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—Photo by Elaine Hood/NSF

Brandon "Shaggy" Neahusan explains the vision for rebuilding McMurdo Station over the next 15 years.

Antarctic Deep Freeze Association Reunion New Orleans 2013

by Elaine Hood

Easy Fun in the Big Easy

The Big Easy, New Orleans, was the destination of dozens of Deep Freeze veterans June 18–21. And the living was easy due to the prime location of the Hyatt Hotel in the French Quarter, as it was located right on Bourbon Street. The nightlife on Bourbon Street never stops and it is always worth a walk just to see what trouble you need to stay away from.

My name is Elaine Hood and I work for the civilian contractor to the US Antarctic Program. My first year

working in McMurdo was the last year the Navy was there, 1998. I've been a member of ADFA since learning about its existence almost ten years ago. I have not missed an ADFA reunion since my first one and always look forward to seeing familiar faces and laughing at good stories.

Reunion

Bill Stroup and his son Robert were our hosts for the biennial Antarctic Deep Freeze Association reunion. Robert kept the bar well stocked in the hospitality room that always serves as the central meeting point.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Laura Snow—OAEA President

FELLOW OAEA MEMBERS: In this first letter to you from the President's Corner I am providing you with information regarding recent decisions by the board of directors. Since I vacated the vice-president's position, I appointed Dr. Richard "Dick" Cameron as vice president and the board approved the appointment. Dick received the second most votes in the 2012 vice-presidential election. Dick was the chief American glaciologist on IGY 1957-1958. From 1975 to 1978, he was NSF program manager.



The board has approved the *OAEA Reunion Planning Guide* that will assist OAEA reunion committees in budgeting, planning, and carrying out a reunion program. The guide is written in such a way that a reunion committee will have the latitude to plan and conduct a reunion in their way, while providing some useful guidelines to ensure that the most important parts of their planning and scheduling timelines are addressed. Additionally, the position of "OAEA Reunion Coordinator" has been established.

The board has acted upon the issue of scholarship donations. From this point forward, donations that are earmarked as scholarship program donations will be placed in a separate investment account. These funds and scholarship funds in excess of \$25,000 working principal will be the source for scholarship awards.

OAEA Chaplain Denis Casey has moved to Ireland and has stepping down as chaplain. Richard "Dick" Pedigo has been appointed to serve as our chaplain.

Future President's Corner letters will include summaries of board actions. The goal is to make sure all OAEA members are aware of board business activities. Additionally, please feel free to share your thoughts on ways the OAEA remains an organization dedicated to sharing the Antarctic experience.

Laura Snow
OAEA President
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GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES

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

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Mid-Winter Greetings 21 June 2013

Compiled by Billy-Ace



Winter 2013: A happy and healthy holiday season from the U.S. Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station.

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2013 Mid-Winter Greetings from McMurdo



The members of the 57th wintering group at McMurdo Station wish to recognize all other personnel representing their own nations, at the wintering-over bases and stations in Antarctica and the Sub-Antarctic regions. We congratulate you on reaching the midpoint of your winter and hope you continue to find the experience professionally and personally satisfying.

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Mid-Winter Greetings from Palmer Station



Best wishes to all for a safe and successful winter season.

Palmer Station 2013 Winter-Over Team

Palmer Station 2013 Winter-Over Team



ADFA 2013 Reunion From page 1

We began the reunion with Charlie Bevilacqua leading us in the pledge of allegiance and the Memorial Service remembering those who have passed away and those who could not be with us.

The program agenda was deliberately kept light this year to allow people more free time to go sightseeing. Only one presentation was given

be. A study conducted in the 1990s determined the old geodesic dome was not conducive to 21st century science and a new station had to be built.

Brandon's presentation showed illustrations of what the new station will look like. You can see a summary of what is called The McMurdo Master Plan at the following web site: <http://www.usap.gov/news/document/s/2013%20McMurdo%20Coffee%20Table%20Report.pdf>

our seats rumbled, artillery odors were in the air, and actual jeeps and airplane fuselages appeared. It was an all-encompassing experience that brought tears to my eyes. The museum also has the *Final Mission: The USS Tang Submarine Experience* in which each visitor mans a battle station during the



Artists Conception of New McMurdo Station

Wednesday morning and one Thursday morning.

I gave a short presentation on what the US Antarctic Program is like today, talking briefly about the three stations, two research vessels and some of the research being done.

But the more interesting presentation was given by my coworker Brandon Neahusan. A few years ago there was a study done to analyze the US Antarctic Program and one of the recommendations of the group was the need to make McMurdo Station more efficient. McMurdo has grown over the past 58 years to a sprawling town of 100 buildings, most of which were built by the Navy decades ago. The buildings are not energy efficient and the layout of the town is also not efficient. Cargo has to be "touched" too many times to get it to where it needs to be. The National Science Foundation now has a plan to rebuild McMurdo over the next 15 years. This process is similar to how the current South Pole Station came to

Sightseeing

Besides Bourbon Street diversions, there were plenty of other things to see and do. A large group of us visited The National World War II Museum (www.nationalww2museum.org), but golly, a half-day visit was not nearly enough time to see all the exhibits. A 4D movie about the war narrated by Tom Hanks not only provided an excellent summary of the war, but also



USS Tang Final Mission

subs fifth and final war patrol on 25 October 1944. For those of you who served on submarines, my admiration is complete. This museum is truly one of the best you will ever see and I highly encourage you to make the trip to see it. Just be sure to plan a day or two, as you simply cannot see it all in a few hours.



Charlie Bevilacqua Takes Notes at the WW-II Museum



Paddy Douglas and Irma Hale enjoyed beignets and cafe au lait at the famous Cafe du Monde



Dian Belanger Mans The Rail



**Elaine: Try not to look so grouchy.
Billy-Ace: You'd be grouchy too if
you had beignet crumbs in your
beard.**

Other sightseeing trips took people on a bus tour of Hurricane Katrina to see where the levees were breached, structures rebuilt and locations have yet to be rehabilitated. A few people took a cruise on the last authentic paddlewheel steamboat on the Mighty Mississippi River (www.steamboatnatchez.com). Another group traipsed off to the Aquarium and Insectarium. And many simply went shopping and shopping and shopping. I did a little bit of window-shopping and was impressed with the caliber of art galleries and antique stores. The good thing about flying to a destination is it discourages you from buying that very awesome antique desk.

Banquet and Auction

The tradition of ADFA reunions is to hold a banquet on the last evening,

followed by a live auction. Dick Prescott was accompanied by new ADFA member Paddy Douglas (a lovely co-worker of mine who spent 13 austral summers working at the South Pole) auctioning off various gems. Billy-Ace Baker and I almost got into a bidding war, over what I cannot remember, but I took pity on him and let him have the item for an inflated price. Billy-Ace did get into a few bidding battles with Bob Snow's daughter Chris and I do believe she bested him more than once. All the auction money goes towards hosting the next reunion; so paying \$50 for a \$5 item is OK, isn't it?

One more time?

We are thinking the 2015 ADFA reunion, marking the 60th anniversary of Deep Freeze, may be the last hurrah for our group. We'd like to end with as many attendees as possible, so if any of you have ideas where a prime location may be, let ADFA President Jerry McKee know (mac55@kennett.net).

Business Meeting

By Bill Stroup

Order of business:

1) Financial status. Balance on deposit with the Navy Federal Credit Union \$7032.

2) 2015 Reunion. Being 2015 is the 60th anniversary year of Operation Deep Freeze it was suggested that the location be more central, within the 48,

in order to even the cost of transportation for coast members. The Chair requested a volunteer coordinator from the members present. There were no responses. After some discussion the Chair suggested that Indianapolis, IN be considered. Any member receiving this information by email or through the OAEA newsletter and is willing and able to host the 2015 reunion please contact one of the Directors. The venue and date is still open.

3) Future reunions. Insufficient attendance may be the swan song as to reunions after 2015.

4) Board Of Directors. Three members of the BOD resigned due to health or family commitments. The four willing to serve another term are: Jerry McKee, Billy-Ace Baker, Ken Waldron, and Dave Grisez. Two of the vacant positions were filled by Irma Hale and Patricia "Paddy" Douglas. Bill Stroup agreed to remain on the BOD until the final accounting of all outstanding expenditures and revenue has been finalized and given to the BOD. Any member willing and able to join the BOD notify Jerry McKee or Billy-Ace Baker.

