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—Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF

*A Scott Tent in a rocky camp spot at Mudrey Cirque in the Asgard Range.*

## END OF SEASON REPORT 2012–2013 AUSTRAL SUMMER

*by Elaine Hood*

Let's take a quick trip to McMurdo Station, the Dry Valleys, and Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station and see what was going on this past austral summer season.

I am the Communications and Education Outreach (Public Affairs Officer) person for the Antarctic Support Contract (ASC) managed by Lockheed Martin. My first trip to Antarctica was in 1998 and my most recent trip was this past austral summer.

### Transportation

I flew from Denver to Los Angeles on a Sunday afternoon and that evening got on the LAX to Sydney 13 hour flight. After a two-hour layover in Sydney, I flew to Christchurch.

It adds up to about 30 hours of traveling and for those of us who do not sleep well on planes, it is exhausting.

I landed in Christchurch around 1 pm on a Tuesday, where I was met by a staff member from our Christchurch office. There were several of us who were arriving at the same time and we each were given a sheet of paper with information on where we were staying, as our hotels were reserved and paid for by ASC.

### Christchurch

The US Antarctic Program (USAP) community has adopted Christchurch as a second home and many of us used to stay

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Jerry W. Marty—OAEA President

**FELLOW OAEA MEMBERS:** In this second letter from the President's Corner, I want to share with you activity that has occurred with the Board of Directors (BOD), and special committees. We are moving in a good direction as an organization and as I mentioned in my last letter, I encourage all of you to send me your suggestions and comments.



We have created a temporary *Ad Hoc* Reunion Review Committee charged with developing an OAEA Reunion Planning Guide. Jim Eblen and Marty Diller have been appointed as co-chairpersons. The process of committee member selection has started with Tom Henderson assisting. The Reunion Planning Guide will provide the OAEA with an updated document containing suggestions from OAEA members, lessons learned from previous reunions (what worked and room for improvement), and areas for enhancing the event, starting with the 2014 reunion in Norfolk.

My future President's Corner letters will include a summary of key BOD action items and subsequent disposition. The goal is to make sure all OAEA members are aware of the business working activities of the BOD and at the same time encourage you to share your thoughts on ways the OAEA remains an organization dedicated to sharing the Antarctic experience. Your input will assist me and the BOD with identifying key topics and issues for consideration. This goal is a team effort as we all share the passion and interest for Antarctica.

*Jerry W. Marty*

OAEA President

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**2012 REUNION MEMORY BOOK**

If you ordered a San Diego reunion memory book you should have your copy by now. There were over forty couples or single attendees who did not pose for the memory book photographers. However, I was able to get mug shots of these MIAs from candid photos taken by the attendees, or by the memory book photographers taken during the banquet, or from the MIAs themselves.

If you are one of the MIAs and you would like to purchase a memory book they are \$30 each.

Books may be ordered by going to the Dunning web site at: [www.dunningcompany.com](http://www.dunningcompany.com) and fill out the order form and hit the "submit" key. You may also print the form and mail it in. If you do not have Internet access you can call the Dunning Company at: 800 846 6335 and ask for a copy of the OAEA 2012 San Diego Memory Book, Job Order Number: 12116.



**GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES**

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

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## Jules Madey Amateur Radio Operator

by Elaine Lemmez Brown



**Jules Madey**

The letter about the Jules Madey DVD (Apr-Jun 2012 *Gazette*) brought back very fond memories from Operation Deep Freeze 60 (1959-60). My husband to be, HM3 Frank L. Brown, served aboard USS *Glacier*. He was assigned to *Glacier* from the USS *Wasp* with emergency orders and reported for duty on 30 October 1959. He was able to secure a pass to come home for the weekend to NJ, as it was my birthday on Sunday. My mom made a big birthday dinner and included decorations for all the holidays Frank would miss from Thanksgiving through Easter. That night we took him to the train in NYC that would take him to Boston. The ship sailed the next day, Monday 2 November 1959.

When *Glacier* arrived on the Ice Frank would haunt the radio shack to make calls to me at college. His contact was Jules Madey, a high school kid who lived in Clark, NJ. The phone booth in my dorm was directly across from my room so my roommate and I decided we would never answer the phone or we would become the 'phone operators' for every call. Always at night and usually after midnight the phone would ring and go on ringing until some gal from way down the hall would race down to the phone and answer the call. She would then learn that the call was for me and when she discovered that I lived in the room directly across from the phone she would stomp over and bang on the door. When I'd open it she would tell me I had a call and she made it clear she was very unhappy that she had to run so far to answer a phone call only to find out it was for someone so close to the phone booth. I would thank her and tell her the call was from my fiancé who was calling from Antarctica. Those were magic words because she would stare in amazement that someone could call from so far away and she had been the lucky person to answer the call.

Throughout those months that *Glacier* was in the Ice, Jules would phone patch Frank through many, many times. And he had to listen in so he could switch from Frank talking to me talking. There was no interrupting each other on these calls. But they were so very special.

For a long time after Frank returned home regular phone calls seemed strange. I kept waiting for Jules to make the switch so the other person could talk.

Jules was such a special person in our lives and we never met him. But he provided a magical connection for us when we were physically separated by thousands of miles. And we were so grateful.



**2012–2013 Summer From page 1**

in hotels and B&Bs near Cathedral Square. We knew every bar, restaurant, and tourist bureau, and considered the Botanical Gardens and Canterbury Museum our private refuge. When the February 2010 earthquake destroyed the downtown area, we cried, prayed, and frantically sought out news about “our” places. Was Bailey’s damaged? What about the Windsor B&B? Was our favorite bookstore still standing? Sadly, every inquiry had bad news. Our beloved haunts were destroyed.

Two years after the earthquake, the city still is in a state of disrepair. Buildings are half collapsed. Two story high piles of rubble stand where buildings used to. Streets are closed or narrowed for repair. The extent of the devastation is still quite fresh and it brought tears to my eyes every time I viewed the once stately cathedral now so sad.

The day after my arrival, a Wednesday, I went to the Clothing Distribution Center near the airport where I tried on every piece of Extreme Cold Weather (ECW) clothing issued to me. I needed to ensure I could zip up my red parka after putting on my long underwear, bibbed wind pants, and fleece jacket.



**Container Mall**

The following morning (Thursday) my LC-130 flight was cancelled due to bad weather in McMurdo. Hallelujah!

I landed at Pegasus Airfield, located 14 miles from McMurdo on the McMurdo Ice Shelf.



—Photo by Peter Rejcek/NSF  
**Red parkas hang in the Clothing Distribution Center where USAP participants receive Extreme Cold Weather clothing before deploying to Antarctica.**



**A view of the Christchurch cathedral from the NW corner. The steeple was once on this corner of the church, but has been taken down.**



**Christchurch office. This building located next to the airport houses the offices of the US Antarctic Program, the NZ Antarctic Program, and the Italian Antarctic Program.**

On the bright side, a fun “container mall” has popped up close to the downtown area. Consisting of shipping containers, this small outdoor mall has several trendy stores in it.

One more day in Christchurch is never a bad thing!

So it turned out to be Friday before I got to McMurdo after the eight-hour flight from Christchurch in the LC-130.

**Airfields**

The Annual Sea Ice Runway is built about 2 to 5 miles outside of town more or less where it has been built for the past 50-plus years. This runway was originally called Williams Field, but that name was later applied to the snow skiway used for decades just southeast of Scott Base on the ice shelf. Williams Field is from where the Long Duration Balloon flights are launched each December.

The annual sea ice is a tad bit thin by the first week of December, so the airfield is relocated to Pegasus Blue Ice Runway, located just west of where the Super Connie Pegasus (thus the name of the airfield) crashed in 1970. Pegasus Airfield has a snow packed skiway for



the ski planes and a blue ice runway for wheeled jets.



—Photo by Peter Rejcek, NSF  
**USAP participants deplane at Pegasus Airfield from an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III.**

### Daily Life

I was assigned to Hotel California, a dorm built in 1968 located about where the original Deep Freeze I Chapel was built, above the helicopter pad, at the base of Observation Hill, and two doors up from the Chalet.



—Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF  
**Hotel California, on the left, and the Mountain Mammoth Inn on the right.**

I was blessed with great roommates. My first roommate was a lovely lady in her late 60s from Ft. Collins, Colo., who was a shuttle van driver. Her work ended on 1 January so then I got another lovely roommate, also in her late 60s, a retired accountant from NY City's Lincoln Center. Our small dorm room had three beds (two were bunked), one desk, two wardrobe closets, one small refrigerator, and a bathroom down the hall.

I have an office job sitting behind a computer and many of the offices are located in building 175, which is up the hill next to the Heavy Shop (Vehicle Maintenance Facility), on the far side of town from my dorm room. But that was OK, as I certainly needed the exercise. Half way in between my dorm and my work is Building 155, recently painted deep blue. Building 155 has the galley and various offices such as our finance, human resources, TV/Radio station, station store, and the barbershop, not to mention dorm rooms which were being remodeled this past season.

