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*Military Sealift Command Chartered Ship MV Ocean Giant Arrives in Antarctica in Support of U.S. Antarctic Program*

## Military Sealift Command On The Ice

*By Sarah Burford*

The Military Sealift Command-chartered container ship *MV Ocean Giant* arrived safely at the ice-pier at the National Science Foundation's McMurdo Station, Antarctica, and is currently conducting cargo offloads. The operation is part of MSC's annual resupply mission in support of Operation Deep Freeze, the Joint Task Force Support for Antarctica mission to the NSF-managed U.S. Antarctic Program.

*Ocean Giant*, whose mission began in late December, with a load out of dry cargo in Port Hueneme, Calif., is delivering 498 containers and various break-bulk equaling nearly 7 million pounds of supplies such as frozen and dry

food stores, building materials, vehicles, and electronic equipment and parts. Following the offload, 450 containers of retrograde—including station waste and recyclables, which will be returned to the U.S. for processing—as well as ice-core samples for scientific study, will be loaded onto the ship and returned to Port Hueneme.

Seabees from Navy Cargo Handling Battalion ONE (NCHB-1) homeported in Williamsburg, VA are working around-the-clock offloading the cargo. The Cargo Handlers work with *Ocean Giant*'s crew, and the MSC representative, to execute a safe and efficient offload and backload of various containers, break-bulk, and special

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Ed Hamblin—OAEA President**

**TO ALL OAEs**—This may sound odd coming from an OAE with plenty of ice time, but I am glad to see the end of this winter. We dodged the big weather bullet here in the mid-Atlantic area as far as cold weather goes, but it was still cold enough for me, thank you!



It has been pretty quiet in the OAEA over the last few months. There is an ongoing project to digitize some of our “paper” membership files. In the last 3 months, 19 new members have joined, and another expired Annual member has “come back into the fold” with an upgrade to Life membership. We are at 29 paid subscribers to the OAEA newsletter, *Explorer's Gazette*. That is ongoing, with the quarterly issues being produced locally and mailed out to the subscriber list.

Also, our scholarship chairman sent out a notification after the first of the year with an annual call asking for donations, and in response to that, we received over \$3,600. Thanks to the following for their generosity: Leslie Abbott, Joe & Donna Aucoin, Robert Berube, Robert Conner, John & Dawn Dever, Jerry & Karen Gustin, Edward Hames, Kenneth Henry, Phil Holloway, Robert McCabe, Bradford Miller, James Mourlas, Grant Nelson, Leonard Nero, Barbara Orr, Dewey Painter, Wayne Rogers, Gerald Schleining, and Everett Suchland. All donations received go into a mutual fund account, and scholarship awards are awarded from earnings. My personal thanks to all these people!

Jacksonville, Florida, OAEA 2020 Reunion 11–13 November! Put it on your calendar. It is happening at the Jacksonville Lexington Hotel and Conference Center on the picturesque Jacksonville waterfront/Riverwalk area. Life member Dr. Dewey Painter is putting it together. If you would like to help before or during the reunion, contact Dr. Painter at 904-962-1928 or 904-513-3321; email is OAEA2020reunion@gmail.com. And on the subject of OAEA reunions, San Diego, 2022...POC is Life member George Lusk.

Besides being the OAEA president, I wear another hat as the OAEA Membership Database Administrator; and as such am joined at the hip on membership matters to the organization Membership Chairman, Billy-Ace Baker...hold that thought for a moment. With the database, I have some “unique” information available to me, and use some computerized tools to work and analyze information in different ways. The point here being is don't be real surprised if some of you get a personal e-mail from me in the not so distant future about asking if you would be interested in being the pivot person in forming a “social” OAEA network in your area;

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**GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ed Hamblin—OAEA President

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or even consider forming a regional chapter of the OAEA. We have some areas around the country with what I term a sufficiently concentrated population of OAEA members. And all it takes is one person to act as the contact point. We have had such a network here in the Tidewater area since 2000, and we are still meeting for quarterly lunches almost 20 years later.

Now back to the point about the Membership Chairman and I being joined at the hip. We work very hard along with the OAEA Webmaster Bob "Gabby" Gaboury in trying to keep the membership in the "loop" on organization business and administrative matters. That all has to start with up to date contact information in the database that the three of us depend on, so keep us posted on your POC information.

The OAEA webmaster is looking for a backup person, so if you have some time and are looking for a new skill set dealing with web site administration, design, and maintenance, Gabby is your man! He can be contacted at [oaewebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:oaewebmaster@gmail.com).

Everybody take care, catch you all down the road.

*Ed Hamblin*



## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

By OAEA Scholarship Chairman

Linda Hamblin

As a member of the Old Antarctic Explorer's Association you are eligible to sponsor someone for an OAEA scholarship; however, Annual members need to be paid through June 2020. You, as a sponsor can chose whomever you wish, not just a family member. The applicant should be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in college/university or vocational/technical school attending 2019/2020 school year. You, as the sponsor, do little. You must sign the application and write a sponsor's statement as to why you think the applicant deserves to be awarded a scholarship. The rest is up to the applicant to provide all pertinent information. Interested in sponsoring! Find the application at [www.oaea.net](http://www.oaea.net) and click under the scholarship tab. If you don't use the internet, the applicant you sponsor should be able to help download an application.

The deadline for submitting a scholarship application must be postmarked no later than 1 July 2019.



***MSC In Antarctica***

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lifts. Additionally, close coordination is required between NCHB-1 and the Antarctic Support Contract logistics team which manages the loads and stow plans for the Antarctic Program, as well as the New Zealand Defense Force which assists with rigging and transporting loads from the pier to designated lay down areas.

Unlike prior ODF missions, where an MSC chartered tanker delivered fuel, this year *Ocean Giant's* cargo delivery is the only MSC ship conducting cargo operations at the ice-pier.

"The reason a tanker was not required this season is that NSF had a three-year stockpile that was measured to support this year's requirements," explained Larry Larsson, MSC's representative for ODF.



**Photo by Sarah Burford**  
***Crews on the McMurdo Station ice-pier attach hoses and prepare to discharge fuel from the MSC chartered ship MT Maersk Peary.***



**Photo by Sarah Burford**  
***Military Sealift Command chartered ships MV Ocean Giant (right) and MT Maersk Peary (Left) pass each other as they transit into and out of Winter Quarters Bay. Both ships delivered nearly 100 percent of the materials, food, and fuel needed for one year's missions at McMurdo Station in support of DF-2018.***

"Having only the cargo vessel has not impacted the routine, as much as it has allowed the cargo vessel more time to discharge and backload it's cargo. Not having the tanker allows the cargo ship more time alongside the ice pier."



**Photo by Sarah Burford**  
***MSC chartered ship MT Maersk Peary arrives at the McMurdo Station Ice-Pier in support of DF-2018. Peary delivered nearly 5 million gallons of diesel fuel and 500,000 gallons of aviation fuel. This combination of fuels is 100 percent of the fuel needed for the next year's support of the remote outpost at McMurdo Station, in support of DF-2018.***



**Photo by Sarah Burford**  
***MSC chartered container ship MV Ocean Giant loads one of 450 pieces of retrograde—including station waste and recyclables that will be returned to Port Hueneme for processing.***

When most people think of Antarctica, they think of frigid temperatures and a harsh environment. This year, while a Polar Vortex grips the Midwest United States with sub-arctic temperatures and gale-force winds, people in the middle states may be wishing for the Antarctica summer high temperatures that are currently hovering around 20 degrees Fahrenheit. While conditions are currently favorable for cargo operations, seasoned veterans of ODF missions know that Antarctica's weather is notoriously unpredictable and can quickly change. Because of this, workers anticipate harsh conditions and plan accordingly. Everyone is bundled in heavy winter clothes, and exposure time is limited.

“So far, this season has had reasonable weather,” said Larsson. “With that being said, yesterday we had snow flurries that accumulated about two inches of snow. The winds have been moderate with temperatures in the teens, but once the winds start, the wind chill goes to negative temps, and things can get rough very quickly.”

Despite the arduous conditions and long working hours, the professionalism of the team shines through, and the mission goes on. *Ocean Giant* is delivering 80 percent of the supplies needed for the year on Antarctica. With minimal supplies (some do come in on winter flights-PW) coming in once the summer window has closed, the supplies delivered by the MSC ships are vital for survival through the long winter on the most isolated continent in the world.

According to Larsson, professionalism and a strong chain of communication is the key to a successful ODF mission. For him, there is a real sense of teamwork between everyone from the National Science Foundation at the top of the organizational chart, all the way down to the workers on the pier. Everyone’s job is an important piece of the mission.

“There is a common code that DOD agencies are here to support the NSF’s scientific mission,” said Larsson. “It’s the initial understanding that we all have to take into consideration of the others task and what they have to accomplish during the period of cargo operations.”

Operation Deep Freeze is a joint service, on-going Defense Support to Civilian Authorities activity in support of the National Science Foundation (NSF), lead agency for the United States Antarctic Program. Mission support consists of active duty, Guard, and Reserve personnel from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army, and Coast Guard as well as Department of Defense civilians and attached non-DOD civilians. ODF operates from two primary locations situated at Christchurch, New Zealand and McMurdo Station, Antarctica. MSC has supported ODF since McMurdo Station was established in 1955, providing supplies and fuel to scientists operating from the remote base.



Photo by Sarah Burford  
**Capt. Timothy Arey, civilian master of MSC chartered ship *MV Ocean Giant* and his crew of 19 contracted civilian mariners were awarded the Antarctica Service Medal for their participation in DF-2019**



## The Vessel—Day Eleven

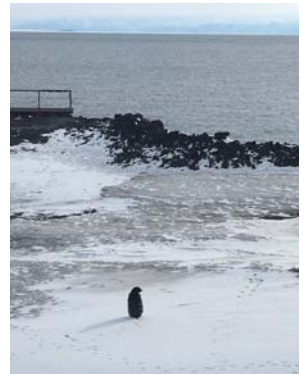
By *The Sandwich Girl*

It will likely go through another weekend. Feels like forever. It is exciting and we are tired.

—Water. Full on open water in front of station. I went for a walk along the "beach" and watched the tiny waves lapping the anchor ice. The sea ice doesn't go out like this every year, and to me it still seems unrecognizable. This is special. It will probably freeze back up in a month or so.



—Penguin. There is a miserable, molting Adelie penguin that has been hanging out by Waste Water Treatment Plant all week. It looks like it's over this whole molting business. If molting is anything like persistent cracked, dry skin and forever-chapped lips in this dry ass climate, then I totally get it, buddy.



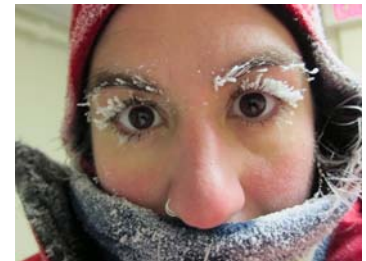
—Whales. I drove around in a loader all day today, picking up dumpsters and occasionally seeing whales in the background. People ask if they are Minkes or Orcas, and to be honest, I can't tell the difference from a mile away. They all have dorsal fins, right?