5) Any ADFA member with an email address who would like a copy of the ADFA By Laws Contact Bill Stroup at stroup597@aol.com Also, for a copy of the roster, for personal use only, contact Ken Waldron at: klw103035@verizon.net



Left to Right: Sitting: Bill Stroup, Sterkel Coyne, Kim Lett, Mel Havener. Middle Row: Charlie Bevilacqua, Emilio DeLeon, Gus Dewart, Dick Prescott, George Rooney. Back Row: Barney Halloran, Cliff Dickey, Jim Miller, Willie Williamson (hidden behind Prescott), Bob Snow, Jim Rooney

AMARG LC-130s Special to the Explorer's Gazette

By Bruce Dewald

Aloha Ski Herc (LC-130) Fans

Greetings from Tucson! On Friday 26 April, I attended an AF Association lunch and special Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) program at Davis Monthan AFB with Fred Faust, a fellow volunteer from Pima Air and Space Museum (PASM). The bus tour was introduced by the AMARG Commander and the narration was by an AF retiree employed as a civilian by AMARG.

The positions of the Ski Hercs have changed since the last PASM AMARG bus tour I took, around two years ago. BUNO 148320 is now the only Ski Herc on "Celebrity Row".

From West to East, BUNOs 148321, 148319, and 159130 are in the second row, North and East of 148320. As shown in the photos, these Ski Hercs can be seen, but not very well, behind several front row aircraft. The photos were taken with "zoom" setting on a "not-so-great" camera by an un-skilled photographer.

The AMARG narrated bus tours from PASM are still bargain priced at \$7.00 per person. USAF requires photo ID twice for the AMARG bus tours—when you buy your ticket and again to get on the bus. The AF now prohibits camera bags and other bags, backpacks, *et al* on AMARG tours. However, cameras are welcome! AMARG tours are on air-conditioned tour busses, Monday thru Friday, Except Federal Holidays (and random lock-downs). The number of AMARG bus tours per day and seats per bus varies by season. As of 01 May, AMARG bus tours are at 1130 and 1400.



Above: BUNO 148321 and Below BUNO 148319



BUNO 159130



BUNO 148320 on Celebrity Row

LOST ANTARCTICA

Reviewed by Laura Snow

BOOK REVIEW

Lost Antarctica: Adventures in a Disappearing Land, By James McClintock. Published by Macmillan, 2012, hardcover, 231 pages. Available from Amazon.com, \$26.

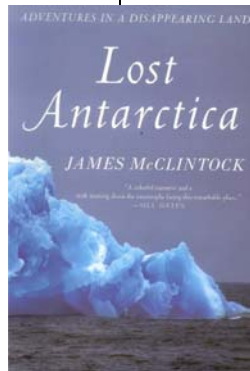
James McClintock has written an exceptional book, about climate change. In its eight chapters, McClintock's book takes the reader from the smallest creatures and plants to the largest mammals in Antarctica and presents evidence of climate change and the consequences of the evidence.

McClintock's first topic is the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC) that circles Antarctica in a clockwise direction. As much as twelve hundred miles wide, with depths ranging from six thousand to twelve thousand feet, the ACC maintains stable cold air temperatures by trapping cold, less saline surface waters that circulate around the continent. The mid-depth temperatures of the Southern Ocean have significantly warmed since the 1950s. As the only ocean that circumnavigates the globe, scientists predict that as the Southern Ocean warms, the ACC will transfer the warmer waters around the globe.

Some of the largest icebergs on record have come from Antarctica. In 2000, Iceberg B-15 calved from the Ross Ice Shelf. At 22 miles wide and 183 miles long, B-15 was approximately eight times the size of the city of Los Angeles. Two years later the Larsen Ice Shelf-B, approximately the size of Rhode Island at over 3500 square miles, disintegrated into thousands of icebergs of varying sizes. In 2008, the break-up of a portion of the Wilkins Ice Shelf, 156 square miles in size, along the Antarctic Peninsula was noted. Two months later a 62 square mile chunk broke off, leaving the Wilkins Ice Shelf dangling by a strip of ice. When the last portion breaks off, at 8700 square miles—the size of Connecticut, the Wilkins Ice Shelf will no longer be part of the Antarctic Peninsula.

As the Antarctic Peninsula and western Antarctica continue to warm icebergs will become more numerous. Large icebergs create scarring as they scour the seafloor and disturb seaweed, sponges, coral, starfish, fish, and countless other organisms, many of which are food sources for marine animals. Scoured seafloors become biological deserts.

In the northern Antarctic Peninsula climate change results in cloudier days, stronger winds, and higher temperatures, resulting in less sea ice. The higher temperatures create sea turbulence which pushes the smallest plants (phytoplankton) deeper and into darker depths of the sea, which decreases the supply of phytoplankton to various marine animals. The phytoplanktons are being replaced by larger species that are not attractive to krill, a major food source to whales, seals, and seabirds. Consequently, the krill are disappearing from



the northern region of the Antarctic Peninsula. Krill depend upon abundant phytoplankton and sea ice, because juvenile krill feed on diatoms that are found on the undersurface of the ice. As an example of the impact of climate change upon the food chain, since the 1980s, the penguin population on King George Island has decreased by more than half as a result of the decline of the krill population in the Scotia Sea, located off the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula.

In addition to climate change, ocean acidification is of major concern to marine scientists. As industrialization has increased since the late nineteenth century, accompanied by increasing deforestation, larger and larger amounts of carbon dioxide are being released into the air. As oceans exchange gases with the atmosphere, what the human race puts into the air eventually goes into the ocean. The result is ocean acidification.

Since the late 19th century the acidity of the ocean has increased by at least 30 percent. McClintock estimates that the world's oceans will be 150 percent more acidic by the end of the current century. The smallest sea creatures and plants will be decimated and the food chain leading up to the largest mammals will be impacted.



OAEA Members Chuck and Maggie Amsler pose in front of Amsler Island in 2008. Four years earlier the "island" lay buried under the tongue of the glacier and was considered a point of land. New islands are emerging from under the glacial ice as glaciers rapidly recede up and down the length of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Crushing predators are on the move in Antarctica. Due to warmer water temperatures king crabs, previously found in the cold temperatures of the deep sea, are migrating up the



Antarctic slope toward the shelf. Just 10 miles off the coast of Palmer Station, a huge population of king crabs was found in the underwater canyon known as Palmer Deep. The ecological implications of this are devastating. The communities of snails, clams, starfish, and brittle stars—food sources for many species—would be decimated by the powerful claws of the king crabs. Some interest in heading to Antarctic waters has already been shown by Arctic crab fishermen.



RV Palmer cruises through sea ice off the coast of Antarctica. During the 2009–10 season, Sven Thatje, and his team using an unmanned automated submersible vehicle, discovered large populations of invading king crabs.

To many people around the world penguins are the most beloved of the Antarctic animals. Climate change is already beginning to decimate populations of Adelie penguins. McClintock uses the Adelie colony on Torgersen Island as his explanation of the impact of climate change on Antarctic penguins. This Adelie colony is the largest in the Palmer region. Paleontologists have evidence that Adelies have nested on Torgersen Island for about 700 years. Torgersen Island offers the dry ground that Adelies need for successful nesting but snow and ice are having a devastating impact on Adelie eggs.

According to Bill Fraser, one of the world's leading experts on Adelie penguins, the current rate of climate change is warming the air temperatures of the western Antarctic Peninsula to the extent that increased snowfall and a longer snow season have become the norm on Torgersen Island and surrounding areas. Adelie penguins build their nests of small stones. As they sit on their nests, warming air temperatures bring increased snowfall and a longer snow season. With the increased temperature of the Antarctic Peninsula, humidity is higher, and consequently, more snowfall occurs. In one unseasonable snowstorm the Adelie females were covered in snow as they sat on their nests. In many cases only the tops of their heads were visible. Because the eggs cannot tolerate exposure to the ice and melt water, the embryos died. This event wiped out the next generation of Torgersen Adelie penguins.

Fraser and his research team have documented the loss of approximately 80 percent of breeding pairs on this part of the peninsula within the last 35 years. This percentage represents the loss of about 12,000 of the approximately 15,000 breeding pairs of Adelie penguins in the area studied by Fraser and his team.

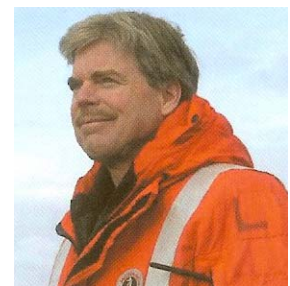


13 November 1940: Ashley Snow, USASE East Base Chief Pilot, plays with penguins at Red Rock Ridge Rookery.

McClintock predicts that by the end of this century the annual sea ice along the central and northern regions of the Antarctic Peninsula will vanish; Adelie penguins will vanish; krill will have been replaced by salps (small jelly-like sea squirts); and any chemicals that ward off predators will be lost. Additionally, potential chemicals that could have, for example, cured cancer, fought off deadly viruses, etc. will remain undiscovered. The U.S. National Cancer Institute is currently testing palmerolide, a chemical produced by Antarctic sea squirts, as possible treatment for various cancers. It has already been shown to kill cancer cells in melanomic skin cancer.

