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—Photo by Gareth Weaver

Cargo is unloaded from an Australian Antarctic Division Airbus A319 at Pegasus Airfield on 8 September. Three flights brought about 100 people to McMurdo Station in the first week of September.

Two-Phase WINFLY Helps Prepare McMurdo For 2013–2014 Season

by Peter Rejcek

SEASON OPENER

The skies above McMurdo Station once again buzzed briefly with activity, as the prologue operation to the 2013–14 summer field season in Antarctica made five successful flights in August and September.

The first plane to touch down at McMurdo Station's Pegasus Airfield in five months landed on 15 August, ending the winter isolation for 141 people.

The U.S. Air Force C-17 carried about 50 people south to the main hub of the U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP), which is managed by the National Science Foundation

(NSF). A second flight, using night vision goggle capability and carrying only cargo, followed a couple of days later.

The two flights represent the first phase of what's known as winter fly-in, or WinFly, when a vanguard of support personnel arrive at McMurdo to help prepare the station for the busy Antarctic research season, which begins in October and runs through the end of February.

Three more flights carrying about 100 people arrived the first week of September, using the Australian Antarctic Division's Airbus A319. The next flight won't be until 3 October, when a Royal New Zealand Air Force B-757 will kick off the 2013–14 field season. New Zealand's Scott Base is co-located with McMurdo on Ross Island.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Laura Snow—OAEA President

FELLOW OAEA MEMBERS:

In my last letter to you I mentioned that the board approved the Reunion Planning Guide. During the recent quarter, I appointed Tom Henderson as the Reunion Coordinator. In this capacity, Tom will maintain contact with the reunion committee chairpersons; keep the board apprised of the progress of reunion planning; monitor budgeting and planning of reunions; and periodically update the Reunion Planning Guide as needed. Tom's willingness to take on this responsibility is greatly appreciated.



Recently the board rejected a resolution to purchase three copies of John Stewart's *Antarctica: An Encyclopedia, Second Edition*, two volumes, 2011, that would have been sent to the three Antarctic stations. The vote was seven against and four in favor. Even though the resolution was vetoed, myself and the OAEA Life Director are purchasing the books and we are soliciting donations to help pay for them. See the below article for information regarding details for donating to help purchase the books.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on ways the OAEA remains an organization dedicated to sharing the Antarctic experience.

Laura Snow

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OAEA Book Fund

As stated above we are taking up a collection to buy copies of *Antarctica An Encyclopedia Second Edition* by John Stewart for the libraries at the three United States Antarctic Stations. The encyclopedia was reviewed in the Oct-Dec 2011 edition of the *Explorers Gazette*.

We want to get the encyclopedias delivered to the ice during the 2013-2014 Austral Summer Season. We need to raise \$1000 for the three sets. Any money remaining will be donated to the OAEA Scholarship Fund.

Please send your contributions as soon as possible, the sooner the better. All checks should be made payable to Billy-Ace Baker, with OAEA Book Fund in the Memo section of your check, and sent to the below address:

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

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OAEA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

by Ed Hamblin & Billy-Ace Baker

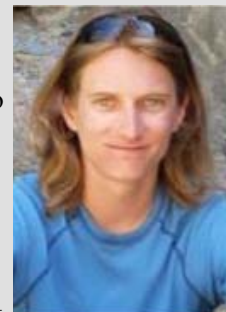
This year's awardees were Ryan McCoy (3rd award) who was sponsored by Life Member Phil Holloway, and Justin Hogsdon who is sponsored by Life Member Dr. Kathy Licht. Both awardees are undergraduates.

Ryan is in his 3rd year at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) with a major in Psychology; he joined the ROTC while at school, and serves as a cadet. He will be taking a commission as a 2nd LT in the TN National Guard upon graduation from MTSU. He was a platoon leader for his ROTC class and the only cadet in the class to serve on every leadership position: Platoon Leader, Squad Leader, and Team Leader. He has received the Silver Award for the Military Order of the World Wars. He has joined the Tennessee National Guard, 1176th Transportation Unit, Smyrna, Tennessee. This summer he has worked for a general contractor doing construction work and worked part time at Bethel Outreach Church in various capacities. After graduation from MTSU Ryan plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Counseling. He hopes to work as a counselor with the Family of Churches Force Ministries and Soldiers in the Army and National Guard.



Ryan McCoy

Justin is at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) pursuing a BA in Geology. Justin was working part-time in a sporting goods shop and as an assistant to graduate students in Kathy Licht's lab. The OAEA scholarship allowed him to cut these hours back so he could focus on a research project analyzing some rocks collected from the Transantarctic Mountains in 2011. IUPUI has a very competitive Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) that requires students to submit a proposal describing their research questions and approach. While attending a workshop last summer for about 60 Antarctic researchers, Justin struck up conversations with many of the scientists and was inspired to write and submit his own UROP proposal to work on some interesting igneous rocks from the Transantarctic Mountains. Justin is currently spending a few days at the University of Arizona to collect data on his samples and will be presenting them at the upcoming Geological Society of America annual meeting in Denver. He plans to work for a year to gain some practical experience in Geology and then pursue a M.S. degree with the eventual goal of becoming a geological engineer.



Justin Hogsdon

SEASON OPENER From page 1

Flights using various airframes during the first week or so of the main season will continue to operate out of Pegasus Airfield, located about 14 miles from McMurdo Station on the permanent ice shelf. Airfield operations will shift to the Sea Ice Runway closer to McMurdo on 9 October through the end of November, and then return to Pegasus for the remainder of the summer field season.

The Air Force C-17 cargo planes will swoop back in by 9 October, with the last of the mighty military jets for 2013 leaving McMurdo on 22 November. They will return by 27 January, leaving a gap in air support with limited space for passengers and cargo for about two months.

Flights within the continent will also be limited this season. The New York Air National Guard's ski-equipped LC-130s will remain the workhorse of the USAP. Five of the cargo planes will be based at McMurdo, with a sixth aircraft stationed at Christchurch. There will be no more than three intracontinental flights per day, with the goal of launching all aircraft within a three-hour window.

South Pole Station will see fewer flights, which carry fuel and cargo for the remote research base. The shortfall will be made up through overland traverse. For the first time, the tractor train will attempt three visits between McMurdo and South Pole this season. The tractors pull sleds with fuel bladders—a more economical and fuel-efficient way to resupply the station than through the air.



Photo by Kristan Hutchison
USCGC Polar Star cutting channel to McMurdo Sound in February 2005

The U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Polar Star* will be back in action, clearing a channel for the annual fuel and cargo vessels to reach the station, after a \$90 million refurbishment.

The *Polar Star* had been out of commission since 2006. Its sister ship, the *Polar Sea*, experienced engine failure in 2010. For several years, the USAP has relied on foreign icebreakers from Sweden and Russia to help cut through the sea ice that fronts McMurdo Station.

As always, a busy research season is planned.

Topping the list is the Whillans Ice Stream Subglacial Access Research Drilling (WISSARD) program,

which is returning for a second season. Last year, researchers made history by drilling through nearly a kilometer of the West Antarctic Ice Sheet into a subglacial lake. Initial results suggested they had found microbial life in one of the most extreme environments on the planet.

Other major research projects will also be taking a look below Antarctica's ice sheet—but from the air.

McMurdo will host the NASA airborne campaign called IceBridge in October. IceBridge is a six-year mission that began in 2009. A NASA aircraft is used to fly sophisticated instruments that monitor and measure ice shelves, sea ice, glaciers and ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland. Previous mission across Antarctica had been based out of Punta Arenas, Chile.

Meanwhile, the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CREGIS), an NSF-funded Science and Technology Center, will test an advanced



Photo by Reed Scherer
Microbiologist Jill Mikucki from the University of Tennessee cleans an instrument for the Whillans Ice Stream Subglacial Access Research Drilling (WISSARD) program.

autonomous aerial vehicle, as well as fly its specially developed radar systems aboard small field aircraft. Some of the instruments flown by IceBridge were developed by the engineers at CREGIS, which is based at the University of Kansas.

Research will also continue in fields as diverse as climate change, polar biology (think penguins and seals), and astrophysics.



Photo by Peter Rejcek
USAF C17 at Pegasus Field

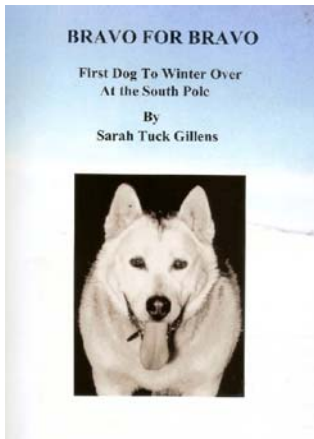
TWO DOG STORIES

Book Reviews Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker

FIRST DOG TO WINTER AT THE SOUTH POLE BRAVO FOR BRAVO

by Sarah Gillens

Bravo was a Malamute mix pup, born at McMurdo Station in 1956. He accompanied LTJG John Tuck, a Seabee, to the new South Pole Station. Bravo's story tells of the challenging work done in the harsh climate, the science programs established, and the camaraderie of 18 men and Bravo during that cold year. Paperback. Published by Shire Books in 2013. \$15.95.