—Salad. I had a salad. I had a salad a month ago, and no freshies since. Salad is nice. I also had a sliver of an avocado today and it was incredible.

—Today the weather was glorious. The air was cool, the sky was blue, and the wind was nonexistent. That's the best you can ask for.

—I leave one week from today. I'm always a little sad to leave Antarctica, but more so I am looking forward to good coffee, humidity, dogs, and Bryan.

—Allison Barden



*The Sandwich Girl*

# FEEDBACK & LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In the *Seven Churches* article in the Jul-Sep issue of the *Gazette* I was amazed by the claims that this church or that church was the first, largest, only, furthest south church, so forth and so on. Ad infinitum ad naseum.



Black Jack of Ballarat  
brigadoon@skybest.com

Billy:

Greeting from South Africa. The plaque that you made and sent to me arrived a few weeks ago - in the midst of extraordinary end-of-year mayhem. As you can see from the attached picture it is now in a prime position in my study. Many thanks and much appreciated

Sydney Cullis  
sydneyc@surgcare.co.za

**Editor's Note: What can I say? It's just another sub-routine of Baker's Second Law of Antarctica: Baker's Second law states: Every 4th season summer support will reinvent the wheel. Basically this law concerns new people (FNGs) who think that what they do is an "Antarctic First". For instance: Changing the location/procedure for issuing Cold Weather Clothing. Or, claiming that something they do is the best, biggest, or whatever.**

Aloha Billy-Ace,

Another fabulous *Gazette* issue! I thank you for all your research on *Deaths On Ice & Nearly Dead...*

Much more comprehensive than anything I have read before on "life & death" on the Ice.

Have a great week!

Bruce DeWald  
bdewald63@gmail.com

All:

I don't know who sent me this, but it may have been from James Ryan Barry. I believe the photo is from a video that was produced at McMurdo. *Drunk History* seven years ago, 16 February 2012. In the photo: James Ryan Barry is with Allison Barden, Benjamin Morin, Emily Keifer, and Paul Baker. I think that Allison took part in the production of the video.



*Drunk History: Scott's Team*



*Sydney's Plaques*

Hi Billy...

I'm so sorry to hear about Noah... He was a great shipmate and will never be forgotten. Please convey our sympathy to Carole.

All the best.

Fran & Mac  
haroldmacphersonjr@yahoo.com

BB,

Sorry to hear this. I know you guys were close friends. For years we all thought we were invincible, but each day around here I realize how wrong we were in our thinking. Noah had a good run... and he sure seemed to have enjoyed the ride. Enjoy the memories. And above all... take care of yourself.

PP  
ken.henry.311@gmail.com



Billy:

Thanks for passing on the news. Noah was a great guy!

Dave  
davidm.bresnahan@gmail.com

Billy:

I was so sad to hear of Noah's (White) passing. I have great memories of when we were getting ready to Winter Over in Deep Freeze 67. I remember when Noah, myself, you and Burns all checked into NAVSTA Washington for processing. I also remember all the times we got together in Davisville. The last time I met up with Noah was at the 2006 RI OAEA reunion. I remember him saying that his back was really hurting him and he couldn't play golf anymore. I remember communicating with Noah when he was at Pole and I was at Byrd via CW. He could send CW via a speed key better than any Radioman that I knew. He will be missed.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to Noah.



Noah at the 2006 Reunion

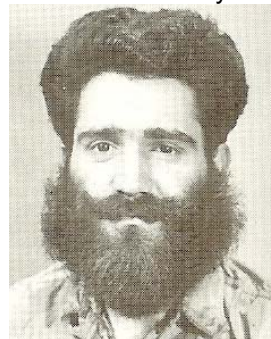
Butch Suchland  
esuchlandldo@aol.com

BB:

Thanks for letting me know that Gene had died. I was the only mechanic/operator [EN2(SS)] at Eights Station when the tractor finally arrived. We had been watching their progress for over 24 hours as the "spot on the horizon" slowly grew into a sled train as they got closer and closer. They were easy to see, as they had made good use of a can of international orange paint that the C-130s had on their tails that they found at Byrd Station. Across the full width of the blade they had painted in huge block letters a friendly greeting "H I I Y A"... you could read it from many miles away. Gene soon told me it was really an acronym for "Hang It In You're A..."

Gene was a good friend and our families stayed in touch for years. He even came to my defense when I made Chief in 1969; however, he really wasn't much help that day. At the time he was in Davisville and I was on a submarine in Groton CT. I'm glad he passed through my life... I learned a lot from him.

PP, AKA Pig Pen, AKA Big John  
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**Editor's Note: Yes, Noah will be missed. His death notice is in the In Memory section of this issue of the Gazette on page 15.**



NOAA Photo by John Bortniak  
Noah White, the Antarctic radio operator, takes a well-deserved rest. Homeward bound after 12 months at the South Pole.

CMH3 Willard Eugene Cunningham



1960 Byrd to South Pole traverse. From left to right, standing: Forrest Dowling, geophysics; CS1 Meredith Radford; CMC Walter Davis; Major Antero Havola; RMCA Edward Martens; CWO George Fowler; kneeling: CMH3 Marvin Medlin, CMA2 James Douglas; RM2 S. Mahan; CMH2 Gene Cunningham; and Henry Rosenthal, aurora

Ron:

Thank you again for the penguins you sent me for Christmas. I'm still unwrapping some of them. Billy-Ace will never catch up with me at this rate.

Billy Blackwelder  
heloking@cox.net



*Billy Blackwelder with his penguin collection*

**Editor's Note:** Billy Blackwelder sent the above to Ron Stephano in Luxembourg and he included me as a "copy to" in order to taunt me. Just before Christmas I gave two 39-gallon trash bags full of stuffed penguins to the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. I kept all the ones that sing and dance. One even plays a piano. Remember the proverb: "It's better to give than to receive."

**The below four posts are from the OAEA Web Master/Guest Book**

Tony DeLeon wrote:

Hi Guys

Where is the STAGING location for the troops awaiting to transfer to the ICE, now that Davisville is bulldozed away?

Thanks.

Tony DeLeon  
anticeplorer@verizon.net

**Editor's Note:** When Davisville closed down the Navy moved to Port Hueneme, CA. Later civilian contractors took the place of the Navy. They are headquartered in Colorado. The New York National Guard took the place of VX-6. Don't you read the *Explorer's Gazette*?

Mingta Yuen Wrote: Subject: The Association

Hi there,

I was a crew member (Chief Officer) on board the M/S *National Geographic Explorer* for several months. She is a passenger vessel and is operated by Lindblad Expeditions. Do I qualify to become a member of your Association?

Furthermore I read that you have funding problems. Why don't you approach the various cruise lines that operate down there out of Argentina, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand? Offer the operators a chance for their passengers the opportunity to enroll in the membership by distributing brochures on board their vessels. The passengers would get a better deal than you offer online and the companies take their cut. There are thousands of passengers each year and all are very enthusiastic about Antarctica. I have watched as they purchase everything possible related to Antarctica in the ship's store.

I shall contact a good friend of mine who is Vice President of Fleet Ops for Lindblad Expeditions and see if I can get his interest in promoting the OAEA.

Thank you.

Capt. Mingta Yuen  
calmseas@hawaii.rr.com

**Editor's Note:** I sent Mingta an OAEA Information package and he is now a new Regular Member of the OAEA. My reply to him is below.

Mingta:

For your information the OAEA joined, or attempted to join, the IAATO several years ago for the purpose that you suggested. After lengthy correspondence it did not work out for us. I do not remember the full details, but it would have been too expensive for the OAEA to continue along those lines.

Thank you for contacting us.

Billy-Ace Penguin Baker  
OAEA Membership Chairman  
upizauf@aol.com

**Editor's Note:** As of press time I have not heard anything from Mingta concerning him contacting Lindblad Expeditions Fleet Operations President.



*Capt. Mingta Yuen*



Sam Feola wrote:

Thanks, Billy-Ace - Page 7 (Oct-Dec 2018 issue of the Gazette) turned out great!!

Sam  
[samfeola@gmail.com](mailto:samfeola@gmail.com)

Jeff Bowers Wrote:

Please be advised that my father, Richard "Dick" Bowers, passed away on January 29th. He always spoke fondly of his times in Antarctica (1956-1957).

Would (you) please post the attached obituary. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Jeff Bowers  
407-463-8799  
[Beachsailor@hotmail.com](mailto:Beachsailor@hotmail.com)

**Editor's Note: Dick's death notice is in this issue of the Gazette in the In Memory section on page 12.**



**Dick Bowers, Mary McKee, Jerry Marty, Jerry McKee at the 2005 ADFA reunion**



**Paul Siple and LJTG Dick Bowers who supervised construction of South Pole Station examine the mirrored globe later set atop the striped "South Pole".**

### The Following Received Via Messenger

Billy-Ace:

I regret to inform you that my wife Lona passed away. Obit to follow.

Antarctica was a very special place to both of us. We are blessed!!

Richard Chase USN Ret  
[Redpopeye46@hotmail.com](mailto:Redpopeye46@hotmail.com)



**Lona Chase. May she RIP**

Dear Billy-Ace

The Mawson Hut Foundation (MHF) is currently undertaking a "Membership" drive and a link to the MHF Membership form is located below. All funds raised are used in the on-going conservation of the Mawson's Huts at Cape Denison.

<http://www.mawsons-huts.org.au/assets/files/MHF-Society-Membership.pdf>

A link to the first issue of *The Blizzard* for this year is located below. We have a busy schedule of projects for the next 12 months hopefully including another major expedition to Cape Denison. Please feel free to forward this issue onto anyone who may be interested.

<http://www.mawsons-huts.org.au/assets/files/The-Blizzard-January-2019.pdf>

Thank you for your interest and support and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information on what the Foundation is doing.

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# LIONEL WAFER: HIS LIFE AND TIMES

Ghost Written by Black Jack of Ballarat



*Black Jack in Valparaiso interviewing two lovely ladies while doing research on Lionel Wafer*

## Bulgarians Discover Giant Penguin



*Clean-shaven Pimpov*

The world's largest penguin, an Emperor Penguin the size of a two-story building, has been discovered on King George Island by Bulgars. Professor Pimpov Christoferou, leader of the Bulgar Mission, rounded a corner outside the latrines and ran into this black and white monster. At first he thought it was an eclipse of the sun. Bulgars experience things in a different manner from other nationalities. Then he thought it was a two-story house, but he gave that notion up when the thing spoke to him.



*Body building Pimpov*

"Good morning, Professor. Lifted any good weights recently?"