McClintock discusses the successes of and worldwide signatories of the Montreal Protocol of 1997, which outlawed the production of CFCs. The treaty mandated trade sanctions against offending nations—an action which has produced 180 signatories. The author views Antarctica as the wake-up call to the world about climate change. He views Antarctica as a possible invitation to the world to develop a sustainable planet.

About the author: Dr. James McClintock has made 14 research trips to Antarctica in the last 30 years. He is one of the world's foremost experts on Antarctica and is currently the Endowed University Professor of Polar and Marine Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. McClintock Point is named in his honor.



James McClintock

OAEA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Excellent newsletter. Find enclosed my donation for \$100 to be used where it is most needed.

Vincent Splain

Editor's Note: Thanks for the atta-boy and as always your generous donations are appreciated.

B-A:

The Veterans Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction meeting concerning the McMurdo Sound Dose Assessment will be held on 23 July 2013 at the Arlington Hilton Hotel, Arlington, VA. For specific details, including the meeting agenda, visit their website (www.vbdr.org).

Marty Diller

Hey Billy-Ace,

Here is a picture the waitress took of Steve Bendzak and me at our "annual meeting" at the Way Back Café, in Lewiston, ID. Steve was another wintered-over guy with me in the DF-68 Detachment Alfa WO Party. Steve is seated, and I'm the one standing who looks like a mental patient. Best regards,

Burke Richards

Editors Note: I'm more curious as to what type of establishment you guys are in. Looks like a cross between a restaurant and a used clothing store.



Burke Richards & Steve Bendzak

Aloha Billy-Ace,

Our copy of the San Diego OAEA Reunion Memory Book arrived today. Great job! Sally & I think it was quite good! Keep up the good work!

Aloha Bruce DeWald

Editor's Note: And thank you too. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to help fund the extra pages and to those who supplied their candid photos for the memory book.

Billy:

The *Gazette* arrived in my mailbox today. After reading along (interestedly) for a while, I come upon a note I wrote you a while back—WITH—a photo of my niece Elizabeth—identified as ME!!! Gee—how did this happen! I wish I DID look like her (and was not 30 years older!),



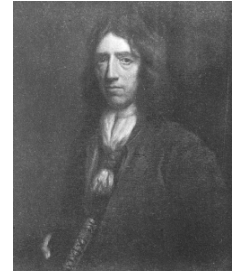
Gerrie Collins

The Real Gerrie

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



Base E. Stonington Island

APRIL: The FIDS Base E, on Stonington Island, in Marguerite Bay, was occupied from 1946 onwards. Toward the end of the first winter-over, 1946-47, Finn Ronne's American expedition arrived to share the island with the Brits. It was not always an easy situation. However, problems had a way of being alleviated. This is what happened in April 1947:

- April 1: The *Fitzroy* and the *Trepassey* arrived yesterday to relieve the Fids at Base E. Much drinking.
- April 2, 3, and 4: Much drinking.
- April 5: The *Fitzroy* and the *Trepassey* left. Much drinking.
- April 12: Last flight of the Auster airplane for the season. Much drinking.
- April 14: Butson and Tonkin returned to base. Much drinking.
- April 19: Several of Ronne's party came over for dinner. Much drinking.
- April 28: Hugh, the dog, died. Much drinking.



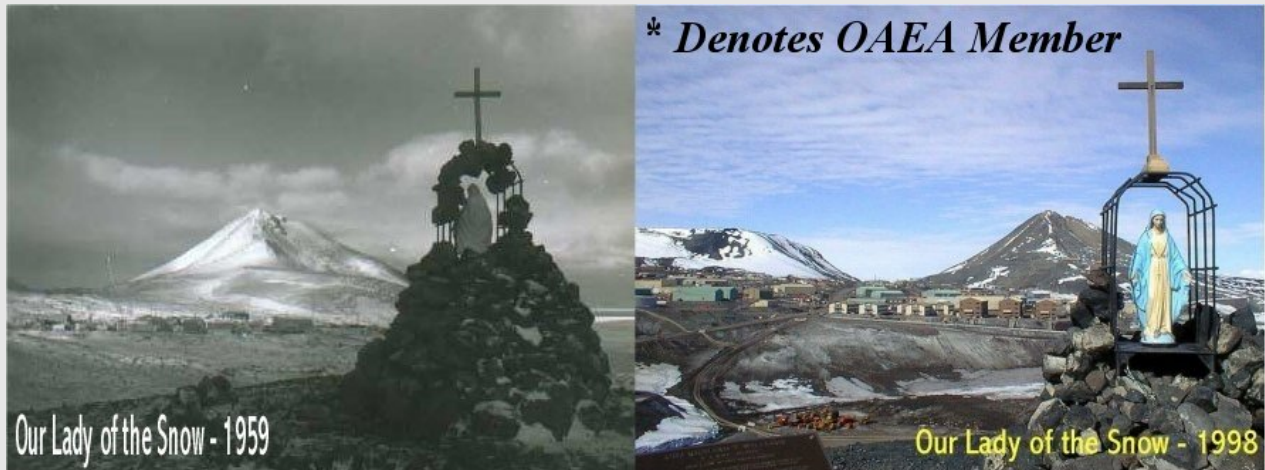
Ernest Shackleton

MAY: On 1 May 1902 the first, and only, edition of *The Blizzard* appeared, a 12-page magazine produced by Shackleton on board the *Discovery* as an alternative to the *South Polar Times*, while they were frozen in at Hut Point. The title page showed a figure wreathed in snowflakes, holding a bottle, with the caption, "Never mind the Blizzard, I'm all right". It contained things like poems, and ribald caricatures by Michael Barne. Page 2 had notes, mainly editorial. Pages 4, 8, and 12 were blank. Everyone on the expedition got a copy (50 copies for 38 expeditioners). In November 2004 a copy sold at a Gaston Renard auction for \$20,900.



HMS Resolution

JUNE: On 1 June 1732 in the old stone font of the picturesque little country church of Kirton, in Lincolnshire, a little lad named Joe was baptized. Aside from the usual Sunday services, his next visit of great moment to a local vicar was on 15 November 1758, at the nearby church of Freiston, where he reeled in a good catch—Fanny Plant. By the early 1760s Joe was a ship's master in Newfoundland, and on 7 January 1772 was master of the *Asia* when he transferred to the *Resolution* for the voyage that shook the world, a Cook's guided tour around the planet that made Joe one of the first men ever into Antarctic waters, a trip that earned immortality for Joe. During this groundbreaking endeavour, on 4 August 1774 he was hit in the chest by an arrow fired by a disgruntled islander. Joe just got to his feet, shook himself off, and walked away, and they named the Gilbert Islands for him. His subsequent postings were all land-based, in England, and he retired in 1802 to the Hampshire town of Fareham, dying in 1821. His son, George, sailed with Cook on the Third Voyage of 1776-80.



IN MEMORY

- OAE Lorraine Actor, 89, died on 25 May 2013, in Sunnyvale, CA. Lorraine visited Antarctica as a tourist.
- OAE Russell D. "Rusty" Anderson Jr., 74, died on 6 June 2013, in Tyler, TX. Rusty served on the USS *Burton Island*, during DF-60 as an RM2
- OAE DR James Arseneau, 70, died on 29 April 2013, in Naples, NY. James visited Antarctica as a tourist with his wife.
- OAE Walter K. "Dutch" Backer, USN (Ret), 88, died on 18 June 2013, in Great Falls, MT. Dutch served in Antarctica with the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.
- *CDR Philip Arthur Balink-White, RN (Ret), 92, died on 5 June 2013, in Pensacola, FL. Philip served in the Royal Navy during WW-II. He was an Associate Member of the OAEA and a member of the OAEA GCG Chapter.
- OAE DR Thomas H. Banks DVM, 83, died on 11 March 2013, in Bakersfield, CA. Thomas visited Antarctica as a tourist.
- OAE Jean Louise (Haviland) Bartoo, died on 17 May 2012, in Worthington, OH. Jean visited Antarctica as a tourist.
- OAE Sidney Blitz, 90, died on 9 May 2013, in Santa Monica, CA. Sidney visited Antarctic as a tourist.
- OAE Ian Charles Bruce, 55, died on 15 March 2013, in Burliegh Heads, Queensland, OZ. Ian was a member of the ANARE Club.
- OAE CWO2 Ernest "Ernie" or "Nester" Care, USN (Ret), 91, died on 13 April 2013, in Sandbridge, VA. Nester served on the USS *Glacier* and made two deployments to Antarctica during DF-III (1957-58) and IV (1958-59).
- OAE Arnold Ray Caron, USN (Ret), 87, died on 10 May 2013, in Bangor, ME. Arnold served during Highjump. Unit unknown.
- OAE LTCOL. Howard A. Chapin, Jr., USMC (Ret), 82, died 6 March 2013, in Whitefish, MT. Howard served in VX-6 for three seasons (1962-64) as an LC-130 pilot. Chapin Peak is named in his honor.
- OAE Richard Clark Clough, 85, died on 18 May 2013, in Bethesda, MD. Richard visited Antarctica as a tourist in 2000.
- OAE Steven Louis Cobb, USCG (Ret), died on 29 March 2013, in Anchorage, AK. Steven served on an icebreaker. Name of ship and year(s) unknown.
- OAE Douglas J. Correa, 56, died on 11 March 2013, in Cleveland, OH. Douglas served on a USCG icebreaker as a radarman. Year(s) and ship unknown.
- OAE BUC Claud Edward Cripps, USN (Ret), 77, died on 8 May 2013, in Grand Tower, IL. Claud made two deployments to McMurdo with the Seabees. Date(s) unknown.
- OAE CAPT William Thurman Dill, USPHS (Ret), 76, died on 18 April 2013, in Ferris, TX. William served on a USCG icebreaker and the Argentine RV *Alaminos* as an oceanographer. Year(s) unknown.
- OAE Nancy Roofe Dunn, 76, died on 30 May 2013, in Topeka, KS. Nancy visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE David Michael Dixon, 75, died on 18 May 2013, in Bluffton, SC. Davis 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. He was a member of the ADFA.

