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Pensacola, Florida Gus Shinn and Que Sera Sera

50th Anniversary of First Aircraft Landing at the Geographic South Pole *The First Time was Pretty Hairy*

Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker

ON 31 OCTOBER 1956, GUS SHINN BECAME THE FIRST pilot to land an aircraft at the Geographic South Pole.

On 31 October 2006, the Gulf Coast Group (GCG) of the OAEA helped Gus celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this major milestone in aviation and Antarctic history. The celebration was hosted by the National Museum of Navy Aviation and was open to the public. Over 300 people attended the 1 p.m. ceremony held in the Blue Angel Atrium of the museum. The speakers, local dignitaries, and guests attended a luncheon commencing at 11 a.m. in the Museum's Cubi Point Café. Many of the GCG members, friends, and families also attended the luncheon.

Planning for this event started in May 2005 at the Antarctic Deep Freeze Association reunion in Biloxi, MS when Gus declined, out of modesty, to be interviewed by a National Science Foundation video crew. It was determined at that time if there was to be a 50th Anniversary celebration in Pensacola we would have to start working on Gus to allow us to honor him, his crew, and *Que Sera Sera*. It took almost a year and a lot of arm-twisting before Billy Blackwelder and I finally talked Gus into a small ceremony based on our pitch that it would be more of an honor for us to give him the recognition that he has earned.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER
John Lamont West—OAEA President

TO ALL OAEs—As we move into 2007, I wish a very prosperous and happy year to each of you. As our organization continues to evolve, the opportunity for members to step forth and serve is always available.



The Old Antarctic Explorers Association, Inc. is seeking a member to serve as the Election Committee Chairman. This Chairman will be responsible for establishing the procedures for conducting OAEA elections by U. S. Mail. The Chairman will work closely with the Chairman of the By-Laws Committee and with the members of the Board of Directors to develop the procedures for conducting the 2008 and future elections. The OAEA Election Committee Chairman will be responsible for identifying the members to serve on the 2008 election committee and for submitting the names of the prospective committee members to the OAEA Board of Directors for approval. The OAEA Election Committee Chairman will serve for one election cycle. The desire is to nominate a new chairman at each Symposium. Please submit your request to serve as the 2008 Election Committee Chairman to me at westjl42@aol.com.

The 2006 OAEA Reunion/Symposium “Memory Book” has been published and by the time you read this you should have received your copy if you ordered one. We certainly appreciate the tremendous effort involved to ensure that we received a quality product. Your patience and understanding while awaiting receipt of your copy of the “Memory Book” is greatly appreciated by those involved in its compilation, publication, and distribution.

On 17 January, I appointed Jim Landy to serve on the OAEA Board of Directors to fill a vacancy that was created when Walt Walters resigned. Welcome aboard Jim.

Jim O’Connell and his committee are making plans for the 2008 Symposium to be held in Pensacola, FL. As the date for the symposium approaches, Jim will be posting additional information.

Plans for the OAEA 2010 Symposium to be held in San Antonio, TX are also in the embryonic stage. There have been a number of exploratory e-mails exchanged by the members volunteering to assist in hosting the symposium in San Antonio. More information will be forthcoming.

As your president of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, I herewith solicit your recommendations and suggestions concerning those areas that you perceive as

satisfactory and in those areas where you feel that the OAEA could be improved.

To all those who have lost a loved one, please accept my heartfelt sympathy and my condolences as you pass through these tough times. My prayers are with you. To those under the weather, I wish you a speedy recovery.

Until next time, take care



GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES

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

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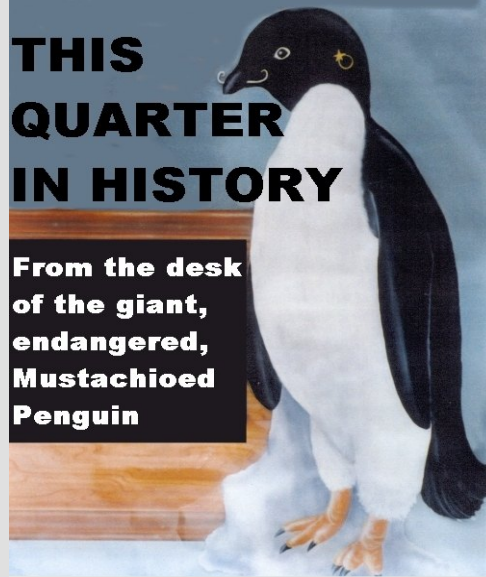
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THIS QUARTER IN HISTORY

From the desk of the giant, endangered, Mustachioed Penguin



January Events

- 30 Jan 1774 Capt Cook reaches a new furthest south—1130 miles from the Pole.
- 27 Jan 1820 Von Bellingshausen sights the continental ice shelf near Princess Martha Land.
- 25 Jan 1841 Ross sights Mount Erebus and names it High Island.
- 14 Jan 1911 Amundsen arrives at the Bay of Whales.
- 29 Jan 1947 Trigger Hawkes pilots the first plane from the USS *Philippine Sea* to Little America with RADM Byrd aboard during Highjump.

February Events

- 08 Feb 1821 *Aurora* reaches Yankee Harbor after two months of looking for South Shetlands.
- 16 Feb 1912 First member of Capt Robert Scott's South Pole Party, Petty Officer Edgar Evans, dies.
- 01 Feb 1930 Sir Hubert Wilkins makes his last flight of the season.
- 07 Feb 1952 Eduardo Andrew and Guillermo Campbell fly from Argentina to Deception Island in two Catalina seaplanes.
- 17 Feb 1986 First Korean Antarctic base King Sejong Station built on King George Island.

March Events

- 01 Mar 1839 Charles Wilkes, US Exploring Expedition, reaches Antarctica.
- 05 Mar 1839 After only five days Wilkes abandons his first voyage to Antarctica. Two of his ships remain in Antarctic waters for three more weeks before turning back.
- 17 Mar 1912 Capt L.E.G. "Titus" Oates dies.
- 29 Mar 1912 Capt Scott, Bowers, and Doctor Wilson die. Their bodies are discovered 8 months later.
- 27 Mar 1965 PM-3A reactor shutdown due to feedwater control system malfunction.

50th Anniversary **From page 1**

Vice Admiral Gerald Hoewing, President and CEO of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, opened the ceremony with the reading of a letter from the National Geographic Society. The Society also sent a large framed reproduction of *Que Sera Sera* that appeared in an edition of the Society magazine shortly after the historic flight. The ceremony also included a presentation by the 109th Military Airlift Wing of the US Air Force, current conductor of USAP flight operations in Antarctica.



Many other letters of congratulation, too numerous to read at the celebration were received from all over. Prominently display on tables in front of the stage and podium were letters from:

- Director National Science Foundation,
- President Old Antarctic Explorers Association
- Program Director Raytheon Polar Services Contractor,
- President New Zealand Antarctic Society
- Executive Director Antarctic Heritage Trust,
- Chairman Antarctic Deep Freeze Association
- President American Polar Society
- Director of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum
- Capt Eugene Van Reeth former commanding officer of Antarctic Development Squadron Six, Antarctic Support Activities, and Naval Support Forces Antarctica.

Additional letters of congratulations were received from local political personalities including the Mayor of Pensacola and the Escambia County Board of Commissioners who declared

31 October 2006 as “Gus Shinn Day”. A copy of the Congressional Record for the second session of the Proceedings and Debates of the 109th congress on 28 September 2006, at which Florida House of Representative member Jeff Miller rose and extolled details of the historic occasion was also displayed.

Billy Blackwelder served as the Master of Ceremonies on stage while Gary Skaar stood at a podium in the wings and handled out presentation items.

Many of the presentations went to Gus Shinn, but one presentation was to Nina Swadener, widow of *Que Sera Sera* navigator Dick Swadener, who was at the celebration. I presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a framed photo of the aircraft and crew.

Dave Bresnahan from the Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation was the keynote speaker and he arranged for a live phone call from the South Pole that was a special feature of the presentation, and was conducted by NSF Rep Antarctica Brian Stone at the South Pole



Conrad "Gus" Shinn receives a plaque commemorating his landing at the South Pole 50 years earlier from Dave Bresnahan, Office of Polar Programs, at Pensacola's National Museum of Naval Aviation.

When asked to comment on the flight, Shinn said his crew normally consisted of copilot Capt. Douglas Cordiner, navigator Lt. John R. “Dick” Swadener, crew chief John P. Strider, and radioman William A. Cumbie Jr. However, RADM Dufek put Capt. William “Trigger” Hawkes in the copilot’s seat while the Admiral and Cordiner flew as observers.



Que Sera Sera and crew

Immediately after the plane halted—with engines running to avoid a freeze-up (a practice still followed to this day)—U.S. Navy Adm. George J. Dufek, commander of Operation Deep Freeze, stepped out onto the ice, along with Capt Douglas Cordiner, to plant the stars and stripes at the Pole. They were the first to stand there since Briton Robert Falcon Scott did more than 40 years before. Actually, plane captain AD1 John Strider was first as he had to open the hatch and jump out to set the pins and place steps for the Admiral.