### Happy Camper

My job involves talking to the public, school children, and the media about Antarctica. I answer thousands of questions from around the world (How do you make electricity? How do you

and stay warm. The last time I attended this training it was a miserable -22F that night and I had a heck of a time staying warm. But this time it was about 20F above zero and what a difference that makes! Our team of 15 worked well together and luckily we had a couple of people who were very adept at tying knots and were very helpful to the rest of us who were not quite sure what we were doing (me!).



—Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF  
**Building 155 is the easiest building to find in McMurdo since it was painted a deep blue. This is the view from the rear side facing the dorms.**

### Science

Every year there are more than 100 science projects throughout the USAP, with more than 700 science personnel comprising the teams. The majority of them use McMurdo as their base of operations before going into the deep field.

While Palmer Station hosts mostly biology, the South Pole is famous for its telescopes. You probably know this, but the reason for these two specialties are this; Palmer Station is located north of the Antarctic Circle and thus enjoys a more temperate climate and open water much of the year, a requirement for animals to feed. South Pole sits on 9,000 feet of ice, providing it with very dry air free from atmospheric interference, which is great for peering into the universe. But even more importantly, for six months of darkness the telescopes can view the same patch of the universe.

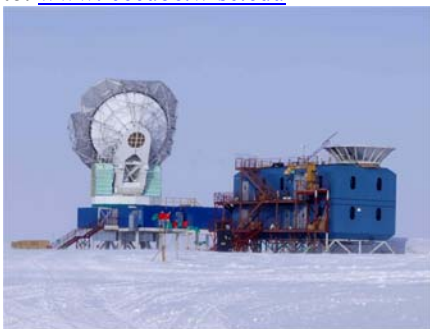
The various South Pole astrophysics projects boggle my brain, but it is also very intriguing for me. The IceCube telescope is trying to detect the smallest "thing" you can imagine. Can you



—Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF

**During Field Survival Training we learned how to put up tents, tie knots, build a wind protection wall with blocks of snow and how to use the camp stoves.**

imagine something so tiny that it could pass through a block of lead and not even touch an atom? Can you imagine this thing being so tiny it can pass through the entire earth without touching an atom? These things, so much smaller than an atom, are called neutrinos. The universe is full of them, emitted when cataclysmic events like stars explode. When they do happen to bump into an atom, a blue light is emitted. This is what IceCube is all about. Thousands of “cameras” are buried in the ice ready to take a “picture” of the blue light emitted when one of these tiny neutrinos happens to hit an atom. Whew! Makes my brow furrow as I try to comprehend it all. For more details on the IceCube project go to: [www.icecube.wisc.edu](http://www.icecube.wisc.edu)



—Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF

**The South Pole Telescope is a 10-meter wide parabolic dish.**

The South Pole Telescope (SPT) is looking at cosmic microwave background radiation and dark energy emitted right after the Big Bang. Only

4% of the universe is stuff we can “see” like planets and stars. Dark Matter and Dark Energy cannot easily be seen, but comprises most of the universe. The SPT is now finding enormous galaxy clusters in the far reaches of the universe. Again, you probably see the puzzled look on my face. I love this stuff, but can barely grasp it.

The Elevated Station at the South Pole is an amazing refuge in a hostile environment. One day while I was there the winds were howling with a 22 knot sustained wind, temperature at -19F, making the wind chill -47F. The best thing about the wind was it made the flags surrounding the ceremonial Pole stick straight out, making a lovely photo!



**South Pole Station**

McMurdo, located at the southernmost point of sailing, is the jumping off point for a wide variety of science. And McMurdo is the hub through which 90% of the USAP participants pass.

For twenty years there have been several teams conducting Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) in both

the Dry Valleys and along the Peninsula.



**The flags surrounding the Ceremonial Pole represent the original signatory nations to the Antarctic Treaty. Can you name them all?**



**Elaine at the geographic South Pole. The marker is about 100 yards from the Ceremonial Pole marker.**

I made a trip to Lake Bonney in the Taylor Valley where we checked in on Dr. Joe Levy, permafrost geologist. He recently discovered that the salty soils in the Dry Valleys draw moisture out of the atmosphere to create wet patches. We followed him as he checked piezometers that were drawing subterranean moisture. A piezometer is a fairly simple tube you pound a few inches into the soil and it will allow moisture to penetrate inside, but not the surrounding dirt. He then would quickly stick a small hose down the



tube, bend the hose like a straw to hold the water in the hose while he pulls it out and pours it into a container to be taken home for analysis. Joe keeps a blog while he is on the Ice: [www.colddirt.blogspot.com](http://www.colddirt.blogspot.com)



—Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF  
**Jay Dickson and Joe Levy withdraw subterranean water from a hillside above Lake Bonney in the Taylor Valley.**

Geologists can fly to the Dry Valleys just a short helicopter trip away to study rocks no human has ever laid eyes on, let alone disturbed.

One quick trip to the Asgard Range above Taylor Valley our helicopter landed in Mudrey Cirque, where geologists were studying past glacial activity by studying what type of rocks had been deposited where. It was an amazing feat simply to land the helicopter in such a rocky terrain (see cover photo).

I also enjoyed visiting a LIDAR site on Arrival Heights above McMurdo. LIDAR is a laser beam shooting straight up into the atmosphere. The laser beam hits certain particles and the backscatter is then received by a receiving telescope and the data analyzed. The LIDAR currently set up near McMurdo is analyzing the iron particles in the mesosphere. You can learn more about their work at <http://cires.colorado.edu/science/groups/chu>

The Long Duration Balloon (LDB) is launched in mid-December when the upper atmospheric winds begin a circular pattern. A balloon launched at this time will circumnavigate the continent, returning to where it was launched, which is a bonus if you want to retrieve the scientific package it is carrying. Every season there are two or three balloons launched for different

science projects. You can read about them here: [www.nsbfnasa.gov](http://www.nsbfnasa.gov)



—Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF  
**A view of Mt. Erebus from Arrival Heights, north of McMurdo.**



—Photo by James Pappas/NSF  
**The Long Duration Balloon is launched at Williams Field. It carries a payload of telescopes into the upper atmosphere to observe the universe. This photo was taken near Scott Base looking southeast.**

The big science project this past season was WISSARD (Whillans Ice Stream Subglacial Access Research Drilling) ([www.wissard.org](http://www.wissard.org)). It is an enormous science event with 13 principal investigators from eight different US institutions. The team drilled down through the Siple Coast ice into the subglacial Lake Whillans extracting the first clean water sample from a body of water under the Antarctic ice. Everyone has heard about the Russians drilling down into Lake Vostok. Well, this is the same concept; only we Americans did it without contaminating the water sample. The WISSARD team will return next season. If you are on Facebook, I'd recommend following their progress, as it is pretty cool.

Cape Royds, as most OAEs know, is a short skip north of McMurdo. I had visited there previously by snowmobile,

but this recent trip was in early January when the sea ice was mostly gone, so I went via helicopter. Dr. David Ainley has been studying the Adelie penguin colony there (and at Cape Bird and Cape Crozier) for quite a few years. He sleeps in a tent a half-mile away from the colony and visits it daily, walking right past Shackleton's famous hut en route. (The hut is kept locked and the key must be acquired from authorities in McMurdo or at Scott Base.) Dr. Ainley and his assistants spend their days monitoring the penguins' behavior using either GPS-type tracking devices taped to the backs of the penguins or numbered tags on their flippers. If you have any penguin fans in your family, have them follow the nesting season at [www.penguinscience.com](http://www.penguinscience.com) every austral summer.



— Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF  
**Dr. David Ainley and his assistant Jean Pennycook attach a radio transmitter to the back feathers of an Adelie penguin.**

Many of you may remember Dr. Art DeVries who has been studying the natural antifreeze found in Antarctic Cod for about 50 years now. His wife and son were in McMurdo this past season, catching and studying cod. The cod are disappearing due to illegal fishing in the Ross Sea for Chilean Sea Bass, which brings me back to Dr. Ainley of Adelie penguin fame.

## Causes

Dr. Ainley has founded a project called The Last Ocean ([www.lastocean.org](http://www.lastocean.org)). What's the last ocean? The Ross Sea is. The Ross Sea ecosystem is the last intact marine ecosystem left on Earth. Unlike many other areas of the world's oceans, the Ross Sea's top predators are still abundant. But that is quickly changing.

Patagonian toothfish, and its cousin Antarctic Cod (*Dissostichus mawsoni*) sold in stores as Chilean Sea Bass, is drawing in fishing vessels. As the Antarctic Cod disappear, the other large fish in the sea are also becoming scarce, totally disrupting the ecosystem of the last pristine ocean on Earth. Scientists have already observed declines of killer whales in the area, which prey on the toothfish.