I am a distant cousin of John "Jack" Tuck, Jr., Seabee in charge at the South Pole Station first winter, 1957. I wish that I had known him. My Mom had mentioned him once. I wrote about Bravo and I am very interested in teaching kids about the hard and dangerous jobs that men, like all OAEs worked at while building the stations and doing research in Antarctica. Most kids have no clue who Admiral Byrd was and what he did.



Sarah Lecturing in Elementary School Class Room

I do presentations at our local elementary school and our Plainfield Historical Society. I started one evening session serving Eskimo Pies and asking the folks to feel how cold the ice cream was and to visualize living in temperatures two and three times colder than that for a whole Antarctic winter. I also dressed up as Marie Byrd and fussed about "my husband

taking off to the cold and terrible place again, leaving me with four children to bring up in Boston!"



Sarah with Admiral Byrd loon. When Sarah was invited to paint a life size carved loon for a fund raising auction, she decided to create Admiral Byrd. After she painted the carving as a common loon she added a brass compass, an aviator's hat with fur lining, and sunglasses to protect him from Antarctic glare.

Helping kids to develop an interest in science and history is the goal of my writings. I've just retired from a career in Medical Technology and am looking forward to more free time in which to write and read. My husband has retired after 38 years of law enforcement. I should be writing all the stories that he tells me, including his time spent in Vietnam.

Some folks wanted to know more about what happened to Bravo after he left the South Pole and that was not a happy story. That's why I ended the story on a happy note. Maybe folks would like to know where life led the eighteen men and that would be interesting. I did a reading at our library with about 12 kids and 25-30 adults. The kids seemed to be "lapping up" (pun intended) Bravo's words and they asked good questions. There was a surprise visitor, a friend's malamute dropped by for a visit after I was done. His name is Max and he's a gorgeous dog, too big for a model malamute though. Unfortunately he has a tumor on his left front leg and is expected to live another 2-3 months.



Max The Malamute

I talked with Jerry Marty recently. What a busy guy! He purchased two autographed copies of *Bravo*, one for the Ruth Siple Library at South Pole Station and one for his personal collection. Kathy Tuck signed them also, plus another for the McMurdo library that I am giving to a physician assistant I know. Heather Prost has been working at the ER at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and will be at McMurdo Station for the next season and is happy to deliver a copy for me.

I gave the New Hampshire Historical Society library a copy because of the New Hampshire involvement in sled dogs for Antarctic expeditions. I also took a copy of *Bravo* to the Cook Memorial Library in Tamworth NH. My goal is to get a book to each library in the state. I've also been handing out lists of websites for kids to look at, one being the new South Pole Station. I think it is awesome.

The first printing of *Bravo* had a few typos that have been corrected. I had told Les Liptak about putting a "c" in Gus Shinn's name on the dedication page and how mortified I was. Les said that Gus' eyesight is so bad he probably didn't notice it. It has been corrected as well as adding "V" to Little America and Laurence instead of Lawrence Gould. I forget the fourth correction that Paul Dalrymple pointed out. I can always change the books printed at Northshire Press. The ones on Amazon and other big stores are printed by Lightning Source and it would be difficult to edit, costly too.

The Northshire has installed a printer, which does colored photos. I no longer look like a leper patient at the back of the book! The Navy black and white photos are still B&W but the other photos are more lively. Good to entice young readers. I've donated copies of *Bravo* to all the local libraries and Kathy is donating 15 books to her favorite schools. I recommend Northshire if anyone is ordering a book because the typos have been edited and the photos are better and the books are sent priority mail free! Of course anyone can order from me also.



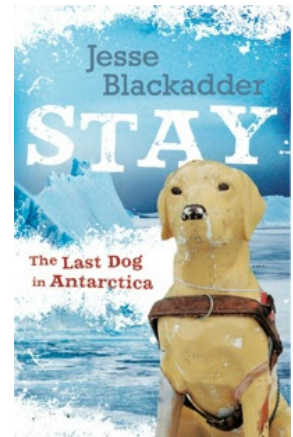
Painting by Sarah Tuck Gillens

Bravo, Paul Siple, and Jack Tuck Star Gazing at the Geographic South Pole.

STAY: THE LAST DOG IN ANTARCTICA ADVENTURES WITH A FIBERGLASS DOG

Review by Joanne Shoebridge

There are some things you expect to see on the frozen continent; towering mountains of jewel-like ice, teeming with colonies of comical penguins, languid sea lions, but a fiberglass guide dog? *Stay* is not a figment of the fertile imagination of author Jesse Blackadder, even if its (mis)adventures are. *Stay* is a fiberglass guide dog. The kind you drop coins into the head of. *Stay* was dog napped from Hobart by expeditioners to symbolically replace the huskies



that were once an essential feature of operations in Antarctica. For two decades *Stay* has had real-life adventures mere mortals can only dream of. She has been photographed all over the continent. "A bit like the garden gnome, she's become an absolute celebrity down there," says Jesse. "Stay has stood in for the huskies and I think that's why she's inspired such great affection. Every year people compete to see who's going to kidnap her." *Stay* is the real life inspiration of Jesse Blackadder's first junior fiction novel. It's a funny, entertaining, and informative read.



Author Jesse Blackadder with Stay

Back in 1991, so the story goes, a group of Antarctic expeditioners were coming home from the pub one night in Hobart having drowned their sorrows about the imminent removal of huskies from Antarctic bases. Huskies were a huge part of Antarctic life, but under the Madrid Protocol, all non-native creatures were to be removed from Antarctica for environmental reasons. This was a blow for the men and women who worked with and loved the huskies.

The expeditioners passed one of those fiberglass Seeing Eye dogs used by the Guide Dog Association to collect donations. In a moment of skullduggery—not the first in this

story—they kidnapped her, thinking she'd be some comfort on those dog-less Antarctic bases. Apparently the plan was to take her to Antarctica, raise some funds, and hand her back a year or two later. But Stay's adventures were just beginning.



Stay with the Australian Flag

Stay is a fiberglass dog whose purpose is to collect money for Royal Guide Dogs Tasmania. Late one night, she was dognapped from her position outside a Hobart supermarket and ends up in Antarctica. A crazy idea for a novel, you might think, except that it's all true!



Dave the Dog Napper

Her adventures include numerous sea voyages, piloting aircraft, being smuggled within mailbags and being forcibly repatriated to Hobart and incarcerated before being "liberated" and smuggled back to the ice.

Stay has been a fugitive and an Antarctic legend for 20 years—and she looks a little battered. Along the way she lost a leg (apparently in a brawl between a station leader and a chippy), but it's been cleverly replaced with a wooden prosthetic and adds to her rakish character. She wears a number of stickers from places she's been and her Antarctic passport, which is chained to her, has some intriguing stamps.

What I like most about Stay—she personifies (dognifies?) the wacky, crazy, creative, irrational side of Antarctic life that's been part of human endeavour on the ice continent since the first explorers came here. Perhaps it's what happens when you put humans in such an extreme environment. Alongside extraordinary feats of exploration, and complex scientific study that's contributing to human knowledge, in Antarctica there has always been games, music, song, poetry, photography, film, recording, drawing, painting, cartooning, dance, dressing up, cross-dressing, strange practices with hair, practical jokes, comedy, books, newspapers, theater, and madcap activities like the midwinter dip. Long may the Antarctic sub culture live and thrive.

The footnote to Stay's story—the legend also says that there have been several collections over the years to compensate the Guide Dog Association for the loss of Stay. I hope that's true. If the fundraising efforts of *Aurora Australis* crewmembers for Camp Quality are any guide, then Antarctic generosity is alive and thriving.



Stay on the move

This is the first book in a new animal series by award-winning author Jesse Blackadder, and it's a clever blend of real-life adventure, fictional embellishment, and fascinating insights into life—both animal and human—at an Antarctic research station.

Stay arrived in Antarctica for the last season in which huskies were used. Through the eyes of Stay, we meet the people who are drawn to this last wilderness and learn what it's like to live in a land of ice and snow. But the book is also a great adventure story. Stay is hidden, 'slimed' by King Neptune, broken, repaired, chained up, betrayed, peed on by a husky, and lost down a crevasse.

To this day, she remains in Antarctica, continuing her adventures and even has her own Facebook page! (Stay Here).

As someone who has always had a fascination for the southernmost continent, I thoroughly enjoyed the depiction of Antarctic life, but this book will also have much to offer animal lovers as well as readers in search of an adventure story with a difference.

Title: *Stay: The Last Dog in Antarctica*. By: Jesse Blackadder
Published by: ABC Books, \$14.99. Publication Date: July 2013. Format: Paperback

OAEA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

In the obit for Vernon Lou Hlubek in the Apr-Jun issue of the Gazette it was stated that the unit he served in was unknown. I just can't let this be the last word printed about Hlubek—particularly the "Unit unknown". Hlubek was the first radioman in PBM Crew #1 in the Eastern Group of Operation Highjump aboard the USS *Pine Island*. He made the first photomapping flight in the ill-fated George 1. Crew #3 replaced Crew #1 and crashed about four hours later.

Wendell Hendersin, the radioman for Crew #3, was killed instantly when the plane exploded in midair. He was sitting in the same spot Hlubek vacated several hours before.

Hlubek Glacier on Thurston Island is named in his honor.