OAE DR Joe Farman, PhD, 82, died on 11 May 2013, in England. Joe served as a science officer with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey (FIDS) in 1956. He became head of the FIDS Physics Unit at the University of Edinburgh in 1969 and returned to British Antarctic Survey (BAS) in Cambridge as head of the physics section in 1976. He was the co-discoverer of the Ozone Hole. His last trip to Antarctica was in 1990.

OAE Harry Francis Faust, Jr., 77, died on 7 April 2013, in Lewes, DE. Harry served on the USS *Arneb* during DF-I.

OAE Peter J. Feuerbach, 53, died on 14 June 2013, in Manchester, MA. Peter served at McMurdo as a USARP Geologist. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Rachele Noto Fiszman, 93, died on 1 June 2013, in Eugene, OR. Rachele visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE LCDR Robert C. Flint, USN (Ret), 68, died on 24 September 2012, in Casselberry, FL. Robert wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-72 as an ET1.

*OAE Timothy John Fowler, USN (Ret), 69, died on 20 April 2013, in Bladensburg, MD. Timothy wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-82 as a PN1.

OAE LTCOL Charles Gene Freeman, USA (Ret), 79, died on 30 May 2013, in Williamsburg, VA. Charles served in Antarctica. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Terrence L. "Terry" Hardiman, 78, died on 20 May 2013, in Elmira, NY. Terry was a USGS seismologist and wintered over at South Pole Station during DF-65. Hardiman Peak is named in his honor.

OAE Arnold K. Harrington, 74, died on 22 June 2013, in Bennington, VT. Arnold served on the USS *Glacier* during DF-62 and 63.

OAE Henry Haugen, USCG (Ret), 79, died on 25 April 2013, in Seattle, WA. Henry served on the USCGC *Northwind* during DF-IV.

*OAE LCDR Louis Helms, 89, USN (Ret), died on 13 March 2013, in Grass Valley, CA. Louis wintered-over during DF-61 as the OIC of the VX-6 Detachment.

OAE Vernon "Lou" Hlubek, 88, died on 24 March 2013, in Carmichael, CA. Lou served as a Navy radioman during Highjump. Unit unknown.

OAE Ruth (Palmer) Hopkins, 90, died on 19 May 2013, in Searsport, ME. Ruth visited Antarctica as a tourist in 1990.

OAE LTCOL James L. Huston, USAF (Ret), 88, died on 29 April 2013, in Oklahoma City, OK. James served in Antarctica as a pilot with the USAF. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Jeanette Smith Jackson, 97, died on 10 March 2013, in Spokane, WA. Jeanette visited Antarctica as a tourist in 1984.

OAE Dale Albert Jensen, 78, died on 1 June 2013, in Merrill, WI. Dale served on the USS *Edisto* during DF-I.

OAE EO1 Walter R. Jones, USN (Ret), 89, died on 13 November 2008, in Camarillo, CA. Walt wintered-over at Little America V during DF-II and at McMurdo during DF-63. During DF-63 he served as the KC4USV amateur radio operator.

OAE Donald Nelson Jordan, 75, died on 9 June 2013, in San Antonio, TX. Donald visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Mildred Kathleen Junkins, 94, died on 21 June 2013, in Mount Vernon, IL. Mildred visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Norma Keller, 82, died on 8 May 2013, in El Segundo, CA. Norma visited Antarctica in 1991 as a tourist.

OAE LCDR James W. King Jr, USN (Ret), 88, died on June 14, 2013, in Suncrest, WA. James served on the USS *Staten Island* during Deep-Freeze II (1956-1957).

*OAE Clark Hays Knowles, 81, died on 21 May 2013, in Chico, CA. Clark served as a weather forecaster during DF-III and IV (1957-59) at Little America V and McMurdo on TF-43 Staff as a LTJG.

OAE PRCM Marvin "Bob" Kubler, USN (Ret), 82, died on 24 June 2013, in Barnegat, NJ. Bob served during DF-II with VX-6. Bob also served as the LCPO of the Navy parachute team The Chuting Stars.

OAE Joel Brand Laseter, 95, died on 16 May, 2013, in Plant City, FL. Joel visited Antarctica when he was 85 year-old and may have been the oldest person to visit the geographic South Pole.



OAE Stephen Donald "Steve" Locke, died on 17 June 2013, in Christchurch, NZ. Steve served at Scott Base with NZAP. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Wallace George Lowe, 89, died on 20 March 2013, in Derbyshire, England. George served as the photographer/correspondent on the Fuchs Transantarctic Expedition during 1957-58. Mount Lowe is named in his honor.

*Gary Lowery, USN (Ret), 58, died on 24 April 2013, in Pensacola, FL. Gary was an associate member of the OAEA and a member of the OAEA GCG Chapter.

OAE Benjamin H. Melton, Jr., 79, died on 30 August 2012, in Warwick, RI. Benjamin served as a CD3 with MCB(Special) during DF-I.

OAE Richard S. Osipowicz, 78, died on 23 May 2013, in Plainville, CT. Richard served with the Seabees during DF-II.

*OAE ADJC Bob Parry, USN (Ret), died on 1 May 2013, in Chula Vista, CA. Bob served in VX-6 as an LC-130 Flight Engineer during 1960-63.

OAE ETCM Lawrence R. Podojil, USCG (Ret), 84, died on 3 April 2013, in Norwich, CT. Lawrence served on a USCG icebreaker. Year(s) and name if ship unknown.

OAE DR Diane Marie Reed 79, died on 20 March 2013, in Eugene, OR. Diane visited Antarctica as a wildlife photographer.

OAE George E. Rich Jr., 78, died on 26 June 2013, in Bangor, ME. George served in Antarctica with the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Albert P. "Sonny" Bisienero Rogers, 84, died on 9 April 2013, in West Springfield, MA. Sonny served with the US Navy. Year(s) and DF unit unknown.

OAE Jim Sabraw, 74, died on 21 May 2012, in Sacramento, CA. Jim served on the USS *Edisto*. Year(s) unknown.

*OAE CAPT Arthur F. "Fred" Schneider, USN (Ret), 84, died on 19 June 2013, in Baker, FL. Fred served in VX-6 from DF-65 through DF-68 and was the CO during DF-68. Schneider Glacier is named in his honor. He was a member of the OAEA GCG Chapter.

OAE Andrew Ernest Simoni, 94, died on 31 March 2013, in Dallas, TX. Andrew visited Antarctica when he was 91 and is believed to be the oldest man to visit the Antarctic continent.

OAE James Anthony Stifter, 63, died on 23 April 2013, in Richland, WA. James served in Antarctica as a Journeyman Lineman. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE David Luther Sylwester, 77, died on 26 April 2013, in Knoxville, TN. David wintered-over at South Pole Station during DF-61 as an Aurora Scientist and summer at Byrd Station during DF-62. Sylwester Glacier is named in his honor.

OAE Thomas N. Tate, USN (Ret), 79, died on 28 April 2013, in Las Cruces, NM. Thomas wintered over at McMurdo as the ASA Det Alfa Public Works Officer during DF-63. Tate Peak is named in his honor.

OAE Zachariah Lawrence Walker, 37, died 10 April 2013, in Grand Junction, CO. Zachariah worked in Antarctica with the USAP contractor during the 1998-99 austral summer season.

OAE Nancy Walls, 82, died on 19 March 2013, in Ann Arbor, MI. Nancy served in Antarctica as a USARP grantee during DF-66 and DF-70.

OAE Gordon Raymond "Ray" West, USN (Ret), 88, died on 10 February 2013, in Port Charlotte, FL. Ray served on the USS *Burton Island*. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Joe Wilhoite, 55, died on 30 April 2013, in Sargent, NE. Joe worked for Raytheon Polar services at McMurdo as a maintenance specialist from 2002-2005.