Dr. DeVries has shown us that toothfish can live up to fifty years and do not begin reproducing until they are in their teens. Because the older and larger fish have all but disappeared, the younger fish are now targeted. The fish no longer live long enough to reproduce and their numbers are greatly diminishing. In the old days Dr. DeVries would catch a bounty of cod all season long. In recent years it is all but impossible to catch any.

What to do? The Last Ocean project would like citizens first to stop eating/ordering/buying Chilean Sea Bass. If the demand is not there, fishing

vessels will no longer trawl the shores of Ross Island. Secondly, they would like the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) to set aside the Ross Sea like a national park and prohibit all fishing. The Serengeti was set aside to preserve the largest terrestrial mammal migration on Earth and today tourists thrill to see lions and wildebeests. Why can't the Ross Sea be preserved as a "park" allowing the last pristine body on Earth to remain devoid of man's interference?

**Logistics**

There is not enough room to continue describing every detail of this past season on the Ice. I'll conclude with a short summary of the two South Pole Traverse (SPoT) teams we operate between McMurdo and South Pole:

**SPoT1**

- McMurdo-Pole-AGAP-Pole-Leverett Glacier-Pole-McMurdo

- Days gone from McMurdo: 96
- Days in the field: 67
- Miles traversed: 3,508.5
- Fuel delivered to Pole: 139,473 gallons
- Cargo delivered to Pole: 12,000 lb steel fuel tank
- Cargo removed from polar plateau old field camp: 80,000 lbs
- Track loader removed from Pole

**SPoT2**

- McMurdo-Top of the Leverett Glacier-McMurdo-WISSARD drilling camp-McMurdo
- Days gone from McMurdo: 74
- Days in the field: 74
- Miles traversed: 2,748.9
- Cargo moved into the field: ~1.8M lbs
- Fuel delivered to top of the Leverett Glacier: 72,000 gallons
- Cargo delivered to WISSARD drilling camp: 1,276,880 lbs



—Photo by Bill Ames/NSF

*The South Pole Traverse team stops for a lunch break on the Ross Ice Shelf.*



# OAEA

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

B-A,

I noticed that the financial report published on the last page of the Oct-Dec 2012 *Explorer's Gazette* was not Cy's corrected version that accounted for the extra \$9.00 in the FY-2012 Ending Balance (Summary Statement portion of the report). Perhaps a note of correction should be included in the next issue of the *Gazette*?

Marty Diller

*Editor's Note: The Treasurer transposed two numbers in his initial Accounting Statement. Below is the text of the Treasurer's explanation to the BOD.*

"Ed Hamblin with his eagle eye and cold fingers on his adding machine caught me with a transposed number in the total income column. The correct total should be \$13,487.44 which then changes the loss to \$5,360.87 and this would make the Ending balance \$52,368.71. We made \$9.00. . . ."

R, Cy

Chief Baker.

I always enjoy reading the *Gazette*. Where can the donation forms be found and has the city been chosen for the next reunion? Many thanks.

Billy Kees

*Editor's Note: I am not sure if I have a current donation form on the OAEA web site, but I attached one for your use. If all else fails you can just mail your donation to me and indicate what fund you want the donated money to go to. Make your check payable to the OAEA. Thanks for the atta-boy.*

Dear Editor:

I heard the following on the Ellen De Generis show:

Question: Why do penguins wash their clothes in Tide?

Answer: Because it's cold out tide.

Kiwi Pam

Billy-Ace,

Another successful Election, and Congratulation to all that Volunteered and to the new Officers. Good luck for the following year.

Ron Killary  
VX-6, 1962-1964

Dear Sirs:

I just wanted to thank you again for awarding me a scholarship for college. I finished my first semester at Tri-County College in South Carolina. Although difficult, I am enjoying college life.

Originally my goal was to complete two years at Tri-County and then transfer to Clemson; however, the major I decided on, Social Services, is not offered there. I just moved to Athens GA where I will attend University of North Georgia and transfer to UGA.

Thank you.

Julia Buehler

Dear Billy-Ace,

Thank you for the latest *Gazette*. An entirely insignificant point, of course, but for the record the Byrd-Pole Traverse in the 1960-61 summer (page 16) had one 10-ton and only two 20-ton sleds (in addition to the two on which the wannigans were carried), not three. And the purpose of the D-8s was for construction at Pole Station, not just for runway maintenance.

Henry Brecher  
AKA Henry Rosenthal  
(participant)

Billy-Ace,

The *Gazette* this quarter is beautifully written and very interesting. I think I read every word in it when it arrived yesterday.

The amount of work you put into each issue—which obviously is not the product of duty responsibility alone—is inspiring. [And I think that I am "doing" something when I write an occasional private review of a music recording!]

Congratulations. You make me feel even more privileged to be a member of this GREAT organization.

I still haven't heard from my grandnephew who wintered-over in 2009.

**Gerrie GCG Chapter Member**

Gerrie Collins



Dear Mr. Baker:

I am the person that accompanied our penguin ambassador to the OAEA reunion on 29 November.

Please feel free to contact me with questions about the event and our animal ambassador, Pete the Penguin. Best regards,

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Billy-Ace,

I have the following comments regarding the OAEA Mid-Atlantic Group meeting that was reported on in the Oct-Dec issue of the *Gazette*. I didn't have a camera along, and I don't recall seeing any other pictures taken other than the group picture(s) that you featured in the article.

Tom Ballard and Chris Limon are to be complimented for their efforts to get a critical mass of Antarcticans together, but the sparse turnout was a surprise to all of us. Several who had indicated they would be there just didn't show up.

The geographic area primarily covered Maryland, and I suspect there are a surprisingly few Maryland addresses in the OAEA. Thus, it just may be that a local cell is a non-starter. I think my trip of about 55 miles was the most distant. The time span of attendees Antarctic exposure ranged from 1946 to a few years into this century. I think two of us were ex-Navy, and the others were either contractors or grantees. If anyone was an NSF employee, *per se*, I failed to pick up on it.

As far as our "meeting", we didn't try to conduct any "business". I was fortunate enough to sit between a Highjump veteran pilot and a published author (*Deep Freeze*, by Dian Belanger). All of us had our stories to tell, and it seemed that frequently one of us was familiar with the scenario or event that was being recounted. Not only did I enjoy meeting everyone, and I certainly mean everyone, I also learned many details of Antarctic activity in eras other than my own. If there is another gathering like this one I will certainly be there, even if it involves traveling farther.

I might suggest that, at any local OAEA gathering (here or elsewhere) that promises to have enough attendance to justify it, NSF be invited to provide a presenter who would tell us how its all being put together now (support-wise), and to bring a power point presentation showing what the facilities look like now.

Kelsey Goodman

Billy-Ace:

As you know, I have not made my film on the life of Anthony Wayne, *The Last Man*, available because I used copyrighted background music. Mr. Wayne was a member of the 1939-41 U.S. Antarctic Service Expedition and served aboard the second most decorated ship in Navy history during World War II, the USS *San Diego*. I am now replacing the copyrighted music with licensed stock music and tracks that I am producing by contracting with a local professional musician.

I am funding the new music by using Kickstarter. This is a website that facilitates funding of creative projects by "crowd sourcing"; that is, projects are posted on [www.kickstarter.com](http://www.kickstarter.com) for a limited time period where the public can view them and, if they are interested, pledge dollars by credit or debit card to help fund them. The creator sets a dollar goal for the project. If enough people pledge and the goal is met, the project receives the money. If the goal is not reached in the specified time period, the pledges are returned in full and the creator receives no money. My Kickstarter project is called *The Last Man* and it is found under the Film and Video category. Just search for "The Last Man." I have a goal of \$1200 to be reached in 30 days, ending in early May.

I will appreciate your posting this in the next OAEA newsletter so that members can take a look at my project on Kickstarter and contribute to it if they wish. Anyone pledging \$20.00 or more will receive a copy of the completed film and, depending on the amount of contribution, other rewards as well as listed on the Kickstarter website. I am really hoping to offer Mr. Wayne's story to a larger audience, and that will happen if this project is successful.

Thanks very much.

Tom Henderson

Billy-Ace:

I have sent your copy of my DVD: *Journey To The South Pole, Operation Deep 1977-1980*. As you know I wanted to show the DVD at the OAEA San Diego reunion last November, but a DVD player and TV was not made available to me.

If anyone wants to purchase a copy of the DVD the cost is \$25 and that includes postage and handling. Checks should be made payable to Ocean Realm Digital and sent to:

Ocean Realm Digital  
PO Box 153  
Kula, HI 96790

Mahalo.