Martin Litz

Editor's Note: After I had thanked Martin for the additional info on Hlubek aka Hlubeck. I pointed out to him that in the obit that I received there was not much to go on other than that he served in Highjump (along with many others). Normally I will check Geographic Names of Antarctica and if the person has something named in his honor it will give me additional info to fill in the blanks. I don't remember if I checked his name back in March when he died or not. However, when I received Martin's email I checked and he was NOT listed in Geographic Names of Antarctica (1995 Edition). However he is listed in Antarctica an Encyclopedia by John Stewart, (Second Edition 2011). I wondered what prompted the USGS to name something after him in 2003? And I wonder why the family changed the spelling of their name? Martin then sent me the below information.

Editor:

The reason he wasn't listed in *Geo Names of Antarctica* (1995 edition) is the same reason I wasn't listed along with all the other air crewmen in the Eastern Group—with the exception of the 3 killed in the PBM crash on Thurston Island.

Towards the end of the 1990's Robbie Robbins (who—along with Capt Caldwell were the two who motivated the survivors not to give up hope) and the families of Lopez, Williams, and Hendersin began to agitate for the recovery of the bodies of these men. The Antarctic Section at USGS began to research the

possibilities and contacted me to see if I had kept my navigation logs for the various flights the Eastern Group had made.

John Howell (Air Group Commander on the *Pine Island*) and my Patrol Plane Commander had designated me to be the historian of the air group.

I not only kept the navigation logs but a daily journal as well.

I gave copies of the logs of the rescue flight to USGS along with photographs taken at the rescue site and was told they were invaluable in determining the probable location of the wrecked plane.

I was also given the 1995 edition of *Antarctic Names*. Upon examination I discovered that the aircrews of both the Central and Western Groups all had geographic features named after them. With the exception of the three men killed—not one was named after the aircrewmen of the Eastern Group.

I called this to the attention of the Antarctic Section at USGS and they rectified the omissions. They named a bluff on Thurston Island after me and Litz Bluff is located among many other features named after the members of our air group.

Martin Litz



Crew of PBM (George I) that crashed on Thurston Island. Standing left to right: PHC Owen McCarty, LTJG Bill Kearns, LTJG Ralph LeBlanc, Ens Maxwell Lopez, ARM1 Wendell Hendersin. Front row left to right: CAPT Henry Caldwell, CO USS Pine Island (inset), AMM1 John Dickens, AMM2 William Warr, RD2 James Robbins, AMM1 Fred Williams (inset). Dickens was not on the flight having been replaced by Williams who died in the crash along with Lopez and Hendersin.

Dear Billy:

In the NE Chapter story in the Apr-Jun issue of the *Gazette* there is a sidebar about Nick Pellegrino. The text states that Nick submitted VX-/VXE-6s "Courage, Sacrifice, Devotion" so forth and so on. This appears to indicate that the slogan was exclusive to the squadron. However, the slogan also appears on the reverse of the Antarctic Service Medal.

Woodie, DF-63

Editor's Note: This appears to be a case of which came first the chicken or the egg, or maybe putting the cart before the horse. In any event VX-6 did NOT use the slogan until after the ASM was first issued in 1963 and after that time the slogan began appearing on the VX-6 logo. See the Fall 2003 issue of the Gazette for the origin of the ASM.



ASM Verso

Billy-Ace

I really enjoyed the Apr-Jun issue of the *Gazette*. I don't know how you do it, but each issue is always better than the previous issue. However, I do have one complaint. I was pleased to see my name mentioned in the May GCG Chapter meeting article (page 22), but you misspelled my middle name.

Shelby Gene Connell

Editor's Note: My bad! I inadvertently typed Jean and even though I proofread it three times I never caught it.

Hi, Billy:

Just read another fantastic newsletter, Thanks! In the obit for ETCM Lawrence R. Podojil, USCG (Ret), you did not know the unit or years that he served. He sailed with me on the USCGC *Eastwind* during DF-I (1955-56) as an ET1.

Lee Grant

Billy Ace

As usual a fine job. Just finished my first read through of the Apr-Jun issue. Had to copy and paste the URL for the proposed new McMurdo plans. Looks great on paper but I hope they have good fire suppression. Hearing **Fire Fire** over the 1-mc while wintering-over turned out the entire camp. It looks like they want to put all their eggs in one basket.

Bruce Raymond WO DF-60

Billy-Ace:

Find enclosed my check for \$100. To be used for OAEA business where it is needed the most.

Vince Splain

Editor's Note: Vince has made several donations to the OAEA. In fact his last donation was in the Letters to the Editor column in the Apr-Jun issue. His generosity is greatly appreciated.

Billy:

Hi, we were not aware of any notification of Antarctic Deep Freeze Association (ADFA) reunion in June. Was there prior notification to OAEA members? When is the one for the OAEA in Norfolk?

Larry Garofalo

Editor's Note: The ADFA reunion was listed in several issues of the Gazette in the REUNIONS column. The OAEA reunion in Norfolk will be in 2014. Full details will be published after the first of the year.

Hi, Billy-Ace!

We really like that picture in the lower left-hand corner of page 16 in the Apr-Jun issue. 'Guess we'll need to order that book.

We're very saddened to see the deaths of Bob Parry, Lou Helms, and Pappy Chapin. Very glad to see Gus looking so good!!

It sounds as though you all had a wonderful time in NOLA. We'll have to see about attending the next ADFA reunion.

Another outstanding publication!!!!

Buz and Sam Dryfoose

Editor's Note: The next ADFA reunion, if there is one, may be the last one. See the "One more time" paragraph on page 5 in the Apr-Jun issue.

Hey Billy:

I think this is the first *Gazette* I've seen in a long time and boy did it bring back memories along with a few items I didn't know, like the Navy quit wintering over in the late 90s. Sure was a pleasure reading it.

You do a tremendous job. Thanks a million.

RMC Darrell D. Tegtmeyer
DF-IV WO McMurdo

Billy-Ace

I want so badly to make it to the OAEA reunion in Norfolk. When will it be in Florida again?

I hope to see you again. All you have done for the OAEA is greatly appreciated.

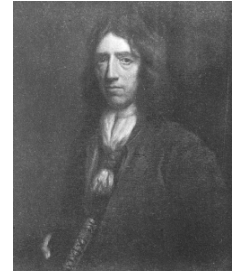
Charlotte Ferrara Dieckhoff

Editor's Note: There are no plans to hold another OAEA reunion in the Pensacola area in the foreseeable future.

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

JULY: In July 1951, while wintering-over at Port-Martin, Jean Cendron, the doctor and biologist with the French Polar Expedition, operated on chief radioman Claude Tisserand for an intestinal obstruction. Paul Rateau (second radioman) was anesthetist, Pierre Mayaud was nurse, and Bertrand Imbert (seismologist) took the patient's blood pressure regularly. Jacques Dubois and Rene Dova, in the tool shed, insured a constant flow of electricity into the operating room. Station leader Michel Barre was the assistant, and Jean Bouquin was his back-up (in case Barre fainted). The operation didn't work, so they had to do it all over again the next day. The patient lived another 30 years.

AUGUST: On 22 August 1860, in Reggio, Italy, a sailor from an ancient and noble Breton family took a ball between the eyes. Thus came to an end a life that began on 1 February 1817, a life that included years at sea on the *Zelee* as a French officer, as a scientist, and steam engine innovator, several months as one of the first Frenchmen ever in Antarctic waters, a member of Blanqui's famous Socialist group, a revolutionary behind the Paris barricades of 1848, a spell in the infamous Belle Isle prison, almost two years as an elected deputy from Seine, and an exile after his part in the failed 2 December 1851 coup. He was founder and leader of a group of French exiles in Genoa, there to help Garibaldi in his fight for Italian liberty, and put in command of one of the Generalissimo's flotillas. Then came the ball between the eyes. He was 43. His name was Paul de Flotte.



The Zelee and Astrolabe in the ice

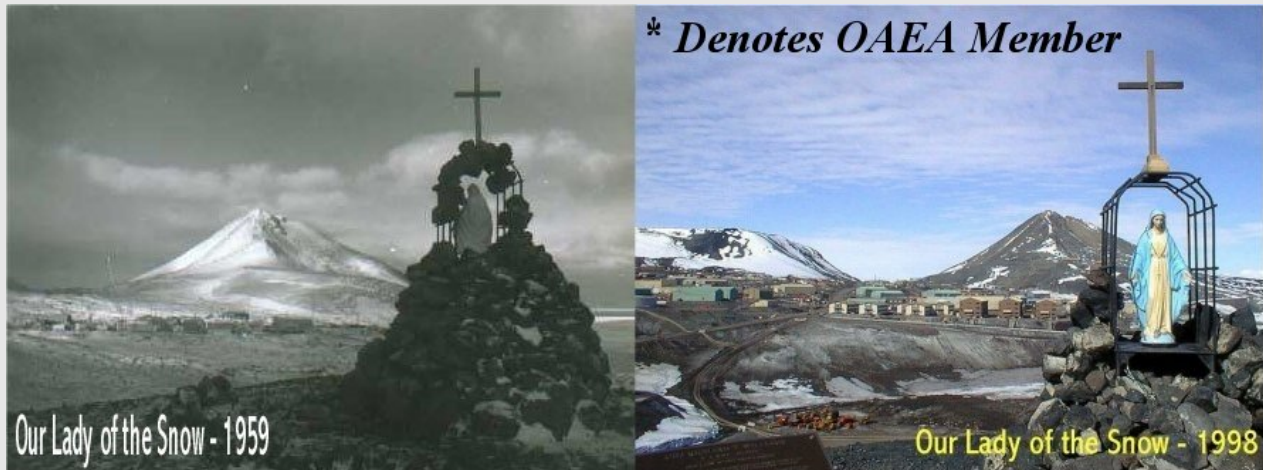
SEPTEMBER: On 30 September 1947 the *Ed Sweeney* was test flown in Antarctica. This twin-engine Beechcraft C-45 photographic airplane had been loaded aboard Finn Ronne's expedition ship, *Port of Beaumont*, as a substitute for the original Beechcraft, which had fallen into the dock at Beaumont, Texas as it was being loaded onto the ship. Named by Ronne for Edward C. Sweeney, USNR, a contributor to the 1947-48 expedition.