According to accounts the visit lasted about 50 minutes. Since no one knew if the *Que Sera Sera* would be able to lift off from the frozen surface, the aircraft had been equipped with jet-assisted take-off (JATO) units. When the time came to leave, the plane did not budge. Its skis were stuck to the snow. Shinn fired four JATO bottles and still the plane remained fast. He fired another bank of four JATO bottles and the skis broke free. He fired four more and picked up headway. Finally he fired the remaining bottles and was airborne.

Captain Bob Rasmussen, Director of the National Museum of Naval Aviation, gave the closing remarks to commemorate this historic occasion.

Following the speeches and presentations the museum provided a shuttle-bus service to take attendees to the flight line to view the *Que Sera Sera* up close. It should be noted here that the aircraft suffered heavy damages during Hurricane Ivan in September 2004, but action is being taken by the Museum Foundation to restore the aircraft.

Members of the Gulf Coast Old Antarctica Explorers Association were

responsible for organizing and coordinating the celebration and presentations that were highlighted by the live satellite phone call to the South Pole.



Gulf Coast Group member Jim Landy served as an usher and was responsible for obtaining the support of the Pensacola Mayor and the County Commissioners.

The museum staff was outstanding in supporting the Gulf Coast Group in every conceivable way. Their efforts before and during the ceremony will not be forgotten. We all owe them a hearty "Well Done!" and thank you.



Les Liptak Museum Staff and OAEA GCG leader was responsible for security and seating.

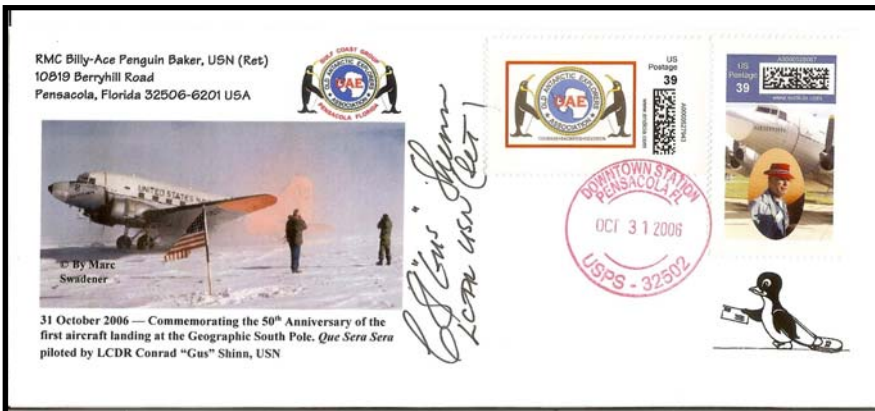
COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIERS

To commemorate the occasion the NSF created a 50th Anniversary embroidered patch measuring 4X5½ inches. A few of these were given to individuals who had helped organize the celebration.



50th Anniversary Commemorative Patch

In addition the Gulf Coast Group produced commemorative envelopes. The legal size (#10) envelopes (or covers) utilizing personalized postage stamps featuring the nose of *Que Sera Sera* and a cameo of Gus Shinn. In lieu of a cachet Marc Swadener granted permission to print the envelopes with a color image of the famous photograph that was taken by his brother Dick. The envelopes were hand-cancelled on 31 October by the philatelic mail clerk at the downtown Pensacola Post Office. These covers were sold as souvenirs serving as a fundraiser for the group. In addition to the Gus Shinn stamps, some of the covers were overpaid with the addition of an OAEA stamp. The covers were very popular and sold out almost immediately after being made available.



Commemorative 50th Anniversary cover signed by Gus Shinn and cancelled on 31 October 2006

**Conrad "Gus" Shinn
LCDR USN (Ret)**

*by Mike O'Connor
Gosport Staff Writer*

On Oct. 31, 1956, Lt. Cmdr. "Gus" Shinn became the first man to land an aircraft at the South Pole, beginning the United States' occupation that continues there today. However, important as this feat was, it is only one of Shinn's many accomplishments in polar aviation.

He was the first to test the skis on R-4Ds in Canada in 1946 as part of the preparation for Operation Highjump. This development was significant in that, for the first time, it was possible to establish large field science stations in the interior of Antarctica and Greenland and on ice stations offshore and support them on a year around basis. He was the third man to take off from the carrier *Philippine Sea* (CV-47) and fly into Little America IV as part of Operation Highjump—basically a test flight from which there was no turning back. Once ashore at Little America, Shinn flew aerial mapping flights, photographing more than 200,000 square miles of unexplored territory.

Shinn was selected as the first pilot for Operation Deep Freeze when planning for the International Geophysical Year began. He participated in Deep Freeze Operations I, II, and III and essentially "wrote the book" on polar flight operations. He not only made the first aircraft landing at the South Pole, he also led the next five flights of R4Ds to the pole, ferrying in the men and equipment to build the first base there.

Shinn set the modem standard for flying scientific support missions in the south polar region, a standard that continues to guide the missions of the present day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Billy-Ace:

I'm directing this Appreciation Card to you as the Life Director/Historian of the OAEA and because I really enjoyed meeting you at the OAEA 2006 Reunion . . .I put together your gift bag.

Vanessa

Editor's Note: The above note was received from the daughter of Don Richards aka "Squatty Root" that was enclosed in a thank you note that she wanted me to pass to the OAEA members who served with her father. I figured this was the best venue to disseminate the note:

To All the Operation Deep Freeze fellows who served with my Dad "Papa Don".

This is late in coming and I apologize for that. However I wanted to thank the Antarctic Explorers who were friends with my Dad and who served with him, for your words of Courage, Sacrifice, and Devotion that you expressed to my family and me at our time of need after my father, Donald Wayne Richards, passed on Christmas Eve 2005. It is appreciated.

For me, the past year, I've traveled down an odd road, full of deep thoughts of my Dad . . . of what has been and of what will not be. I miss him and wish him to be with me always. Thus as the New Year comes I wanted to thank you for your kindness, the old stories of my Dad that were told - you were all young men on an adventure together in a foreign land. May the New Year be bright. Wishing you all true blessings.

Sincerely yours,

Vanessa Richards

Hi Billy-Ace:

I had so many messages built up after our trip to Holland that I didn't see the notice that we were holding the monthly GCG meeting at the Museum until just before the 31 October ceremony was scheduled to start! I would definitely have been there. Instead I was about fifteen minutes late for the ceremony and sat on the steps throughout the presentation. I tried to get to talk to the Air Force rep who spoke and tell him my tractor train personnel and I were on the receiving end of their air drops to Byrd Station in 1957-58. They didn't believe us when we repeatedly told them by radio that they should NOT drop because of HIGH winds at ground level. I think they finally got to worrying about having enough gas to make it back to and made their drop. Pallets of lumber broke into thousands of pieces and

looked like a giant playing tiddly winks. A D4's parachute streamed, and it buried itself in the snow about 30-40 feet. A 30kw generator drug its chute about 50 miles as did dozens of other crates but to lesser distances. The rest we were able to stop by cutting the chute cords while watching for other pallets coming down! It was true pandemonium on the ground, but we went out in a snow cat and made a big circle around the drop site and placed a bamboo flag at the center of the circle, then went out to each drag mark and put another flag to show which way the goodies were traveling. After another day or two of recovery efforts, I took my tractor train back to Little America and left it to the Byrd Station crew to finish the retrieval.

Incidentally, we arrived at Little America just in time to hear radio messages saying Bert Crary (the Chief Scientist) had fallen off the barrier while taking water samples! So I speeded up our arrival and took my Sno Cat and a handful of my crew down to help with his rescue. Several Seabees (and CAPT Maher) got in a rubber raft and started toward Bert, who was on a tiny little block of ice drifting out to sea. They weren't making much progress till someone on the top of the barrier yelled down and told Maher to pull in the sea anchor!

I never did get to talk to the AF Major about the drop I witnessed, but probably best as it may have been very embarrassing to him.

Best Regards, T.K. Jones

Billy-Ace:

Please convey to the Gulf Coast Group my deepest appreciation for the hospitality and kindness extended to me and my family at the 50th Anniversary of the first South Pole landing. It was a most memorable occasion. Great honor was paid to the original seven and to Gus Shinn, that phenomenal pilot. My husband always said that "Gus was the only pilot who could have made that landing and take-off!"

My thanks to you for the enlarged and beautifully framed picture of the original seven as they prepared to leave on that mission. I also appreciate the lovely flowers—they meant so much to me and were still beautiful when I got home.

Nina K. Swadener

Dear Editor:

I Wintered-Over at New Byrd in the early 60s, we lived like rats under the snow at Old Byrd while waiting for Lt De Vicqs (MCB-1) troops to finish New Byrd. A great experience. John Lecik and Dave Hart should remember me; I was one of three BU2s that wintered at Byrd. I'll never forget the "longest Jamesway in the world" with the outhouse located in front of the Plexiglas tower to observe those individuals abusing head call breaks. We used to ski behind a chopped up Weasel from Old Byrd to New Byrd to pickup our mail; it sure raised havoc with the S/S troops. Two of our W/O group have passed on BUC Henry Savage was a BU2 and CUCM Jim "Bull" Starr wintered at McMurdo as a SW1. Some things one never forgets KC4USB. King Charlie 4 Uncle Sugar Baker. CQ CQ. Anyone.