OAE Evelyn Williams, 89, died on 31 March 2013, in Melville, Canada. Evelyn visited Antarctica on a non-USAP scientific cruise to study penguins.

OAE Dr. James "Jim" Walton Young, 79, died on 8 June 2013, in Oakville, Ontario, Canada. Jim served in the Falkland Island Dependency Survey in 1957 and wintered-over at Base W in 1958 as a meteorological assistant. In 1959 he wintered-over a second year at Signey Island Station.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dick Pedigo—OAEA Chaplain

Well, I guess it's official; I have been appointed your new chaplain. I wish you lots of luck! No kidding, guys and gals, I'll do the best I can. Sorry to say, I hit the ground running with three deaths among our OAEA. I have sent each family a sympathy/condolences note from the OAEA. I have lost loved ones too. So I know what they're going through (most likely most of you do too). I have a different outlook on death than I used to. We now call it "The celebration of life". That's what a lot of churches are calling it now. I sincerely hope you have reached that understanding of it. True, you weep and mourn, are lonely, and, if you're human (and I assume you are) you ask God



WHY did this happen to you! That's all right! God understands your feelings. They're the same as God had when Jesus died on the Cross. His only Son, died for the world. Think about how He feels today, Jesus might be saying to Him, "Dad, why did I have to die and go through what I did." His daddy (God) might say, "It looks sort of useless my Son, I know, but we must love them all the more." One of my favorite verses in the Bible is, "Now I see in a mirror dimly, then I will see fully".

Blessing to you all. Chaplain Dick

Maori Carving Unveiled in Antarctica

*condensed by Billy-Ace Baker
from an article by Deidre Mussen*

New Zealand's Maori links have been stamped firmly on Antarctica with the unveiling of a *pou whenua* at Scott Base's 56th birthday.

Ngai Tahu (tribal) leader Sir Mark Solomon and Prime Minister John Key jointly uncovered the totara carving in a formal ceremony with Scott Base staff and invited guests from McMurdo Station.



Maori Totari Carving at Scott Base

Solomon joked with the crowd that the pou did not mean Ngai Tahu was about to lodge a claim on Antarctica.

He said it was a privilege that Ngai Tahu, as the southern-most Kiwi, was asked to carve the pou.

The pou, called Navigator of the Heavens, was made of totara wood from the New Zealand West Coast, which he was confident would withstand the rigors of Antarctica's harsh environment, despite it developing several cracks since its arrival on the frozen continent.

Key said the pou was a "very meaningful addition" to the base.

"Scott Base has a place in the hearts and minds of New Zealanders even if they haven't visited here. Maori culture is enshrined in who we are as New Zealanders and to have this representation here is a lovely touch."

Two woven tukutuku (Maori art form) panels were also unveiled, a project headed by Ngai Tahu master weaver Ranui Ngarimu, kaiawhina (assistant) to Sir Mark.

One panel symbolized Maori ancestors interwoven with New Zealanders who had died in Antarctica, including the 257 passengers and crew killed in the 1979 Mt Erebus plane crash.

The other paid tribute to the scientific work ongoing on the southern-most continent.

Antarctica New Zealand chief executive Lou Sanson said about a third



A new sign for Scott Base was also unveiled.

of his staff at the base were military and many were Maori.

Several years ago, the issue was raised of enhancing the cultural identity of New Zealand's Antarctic base, which led to the pou's inception.

Scott Base's asset management team leader, Johno Leitch, said staff had to use jackhammers to dig a meter-deep hole, filling it with concrete to ensure the pou could withstand the strong winds that can batter Scott Base.

Key will visit the Dry Valleys to view scientific research underway there and also a penguin colony, which he had visited before but said he wanted to show his wife, Bronagh, who has joined him on this trip to the frozen continent.



Tidewater Group April Get-Together



by Ed Hamblin

Following the reunion in November, Tidewater shifted our quarterly Old Antarctic Explorers social gatherings one month to the right. As a result, we are now on a January, April, July, October schedule. Probably the biggest news from Tidewater though is that we have definitely lost “our” meeting place—the venerable House Of Eggs Restaurant. We have been meeting there since this group started meeting back in fall of 2000. The restaurant owner recently passed away, and his daughters made the decision to close. Bill Raymus was able to connect us up in the same building; so for the time being, we will actually shift one door over and continue meeting under the same roof, just a different venue, the Stonehouse Lounge. They have a non-smoking room available and food—what more is needed?

In April, at our last (and final) House Of Eggs hookup, Bill Raymus, Charlie Thompson, Tammy Bradley (now Tammy Thompson, Charlie’s new bride), Brad Miller, Cliff, and Joan Dickey, Ron Rooks, Bill Murray, Richard Dempsey, Robert Kello, Will Pontius, Robert Long, Herb Schaefer, and Ed Hamblin came out. All the discussion was about the 2014 OAEA reunion in Norfolk. We started looking at the laundry list of things that have to be done. As things go, since we met, the OAEA BOD has voted on and accepted the “official” OAEA reunion planning guide which will provide a standard “road map” for reunion planners and organizers, and it will be distributed at our July meeting.



Since our meeting, Bill Raymus attended one of his Navy ship’s reunion at the same venue we are contracted for, and had nothing but positive things to say. The feedback from the ship’s reunion committee was very positive, and in a letter to the hotel, this is what was said about us from the ship’s reunion planner:

“Needless to say, I would highly recommend your hotel for anyone for their vacation, reunion or any other function that could be held there. One of our members is coming there next year with a group about twice our size. Prior to the reunion, he had some concerns about the hotel and ability to handle his group. Needless to say, after the reunion, he did not have any concerns, and was quite excited about their hotel choice.”

So, Bill has seen the hotel in action...it appears we chose very wisely!

Other stuff going on in Tidewater only affects Ed Hamblin. Ed is the head of the OAEA Scholarship Committee. The committee includes Billy-Ace Baker and one other *ad hoc* general assembly member, Mr. Jim Silverstorf. This year, 18 members requested applications for the 2013–2014 school year. By the time this is published, this year’s awards will have been decided, and will be announced in the next issue of the *Gazette*.

Because of our schedule shift, and the timing of the *Gazette*, the July meeting will be history when this is out, so beyond that our next get together will be on 5 October at the Stonehouse Lounge on Military Highway; as always, meeting will be at 3PM/1500. See you there.

Contact info for Ed Hamblin: ehamblin74@verizon.net; phone 757 835 4282.



Pictured back row: Mark Pontious, Richard Dempsey, Bob Long, Herb Schaefer, Brad Miller, Cliff Dickey, Jean Dickey. Center row: Ron Rooks, Charlie Thompson. Front row: Bill Murray, Robert Kello, Bill Raymus, Tammy Bradley.

Impossible Journey: The Story of the Victoria Land Traverse 1959–1960

BOOK REVIEW

Impossible Journey: The Story of the Victoria Land Traverse 1959–1960, Antarctica. By John Weihaupt, Alfred Stuart, Frans Van der Hoven, Claude Lorius, and William Smith. Forewords by Peter-Noel Web and Deven Castendyk. Published by The Geological Society of America. 2012, 135 pages. \$45 paperback only.

During the austral summer season of DF-60 eight USARP scientists made a historic traverse into previously unexplored areas of East Antarctica. Over a half century later their adventures have finally been made available in a single volume gleaned from the traverse team's scientific field notes and personal journals.

Written by team members, it is a scientific, historical, and adventurous account of a four-month, 2400-km journey into the unexplored East Antarctica. The traverse team conducted seismic, gravity, magnetic, geological, glaciological, and atmospheric surveys over the continental ice sheet, and so doing, the traverse encountered heavy crevassing on the Skelton Glacier, where SnoCats frequently broke through snow bridges, threatening the end of the traverse. On the high plateau, fuel shortages and frequent equipment failures also threatened to terminate the journey. The latter portions of the traverse were marked by near catastrophes in the vicinity of the Mertz and Ninnis Glaciers, and on the glaciers of the Transantarctic Mountains, where unknown and initially undetected substantial crevasse fields were encountered.



Front Row: Kneeling Claude Lorius, Alfred Stuart, and Thomas Baldwin. Back row: Frans Van der Hoeven, Louis Roberts, John Weihaupt, William Smith, and Arnold Heine.

compiled by Billy-Ace Baker



John Weihaupt

Weihaupt, now an emeritus professor at the University of Colorado Denver, was the team's seismologist, and he and his colleague, Frans G. Van der Hoeven, were responsible for the seismic, gravity, magnetic, and geological surveys during the exploration. Part of his work included gathering data to determine the thickness of the ice; core samples led to the first scientific evidence for Earth's contemporary global warming. Weihaupt and Van der Hoeven also were credited with the discovery of the Wilkes Land Gravity Anomaly, which potentially is the largest meteorite impact crater on the planet.