Above: Edith "Jackie" and Finn Ronne posing in front of the Beechcraft Ed Sweeney while out skiing.

Right: The damaged Norseman being lifted off the Port of Beaumont after it dropped to the deck while being loaded in Beaumont Texas.





IN MEMORY

OAE Thomas Leland Aggson, 81, died on 29 July 2013, in Las Cruces, NM. Tom served on the USS *Arneb* as an IGY scientist during DV-IV (1958–59).

OAE Edna Anne Aldinger, 76, died on 9 July 2013, in Benicia, CA. Edna visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE George McMichael Anderson, 57, died on 9 July 2013, in Bakersfield, CA. George visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Rev Paul J. Antos, USN (Ret), 86, died on 29 September 2013, in Niskayuna, NY. Paul served as the chaplain during DF-year unknown.

OAE CMC Walter K. “Dutch” Backer, USN (Ret), 88, died on 18 June 2013, in Great Falls, MT. Dutch wintered-over at Byrd Station during DF-67. Backer Islands are named in his honor.

OAE Joyce M. Bedient, 82, died on 17 August 2013, in Sacramento, CA. Joyce visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE William “Billy” Price Bess, Jr., 69, died on 29 July 2013, in Kountze, TX. Billy served in Antarctica with the USN. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE John Patrick Blumsky, QSM died on 1 August in Christchurch, NZ. John was awarded a (QSM) Queen’s Service Medal for his work reporting on the Mt Erebus disaster from Antarctica. Audio of his reports are archived [here](#).

*OAE ADJC Harold “Harry” J. Bracken, USN (Ret), 90, died on 28 July 2013, in Lexington, MD. Harry served in VX-6 during DF-III, DF-61, 62, and 63. Bracken Peak is named in his honor.

OAE Karma Reed Brinkman, 85, died on 9 August 2013, in Ammon, ID. Karma visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE James “Jim” Paul Brown, 73, died on 14 September 2013, in Bellefonte, PA. Jim served in Antarctica with the USN at Byrd Station. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Patricia Caughey, 87, died on 31 July 2013, in Modesto, CA. Patricia visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Virginia Mary Caruso, 67, died on 14 January 2013, in Brunswick, ME. Virginia visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE AGC Wallace H. “Wally” Chamberlain, USN (Ret), 77, died on 27 August 2013, in Newtonville, NJ. Wally wintered-over during DF-64 at McMurdo with ASA Det Alfa as an AG1.

OAE Joan Nancy Christensen (Tonsing), 74, died on 7 July 2013, in Arlington, VA. Joan visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Barbara F. Constable, 88, died on 16 July 2013, in Madison, WI. Barbara visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Ralph V. Cook, 96, died on 16 July 2013, in Morristown, TN. Ralph visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Johanna (Joan, Doanie) Copel (nee Rauschert), 81, died on 1 August 2013, in Algonquin, IL. Joan visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Patrick Cornelius, 59, died on 17 March 2013, near Port Canaveral, FL. Pat wintered-over at South Pole Station in 1981 as the radio operator and at Palmer Station in 1983, as the communications coordinator.

OAE Madeline A. (nee Pini) Coviello, died, on 18 July 2013, in Jamestown, RI. Madeline visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Edward Patrick Creehan, 71, died on 13 August 2013, in Fair Oaks, CA. Edward served as a Navy flight surgeon in VXE-6 during DF-71 and 72. Creehan Cliff is named in his honor.

OAE George Hall Dixon, 92, died on 28 June 2013, in Exeter, NH. George visited Antarctica on a VIP Flight in 1974, when he was the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

OAE Frank K Elliott, MBE, 103, died on 8 July 2013, in Kent, England. Frank was the leader of the FIDS Base D during the winters of 1947 and 1948. From 1951 to 1958 he was the FIDS Secretary at Port Stanley. Mount Elliott is named in his honor.

*OAE ADRC George Beyer Fairchild, USN (Retired), 86, died on 25 August 2013, in Headland, AL. George served on the USS *Pine Island* during Highjump as an AMM3.

OAE John Walter Finklang, died on 25 July 2013, in St Louis, MO. John served as a US observer with the FIDS/BAS during DF-61. He joined the British party aboard the MV *Kista Dan* in December 1960 and visited the nine stations in the Antarctic Peninsula area.

OAE SC Edward A. Gabryluk, USN (Ret), 82, died on 23 August 2013, in Bethlehem, PA. Edward served with the USN in Antarctica. Unit and year(s) unknown.

*OAE CAPT Robert Getman, USCG (Ret), 80, died on 12 July 2013, in Lyme, CT. Robert served on the USCGC *Southwind* from 1968–70. Getman Ice Piedmont is named in his honor.

OAE Ernest E. Gill, 69, died on 7 September 2013, in Sandusky, OH. Ernest served in Antarctica with the Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Ronald R. Guether, 74, died on 18 July 2013, in Toms River, Ronald served on a MSTs ship and made two deployments to Antarctica. Ship(s) and dates unknown.

OAE LeRoy E. Hale, 84, died on 15 August 2013, in Marion, OH. LeRoy served on the USS *Arneb* during DF-III.

OAE David Hahn, 65, died on 11 July 2013, in Seattle, WA. David worked in construction for the USAP contractor in 2005.

*OAE Robert "Hoot" Hartman, USN (Ret), died on 8 September 2013, in Providence, RI. Hoot wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-63 as a BU2. He later changed his rate to Parachute Rigger and made several deployments to Antarctica in VX-6. He was a member of the OAEA NE Chapter and served on the BOD for eight years.

OAE Ernest R. Hertzog, 88, died on 10 June 2013, in Renfrew, PA. Ernest visited Antarctica as a tourist when he was in his 70s.

OAE ATC Vernon "Lou" Hlubek (aka Hlubek), USN (Ret), 89, died on 24 March 2013, in Carmichael, CA. Lou served as an aviation radioman as a PBM Mariner air crewman in the Eastern Group on the USS *Pine Island* during Highjump. Hlubek Glacier is named in his honor. (*Editor's Note: This corrects an obit that appeared in the Apr-Jun issue of the Gazette. Also see 'Letters to the Editor' in this issue.*)

OAE Dr. Harry Sherman Holcomb III, 73, died on 19 September 2013, in Franktown, VA. Harry served as the Navy Flight Surgeon at McMurdo from 1970 through 1972.

OAE Christopher Hughes, 65, died on 9 June 2013, in Jensen Beach, FL. Christopher was a merchant marine engineer and served with the Military Sealift Command on the MV *Green Wave* as the first assistant engineer and made several deployments to McMurdo.

*OAE AMCM Robert "Pigmy" Kirk Hyndman, USN (Ret), 69, died on 6 July 2013, in Kingsville, TX. Pigmy served in VX-6 during DF-75.

OAE CEC Alvin Lewis Irvine, USN (Ret), 76, died on 5 August 2013, in Santa Barbara, CA. Alvin wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-69 as a member of PM3A (nuclear power plant) Crew VIII.

OAE EOC Thomas Z. Jones, USN (Ret), 78, died on 15 August 2013, in Lenoir City, TN. Thomas served in Antarctic with the Seabees. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Harry King (Harold Godfrey Rudolf Vivian Theodore Dufferin King), 92, died 4 July 2013, in Cambridge, England. Harry was the Scott Polar Research Institute Librarian from 1955–83. He also edited several books about Antarctica.

OAE CDR William S. Kosar, Jr. USN (Ret), 83, died on 2 July 2013, in Vienna, VA. William's last duty station (1975–77) was with USAP as the aviation projects officer. Kosar Point is named in his honor .



*Gloria Adeline Long, 88, passed away July 16, 2013, in Orange Park, FL. Gloria was a Life Associate Member.

OAE John W. "Jack" McAlevey, 74, died on 3 August 2013, in Lyman, ME. Jack visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Charles Ellis Marshall, 80, died on 27 July 2013, in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Charles visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Paul Hamilton Martinez, 69, died on 30 August 2013, in Milford, CT. In 2005 Paul made a three-week cruise to Antarctica as a crewmember on the tall ship bark *Europa*.

OAE George Julio Casimiro Mottet, 91, died on 14 September 2013, in Vero Beach, FL. George wintered over in 1951 at the Argentina Antarctica base. He later served as the Secretary of the Argentine Antarctic Institute. He will be buried with military honors at the Argentine Antarctic San Martin Base.