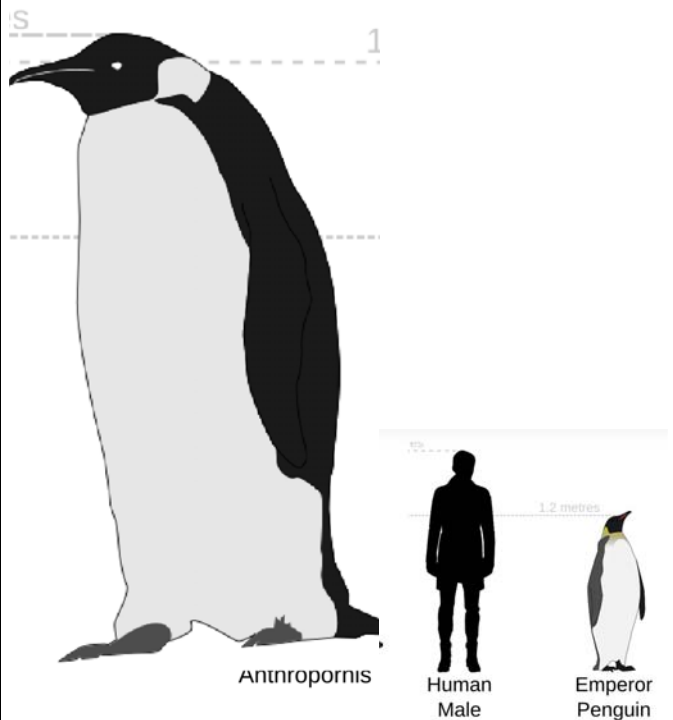
It was the most unusual opening line ever delivered by an Emperor Penguin.

"Professor Christoferou was staggered, but, determined not to show it, answered back: "Not recently, no. You?"

"I thought you was the Bulgar weightlifting champ, what with all that jerking and snatching and clean pressing, and so forth", said the penguin.

"Your grammar stinks", replied the professor, "but your facts are right. We need penguins like you".

So, the professor offered the thirty-foot penguin a job as a fact-checker/latrine cleaner, and the big lad will sail back to Bulgaria in the next few weeks.



*A graph illustrating the relative large size of the Anthropornis penguin in comparison to the height of an average modern human male at 5 ft 7 1/2 in) tall and a modern Emperor Penguin at 3 ft tall.*

## New Discoveries Made by Bulgarians

The discoveries made by the Bulgarian scientists on the icy continent—giant penguin, unknown fish, new plant species and microorganisms—are of global importance, Prof. Pimpov Christoferou, director of the Bulgarian Antarctic Institute and head of the 27th Antarctic expedition, told Focus Radio. He specified that the newly discovered ice fish with transparent blood is unique to the vertebrate species. The giant penguin is an extraordinary discovery. The microorganisms found in Antarctica are extremely valuable for their enzymes, which are used to make antibiotics, and Bulgarian biologists have made a major contribution to that, Prof. Pimpov said. "Antarctica is the largest natural science lab in the world and I am happy that we, Bulgarians, together with our peer researchers from over 40 countries in the world, who spend hundreds of millions on science each year, work as equal. Antarctica is home to microorganisms that are unique to this virgin continent with the most extreme conditions of the entire planet," said Prof. Pimpov.



*Bulgarian scientist removing DNA from the bones of a giant penguin*

Five new species of floral plants that lived on the icy continent 90 million years ago have been discovered, the professor said, pointing out that such discoveries are of worldwide significance.

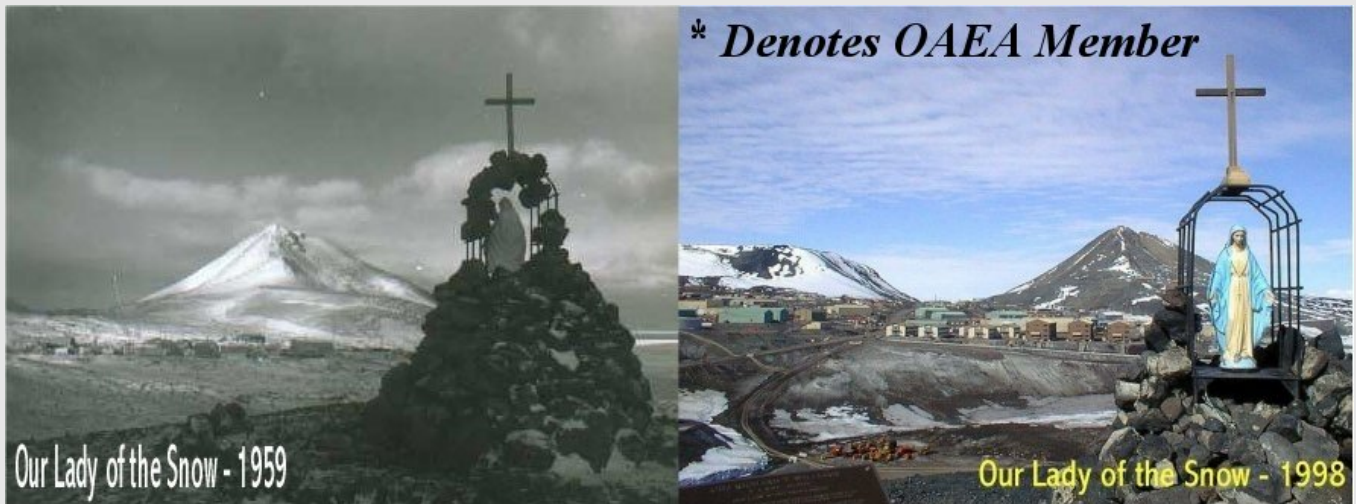
After the biologists finished their work by the end of 2018, in January and February of 2019 Bulgarian geologists are working in the Bulgarian base to study the increasing ice-free areas, Pimpov said. The prof returned to Bulgaria where he continued with his fund raising efforts for the United Bulgarian Antarctic Program as seen in the photo below.



*Prof Pimpov working hard to raise funds*



*GREAT NEWS! I'VE CORRELATED ALL THE DATA AND DISCOVERED THAT ANTARCTIC GLACIERS ARE RECEDING FASTER THAN MY HAIRLINE!*



\* Denotes OAEA Member

Our Lady of the Snow - 1959

Our Lady of the Snow - 1998

## IN MEMORY

OAE Kenneth W. Allison, 93, died on 11 February 2019, at the Lowell General Hospital, in Lowell, MA. Ken served in the US Navy during WWII and took part in the Byrd Expedition to Antarctica also known as Operation Highjump.

OAE Helen Marie Arntson, 79, died on 29 January 2019, in Seattle, WA. Helen visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Helen Anita (Dreesen) Bacon, 90, died on 4 March 2019, in Mansfield Center, PA. Helen visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Joseph George Barkate, 88, died on 20 February 2019, at Antelope Valley Hospital Medical Center, in Lancaster, PA. Joe visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE John Edward Barrett, 67, died on 24 November 2018, in Buckeye, AZ. John served in Antarctica with the US Navy.

AOE John O. Batson, 94, died on 5 February 2019, in New Orleans, LA. John visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Jacquelyn Elizabeth Beal, died on 2 February 2019, in New London, CT. Jacquelyn visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Bobby Ruth (Smith) Bjork, 92, died on 13 January 2019, in Ennis, MT. Bobby visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE J. Michael "Mike" Blackwell, 81, died on 25 January 2019, at Queen Anne Retirement Community, in Seattle, WA. Mike wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-62 as the transportation officer.

\*OAE ADCS (AC) William L. "Lennie" Bourgeois, USN (Ret), 82, died on 13 January 2019, in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Lennie served as an LC-130 flight engineer from 1966 through 1972. Bourgeois Nunataks is named in his honor. Lennie was a member of the OAEA GCG Chapter and one of the few Americans who was a member of the British Antarctic Society.

\*OAE CDR (CEC) Richard "Dick" Allen Bowers, USN (Ret), 90, died on 29 January 2019, in Indianapolis, IN. His most satisfying (volunteer) assignment was as a 27-year old LTJG leading a group of men to build the first permanent structures at the geographic South Pole during DF-II (November 1956-January 1957). The work he did to help design, plan, and build this scientific station, along with a support station at McMurdo Sound during DF-I (1955-1956) (part of Operation Deep Freeze), were chronicled in National Geographic and the book *Deep Freeze* by Dian Belanger. Bowers Corner is named in his honor. Dick was a founding member of the Antarctic Deep Freeze Association.

OAE Arthur Otto Bredlau, 90, died on 13 January 2019, in Indianapolis, IN. Arthur visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE William E. Brock, 90, died on 28 March 2019, in Providence, RI. Bill served on the USS *Philippine Sea* during Operation Highjump.

OAE Ceeanne Brutsché Brosi, 80, died on 23 February 2019, in Wilmington, DE. Ceeanne visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Edward Eugene Brown, 93, died on 10 January 2019, in Des Moines, IA. Edward served in Antarctica with the US Navy during Highjump.

OAE Edward S. Bystran, 76, died on 20 February 2019, in Aptos, CA. Edward visited Antarctica as a tourist.

\*OAE Lona Blanche McCollister Chase, 72, died on 18 January 2019, in Chunky, MS. Lona served as a USAP contractor supply clerk during DF-97. See the Apr-Jun 2018 issue of the Gazette on page 23 for an article about Lona and her husband who was NSFA MCPOC.

OAE Raymond L. Clavin, USN (Ret), 88, died on 9 March 2019, at Winship Green Nursing Center, in Bath, ME. Ray served as an AG1 on the USS *Burton Island* during DF-60.

OAE Howard Lee Clinkscales, 73, died on 28 March 2019, in Kill Devil Hills, NC. While in the Coast Guard Howard deployed to Antarctica on the USCGC *Westwind*. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Marie Pizzanello Coburn, 89, died on 9 January 2019, in West Hartford, CT. Marie visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Henry Culbreth, 78, died on 21 February 2019, in Ocala, FL. Henry served in Antarctica with the USAF.

\*OAE CMC Willard Eugene "Gene" Cunningham, Jr., USN (Ret), 82, died on 28 December 2018, in Plymouth, IN. Gene was originally a Marine, but he joined the Navy when his tour was up and he transferred to the Seabees in 1959. He wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-60 as a Construction Mechanic Third Class (CM3). He was a member of the Byrd Station to South Pole Station Traverse during DF-61. During the summer of DF-63 he was on the traverse from Byrd Station to the new Eights Station to deliver a D-8 LGP. He then wintered-over at South Pole Station during DF-63 as a CM1. Cunningham Glacier is named in his honor.

OAE E. Julius Dasch, 86, died on 14 February 2019, in Alpine, TX. Julius served in Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze. Unit and date(s) unknown

OAE Frederick J. Dietrich, Jr., Dunmore, died on 11 January 2019, in the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Fred served in Antarctica with the US Navy.

OAE Hattie Lawrence Dorman, 86, died on 2 February 2019, in Washington, DC. Hattie visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE John Thomas Dullam, 80, died on 5 March 2019, in Ventura County, CA. John forgot his boots on a visit to Antarctica.

OAE Richard M. Ead, Jr., 48, died on 17 January 2019, in Wakefield, RI. Richard worked in Antarctica in construction.