The book re-creates the Traverse, allowing readers to follow along with the researchers and the challenges they encountered. To purchase a copy of the book Visit: <http://rock.geosociety.org/Bookstore/default.asp?catID=9&ID=SPE488>

In an introduction to the publication, Weihaupt and colleagues write: "No human endeavor is more fascinating than exploration, whether of Earth's oceans, its highest mountains, or the polar high plateau. There is a need, primeval as it surely is, to go where no one's gone before — to be the very first."

Some of the discoveries made were the Wilkes Subglacial Basin, the Wilkes Land Gravity Anomaly, the Outback Nunataks, the USARP Mountain Range, and the upper reaches of the Rennick Glacier.

*I am a happy scientist, I work for IGY
I measure this and measure that
But no one tells me why.*
—Anonymus



**CMH2 Thomas Baldwin
Traverse Driver
& Mechanic**



Buz Dryfoose & His R4D

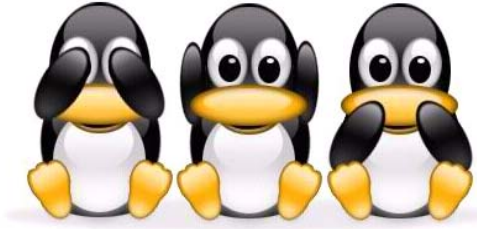
Editor's Note: The book contains a lot of never seen before color photographs of the terrain, the crew, and support personnel. I highly recommend it.

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

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

Thanks to Google News, Burke Richards, Bill Stroup, Dick Cameron, Frank O'Donnell, Laura Snow, Errol Greig, Elaine Hood, Bruce DeWald, Cliff Dickey, and Joe Gogel 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 or Renewal of Annual Member	
	ΦDenotes Upgrade to Regular Member	
Barnett, Sarah CIV	Life	MV <i>World Discoverer</i> , <i>Illiria</i> , & <i>Andrea</i> 1986- Current
Barrow, Jimmy RM2	Life	ASA WO McMurdo DF-71
Beckman, Nicholas PH3	Life	VX-6 1965-67
Comor, Joseph ET1(SW)	Life	NSFA Det A WO DF-84
Coyne, Sterkel CD3	Life	CB(Special) DF-II WO Little America V
Cullis, Sydney CIV	Life	MV <i>Lyubov Orlova</i> 2008
Dawson, Gordon CIV	Life	NZARP Scott Base 1966-67
Dempsey, Richard AG1	§Life	ASA 1971-74
Ettershank, Walter QM3	*Life	USS <i>Atka</i> (Arctic only)
Hartford, Charles LT MC	Life	VX-6 1962-64
Kaplan, Michael CIV	Life	USAP 2010, 11, & 13
Kazanjian, Phillip CAPT	Life	NSFA PAO 1977-79
Kennedy, William ABH3	§Annual	VX-6 65-66
Licht, Kathy CIV	§Life	USAP 1994-95, 2005- 07, 10, & 11
Mayeda, Stanley CIV	§Annual	Surviving Son
McGuire, Jessica CIV	*Annual	NE Chapter Groupie
Nelson, James AGC	Life	USS <i>Edisto</i> 1960-61
Nichols, William LTCOL	Life	61 st TAS 1959-60 USAF
Perkins, James PACS	Life	USCGC <i>Eastwind</i> 1963-67
Price, Allen CIV	Life	USARP 1966-67
Puccia, Salvatore AN	Life	VXE-6 1970-71
Rogowski, Joseph AT3	Annual	VXE-6 1974-76
Saphore, Victor SFC USA	Life	PM3A WO DF-72
Simoneaux, Larry CDR	Annual	NOAA RV <i>Discoverer</i>
Smith, Charles AG3	Life	ASA Det C 1968-70
Stanciu, John RM1	Life	ASA WO Palmer (DF-71) 1970-71
Struck, Gerald LCDR	Life	NSFA WX DF-74 SS
West, William CAPT	Life	USCGC <i>Eastwind</i> DF- 61 & 62: USCGC <i>Glacier</i> DF-76 & 77
Wright, John CIV	§Life	Contractor 1993-06

REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

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

MCB-1: Warwick, RI. 21-25 August 2013. POC Peter Dowd. 781 837 0393, or mcb1reunion@verizon.net.

USS *Henderson* (DD-785): Fall River, MA. 25-29 August 2013. POC Albert Meeds, 704 995 2874, or xarmco@carolina.rr.com.

DF-70 WO: Chicago, IL. 29 August – 2 September 2013. POC Dale “Beef” Cockrill, 770 387 2270, or mdaleteach@aol.com.

USS *Curtiss* (AV-4): San Diego, CA. 4-7 September 2013. POC Bruce Snider, 956 423 3314, or bruceusscurtissav4@rgv.44.com.

USS/USCGC *Burton Island*: Branson, MO. 9-12 September 2013. POC Robert Sanchez, 505 550 8495, or rjssr@comcast.net.

USS/USCGC *Edisto* (AGB-2/WAGB-284): Nashville, TN, 18-22 September 2013. POC Glenn Smith, PO Box 747, Mims, FL 32754-0747, Phone 321 269 5737, or email gdsmith@cfl.rr.com

USS *Glacier* (AGB-4): Providence, RI, 2-6 October 2013. POC Gordon Wagenor. gdwagon@comcast.net, 952 935 1107.

USS *Sennet* (SS-408): Mt. Pleasant, SC, 30 September through 3 October 2013. POC Ralph Luther, PO Box 864, Summerville, SC 29484-0864, phone 843 851 7064, or email rluther107@gmail.com

USS *Philippine Sea*: Jacksonville, FL. 24-29 October 2013. POC Tony DeStefano, philsea@embarqmail.com, or 941 743 5460.

USS *Wilhoite* (DE/DER-297): Jacksonville, FL. 10-13 September 2013. POC Roy Camp, 386 561 6039, or camp1sr@yahoo.com.

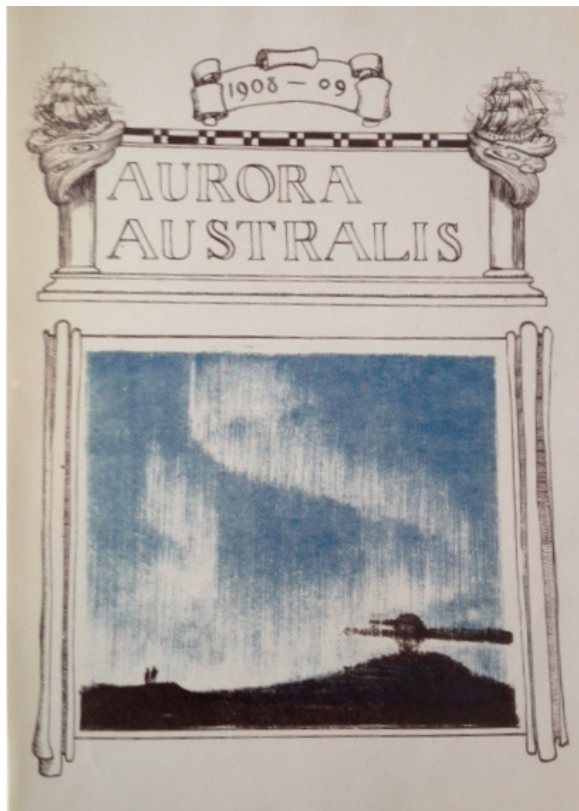
USS *Yancey* (AKA-93): Washington, DC. 3-6 October 2013. POC George Clifton, 708 425 8531, clifs@ameritech.net.



OAE LOCATOR

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• (Mr.) Jan Ludwig is looking for anyone who is interested in buying the Truscott copy of the original 1909 printing of the *Aurora Australis*, edited by Ernest Shackleton. Hardcover. Beveled Venesta wood boards, (restored) leather backstrip with blind-stamped lettering: "AURORA/AUSTRALIS" at the head and blind-stamped two penguins device at the foot. Number "31" stenciled on rear inner cover. First (and only) printing (eight leaves in facsimile). The editor, Ernest Shackleton, presented this copy of the *Aurora Australis* to the Lord Mayor Truscott's daughter during the formal opening of his ship, The *Nimrod*, for public inspection along the London Embankment in 1909. Sale price of this copy: \$30,000. Jan can be contacted by mail at 165 Eldorado Lane, Pinehurst, North Carolina 28374 USA, or by phone at: 910 295 5049, or by email at: waverlynrugbybooks@earthlink.net.



Front Board of the Truscott Copy of *Aurora Australis*

• Nick Beckman was a PH3 in VX-6 during DF-66 and 67 is looking for Photo Mates and others he served with during this time frame. Nick can be reached by email at: nbeckman@hotmail.com, or 106 West Fransee Lane, Saukville WI 53080.

