New Zealand Defense Forces, and station personnel.

“From the first lift, the operation has gone exceedingly well,” Burnett, said via email from McMurdo as the operation wound down.

Despite working on a much smaller pier—the ice version is nearly twice the size of a football field at 100,000 square feet versus only 7,600 square feet for the MCS—and having a cargo ship with only two cranes instead of three, as in years past, the operation moved faster than anticipated.

“What we learned from the smaller surface area for landing the cargo is that we can move cargo effectively in a smaller area than the ice pier,” Burnett said. “The size of the ice pier is driven by the size of the vessel for mooring purposes. The other thing we developed from this adversity is another means to moor the ship without relying on the pier as a fender to the shoreline.”

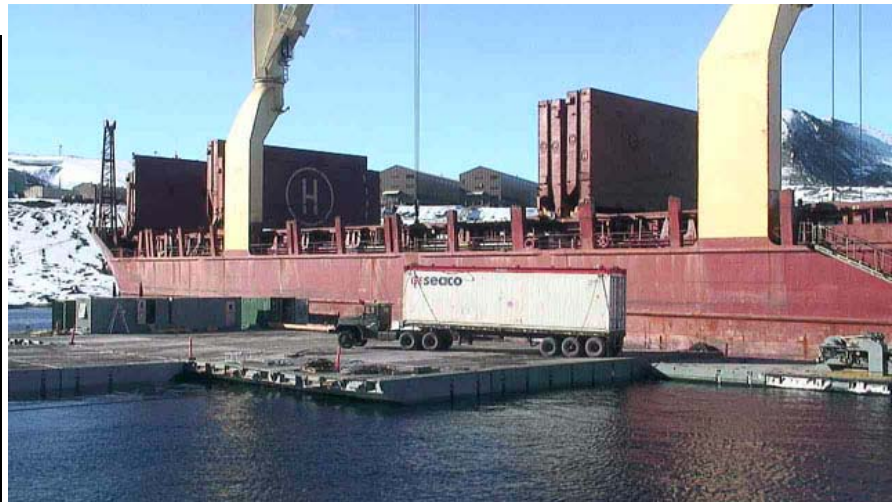


Photo Credit: usap.gov

A McMurdo Station webcam near the pier area captures the offload action.

Also, instead of using flatbed trucks to haul cargo containers to and from the ship, personnel employed heavy-lift fork trucks while on the pier. That shaved off about five minutes per lift over the trucks, Burnett said, eventually saving more than two days in charter costs for the vessel.

“At this point, we are through all of the risky stuff for the program. If that

cargo had not gotten down, that would have started another big problem of how you get the supplies in. We would have had to airlift it in at great expense,” Sheppard said.

The operation also includes reloading the ship with waste, recyclables, and other materials no longer needed on the Ice. The ship also carries back scientific samples, such as ice cores and rocks, including meteorites, which researchers collected during the previous months.

“The reason we go to Antarctica is to do the science, so it’s important for the ship to get in this year. We can keep the people alive and keep the station running, but the science would have suffered,” Sheppard said.

The research was actually in jeopardy before the 2011–12 season even began for another issue related to ice and ships.

The USAP requires the services of an icebreaker each year to cut a channel through the annual sea ice that fronts McMurdo Station. The channel allows the cargo vessel and a fuel ship, escorted by the icebreaker, to reach the station.

For decades, U.S. Coast Guard icebreakers supported the USAP. However, in recent years, the Coast Guard’s two heavy icebreakers, the *Polar Sea* and *Polar Star*, have been largely inoperable, though the latter is



Photo Credit: Chris Demarest/Antarctic Photo Library

The fuel tanker Maersk Peary arrives before the cargo ship at the end of January. The ice pier was stable enough to offload about seven million gallons of various fuels used for station and aviation operations.

undergoing an extensive refit with hopes of going back to sea by 2014.

For the past several years, the NSF had contracted with the Swedish government for the icebreaker *Oden*, which also doubles as a research vessel. But the Swedish government decided that the *Oden* was needed at home after two harsh winters disrupted shipping lanes in the region.

It wasn't until late August that the NSF chartered the Russian icebreaker *Vladimir Ignatyuk* for the job of breaking ice to McMurdo, even as the first flights were arriving.

"We've seen every one of our Achilles' heels this year—those critical links in the logistics chain have been challenged, except for airlift," Sheppard said. "Airlift went without a hitch this year, and really was a great gap filler."

Airlift in this case involves the U.S. Air Force C-17, which flies between Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo, and the smaller ski-equipped LC-130, which supports South Pole Station and deep-field camps.

The *Vladimir Ignatyuk* arrived at McMurdo in late January, followed by the MSC tanker *Maersk Peary*, which

unloaded about seven million gallons of fuel. The icebreaker's job to break a channel and clear the ice from Winter Quarters Bay was made easier by ample open water in McMurdo Sound. That was also a bonus for constructing the Army's deployable pier.

"We're fortunate this year that we have a lot of open water that normally isn't there," Sheppard said. "It was a struggle to the end, but it's going out on a good note."



NSF Photo by William Henriksen, 22 February 2012
The annual cargo vessel offloads a metal causeway to be used in lieu of the ice pier at McMurdo Station. Warm temperatures prevented the ice pier from solidifying, so the causeway was used instead.

ANNUAL MEMBER DUES EXPIRING

By Ed Hamblin

The below Annual Members dues will expire in June of 2012. Renewal checks should be mailed to:

OAEA Membership Committee
 3104 Deepspring Drive
 Chesapeake, VA 23321

Checks should be made payable to OAEA. If upgrading to Life, please note so on the check.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Billy-Ace,

I write to you from the Binnacle List, and figure I'd better get hot on a Book Review of *ANTARCTICA An Encyclopedia*:

Book Review

Antarctica An Encyclopedia, by John Stewart, 1990.
Two Volumes

Antarctica An Encyclopedia,- by John Stewart,
Second Edition 2011. Two Volumes.

Both Editions printed in the United States by McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson, North Carolina 28650.

When John Stewart's *Antarctica* hit the street, 20 years ago, it was truly epical. Here, finally, was a true Encyclopedia, which covered all aspects of Antarctica: Geography, Chronology, Expeditions, Bibliography, History, and Individuals—"The Whole Nine Yards".

Then in 2011, John Stewart published the Second Edition of *Antarctica An Encyclopedia*. In searching for an appropriate word to describe the Second Edition, "Monumental" comes to mind!

Let's take a quick look at an overall comparison of the First and Second Editions:

The First Edition's two volumes are colored Black. Each measures 9 1/4 by 6 1/2 inches, and is 1 1/2 inches thick. There are a total of 1193 pages, and the two Volumes' total weight is 4.1 pounds. The Second Edition's two volumes are colored blue. Each measures 11 1/4 by 8 3/4 inches, and is 2 inches thick. There are a total of 1758 pages, and the two Volumes' total weight is 9.9 pounds.

One doesn't need to be a Rocket Scientist to figure out that the Second Edition contains a great deal more information than the First Edition! On the other hand, there's at least one aspect where it becomes an advantage to hold *both* Editions. That advantage lies in the First Editions' Chapters titled *Chronology*, and *Expeditions*. One of those chapters can lead you to the subject you're looking for, after which you can look it up in the Second Edition.

As ever, J. L. "Doc" Abbot, Jr.

Editor's Note: Doc can be reached at:

docabbot@aol.com

Sir,

My first semester went well. My GPA is 3.20. Also, I was chosen as a fire team leader in the small unit tactics class I am enrolled in. I will be able to contract with the ROTC in the fall.

Sorry for the delay in reporting.

Ryan McCoy

OAEA Scholarship Awardee

Editor:

In the Tidewater report in the Oct-Dec issue of the *Gazette* it looks like your pictured everyone who was in attendance except for Dave Steward. INT WTF0?

Howard "Guhor" Wick

Editor's Note: OK. Here it is.



Dave Steward WO Palmer DF-70

Hi, Billy-Ace,

I just wanted you to know the *Gazette* you just sent looks great and has tons of good stuff. You and the other guys are doing a wonderful job. How lucky for the rest of us.

Jane Alstott,
VXE-6 89-94

Editor:

I think it's the best edition of the *Gazette* yet and very varied. Thanks for reviewing my book.