OAE Lionel J. W. Morrissette, 80, died on 10 August 2013, in Winslow, ME. Lionel served in ASA summer support during DF-61 as a BUL3.

OAE Robert F. Painter, 89, died on 15 July 2013, in Fort Myers, FL. Robert visited Antarctic as a tourist.

OAE Janice Park, 89, died on 21 May 2013, in Bridgeport, CT. Janice visited Antarctica as a tourist. She made Walter Cronkite's nightly news broadcast when her group was stranded on an island and had to be rescued.

OAE Kenneth Richard Pokorny, 65, died on 7 June 2013, in Ann Arbor, MI. Kenneth visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE RCMC Francis "Frank" Nadeau, USN (Ret), 84, died on 30 July 2013, in Chesapeake, VA. Frank wintered-over with ASA at McMurdo during DF-63. Nadeau Bluff is named in his honor.

*OAE EO1 Harold J. Robicheau, USN (Ret), 82, died on 11 July 2013 in Farmington, NH. Harold wintered-over at Little America V during DF-III, McMurdo during DF-IV, and McMurdo during DF-66. He was also a member of the OAEA NE Chapter.

OAE CAPT Ervin B. Rubey, USN (Ret), 86, died on 7 September 2013, in Coronado, CA. Ervin was Commander Antarctic Support Activities during DF-70. Rubey Glacier is named in his honor.

OAE Arthur V. Runyon, 77, died on 28 July 2013, while on vacation in Park City, UT. Arthur participated in Deep Freeze with the USN. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Roy "Ukey" Edward Santos, 64, died on 7 September 2013, in Lubec, ME. Ukey spent several summer seasons at South Pole Station and McMurdo Station. He wintered-over at McMurdo in 1998 as a carpenter for the USAP contractor.

OAE James Watkins Schmalzel, 79 died on 20 July 2013, in Clayton, CA. Jim visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Arnoldo "Arnie" Schoder, 73, died on 22 July 2013, in Marin, CA. Arnie visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Robert Simonton, 77, died on 13 November 2012, in Orlando, FL. Robert served as a BU3 with MCB(Special) at Little America V during DF-I. He was a member of the ADFA.

OAE LTCOL Raymond (RL) Lee Smith, USMC (Ret), 80, died on 22 June 2013, in Castro Valley, CA. Ray visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Jessie Jane Schmidt Van Koten, 68, died on 29 August 2013, in Austin, TX. Jessie visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Dr. Francis A. Ward Jr. DDS, 84, died on 11 September 2013, in Putnam, CT. Francis served on the USS *Glacier* during DF-II as the ships dentist.

OAE Lawrence E. Welsher, 73, died on 22 July 2013, by his own hand, in South Freeport, ME. Larry visited Antarctica as a tourist. He was an active Atheist, so save your prayers.

OAE Richard "Dick" West, 81, died on 9 September 2013, in Vancouver, Canada. Dick traveled to Antarctica as a crew member on a Scottish whaler. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Stanley E. Wiley, 59, died on 8 June 2012, in New Castle, IN. Stan served in MCB-71 as an EO3 during DF-74.

OAE Thomas Aaron Wilson, 93, died on 9 June 2013, in Windham, NH. Thomas served as a tech rep during 1966 through 1970 with VX/VXE-6.

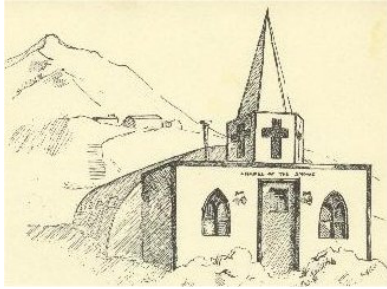
OAE Augustine Zamora, 93, died on 1 August 2013, in Loma Linda, CA. Augustine served as an SK1 on the USS *Currituck* during Highjump.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dick Pedigo—OAEA Chaplain

I read a wonderful devotion this morning in "The Upper Room." It had to do with a guy making his early morning run, after being warned that the mountain lions were on the prowl in the early morning, especially in the woods where he loved to run. (Several people had been mauled in this area recently by them!) He was running along enjoying it all until the tall grass ahead of him on the sides of the trail started tussling! Something was over there, and he couldn't tell what, until a Momma dear stuck her head up above the grass. She stared at him for a full minute, and he



at her. She finally crossed the trail and stopped a few yards ahead and looked back. It was then he discovered there were three little fawns waiting back there. They were frozen in their movement. He shouted at them to "Go ahead!" They stood there looking at him then at Momma. Finally they bolted across and joined their Momma as he hurried on down the hill! Life's like that, isn't it? We don't know when to move or who to follow. It's almost like that famous automaker once said, "Lead, follow, or get out of the way!" Now I'm sure that phrase might work in high industry, but it needs to be reworded in our case. "Follow Him" It'll pay off in the end. Like Momma, waiting for her little fawns to get up enough courage to "Follow Her." Jesus is standing on the other side of the trail, waiting for us to "Follow Him." Trust me, I've been on the other side, and had to cross over. Life became more fulfilling when I did!

Happy Halloween to you all. Don't eat all the candy at once!

Chappy Dick, God loves you more than a deer!

Tidewater Group July Get-Together

by Ed Hamblin

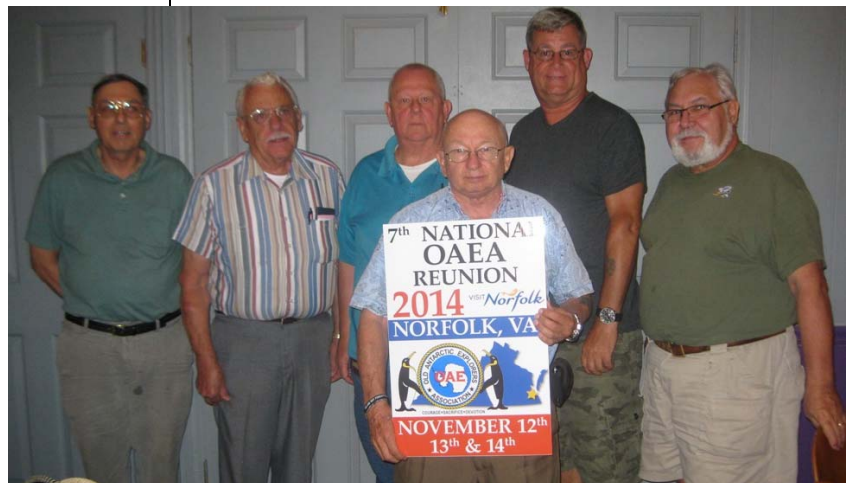
It is official...the venerable House of Eggs that had hosted our Tidewater social get togethers since we started unofficially in 2000 is gone. We have seen people go, but we never thought it would really happen to the building. With that said, at least for the moment, we have moved one door to the west in the same building to the Stonehouse Lounge. Oh well, we will soldier on.



A very small group of us...Herb Schaefer, Neil Sugermeier, Bill Raymus, Brad Miller, Bill Murray, Bob Long, and yours truly...got together on 13 July to test the new meeting place, grab something to eat, and to socialize a bit. We have really moved from a no-business agenda to what I will call a "reunion-centric" agenda. As by now, you are probably all aware that we are hosting the 2014 OAEA national reunion 12-14 November, and probably at each of our get togethers from now until the month before the reunion, there will be much discussion and sharing of notes. What was tossed around was some tour ideas. The problem with Norfolk is that there are so many neat things here that are unique to this area that it is hard to come up with a small list of activities to fit inside the reunion schedule. And the location of the venue at the Waterside location with good restaurants right next door, a major high-end downtown shopping mall within walking distance, and Nauticus Maritime Museum with battleship

USS *Wisconsin* five minutes away on foot all serve to make our selection that much harder. We have upcoming meetings with the hotel and tour group people. Generally, although there are many moving parts to this operation, things are coming together nicely.

Because the group was so small, things broke up very quickly. By the time this is out, we will have had our 5 October meeting, and our next one after that will be 11 January 2014. We meet at the Stonehouse Lounge on Military Highway, not far from the Norfolk airport. Meeting time is 3:00/1500, very informal. The entrance for the non-smoking area is around at the back. Plenty of parking is available. If you are not already, and would like to be added to the Norfolk/Tidewater email tree, contact Ed Hamblin, email ehamblin74@verizon.net or phone 757 835 4282.



Pictured from the left: Herb Schaefer, Neil Sugermeier, Bill Raymus, Bob Long (holding the reunion sign), Brad Miller, and Bill Murray.

THE STORIED ICE

Exploration, Discovery, and Adventure in Antarctica's Peninsula Region

reviewed by *Laura Snow*

BOOK REVIEW

The Storied Ice: Exploration, Discovery, and Adventure in Antarctica's Peninsula Region
by Joan N. Boothe, Regent Press, Berkeley, California, 2011, 373 pages

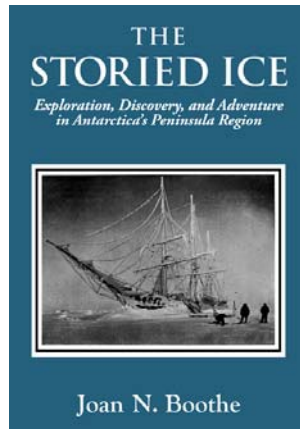
Joan Boothe has written a highly readable and comprehensive book about the Antarctic Peninsula Region. Most chapters are about ten to fifteen pages in length and cover specific eras of the peninsula region's history. For example, chapter one covers the efforts prior to 1819 to find a southern continent; chapter two covers the finding of the continent, 1819–1821; and chapter three covers the sealers' age of discovery, 1821–1839. Chapter 19, the final chapter, covers the Antarctic Treaty era. Numerous excellent maps that support the text are provided.



