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**SPECIAL NOTICE  
FREE ROUND TRIP  
TICKET TO 2010  
OAEA REUNION. See  
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Page 2 for details.**

Photo courtesy of Henry Storm

*Hilton Hotel Pensacola Beach Florida Site of OAEA 2008 Reunion.*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Old Antarctic Explorers Association Reunion 5–7 November 2008

*Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker*

**A**FTER AT LEAST THIRTEEN REUNION COMMITTEE planning meetings over 18 months the 4<sup>th</sup> OAEA Reunion finally became a reality. Early in the year it looked as if attendance would be minimal, so the committee made some adjustments in perks and menus in order to minimize the overhead. But as time passed, attendance registrations picked up. The number of attendees never reached the committee's original expectations, but we

had enough attendees to program some additional menu items for the morning coffee and pastry bar and evening *hors d'oeuvres* and there was plenty of food at the banquet supper.

The reunion began with a brief welcome from the reunion committee chairman Jim O'Connell, after which we were honored to have the Color Guard from the Gulf Beach

See: OAEA Reunion On page 5.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

James "Jim Da Retired Cop" Heffel—OAEA President

**T**O ALL OAEs—As the new president, I would like to thank all who voted, regardless of how they voted. Special thanks to all who offered to count the votes; I hear they had a long session. I am extending a standing offer to all members: if you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like to have heard, please feel free to call or email me.



The reunion is over; I think I can say a good time was had by all. The food was excellent, the hotel and view stupendous, the sea stories flew like a gaggle of wild geese. Lots of thanks to all who were involved with putting it all together, they brought good weather along with all the other amenities. All the new officers have been installed. A special thanks to Art Lindberg for taking over the Secretary job, which has been revised to alleviate some of the work load that was done so well by Jim O'Connell. Ed Hamblin has volunteered to put the membership records on database. Dave Hazard is the new merchandise committee person, he is hoping to have a ship's store open in due time.

John West has been in touch with me regarding the next reunion in 2010 in San Antonio. He has a committee in place and has some great ideas for the ladies. Maybe we could see a larger attendance by other people who are members even though they have never been in the military. It would be nice to get a tourist perspective of Antarctica for a change. I'll bet they would love to swap stories with each other and some of us old salts.

At this time, I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and healthful 2009.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

Any OAEA member, in good standing, who makes a \$25.00 donation to the OAEA Scholarship Fund from 1 June 2009 through 4 July 2010 will be eligible to win a free round-trip-ticket to the 2010 OAEA reunion in San Antonio, Texas. Names of donors will go into a barrel and after the cutoff date, a drawing will be held. Multiple donations from individual donors will be permitted. For each \$25 donation, the donor will get another chance to win the ticket. The OAEA President will donate the ticket.

Jim Heffel (JDRC)  
President

*Jim Heffel*



**GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES**

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

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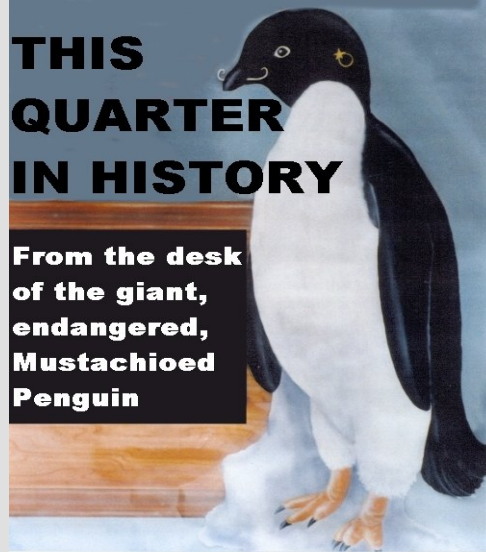
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**THIS QUARTER IN HISTORY**

**From the desk of the giant, endangered, Mustachioed Penguin**



**October Events**

- 06 Oct 1903 The Hope Bay Party begin to cross the Crown Prince Gustav Channel to meet up with Nordenskjold and Jonassen.
- 06 Oct 1908 Shackleton establishes Depot "A" at 79°36'S
- 06 Oct 1970 PM-3A back on line for power operations. Assumes McMurdo Station load.
- 26 Oct 1980 Trans-Global Expedition consisting of Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Oliver Shepard, and Charles Burton, begins Antarctic crossing.

**November Events**

- 13 Nov 1902 The first half of Scott's support party return to Hut Point.
- 29 Nov 1910 LT Nobu Shirase and his crew aboard the *Kainan Maru* set sail from Japan waters to join the race to the South Pole.
- 18 Nov 1911 Amundsen reaches the Axel Heiberg Glacier.
- 12 Nov 1912 Scott's party of three found dead in their tent.