Black Jack
(John Stewart)



Billy-Ace,

In the current issue of *Explorer's Gazette*, I saw a photo of an Operation Deep Freeze license plate frame that had been purchased at the Gulf Coast chapter meeting last October. Are those available from OAEA, or from a specific supplier?

Frank Witty

Editor's Note: The frames are available for \$15 each plus \$5 shipping and handling. If anyone is interested contact me at upizauf@aol.com or 850 456 3556.

Billy-Ace,

Several of us are interested in buying a copy of Dee Molenaar's McMurdo map, but the website doesn't allow purchases of the map.

Is the map still available for purchase and if so, how does one buy it?

Elaine Hood
Communications Specialist
Antarctic Photo Librarian

Editor's Note: The reply below is from Dee:

Hi fellow Old Antarcticans:

Yes, they may purchase copies of our McMurdo map, cash or check mailed with order, at \$15.00 each, which includes postage within the US, but plus 8.6% sales tax for Washington residents.

Dee Molenaar
P.O. Box 62
Port Orchard WA 98367

Editor:

Find enclosed my check for \$50 to help pay for *Gazette* printing and mailing expenses. Keep up the good work.

Clair Cunningham

Billy-Ace:

Please accept the enclosed check (\$100) towards the expense of printing and sending out the *Gazette*. Thanks to you and your crew.

Eugene Ellena

Editor's Note: Thanks. Donations are always appreciated.

Dear Editor:

Concerning the helicopter crash mentioned in the *Gazette* in Volume 1 Issue 4—Capt. Dufek was Commander Task Group 68.3 (The Eastern Group of Operation Highjump). He was nowhere near the *Philippine Sea* and the helicopter accident with him in it occurred at the *Pine Island* on 19 January 1947.

Martin Litz

Editor's Note: Martin is correct. I had the ship names reversed. Dufek was on BUNO 57996 that crashed on 19 Jan and was off the Pine Island. The other helo crash, BUNO 57997, was off the Philippine Sea and crashed on 22 Jan.

Dear Editor:

I heard that you went to court and had your name changed to Penguin. I thought your readers would like this story about another man who also changed his name to Penguin:

"My ultimate dream is to be buried in a deep ocean close to where penguins live." Those are the words of the former Alfred David. 79, otherwise known in his native Belgium as "Monsieur Pengouin" (Mr. Penguin), so named because a 1968 accident left him with a waddle in his walk that he decided to embrace with gusto. His wife abandoned the marriage when he made the name change official. Evidentially being "Mrs Penguin" was not what she signed up for. Mr Penguin started a penguin museum that includes 3500 items, and he created a hooded, full-body, black-and-white penguin suit that he wears daily in his waddles around his Brussels neighborhood of Schaerbeek.

Chuck Shepherd

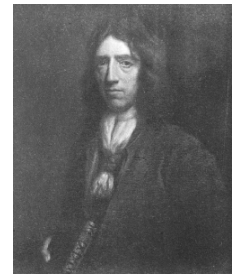


Editor's Note: As can be seen Mr Penguin even has pictures of penguins on the overhead.

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



HMS Pagoda at Anchor

JANUARY: On 30 January 1845, in 60° 11' S, 4° 43' E, the 362-ton British barque *Pagoda* came up hard against what Capt. Moore described as a “large rocky islet, surmounted by a quantity of snow or ice”. He estimated the feature at 1600 tons in weight, and named it Pagoda Rock. The Pagoda expedition was making magnetic observations south of 60 degrees latitude, and between 0 and 100 degrees longitude, so Tom Moore was no fanciful sealer. Subsequent to this visit, navigators looked for Pagoda Rock but never found it, even though it appears on a 1918 Admiralty chart. However, Shackleton's 1921–22 *Quest* expedition, and that of the *Norvegia* in 1930–31, pretty much disproved the rock's existence. It was probably a huge rock, embedded near the top of a submerged iceberg that just happened to be floating around in 1845. Following the *Pagoda's* visit, the berg would have disintegrated, and the rock should now be lying at the bottom of the ocean somewhere.



Saint Ivan the Hermit

FEBRUARY: I know I've had the occasional go at the Bulgars before in this column, but they really deserve it. I mean, for so much ridiculous feature naming. They find a piece of dog's droppings, and they name it after some bloody ruler of ancient Bulgaria. It's really a joke, not the dog's droppings, but this obsession these lads have to name anything and everything after some bizarrely obscure being in what is after all a bizarrely obscure country. On 17 February 2004, Saint Ivan of Rila (get that name, folks!) had a feature named after him by the Bulgarian Antarctic Society's Topographic And Rivers Division (BASTARD)—St Ivan Rilski Col. They couldn't even get the name right. Oh, in case you're wondering if Saint Ivan of Rila was one of those early Bulgars who got to Antarctica, the answer is he was a 10th-century hermit—never made it south of the Balkan Mountains in Southern Bulgaria.

Editor's Note: For those who might be interested, St Ivan even has his own Internet site. It can be viewed at:

<http://12121.hostinguk.com/JohnRila.htm>



Photo by Norsk PolarInstitutt

Alan Reece two days After Eye Surgery

MARCH: Picture this. It's 11 March 1951, during the Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition, and there's a field party three weeks out of base. Geologist Alan Reece is taking a rock sample, and gets hit in the right eye by a flying chip. Dr Ove Wilson meets up with him eight days later, and examines the eye. Not much he can do. Back at Maudheim by 30 May, the doctor contacts eye specialist Sven Larsson in Sweden, who advises Wilson to remove the eye. Gulp! Dr Wilson's never even seen eye surgery performed, let alone performed such a thing. To find out what happened next, read John Stewart's book *Antarctica: An Encyclopedia*, 2nd Edition, 2011.



Tidewater Group December Get-Together



by Ed Hamblin

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF MARCH and reasonable weather, I thought maybe we would have a crowd for our quarterly social get together of the Tidewater area OAEs at House of Eggs early in March. The crowd part didn't happen, but a few stalwarts showed up, along with a new face. The new "arrival" was Robert Kello of Chesapeake, VA. Robert joined the Old Antarctic Explorers Association in November 2011. A veteran of VXE-6 from 1968–1971, he worked in Maintenance Control at Williams Field while deployed. He now works for the City of Chesapeake. Welcome to the "crew", Robert.



Others who came out included Bill Raymus, Brad Miller, Herb Schaefer, Ron Rooks, Manny Perry, Manny's grandson Garrett Johnston, Bill Murray, and yours truly. Because we have never become any sort of formal organization, these quarterly get togethers at the House of Eggs are very social, with shared stories, pictures, and general chit-chat. This time, Herb Schaefer and Bill Raymus brought us up to date on the FRA article about the airing of health related issues in conjunction with PM-3A Nuclear Power Plant operations

for the November function. Following the completion of that reunion, I expect us to buckle down here and get serious about the 2014 reunion that we will be hosting here in Norfolk at the Waterside Sheraton. We have the hosting venue contracted and the dates. Our expectations are that a lot of OAEA members will want to make the Norfolk 2014 Reunion, and here is why: Of the active 1400 OAEA members, living in the US, 63% are living east of the Mississippi River. Being central as we are along the eastern seaboard, no one place inside that east of the Mississippi area is further than 16 hours of driving time at normal interstate driving speeds. The dates for our Tidewater function are 12–14 November 2014; we will have some materials on the area available in San Diego.

Manny Perry mentioned the recent East Coast All SeaBee reunion held in Hampton, VA. To quote an e-mail he shared with me from the event chairman, Bruce McDougall... "I've tried to get "the Ice People" to come for a few years"...and "Please discuss the Ice with your group and if you would, please send me a contact for the organization". So, any takers that would be interested in attending the East Coast All SeaBee reunion next year? If so, let me know (chamblin74@verizon.net) and I will co-ordinate with Manny Perry as POC.

We have a local copy of *The Snowman*, a documentary video directed by Juliet Lamont making the rounds here in our group. Several OAEA members were interviewed for the video at the 2008 Pensacola Beach Reunion including Bill Raymus and me. The documentary has some ice footage, and is a serious attempt by a young woman to try to uncover the conspiracy that drove her father mad while he was at Scott Base for a short time in the mid-70s. However serious she was in doing the documentary, those of us who spent time on the ice have a hard time taking it as serious as she meant it. To quote her father in one scene... "It's all about the @!#%ing whales".