OAE Frank Farley, USN (Ret), died on 28 February 2019, in Ventura, CA. Frank served in Antarctica in the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Richard Wilson Flygare, 94, died on 9 February 2019, in Salt Lake City, UT. Richard visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Walter B. Gartner, 89, died on 24 January 2019, in Sonoma, CA. Walter made history in 1965 as a member of the first crew to circle the earth flying over both the North and South Poles.

OAE Jon R. Gathercole, 70, died on 1 March 2019, in Santa Barbara, CA. Jon visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE LCDR Sterling M. Giannotti, Jr., USN (Ret), 81, died on 29 March 2019, in Wash, DC. Sterling served in Antarctica. Unit and year(s) unknown.

\*Donna M. Grass, died on 22 March 2019, in Broomfield, CO. Donna was the widow of commemorative member Robert D. Glass who wintered over at South Pole Station during DF-64.

OAE Carl Benjamin Haftel, 91, died on 23 January 2019, in Venice, FL. Carl visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE CPO Richard "Rich" E. Hagert, USCG (Ret), 81, died on 14 January 2019, in Naples, FL. Rich served on the USCGC *Eastwind* during DF-I.

OAE Roberta Mae Harvie-Perkins, USN (Ret), 56, died on 19 March 2019, in Cut Bank, MT. Roberta made several deployments to Antarctica while serving in VXE-6. Years unknown.

OAE Kevin Richard Hobson, 59, died on 8 February 2019, in Seattle, WA. Kevin served in Antarctica onboard the USCGC *Polar Sea* as a radiomen.

OAE Robert E. Hopkins, 81, died on 31 March 2019, in Nokomis, FL. Robert served in Antarctica where he wintered-over. Unit and year unknown.

OAE RMCS Donald G. (Gus) Howser, USCG (Ret), 91, died on 21 March 2019, in Billerica, MA. Gus made five deployments to Antarctica on the USCGC *Eastwind* as a Radioman.

OAE CWO-4 Art Hughes, USN (Ret), died on 17 February 2019, in Bowdoinham, ME. Art served as ASA/NSFA personnel officer from July 1971 through July 1974.



OAE PHC John "Jack" Jeffries, USN (Ret), 82, died on 27 March 2019, in Fort Bragg, CA. Jack served in Antarctica as a photographer with the US Navy. Unit and date(s) unknown.

OAE SCPO James E. Johnson, 81, died on 29 March 2019, in Loogootee, IN. Jim wintered-over during DF-67 with PM3A, Crew VI, as a CEC.

OAE David Johns, 89, died on 7 January 2019, in Vale Australia. David wintered over at Macquarie Station in 1954, and at Mawson Station in 1957 as a COSRAY Physicist. He was a member of the ANARE Club. Mount Johns is named in his honor.

OAE Gordon John Jones, 79, died in Australia in 2018. Gordon wintered-over at Casey Station in 1975 as the Radio Officer in Charge

OAE Tommy "Tom" Vern Jones, 73, died on 17 March 2019, in Klamath Falls, OR. Tom served in Antarctica as a Seabee with CBU-201 during DF-69.

OAE Thomas Kelly, 86, died on 17 March 2019, in Dallas, TX. Thomas served in Antarctica as a LT Commander in the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Charles Richard "Dick" Kravako, USAF (Ret), 86, died on 9 January 2019, in Conyers, GA, Dick made two deployments to Antarctica with the USAF 63rd Troup Carrier Wing,

OAE Trevor Ralph Lane, died on 26 February 2019, in Tauranga, New Zealand. After returning from a cruise to Antarctica.

OAE Robert F. Lanterman, 70, died on 9 March 2019, in Idaho Springs, ID. Rob spent three seasons managing the water systems at McMurdo Station as a USAP contractor.

OAE Donald Conrad Lopp, 91, died on 24 February 2019, in Seattle, WA. Donald and his twin brother Ronald served in Antarctica as weather guessers during Highjump. Unit unknown. Ronald died on 23 January 2017. See the Jan-Mar 2018 issue of the *Gazette*.

\*OAE PNCM Harrison Neal McCann, often called "Mac", 93, died on 2 March 2019, in Dillsburg, PA. Mac served in Antarctic Support Activity Summer Support during DF-70 as a PNCS.

OAE Donald McNair, 81, died on 8 January 2019, in Empire, CO. Don worked in Antarctica with the USGS.

OAE CDR Joseph J. McNally, USN (Ret), 90, died on 13 January 2019, in San Diego, CA. Joe wintered over at McMurdo as the supply officer during DF-IV. During DF-67 he served on TF-43 Staff. McNally Peak is named in his honor.

OAE David Stuart Mathewson, 81, died on 21 February 2019, in Mesa, AZ. David served on the USS *Glacier* during DF-62, as the supply officer. Mathewson Point is named in his honor.

OAE LTJG Robert Willis Morey, Jr, USN (Ret), 82, died on 24 January 2019, in Marin, CA. Robert served in Antarctica on the USS *Atka* during DF-60.

OAE CAPT David Homer Morway, USMM (Ret), 68, died on 18 March 2019, in South Hero, VT. David joined the merchant marines in 1970. In 1986 after making Captain he took command of the tanker MV *Gus W. Darnell*. The Darnell was a tanker that refueled McMurdo Station. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Norine Mountcastle, 80 died on 29 January 2019, in East Nantmeal Township, PA. Norine loved penguins and displayed them throughout her home. In 1998, she saw penguins up close and personal when she and her husband cruised to Antarctica as tourists.

OAE Robert Michael "Bobby" O'Keefe, died on 1 March 2019, in Sante Fe, NM. Bobby worked in Antarctica. Unit and years(s) unknown.

OAE Joan Dreger Nix, 91, died on 25 February 2019, in Basking Ridge, NJ. Joan visited Antarctica on a Russian icebreaker.

OAE Emeritus Professor John Fredrick Nye, 95, died on 8 January 2019, in Sussex, UK. Nye Glacier is named in his honor.

OAE Jack Spencer Otis, 80, died on 6 Feb 2019, in St. Paul, MN. Jack travel to Antarctica to collect samples to analyze chromosomes of seals and penguins in the 1970s. Mount Otis is named in his honor.

OAE Gary "Gar" Roy Price, 82, died on 25 March 2019, in Seattle, WA. Gar deployed to Antarctica on a Coast Guard icebreaker. Name of ship and year(s) unknown.

OAE Robert "Bob" Powell, 83, died on 4 March 2019, at the Spokane Veteran's Home, in Spokane, WA. Bob served on the USCGC *Northwind* during DF-II.



OAE Dean B. Rademaker, 93, died on 30 January 2019, at St Johns Hospital in Springfield, IL. Dean aka The Flying Turtle visited Antarctica to run a marathon race.

OAE Peter Daniel Reed, 72, died on 20 February 2019, in Portsmouth, RI. Peter served in Antarctica with the SeaBees. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Joseph E. Richardson II, 89, died on 11 March 2019, in Sheboygan Falls, . Joseph visited Antarctica on two occasions as a tourist.

Rodney C. "Rod" Roberts, 79 died on 21 March 2019, in Sarasota, FL. Rod served at the Deep Freeze Detachment in Christchurch as a radioman. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Roger Roiger, 71, died on 6 March 2019, in Cottonwood, AZ. Roger served in Antarctica with the SeaBees. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Richard G. "Rick" Rose, 70, died on 26 March 2019, in Wrentham, MA. Rick served in Antarctica in the early 70s.

OAE Iven "Ike" L. Russell, 70, died on 18 January 2019, in Columbus, MS. Ike was s USCG helicopter pilot and he served on icebreakers in Antarctica in 1967. Name of ship(s) unknown

\*OAE David Maurice Rust, 79, died on 12 February 2019, in Columbia, MD. David was a USAP grantee with NASA during DF-96, and DF-2000. He considered the Flare Genesis Project in Antarctica the pinnacle of his professional career and the greatest adventure of his life. Working with a small team on a shoestring budget, he built and launched a balloon-borne telescope.

OAE Stephen M. Sabo Jr., 75, died on 21 March 2019, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Stephen served in Antarctica as a hospital corpsman or medical office in the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE James L. Seidler, 69, died on 9 March 2019, in Manitowish Waters, WI. Jim served in Antarctica on board the USCGC *Glacier*. Year(s) unknown

OAE Dennis Allan Seville, USAF (Ret), 66, died on 14 January 2019, in Bucyrus, OH. Dennis served in Antarctica with the Air National Guard. Year(s) unknown.

OAE POC James Graven Stinebiser, USN (Ret), 92, died on 12 March 2019, at Wingate at Belvidere, in Lowell. James served in Antarctica on the USS *Edisto* as the chief radioman and the chief master-of-arms. Year(s) unknown.

\*OAE CEC Ravis Eugene Stotts, USN (Ret), 73, died on 19 March 2019, in St. Petersburg, FL. Ravis wintered over during DF-78 at the McMurdo Penguin Power And Light.

OAE MCPO James Spencer Sturges, USN (Ret), 90, died on 2 February 2019, in Springfield, OR. Spencer wintered over as a CDC during DF-III (1957-1958) at Little America Station. Editor's Note: The TF-43 DF-III Cruise Book and the Winter-Over DF-III Cruise book have his name spelled Sturgis. See page 7 for mug shot from the winter-over cruise book.

OAE James "Jim" Velt Kamp, 82, died on 14 March 2019, in Kent City, MI. Jim served in Deep Freeze while in the US Navy. Unit and year unknown.

OAE Zeno H. Walther, 51, died on 2 March 2019, in Fort Smith, AR. Zeno visited Antarctica in a work status. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE March Wells, 90, died on 21 March 2019, in Louisville, KY. March served in Antarctica as a LTJG in the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

\*OAE RMC Noah Dale White, USN Ret, died on 3 February 2019, in FL. Noah Military/Civilian RMC, USN ASA/NSFA/USARP 66-67/69-70/70-73/75-80 2 W/O South Pole, DF67 & DF 70; 3 S/S McMurdo 70-73; 3 S/S south Pole & Siple 75-77; W/O South Pole 1979. White Nunataks are named in his honor.

OAE James Edwin Wood, 90, died on 4 January 2019, in Stafford, VA. While in the US Navy James served on the Flagship USS *Mt. Olympus* during Operation Highjump

OAE CAPT Julian M. Wright, Jr. "Skip" USN (Ret), 77, died on 17 March 2019, in Bethesda, MD. From 1988 to 1989, Julian served as Director, Interagency, and International Affairs Division for the Chief of Naval Operations/ Oceanographer of the Navy, and he conducted an on-site operational review of the McMurdo, Antarctica, and South Pole station.