Jim Burlock

Dear Editor:

At a recent GCG OAEA meeting a couple of us were debating the origin of Byrd Cloth. You overheard the conversation and told us that you had an advertisement that proved that Byrd Cloth was a commercial product developed for Admiral Byrd's 1930s Antarctic expeditions.

Gary Skaar

Editor's Note: The below scan is from an old National Geographic magazine.



Admiral Byrd's choice for Little America...

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Billy:

In the Oct-Dec *Gazette* in the "This Quarter in History Column" you stated that the longest nonstop helo flight in Antarctica was 396 miles on 27 Nov 1968. When I was at Little America during DF-III I remember a story in the Operation Deep Freeze Newsletter about a long helicopter flight so I looked it up. The following is quoted from Volume II, Number 26, 13 December 1957 issue of the newsletter:

"McMurdo Sound, 8 Dec—A three man crew journeyed 440 miles on four hours and 40 minutes by helicopter from Little America to McMurdo in what is believed to be the longest helo flight made in the Antarctic."

Frank Stokes
DF-III Comm Officer

Editor's Note: Well, I guess that's the new record unless someone knows of another nonstop helo flight that was longer.

Billy-Ace

In the Editor's Note on page 9 in the Oct-Dec *Gazette*, you provided an email address for Laura Kissel to get a transcript of Ed Ward's oral history. I tried that email address but it was returned as undeliverable. Do you have another address for her?

Marty Diller

Editor's Note: Her correct address is: kissel.4@osu.edu.

Billy-Ace

I downloaded Internet Explorer 7 and now I am having trouble opening PDF files from some sources. Other sources are okay. I can't open the OAEA newsletter. Is anyone else having this problem?

Ray Malinowski

Editor's Note: Ray was able to open the Gazette that I sent to him as an email attachment. If anyone has a problem downloading the Gazette, for any reason, please feel free to contact me by email and I will be happy to work with you to resolve the problem.

Hi Billy-Ace:

I have been meaning to write to you about the Oct-Dec *Gazette* and the article you did on the *Edisto* reunion. The article was very well done and captured our reunion to the nth degree.

I sent your link to all my shipmates. It will be a good reminder of the great time we had and let's hope that it will stir up some interest in joining the OAEA.

Glenn Smith, ET2 DF 1960-62
Reunion Planner, USS *Edisto* Association



Standing Room Only at New England Fall Chapter Meeting

By Marty Diller,

New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer

The dust (and some of the checks) from the 3rd National OAEA Symposium/Reunion hadn't even cleared when the New England Chapter, which hosted the Reunion, returned to Rhode Island for their big Fall meeting on 16 September 2006. Oceanos Restaurant (formerly the Quonset Inn), on Post Road just outside the old Quonset Naval Air Station, was chosen as the meeting site due to its ample space for the anticipated regular crowd of about 40–50 attendees. Space was at a premium, however, as 59 attendees — including 44 members — showed up for the final meeting of the year. All available floor space was used as tables had to be moved in from other dining areas to accommodate the overflow crowd.

Chapter Business

The business meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Charlie 'CB' Bevilacqua, who customarily provides the US and POW/MIA flags at all Chapter meetings for this purpose. These flags are the official South Pole Station flags, compliments of Jerry Marty, NSF's South Pole Station Construction, and Maintenance

Manager. Jerry hand-carries both flags back to the Pole each season for their summer use at the Station.

The featured presentation this date was a viewing of Anne Hazard's *Antarctic Reflections* — the somber and deeply moving Power Point presentation, which was shown at the 2006 Reunion's Memorial Service. A slideshow of "candid" Reunion photographs that Anne had also set to music was shown next. The Reunion theme continued with sales of Reunion T-shirts and other available items from the Reunion Committee.

Chapter Member Dues.—The main item of business was a carry-over from the Summer meeting. Like most other organizations, member dues are an important source of funds needed to keep the Chapter running. For instance, the cost of printing and mailing nomination forms, letters and ballots to around 120 Chapter members during the summer's Chapter election of Officers cost more than \$150. With Chapter membership approaching 150 at the time of this meeting,

administrative expenses such as the cost of conducting these elections will only



Attendees watch 'Antarctic Reflections' slideshow, a moving tribute to those who have died in Antarctica created by Anne Hazard. In L foreground: Bill Bertrand. From L to R starting behind Bill's left shoulder, is: Anne-Marie Steward, Fred Santino, David Krebs, Ken Proctor, and Nick Pellegrino. Behind Nick on the left is Jack Jennings, and on the right is Hoot Hartman.

increase. And like most other organizations, the New England Chapter struggles to get members to pay their annual dues.

On average since the Chapter was formed in 2004, 33% of the members have been paying their dues — and most of them are the ones who consistently attend meetings. In an effort to get everyone to contribute their fair share towards the cost of running the Chapter, attendees decided that a better job notifying people about the dues and when they're due is the first step to take. Accordingly, a postcard or letter will be mailed to all Chapter members before each Fall meeting, and a Chapter Dues Committee has been formed to follow-up on members who disregard the mailing.

Chapter Election Results.

—Chapter President Dave Hazard, Vice President Fred Santino, and Director Hoot Hartman's 2-year terms of office were to come to an end with the Fall meeting, so elections were held by mail during the 2006 summer. All three were re-elected — Dave and Fred ran unopposed, and a strong bid by Roy Roberts to unseat Hoot Hartman fell short. Director Mike Hall's term was to end in 2007, but in an effort to reduce the frequency (and cut costs) of Chapter elections, the membership voted to extend the



(L to R): Standing: Dean Abbot, Jack Jennings, Dave Killian, Jack Swenson, Fred Santino, Roy Roberts, Jim Heffel, John Hollo, John Hasty, Dave Dubois, Jim Pedone, Ron Oschner, Whit Whitney, unknown behind Whit, Dave Steward, Marty Diller, Chet Thomas, Mac McKenna, Mike Hall, Fess Parker, Al Lishness, Jim Kaness, Ray Lippka, Bob Epperly, unknown behind Ep, Barry Chase, George Lewis, Nick Pellegrino, Bruce Beattie, and John Forman. Kneeling: Charlie Bevilacqua, John Giro, Hoot Hartman, Dave Hazard, and Herschel Smith.

3-year terms for the two Directors to four years in length. This revision to the Chapter By-Laws results in all elections occurring during even-numbered years when the President and Vice-President's two-year terms expire, with Mike Hall's term now ending in 2008 and Hoot's term ending in 2010.



Bruce Beattie, Fred Santino, Jim Kanes, David Krebs, and Ken Proctor.

Fundraising

Reunion logo merchandise, including T-shirts, coffee cups, magnets, pins, and pens were the featured items for sale at the meeting, and OAEA logo ball caps and decals were also available. Also, the Chapter has obtained a significant quantity of Noel Gillespie's book about VX/VXE-6, *Courage Sacrifice Devotion*, and is selling them for \$25.00 to raise funds. A bookplate signed by the author accompanies each book. Reunion merchandise found its way into the day's raffle drawing as well. All raffle prizes were either donated by Chapter members, the Reunion Committee, or provided by the Chapter. Winners included:

- Bruce Beattie (guest), power-ball ticket,
- Charlie Bevilacqua (DF-I & II), an OAEA ball cap,

- Barbara Chase (spouse), a Navy clock,
- Alyce Dorrel (surviving spouse of HMC Leo Dorrel, ASA, Byrd w/o '66), two stuffed penguins,
- Dave Dubois (NSFA DF-73-79), four Reunion pens,
- Peg Forman (spouse) a set of three battery-powered decorative lanterns,
- Mike Hall (VXE-6 DF'70-73), a large glass penguin figurine,
- Jim Heffel (VX-6 DF'62,'63), a penguin tea towel,
- John Janke (ASA, Eights Station w/o '64), a penguin quilt wall hanging and a set of three lanterns,



Hoot Hartman (L) and Jim Kelly holding his raffle tickets and prize.

- Jack Jennings (VXE-6 DF'71-74), a set of three lanterns,
- Jim Kelly (ASA Det 'C' DF'72-74), a penguin holiday flag,
- Dave Killian (VXE-6 DF'70-73), penguin ornament,
- George Lewis (MCB-7 DF'61), a Narragansett beer can holder,

- Ray Lippka (VX-6 DF'60-63), a penguin holiday flag,



Attendees view Antarctic Reflections presentation. In foreground L to R: Bob Epperly, John Hasty, and Whit Whitney. Close behind them are Carolyn Brown, Bob Shirk, Cora Thomas, and John Janke.