Moon  
AKA John Wilson

*Editor's Note: This is really a great DVD and I highly recommend it.*

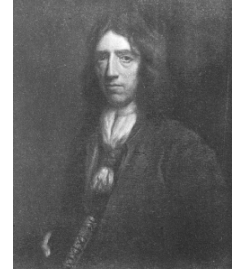




# THIS QUARTER IN HISTORY

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

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



**Lionel Wafer**



**Project Summit Members Enjoy A Coffee Break**

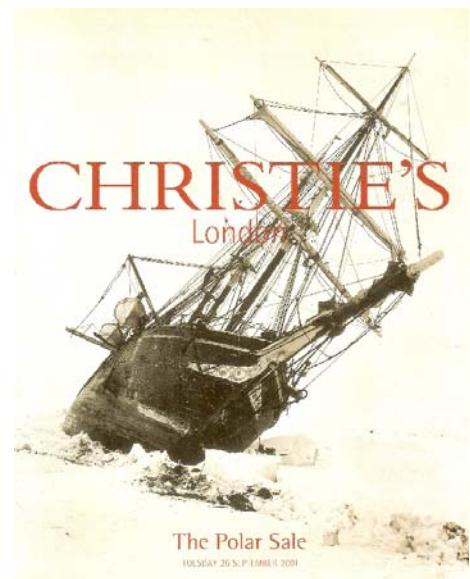
**FEBRUARY:** After several failed attempts by FIDS and BAS climbers from the mid-1950s on, Canadians Jia Condon and Rich Prohaska were the first up Una's Tits, on 1-4 February 1997. These two very prominent ice- and snow-covered peaks on Renard Island, off the Danco Coast, are shown as such on a 1956 chart. Known in the mountain climbing world as Mount Renard Towers, everyone calls them Una's Tits. In 2008 the name was officially changed to Una Peaks. Between Oct. 1949 and Nov. 1950, Falkland Islander Irene Una Sedgwick was temporary clerk to the FIDS and acting private secretary to the Falkland Islands governor, Miles Clifford. For a similar prurient naming reason, see Baker Rocks.

**JANUARY:** On 26 January 2006, the Venezuelan flag was planted for the first time at the geographic South Pole by Marcus Tobia, Carlos Calderas, Martin Echeverria, and Marco Cayuso, all members of Proyecto Cumbre (i.e. Project Summit). A fifth member, Carlos Castillo, couldn't make it to the end, because of frostbite. Venezuela was the 44th member country to ratify the Antarctic Treaty, on 24 May 1999.

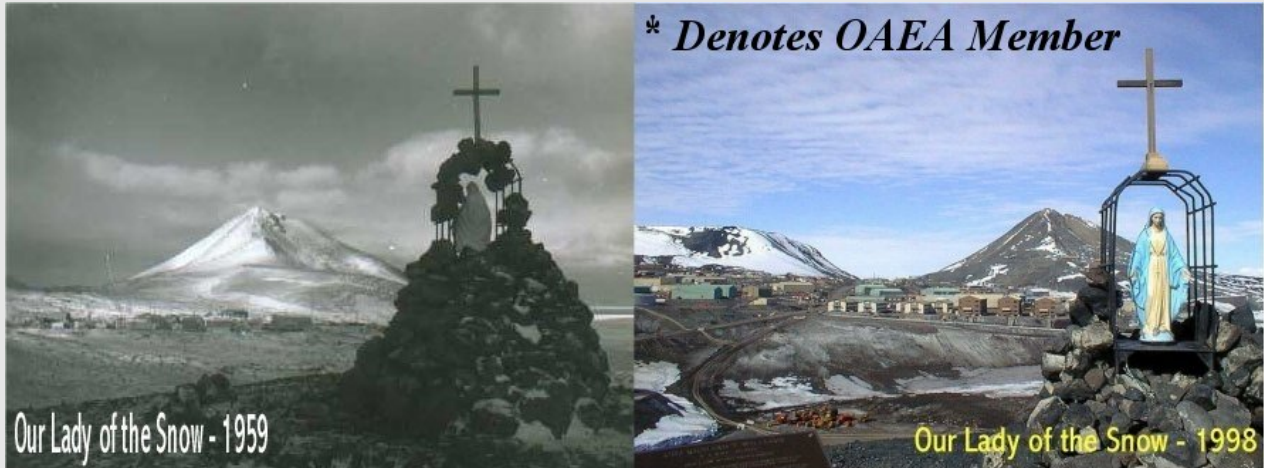


**Una Peaks AKA Una's Tits**

**MARCH:** In 1828-31 Captain Henry Foster was in the South Shetlands. He named the north cape of Smith Island as Cape Christi, but that cape had already been named Cape Smith. In the northeast part of the island is a mountain, rising to a height of 1280 meters, about 5 km northeast of Mount Pisgah. This mountain was surveyed and charted by a Royal Navy Hydrographic Survey unit in 1951-52, and named by them as Mount Smith. However, on 31 March 1955, the British renamed it Mount Christi, in order to honor Foster's original intention. However, nobody knew who Christi was. The Americans accepted the name in 1956, and they too were totally in the dark as to the identity of the honoree. The feature appears in the 1961 British gazetteer. No one had any idea who Christi was until John Stewart, on a tip off from yours truly, was able to identify the man in his 2011 encyclopedia on Antarctica. It was, in fact, Samuel Hunter Christie, son of James Christie of the famous auction house.



**Cover of Christie's 2001  
Polar Auction Catalogue**



## IN MEMORY

OAE Douglas Paul Adams, 65, died on 11 March 2013, in Cushing, ME. Douglas served in the Coast Guard on the USCGC *Edisto*.

OAE Andy Aliff, USN (Ret), 80, died on 13 February 2013, in Pensacola, FL. Andy served as a boatswain's mate on the USS *Arneb* and made three deployments to Antarctica during DF-61, 62, and 63.

OAE Perry Andersen of Collingwood, Ontario, Canada died on 23 January 2013 in a Twin Otter crash near Mount Elizabeth in Antarctica.

OAE Donna Bagley, 100, died on 18 February 2013, in Buena Park, CA. Donna visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE James F. Bettle, 76, died on 24 March 2024, in Wilmington, DE. James worked in Antarctica testing meteorological rockets.

\*OAE Charles Wesley "Chuck" Bishop, USN (Ret), 75, died on 27 January 2013, in Pensacola, FL. Chuck served in VX/VXE-6 from 1960-64, 1971-74. He was a member of the OAEA GCG Chapter.

OAE Anne D. Black, 86, died on 2 January 2013, in Houston, TX. Anne visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE William Roy Blevins, 69, died on 13 February 2013, in Chilhowie, VA. William served in Deep Freeze with the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Kenneth W. Bonesteel, 74, died on 14 March 2013, in Center Brunswick, NY. Kenneth served during DF-I and II. Unit unknown.

OAE Michael Jefferson Boone died on 14 February 2013, in Houston, TX. Michael visited Antarctica as a tourist in 2012.

OAE Bob Bourland, 71, died on 23 February 2013, in San Marcos, CA. Bob served on a US Navy ship in Antarctica in the early 60s. Name of ship and year(s) unknown.

OAE Thomas Leland Bruner, 42, died on 24 December 2012, in Eureka, CA. Thomas visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Harold P. Callahan, 84, died on 30 November 2012, in San Mateo, CA. Harold visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Claire Campbell, 100, died on 16 January 2013, in Seaside Park, CT. Claire visited Antarctica twice as a tourist when she was 80 and 84 years old.

OAE Camille "Carmen" Ciotoli, 89 died on 18 January 2013, in Schenectady, NY. Carmen Served in Antarctica with the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE CDR Guy N. Carroll Jr., USN (Ret), 77, died on 23 February 2013, in Portland, ME. Guy served on the USS *Burton Island* during DF-66.

OAE William Allen "Al" Clendenin, USN (Ret), 89, died on 19 January 2013, in Virginia Beach, VA. Al served in Deep Freeze in 1959. Unit unknown.

OAE Marjorie Hart Cline, 81, died on 7 February 2013, in Silver Spring, MD. Marjorie visited Antarctica as a tourist.



OAE CAPT Joseph G. Corbin, USMC (Ret), 84, died on 31 January 2013, in Wilmington, NC. Joseph served in Antarctica. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Reverend Shirley A. Cormicle, 72, died on 29 January 2013, in Flint, MI. Shirley visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Douglas J. Correa, 56, died on 11 March 2013, in Cleveland, OH. Douglas served in the Coast Guard as a Radarman. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Elizabeth Mae Hills Culhane, 91, died on 15 February 2013, in San Antonio, TX. Elizabeth visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Lewis W. Culp Jr., 87, died on 8 February 2013, in Paoli, PA. Lewis visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE James S. Curry, 88, died on 18 December 2012, in Pinellas Park, OH. James visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Phyllis Dautch, 87, died on 20 November 2012, in Cincinnati, OH. Phyllis visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Mike Denton of Calgary, Canada died on 23 January 2013 in a Twin Otter crash near Mount Elizabeth in Antarctica.