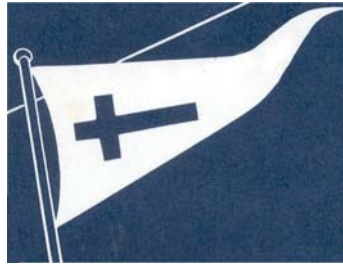
## Chaplain's Corner

Johnnie Draughon—OAEA Chaplain

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." (Matt 7: 12 NIV)

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6: 31 NIV)

**T**he scripture above is known to most people as "the Golden Rule." As I look around the world today, my own country, and sadly my own Christian denomination I see anger and bitterness everywhere. Us, them, left, right ... it is difficult, because as my friend Greg Koukl (author and Christian apologist) is fond of saying, "Everyone is right in their own mind." It seems to me that we could all use a little bit of "the Golden Rule." As Christians we like to think this is a uniquely Jesus idea. However, the reality is he picked up the idea from Leviticus 19: 18 "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." Some version of this rule is found in almost every religion and philosophy known: Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism, the Code of



Hammurabi ... you get it. So why is it so hard? I would like to covenant with each of you, as we go about our daily tasks for the next quarter lets treat others the way we would like to be treated ... it could change the world.

May the blessings be,  
Johnnie Draughon, Chaplain

**Editor's Note: Information about author Greg Koukl can be found at the following web site:**

<https://www.str.org/training/speakers/greg-koukl>



Greg

## ALL BLACK PENGUIN

By Victoria bell

**A**n incredibly rare emperor penguin which is almost completely covered in black feathers has been spotted among a colony of others in the Antarctic. Footage shows the bird standing among hundreds of other emperors with distinctive black backs and heads, white underbellies and yellow patches on their necks.

Unlike its counterparts, the rare specimen has not got a white underbelly—the result of a rare genetic mutation called melanism.

The clip was caught by BBC's wildlife programme *Dynasties*, who say that this could be the first time anyone has captured an all black emperor penguin on film. The all-black emperor "looked healthy" and in search of a mate with the other penguins which are huddling together for warmth.

Melanism, a development of a dark-coloured pigment, is a widely known mutation in the animal kingdom. Complete melanism like this has been seen before in king penguins, but it is extremely rare in an emperor penguin.

All mature emperor penguins have a dark grey back, a pure white belly and jet-black head, tail and top side of their flippers. They have a coloured yellow ring covering their necks and cheeks and the lower part of their beak is a deep orange.

This rare emperor appears to have entirely black feathers with the exception of its lower beak, which remains an orange colour.

The makers of the clip note that "he or she could be the only one of its kind" and that usually it would be difficult to survive until adulthood with this mutation. The colouring could make it easier for predators, such as killer whales or leopard seals, to spot it. The penguin's normal white belly camouflages it against white sky or ice, making it less conspicuous to these predators lurking in the water.



**Rare all black emperor penguin**



# TIDEWATER GROUP GET TOGETHER

by Ed Hamblin

For the first time in three years, the Tidewater VA quarterly OAE lunch for January 2019 was held as scheduled on the first Saturday in January...the previous two years had been rescheduled at the last moment due to very wintery weather, at least for the Tidewater VA area with snowy/icy roads and generally unsafe driving conditions.



A "new face" was present, Dell Jennings. Dell is a retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer, and spent three summers with VX-6 helos on the ice and wintered with the VX-6 Det in 1968 at McMurdo. Dell has been a Life member of the OAEA since July 2018; he and regular Herb Schaefer had been squadron mates over 50 years before. Dell jumped right into things with some VX-6 cruise books and new stories; and that is what our Tidewater group is all about, sharing experiences, socializing, and being friends.



**Dell Jennings. Jennings Peak is named in his honor**



**AE3 Jennings**

**Photos from the VX-6 DF-68 Cruise Book  
LT Holik and Jennings**

Besides Dell, the other folks who came out included Charlie and Tammy Thompson, Herb Schaefer, Gordon Spence, Bill Raymus, Wayne Rogers, Brad Miller, Johnnie Draughon, Ron Rooks, Manny Perry, Bill Murray, Neil Sugermeyer, and Ed & Linda Hamblin. Good group, good food, good stories. It just doesn't get better than that!

As you read this, the April lunch is history. The next scheduled outing is Saturday 13 July and will be at Terri's Breakfast and Lunch diner on Military Highway in Norfolk. If you aren't already receiving the advance notifications and would like to be included in the Tidewater e-mail notification group, drop an e-mail to [ehamblin74@verinzon.net](mailto:ehamblin74@verinzon.net).



**Tammy and Charlie Thompson**



**Herb Schaefer**

**Gordon Spence**



**Wayne Rogers & Bill Raymus**



**Brad Miller**



**Ron Rooks**



**Manny Perry**



**Bill Murray**



**Linda Hamblin**



**Neil Sugermeyer**

# New England Chapter Spring 2019 Meeting

By Marty Diller,  
New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer

February and March have been colder than normal here in Maine, but on 30 March for our Spring meeting in Rhode Island at the Quonset O Club restaurant, it was in the mid-60s and the golf course was crowded. The nice weather brought out 73 members and guests for this meeting—there are now 216 members in the Chapter and we average 70 attendees at spring meetings.



## Meeting Presentation

After another excellent buffet lunch, we introduced two attendees who recently returned from Antarctica after participating in the 2018–19 USAP summer science season:

(1) Chapter member Katie Koster of Alstead, NH (NSF weather observer; 2007-present; South Pole, McMurdo, Byrd, Pine Island Glacier) who summured at South Pole. She was on the last flight out from South Pole on 15 February.



Photo by Carolyn Brown  
**Russ White (ASA Det 'C' DF-62-67 (Hallett D-62; w/o McM DF-66); USARP DF-68), Katie Koster, and Bev Diller were among those that shared the head table.**

(2) OAEA member Allie Barden—more readily known to OAEs as “Sandwich Girl”—of Oakland, CA (NSF 2003-present (10 seasons during this period), McM). SG summured at McMurdo as a science team member for fish research.



Photo by: Sandwich Girl  
**Sandwich Girl and Marty Diller (VXE-6 Herk pilot, DF-92, 93, & 94)**



**Katie Koster weather guesser on the Ice**

What follows is a brief synopsis of what they had to share, and the attendees and Chapter leadership greatly enjoyed their humor and appreciated their enthusiastic participation in making this meeting one of the most entertaining in memory:

Katie’s anecdotal remarks included describing a contest held on Christmas Day at South Pole Station. Snow removal from under and around the station had resulted in three large “mountains” of snow (big enough to inspire a desire for skiing or sledding). This motivated them to

bestow national park status to those mountains and, of course, a need to name them. To this end, a contest was created to name two of the mountains after the contest winners, and the contestants would be station personnel. The winners would be whoever had the largest and the smallest head. Head size was determined by measuring how much water was displaced from a bucket when the contestant's head was submerged. Signs, modeled after U.S. National Park signs, were created and placed at the access point to each mountain, and after the contest and ceremonial naming ritual, the sledding commenced!



Photo by Sandwich Girl  
**Charlie Bevilacqua has two new girlfriends, Katie Koster (left) and Sandwich Girl.**

Today's meeting coincided with Sandwich Girl's post-Antarctic visit to see her mother, Jean, in Connecticut, so SG let us know that she would attend and would bring her mom along. (Jean was an avid bowler when SG was growing up, and she actually did a stint in the Navy in the early 1960s, serving at *Naval Air Station Quonset Point* as a flight attendant on the station's VIP bird (a C-131), so she



Photo by Carolyn Brown  
**Rudy Pinnow (VXE-6 DF-71-73) and his guest Connie Hanstedt, sit with Sandwich Girl's mother, Jean Barden.**

had some common memories to share with former VX-6 members at this meeting.) Sandwich Girl, at the end of the 2019 austral summer, left McMurdo on the same C-17 as Katie. Her remarks were a brief but delightful reprise of her talk as a guest speaker at the 2018 OAEA reunion in San Antonio. SG got the bowling "bug" from her mother and recounted the events that first compelled her to go to Antarctica—a quest to bowl on all seven continents! She also explained how she acquired her nickname and the story of her wedding in McMurdo in 2013. For more about Sandwich Girl, see the APR-JUN 2018 *Explorer's Gazette* (pg. 7); that issue's lead article was all about the 9th national OAEA Reunion in San Antonio, TX.



Photo by Sandwich Girl  
**Allie "Sandwich Girl" Barden and Peter (VXE-6, DF-71-73) & Denise Lahtinen enjoy hearing Katie Koster relate her adventures at South Pole Station last season.**



Photo by Sandwich Girl  
**Sandwich Girl introduces herself to the crowd as Anthony Richards (surviving son of Don "Squatty Root" Richards (VX-6 w/o DF-61, 64, & 66)) and Marty Diller look on.**

### Chapter Business

With the assistance of CWO4 (CEC) Charlie "CB" Bevilacqua, USN (Ret.) and his Bosun's Pipe, the business meeting was called to order and CB led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance. Under 'Unfinished Business' the ongoing problems with maintaining the Chapter's website were discussed; no solution has been found as yet. Also, the Chapter still has a number of VX-6-related artifacts and

memorabilia recovered from the Quonset Air Museum [see JUL-SEP 2018 *Explorer's Gazette* (pg. 47)]. So far, a couple of Seabee-related items have been turned over to the Davisville Seabee Museum and Memorial Park (SMMP), and plans are in work to take VX-6 artifacts to the New England Air Museum at Bradley Int'l Airport in Hartford, CT. That museum has a former VX-6 LH-34D *Seabat* helicopter (BuNo 145717) on display.



Photo by Sandwich Girl  
**Sandwich Girl with Dave Hazard (VXE-6, DF-71-74) and Dick Kopplin (ASA DF-71 s/s Brockton Station & w/o McMurdo). Dave and Dick were passengers aboard VX-6s Pegasus (C-121, BuNo 131644), which crash-landed at Williams Field on 8 October 1970. Neither Dave nor Dick had set foot on the continent before that date.**



Photo by Carolyn Brown  
**Dave Killian (VXE-6, DF-70-73) and Sal Puccia (VXE-6, DF-71) meet again.**

I also reminded attendees that OAEA Scholarship award applications for the 2019-20 school year must be postmarked by 1 July and award results will be emailed to each applicant by 1 August. A revised application form is available on the [www.OAEA.net](http://www.OAEA.net) website and a number of these new forms were made available at the meeting for those interested.

Only one item of 'New Business' was on the agenda—a \$500 donation to the Davisville SMMP in support of the restoration and display of Antarctic memorabilia and artifacts related to the Seabee men and women who

deployed to Antarctica in support of Operation Deep Freeze. This donation was approved by majority vote.

In earlier business at the Chapter Officers meeting, the Board approved 'At-Large' membership status for former New England residents John & Gloria Hollo (VX-6, DF-I & II). The Hollos' recently moved to Davenport, FL to live with their daughter and son-in-law.

## Fundraising

The winner of the meeting's 50/50 raffle was Jim Heffel (VX-6, DF-62, 63, & 64; OAEA President 2008-12). Jim's share of the raffle donations was \$160, and he immediately returned \$100 of it for the Davisville SMMP, augmenting the Chapter's \$500 donation.