- Mac McKenna (VXE-6 DF'70-72), four Reunion pens,
- Nick Pellegrino (VXE-6; DF'71,'72), a set of four Reunion-logo magnets,
- Mary Pellegrino (spouse), a bottle of 'the Little Penguin' Australian Merlot,
- Roy Roberts (VX-6 DF'62,'63), a set of four penguin ornaments,
- Herschel Smith (USS *Philippine Sea*, Op Highjump '47), a set of three lanterns and a penguin candle,
- Cora Thomas (spouse), a set of two OAEA-logo decals and the book "The Heart of the Antarctic" by explorer Ernest Shackleton.

Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm on Saturday, 31 March 2007 at the Bull N'Claw Restaurant on US Rt. 1 in Wells, Maine.

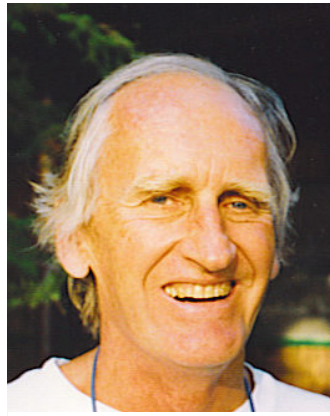


Carolyn Brown, Margo Lewis, Bev Diller, Mary Pellegrino, Peggy Lippka, Paula Hall, Joan Marie Lodge, Paula Ochsner, Nancy McKenna, Gloria Hollo, and Cora Thomas.

OAE Bill Romey Honored by American Geoscience Teachers

by Marty Diller

At the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America in Philadelphia, on 22 October 2006, the National Association of Geoscience Teachers presented OAEA Life Member Bill Romey its highest award: The Neil Miner Award, "for exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the earth sciences." Bill also presented a paper at the meeting, co-authored with Alexander R. McBirney, emeritus professor of Geology at the University of Oregon. The paper entitled: "Communicating about the Geosciences: Self-Publishing and Distributing Books" dealt with a new website the two have created to make the public aware of self-published books by geoscientists:



Bill Romey, Author and Geoscientist

<http://www.libri-terrarum.com/>.

Bill is a New England Chapter member and resides in East Orleans, MA. He began visiting the Antarctic Peninsula as a lecturer and naturalist aboard cruise ships in 1993 and has since been involved in more than two dozen expeditions. The ships, including *M/S Explorer*, *Bremen* and *Explorer II*, carry 100 to 200 passengers to the Antarctic Peninsula, and some also visit South Georgia Island.

A prolific writer, Bill stays busy when not underway on Arctic and Antarctic cruises, and has had many books published, including:

- Guide to the Geology of the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia, and Falkland Islands*. This electronic field guide (CD Microsoft Word format) describes aspects of the geology of most of the sites that passengers on these expedition ships get a chance to visit, about 75 localities in all.
- Plus Ça Change*. About the potentials for visiting or living in France.
- Norway Through a Geologist's Eyes*. This electronic book, on two CDs (Microsoft Word), tells the story of his experiences and the geology in several parts of Norway.

OAE CARLTON WALKER RESIGNS FROM RPSC

by Billy-Ace Baker

Carlton Walker resigned from Raytheon Polar Services Contractor (RPSC) in August 2006 and went to Saudi Arabia to build a city near Jeddah.

Carlton Walker was in charge of construction at the South Pole for the last few years. He and Jerry Marty were responsible for building the new elevated station

Prior to his departure, Elaine Hood designed a nice plaque for RPSC to give Carlton. On 31, August the plaque was presented during a brief ceremony, at which cake and coffee was served. Jerry Marty was in Denver for the week, so it worked out well. Everyone said amazing things about Carlton and a few tears were shed.

Carlton was with the United States Antarctic program for over 15 years. He started out as a Plumber/Pipe Fitter with Antarctic Support Associates (ASA) during the 1991-92 austral summer season. During the 1992 through 1995 summer seasons he served as the Plumber Foreman with ASA.



photo by Jack Corbin

Carlton Walker

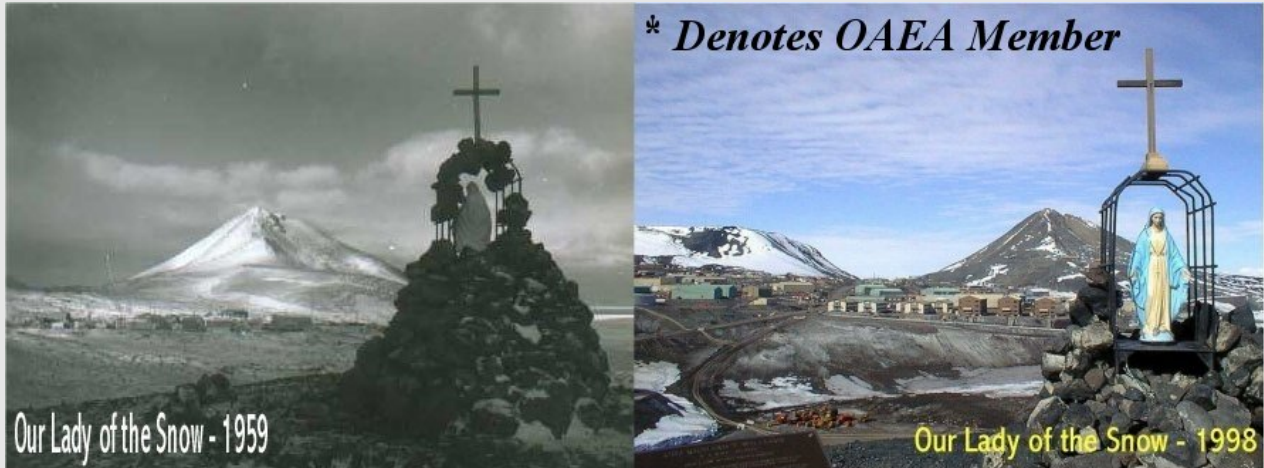
In 1995 Carlton was promoted to Construction Coordinator and he signed on full-time with the USAP contractor. The next year he was advanced to Facilities Engineering and Construction (FEMC) Supervisor and the following year he was promoted to FEMC Manager and he held that position with ASA until 1997 when

ASA lost the USAP Support Contract to RPSC.

Carlton served as the RPSC FEMC Manager from 2000 until his resignation. During the construction of the new South Pole Station he was the FEMC manager and while serving in that capacity he was responsible for organizing all the work from initial scheduling through implementation. On site he was the person responsible for shuffling resources (people, equipment, material) between not just the new station but all construction, maintenance and science support projects.

Editors Note: In early March I received an email from Carlton and he was back in Denver looking for his next job/adventure.

I met Carlton and his wife Paula at the Biloxi, MS ADFA reunion in 2001. Carlton and Jerry Marty were guest speakers and did their routine and then their spouses; Elena and Paula did a dog-and-pony show describing their own Antarctic Experiences.



* Denotes OAEA Member

Our Lady of the Snow - 1959

Our Lady of the Snow - 1998

I N M E M O R Y

OAE Dewald Voight, 25, died in a skidoo accident on 23 December 2006, at SANAE Station in Antarctica. Dewald was scheduled to be a member of the winter-over party.

OAE James Walker Turnbull, 70, died on 17 December 2006, in New Port Richey, FL. James was a Seabee and made two deployments to Antarctica.

OAE Richard Walsh, 61, died on 8 December 2006, in Tempe, AZ. Dick wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-70 as a Lt in the ASA Admin Office.

OAE Alonzo "Lon" W. Hayes, Jr., 77, died on 8 December 2006, in Walton County, FL. Lon wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-IV as an RMC.

OAE Lt Col Peggy L. Zeccolo, USA Nurse Corps (Ret), 65, died on 7 December 2006, in Watertown, NY. Peggy visited Antarctica as a tourist in connection with a Marble Point Nurses reunion.

OAE Jack Wilbur Maas, 78, died on 4 December 2006, in Schaumburg, IL. Unit served with and dates unknown.

OAE Lt Col Dale K. Polenske, USAF (Ret), 71, died on 29 November 2006, in Vacaville, CA. Dale was a C-141 pilot. USAF unit served with and dates unknown.

OAE John Henry Wyckoff Wrenn, 62, died on 28 November 2006, in Baton Rouge, LA. John served with NSF. Dates unknown.

OAE Kirby Hanson, died on 21 November 2006, in Ocala, FL. Kirby wintered at South Pole during DF-III as a meteorologist. From 1975-84 he was senior meteorologist in charge of the NOAA Clean Air Facility at the South Pole. Hanson Ridge in Victoria Land is named in his honor.

OAE Jeffrey Charles Feagan, USCG (Ret), 46, died on 13 November 2006, in Spokane, WA. Jeffrey was a retired chief petty officer who deployed to the ice on the USCGC *Polar Sea*. Jeffrey was a victim of a beating and had been in a coma for 11 years.

OAE Charles Leon Arnold, 86, died on 13 November, in Arcata, CA. Charles made two trips to the ice and was the leader of a USARP field party that made an engineering study of Marble Point, Williams Field, and McMurdo during DF-72. Arnold Cove between Gneiss Point and Marble Point in Victoria Land is named in his honor.