Our next Tidewater gathering will be Saturday, 3 June at 3:00PM/1500 at the Norfolk House of Eggs. Hope you can make it. If you aren't on the Tidewater area email tree and want to be added so you get reminders, give Ed a phone call at: 757 405,3382, or an email at: chamblin74@verizon.net.

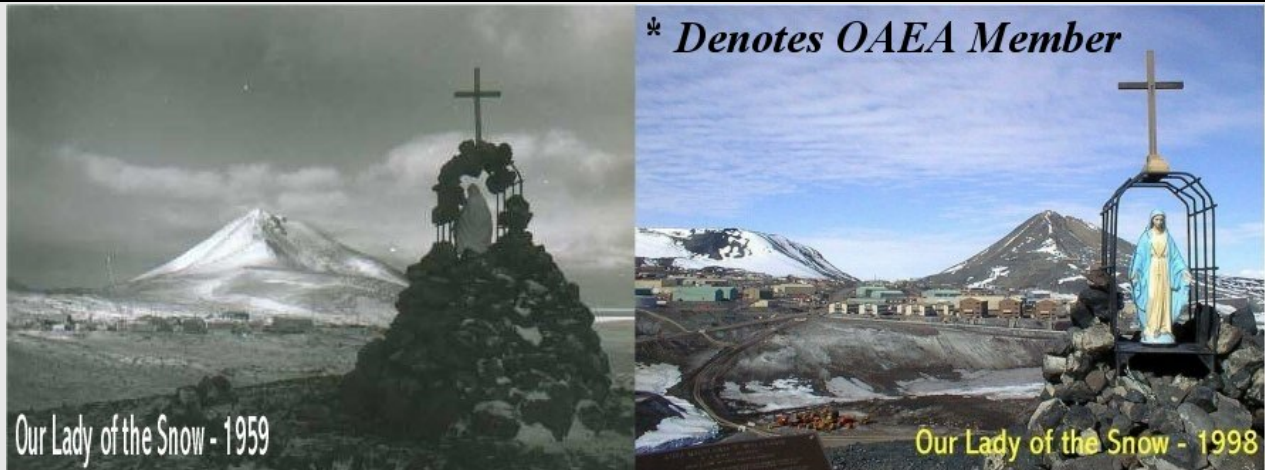


From the left: Garrett Johnston, Bill Raymus, Robert Kello, Ron Rooks, Manny Perry, Herb Schaefer, Brad Miller, and Bill Murray.

during the years from 1962–1973. As follow-on to this discussion, Herb also steered us to the article in the March 2012 FRA Today magazine that offers a counterpoint of view from the power plant operators' perspective.

We had lighter discussions about the next two OAEA Reunions. Several Tidewater members will be in San Diego

Editor's Note: A PDF version of the Initial Assessment of Radiation Exposure of Military Personnel aboard McMurdo Station during 1962 through 1979 can be found at the following web site:
http://www.vbdr.org/meetings/2012/Presentations/3-Fairchild_VBDR_Mar12.pdf



IN MEMORY

OAE Vernon Ahmadjian, PhD., 81, died on 13 March 2012, in Falmouth, MA. Vernon served with USARP during DF-67. Ahmadjian Peak is named in his honor.

OAE Henry Arthur Amble Jr., 85, died on 21 February 2012, in Ann Arbor, MI. Henry visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE John E. "Jack" Arnold, Sr., 76, died on 8 January 2012, in Lebanon, PA. Jack served on the USS *Glacier* and made two deployments to Antarctica.

OAE CDR Harold Raymond Andrus, USN (Ret), 87, died on 15 January 2012, in College Park, MD. Harold served in Deep Freeze as the NSF Staff Logistics Officer from 1962 through 1966. Andrus Point is named in his honor.

OAE Robert Gordon "Bob" Armstrong 72, died on 20 December 2011, in Nanaimo BC. Bob visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Frank Delano Bailey, 77, died on 16 January 2012, in Paradise, CA. Frank wintered-over with the SeaBees.

OAE Esther Mae Benter, 102, died on 17 February 2012, in Rancho Bernardo, CA. Esther visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Robert A. "Dick" Bird, USN (Ret), 88, died on 8 January 2012, in Manlius, NY. Dick visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE DR Albert Henry Bridgman, MD, 83, died on 3 March 2012, in Asheville, NC. Albert was the OIC of Hallett Station during DF-III. Bridgman Glacier is named in his honor.

OAE Dr. John Edward Bullock, DDS, 68, died on 23 February 2012, in Framingham, MA. John served in Antarctica as a dentist with the Navy.

OAE Marion E. Carlson, died on 17 2012, in Wayland, MA. Marion visited Antarctica in her 70s on a Russian Trawler.

OAE David Carpenter, 71, died on 10 March 2012, in Flagstaff, AZ. David served on the USS *Glacier* as an IC2.

OAE Eric James "Ricky" Chinn, 77, died on 21 February 2012, in Elsworth Cambridge, UK. Ricky wintered-over four times with the British Antarctica Service at Base B in 1962, Base F in 1963, Halley Bay in 1967, and South Georgia in 1970

OAE Douglas Owen Dapice, 70, died on 26 January 2012, in Hampden, ME. Douglas visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Paul K. D'Arcy, 93 died on 5 January 2012, in Lyme, CT. Paul visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE RMC Maurice Edward Disselhorst, USN (Ret), 73, died on 24 February 2012, in Odessa, TX. Maurice wintered-over at South Pole Station during DF-69 with ASA as an RM1.

OAE Sheila Lea (Sullivan) Dobbins, 82, died on 12 December 2011, in Newton, MA. Sheila visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE Richard "Dick" Eley, 72, died on 20 February 2012, in Clinton, MS. Dick served in VX-6 as a PH2 1963-67. During DF-66 and 67 he was a LC-130 crewmember. Eley Peak is named in his honor. Dick was also a member of the OAEA GCG Chapter.

OAE George J. Farmer, 61 died on 02 January 2012, in Wilkins Twp., PA. George served during Deep Freeze with the SeaBees.

OAE SGT Carlos Alberto Vieira Figueiredo, Brazilian Navy, died on 25 February 2012, on King George Island, Antarctica. Calos died in a fire that destroyed the Brazilian Research Station Comandante Ferraz

OAE Joseph "Joe" Fitzpatrick, 72, died on 1 February 2012 in Worcester, MA. Joe served in Deep Freeze for two seasons with MCB-1.

OAE Willa Petry Fletcher, 85, died on 31 December 2011, in Kaplan, LA. Willa visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE MCPO Francis "Frank" Marion Freeman, USN (Ret), 85, died on 23 March 2012, in Las Cruces, NM. Frank served in Antarctica with the SeaBees

OAE Joseph R. Goss, 82, died on 23 December 2011, in Huntington Beach, CA. Joe visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Margaret "Peggy" Ann McClintock Greenwood, 95, died on 9 January 2012, in Old Lyme, CT. Peggy visited Antarctica as a tourist.

SFC Harry Eugene Gray Jr., USA (Ret), 77, died on 10 January 2012, in Caribou, ME. Harry is instrumental in saving the New England breed of Chinook sled dogs from extinction. Admiral Richard Byrd took 16 of Arthur Walden's Chinooks to Antarctica on his 1928 expedition.

OAE DR Frederick James Gregory, MD, 87, died on 19 March 2012, in Caribou, ME. Frederick served on the USS *Edisto*.

OAE Beverly Pauline Hall, 86, died on 13 January 2012, in Tampa, FL. Beverly visited Antarctica as a travel agent.

*OAE CDR Ray Hall, USN (Ret), 89, died on 14 February 2012, in Freelandville, IN. Ray served in VX-6 as a pilot during DF-II & III (1956-58). Ray is best known for his cartoons of life on the ice and for the creation of the squadron mascot Puckered Pete. Mount Hall is named in his honor. See story on page 14.

*Mary C. Hasty, 85, died on 25 January 2012 in Providence RI. Mary was a Life Associate Member of the OAEA.