OAE CAPT James "Jim" Douglas, USN (Ret), 98, died on 24 February 2013, in San Rafael, CA. Jim served in Antarctica during the IGY with the Seabees.

OAE Robert Edwards, 89, died on 21 November 2012, in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Robert visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE David Eyres, 81, died on 1 March 2013, in Sacramento, CA. David wintered-over at Wilkes Station during DF-III as an ensign. Eyres Bay is named in his honor. David was a member of the ADFA.

OAE David Franklin Frech, 86, died on 3 January 2013, in Ravenel, SC. David visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE CWO Aloysius "Al" Florian Fronczak, USN (Ret), 96, died on 2 February 2013, in San Diego, CA. Al served on the USS *Burton Island* and made two deployments to Antarctica. Years unknown.

OAE PRC Hendrick "Harry" Van Gorick, USN (Ret), 74, died on 26 January 2013, in Beachwood, Asbury Park, NJ. Harry served in VXE-6 in DF-72 as a member of the ParaRescue Team. On 6 March 1972 as a PR1 Harry set an altitude record by jumping 20,500 feet from a UH-1N helicopter freefalling for 90 seconds.

\*OAE TSGT Raymond L. Gority, USAF (Ret), 75, died on 1 December 2012, in Altoona, PA. Raymond served during DF-I with the USAF.

\*OAE CDR Harold "Hank" Garner Hanson, USN (Ret), 93, died on 27 January 2013, in Los Angeles, CA. Hank served in VX-6 during DF-I through DF-IV (1955-59) as an R6D pilot.

OAE LT Peter Alan Haring, USN (Ret), 89, died on 8 January 2013, in Shreveport, LA. Peter served on the USS *Currituck* during Highjump.

OAE Bob Heath of Calgary, Canada died on 23 January 2013, in a Twin Otter crash near Mount Elizabeth in Antarctica.

OAE Harold Leroy Herles, 79, died on 8 March 2013, in Christchurch, NZ. Harold served in VX-6 from 1965-69 as an AE1 in the Aviation Electrical Shop and was an LC-130 aircrewman.

OAE Louis Henry Hoelscher, 78, died on 14 January 2013, in Beaverton, MA. Louis served in Antarctica with the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Austin William Hogan, PhD, 76, died on 7 January 2013, in Lebanon, NH. Austin served in Antarctica with CRREL. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Anna Kathryn Holliday, 100, died on 4 January 2013, in Columbia, MD. Anna visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Bruce R. Jenkinson, 62, died on 29 December 2012, in Seattle, WA. Bruce visited Antarctica with Society Expeditions.

OAE Richard M. Johnson, 72, died on 1 March 2013, in Milford, DE. Richard served in Antarctica with the Seabees.

\*OAE CDR Arthur Jones, USN (Ret), 92, died on February 2013, in Weeki Wachee, FL. Art served as a pilot in VX-6 during DF-III, and IV (1957-59).

OAE Paul J. Jorgensen, 82, died on 22 January 2013, in Half Moon Bay, CA. Paul was a USARP geologist. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Leonard James Lacobie, 74, died on 9 January 2013, in Anderson, SC. Leonard served in Antarctica with the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Robert Sheldon Mills, 50, died on 23 November 2012, in Bonaire, Canada. Robert visited Antarctica with a dive group in March 2012.

OAE Gabriel Mistichelli, 85, died on 3 January 2013, in Whiting, NJ. Gabriel served as an Aviation Radioman (ARM2) during Highjump. Mistichelli Hills are named in his honor.

OAE John Otineru, USN (Ret), 93, died on 1 January 2013, in Oxnard, CA. John served in Antarctica with the Seabees. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Peter Ourusoff, 73, died on 3 February 2013, in Grafton, CA. Peter visited Antarctica as a tour guide.

Dr. Arnold Paddock, 69, died on 3 February 2012, in Dallas, TX. Arnold was a long time member of the American Society of Polar Philatelists.

OAE AGCS Frank Michael Patrick, USN (Ret), 78, died on 18 January 2013, in Jacksonville, FL. Frank served with ASA as an AG1 during DF-71.

OAE David Pilachowski, USCG (Ret), 50, died on 29 January 2013, in Bellevue, NE. David served in Antarctica on an icebreaker. Ship and year(s) unknown.

William "Rad" Radlinski, 91, died on 15 February 2013, in Potomac Falls, VA. Rad was the USGS Special Antarctic Assistant to the Chief Topographic Engineer. He served with the USGS from 1949 to 1979. Mount Radlinski was named in his honor.

OAE G. W. Terry Rankine, 86, died on 3 March 2013, in Portland, ME. Terry served at McMurdo and Scott Base. Year(s) and unit unknown.

OAE Gladys Esther Reimers, 96, died on 29 November 2012, in Hillside, NJ. Gladys visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Lucretia Leonard Romey died peacefully on December 2, 2012 in Orleans, MA. Lucretia visited Antarctica with her husband William, an OAEA member, who was a lecturer on tourist ships.

OAE Paul Gerhard Schmidt III, 77, died on 25 February 2013, in Lakewood, CO. Paul served as a USARP geologist during DF-62. Schmidt Glacier is named in his honor.

OAE Joan "Toni" D. Schram, 81, died on 2 February 2013, in Port Charlotte, FL. Toni visited Antarctica as a tourist on a Russian icebreaker.

OAE Gene Sturgeon, 84, died on 27 December 2012, in Portland, ME. Gene served on the USS *Philippine Sea* during Highjump.

OAE Reuben L. Taylor, 76, died on 12 February 2013, in Erie, PA. Reuben served in Antarctica with the Seabees. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Bobby R. Thompson, 74, died on 15 February 2013, in Fayetteville, AR. Bobby served on the USCGC *Eastwind* during DF-65 and DF-66.

OAE Eric Aubrey Turner, 73, died on 7 February 2013, in Mt Pleasant, SC. Eric served in Antarctica with the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

\*OAE Paul Tyler, USN (Ret), 82, died on 5 February 2013, in Albuquerque, NM. Paul served on TF-43 Staff as a Flight Surgeon and wintered over during DF-62 as the OIC and Medical Officer at Hallett Station. Tyler Glacier is named in his honor.

\*OAE CWO-4 Charles "Chuck" Robert Warner, USN (Ret), 73, died on 19 January 2013, in Pensacola, FL. Chuck wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-63 as an AG1 as a member of ASA Det Alfa. He was a member of the OAEA GCG Chapter.

OAE Richard Paul Wehrly, Sr., 79, died on 29 January 2013, in Calabash, NC. Richard served in Antarctica with the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE CDR Gordon Raymond West, USN (Ret), 88, died on 10 February 2013, in Port Charlotte, FL. Gordon served on the USS *Burton Island* during DF-62.





**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Denis Casey—OAEA Chaplain

As we approach the wonderful seasons of Spring and Summer I thought we might reflect on the greatness of our God as pronounced in the Holy Bible Psalm 65 verses 6-13.

Your strength holds the mountains up, such is the power that wraps you; you calm the clamor of the ocean, the clamor of its waves.

The nations are in uproar, in panic those who live at the end of the earth as your miracles bring shouts of joy to the portals of morning and evening.



You visit the earth and water it, you load it with riches: God's rivers brim with water to provide their grain.

This is how you provide it by drenching its furrows, by leveling its ridges, by softening it with showers, by blessing the first fruits you crown the year with your bounty abundance flows where ever you pass. The desert pastures overflow, the hillsides are wrapped in joy, the meadows are dressed in flocks, the valleys are clothed in wheat, with shouts of joy, what singing.

**OAEA Donor Awards as of 3/24/2013**

*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.
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- Boyer, Robert E.
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- Cunningham, Claire
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- Startz, Donna
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- Toney, Phillip
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- Whitehead, Eugene
- Yow, Maxine (deceased)
- Zinser, Richard

**GOLD ADELIE CLUB**

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

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- 2006 OAEA Reunion Committee
- 2008 OAEA Reunion Committee
- Biery, Roger
- \*OAEA New England Chapter
- VXVXE-6 Para-Rescue Team

**EMPEROR CLUB**

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

**COMMUNICATOR CLUB**

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

## Tidewater Group January Get-Together



by Ed Hamblin

### Dogging The Watch In Tidewater

The Tidewater Virginia OAE social group had our more or less quarterly get together in January, moved back a month. The reason for the adjustment (which will be permanent) was because of the 2012 reunion at the end of November and other end of the year things that we could not accommodate readily. So the date change; from here on out, the meeting days will be moved to January, April, July, and October. We will shoot for the first Saturday in each of those months, but with that said, our next event is Saturday, 12 April at 3 PM due to another scheduling conflict.