OAE Bruce Raymond Koci, died on 13 November 2006, in Madison WI. Bruce was an ice core driller and engineer for 30 years. He participated in the Ross Ice Shelf, AMANDA, and IceCube projects.

*OAE CEC James L. Hannah, 77, died on 8 November 2006, at home in Horn Lake MS. James wintered-over at Ellsworth Station during DF-II and at McMurdo Station during DF-61. He was also a member of the ADFA. Hannah Peak in the Pensacola Mountains is named in his honor.

OAE Earl J. Beck, 86, died on 24 August, in Oak View, CA. Earl deployed to the ice in 1956 with NCEL.

OAE James M. Bermingham, Sr., 77, died on 31 October 2006, in Dover, NH. James was an Equipment Operator with ASA and made three deployments to the ice.

OAE Masayoshi Murayama, 88, died on 5 November 2006, in Tokyo Japan. Murayama was a member of seven Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions (JARE). He wintered three times at Showa Base as base leader. In 1968 he was a member of the JARE traverse to South Pole Station. During JARE-II (1959) he was the leader of the team that rescued two of the dogs abandoned by JARE-I. That rescue became the basis for the Japanese movie *Antarctica* and later the USA movie *Eight Below*.

*OAE AEC Charles R. "Bobby" Quillian, USN (Ret), 66, died on 3 November 2006, in Goliad, TX. Bobby served in VX-6 as an AE3/2 from May 1963-April 1965.

*OAE LCDR Audrey "Jake" Bengel, USN (Ret), 78, died on 31 October 2006, in Virginia Beach, VA. Jake was the OIC of ASA Det Charlie (meteorology) during DF-71 and 72. He was a member of the Tidewater OAEA Group.

OAE Charles Dillard Granstaff, 78, died on 29 October 2006, in Sulphur Springs Texas. Charles was in the Navy and deployed to the ice. Unit served with and dates unknown.

OAE Clyde Poteat, USN (Ret), 75, died on 28 October 2006, in Kannapolis, NC. Unit served with and dates unknown.

OAE Julian W. Posey died on 26 October 2006, in Matairie, LA. Julian wintered as the SSL at South Pole Station during DF-IV. Posey Range in the Bowers Mountains is named in his honor.

OAE David Cleveland White, 77, died on 25 October 2006, in Knoxville, TN. David served with USARP. Dates unknown.

OAE Alan Horace Shapley, 87, died on 20 October 2006, in Louisville, CO. Alan was the Vice-Chairman of the US National Committee for the IGY. He visited the ice during 1959 and 1969. Shapley Ridge overlooking Reedy Glacier is named in his honor. He was a member of the APS.

OAE Stephen Nymick, Jr., 73, died on 20 October 2006, in Beaumont, TX. Stephen was a Seabee and deployed to the ice during 1958.

OAE James E. Schroeder, 81, died on 19 October 2006, in Evergreen, WA. James was a USARP glaciologist at Little America V during DF-60. Schroeder Peak is named in his honor.

OAE CAPT Sven Rydberg, Military Sealift Command (Ret), 89, died on 19 October 2006, in Mt Pleasant, SC. Sven was the skipper of the USNS *Eltanin* during DF-63. Rydberg Peninsula in Ellsworth Land is named in his honor.

OAE RADM Henry Herbert Bell, USCG (Ret), 78, died on 16 October 2006, at the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. Henry served on icebreakers deployed to Antarctica.

OAE Kevin Andrew Hayner, 54, died on 24 September 2006, in Pueblo, CO. Kevin worked on the ice as a geologist. Dates unknown.

OAE Ernest Earl Lockhart, 93, died on 26 July 2006, in West Dennis MA. Ernest wintered at Little America III during the USASE (1939-41). Mount Lockhart in Marie Byrd Land is named in his honor.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Denis Casey—OAEA Chaplain

"They that go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business on the great waters

These men see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep". (Psalm 107)



The words of the psalmist certainly ring true for all of us who have ventured into the vast domain of Antarctica.

Wonderful glaciers, awesome penguins, wild adventurous skuas, record breaking wind-chill, severe blizzards, just plain frozen ice, spectacular lights of the aurora australis, the complex ecology of the ice covered

waters, and just the whole huge place, one can only bow one's head and sing "How great thou Art".

I suggest we might also consider another work of the Lord in Antarctica. Before his death Admiral Byrd remarked "I am hopeful that Antarctica, in its symbolic robe of white, will shine forth as a continent of peace, as nations working together there in the cause of science, set an example of international cooperation.

I think his prayer is answered; the cooperation alive and well in the Frozen South is another opportunity for us to see the works of the Lord.

D. Casey

Editor's note: For those who do not know Father Casey he was the winter-over Catholic Chaplain during DF-67. This is his first column as the OAEA Chaplain.



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Submitted by Jim O'Connell

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Billy-Ace Baker

THE COMMUNICATOR GROUP RECENTLY became the first donor to reach the Emperor Penguin Club of the OAEA when the chairman of the Communicator Fund mailed a check for \$3000 to the OAEA Secretary/Treasure thus earning an Emperor Penguin Club award for the group.

RMs, ETS, COMMOS, and EMOs who served with Antarctic Support Activities, Naval Support Forces Antarctica, and Air Development Squadron Six were the original contributors to the Communicator Fund. This year the fund was opened up to ACs, and ATs. Communicators assigned to task force ships were also invited to join the group. One civilian AMRAD volunteer operator and a Marine Corps Field Radio Operator also contributed. The names of the contributors are as follows.

* Denotes Plank Holders in the fund.

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The First Time I Almost Met My CO

by Mike Walsh

FOREWORD: The below story has been condensed in *Reader's Digest* fashion. Anyone who would like to read the full version can contact Mike Walsh or the Editor who will be happy to provide an unexpurgated version of the story.

Isn't it ironic that my two rather precarious meetings with Cdr. F. C. Holt were at different ends of the spectrum? The first time, I was dressed, quite beautifully I might add, while the second time I wore my "Birthday-suit".



I had never put the two together until I came upon the photo a few months ago. I sent the photo and a few details. To Billy Blackwelder, the "Erebus Whizzer" who shared it with Billy-Ace Baker who thought there might be a story for the *Gazette*. The sad part about this whole story, thanks to a "Wet-blanket", is that Cdr. Holt may be learning about this for the first time. So here is the "Rest of the story!"

I joined VXE-6 at Quonset Point, RI in March or April of 1973. I was previously stationed at Quonset Point, so I knew the area quite well, but my dreams of being stationed in Quonset were soon dashed because the base was closing and we were moving to Point Mugu, California.

When I got to Pt. Mugu, I learned that I had multiple choices as to where I would like to work. The Chiefs with whom I talked sold me on going to the Helicopter Crew.

My boss in the Helo crew was Lt. Mike Riley—what a great boss. While on the Ice, many friendships were made. How lucky could one be? A simple answer: I felt like Lou Gehrig all over again! Of course, Lou never got "packed", the VXE-6 way.

When the squadron returned to Point Mugu in February, plans for the Change-of-Command (CoC) was put

into motion. Cdr. Fred C. Holt was to relieve Cdr. Vernon Peters. That evening there were celebrations in the separate clubs on the base. It was just one happy fest until . . .

I left the CPO Club and sauntered over to the EM Club. I was table-hopping when I spied Joe Donohue sitting with his beautiful and charming Kiwi wife, Marianne and I joined them at their table.

Joe and I gabbed for a while and then the gabbing got around to some ideas that started to jump out on the table. Joe was talking about crashing the O Club celebration; you know, getting to meet the new CO face-to-face. The talk soon escalated into a plan.

We would go to the O Club as a couple; I would be the woman—Joe would be my escort. I was to dance with Cdr. Holt and then we would retire the plan. And a great plan it was until—well, let's not spoil the plot. With that plan, we all went to Joe and Marianne's house to get into costume. Marianne and her cohorts would doll me up to the best of their ability.

Joe's costume was easy. He was dressed in five minutes. Team Marianne had the tough assignment: outfit me in the latest fashion style—well actually, in anything that would fit my scrawny carcass and show off my svelte figure. We rummaged through some dresses, and finally came up with one that I could wear, a pink chemise, and a plain black pair of shoes with a small heel. I also needed some propping-up in the chest area. It was now time for the transfiguration of my face. I did my part: I shaved the stubble off my face and placed myself in their hands.

Marianne's team did my make-up very professionally, but the look did not capture the "Sophia Loren" image that I had pictured in my mind; it was more of a Farrah Fawcett look with that blonde wig, a Farrah Fawcett without shape. Nonetheless, they did a great job with what they had to work with. They did everything to make me look presentable,

from my nails to the eye and facial paint-job, to the blonde wig and the foundation-camouflage to hide the tattoos on my forearms. The transformation seemed to take hours to accomplish, but finally Joe and I were ready to implement the plan.

We arrived at the O Club and walked in. We were greeted by CWO Bill Couch, who escorted us to our table, but not without some lingering stares by those present.