The main door prize winner, Bob Rainville (VXE-6, DF-73, 74, & 75), won a free lunch at the next Chapter meeting he attends. Thanks to a donation by Sandwich Girl, two other door prizes were awarded: (1) a pair of electric blue socks peppered with small images of the Antarctic continent was won by Paula Ochsner (wife of Ron Ochsner; CBU-201, DF-69-70); and (2) Gary Hornung (MCB-1, DF-62) won a brass 'OAE'-logo hat pin. (SG also donated two paperback NSF *Polar Press Clipping* books (2003 and 2004), which were later donated to the Arctic museum at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME.) We won't forget that Katie Koster also brought a number of Antarctic mementos back from the continent, and she donated them to the Chapter—they'll become door prize awards at future Chapter meetings.

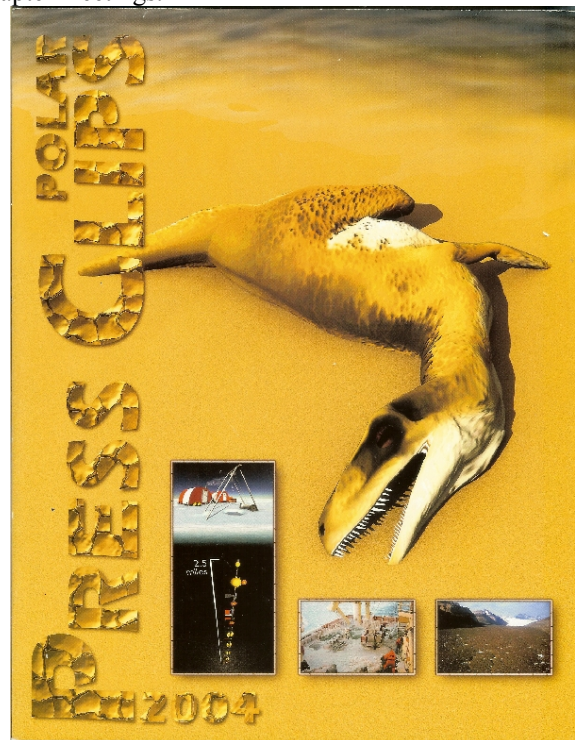


Photo by Billy-Ace  
**Cover of 2004 Polar Press Clippings**

### Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for 1pm on Saturday, 8 June 2019, at *Conrad's Casual Dining* restaurant in Walpole, MA.



Photo by Carolyn Brown

*This meeting was an opportunity for former USS Glacier (AGB-4) crewmembers to get together. Here are John Dinan (Capt (MC), USN (Ret.), DF-64) and his guest Don Epperson (CommO, DF-64 & 65).*



Photo by Carolyn Brown

*After the meeting Dudley & Gayl Hallagan (guests of John Dinan), adjourn to the lounge where they continue their mini reunion with John Dinan and Don Epperson.*



Photo by Carolyn Brown

*Tom Henderson (Surveyor, USGS; 1979-80, 1981-82, 1997-98. 1982 w/o South Pole) talking with Paula & Ron Ochsner (CBU-201 D-69, & 70).*



**Why Penguins Never flew**

# THE WORST JOURNEY IN THE WORLD

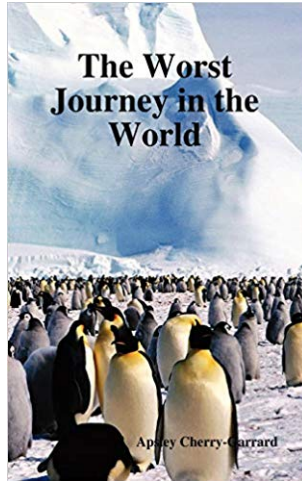
Compiled by Billy-Ace Penguin

## BOOK REVIEW



*The Worst Journey in the World*. Volumes I and II. By Apsley Cherry-Garrard. Hard cover, illustrated. Published September 2017. Amazon \$24.99

This is Cherry-Garrard's beautifully written memoir of Scott's ill-fated expedition to the South Pole. This edition contains Volumes I and II—the complete original text and illustrations, including Glossary and the final chapter, *Never Again*, assessing the expedition.



It could be even worse: You could be one of the crew members left indefinitely aboard to maintain the icebound vessel. In fact, it could be even worse than that. You could've been one of the members of Robert Falcon Scott's fatal expedition to the South Pole in 1910.

If you think you can imagine how miserable it must've been to be a mild-mannered British chap, dressed in reindeer skins that were frozen solid, 10,000 miles from home, eating little besides stale biscuits, and trying to be first to reach the South Pole, well, actually you can't. At least not without reading Apsley Cherry-Garrard's masterpiece, *The Worst Journey in the World*.

"Cherry" was one of the lucky who survived Scott's expedition, and his story about their journey is heart-stopping. With every page, you think their situation can't possibly get any worse; and then it does. That cracking sound you hear? Oh, just the sea ice breaking apart and floating away with your supplies and horses. The sudden strange cold on your face at night? One hundred mph winds just carried off your only tent. Blinded by endless blizzards? Right, compasses don't work this close to the magnetic pole; good luck finding your way.

After a brutal many-month struggle to be first to reach the South Pole, the British team arrives only to discover that the Norwegians beat them by a handful of weeks. As if that weren't demoralizing enough, they still faced a two-month journey back through minus-80 degree weather; their attempt to make it to base camp alive is riveting, even if you know from history books that the primary team is doomed to die of cold and starvation.

Cherry had been forced to turn back early in part because his glasses were always fogging up—leave it to the British to bring a near-sighted historian to the icy wilderness—and he waits for his friends to return in vain. What makes Cherry's story much more endearing than the usual ego-driven adventure narrative is that instead of breathless bragging, we get understated British humor: Early on he tells us, "The minus thirties and forties are not very cold, as we were to understand cold afterwards, but quite cold enough to start with."

And as he beautifully says later, even after the death of his closest friends, "There is many a worse and more elaborate life."

— Jynne Martin is a poet who recently served as Antarctica's writer in residence.

## THE WORST JOURNEY IN THE WORLD

Review by Jynne Martin

If like many East Coasters, you had a miserable commute today through the blinding snow, just remember that it could be worse. You could've been one of the 74 passengers and crew aboard the ship trapped in Antarctica sea ice on Christmas Eve, who waited a week to be rescued, then got stuck again, enduring high winds, freezing cold, and what must have been a painful number of Crazy Eights games.



Herbert George Ponting/Library of Congress  
Members of Robert Falcon Scott expedition's at the South Pole pose for the camera: Robert F. Scott, Lawrence Oates, Henry R. Bowers, Edward A. Wilson, and Edgar Evans. Not to be confused with the *Drunk History* re-enactment

**NEVER AGAIN. The final sentence:** "If you march your Winter Journeys you will have your rewards, so long as all you want is a penguin's egg."

## PICTURES AND STORIES FROM DAYS GONE BY

### THE WORST JOURNEY IN THE WORLD

From the collection of RMC Billy-Ace Baker USN (Retired): **Antarctic Books an Annotated Bibliography of Antarctica. (*Terra Australis Incognita*)**

Back in the day before I had a computer and before the OAEA was established I spent all of my spare time collecting books about Antarctica.

I collected every version of a book that I could find. Paperback, hardback, limited edition, advance reading copies, title published/printed in different countries—but only those in English, copies signed by author. So forth and so on. I have ten different copies, including the version just reviewed, of Cherry-Garrard's *The Worst Journey in the World*.

I kept track of my book collection by typing a description of each book on an old manual typewriter. Later, when I got a computer, my list was scanned as text files that I could transfer to my computer. Below is a recent addition to my collection as listed in my annotated book list.

Cherry-Garrard, Apsley. *The Worst Journey in the World; Antarctic, 1910-1913*. With a 2012 Introduction by Francis Spufford, with maps by Kevin Freeborn and illustrations by the late Doctor Edward A. Wilson, and other members of the expedition. The text in this edition is based on that of the 2003 Pimlico Edition with minor emendations. lxiv, 591 pp; endpaper drawings depicting stages of the journey to the South Pole, frontis of Cherry-Garrard at work, 48 illus (some in color), 4 maps; Navy cloth grained slip case with orig cambric grain binding, imprinted with watercolor by Edward Wilson, spine lettered in white. New. London: The Folio Society, 2012. (fine in fine slip case) [USN 23--63.33] [before Vol 8 D--15035] (Spence 282??) (Renard 310) (Conrad p173) (Rosove 71.D1a) (Folio Society 3/7/13) \$85.90

Account of Scott's last expedition. Considered by many to be the best Antarctic book ever written. It is a very literate, detailed account of the expedition.

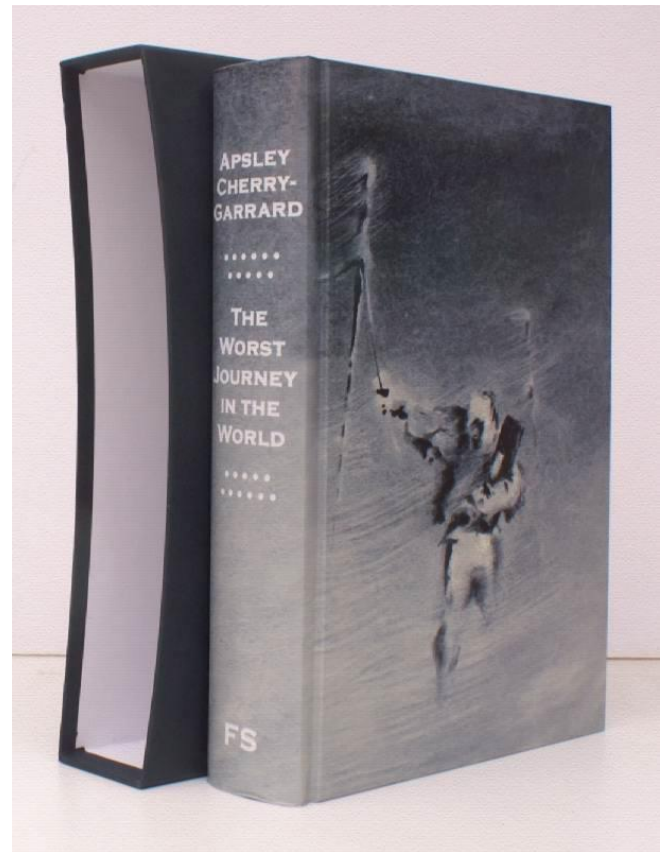
"It's been called the grandfather of all polar works. It probably is. It's a great book, a first person account of Scott's doomed expedition. Cherry spent years pulling it together. He also spent years pulling himself together as he blamed himself for Scott's demise. However, he made up for it by writing the book that would make Scott a legend. A must read, but don't expect to learn about Scott's foibles as a leader. It is important to read this book to not only learn the official account, but to also see how it is that one uses a book to built a legend, a legend that in turn becomes a national hero".