OAE Barbara G. (Nee Buell) Hill, 88, died on 25 January 2012, in West Bend, WI. Barbara visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Clarence Lindley Jones, 80, died on 29 January 2012, in Yellow Springs, OH. Clarence visited Antarctica as a tourist with his wife.

OAE Daniel Steven Jones, 58, died on 21 February 2012, in Bodega Bay, CA. Daniel served in Antarctica with the Coast Guard.

OAE Robert "Bob" Juhre, 83, died on 31 January 2012, in Spokane, WA. Bob visited Antarctica on a Russian research vessel.

OAE Charles Klinger, 67, died on 14 December 2011, in Penfield, NY. Charles wintered over at South Pole Station as the USARP SSL during DF-73. Klinger Ridge is named in his honor.

OAE ENC John Leonard Kuhn Jr., USN (Ret), 79, died on 25 January 2012, in Fairfax, VT. John served on the Deep Freeze picket ship the USS *Thomas J. Gary* during DF-66.

OAE Eileen Madden Larrimore, 63, died on 3 January 2012, on South Georgia, a British Commonwealth island southeast of Argentina, during a hiking expedition across the island. Eileen and her husband Randy were following the route used by Sir Ernest Shackleton in his epic journey in 1916 to reach the whaling station at Stromness. She stumbled on the rocks and as Randy tried to catch her they both fell down a 50-foot cliff. Eileen suffered severe injuries and died shortly thereafter.

OAE Charlotte Levin, 71, died on 30 December 2011, in Espanola, NM. Charlotte visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Capt Tommie Edward Lohman, USA (Ret), 74, died on 4 February 2012, in College Station, TX. Tommie visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Robert "Bob" L. McKemie, 62, died on 15 February 2012, in Cantrall, IL. Bob made multiple trips to Antarctic as a wildlife photographer.

OAE Stan Malless, 97, died on 19 January 2012, in Indianapolis, IN. Stan visited Antarctica as a tourist when he was 89.

*OAE MSGT Arthur Manning, USAF (Ret), 92, died on 24 February 2012, in Greenville, SC. Author made the first airdrop at South Pole Station on 26 November 1956.

OAE Gabriella Carmena Micallef, 51, died on 13 December 2011, in Toronto, Canada. Gabriella visited Antarctica as a tourist.



OAE LCDR Regina Mills, USN, nee Rogers, 44, was struck by a pickup truck and killed on 23 January 2012, while helping a state trooper at a motorcycle accident site in Bremerton, WA. Regina served three years in NAVSUPFORANTARCTICA on the crash fire crew as an ABH3 in 1990-93. Regina was commissioned as an LDO in 2000.

OAE John Peter Morba, 87, died on 9 February 2012, in Easton, Md. John served on the USS *Philippine Sea* during Highjump.

OAE William B. Moreland, 88, died on 12 January 2012, in Lompoc, CA. William served at Little America V during DF-III as a meteorologist with the USWB.

Charlotte "Sally" F. Mott, 101, died on 7 February 2012, in Aptos, CA. Sally was the first woman graduate from Pacific Radio School in San Francisco to receive a Commercial Ham Radio Operators License. Because of her radio experience she communicated with Admiral Byrd during two of his Antarctic expeditions.

OAE Senior Chief Thomas "Ray" Mullenix, USN (Ret), 62, died on 9 March 2012, in Tuscaloosa, AL. Ray made two deployments to McMurdo.

OAE John Joseph Mulligan, 94, died on 14 February 2012, in Douglas, AK. John spent the summer season of DF-60 (1959-60) in Antarctica searching for coal deposits. Mulligan Peak is named in his honor.

OAE Edmund J. Pendock, 84, died on 17 March 2012, in Plains Township, PA. Edmund served on the USS *Philippine Sea* during Highjump.

OAE LTCOL George Dexter "Deck" Pullen Jr., USMC (Ret), 90, died on 26 January 2012, in Smithfield, ME. Deck wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-II as a major.

F. Sherwood "Sherry" Rowland, 84, died on 10 March 2012, in Corona del Mar, CA. Sherry won a Nobel Prize for his research into the causes of the ozone hole that forms every year above Antarctica.

OAE First Sergeant Roberto Lopes dos Santos, Brazilian Navy, died on 25 February 2012, on King George Island, Antarctica. Roberto died in a fire that destroyed the Brazilian Research Station Comandante Ferraz.

OAE ACC Waymon G. "Fuzz" St. John, USN (Ret), 72, died on 24 January 2012, in Crestview, FL. Fuzz wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-65 as an AC1.

Gary Richard Schmidt, 66, died on 12 February 2012, in Austin, TX. Gary was one of the youngest licensed amateur radio operators in the USA. During the IGY, when he was just starting junior high school, he ran phone patches for personnel on the ice. 73s and 88s to W5ZL.

OAE Chief Terry L. Swartz, USN (Ret), died on 10 February 2012, in Klamath Falls, OR. Terry served as a MARS Operator at McMurdo.

OAE Betty S. "Sherry" Teigen, 66, died on 27 January 2012, in Oklahoma City, OK. Sherry visited Antarctica as a tourist. In 1963 she won the title of Miss Oklahoma City.

OAE Dr. Alan F. Thomson, PhD, 84, died on 12 February 2012, in Mandeville, LA. Alan served during Highjump on the USS *Philippine Sea*.

OAE William Harvie Thomson, 90, died on 4 January 2012, in Ardrossan, Scotland. Tommy served with the FIDS as an Auster pilot at Base E (Stonington Island) from November 1946 to May 1948. Thomson Head is named in his honor.

OAE Wister B. Traynham Jr., USAF (Ret), 90, died on 13 March 2012, in Conestee, SC. Wiston flew C-124s with the USAF DF Support Unit.

OAE John W. Turon, USN (Ret), 84, died on 25 January 2012, in Greenville, NY. John deployed to Antarctica on the crew of a Military Sealift Command ship as an AB Seaman.

OAEA Steve S. Vaclavik, Sr., 83, died on 9 March 2012, in Highland, IN. Steve served during Highjump.

OAE ABCS Archie A. Wages, USN (Ret), 75, died on 10 March 2012, in Memphis, TN. Andrew served as a Loadmaster in VX-6 during DF-65.

OAE Barbara Webb, 94, died on 1 January 2012, in Colorado Springs, CO. Barbara visited Antarctica as a tourist in 1993 when she was 75.

*OAE Alexander Werner, 83 died on 16 March 2012, in Muhlenberg, PA. Al served on the USS *Edisto* during Windmill.



In Memory of Commander Ray Hall, USN (Retired) 21 February 1923 – 14 February 2012

compiled by Billy-Ace Baker

Ray Hall died on Valentines Day and was buried on his 89 birthday in Freelandville, Indiana May he rest in peace.

Remembering Ray

By Sandy Teller

I met Ray Hall in 1960 when I reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Wasp*.

Even though Ray was a lieutenant commander and I a lowly ensign fresh out of Navy Officer Candidate School, we quickly became friends. This friendship between a kid from Brooklyn and a veteran carrier pilot from Freelandville, Indiana was to last more than 50 years.

Actually it was almost impossible for anyone not to like Ray. He was admired and respected by both the sailors and officers under his command and other officers aboard the big ship.

Ray's character, readiness to accept responsibility, devotion to duty, concern for the welfare of his men, and love for the country he served so well were just a few of his qualities. He had a winning personality and a great sense of humor.

To me, Ray always epitomized the best of the "Greatest Generation." When duty called during World War Two, he answered. If something needed to be done, you could always count on Ray.



Jill Price and Ray in Christchurch 1958

It was long after I had left the Navy when Ray introduced me to the lovely Claire. Theirs was an authentic love story. They were two people who really were always there for each other.



Claire Graham & Ray

It was no wonder that Ray had lifelong friends throughout the world and that they welcomed his visits. My wife Roberta and I treasure the time we spent with him, especially when he joined us on a cruise to Alaska. It was quite a contrast from the time 40 years earlier when we had sailed on the *Wasp*, not quite a luxury ship. In recent years, I came to think of him as "Remarkable Ray." How else to describe a guy in his eighties who skied and was a glider pilot!