The next workday at the shop Mike Riley said that when we entered the ballroom, he and Lew Tidmore, the Technical Representative for Bell Helicopter, were the first to see Joe and me. Lew's wife asked him who was that lady? Lew said, "That's Chief Walsh." Lew's wife tried to explain to Lew: "I meant the woman!" she said, a bit flustered at Lew, and Lew answered her back in a straightforward way, "I was TALKING about the woman. The guy is Joe Donohue."

We were only at the table for ten minutes, when Bill Couch asked us to leave because LCDR (name withheld to protect the "Wet Blanket" that he was) had recognized Joe, and knew that he was a Flight Engineer. The LCDR was a bit disturbed that an enlisted man would enter into his domain.

Mr. Couch had his marching orders: "get rid of Joe and his lady." Mr. Couch told Joe that he would have to leave the Club. Joe responded, in his polite way as he stood up: "Okay Mr. Couch. No problem," while he looked at me, with sad eyes then he said, "Let's go, dear." Of course, I responded to both of them, my head swiveling, first to Mr. Couch, and then to Joe, back and forth a few times while I proclaimed to them, in my best falsetto yet demanding voice, "I am not leaving until I eat!" Mr. Couch, with a bit of apprehension said, "Oookay! You can eat, then you have to leave."

My meal was quickly served. Joe refused his—I think he just lost his appetite.

I ate in my best rendition of a lady-like fashion. I recall placing my napkin on my lap, and keeping my left hand below the table. No elbows and most importantly, I truly owned the demure look, of a debutante who was used to being fawned-upon.

I finished my meal and about the same time, Mr. Couch came back and he was now downright adamant. He went directly to Joe and placing his hands on the back of the empty chair, and leaning in, said, in one of those "I'm going to kill you" whispers, "Okay Joe. You and your lady will have to leave. The LCDR. wants you to leave right now!"

I could really feel that Mr. Couch was very upset and really wanted us to leave, post haste. I could read the distress on his face, as could Joe. All this time I am trying to figure a way to get to CDR. Holt's table to get the dance and leave. That was all I really wanted.

Now Joe is getting a little upset with me. I leaned over towards Joe and

whispered, "Joe. I just want to dance with the new CO like we planned" Joe does not know what to do now. He is definitely embarrassed by my behavior.

Now Couch is pleading, "Joe. Would you and your lady-friend PLEASE leave right now?"

Joe was beginning to sweat the outcome. "Yes sir, Mr. Couch!" he said while starting to stand. "We'll leave right now, right dear?"

Of course, my answer was "First I want dessert, and, oh yes, a cup of coffee...black no sugar. Then we will leave," (but I was still turning the idea over, and over in my devious mind to find a way to get that dance with Cdr. Holt). I finished my coffee and dessert and was just about ready to make my move when Bill Couch approached us, but now he had help. We finally got the hint. We left

Lt. Mike Riley took my picture as I walked out and thank goodness he did

because who would ever believe this if I could not show the proof.



Editor's Note: Mike's previous story about the streaker appeared in Volume 4, Issue 4, Fall 2004 issue of Explorer's Gazette.

MY RECENT ANTARCTIC TRAVELS

by Charles Swithinbank

Editors Note: Charles sent me this narrative in response to a Christmas card newsletter that I sent to him by snail mail. I thought it was interesting enough for the Explorer's Gazette.

As I am now 80 years old, friends ask when I will retire. The answer is that I will stop when I drop—or encounter some lesser impediment. In December 2005, I toured Tasmania with my Seattle cousin, Jill Stewart, in a car borrowed from cousin Jean Oakes who lives in Bellerive (Hobart). We spent Christmas in a penal colony in Port Arthur—though not as convicts.



Swithinbank's tent

Dispatching Jill home for Christmas (at her request) I embarked on the icebreaker *Kapitan Khlebnikov* with Polly Vacher, a friend who has flown twice round the world solo in her single-engine aircraft (raising more than £400,000 for charity). Polly's



Vinson Massif camp at 7000 feet.

trusting husband had agreed to her sharing a cabin with me (my privilege as a guest lecturer). Strangely, none of my guests has ever opted for a single cabin (it would have cost her \$30,000).

We enjoyed a wonderful cruise to Macquarie Island and then south to McMurdo Sound. Our on-board helicopters flew us to McMurdo station and we walked from there to Scott's 1901–1903 *Discovery* Expedition hut

and later were bussed to Scott Base. Then in the course of a long day we flew to Scott's 1910–1913 *Terra Nova* Expedition hut at Cape Evans and Shackleton's 1907–1909 *Nimrod* Expedition hut at Cape Royds. Northbound, we were airlifted onto a glacier for a party and the following day some hardy souls dived into the sea. The long voyage was broken with a day on Campbell Island before disembarking at Lyttelton, New Zealand. From Christchurch I went by train, ferry, or bus to Wellington, Auckland, and Whangarei to visit cousins and friends.



Inside the Ilyushin, with many tons of jet fuel under all the parkas.

Sentinel Range

In December (2006) I was invited to fly south to visit the Patriot Hills camp (80°S) of Antarctic Logistics & Expeditions, the only company taking people into Antarctica (apart from ships that touch the coast). Founded 20 years

ago as Adventure Network International, they run the only commercial airline in Antarctica. Taking off from Punta Arenas, Chile in their Ilyushin-76TD jet transport, we landed on the blue ice runway that Giles Kershaw and I discovered 31 years ago and began flying to in 1986. In the beginning we landed "by eye" with a Twin Otter. Now we land on a superb hard ice runway 100 m wide and 2500 m long. Two ski-equipped Twin Otters take passengers anywhere they want to go, even to the South Pole (at a price!). Dozens of mountaineers fly to a base camp at Mount Vinson (4892 m) from which *most* reach the summit. For me it



was an amazing privilege to visit the place with its fabulous mountain vistas. If I had died there and then, I felt that I was already in paradise . . .

But I did not die, and I'm off to Burma, the land of my birth.

Tidewater Group Meeting

By Ed Hamblin

While others were out Christmas shopping or at home watching college football games, a few Tidewater Virginia area Old Antarctic Explorers gathered for a couple of hours at the House of Eggs Restaurant in Norfolk, on Saturday 2 Dec.

Among the attendees was a new face, Mr. Wayne Rogers. Wayne brought a different perspective into the group; his involvement with the ice was his experience with Operation Highjump. He had photos, and history to share that none of us even had an inkling of. It just so happened that this particular get together fell on the day of the 60th anniversary of the sailing of the Operation Highjump Task Force from Norfolk. One of the more interesting facts we learned about Wayne was that he was only 16 when he joined the Navy and sailed for the Antarctic.

Among Wayne's photos were a series from the air showing the crashed seaplane on the ice that the crew had to walk out to where they could be rescued; other pictures taken from the air showed the surviving crew members trudging across the ice as they made their way to edge of the ice pack to where they could be recovered. The plane crashed several miles from the ice edge, and they had a pretty tough haul without the survival gear and equipment those of us who came later took for granted.

Also present were Mark Ashcraft, Les Kunde, John

Strider, Bob Cantrell, Bill Raymus, Neil Sugermeier, Charlie Thompson, and Ed Hamblin.

Mark and Les both brought cruise books from their Antarctic Experiences, which were passed around and discussed; they were on the ice in the early 80s. After a short period of "greet and eat", the group had to go their separate ways. Charlie always has a couple of hours of driving to get home up in the Richmond area; and Neil has to split his Saturdays to spend some time with his other passion and hobby, antique cars.

The next get together is set for 3PM/1500 Saturday, 10 March at the House Of Eggs in Norfolk. Tidewater area OAE POC is Ed Hamblin, 757-405-3362; e-mail is ehamblin@cox.net.



Strider (partially hidden), Bill Raymus, Mark Ashcraft, and Les Kunde.

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

The below listed personnel have joined the OAEA since the Oct-Dec 2006 issue of the *Gazette*.

Thanks to Eugene Van Reeth, Garland Summerall, Gloria Hutchings, Peter Anderson, Ed Hamblin, Ron Henderson, Marty Diller, Howard Wick, Jim Landy, Bill Spindler, Glenn Smith, Billy Blackwelder, Billy Crowe, and George Soulia for providing names of prospective members.