Joan and Barry Boothe on the Ice

A major highlight of the book are the appendices. Appendix A is a ten-page timeline of the "Antarctic Peninsula Region, other Antarctic Regions, and Events Elsewhere". Appendix B is a timeline of "Antarctic Firsts" prior to 1500 through 2001. Other sections include a glossary of terms, abbreviations, and acronyms. Boothe's sources and notes are exhaustive, as is the cited literature.

Much of the early interest in the peninsula region was related to the exploitation of the seal population. The *Hersilia*, sailing out of Stonington, Connecticut, arrived in the South Shetlands in early 1820. The second mate was twenty-year-old Nathaniel Palmer, who established a rapport with the crew of the *Espirito Santo* (which sailed out of Buenos Aires). Palmer was assured by crewmembers that



there were enough seals for both ships. In just over two weeks, the *Hersilia's* crew took 9,000 sealskins. Lacking enough curing salt, the *Hersilia* could have taken many more, but sailed home. Upon returning to Stonington, word spread among ship owners about the vast number of seals available in the peninsula region. As sealers continued to sail to the area, they discovered massive numbers of seals covering the beaches. Boothe describes the men as "knee-deep in blubber and blood". Boothe reports the estimates of more than 300,000 adult seals being slaughtered between 1820 and 1822. Additionally, at least 100,000 seal pups with their mothers died during this period. In 1821, the *Hersilia's* first mate reported "there is scarcely a seal left alive in these islands"

(the South Shetlands).

The author's purpose in writing this excellent book is to convey the history of the peninsula region. Boothe has succeeded in doing so. *The Storied Ice* is a tremendous resource for anyone interested in Antarctica.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joan Boothe has been fascinated with stories of Antarctic adventure and exploration since childhood. In 1995, after many years working in the worlds of economics, finance, and teaching business administration to graduate business students, she at last made her first trip to Antarctica and saw where so many things she had read about had taken place. Joan has returned to the Antarctic region many times since, including making a 67-day circumnavigation of the entire Antarctic continent aboard an icebreaker. In 2010 she taught a course on Antarctica's Heroic Age for Stanford University's continuing studies program. She has two children, both raised in San Francisco, California, where she and her husband Barry have lived since 1970.



Joan and her dog Spot.

The author welcomes any questions about *The Storied Ice* or other matters about Antarctica. She may be contacted at: joannboothe@joanneboothe.com.

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

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

Thanks to Teddie Lee, Laura Snow, Cliff Dickey, Bill Spindler, John Barker, Bruce DeWald, Jerry Marty, Carl Brown (USS *Atka* Reunion), John Colson, Charles & Margaret Amsler, Elaine Hood, Black Jack, 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

Amsler, Margaret CIV	§Annual	USAP
Amsler, Charles CIV	§Annual	USAP
Brown, Carolyn CIV	§Life	NE Chapter Groupie
Childress, Morton DT2	Annual	ASA Det A Winter-Over McMurdo DF-70
Clyburn II, Lewis CIV	*§Annual	Son of OAE
Duffin, Lavar CIV	Life	USAP Contractor South Pole 2006-08
Garman, Albert AG2/AG1	Life	ASA Dec C 1963-64
Gillens, Sarah CIV	*§Annual	Author
Goren, Lisa CIV	§Annual	Artist
Just, Jay E6	Life	USCGC <i>Eastwind</i> DF-60
Kapantais, Stephen SN	§Life	USS <i>Atka</i> 65-66
Kee, John RMCM	§Annual	NSFA
Lee, Alma "Teddie" CIV	*Life	Sister of ACC Homer Ellis WO DF-68
Meland, Selmer ABH3	§Annual	VX-6 1968-69
Mozesky, Robert SO2	Life	USS <i>Brough</i> DF-II (1956-57)
Plonski, Kenneth ETR3	Life	USS <i>Atka</i> 1961-63
Seib, Robin AG2	§Life	ASA WO DF-71
Thompson, Wm AT1	Life	VXE-6 1973-75
Vaughan, Dudley EO2	§Annual	ASA
Wilbur, Robert BU2	Life	CBU-201 1966-69



SO WHERE ARE THE PENGUINS?

Mangonui New Zealand seems to have a phantom penguin colony. That's the way it appeared to the Northern News reporter who spent a recent Saturday in the town making inquiries, following the appearance of "Penguins Crossing" road signs. Fact is, none of the 20 locals the reporter spoke to has ever seen a penguin in the town.



A resident who wished to remain anonymous, said he lived there for 62 years and had never seen a penguin.

A poll of seven local drinkers in the Mangonui Pub turned up no one who had seen penguins.

Calls to the District Council's head office, and the Regional Council all drew a blank. None of their management knew anything about the signs.

The Mayor, who lives on the Mangonui waterfront, did not know who erected the signs.

Finally, the reporter solved the mystery. The signs were indeed put up by The District Council even though management didn't know anything about it.

A council employee said he had heard the penguins calling, usually just after sunset. He said they burrow in the waterfront rocks and in the grass on the inland side of the road. He said he had heard of one being hit by a car, and another hurt by a dog. He spoke to the Council Parks Officer who agreed to help. The signs were duly ordered and erected at council expense. So where's the penguins?

REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

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

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

USS *Mills* (DER-383): Virginia Beach, VA, 3-7 October 2013. POC Ben Laurens, phone 252 504 3733, or email nriver@ec.rr.com.

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

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

OAEA: Norfolk, VA, 12-14 November 2014. POC to be announced.

OAE LOCATOR

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

- CDR William Johnston, USNR (Ret) is looking for the rightful owner of the DF-II (1957-58) medallion in the below photo. The medallion was recently procured in New York by his neighbor who challenged him to identify the original owner and to return it to the sailor or his family. William can be reached at: bjatthebeach@earthlink.net, or 252 726 2416, or postal address: P O Box 777, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512.



The Letters J. A. S. Are Engraved on the Medallion

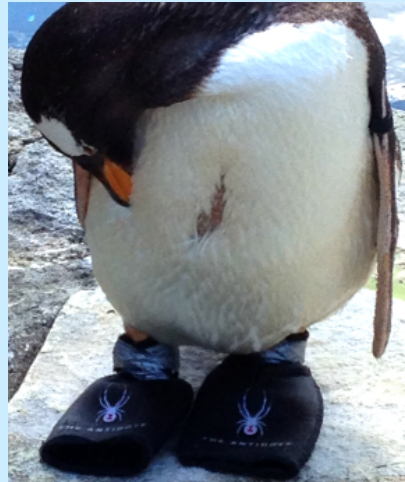
- Jim Mathews is looking for a VXE-6 LC-130 Navigator by the name of Ellen. Jim was in charge of the recovery of 321 at D59 in 1986. Ellen was on one of the flights that provided support for the recovery effort and Jim took several photos of her. If anyone knows her full name and whereabouts Jim would like to send the photos to her. Jim can be reached at: jcm1054491@aol.com, 2 Terracima, Irvine, CA 92620, 949-733-1890.



This is One of the Photos That Jim Took

- Kerri Vinter is trying to locate Armand Lawrence Spitz who wintered-over at Byrd Station during DF-66. Kerri can be contacted at: kerrivinter@yahoo.com.au.

PENGUIN WEARS BEER COZIES



by Megan McCormick

There exists in this great world a penguin that wears beer cozies on her feet. Let's just let that fact sink in for a second. Got it? Okay.

Now, the penguin's name is Akemi, and she actually didn't choose to wear the footwear as a fashion statement, but rather to deal with a severe case of bumblefoot, a bacterial infection that afflicts captive birds. She was having trouble walking, and then started gaining weight. That's when zookeepers realized that they needed to do something fast to help her or her condition would likely worsen. They bought her some standard penguin shoes, but they ended up being too big. What's a gal to wear when all of her options have been exhausted? Beer cozies, obviously.

Akemi's condition improved immediately. She began walking and swimming and going about her usual activities, gaining strength and losing weight.

Her Calgary Zoo caretakers report that they replace the cozies each week, and secure them around her ankles with duct tape (you know, for that customized look). She's able to swim with them and, most importantly, can walk around comfortably. One caretaker even said that she's never attempted to remove them or mess with them, and seems okay with the set-up. Considering how much she's benefited from her new shoes, both stylistically and physically, it's easy to see why.

And so we cheer on young Akemi, both for her fierce determination in the face of adversity, and her fierce fashion sense.

Oh, and lest this fact goes unestablished—no, you can't wear beer cozies as footwear if you're a human. Even if you're drunk and the sand's hot at the beach and this seems like a really good idea. Let's just all agree that no good could come of a human wearing cozie shoes, and vow to leave that one to Akemi. Got it? Good.