• Peter Chirco is looking for William W. Kay who was at South Pole Station in 1972. On 5 December 1972 William gave Peter a certificate proving that Peter was in fact at the South Pole. In June of 2012 while Peter was away from home, there was a water line break that was not detected right away which damaged some of his photos and certificates that he had on the wall in his basement. The only thing that they were not able to completely restore was that certification. He would like to replace it but has no idea on how it could be done. His time at the South Pole was a great experience and he would like to pass on the memories to his kids. Peter can be reached at: 11266 Plumbrook Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48312, or by phone at: 586 977 8134.

PENGUIN WITH COLD FEET

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



One of Kelly Tarlton's Auckland New Zealand Sea Life Aquarium's senior King penguins is feeling the winter blues more than usual

Toddy, now 25 years old, has taken a disliking to having his feet in the snow.

Most of Toddy's wild counterparts only live to be 15, but due to his advanced age Toddy suffers from arthritis in his feet.

While most people wear slippers or socks when their feet are cold, the team at Kelly Tarlton's has come up with another solution.

The specialist curatorial team has placed an insulating rubber mat in the Antarctic Penguin enclosure to help ease Toddy's aches and pains.

The bird has been at the aquarium since 1994 and likes nothing more than relaxing on his special mat after a morning swim.

New England Chapter Summer 2013 Meeting

by Marty Diller,

New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer,

The increasing costs of group lunches at our previous meeting sites in Massachusetts prompted the Chapter to try a new restaurant for this meeting—Timothy's on the Village Green, in Danvers. As it turned out, the cost per person was the highest yet at \$23 (including tax and gratuity) ... well; at least the food was plentiful and very good. 46 members and guests attended, which also happens to be the average number of attendees at our summer meetings.



Bill Waller explains the survey he developed to collect information from OAEA members with experience in construction in Antarctica.

Chapter Business

The big news was the unexpected resignation of Chapter President Mike Hall on the day before this meeting. He

tendered his resignation by email, stating, "I apologize and regret that due to circumstances I cannot discuss, I must resign immediately." Later during the week following the meeting, Mike explained to the new Chapter President (former Vice President) Nick Pellegrino that he had accepted a promotion at work—General Dynamic's Electric Boat Division in Quonset Point—and would not be able to give any time to running the Chapter. Accordingly, Mike is also stepping away from the 2016 OAEA Reunion Committee Chair position, which leaves the New England Chapter scrambling to find his replacement. The Chapter wishes Mike well in his new position at EB.



Dave Hazard sits idle during the business meeting

In other business, DF-I veteran Charlie Bevilacqua began accepting hard and soft cover books for donation to the Ruth Siple South Pole Station Memorial Library. This book drive will end with the Chapter's fall meeting, and the donated books are to be delivered to the NY Air National Guard in time for their redeployment to the Ice for the 2013–14 summer science season.

Also, associate member Bill Waller (PhD, Scientist, Author, Teacher) developed a 4-page survey form that he distributed to Chapter members. The form will be used to collect information from OAEA members with experience in



Jim Kelly updated attendees on the upcoming Veterans Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR) meeting in Arlington, VA, in July.

construction in Antarctica. The intent is to compile useful information, suggestions and viewpoints based on lessons learned from their Antarctic experience. Ultimately, the survey results will be forwarded to NASA's Human Exploration and Operations Directorate, which has approached the New England Chapter for this type of data to assist in planning manned missions to the moon, asteroids, and Mars.

Fundraising

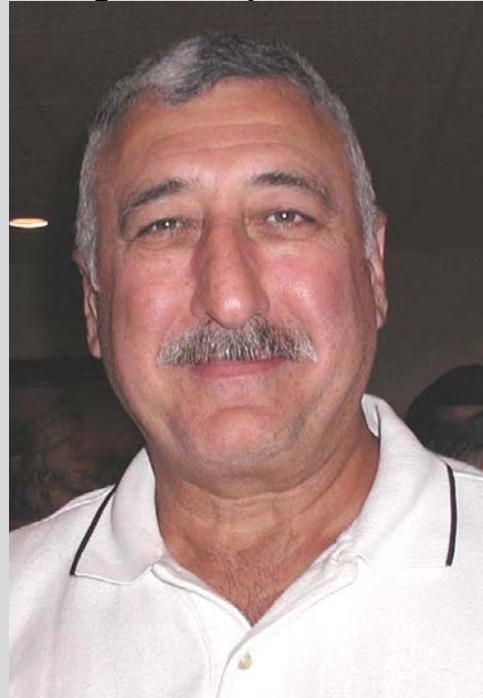
Raffle winners included: John Drews (DVD *Boats Johnson*¹); Joyce Drews (*March of the Penguins* book); Dave Dubois (Ski-Herc poster); Fred Gladstone (handmade wooden bottle cork²); Fred Gladstone (*Antarctic book Ordeal by Ice*); Art Goulet and Denise Porcello (Chapter logo t-shirt); Bob Molla (*Antarctic book Silencing the Silence*); Jim Pedone (Chapter logo polo shirt); Nick Pellegrino (OAEA-logo belt buckle); Rudy Pinnow (*Deception Island* fiction³).

- ¹ The Chapter purchased this DVD created by OAEA Director Tom Henderson.
- ² The Chapter thanks member Carl McKenna for his handiwork in crafting and then donating this raffle item.
- ³ The Chapter thanks member Judy Boss, author of *Deception Island*, for donating a copy of her book for the raffle. She wrote this fictional novel after a 2012 cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula on M/V *Marco Polo*. (Editor's Note: Judy's book was reviewed in the Oct-Dec 2012 issue of the Gazette.)

Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for 1pm on Saturday, 28 September 2013, at the Bull N'Claw restaurant in Wells, ME.

New England Chapter President Bio



Nick Pellegrino, VXE-6 1970-1972

Nick is a Lifetime OAEA member, a retired West Warwick (RI) Police Lieutenant, and a former Chief of Investigations for the RI Fire Marshal Office. Nick is proud to have submitted VX-/VXE-6's "Courage, Sacrifice, Devotion" as the winning entry for the WWPDP's slogan contest while he was with the Department. Currently, Nick works as an armed security officer at a RI gambling/sports club. He has a BS degree in Administration of Justice and an Associate degree in Criminal Justice.



Photo Taken During The Business Meeting Following Lunch

Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

Saturday 6 April 2013
GCG Meeting—25 members and guests showed up on a spring day that started out chilly with a lot of wind. There were no first-time attendees and the guests consisted of a hand-full of family members who are more or less regular attendees.



Duck Talbert looking for a volunteer to fill VP vacancy

Nearly everyone ordered lunch shortly after they arrived and by about twelve noon our chapter president had not showed up, so I decided to hold the 50/50 raffle. Since Pam Landy was not in attendance Sharon Preston volunteered to sale the 50/50 raffle tickets and Sean Baker volunteered to distribute the door prize tickets.



Dan Knox Winner of 50/50 Raffle

Before we could hold the drawings Duck Talbert showed up and made a few announcements. The main topic of business was the need to elect or select a new GCG Chapter Vice President to replace Jim Landy. No one stepped up to the plate, so Duck said that we would hold it in abeyance until the next meeting.



Ken Pye Volunteers to be New GCG Chapter VP

There was no scheduled guest speaker, but Billy Blackwelder had brought a box of photos and old newspapers with stories about the ice to the meeting with him, that he spread out on one of the vacant tables. Duck gave the floor to Blackwelder and asked him to say a few words about the items. Blackwelder told a story about one of the photos that had been enlarged and mounted on cardboard. I am hoping that Blackwelder will send me a full account of the story for a future issue of the *Gazette*.



Billy Blackwelder Holds up one of his Cardboard Mounted Pictures During his Show-&-Tell Presentation

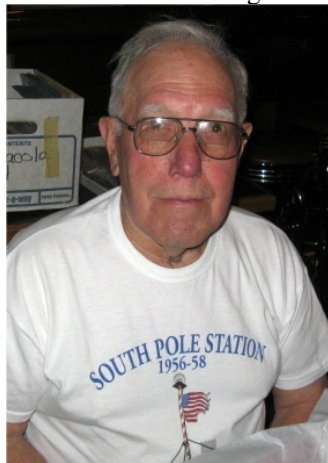
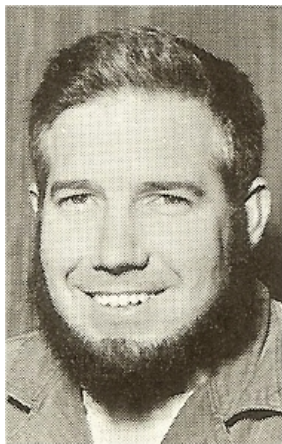
Following Blackwelder's presentation the drawings were held. The 50/50 raffle was won by Dan Knox who took home \$53 as his share. The door prize that consisted of a cloth tote bag with killer whales on it was won by Les Liptak. I can't remember who donated the tote bag.