Ray lived a full life. He touched many lives in many ways. His family, his Freelandville friends and neighbors, and his shipmates will always miss him.

Ray Hall One of a Kind

By Roberta Dougherty

Ray soared like an eagle. He flew combat missions in Korea and supply missions to the South Pole; he glided over the fields and rolling hills of Knox County, sailed the Bay of Naples, and skied the slopes of Jackson Hole. If his life were a movie, he would be played by Gary Cooper or Clint Eastwood.

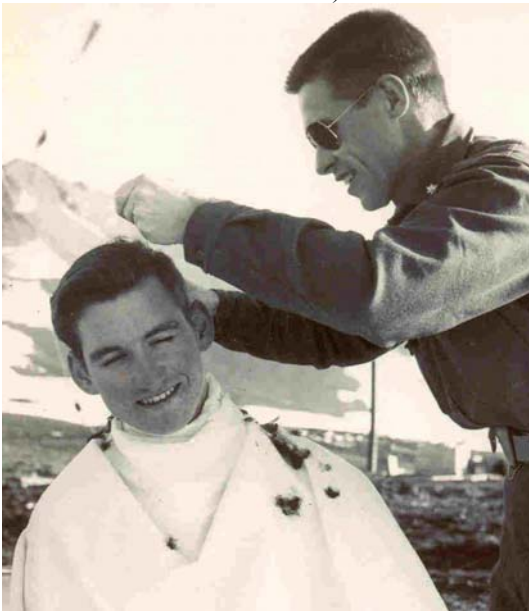
Ray was a global traveler, sophisticated, and well read; at home, he grew vegetables, had lunch with friends at the Dutchman Cafe, and volunteered at the library. He had impeccable old-fashioned manners combined with the saltiness of a Navy fighter pilot. He was fiercely independent, yet sustained by local and family traditions. He was thoughtful and circumspect, and also opinionated and frank.



Original Ray Hall Cartoon Drawn For Gus Shinn

Ray was great company and welcome in any conversation because his breadth of knowledge and experience was boundless. Our conversations took place on terraces in Tuscany, in our living room in New York, on a bench on the New Jersey boardwalk, and on the deck of a Princess cruise ship, where my husband Sandy and I had the good fortune of his companionship on a cruise to Alaska.

(Hard to believe that he had never before been there. He and I walked on the Mendenhall Glacier.)



This is the Photo That Inspired the Cartoon Above

Wherever we were, Ray and I worked the daily crossword puzzle in the New York Times. We had separate copies, and, under a veil of nonchalance, competed to finish first. Our agrarian roots gave us a love of gardening, and he helped me stake tomatoes and prune roses. He told us about Freelandville and his projects to preserve his family and area history: I told him about my aunts who wrote the history of Clinton County, Pennsylvania, where I grew up. We liked to think of our ancestors as “settlers.”



Ray, Mrs George Dufek, and Gus at 2008 Reunion

When I met Ray, in the early 1980s, he had just rekindled a romance-with the vivacious and extraordinary Claire Graham. When you were with Ray and Claire, you realized how much a quintessential American mid-westerner and a British flight attendant had in common. This daughter of a British rear admiral shared Ray’s values of duty, loyalty, service, and patriotism. Both were independent and self-sufficient, had established careers, and were set in their ways, but their mutual respect and devotion were the basis of a wonderful love story.

Ray traveled the world but always returned to Freelandville. It was his home; it was where he wanted to be. It had given him his roots, his identity, his decency, his purpose, his love of country. . . and he returned the gift.

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CARTOONS IN ANTARCTICA

Popular Show At Little America

The most popular wall in any building in Antarctica during the summer operations of the United States Antarctic Expedition, Operation Deep Freeze II and III (1956–58) was a 12ft by 8ft wall in the mess hut at Little America Station, which displayed many cartoons on Antarctic life.

Every day the men walked into the mess hut, but before sitting down to their meals they looked at the wall for the day’s cartoon. During two austral summer seasons the wall became the most photographed and most popular in the Antarctic.

The man responsible for these cartoons was a Navy pilot, Lieutenant Commander Ray E. Hall, who was stationed at Little America Station for four months of each summer.

Ideas were no problem for Lieutenant Commander Hall, and with time, he could have coped with many more cartoons. “No one had done any cartoons there before so ideas came fairly easy,” He said. “I carried my notebook and noted anything I thought might make a cartoon. Down in the Antarctic there are more ideas than time to do cartoons.”

New Cartoon Daily

Lieutenant Commander Hall put a new cartoon on the wall each day. He received many more requests for copies than he could ever handle. All cartoons dealt with some phase of Antarctic life.

Many of the men suggested that he publish a book of the cartoons when he returned to the United States; he thought this might solve the problem of so many requests. Some of the illustrations had already appeared in United States Navy publications.

His interest in cartooning began when he was serving aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific in 1946. There was a need for aviation safety posters and he drew between 40 and 50 for the pilots' mess.

"This started the ball rolling and I have not stopped since," he said. "I am looking for ideas all the time now and in my spare time, I put them into drawings."

During the flight from Naval Air Station Quonset Point to New Zealand in September 1956 Ray designed the humorous squadron patch that featured a disheveled penguin. Jack Donovan, another squadron pilot, came up with the appropriate name, Puckered Pete, for the penguin.



considered was never published, but many of the cartoons are in the archives at the National Museum of Naval Aviation located at Naval Air Station Pensacola Florida.



Framed Collage of Original Ray Hall Cartoons & Patches

About The Collage

Ray created a number of cartoons to be used as raffle items at the 2006 OAEA reunion in Warwick, Rhode Island. All but three of the cartoons were used. The remaining three cartoons were donated to the 2008 Pensacola Beach, Florida Reunion Committee. The cartoon of the barber and his customer was drawn for Gus Shinn during DF-III. Gus donated the cartoon and the photo of Jill Price and Ray. Billy-Ace Baker donated the Puckered Pete patches.

Editorial credit: Part of the text for Cartoons in Antarctica was paraphrased from a vintage newspaper clipping of unknown origin. Probably from a Rhode Island source."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Denis Casey—OAEA Chaplain

LET US PRAY,
We want to realize Lord, that living a good life depends on our willingness to always try to choose the right attitudes



We can choose to concentrate on the good things in our life's environment or to be preoccupied with the bad.

We can choose to see only the faults in the people we encounter each day or be more aware of their virtues.

We can choose to react to situations in our daily work with kindness and generosity or with selfishness and resentment; with anger and revenge or with forgiveness and understanding.

We can choose to face life with a positive outlook and a good sense of humor or with a negative point of view and a chip on our shoulder

May we remember that a well-balanced man is not one with a chip on each shoulder.

Reminder us, Lord, that we each possess the power to make our lives as happy and enjoyable as we want to make it, or as difficult and unpleasant as we desire.

A lot of it is up to us, isn't it Lord?

Help us always make the right decisions

Amen 29 march 2012

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

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

Thanks to Maggie Knuth, Carl Jackson, Ed Hamblin, Harold Ayers, Black Jack Stewart, Jerry Schleining, Bill Spindler, and Al Burton 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