—William Emmett Dwyer, 1999



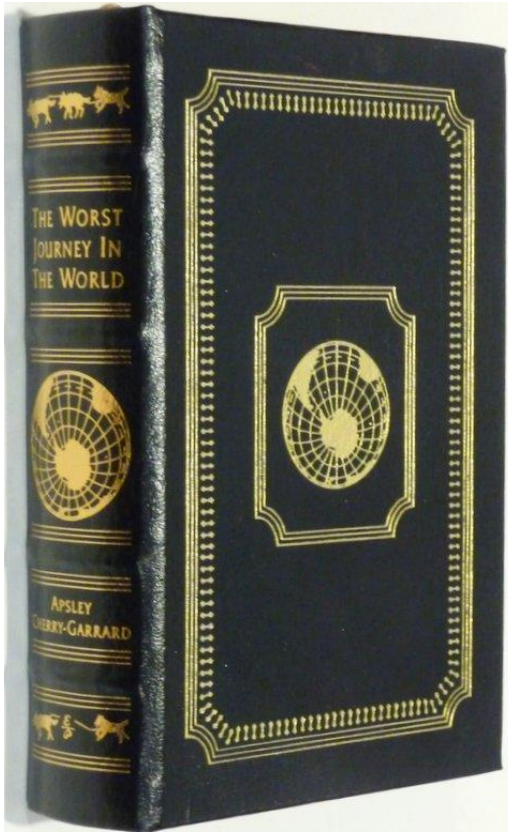
**Apsley Cherry-Garrard**

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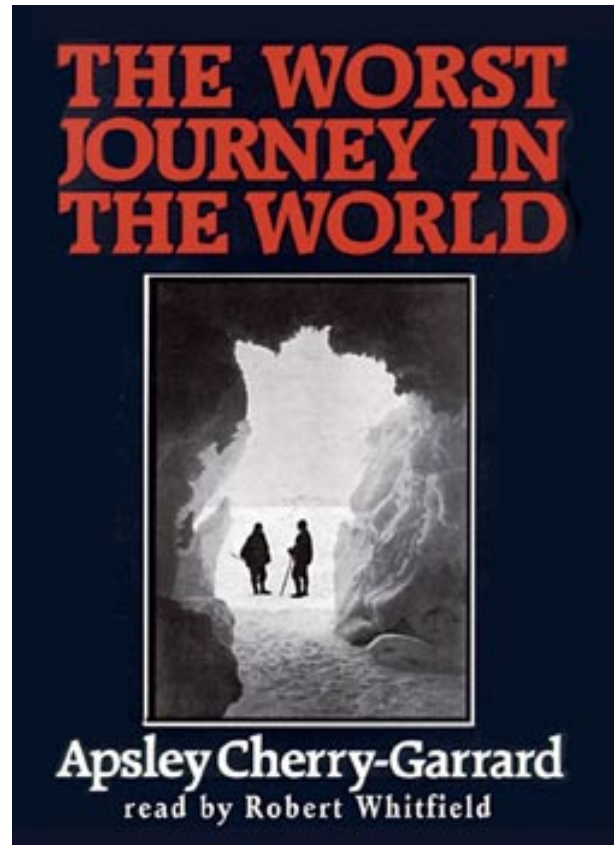


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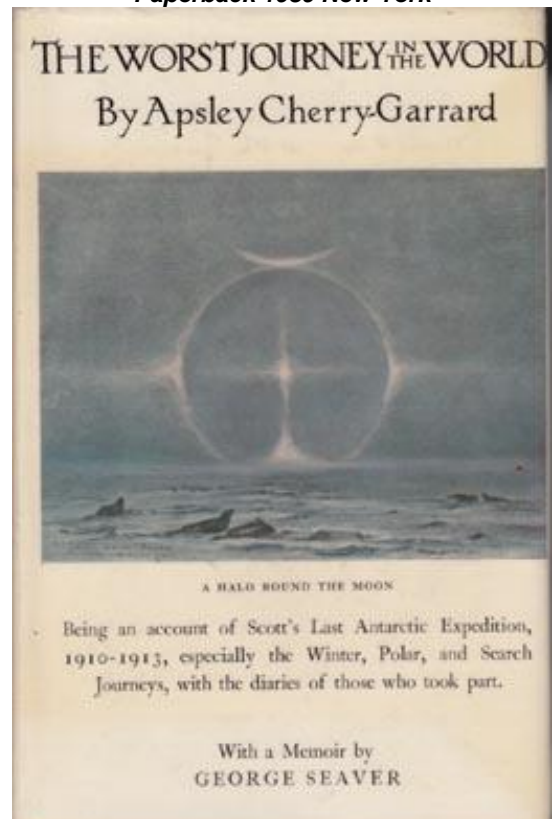
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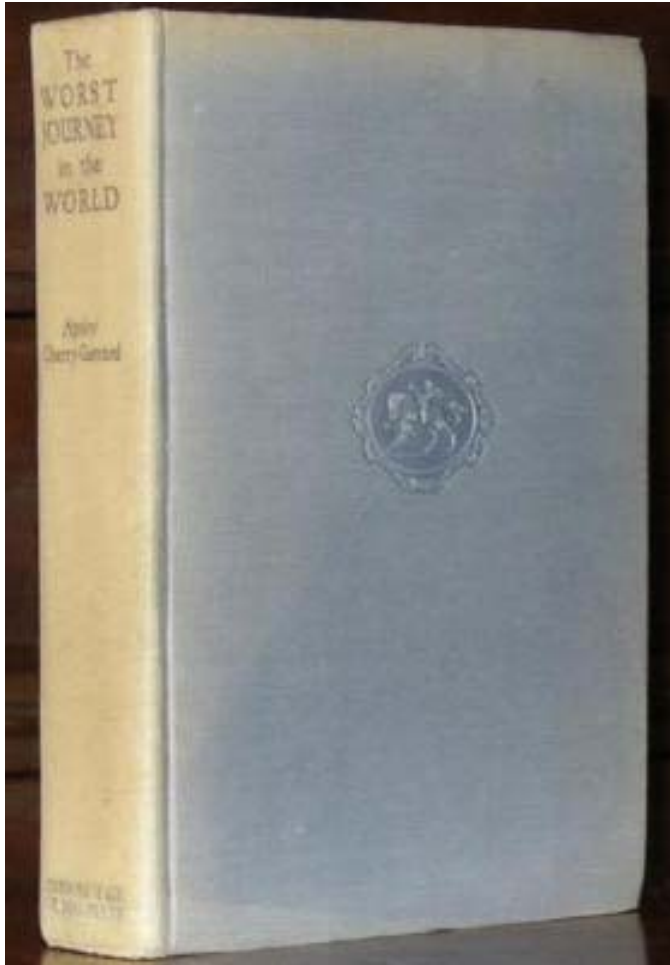
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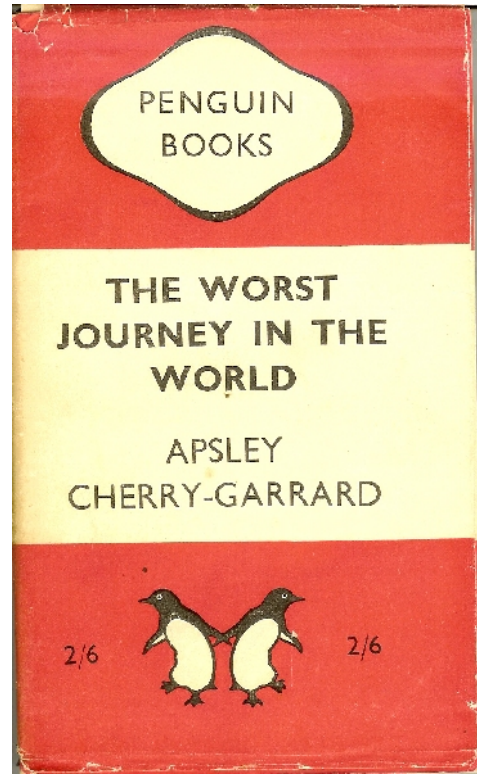
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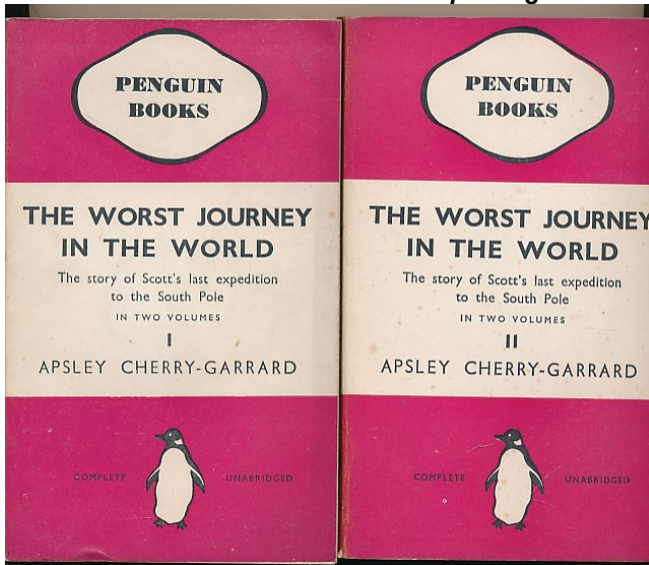
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Hard cover cloth. First American printing 1930



Small paper back one volume edition. Reprinted 1939



This is a small paperback version in 2 volumes, 3rd impression 1939. What is unusual is that they have dust jacket.

The Worst Journey in the World: Antarctic  
1910-1913  
Apsley Cherry-Garrard



Published by the Library of Alexandria

This is an edition that I don't have. I do not know why a book about Antarctica has a cover like this.

## NEW OAEA MEMBERS

Thanks to Ace's Place Web Site, Pam Landy, Polar Postal History Society of Great Britain, Obit Messenger, OAEA Web Site, Google Article, Messenger, Elaine Hood, VX6 FaceBook, Radiomen FaceBook, Bill & Neola Waller, Gary Skaar, Marty Diller, Black Jack Stewart, Pensacola News Journal, Scott Mosher, and PPHSGB for recruiting new members or for providing names and contact info for prospective members.

If you know of any OAE, or anyone interested in Antarctica, who is not a member of the OAEA please send their contact info to the OAEA Membership Chairman at [upizauf@aol.com](mailto:upizauf@aol.com) or 850 456 3556.

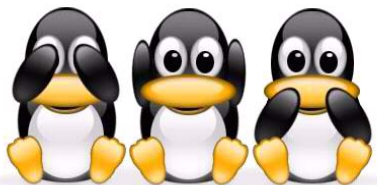
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**All AKAs In Antarctica:** Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY, 5-9 September 2019. POC Louis "Skip" Sander. Skip can be reached at: (412) 367-1376, or at: [LSander153@aol.com](mailto:LSander153@aol.com).

**USS *Atka*:** Wilmington, NC, 22-24 April 2019. POC Mike Kovacs. Mike can be reached by phone at: 609 506 7981, by snail mail at: 9274 County Road 99, Lillian, AL 36459, or by email at: [mikeakovacs@hotmail.com](mailto:mikeakovacs@hotmail.com). The *Atka* served during Pre-DF, DF-II, DF-III, DF-60, 62, 64, & 66.

**USS *Wilhoite*:** Boise, ID, 26-29 September 2019. POC Bob Piazza. Bob can be contacted at: 707 337 9700, or [piazzaarw@gmail.com](mailto:piazzaarw@gmail.com). The *Wilhoite* serving during DF-61.