*Denotes Associate member

Baker, David E. CAPT	Life	MCB (Special) 55-57
Banister, Richard Civ	Annual	South Pole 02/03
Becker, Willard F2C	Life	USS <i>Yancey</i>
Begert, John YNCS	Annual	USCGC <i>Staten Island</i>
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Belmore, Janice	*Annual	
Burlock, James BU2	Annual	ASA DF-62 WO Byrd
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Carr, David E-3	Life	USCGC <i>Glacier</i> DF-86
Casey, Denis, LCDR	Life	ASA DF-67 WO Priest
Chauncey, Depew LT	Life	VX-6 62-64
Cherry, David BUC	Annual	MCB-6 DF-65
Corbett, William Capt	Life	USAF MATS 59-62
Costlow, Allan LT	Life	VXE-6 Helos 71-73
Damschroder, G. CMCS	Life	ASA WO DF-63 & 66
DeLong, Paul EA3	Annual	CBU-201 69/71
Dietrich, James HMC	Life	PM3A 73-75
Dinsmore, Robert HMC	Annual	ASA WO DF-71
Endley, Michael	Annual	Surviving child
Fuchs, George RM1	Annual	ASA WO DF-72
Hash, Arlie ETN2	Life	ASA DF-68
Heaney, Norman ADR2	Life	VX-6 WO DF-61
Hebb, Susann	*Annual	
Hillis, Earl LCDR	Life	VX-6 DF-II & III
Johnson, Stanley ET2	Life	WO McMurdo DF-II
Kellerman, Troy BUCS	Life	NSFA DF-90
Kennett, James Civ	Life	USARP/NZARP 62-07
Konrad, Bradley	*Life	Grandson of Billy-Ace
Moon, Jack ET3	Life	Highjump
Morton, Gwen	Life	Widow of LCDR John Morton OIC VX-6 WO
Panehal, Pansy	*Life	Wife of PK
Peeks, James AE1	Life	VX-6 65-67
Renaud, Paul BU1	Life	NSFA DF-73
Richards, Anthony Civ	Life	Surviving Son of Squatty Root
Risher, Quentin RD3	Life	USS <i>Arneb</i> 56-59
Rogers, Wayne SA	Life	USS <i>Pine Island</i> HJ
Rowland, Robert SP4	Life	US Army CRREL 63/64. Cruise ship lecturer 2004-07
Schroder, Austin LCDR	Life	USS <i>Edisto</i> 63/66
Schwez, Victor Civ	*Annual	ASPP
Slaughter, Albert Civ	Life	Antarctic Cruise 2006
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Stargel, Gloria Civ	*Life	Sister of Maj Oscar Cassity USAF DF-II

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Wellings, John UT1	Commem	South Pole DF-60
Wiles, Janey	*Annual	
Winkler, Bruce	Life	CBU 201 66-69
Worth, Edward FN	Life	USS <i>Arneb</i> DF-63
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REUNION INFORMATION

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

USS *Brownson* (DD-868): South Portland, ME, 20-24 May. POC Guy Linscott, glinscot@maine.rr.com, 80 North Murriner Street, South Portland, ME 04106, 207 899 2816. USS *Brownson* participated in Highjump.

US Navy Weather Service Assoc: Everett, WA, 15-20 May. POC Earl Kerr, 360 293 5835, k1937err@fildalgo.net.

USS *Wilhoite* (DER-397): Silverdale, WA, 2-5 October. POC Richard Scheeder, wilhoite397@msn.com. 360 830 5175, USS *Wilhoite* participated in DF-61

USS *Philippine Sea*: Washington, DC, 3-8 October. POC Chuck Davis, Box 496412 Port Charles, FL 33949, 941 743 5460, chuckdavis1@earthlink.net. USS *Philippine Sea* participated in Highjump.

USS *Atka* & USCGC *Southwind* Association: Savannah, GA, 26-28 April. POC Carl Brown, 616 874 9913, 6503 Fricke Ct., Rockford, MI 49341.

USCGC *Eastwind* (WAGB-279): South Portland ME, 15-17 June. POC Lee Grant junelee.1@roadrunner.com, 603 447 6040, USCGC *Eastwind* participated in DF-I, DF-60 through DF-67.

NNPU/PM-3A: Deadwood, SD, 3-7 June. POC CECS Jerry Schloredt, PO Box 1064, Sundance WY 82729, 307 283 1448. NNPU members participated in DF-62 through DF-73

Antarctic Deep Freeze Association (ADFA): Corpus Christi, TX, 8-11 May. POC Sheila Keeney, rustycallie@yahoo.com, 361 528 3324, cell 361 318 9922, or 726 San Patricio Ave, Taft TX 78390-3126. ADFA members participated in all phases of DF.

American Polar Society Symposium: Columbus, OH, 25-28 April. Contact Laura Kissel 614 688 8173. Details are available at <http://www.bprc.mps.ohio-state.edu> or <http://www.ampolarsociety.org>.

Ohio Valley OAEA Group: OH, 27-29 April. POC Ed Waite, 937 233 0613, 660 Beatrice Drive, Dayton OH 45404, ebw@thewaitegroup.com.

NMCB 1: Nashville, TN, 5-7 October. POC Peter Dowd, 89 Edward Rd, Marshfield MA, 02050, 781 837 0393, mcb1reunion@verizon.net. MCB 1 Dets participated in DF-II & IV. The entire battalion deployed with DF-62.



OAE LOCATOR

Send locator notices to the editor at upizauf@aol.com

- MACS Lou Figueroa, NSFA DF-86, 87, and 88 is looking for MAC Wayne Chessman and MA2 Bob Davoll. Lou can be reached at 10625 Aspen Ave, California City CA 93505, 760 373 8920, or Lou.Gigueroa@verizon.net.
- Timothy Eschete is looking for anyone who wintered at McMurdo during DF-88. He would also like to hear from any firefighters who have been to McMurdo. Timothy can be reached at: tuffmedic2002@yahoo.com, 26418 Woodstock Dr, Denham Springs LA 70726, phone 225 939 8431.
- Laura Snow is looking for information about the BAE-III (USASE 1939-1941). Laura is the daughter of Ashley Snow who served as a pilot at East Base. She is especially interested in hearing from other children of members of BAE-III. Laura can be reached at snowlg@cox.net, 1636 E. Gadsden St, Pensacola, FL 32501, or 850 470 2630.
- Charlie Bruno served in VX-6 during DF-63, and 64 on LC-130 48321 as an AT2. He is looking for old crewmembers that remember him. He flew with engineers: Thompson and Bridger; Pilots: Frock and Mayer. Charlie can be contacted at: PO Box 3572, Apollo Beach FL 33572, or brunomeow6@verizon.net.
- John Hasty is looking for RMC Joe Cornely. John wintered with Joe in DF-III. John can be reached at: 114 Maplewood Avenue, Cranston, RI, 02920, 401 942 0933, email johnhrmcret@aol.com.
- CEC James W. "Bill" Brown is looking for HM1 Don Poe, EN1 Hoss Perry, and YN1 Bill Roach who wintered with him at McMurdo during DF-III. He is also looking for RMC Joe Cornely who wintered with him at South Pole Station during DF-60, James can be reached at billb29151@bellsouth.net, 18 Kenian Drive, Swannanoa, NC 28778, or 828 298 6512.
- Arlie V. Hash (ET2), ASA DF-68 Winter-Over is looking for everyone who took pleasure in taking his hard-earned money in the thirteen-month poker game at the Grasshopper Shack; including LCDR. Richard Wear, Forrest "Juice" Grigsby, and Frank Coffman. Arlie can be reached at: arlie.hash.b@bayer.com, 401 461 2137, or 996 Corinth Road, Buffalo, KY 42716.
- PNC John W. Strickland, Jr. is looking for anyone who wintered with him at McMurdo during DF-81. John can be reached at johnwstricklandjr@hotmail.com or 102 Adkinson Drive, Pensacola FL 32506.
- Bob Sexton is looking for Donald Grimes or Ron Barrett who served on the Connie crew 1966-68. Bob can be reached at: 122 Windsor Park Drive, Coventry RI 02816, 401 828 8026, pegasus644@aol.com.
- William J. "Bill" Williams is looking for anyone who was on the October 1957 tractor traverse with him. He is trying to establish a service-connected injury with the VA. He can be contacted at 940 665 6289, 1111 W. University Drive, Gainesville, TX 76240, or by email at: wm_williams@sbcglobal.net.
- Ron Henderson is looking for any other members of the DF-63 Byrd to Eights trail party. Ron can be contacted at rph4@cox.net, 18726 Garden Oaks Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70817, 225 755 3103.
- Alfred C. McKenna aka Chief Mac is looking for shipmates who served with him in VXE6 in 1969-72 and any Seabees he knew on the ice during the same time frame. 459carl@verizon.net, 459 Sherman St, Canton MA, 781 828 1880
- Rosemary Hargreaves and her family had a friendship with an American family named Conroy who served in Deep Freeze during the early 60s. The Conroy children were Mark, James, and Ann. Rosemary is not sure of the parents names, but thinks they may have been Andrew and Ann. Anyone knowing any information about the Conroy's please contact Rosemary at: 12 Reaby Street, Christchurch 8061 NZ, Ph 064 3 3854757, mharg@xtra.co.nz
- Amateur radio operator Jonathan Cunitz, W1CU, is looking for the operator of KC4USX in October 1983. Jonathan made contact with Williams Field and never received a QSL card. He can be contacted at: j@webquill.com, 7 Lamplight Lane, Westport, CT 06880, 203 227 2287.
- Dave Hoff would like to hear from anyone who served on the USCGC *Eastwind* during DFI (1955-56): dmhoff@chibardun.net, 110 W. Maple Ave., Apt Y, Barron, WI 54812, 715-637-3431.
- Bob McLaren Served onboard *Glacier* as a BM3 DV2 during first two Antarctic deployments as a Coast Guard Cutter (1966-68). Bob made many dives under the ice with diving partner Dave Forsythe and scientists from the University of Florida for IWSOE 1968. He would like to make contact with anyone who served onboard during his tour. If you have any pictures that you would like to share, it would be much appreciated. rhmuci@aol.com, or 78 Berkley Street, Waltham, MA 02451.