Amerson, Mary MAC	§Life	VXE-6 81-82
Archer, Robert EN3	Annual	USS <i>Glacier</i> 61-64
Aucoin, Joe ABHCS	§Life	NSFA 71-76 & 80-84
Barstow, Jefferson SK3	Life	McM WO DF-71
Behannon, Kenneth AG3	Life	VX-6 DF-I (55-56)
Bonski, Arthur CM3	Life	McM WO DF-68
Boyer, David YNC	Life	NSFA SS 72-76
Browning, Rodney EO2	§Life	CBU-201 67-69
Burke, Lambert GM2	Life	USCGC <i>Eastwind</i> 66
Bush, Craig EQCM(SCW)	Life	NSFA WO DF-84
Clough, John CIV	Annual	USARP 65-78
Corbelli, Victor AG1	Life	ASA WO DF-69
Cox, Jennifer CIV	Annual	MV <i>Lindblad Explorer</i> 2011-12
Critchley, Benjamin BM3	Life	USCGC <i>Eastwind</i> 61-63
Dayton, Paul CIV	Life	USAP 1963-2010
Durham, Jim HMC(AC)	Life	VX-6/ASA WO DF-67
Dyer, Mikell DP1	Annual	NSFA WO DF-94
Fee, Thomas DC3	Annual	USCGC <i>Eastwind</i> 60-62
Ficks, David DC2	Life	USCGC <i>Eastwind</i> DF-61 and 62
Fuller, James CWO2	Life	VXE-6 70-73
Gogel, Joseph AGC(AC)	Life	McM WO DF-71
Grice, Trevor CIV	Life	Det Delta/McM 65-87
Graney, William PC2	Annual	NSFA SS 79-83
Gustin, Jerry Capt (USA)	Life	NSFA SS Term Ops 73-75
Hagey, Donald LCDR	Life	ASA OIC Byrd Sta WO DF-69
Haals, Bill CIV	Annual	USAP 88-01
Hammer, William CIV	Annual	USAP 77-2011
Holland, George CDR	Life	MCB-71 73-74
Hood, Elaine CIV	§Life	ASA, RPSC 98-12
Ironi, Franklin EMCM	Life	McM WO DF-66
Kaufmann, Gail CIV	Life	MV <i>Nat Geo Explorer</i> 2011-12
Keough, Pat CIV	Life	Photographer 99-01
Kraker, George CIV	Life	USARP 57-79, 82-85
Latino, Terry CE2	§Life	ASA McM WO DF-67
Lazzara, Matthew CIV	Life	USAP 95-97, 99-00, 02, 04, 07, 09-10
MacMenamin, B. ABHC	Life	VX-6 64-68

McCuiston, Charles RM2	Life	McM & Hallett 66-69
McLendon, Jack EN2/CIV	Life	McM WO DF-79/ USARP SS 81-84
Morales, Richard AE2	Annual	VXE-6 79-84
Patterson-Frazer, D. CIV	Annual	USAP South Pole, Palmer, Seabird LTER, RV <i>Polar Duke</i> 1989-2012
Pye, Kenneth LT	Annual	VX-6 69-72
Rust, David CIV	Life	USAP NASA 95-96 99-00
Seib, Robin AG2	Annual	McM ASA WO DF-71
Simon, Daniel JO1	Annual	NSFA PAO 86-90
Sims, John CIV	Life	USAP McM FD 03-04
Spencer, Michael LT	Life	VX-6/VXE-6 67-69
Stilburn, James CIV	Life	USARP RIOM 70-71
Toussaint, Phillip MS2	Commem	McM ASAWO DF-71
Triebel, Robert CMH3	Life	ASA McM WO DF-65
Vaughan, Dudley EO2	Annual	ASA McM WO DF-71
Vernet, Maria CIV	Annual	USAP 1988-2012
Vizcarrondo, Gilbert CE3	Annual	NSFA PW 1971-74
Wallace, Gloria NOK	Life	Widow of Dr Penguin
Wood, John CIV	§Life	H&N, ITT, IPY 78-86, 89-90, 2008-09
Wright, John CIV	Annual	Contractor 1993-2006
Ypsilanti, William ETR2	Annual	McM ASA WO DF-70
Zilch, Charles CDR	Life	ASA/VX-6 1963-65

REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

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

OASU, VX-8, VXN-8: Patuxent River, MD. 22-24 June 2012. POC Daryl Williams, vxn8reunion@aol.com, or 301 904 0893. VXN-8 served during DF-60 and 61.

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/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.

All Icebreaker Muster: Amelia Island, FL, 13-18 May 2012. POC Louis Lariccia, 623 308 0093, or louie-vicky@msn.com. <http://www.icebreakermuster.net>.

USS *Henderson* (DD-785): Colorado Springs, CO, 18-22 September 2012. POC Albert Meeds, 704 995 2974, or xaramco@carolina.rr.com.

American Polar Society & Antarctic Society: New York City, NY, 2-4 May 2012. POC can be found on the APS web site at: www.americanpolarsociety.org.

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.

- ATC Gordon Williams is trying to contact Spec5 High, US Army, who was with the Army Helo detachment at McMurdo in the mid-60s. Gordon can be contacted at: will.go70@hotmail.com, or 5700 E Lake Bosworth Drive, Snohomish, WA 98290, or 208 766 2649.

- Ed Hamblin, the OAEA Database Manager, is trying to locate OAEA Members Peter Lund and Lillian Abbot. When Ed mailed them their membership certificates and wallet ID cards the packages were returned as undeliverable as addressed. Ed can be contacted by email at: ehamblin74@verizon.net, or 3104 Deepspring Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321, or 757 405 3362

- Ed Holton was assigned to NSFA Medical from 1987 through 1991 and LPO from 88-91. He would be interested in hearing from anyone assigned to medical past or present to hear how things have changed. Ed can be contacted by email at: ed_deb00@msn.com.

- Randy Edgerly is looking for SW2 Paul Dunstan. Randy can be reached at: RandyE@adironackmechanical.com, or 650 Randall Rd, Ballston Spa, NY 12020, or by phone at: 518 378 0905.

- Bruce Becker is looking for ASM2 Robin "Mo" Morris and ASM2 Wayne "Andy" Anderson DF 74-75/75-76. Bruce went to Dome Charlie with them. Bruce can be contacted at: brucerbecker@yahoo.com

- George Parker is looking for ETC Frank Coffman, a GCA tech with ASA Det B in the 1968-70 time frame. George is also interested in corresponding with any ACs/ETs who were in Det B. George can be contacted by email at: pparker002@woh.rr.com or by phone at: 937 214 6740.

- Jean-Pierre Dupont is looking for photos of *The Virginia* a Fokker Super Universal NC4453, which was piloted by Bernt Balchen in Antarctica during Byrd's expedition. In the America Museum they are paying tribute to Anthony Fokker and Admiral Richard E. Byrd. On display are the most famous Fokker airplanes: Josephine Ford, America, Southern Cross, and so forth, but one is missing. There is no model at the scale 1/42 on sale on the market. Nevertheless if Jean-Pierre can provide an accurate draft of this plane to a model maker it would be possible to create a model. Jean-Pierre, can be reached at: Curator American Gold Beach Museum, 2 Place Amiral Byrd, F- 14114 Ver-sur-Mer, France, or by email at: jean-pierre122@wanadoo.fr.

- Richard Lynde WO Byrd Station during DF-68 (1967-1968) would like to hear from any of the other 24 men who spent the winter at Byrd. Richard can be contacted at: rlynde@doradoenterprises.com.

- Bobby Holley would like to hear from other AEs who served with VX-6 At Williams Field during 1965 to 1967 (austral summer months). Bobby can be contacted at: bobbyholley@cableone.net.

GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



Ice Cap — A dome-shaped glacier usually covering a highland area. Ice caps are considerably smaller in extent than ice sheets. French equivalent: *Calotte glaciaire locale*.

Ice Fog — A suspension of numerous minute ice crystals in the air, reducing visibility at the earth's surface. The crystals often glitter in the sunshine. Ice fog produces optical phenomena such as luminous pillars and small haloes. Norwegian equivalent: *Istake*.

River Ice — Floating ice formed in rivers. German equivalent: *Flusseis*.

Sleet — Precipitation of snow and rain together. Or of snow melting as it falls. French equivalent: *R Giboulee, gresil*.

Snow — Precipitation of ice crystals, most of which are branched (sometimes star-shaped). The branched crystals are sometimes mixed with unbranched crystals. At temperatures higher than about -5°C the crystals are generally agglomerated into snowflakes. Spanish equivalent: *Nieve*.

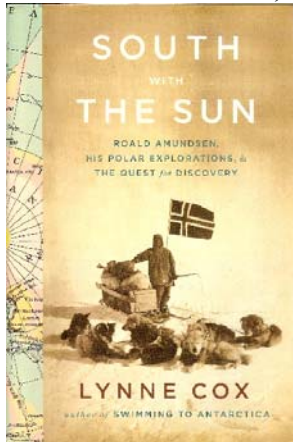
SOUTH WITH THE SUN

Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker,

BOOK REVIEW

South With the Sun: Roald Amundsen, His Polar Explorations, and the Quest For Discovery. By Lynne Cox, Alfred A. Knopf (\$26).