**December Events**

- 19 Dec 1820 The New York Sealing Expedition, consisting of vessels *Henry*, *Aurora*, *Venus*, *Jane Marie*, and *Sarah* arrives at Yankee Harbor. The expedition was a financial disaster due to arriving late in the season.
- 25 Dec 1902 William Colbeck, aboard the *Morning* discovers Scott Island. The Island was never seen again and its existence was doubted.
- 10 Dec 1928 RADM Byrd, aboard the *City of New York*, re-discovers Scott Island in the same fog bank in which Colbeck originally discovered it in.
- 01 Dec 1978 First Australian C-130 Hercules lands at Williams Field.



## HOTEL LOBBY DISPLAY



**T**he above display of an adult polar bear with two cubs, and numerous penguins on an iceberg was the first thing that reunion attendees saw when they walked into the lobby entrance of the Pensacola Beach Hilton Hotel. Needless to say, the OAEs, one and all, promptly notified the hotel staff that penguins and polar bears did not co-exist. Apparently, whoever created the display had seen too many Coca Cola commercials. After hearing the same complaint so many times, from so many people, the hotel staff finally removed the polar bears from the display.

**I**knew how it was going to play out, so when the predictable happened and the polar bears disappeared, I was waiting. I approached the concierge and asked what had happened to the polar bears and I was informed that everyone had told them that there were no polar bears in Antarctica so they were removed. I shook my head in disbelief and said “you know these guys haven’t been to Antarctica in years and they don’t know what is happening.” I explained that due to global warming the North Pole was melting and all the polar bears were migrating to the South Pole. One of the counter clerks said, “isn’t that a long way for the bears to swim?” I replied; “Of course, but it’s all down hill. I don’t know if they believed me or not, but the bears were never returned to the display and by the last day of the reunion hardly any of the penguins were left.

**OAEA Reunion From page 1**

High School Junior ROTC Detachment march forward and present the colors. After the Pledge Of Allegiance and our National Anthem, the Color Guard retired and Rev. Gordon Dillashaw offered memorial remarks and a prayer on behalf of our fallen comrades, followed by the sounding of Taps by a live bugler.



**Reunion Committee Chairman Jim O'Connell welcomes the 2008 reunion attendees**

Our featured guest speaker was Sam Feola, Program Director for Raytheon Polar Services. Sam was assisted by Chris Shepherd. Both Sam and Chris have a lot of *ice*-time under their belts. Sam was a VXE-6 helo pilot from 1976-78 and before coming to RPSC he worked on *the ice* for USAP contractors Holmes and Narver and Antarctic Support Associates. Chris wintered at Byrd Station during DF-67 studying the ionosphere. In addition to the winter, Chris spent most of the summers on *the ice* from 1990 through 2003.



**Chris & Sam at the Aviation Museum**



**Gulf Beach JROTC Color Guard**

**VETERAN'S DAY MESSAGE**

Following his return to Colorado Sam sent the below Veteran's Day message to *the ice*.

"I had the pleasure of speaking to the Old Antarctic Explorers Association reunion this past week. Excluding spouses, 99% of the attendees were former military. The reunion was held in Pensacola, Florida, home of Naval Aviation training. I was fortunate to get a tour of the Naval Aviation Museum. It was a very emotional experience. I relived my days at flight school more than 40 years ago, and got to see and touch many of the types of aircraft I had once flown. I spent time with Gus Shinn, an accomplished aviator and hero, who landed the first airplane at the South Pole more than 52 years ago. I listened to story after story of brave aviators—both then and now—who did their duty as members of our armed forces. I saw young men and women aviator candidates walking around in awe. I saw men, who could barely walk, tell stories with tears in their eyes about their exploits and memories of days gone by. Young or old—the theme I saw and heard was one of pride. Pride in being an American; pride in having served or about to serve our country; pride in our ability to be a free country to elect the first African-American President in our nation's history. As Veteran's Day comes once again, these men and women reminded me how very much alive patriotism and freedom is in America. Some said it; some implied

it—that we live today because of the sacrifice and devotion of our current and former members of our armed forces. Our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, husbands, and wives.....we thank you.



**Sam Feola answering questions**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

There were 259 registered members and guests present at the reunion. We also had a total of 22 cancellations and three no-shows. The Reunion Committee was able to refund all registration fees to those who had cancelled, or to donate their fees to the OAEA based on individual desires. This included the registration fees of cancellations or no-shows even if the individual did not ask for a refund or give specific instructions for the disposition of the fee. There were several attendees who were members but who did not register with the reunion committee. Two OAEs, who were not OAEA members, joined at the reunion.