GULF COAST GROUP MEETINGS

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

SINCE THE LAST GAZETTE was published; the GCG has held a celebration and three monthly meetings. The celebration was for the 50th Anniversary of the first aircraft landing at the South Pole. The celebration is the cover story in this issue. The three meetings were held on 9 December 2006, 20 January, and 24 February. Since the December meeting we have been holding our meetings at the Lakeside Galley and Tavern located on the west side of Pensacola and not very far from our previous meeting location. Two sisters, Susann Hebb and Janey Wiles, who are Navy veterans, own the Lakeside. Susann is a retired HMC and Janey served in the Navy, transferred to the Public Health Service, and retired as CDR. Both sisters joined the OAEA as Associate Members during the first meeting at the Lakeside.

THE SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER MEETING

was more of a pre-Christmas social so no guest speaker was scheduled, but the cartoon video *The Penguins Whacked-Out Holiday* was shown. Thirty-four members and guests attended. Lennie Bourgeois who pocketed \$60 as his share won the 50/50 drawing. First time attendees included Norman "Tony" Heaney, VX-6, DF-61, John Strickland, and Hugh and Dianne King. Tony

joined as a Life Members. The Kings reside in Mandeville, LA. Hugh was the winter-over OIC at Hallett Station during DF-64. Both Hugh and his wife are OAEA Life Members. John Strickland resides in Australia and plans on joining the OAEA when he moves back to Pensacola.

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY—Apparently, changing the meeting location to the Lakeside was a popular decision because 55 members and guests turned up for the 20 January meeting. John Jaenisch was scheduled to make a presentation on his Antarctic Experience in VXE-6 during the late 80s and early 90s. However, due to a family emergency John was not able to make it. All was not lost though as Chuck Miner came prepared to give an impromptu talk on C-124s and the role of the aircraft, nicknamed Shaky Jakes, during the early years of Deep Freeze. Chuck even had photos to pass around for viewing.



First time attendees included Life Associate Member Bradley Konrad who was only eight days old. Also attending for the first time was Laura Jernigan who brought memorabilia about her father CWO R. Ward, USMC. CWO Ward and four other Marines wintered-over during DF-II. As far as is known they are the only Marines to ever winter-over with Operation Deep Freeze. For show-and-tell Mary Ann Platt brought along a photo album she had created for the first aircraft landing at the Geographic South Pole 50th Anniversary celebration. She also took photos of almost everyone who was present at the meeting. Because of her enthusiasm, Mary Lou was given a Life Associate Membership in the OAEA. RF Kiser, his wife, Faye, their guest, Pat Hampton, was in attendance. RF and Faye are from Whitesburg, Kentucky and frequently visit the Gulf Coast. This is the second GCG OAEA meeting they have attended while in the area.

Les Liptak polled the crowd on the Lakeside meeting location and everyone seemed pleased and agreed that it was a good site. Lakeside owners Susann and Janey had already hung our flag in a prominent location in the Tavern area. Bill Fazio won the 50/50 raffle and took home \$56 as his share.



Gulf Coast Group Meeting Flag

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY MEETING—The Gulf Coast Group of the OAEA was proud to have RADM Lloyd "Doc" Abbot, USN (Ret) as the scheduled guest speaker. Forty members and guests were in attendance. First time attendees were snowbirds Warren and Jean McGowan from Godfrey, Illinois. Warren participated in Operation Highjump aboard the Task Force flagship USS *Mount Olympus* and was on RADM Cruzen's staff. Warren joined the OAEA as a life member while at the meeting.

Doc Abbot was the Commander of Task Force 43/Commander Navy Support Forces Antarctica from February 1967 through June 1969. During the winter of DF-67 he executed the first-ever planned Winter Fly-in (WINFLY) to Antarctica in early/mid-June. There had been several other WINFLYs in previous years for medical emergencies. However, this one was planned for the purpose of delivering a scientist and several divers to McMurdo to conduct winter diving operations.

Doc Abbot's presentation was well received. He spoke in detail about the WINFLY and other Antarctic Experiences during his watch. His presentation was sprinkled with humor and he briefly spoke about several incidents involving the Marble Point Nurses that was thoroughly enjoyed by most everyone in attendance, but not so much by unnamed persons who may have been on the receiving end of some of the Marble Point Nurses pranks.



RADM J. Lloyd "Doc" Abbot, USN (Ret) makes his presentation. We got started a little late, so he never made it through all his notes, but he has promised to return and tell us the rest of the story.

Following the presentation, I told a story about how RADM Abbot had left his brief case in the Flag Quarters at McMurdo and didn't realize it until he was about half way back to Christchurch. The aircraft commander, Fred Schneider, offered to return to McMurdo for the brief case, but the admiral decided against it. When the flight arrived in New Zealand the Admirals aide got on the single-side band radio and directed the McMurdo OIC to break open the case and retrieve the admiral's notes. Those notes were delivered to the Communications Center and were made into a message and were transmitted to Christchurch by radioteletype. After telling the story, I presented the admiral with a copy of the message.

It should be noted here that the Lakeside has a strong military flavor. The outside entrance is painted to look like the flight deck of the USS *Oriskany*. Many military posters, flags, photographs, and other memorabilia decorate the walls. Many of the parking spaces are reserved for regular customers and branches of the military. When the Lakeside Ladies were informed that a RADM would be our guest speaker they painted over one of the parking spaces and re-assigned it to CTF-43 complete with two stars.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Les gave a brief update on the restoration of *Que Sera Sera*. He reported that the current restoration schedule was about 80 percent complete, the wing had been put back on, the control surfaces were being recovered, and the aircraft exterior had been painted.



Group Leader Les Liptak Showing Someone the Way Out.

Lennie Bourgeois was once again the winner of the 50/50 drawing and collected \$60 as his share. A special door prize of a 50th Anniversary patch (see photo on page 5) was won by Gary Forney.



Bourgeois's Granddaughter Krista Williams and Wife Helen

Thanks to Tony Heaney who produced a video recording of the meeting and to Lennie Bourgeois, Sean Baker, and everyone else who provided photos for this article. Special thanks to Pam Landy for conducting the 50/50 drawings for the last three meetings and purchasing and donating a new roll of tickets for use in the 50/50 drawings. Pam stated that for the first time everyone in attendance at the 24 February purchased at least one ticket.



Pam Landy Selling 50/50 Tickets at 24 February Meeting

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28 October 2006

I certify that the below report is a true accounting of financial transactions conducted by the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, Inc during FY 2006 (1 Oct 05 to 30 Sep 06) and financial and membership status as of September 30, 2006. At the request of the Board Of Directors, I have added the Asset Distribution Statement this year.

James H. O'Connell
James H. O'Connell
Secretary/Treasurer

FY 2006 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT			
INCOME		EXPENSE	
Chapter Sales	8.83	Administrative Costs	1,881.85
Donations	3,536.34	Office Supplies	863.75
BOD Overages	240.34	Postage	1,018.10
General Fund	125.00	Advertising(Recruiting)	2,288.86
Scholarship Fund	300.00	Merchandise	954.02
Undesignated	2,871.00	Recruiting Packages	945.76
Dues Payment	8,738.00	Recruiting Postage	389.08
Annual Membership	1,250.00	Bank Charge	6.00
Lifetime Membership	7,480.00	Equipment Rental	1,226.22
Mailing Surcharge	8.00	Equipment Repair	65.98
Entrance Fees	384.00	Equipment Upgrades	99.00
Interest Earned	41.88	Internet Security	58.84
Investment Market Change	-212.48	License	70.00
Merchandise Sales	252.61	Miscellaneous	278.40
Sale Proceeds	1,629.40	Newsletters	2443.75
Consignment Fees	-258.18	Miscellaneous	199.99
Cost of Goods Sold	-1,118.61	Postage	687.41
		Printing	1,556.35
		Tax Preparation	75.00
TOTAL INCOME	12,749.18	Web page Expenses	343.40
		TOTAL EXPENSES	8,837.30
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES FY 2006		GAIN	LOSS
		3,911.88	
FINANCIAL STATUS OF OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC.			
AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2006			
Summary Statement		Asset Distribution Statement	
Beginning Balance 10/1/05	35,816.59	Account	Tangible
FY 2005 transactions	+ 3,911.88	Bank Accounts	20,055.04
Ending Balance 9/30/06	39,728.47	Scholarship Fund	9,171.52
		Accounts Receivable	6.25
		Merchandise Inventory	1,388.04
		Property (undepreciated)	9,107.62
		Totals	29,232.81
			10,495.66
MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC.			
AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2006			
Membership as of 1 October 2005 - 1031			
Membership as of 30 September 2006 - 1213			
Membership Change +182			
Memorial Members - 61	Commemorative Members - 23	Annual Members - 122	Lifetime Members - 903
	Deceased Members - 59	Inactive Members - 45	