Although Lynne Cox's new book sounds like an addition to the literature of the famous Norwegian explorer, it really isn't. It's a book about Lynne Cox that hangs its narrative framework upon the inspiration Amundsen provides. Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole on 14 December 1911—34 days before Robert Falcon Scott. There was no shortage of remembrances of the 100th Anniversary of the discovery of the South Pole. However, Lynne's is the one not to miss.



Lynne, one of the world's greatest swimmers and the author of *Swimming to Antarctica*, is best known as one of the foremost long-distance open water swimmers, racking up her own collection of firsts that would make most people shudder—and not just in awe. Lynne specializes in cold-water endurance swimming—crossing the Bering Strait, for example. Much of the territory she covers has been, at one time or another, the site of one of

Amundsen's feats of discovery. It stands to reason that she looks up to a man who acclimatized himself to the hardships and physical discomforts his ambitions would bring.



Fridtjof Nansen, his daughter Liv Nansen Hoyer, and Roald Amundsen, April 1918, Washington DC, after the Trade Board gave license to the Maud Expedition.

The book swings back and forth between providing an account of Amundsen's adventures and her own. While one can read about Amundsen's exploits in far more detail and



historical context elsewhere, it is Lynne's descriptions of her swims that provide the most compelling story. If you ever wanted to know what it takes to be able to push the limits of human endurance, it will surely be an invaluable account.

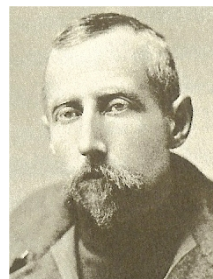
Amundsen's most celebrated achievement—claiming the South Pole—was eclipsed in the popular imagination by the failure of his rival, Britain's Captain Robert Scott. This is partly due to how the story was told. Amundsen's account made it seem like an easy jaunt, whereas Scott's posthumous diaries revealed a trek that staggers the imagination.

It seems Lynne has taken a page from Scott's book, rather than Amundsen's in this regard when it comes to cementing her own place in the annals of physical endeavor.



(from left to right) Bob Griffith, Lynne Cox, Bill Lee, and Gretchen Goodall

The new biography traces the life story of the great polar explorer and examines why he succeeded where so many others failed. Lynne's answers: preparation and help from his friends. It's fascinating to read about the Norwegian through the eyes of Lynne. She notices things a traditional biographer would miss. He valued local knowledge, picking up the idea of sled dogs, which he used for the last leg of his successful voyage, from the Greenland Inuit.



Amundsen 1906

Lynne wasn't out to write the definitive work on the race to the South Pole; she wanted to understand Amundsen as a colleague. To that end, she weaves her open-water experiences into the narrative, and her account of swimming in the 28-degree climes of Greenland makes for a wonderful book within a book. "The water was like liquid ice," she writes, "and I was fighting from the start, just to move fast enough to create warmth." Lynne's methods aren't so different from Amundsen's: preparation, support, and learning from the locals. Although the old Norwegian might have thought her crazy for getting into the water.

Editor's Note: Compiled from reviews by Bruce Barcott and Micki Myers. Micki is the author of a soon to be published book on Captain. Robert Scott.

2012 OAEA ELECTION

The time for election of new officers is upon us once again. Bob Gaboury, who chaired the 2008 and 2010 OAEA Election Committees, has volunteered to chair the 2012 Election Committee. So far Bob has done a great job and we expect the same in 2012.

The OAEA Board of Directors has authorized the Election Chairman to solicit volunteers to run for office from the regular membership to ensure that all members get a chance at a leadership position in the OAEA. This year, there will be an election for the offices listed below:

- President
- Vice President
- Two Directors

The President and Vice President terms are for two years and the Directors terms are for six years.

There are a lot of very well qualified members in the OAEA and if you feel that you are one of these with the leadership qualities necessary to lead the OAEA into the future and continue its current growth rate, get your name on the ballot by downloading an OAEA Election Solicitation Form **from the** Vote OAEA web site at: <http://voteoaea.com/>

Once completed, the form (the entire page) should be mailed to the OAEA Elections Chairman, Bob Gaboury at: 159 Via Rosal, Camarillo CA 93012 by 30 May 2010.

It should be noted that only **Regular Members** can hold an office in the OAEA. (Associate Members are NOT allowed to vote or hold office.) You can run for only one office and you can only nominate yourself.

If you have problems with the Vote OAEA web site you can contact Bob Gaboury at: BobGaboury@gmail.com
Don't delay. Get your name on the ballot today!

OAEA Donor Awards as of 3/24/2012

*compiled by Billy-Ace Baker
from data supplied by Ed Hamblin*

Asterisks indicate new donors, or donors who have reached the next level. Donations to the OAEA are tax deductible.

BRONZE ADELIE CLUB

- Donations of \$100
- *2010 Memory Book Donors
- Baker, Ashlee F.
- Baker, Jamie
- Baker, Sean
- Baker, Tracey
- *Barnard, Richard
- Bethea, Joe
- *Blankenship, John
- Bolt, Ron L. (deceased)
- Boyer, Robert E.
- Bracken, Harold
- *Brow, Robert
- *Brown, Rodger
- Buehler, Cyril
- Cabrera, Quirino
- Capozzoli, Albert A.
- Cockrill, Dale
- Conklin, Harold
- *Cornwell, Jim
- *Cunningham, Claire
- Damvelt, Karen
- Dieckhoff, Charlotte
- Diller, Marty & Bev
- Dostal, W "Dusty" A.
- Dunn, Thomas
- *Durham, James
- *Ellena, Eugene
- Epperly, Robert M.
- Everett, Richard (deceased)

- Fazio, Bill
- Gerrish, Samuel
- Giro, John J.
- Giro, Mary V.
- Grimes, Paul
- Hall, Richard M.
- Halpern, Barry
- *Hamblin, Edwin
- Hames, Winters
- *Hand, Ernest
- Henley, Elizabeth (deceased)
- Henley, Joseph
- *Henry, Kenneth
- Herr, Arthur (deceased)
- Hickey, John
- Higdon, John C.
- *Holloway, Phil
- *Hood, Elaine
- Jernigan, Laura
- *Johnson, Robert
- Konrad, Bradley, N.C.
- Konrad, Kerry
- Konrad, Robert D.
- Konrad, Robert K. A.
- Landy, James
- Landy Pam
- Lindberg, Arthur E.
- *Livermore, Gerald
- Loper, Gene
- Morton, John E.
- Munson, Evelyn
- OAEA Gulf Coast Group Chapter
- *O'Donnell, William
- Olsen Don (deceased)
- O'Neal, Jerry
- Owler, Robert (deceased)
- Panehal, Paul "PK"
- Phillips, Elmer F.

- Smith, Herschel
- Snow, Laura
- Snyder, Mary Margaret
- Spaulding, Richard
- Spencer, Erwin J.
- Splain, Vincent F.
- Startz, Donna
- Tamplet, Walter
- Taylor, William C.
- Toney, Phillip
- *Van Reeth, Gene
- Verba, Sheila & Cheryl
- Walsh, Mike
- Werner, Alexander (deceased)
- Whitehead, Eugene
- Yow, Maxine (deceased)
- Zinser, Richard

GOLD ADELIE CLUB

- Donations of \$500
- Cordes, Fauno (deceased)
- Herman, Andrew "Tony" (deceased)
- OAEA New England Chapter
- Reed, Dale

SILVER ADELIE CLUB

- Donations of \$1,000
- 2006 OAEA Reunion Committee
- 2008 OAEA Reunion Committee
- Biery, Roger
- VX/VXE-6 Para-Rescue Team

EMPEROR CLUB

- Donations of \$5,000
- *Baker, Billy-Ace P.