Reborn Monument To Admiral Byrd

by John Lenkey III

Twenty years ago on 21 June, the shortest and seemingly coldest day of 1993, I sat among a substantial crowd of scientists, government officials, diplomats, and distinguished guests assembled on Mount Victoria in Wellington, New Zealand, to re-dedicate a rebuilt monument to a Winchester, VA native son who is the only person ever to enjoy three New York City ticker-tape parades down Broadway. The reason for picking this dismaying day is that in the Antarctic all-night winter, this is the day the sun starts back to them and continues Admiral Richard Byrd's Celebration Tradition of 21 June being "Mid-Winter Day" which began there in 1929.

The original monument to Rear Adm. Richard Evelyn Byrd was erected and dedicated in 1963. It consisted of a concrete, slope-sided triangle approximating a polar explorer's hut, with stones from Antarctica embedded here and there. The front, facing toward the South Pole, displayed a bust of Admiral Byrd. I first saw it in 1966 while mountaineering around the world. It was in fine condition.



Chiquita Banana Pylon at the Byrd Memorial

Fast-forward to 1991. I returned to Wellington and visited the monument again. I was outraged! It was defaced, the bronze plaques stolen and graffiti-laden. The unkindest blow was that Chiquita Banana Fruit Company was using it as a racing pylon, with a giant blown-up plastic banana at the site.

The limousine driver blanched when I demanded to be taken to the office of the prime minister of New Zealand in the "Beehive" (the nickname of their capitol building because of its look) but he did. I marched in, flapping my arms, demanded to see the PM. Instead, I was received by Deputy Prime Minister Don McKinnon and told him I was shocked by the damage and misuse of the Byrd Monument and wanted it fixed as a Virginian and citizen of the United States! Mr. McKinnon was taken aback only for a moment, and teased, "Well, you know, all the damage was caused by the

American tourists. But if you will raise half the money, we will fix it." He estimated \$60,000.

Raymond O'Brien, a retired executive of Mobile Oil-N.Z., was sent to meet me. He was—and is—the vice president of the New Zealand-America Association and undertook the job of raising funds for the New Zealand side.

When I returned home, I gathered a team to help raise America's half of the funding. ARTDESIGN Advertising Inc. of Richmond put together a brochure to send to potential contributors. A new book, *Beyond the Barrier*, about Byrd's 1929–31 expedition had just been published by Naval Institute Press and the team called to ask where the author lived. They were shocked to learn Eugene Rodgers lived in Midlothian's Salisbury neighborhood. Rodgers gave the team names of Byrd associates who would help with contributions.



Graffiti & Stolen Plaque



New Zealand Boy Scouts Rendering a Salute

In America, friends, and businesses, individuals, and the Byrd family contributed. Media General Inc., then owner of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, chipped in \$1,000. Those who gave \$100 or more were given a 75-minute tape by Paramount, whose men accompanied and filmed Admiral Byrd on his most famous 1929–31 expedition to the South Pole (sic). When the campaign for funds reached Richmond, we displayed the movie in the Virginia Aviation Museum near Richmond International Airport. It was the first time the staff had ever seen movies of Byrd's "Stars and Stripes" airplane in flight, even though the plane—one of three taken by Byrd to Antarctica in 1929—is in the museum. The Midlothian team sent the first check for \$8,000 to Ray O'Brien.



View of Byrd Monument and Maori Totem Pole

Meanwhile, now aware of the shameful condition of the monument, Wellington Mayor Fran Wilde had ideas to demolish it and build a Greek temple in its place. But O'Brien attended the first reading of that resolution, and when Mayor Wilde asked if there was any comment, he rose majestically and laid the American check on the table. And Her Worship, Mayor Wilde, exclaimed, "Oh, my, they ARE doing it in America! We'll just have to rebuild it."

The work was finished in 1993. When I returned there with Admiral Byrd's daughter, the late Bolling Byrd Clarke, and the late Ruth Siple, widow of America's No. 1 polar scientist (more later on that) who lived in Arlington and worked from Fort Belvoir, and Boy Scout Jeffrey Stachera from the French Creek Council near Erie, Pa., it was a staggering improvement. It is now one of the most beautiful monuments in the world.

Artist Doreen Dagenhart, whose ceramic art works sold for thousands of dollars, redesigned the "Antarctic Hut" and covered it with tiles colored to her specifications so that when a day occurred when there were no clouds on the horizon for sunrise or sunset, but with clouds overhead, the sloping sides of the monument reflected sunlight re-colored by the tiles up to the clouds overhead, suggesting the aurora australis—or Southern Lights. The front was cleaned up and a new plaque installed. At my request, an additional plaque was placed in the pavement citing Dr. Paul Siple's achievements. It was staggeringly beautiful with the city below Mount Victoria complementing it.

On subsequent visits to New Zealand, Midlothian team members found the City Council had placed steel railings around to stop skate-boarders from sliding down onto the monument—as well as pockmarks where gunners had fired at it, chipping away the tiles. The city parks office dutifully cleaned it up and patched the penny-sized BB nicks. It is a

real beauty. Anyone visiting New Zealand ought to see this monument erected by the Kiwis to salute Admiral Byrd, who not only used their country for his base to explore Antarctica, but also introduced New Zealand to the United States.

Dr. Paul Siple was the Boy Scout selected by Byrd to accompany the many men who went to Antarctica in 1929. He was so inspired by Byrd that he became one of America's leading polar scientists and co-invented the "wind chill factor" used by weathermen worldwide. He made it to the cover of Time Magazine in 1957.

Byrd never lost a man on his many expeditions. He dived into the water to save a sailor in his early

Navy days. When one of the airplanes, the Virginia, went missing

in Antarctica in 1929, Byrd calculated where it would have landed to take readings (a storm unknown to Byrd had overturned and ruined the light plane) and he sent the Stars and Stripes out to rescue the crew—and they found the stranded trio just where Byrd predicted.

In 1934 when he built an advanced base to be occupied for three months to test isolation, he reneged on sending two or three men out there—very far from the home base—and went himself. He barely survived carbon monoxide poisoning from his leaky heater exhaust, from which he never fully-recovered.

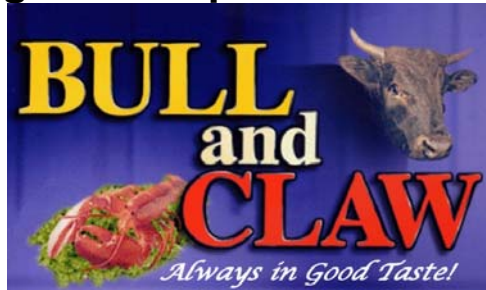
He won the Medal of Honor for being first to fly, with Navy pilot Floyd Bennet, over the North Pole in 1926. He flew over the South Pole, again the first to do so, in 1929 with aviator Bernt Balchen. Byrd mapped and named nearly two-thirds of Antarctica. Our parents listened to the short-wave radio reports, developing our hero image of Dick Byrd.



John Lenkey

John Lenkey III lived in Midlothian for 27 years. He was vice president of international operations for Robertshaw Controls Co. and director of Virginia's international activities for two years. He also served as a professor of international commerce at the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce. He is widowed and now lives in Pittsburgh. He is president of Aquatemp Global Inc. DVDs of Byrd's 1929–31 exploration and flight over the South Pole are still available. Lenkey can be contacted at sellam@buggs.net.

New England Chapter Fall 2013 Meeting



by Marty Diller,

New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer,

The Chapter returned to the Bull N'Claw restaurant in Wells, Maine, on 28 September, and 50 members and guests attended the meeting. We were last there in September 2011, and were happy to learn that they had not increased their group lunch prices since then. Also, we enjoyed the same friendly service and excellent plated meals. Most folks opted for the luncheon prime rib or the baked Atlantic salmon over the third option—chicken parmigiana.

Associate Life member Billie Hunter has stepped forward to take over the 2016 OAEA Reunion Committee Chair, vacated by Mike Hall. Billie and husband Larry (YNCS (SS), USN (Ret.); VXE-6, DF-70 through 73) were immediately registered to attend a TRN (The Reunion-Friendly Network) 3-day training seminar for reunion planners in New London, CT (30 Sep-02 Oct), however that training was then cancelled by TRN and rescheduled for late April. Regardless, the committee will go forward with investigating suitable reunion hotels without delay.

Chapter Business

Sadly, in early September the Chapter lost one of the original members of its Board of Directors. Hoot Hartman (ASA w/o DF-63; VX-6, DF-69 and 70) lost his ongoing battle with cancer. In Hoot's honor, DF-I veteran Charlie "CB" Bevilacqua opened the business meeting by singing the lyrics to "Taps". Hoot was always a sparkplug of energy at the meetings, happy to see everyone, easy to talk to—and a natural at getting them to donate money for a few chances in the raffle drawings. Always dependable and just an all-round good guy, Hoot was also a key member of the 2006 OAEA Reunion Committee and the main 'go-to' guy for any special projects—he will be greatly missed.



Billie Hunter, new OAEA 2016 Reunion Committee Chair

In Chapter business, members voted to donate \$100 to Billy-Ace Baker in support of an initiative by OAEA President Laura Snow and him to purchase three two-volume sets of John Stewart's recently published *Antarctica: An Encyclopedia, Second Edition* and donate them to the libraries at the three permanent U.S. Antarctic stations. (See the Oct-Dec 2011 issue of the *Gazette* for a review of these comprehensive reference books.)