At our January gathering, we had Robert Kello, Richard Dempsey, Ron Rooks, Herb Shaefer, Charlie Thompson, Brad Miller, Neil Sugermeyer, Jim Silverstorf, Bill Murray, Bob Long, Bill Raymus, and Ed Hamblin. The main topic of discussion, of course the 2014 OAEA reunion being hosted by the Tidewater group in Norfolk. Although the Tidewater reunion as an event has been discussed for two years, there has been no formal organization in place. As of the end of

the January meeting, the dynamic had changed, and Ed Hamblin had become the official head of the 2014 Tidewater Reunion Committee. Bill Murray stepped forward to assist with registration matters. Neil Sugermeyer also volunteered to help set up at least one outing. So we are progressing...we have the date, 12-14 November 2014; we have the place, Waterside Sheraton in Norfolk (which is just a tremendous location on the Elizabeth River); we have a pool of talent second to none (there are some ringers in the pool!). Our location is perfect; Norfolk is no further than 16 hours driving time from anywhere east of the Mississippi, and is also served by two major airports (Norfolk and Newport News). We also have Amtrak service with the station being less than five-minute cab ride from the reunion site. Walkable from the hotel is a major downtown mall, over 20 restaurants, a church with a cannonball from the American Revolution still embedded in the wall, the USS *Wisconsin*, and Nauticus.

As mentioned, our next social get together will be the on 12 April at the Norfolk House Of Eggs Restaurant...3 PM/1500 hours. Pictures and ice stories (or lies!) always welcome. If you want to be added to the Tidewater area OAE information e-mail tree, contact is Ed Hamblin ([ehamblin74@verizon.net](mailto:ehamblin74@verizon.net)); phone is 757 835 4282.



Back row, left to right-Robert Kello, Rick Dempsey, Ron Rooks, Herb Shaefer, Charlie Thompson, Brad Miller, Neil Sugermeyer. Front row, left to right-Bill Murray, Bob Long, Bill Raymus.

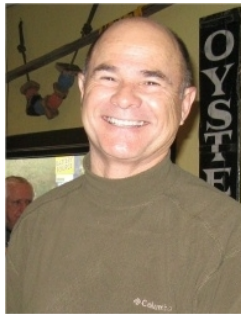
## OAEA GCG Member Builds Air Plane From A Kit

By Doyle "LHJ" McClung

For eight years I contemplated the idea of building my own airplane but always talked myself out of the idea telling myself that I did not have the patience to build one.

Every year I would go to Sun N Fun in Lakeland, FL (a large fly-in) and look at all of the aircraft kits that were offered but would come away with nothing and justify my decision with the same old excuse. During this time I had several friends that ordered kits, completed them and were enjoying the fruits of their labor flying the planes that they had built. One individual commented to me that he wished that he had begun his project ten years earlier so that he would have had more years to fly the plane that he built.

That provided the motivation that I needed and soon after I retired from Delta Air Lines, I ordered my Vans RV-12 kit and began construction several months later when parts began arriving. It took me 1300 hours over a 25 month period to build N194DM and my first flight was on 30 June 2011.



flying the plane to Sun N Fun for the first time with it's new paint the first weekend in April. A trip out west is in the planning but it may be next year before I make that one.

Listed below are a few of the aircrafts statistics:

- Wingspan: 26 ft 9 in
- Length: 20 ft 7 in
- Empty weight: 745 lbs
- Gross weight: 1320 lbs
- Top speed: 119 kts
- Ceiling: 15,000 ft
- Engine: Rotax 912ULS (100 HP)
- Fuel capacity: 20 gallons
- Fuel Burn: 5 gallons per hour
- Two axis autopilot
- All glass cockpit



**LHJs aircraft at his hangar home at Sky Ranch Airport , a residential air park in Baker, FL**



**N194DM In Flight**

It took me another nine months to get it painted in the exact mil spec colors of the first plane that I learned to fly in the Navy, a T-34B. (The international orange color is like that of VXE-6 but that is where the similarity ends.) I was assigned to VT-1 out of NAS Saufley Field in Pensacola, FL and I was there July and August of 1971.

I believe that Larry Newton and I were the first helicopter pilots assigned to VXE-6 that came directly out of flight school. At least that's what we were told. I arrived a month or two before Larry.

I have a little over a 100 hours in N194DM and mostly fly around Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. I will be



**LHJ at Cape Royds During his Ice Days**

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*Editor's Note Doyle served in the US Navy for 25 years and was with Delta Airlines from 1998–2008. At Delta he worked in the Flight Training Department and taught aircraft systems and procedures in the classroom as well as flight training devices and simulators.*

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## NEW OAEA MEMBERS

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

Thanks to Frank, O'Donnell, Paul Dalrymple, Dorothy Spiotta, Elaine Hood, Bill Spindler, John Apostolides, Dave Bresnahan, Bruce DeWald, Ed Hamblin, Joe Gogel, John Spletstoesser, and Harold Gatlin 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](mailto:upizauf@aol.com) or 850 456 3556.

\*Denotes Associate Member

§Denotes Upgrade to Life or Renewal of Annual Member

ΦDenotes Upgrade to Regular Member

Deegan, Ronald AG3	Life	McMurdo DF-III
Ellefson, David CAPT	Life	VXE-6 1972-76
Fauquet, Ronald LT	Life	NSFA SS 1975-78
Flesner, John CIV	*Life	Son of Life Member Harold Flesner RV Hero 1971-73, AMRAD Expeditions 1992-2006
Hernandez, Arecio CIV	Life	RV Hero 1971-73, AMRAD Expeditions 1992-2006
Hernandez, Haydee PhD	Life	Argentine Antarctic Research Station Almiranti Brown 1969
Highlands, William AG2	Life	WO Hallett Station DF-III
Jacobs, Zane AGC	Life	TF-43 Staff DF-I
Keith, William CDR	Life	ASA WO McMurdo DF-61
Koski, Sarah CIV	*Life	USAP Contractor
Kovacs, Michael	Life	USS <i>Atka</i> 1961-62
Lindstrom, Leif CIV	Life	Master Whaler
Madden, Bruce EN2	Life	USS <i>Durant</i> 1961-63
Mignerey, Robert IC3	Life	USS <i>Mills</i> 1966-68
Mills, Lloyd AKCS	§Life	VXE-6 1971-74
Mull, William CSC	Life	WO South Pole DF-64
Murdock, Jerry ET2	Life	USCGC <i>Eastwind</i> 1962-65
Noll, Edmund MAJ	Life	VX-6 1966-68
Porcello, Denise CIV	§Annual	NE Chapter Groupie
Scales, John QM2	Life	USS <i>Atka</i> 1963-65
Spiotta, Paul PH1	Life	VXE-6 1986-89
Spiotta, Dorothy CIV	Annual	NZARP Scott Base 1986-89
Story, Harold LCDR	Life	TF-43 Staff 1969-70
Titus, Robert CIV	Life	WO Hallett Station DF-61 SSL/Met
Wilson, Neil ET1	Life	DF-III Little America V and Byrd Stations

## REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

Send reunion notices to Billy-Ace Baker at 850 456 3556 or [upizauf@aol.com](mailto:upizauf@aol.com) for publication in the *Gazette*

**NMCB-1:** Hampton, VA, 22-24 February 2013. POC Peter Dowd, 781 837 0393, or [mcblreunion@verizon.net](mailto:mcblreunion@verizon.net). MCB-1 served during DF-II, IV, and 62.

**American Polar Society:** Woods Hole, MA, 15-18 April 2013. POC Alfred S. McLaren, [alfredsmclaren@aol.com](mailto:alfredsmclaren@aol.com), 303 447 0608.

**USS *Atka* (AGB-3):** Warwick, RI, 25-28 April 2013. POC Carl Brown, [browncarlione@aol.com](mailto:browncarlione@aol.com), or 616 308 4846. USS *Atka* served during DF-II, III, 60, 62, 64, and 66

**NNPU/PM-3A McMurdo Station:** Port Hueneme, CA, 6-11 May 2013. POC Charlie Del Hierro, 805 483 4060, or [cbsrchief@verizon.net](mailto:cbsrchief@verizon.net), 1543 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, Port Hueneme CA 93041.

**VX/VXE-6:** Erlanger, KY, 12-15 Jun 2013. POC Joe Hollern, 614 906 6289, [jhollern@wowway.com](mailto:jhollern@wowway.com), or PO Box 1228, Westerville OH 43086.

**ADFA:** New Orleans, LA, 18-20 June 2013. POC Bill Stroup. 100 Pampas Dr, Long Beach MS 39560, [stroup597@aol.com](mailto:stroup597@aol.com), 228 864 3270.

**USCGC *Eastwind* (WAGB-279):** Portland, ME. 12-16 June 2013. POC LeRoy Grant, [junelee@roadrunner.com](mailto:junelee@roadrunner.com), PO Box 292, Albany NH 03818-0292, 603 447 6040. USCGC *Eastwind* served during DF-I, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, & 66.