COMMUNICATOR CLUB

- Donations of \$10,000
- *Communicator Group Fund

OAEA FY2011 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT

I certify that the attached report is a true accounting of financial transactions conducted by the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, Inc during FY 2011 (1 Oct 10 to 30 Sep 11) as of 30 September 2011

Cyril Buehler
Cyril Buehler
Treasurer

FY 2011 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT			
INCOME		EXPENSE	
Donations	5113.00	Ofc Sup/Equipment	389.54
Newsletter	433.00	Advertising/Recruiting	1905.50
Scholarship	363.00	Postage	878.30
Memorial	1353.00	Newsletter	3199.40
Undesignated	2964.00	Web Page Expense	259.88
Dues	3930.00	Bank/Broker Fees	112.02
Life	3532.00	Florida License	70.00
Annual	210.00	Member Certificates	107.43
Entrance Fee	188.00	Refund overpayment dues	62.00
Merchandise Sales	18.57	Wilkes Plaque	1000.00
Interest Earned	115.37	Scholarship Award	2000.00
Transfer from Scholarship Fund	1375.00	Photo ID System	1999.99
OAEA NE Photo ID System donation	999.00	San Antonio Reunion Sound System	974.61
Market Investment	(1287.44)	Depreciation	4553.81
TOTAL INCOME	10263.50	TOTAL EXPENSES	17512.48
		GAIN	LOSS
			(7248.98)
FINANCIAL STATUS OF OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2011			
Summary Statement		Asset Distribution Statement	
Beginning Balance 10/1/10	64978.56	Account	Tangible
FY 2011 Transactions	(7248.98)	Bank Accounts	26264.01
Ending Balance 9/30/11	57729.58	Scholarship Mutual Fund	24058.27
		Ships Store	2000.00
			853.49
		Merchandise Inventory	
		Property (Undepreciated)	4553.81
		Totals	52322.28
			5407.30
MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC.			
Total Membership All Categories 1919			
Memorial Members – 62	Commemorative Members – 62	Annual Members – 56	
Lifetime Members – 1337	Deceased Members – 179	Expired Annual Members – 223	

Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

Saturday 07 January 2012 Meeting

Forty six members and guests attended the 7 January 2012 GCG Meeting at the Shrimp Basket Restaurant on Navy Boulevard. It was an unseasonably warm day and at first it looked as if we would have a small turnout. However, around 12 noon the attendees flocked in like a waddle of penguins.

A first time attendee was OAEA Life Member Troy Warren. Troy was a CSI in the ASA winter-over party at Palmer Station during DF-71 (70-71). Also attending for the first time was LT COL John Apostolides USAF (Ret). John was a navigator on C-141s during DF-96 (Oct-Nov 1995). John is not yet a member of the OAEA.



Troy Warren

Guests included Lisa Tisdale, daughter of Billy Blackwelder and her husband Val who retired from the US Army in June 2011. The couple was visiting Pensacola en route to the Bahamas. Another guest was MSGT Tom Holt USAF (Ret) who lives across the street from Chuck Minerman and Les Liptak.



Gary Lowery and the donated clothing and blankets

We didn't have a scheduled speaker, but it was assumed that Gary Lowery would say a few words about the Blanket Drive for the homeless veterans. As it turned out more members than I expected donated a variety of items for the homeless. At first we were going to place everything in Gary's car, but Lennie wanted everything to be brought into the bar so

he could take photos for the *Gazette*. It was a lot of extra work carrying the items into the bar and then taking them back out again to Gary's car. Anything to keep Lennie happy.

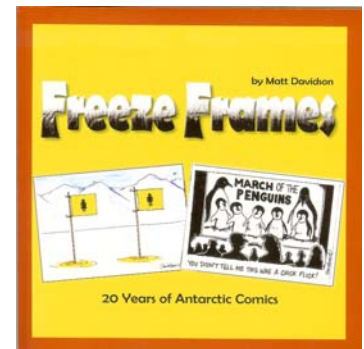
In addition to people bringing stuff to the meeting the duty manager of the Shrimp Basket told his church about the GCG Blanket Drive and the church donated soup in December. The Preston's delivered their donations to Gary at his home and Mary Lou Platt was going to be out of town, so she delivered about a dozen coats, (both male and female styles), to my house in December and I added several windbreaker jackets from my closet to her pile of coats. Neil Boudreaux donated \$10, which Gary said he would use to



Dan Knox 50/50 Winner

buy some batteries that one of the homeless had asked him for. Other than that I did not keep track of who made donations or what they donated, but there was a huge pile of items ranging from parkas to socks and Gary's back seat and trunk were fully packed when he left the Shrimp Basket. Steve Marr, who was Gary's guest and who was recruited to help Gary distribute the items had to hold a case of instant potatoes on his lap. I later asked Gary if he had inventoried all the donations and his reply was: "I was in the process of separating and inventorying everything when mother nature decided to bring winter back, hard and fast. Now all the blankets, the two sleeping bags, and many of the coats are already on the streets and I'm on my way out today to deliver more. Thanks for all the help and God bless everyone from the GCG".

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dan Knox who took home \$80 as his share. Jim Landy won the door prize again this month. The door prize consisted of a copy of *Freeze Frames 20 Year of Antarctic Cartoons* by Matt Davidson donated by the Antarctic Connection and a copy of *Antarctica A Journey of Discovery* donated by Raytheon Polar Services.



Thanks to Lennie for taking the photos and Thanks to Pam for selling the 50/50 tickets and to Duck for distributing the Door Prize tickets and thanks to our waitress Kristin for taking care of us and for drawing the raffle tickets.

Saturday 4 February 2012 Meeting—Twenty-six members and guests showed up at the Shrimp Basket for our “The Day Before the Super Bowl” meeting. The only guest was Les Liptak’s son Phil Liptak who is visiting from Wisconsin. Our only first time attendee was Jack McLendon. Jack wintered-over during DF-79 as an Engineman Second Class, and was with the USARP Contractor during the DF-82 and 83 summer seasons. Jack, who is currently a member of the Pensacola Fire Department, has been on the GCG radar, but in the past he has always been working and was unable to attend meetings. Hopefully we will see more of him. He joined the OAEA as a Life Member and donated \$15 to the GCG Kitty.

We didn’t have a speaker and there was no official business so our chapter president, Roger “Duck” Talbert, introduced Jack and Phil and let them say a few words about themselves.



Phil Liptak



Jack McLendon Winter-Over DF-79 as an EN2 & USARP Summer Support DF-82 & DF-83

After the introductions were out of the way Duck distributed the Door Prize tickets and Pam Landy sold 50/50 raffle tickets. Our waitress was called on to draw the winning tickets. The 50/50 Raffle was won by Lennie Bourgeois and the Door Prize was won by Helen Bourgeois. As usual cries of foul resounded through the restaurant. Lennie took home \$47 as his share of the raffle and Helen’s door prize consisted of an Ice Water Navy Pin and a copy of *Antarctica a Journey of Discovery*.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday 3 March 2012 at the Warrington Shrimp Basket.

Thanks to Pam and Duck for distributing the tickets and thanks to Lennie for taking the meeting photographs. Also thanks to Raytheon Polar Services for donating the Antarctic booklet and thanks to the USCGC *Eastwind* Association for donating the Ice Water Navy pin.



Helen smiles after winning the Door Prizes and the 50/50 Raffle. Lennie may have won the Raffle on Paper, but we know who controls the purse strings.



Mary Fazio Chats With Russell Goolsby

Saturday 3 March 2012 Meeting—The Weather Man predicted rain, and we got some rain—a lot of it in fact. The heavy rain must have convinced everyone to stay home because we only had 16 attendees that included two people who just drifted in and I invited them to stay. This was the smallest GCG meeting that we have had since we first started having group meetings in 1999. So small in fact, that we didn't even hold a 50/50 raffle or a door-prize drawing. The Preston's were not in attendance so I didn't have anyone to hang the GCG Flag.

First time attendee was Bruce Mabley who joined the OAEA in late 2011 as a Life Member when he was living in Indiana and who has just relocated to Pace Florida. Bruce served in VXE-6 during the following years: 1976–79/82–86/90–93.



Bruce Mabley Today



ABH1 Bruce Mabley from the DF-79 Cruise Book

There was no guest speaker scheduled, but Gary Lowery wanted to give us an update on the homeless veterans. However, due to the small attendance I agreed to put him on the agenda for the April meeting.

After everyone had finished his or her lunch the meeting was concluded. Thanks to the Shrimp Basket Wait Staff for setting up for our expected turnout and thanks to Mary Lou Platt for taking the candid photos of the attendees. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 April.



Carl Jackson, Gus Shinn, and Gary Lowery



Our Wait Staff



Jim Landy, Ken Pye, Pam Landy, and Dan Knox