**Hoot From The DF-63
Cruise Book**



**Hoot From The OAEA 2012
Reunion Memory Book**

Editor's Note: We are still accepting donations for the Antarctica an Encyclopedia Second Edition book fund. See the President's Column on page 2 of this issue.



Sarah Gillens signs book: Sarah personalizes one of her Bravo for Bravo books for a buyer.



Lunch money collected: Bev Diller (left) and Mary Pellegrino collect lunch money and sell raffle tickets to Dave Riley (right) and the rest of the meeting attendees. In the foreground are a few of the items offered for the raffle.



Authors and their books: Authors (and members) Sarah Gillens (left) and Judy Boss brought their works of fiction to the meeting. They each donated a book to the meeting raffle drawing and sold some as well. Judy's Deception Island is a modern day thriller involving bioterrorists in Antarctica, and Sarah's Bravo for Bravo is a children's book about a sled dog pup that accompanied the first winter-over party at the original South Pole Station.

Editor's Note: Sarah's book Bravo for Bravo is reviewed on page 5 in this issue of the Gazette. Judy's book Deception Island was reviewed in the Oct-Dec 2012 issue of the Gazette.

In other business, the Chapter's book drive for the Ruth Siple South Pole Station Memorial Library ended this date. "CB" will deliver all the donated books to the NY Air National Guard in time for their redeployment to the Ice for the 2013-14 summer science season.



Dee Potter and party: Dee Potter (widow of DF-I veteran Bill Potter, USS Arneb), middle, sits between her brother, Pat Constance, and his wife, Kathy. Walt McLean (white ball cap in foreground) keeps them entertained.

Fundraising

Raffle winners included: Judy Boss (Chapter-logo t-shirt); CB (OAEA-logo polo shirt); John Clough (ski-Herk poster); Irene Cowan (Penguin snowflake note cards); Dave Dubois (Antarctic book *A Walk to the Pole*); Don Germain (lighted

glass penguin figurine & penguin candle ring); John Giro (Chapter-logo t-shirt & OAEA-logo polo shirt); Fred Gladstone (Boats Johnson DVD¹); Fred Gladstone (Chapter-logo polo shirt); Joe Gonzalez (Antarctic book *Deception Island* fiction²); Dave Hazard (wine basket); Billie Hunter (lighted glass penguin figurine); Rudy Pinnow (Antarctic book *Bravo for Bravo*³); Dee Potter (Antarctic book *Voyage thru the Antarctic*); Chet Thomas (Plainfield, NH gift basket).

¹ The Chapter purchased this DVD created by OAEA Director Tom Henderson.

² The Chapter 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*.)

³ The Chapter thanks member Sarah Gillens, author of the children's book *Bravo for Bravo*, for donating her book for the raffle. She is a distant cousin of LTJG Jack Tuck, who was Officer-in-Charge of the first winter-over party at the original South Pole Station. The book based on the true accounts of that 18-man winter-over party and is written in the first person, as told by Tuck's dog, Bravo.

Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for noon on Saturday, 29 March 2014, at Pelly's 19th Hole restaurant in North Kingstown, RI.



Photo by Fred Santino

Table 2 (Left side of table, L to R): Gordon Gillens, Judy Boss, John Clough, Rudy Pinnow, and Bob Rainville. On the right side of table, closest to furthest: Bob Sexton, John Giro, Ron Gilchrist, Penny & Bob Berube, and Jeannine Rainville.



Photo by Fred Santino

Table 3 (Left side of table, L to R): Kathy Constance, Dee Potter, Pat Constance, Sarah Gillens, Dave Riley, and Don Germain (behind Dave). On the right side of table, closest to furthest: Fred Gladstone, Walt McLean (hand to head), George Smith (behind Walt), Jim Connors, and Irene Cowan.

Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

Saturday 6 July 2013

GCG Meeting—Only 13 Members showed up for what was by far the fewest number of attendees since we started holding meetings in 1999. It had been raining heavily for two days in the Pensacola and adjoining areas leaving many of the roads and streets flooded. The rain and the flooding was probably the major factor in the low attendance, but the Independence Day weekend may also have contributed to the low turnout.



Duck our Glorious Leader

outing. It was agreed that a group email should be send out asking for suggestions.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 3 August 2013.

Saturday 3 August 2013 Meeting

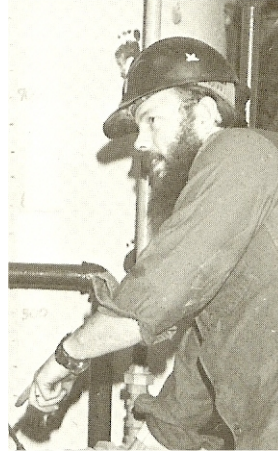
—Only 17 attendees turned up for the 3 August meeting. The only first time attendee was Kenn Saxman from Saucier, Mississippi. Kenn was in Pensacola visiting a friend. He rode his motorcycle to the meeting. Jack McLendon who had not attended a meeting for over year was in attendance. Jack is a fireman and usually has the duty on Saturdays. He mentioned that he will be retiring soon and should be able to attend more



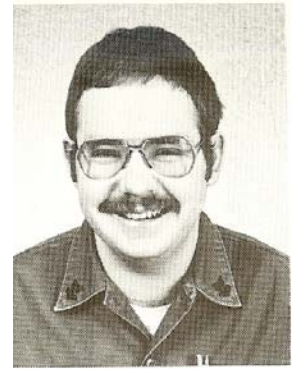
Walter Smith

often. As soon as Walter Smith arrived he presented me with a \$100 donation

to the OAEA. It's people like Walter who make me proud of the generosity of many of our members.



**UT1 Kenn Saxman
WO South Pole DF-73**



**CM2 Jack McLendon
WO McMurdo DF-79**

There was no speaker, no 50/50 raffle, and no door-prize drawings. Since our president, Duck Talbert, was absent there was not any official business and no announcements.

The next meeting will be on 7 September 2013. Same place and same time.

Saturday 7 September 2013 Meeting

—24 Members and guests showed for the last meeting of the summer. The guests were two Navy medical officers, Trevares Baker and Jack Mandel, actually they just stopped in for lunch, but they stayed for most of the meeting and listened to George Griffin tell sea stories.



Active Duty Officers, Baker and Mandel, Listen to George Griffin Tell Ice Stories.

The Preston's were back from a month long trip to Alaska, and the Bourgeois' were back from who know where. Both couples missed the previous two meetings.



The Preston's Back From Their Trip to Alaska.

After everyone, or nearly everyone, had finished eating Sharon Preston sold 50/50 raffle tickets and Duck Talbert distributed the door prize tickets. When the tickets were taken care of Duck introduced the guest speaker.

Jack Kirby of Covenant Hospice was the guest speaker. He is a retired Navy pilot and a volunteer at Covenant Hospice. After he told a few sea stories he spoke about his special duties with Covenant and then he outlined some of the programs/services that are offered by Covenant. After he finished his presentation he answered a few questions and ended up telling another sea story.

After the presentation Duck made a few comments about the two DF cruise books he had brought to the meeting.

Following that the drawings were held. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gus Shinn and he took home \$42 as his share of the pot. The door prize, consisting of a 75th Anniversary of the first flight over the South Pole patch and an OAEA call cap pin was won by GCG Chapter VP Ken Pye.



Gus Shinn



Ken Pye

After that there being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on 5 October at the Shrimp Basket.

Thanks to Miranda, one of the waitresses, for drawing the tickets for us, and thanks to Carl Jackson for taking the candid photos. Also thanks to Sharon Preston and Duck for distributing the raffle tickets.

THE LAST MAN

By Tom Henderson

I have finally completed the revised version of my film, *The Last Man*, a documentary on the life of CWO Anthony Wayne USN (Ret). Tony Wayne was a Seaman First Class on the USS *Bear*, the barkentine flagship of Admiral Richard E. Byrd during his 1939-41 expedition to Antarctica.



**Tom Henderson
Circa 1981**

Tony took a portable movie camera on that voyage, the footage from which is a primary source in my film. He went on to serve aboard the light cruiser USS *San Diego* during World War II. The *San Diego* became the second most decorated warship in U.S. Navy history. Tony completed a 26-year career in the Navy in 1958 and now—at the age of 98—resides in an assisted living home in Schenectady, New York. It was a great pleasure and a distinct privilege to record his story in his own words for this film.

I am offering the film on DVD through my website at www.gwillow.com, for \$20.00, which includes mailing and taxes. Tony Wayne was awarded a geographic name in his

honor in Antarctica by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names in 2011. This was largely through the effort of our President, Laura Snow. I am offering the award ceremony as an added feature to the DVD for an additional \$5.00. Those not wishing to order through the website may send a check to:

Graceful Willow Productions
520 Normanskill Place
Slingerlands, NY 12159

Tony is in remarkable health for his age, both physically and mentally. Anyone wishing to contact him can send me an email; webmaster@gwillow.com and I will provide the information.

Editor's Note: See the Jul-Sep 2011 issue of the Gazette, 'A Legend In His Own Time', by John Stewart, for more information about CWO Anthony Wayne