Shortly before the meeting was over Ken Pye, who arrived late, asked about the election/selection of a new VP. When he heard the details he volunteered to fill the position. So Ken is our new VP.

Thanks to Lennie for taking photos of everyone and thanks to Sharon and Sean for helping with the raffles. Also thanks to Billy Blackwelder for sharing his photos. Except for the old newspapers and the large mounted photos all the other photos were offered to anyone who was interested. The photos were passed around and what was left over was given to me for the OAEA archives.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on 4 May. Same place and same time.

Saturday 4 May 2013 Meeting—26 members showed up for the May meeting at the Warrington Shrimp Basket Restaurant. First time attendee was RMC John Hasty, USN (Ret). He wintered-over at South Pole Station during DF-III. John recently moved from Cranston RI to his childhood home in Chipley, FL. Shelby Jean Connell (widow of Memorial Member Bill Chastain) was in town attending her high school reunion. We have not seen Shelby since the 2008 Pensacola Beach reunion. She will be moving back to Pensacola in August, so we should see more of her. Shelby recently had knee replacement surgery and was using a walker. She managed to get into the Shrimp Basket under her own power, but our new VP, Ken Pye, helped her get back out to her car after the meeting.



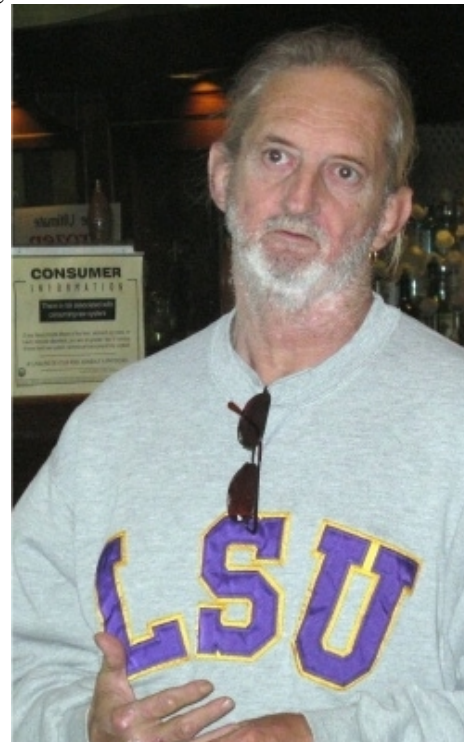
Radioman John Hasty Before and After

Lennie Bourgeois was the scheduled speaker, but before I turned the floor over to Lennie I introduced John Hasty and made several announcements. The first was that the OAEA President, Jerry Marty, had resigned and that in accordance with the OAEA By Laws the OAEA VP, Laura Snow, move up to replace Jerry. Laura has appointed Dick



OAEA President Laura Snow

Cameron to take her place as VP. Dick ran against Laura for VP in the 2012 election. The second announcement was the sad news that OAEA Associate Member and GCG Life Member Gary Lowery had died from double pneumonia. Gary was instrumental in starting the annual GCG Chapter Clothing and Food drives for the Pensacola homeless



In Memory of Gary Lowery. May he Rest in Peace

veterans. My last announcement was actually a presentation. In 1989 the American Polar Society (APS) made Gus Shinn an honorary member and the APS president, Brian Shoemaker, traveled to Pensacola and an Honorary Member medal was presented to Gus by Billy Blackwelder at the NASP Naval Aviation Museum. Several weeks before the meeting I was contacted by the APS and was asked to present the medal to Gus a second time. We do not know if it is the original medal or what the story is, but I presented it to him at today's meeting. Lennie's presentation was next so I turned the floor over to him.



Gus With APS Medal



Close Up of APS Medal

Lennie explained how he had made the board and commented on many of the coins and pins that he had mounted on the board. While Lennie was making his dog-and-pony presentation Pam was busy selling 50/50 raffle tickets and Brian Hoffmaster distributed the door prize tickets.

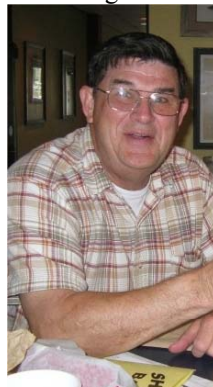
After Lennie finished his show-and-tell the drawings were held. Glen Harris won the 50/50 drawing and he took home \$55 as his share. Mike Moore won the door prize, consisting of a package of penguin decals and a penguin ruler/bookmark.



Undocumented Attendee Admires Lennie's Coin Board

Following the drawings the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Saturday 1 June. Thanks to Lennie for taking photos and to Pam & Brian for selling/distributing the 50/50 raffle and door prize tickets. Also a special thanks to our waitress, Dania, for serving us and drawing the 50/50 ticket.

Saturday 1 June 2013 Meeting—It was supposed to rain and was in fact sprinkling, so I left a little bit early and as soon as I pulled out of my driveway the rain stopped. When I arrived the Shrimp Basket wait staff was still sitting up the tables and putting out the menus. It was a good 15 minutes before anyone else arrived. As a result I tried to hang the chapter flag up and I got it crooked. Larry Preston usually hangs it up. When Lennie and Helen B arrived Lennie straightened it for me. After the meeting Helen B took the flag down. She told me that she was taller than I was ... right!



Max Kelley Now



ADR2 Kelley Standing 2nd From Left

Twenty-six members and guests showed up for the first day of the Atlantic hurricane season meeting. A first time attendee was Max Kelly. Max was an ADR3/2 in VX-6 summer support during DF-67 and 68.

Gary Forney and his wife Bernice were in attendance. We had not seen the Forney's since the June 2010 meeting and we hope it's not another three years before we see them again.



Gary & Bernice Forney Look Happy to be at the Meeting

Pam was still eating when our glorious leader, Duck Talbert, decided it was time to get the raffles underway. Duck sold the 50/50 raffle tickets and I distributed the door prize tickets. After the tickets were distributed Duck got one of the wait staff to draw one of the red tickets for the 50/50 raffle from the bucket. The winning number was held by

Carl Jackson who pocketed \$47 as his share. The door prize, that consisted of a 2008 OAEA reunion coffee mug was won by Lennie Bourgeois.



**Carl Jackson
50/50 Winner**

**Joyce Blackwelder
in Penguin Scrubs**

After the drawing were out of the way Duck introduced Max Kelley and asked Max to say a few words about his Antarctic Experience. Duck then spoke briefly about the PM-3A reunion that he had just attended in Port Hueneme, CA. Following that I showed the group an OAEA coin box that was recently completed for my by Lennie. The engraving in the wood and the brass plaque were done by Gulf Coast Trophies that is the company who does the GCG name tags for the chapter. Lennie cut the wood, stained it, and added the brass hinges and clasp hardware.

After that the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on 6 July at the Shrimp Basket. Thanks to everyone who helped out and thanks to Billy and Joyce Blackwelder for donating the door prize.



OAEA Coin Box. The box Measures 5 3/4 X 4 1/4 inches and is one inch thick. The top of the lid is engraved with the OAEA logo and the Task Force logo is engraved on the bottom half with the two inset coins. My name and my Antarctic Experience are engraved on the brass plate.



A Bright Shining *Polar Star* Icebreaker Ready For Duty

The icebreaker *Polar Star* is ready to report for duty after years of renovation work in Seattle.

17 June 2013—The U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Polar Star* is ready to return to duty after a lengthy overhaul at Vigor Shipyards in Seattle.

This is good news on several fronts. As Senator Maria Cantwell, D-Washington, noted, with increased marine traffic through the Arctic and increased energy exploration, “There is no question we need more icebreakers to protect our nation’s economic and national-security interests.”

The *Polar Star* returns to service after a four-year, \$57 million renovation. The 399-foot, 75,000-horsepower icebreaker gives the Coast Guard a heavy-duty icebreaker.

The *Polar Star* joins the nation’s only operational icebreaker, the *Healy*, a Coast Guard cutter primarily designed for research.

Last April the crew of the *Healy* received a commendation for escorting

a Russian-flagged tanker through 300 miles of Bering Sea ice to Nome, Alaska, for an emergency-fuel delivery the previous January.

Cantwell and Senator Mark Begich, D-Alaska, worked to halt plans to dismantle the *Polar Sea*, the nation’s only other heavy-duty icebreaker, for parts.

The *Polar Sea* suffered major engine failure in 2010 and was headed toward decommissioning.

Now the Coast Guard must report back by September with a cost estimate for extending its service and/or the cost of other options.

The nation lacks the capacity to represent and protect its interests in the Arctic and Antarctica. The Coast Guard has the skills, but it needs the vessels to accomplish the job.

Editor’s Note: Now the USAP shouldn’t have to rent icebreakers from other countries.



USCGC Polar Star DF-95 Patch