**USS *Yancey*:** Buffalo, NY, 5-9 September 2019. POC George Clifton. George can be reached at: 708 425 2065, or [clifs@ameritech.net](mailto:clifs@ameritech.net). The *Yancey* served during: Operation Highjump.

**All SEABEE:** Gulfport, MS, 25-28 April 2019. POC Robert Smith. Robert can be reached at: 228 424 1185, or at: [smithrep@cableone.net](mailto:smithrep@cableone.net).

**USS *Edisto*:** New Orleans, LA, 10-14 June 2019. POC Glen Smith. Glen can be reached by phone at: 321 362 5284, or at: [glen.smith@att.net](mailto:glen.smith@att.net). The *Edisto* served during: Operation Windmill, DF-II, IV, 61, 63, & 65.

**USCGC *Westwind*:** Wilmington, NC, 13-15 September 2019. POC Alex Malvica. Alex can be reached at: 845 352 7040, or [amavica@optonline.com](mailto:amavica@optonline.com). The *Westwind* participated in DF-IV, 67, 68, 70, 71.

**OAEA:** Jacksonville, FL, 11-13 November 2020. POC Dewey Painter. Dewey can be contacted at: 904-962-1928, or at: [oaea2020reunion@gmail.com](mailto:oaea2020reunion@gmail.com)

**VX/VXE-6:** New Orleans Airport in Kenner, LA, 24-29 September 2019. POC: Robert Louis McCauley. Bob can be reached at: [bobmccauley2@cox.net](mailto:bobmccauley2@cox.net), or at: 702-242-4240. AIRDEVRON 6/ANTARCTICDEVRON 6 participated in DF-I through DF-99.

**Antarctican Society:** Mystic Seaport Maritime Museum 16-18 July 2021. POC Paul Dalrymple. Paul can be reached at: [pcdal@adelphia.net](mailto:pcdal@adelphia.net), or at: 207-372-6523.

**Belvoir Nuke:** Deadwood, SD, 15-20 September 2019. POC Jerry Schloredt. Jerry can be reached at: 307 283 1448.

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• Jaimie Graham is trying to find some information about her father Craig White who wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-67 with the VX-6 Detachment. At that time he was an ADJ3. Craig retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 3, he died on 8 February 2018 at the age of 73. It has become very important because the family has recently discovered that Craig may have had a son during his time in New Zealand before going to Antarctica. They are looking for anyone that may remembers Craig. Jaimie can be reached by email at: [grahamjj@live.com](mailto:grahamjj@live.com), or by phone at: 225 252 9301, or by snail mail at: 201 Hillwood St, Eddyville, KY 43038.

**Editor's Note: I knew Jaimie's father as I wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-67 with ASA Det A. The below email was also received from Jaimie.**

Mr Baker:

I have one name of someone my dad served with: OAE Edward "Buzz" Bramble, age 63, died at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital on 02 August 2003. Buzz was not a member of the OAEA, but he wintered over at McMurdo during DF-67 with VX-6 I do have pictures of them together.

Is there any chance you or your wife knew a lady in Christchurch named Noeline Jesse Baker? She is the possible mom of my potential brother. She gave him up for adoption in October 1967.

Jaimie Graham



*Craig White without facial hair*



Photos from the VX-6 DF-67 Cruise Book  
ADJ3 Craig White ADR2 Ed "Buzz" Bramble

• Ernie Angino would like to find out if anyone knows how the name Blood Falls came about for the outflow from the end of Taylor Glacier just before Lake Bonny Who named it and when . Ernie worked in the area in 1959-1960 and later. Ernie can be reached by email at: [rockdoc@sunflower.com](mailto:rockdoc@sunflower.com), by phone at: 785-843-7503, or snail mail at: 605 Grove Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049.



*Edward Zeller and Ernest Angino, University of Kansas geologists place rock samples in metal container for transportation to the U.S. There the thermo-luminescence (light given off when the rocks are heated) will be measured to give an estimate of the time of the last glaciation of the McMurdo area. The rocks must remain "frozen" during their trip to America.* Recent photo of Ernest



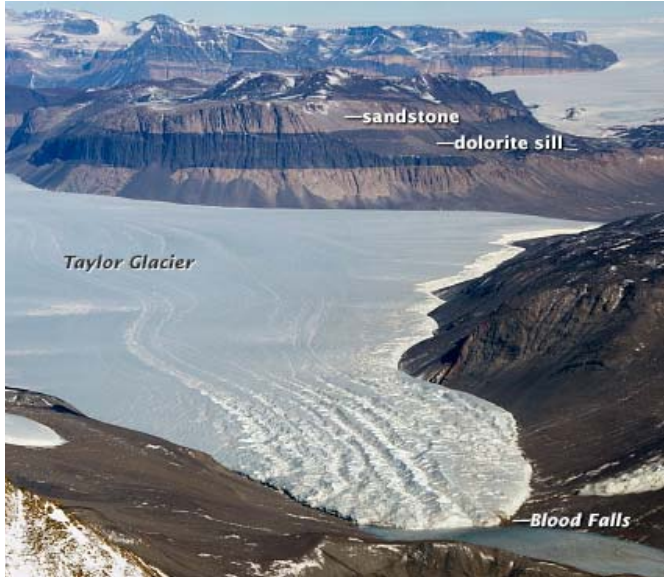
**Editor's Note: Blood Falls is not listed in John Stewart's Antarctic Encyclopedia, but I contacted him and John (aka Black Jack) sent me the below info.**

Ace:

Grif Taylor discovered the falls in 1911 and named it. It's the iron oxides in the water. Red as hell

There are very impressive pics of it all over the web, there are explanations of how the term came about and who named it and discovered it. It's hardly a mystery, Mate. There's a lot written about it. When I did my book I had never heard of it

Black Jack



Taylor Glacier & Blood Falls



Blood Falls. That is not a penguin standing near the middle

• Ron Borison is looking for a copy of the USCGC *Glacier* DF-75 and DF-76 cruise books. Ron is a retired USCG CDR. He was the co-editor of the DF-75 cruise book. During that time he was an ensign. His copy of the cruise book got lost in the floodwaters of hurricane Katrina. Now (in his old age) he wants to replace that copy. Ron can be reached by email as: [rborison@cox.net](mailto:rborison@cox.net), by phone at: 504 421 9674, or by snail mail at: 1913 Bayou Road, St. Bernard, LA 70085

**Editor's Note: I do not have any extra copies of *Glacier* cruise books at this time. Also I do NOT have a *Glacier* cruise book for DF-75 or DF-76.**

## Pilfered Purple Penguin Returned To Oklahoma Hotel

By Sean Murray  
6 January 2019

A giant purple penguin which was stolen at the end of 2018 has been returned to the hotel that it calls home.

On Sunday 30 December the 21c Museum Hotel of Oklahoma City lost one of its most prized possessions. The large purple penguin that had adorned its lobby for years was stolen.

For whatever reason, penguins had become the semi-official mascot of the 21c Museum Hotel chain. The chain not only provides guests with a classy place to stay, but they also provide a contemporary art museum for guests to enjoy while waiting for their rooms to be prepared. Those museums also contain strangely expensive statues of colorful penguins made by the Italian artist Cracking Art Group.

The \$3,000 penguin was stolen on the night of 30 December by someone who was believed to be a hotel guest. The suspect was in his early 30s, wearing jeans, a dark shirt, and a black vest. He was captured on surveillance camera waddling out with the 4-foot penguin tucked under his arm.



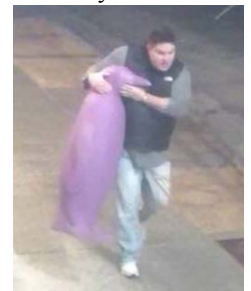
Police later released the surveillance footage in the hopes that Oklahoma City residents would be able to help spot the purloined penguin and bring its birdnapper to justice.

It seems the strategy worked since the penguin was mysteriously returned to the hotel last Friday. No arrests have been made or charges laid, and the hotel is mostly just glad to have their bizarre purple penguin back.

"We're thrilled the penguin has been returned to our flock," a 21c Museum Hotel spokesperson told *The Oklahoman* Newspaper.

The purple penguin was produced back in 2016, when 21c contacted the Cracking Art Group to create a statue of a penguin and to use some unusual colors. Purple was chosen as it has been historically viewed as the color of royalty. Other colors were also used and provided to various 21c locations across the country.

Each penguin costs approximately \$3,000, so it's not something that hotels can ignore the same as when people steal a towel or something.



# Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

## Saturday 5 January 2019

**Meeting**—We had 22 members and guests show up for our first meeting of the New Year. It was also our first quarterly meeting and our first meeting at the Cactus Flower Café. We did not have a guest speaker, but Yolanda Washington and her daughter Journey showed up and Journey came prepared with a large poster, with photos and text. Journey had a PowerPoint program with additional photos, video, and text on her laptop. Her presentation title *Be Nice To The Ice* is a school project that she is working on about her trip to Antarctica.



**Duck taking a look at Journey's *Be Nice to the Ice* poster**



**Gus Shinn and Journey Washington high**



**Grumpy, Tracey Baker, Kerry Konrad, and Jack McLendon. The penguin candle is by BAs left hand.**

After Journey completed her presentation Sean passed out the tickets for the door prize drawing and Duck sold tickets for the 50/50 drawing. Duck and Rainey Talbert won the door prize consisting of a glass penguin candleholder that was donated by Jack McLendon; and an Antarctic Cartoon book donated by Billy-Ace. Sean Baker won the 50/50 drawing and he took home \$40 as his share. There were screams of foul play because Duck had won the door prize and Sean had won the 50/50 whose winning ticket was drawn by his son Danny.



**Rainy Talbert, Pam Landy, "Me Maw" Konrad & Danny Thompson**

While the tickets were being distributed Les Liptak asked for the floor and I asked him if it was going to be an Ice, Story, a sea story, or a fairy tale, and he replied that it was a horror story. He proceeded to tell us that Cindy had collapsed and he took her to the West Florida ER Clinic and she was subsequently taken by helicopter to West Florida Hospital. To make a long story short it turned out that the problem was

attributed to a reaction to high blood pressure medicine that she has been taking for several years. Cindy is doing ok now.



**Jim Speed, Joyce Blackwelder, Les Liptak, and Gus Shinn with his back to the camera.**

Following the drawings Duck made an announcement that in the future we would be having quarterly vice monthly meetings and that our next meeting would be on the first Saturday in April at the Cactus Flower.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the meeting

Gary Skaar donated a copy of the San Antonio memory book and I gave it to Yolonda, so she could get an idea of what our reunions are like.

Sean and Yolonda took photos. Our waitress Sylvia was very good.

It turned out that my daughter Kerry Konrad had went to high school with the owner of the Cactus Flower.



**Sean taking a photo**



**Yolonda setting up Journey's PowerPoint presentation while Journey stands by.**



**Gary Skaar & Mary Fazio**



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