**USS *Glacier* (AGB-4):** Providence, RI, 2-6 October 2013. POC Gordon Wagenor. [gdwagon@comcast.net](mailto:gdwagon@comcast.net), 952 935 1107. The USS *Glacier* served during DF-I through DF-66.

**USS *Wilhoite* (DE/DER-297):** Jacksonville, FL. 10-13 September 2013. POC Roy Camp, 386 561 6039, or [camp1sr@yahoo.com](mailto:camp1sr@yahoo.com). The USS *Wilhoite* served during DF-61



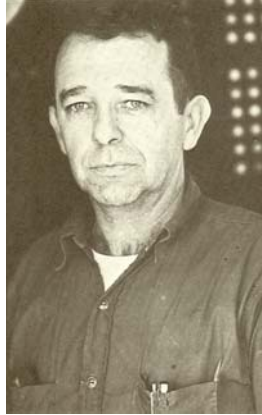
## OAE LOCATOR

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

- Update: Ron Tisue wintered during DF-IV (1958–59) at McMurdo as an AG2. He would like to hear from other personnel that were there during that time frame. Ron can be reached at: [ron.tisue@gmail.com](mailto:ron.tisue@gmail.com), or 516 Corporation Alley, Cincinnati, OH 45202, or by phone 513 604 2017.
- Frank O'Donnell is looking for info about his Dad Frank senior who wintered-over at Hallett Station during DF-62. His dad had an Antarctic Mountain named after him and Frank Junior would like to find out why. He can be contacted at: 47788 Saulty Drive Potomac Falls VA 20165-4700, or [fodonnell@farsupport.com](mailto:fodonnell@farsupport.com).



Frank Senior 1941



Frank Senior 1962

- Roy Fowler is looking for anyone who served in Cargo Handing Battalion One who deployed to McMurdo Station and was there during Christmas of 1965. Roy can be reached at 602 326 2046.
- Thomas Brookman spent two summers, 1973–1974, 1974–1975, at McMurdo as a Navy X-ray tech. He would like to hear from any of his old friends who were there at the same time. Thomas can be reached at: [tonibr1@verizon.net](mailto:tonibr1@verizon.net)
- EM3 David Wagner served on the USCGC *Eastwind* during DF-64 and 65. He would like to hear from any of his shipmates who served with him during that time frame. David can be reached at: [wagnerda@me.com](mailto:wagnerda@me.com), or 24 Harvard Drive, Howell, MI 48843, or by phone at: 810 623 9045
- SK2 Richard Schlesier served on the USS *Burton Island* during DF-63. He is looking for anybody who was on board during that time. He is also looking for a cruise book. Richard can be reached at: [raschlesier@gmail.com](mailto:raschlesier@gmail.com).
- Ed Kulbacki is looking for any VX-6 personnel who served with him at McMurdo and Christchurch from 1963 to 1966. Ed can be reached at: [ekulb01@comcast.net](mailto:ekulb01@comcast.net), or 714 567 3752.

- Bill Fisher wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-III. He would like to hear from anyone who wintered with him. Bill can be reached at: 1912 Commonwealth Avenue Apt#2, Kalamazoo, 49006, or by email at: [wbf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbf@sbcglobal.net).
- Betty Miller was in NSFA summer support and made four trips to the ice (1987 to 1990). She would like to hear from other personnel that were there at that time. Betty can be reached by email at: [b2ball@mywdo.com](mailto:b2ball@mywdo.com)
- Don Samuels was in the NSFA Fuels Division from 1984–1986. He would like to reconnect with anyone from that time period. Don can be reached by email at: [djsnaps2002@yahoo.com](mailto:djsnaps2002@yahoo.com).
- New England Chapter member Billie Hunter is continuing to collect recipes for a cookbook fundraising project for the OAEA Scholarship Program. Favorite recipes—both food and bar recipes—of OAEs and their families are still needed. Mail your recipes to Billie at 310 Bitgood Road, Griswold, CT 06351-1506, or by email at: [billiehunter52@yahoo.com](mailto:billiehunter52@yahoo.com).

## GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



**Ice Wall** — An ice cliff forming the seaward margin of an inland ice sheet, ice piedmont, or ice rise. The rock basement may or may not be at or below sea level. French equivalent: *Falaise de glacier*.

**Icing** — The accumulation of a deposit of ice on exposed objects, e.g. ships, aircraft, antennas, or instruments. Russian equivalent: *Obledeneniye*.

**Inland Ice Sheet** — An ice sheet of considerable thickness and more than 50,000 square km in area, resting on rock. Spanish equivalent: *de hielo continental*.

**Editor's Note:** This concludes the *Glossary of Snow and Ice* column series.

## New England Chapter Spring 2013 Meeting

by Marty Diller,

*New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer,*

As usual, the Chapter met at Pelly's 19th Hole restaurant at the Municipal Golf Course in North Kingstown, RI, for their spring meeting. Holding the meeting on Easter weekend definitely posed problems for some members who found that the meeting date conflicted with plans that they previously had for church and family, but 70 OAEs and guests still managed to find a way to be there. The average number of attendees at our spring meetings is 69.

### Chapter Business

After submitting an OAEA membership application and dues just before the meeting, Jessie McGuire (Colchester, CT) was pleased to learn she became the (unofficial) 200th member of the Chapter. Her paperwork and dues—she will be an Associate member—were mailed to the OAEA membership committee after the meeting.



**Bernie Benardello (sitting) is congratulated by Marty Diller for getting in a "zinger" during the business meeting. Paula Hall is sitting to Bernie's left, and Bernie's wife, Pat, is sitting across from him and giving him the "Bronx cheer" in mock disapproval of his wisecrack.**

Another Associate member, Billie Hunter, has been collecting recipes for an OAEA cookbook for over two years and is renewing her efforts to get the word out (see note in OAE Locator column elsewhere in this issue). Due to a disappointing response from OAEA members, she is now also asking members of the VX-/VXE-6 Association to submit their favorite recipes for the cookbook. Her plan is to raise money for the OAEA Scholarship program by giving away copies of the cookbook in exchange for a minimum monetary donation—an amount yet to be determined.

Meanwhile, DF-I veteran Charlie Bevilacqua will be conducting a Chapter book drive for the Ruth Siple South Pole Station Memorial Library. Charlie will accept both hard and soft cover books at the coming summer and fall Chapter meetings. His plan is to deliver the donated books to the NY

Air National Guard in time for their redeployment to the Ice for the 2013–14 summer science season.



**Raffle prize table2: The mahogany PBY model was donated by Joe Angerome.**

Chapter President Mike Hall talked of his plans to head the 2016 OAEA National Reunion Committee and asked for committee volunteers. Members voted for the Chapter to pay for Mike to attend a 4-day conference offered by the 'Reunion Friendly Network'—a non-profit organization that provides reunion planner training, information, and services. At the conference, Mike will attend instructional seminars on how to negotiate contracts with reunion hotels/venues and other aspects of planning, organizing, and running a reunion (including risk management—dealing with liability issues over attendee alcohol use, attendee medical issues, attendee accidents such as a fall, food problems, etc.).



**Mahogany Harley motorcycle was donated by member Joe Angerome.**

### Fundraising

Raffle winners included: Bernie Benardello (1 handmade wooden bottle cork); Carolyn Brown (antique Willie/Millie penguin salt/pepper shakers, and two DVDs by Tom Henderson: 2 150% *The Jules Madey Story* and *Boats Johnson*); Matt Dill (Little Penguin Chardonnay and mahogany Harley model); Dick Edgerton (OAEA-logo belt buckle); Ann Gagnon (*Quonset Point NAS* book); Peter Lahtinen (mahogany PBY model); Nancy McKenna (3 *Deception Island* fiction); Don Schultz (NYANG ski-Herc poster); Herschel Smith (RI lottery ticket and ceramic



penguin salt/pepper shakers). Also, Joe Angerome, Pat Benardello, Matt Dill, and Carl McKenna (each won a 4" ceramic penguin figurine); Carolyn Brown and Elizabeth Raky (*March of the Penguins* book); Dick Edgerton and John Drews (SI magazine Antarctic Swimsuit Issue); Hoot Hartman and Jack Jennings (Chapter logo T-shirt).

In a special door prize drawing, Herschel Smith won a lunch ticket good for any future Chapter meeting.

- <sup>1</sup> The Chapter thanks member Carl McKenna for his handiwork in crafting and then donating this raffle item.
- <sup>2</sup> The Chapter thanks OAEA Director Tom Henderson for donating this DVD that he personally created. Tom also created the *Boats Johnson* DVD, but it was purchased separately by the Chapter for the raffle.
- <sup>3</sup> The Chapter also thanks member Judy Boss, author of *Deception Island*, for donating her book for the raffle. She wrote this fictional novel after a 2012 cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula on M/V *Marco Polo*.)

### Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for 12 noon on Saturday, 29 June 2013, at *Timothy's* restaurant in Danvers, MA.



Variety of ceramic penguin figurines, including a pair of antique salt/pepper shakers (left).



Judy Boss and books: Author Judy Boss brought copies of her *Deception Island* novel (written after a 2012 cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula) to the meeting. She generously donated a copy for the raffle. See the Oct-Dec 2012 issue of the Gazette for a review of Judy's book.



Table 3: (L to R) Ann Gagnon and Carl & Nancy McKenna. Behind them are Fred Santino, Barbara Chase, and Margo Lewis. On the other side of that table are: Barry Chase, George Lewis (blue ball cap), Bill Bertrand, and Ken Proctor.

## Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

### Saturday 5 January 2013 GCG Meeting—21

members showed up for the first meeting of 2013. There were no first time attendees and no featured speaker. The Preston's were not in attendance so I asked Lennie to hang the GCG Chapter flag. With a lot of guidance from Helen he finally got the flag hooked up and relatively straight.

I had nametags for Les Darbyshire and Bob Jones, but neither of them showed up for the meeting.

After nearly everyone had finished eating the 50/50 and door prize drawings were held. Duck Talbert asked our server, Sarah, to draw the tickets and I was the lucky winner of \$45. Neil and Janie Boudreaux were the winners of the door prize that consisted of a penguin tote bag and a Puckered Pete decal. I don't remember who donated the tote bag, but the decal was donated by Lennie Bourgeois.



Walter Smith Arriving or Maybe Departing

### ADDENDUM TO 5 JANUARY MEETING

On a recent summer vacation to Michigan, 8-year-old Ella Hoffmaster of Pensacola told her mom she wanted to set up a lemonade stand to raise some money for a very important cause.

“When she came to me with the idea, I thought she was trying to raise money for another American Girl doll,” says Ella’s mom, Jill. “She said, ‘No mom. I want to help the kids out who don’t have any hair’—referring to the pediatric cancer patients she has seen during trips to the hospital.”

With the help of her cousins, Ella set up a lemonade stand and sold refreshing drinks and sweet treats to other vacationers staying at the campground.

In just one day, Ella and her cousins made \$100, which she presented to Children’s & Women’s Hospital to help the children! Kids helping kids is a great thing!

— Reprinted from the Sacred Heart Foundation 2012 Annual Report: *Because You Care.*



Janie and Neil Boudreaux

The only unfinished business was a replacement for Jim Landy as the GCG Chapter Vice President. President Duck



Jim Baker Signing the Muster Sheet

Talbert decided to wait until the February meeting to broach the subject.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Thanks to Lennie B for taking the meeting photos and thanks to Pam and Duck for distributing the raffle and door prize tickets.



Sacred Heart Foundation Nurse Accepts Check Donated by Ella Hoffmaster



**Saturday 1 February 2013 Meeting**—38 Members, Guests, and Groupies showed up for the day before the Super Bowl Game. It was also the day of the Pensacola Double Bridge Run. Members Brian Hoffmaster and Joyce Blackwelder participated in the race. Brian showed up at the meeting, but Joyce sent her son John Perry in her place.



**John Perry Blackwelder, Billy Blackwelder and Al Rogers**

First time attendees were two USS *Atka* crewmembers Mike Kovacs of Lillian Alabama and Corky Scales of Jeffersonville, Indiana. Mike recently relocated to the Gulf Coast and Corky is a snowbird. They hooked up at the local Fleet Reserve and someone told them about the OAEA GCG Meetings. Neither are members of the OAEA, but I gave each of them an OAEA Membership Application and they gave me a copy of their business cards. There are currently nine former USS *Atka* crewmembers in the OAEA. Mike served on the *Atka* in 1961 and 1962 and Corky served from 1963 through 1965.



**Mike and Corky in the Front and the Preston Family.**

Our groupies Mike and Doris Lowery showed up, but there was no room in the bar area for them so they had to find a table in the main dining room.

Guests included Duck and Rainie Talbert's son, LCDR Olaf Talbert, USN and his two daughters; Grace and Tessa Clair. Olaf is a Commander selectee and is currently serving at South Command. Olaf was one of our guest speakers and he talked about South Com's mission and his role in that mission. Our other guest speaker was Les Darbyshire and he was asked to tell us about his adventures at Darbyville during DF-62.



**Duck & Rainie Talbert, their son, and grand daughters**

Following the speaker's presentations Duck made an announcement that we need to elect a new Vice President to replace Jim Landy. For the April meeting I will be sending out an email to the members asking for volunteers and will include the same information on the postcards for the April meeting.



**Les Darbyshire**

While the speakers were doing their thing Pam Landy was selling 50/50 raffle tickets and Duck distributed the door prize tickets. After all the announcements were made Grace Talbert was asked to draw the winning tickets. The 50/50 raffle was won by Jim Norris. Jim took home \$72 as his share of the drawing. The door prize consisting of two OAEA pilsner glasses, donated by Billy Blackwelder was won by Ken Pye.

Following the drawings there was no further business so the meeting was adjourned. Thanks to Pam and Duck for coordinating the raffles and thanks to Lennie and Mary Lou for taking photos at the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 March.

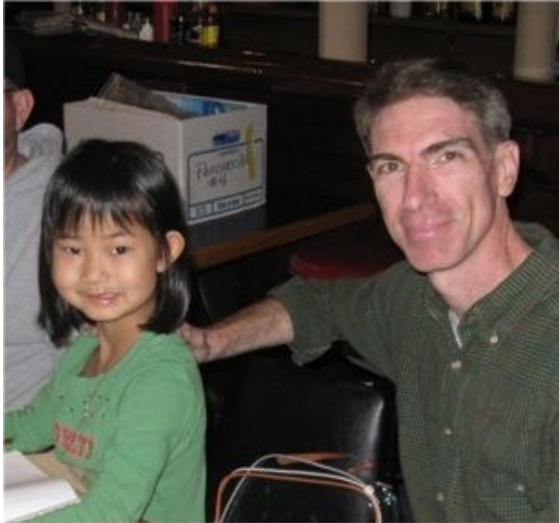


**January 1962 Darbyville Crew Left to Right Back Row: H. Brown, D. Chambley, L. Darbyshire, D. Moxley, J. Conroy. Front Row; D. Long, D. Cain, J. Eblen, H. Hoffman, T. Dunn.**



**Saturday 2 March 2013 Meeting**—35 members and guests showed up for the March GCG Chapter meeting. First time attendees were Major Don Hondrum, USAF, and Richard Barkett. Don was on the ice with the Air Force during 1993 through 1995. Richard has never been to the ice, but he hopes to make a trip in the near future.

John Apostolides was accompanied by his wife Alycia and their two young daughters Adohlyn and Sophia. John is not yet a member of the OAEA. He served as a C-141 navigator during DF-96.



**John Apostolides and daughter Adohlyn**



**Alycia Apostolides and daughter Sophia**

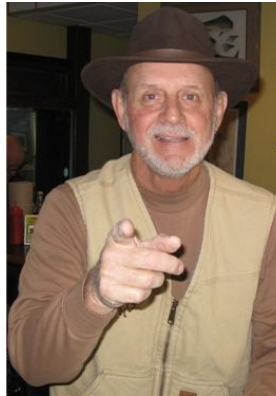
Our leader Duck Talbert was not in attendance. He and Rainey were in Homestead, Florida for their son's promotion to CDR. We didn't have any official business to conduct, so his absence went unnoticed.

However, I made a brief announcement, before the 50/50 ticket sales, that in memory of our recently deceased members: Chuck Bishop and Chuck Warner the GCG Chapter had donated \$50 each to the OAEA Scholarship Fund. Both of them died in January



**Pam Landy, Ken Pye, and Gus Shinn Dancing**

Pam was late to the meeting, so by the time she arrived people had already started asking about 50/50 raffle tickets. Once she arrived she only had time to order her lunch before she started selling tickets and when she finished her lunch was cold. The raffle was won by Gary Skaar and he took home \$52 as his share. The door prize drawing, which consisted of a cloth Animal Planet shopping bag, with Killer Whales and a VXE-6 coin was won by Mary Lou Platt. Mary Lou donated the bag, so she gave it back to be used at a future drawing. The VXE-6 coin was donated by Brian Hoffmaster.



**Gary Skaar Pointing**



**Janette Norris Reading**

After the drawings were over there was no further business, so the meeting was concluded. The next meeting will be on 6 April.

Thanks to Pam for selling the raffle tickets and thanks to Glen Harris for distributing the door prize tickets. A special thanks to Adohlyn and Sophia for drawing the raffle and door prize tickets. Also thanks to Lennie and Mary Lou for taking photos of the meeting.



**Some of the Group having lunch or reading the Gazette. It must have been a good issue of the Gazette.**