*Editor's Note: The Attendance Report was compiled from information supplied by the Reunion Committee Chairman Jim O'Connell*





**PHOTOGRAPHERS REPORT**

*by Charlie Henke*

When I heard that the 2008 reunion was going to be in Pensacola, I told the Reunion Committee that they could count on my help. Billy-Ace asked if I would take pictures of the guests as they checked in as a photo record to help identify people for the reunion cruise book, as well as, take candid shots during the reunion

Taking the initial photos, also referred to as "mug shots," was an adventure. When I explained that the photos were unofficial, some OAEs complained that they wanted official photos. Still others wanted guarantees that these WERE unofficial pictures—by threat of death or pain, to me, if they were seen by anyone else! The registration desk was of little help as they explained to guests that I was everything from FBI to CIA, even doing photos for several popular adult nude publications! After the initial shocks and jokes, however, I realized that this was an awesome duty station. I got to meet and greet everyone who stopped and posed for me, which was almost everyone who attended.

Most of the guests checked in on Wednesday while I ran a nine-hour gauntlet of talking travel-weary OAEs into posing for their mug shots. I did a few more mug shots on Thursday;



**Charlie Henke setting up his camera for taking mug shots**

that's when I started doing candid shots and that's when the personalities really began to shine. With all guests now looking there best (probably because they now knew I was there with a camera) I went around and shot pictures at random on Wednesday night and all

day Thursday. On Friday morning, I started my assignment at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. Being a member of "the press" has its advantages such as getting some shots of *Que Sera Sera* and an Otter that are restored and on the flight line and a look at the restoration of *Que Sera Sera's* skis that was going on in the workshop.

Then it was in to the Museum for some pics of the many OAEs who traveled out and were looking around



**Gus Shinn and a member of the museum staff discuss progress on the restoration of Que Sera Sera's skis**

and telling those "sea stories." From there, it was back to the hotel for a lazy afternoon preparing for the banquet. Right before the banquet started, the Dunning Company, the cruise book people, came in and I helped them get situated for some "official" mug shot photos. Then Ray, a former C-130 pilot, now a photographer, joined me to take candid shots during the banquet. He and I also took all requested photos, made year group announcements, and took as many group photos as we could arrange.

I took 356 pictures, counting the initial mug

shots, over the three-day reunion and I really look forward to going through all of them and reliving the memories all over again. I feel absolutely honored to have been able to assist. I enjoyed every story and look forward to hearing more both at our local meetings and at the next reunion in 2010.

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*Editor' Note: Charlie Henke provided invaluable photographic support by taking mug shots of attendees immediately following signing in at the registration desk and receiving their Name Tags and Welcome Aboard Bags. Because of his mug shots we were able to get photographs of nearly 50 attendees who otherwise would not have been in the Memory Book.*

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**MERCHANDISE REPORT**

*by Pam Landy  
Merchandise Coordinator*

After the 1st day of sales, I was excited that we would sell everything, but my bubble was popped, and overall sales were not as I had hoped.

It was my understanding that the doors to the banquet room along the hallway would be closed and only the front doors, by the raffle ticket sales would be open. The flow of traffic after attendees registered and had their mug shots taken would pass the Reunion Merchandise Shop. That was not the case. All the doors to the banquet room were open and no one was directing traffic.

I also think a lot of people were cautious of spending, due to the state of the economy.



**Pam Landy setting up the reunion merchandise**

The gray T-shirts were the most popular item, with the embroidered polo shirts coming in a close second. The least popular item was white T-shirts.

Needless to say, there was a lot of left over merchandise. Eventually, the merchandise will be available for sale on the OAEA web site at discounted prices.

As a matter of comparison, I opened the merchandise shop at the 2002 reunion at 7:30 am and didn't close until 10 pm. At the 2008 reunion, I opened at 8 am each day and closed at 5 pm.

I owe a special Thanks to my family, daughters Maria and Sonya and son-in-law Jon, who loaded and transported the merchandise to the hotel.

Along with Glennys Harris (Virgil's wife), Maria, Sonya and Jon, helped with sales, not only working along-side me, but also giving me time to take breaks. Their help certainly made it more enjoyable for me.

**TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

*by Chuck Minereman*

Visitors who flew to the OAEA Reunion 2008 through the modern and efficient Pensacola Regional Airport were greeted immediately upon entering the ground transport and baggage claim area by the friendly faces of Al Rogers, Fred Overson, or Joyce Blackwelder



**Al Rogers and Fred Overson at the Airport**

who directed them to the Beach Bum Trolley vans, airport taxis, or Enterprise Rental Cars for their final leg to the Pensacola Beach Hilton Garden Inn.

Those who drove to the event were directed to a private hotel parking lot reserved strictly for the OAEA

attendees, immediately adjacent to the display and convention areas.



**Reserved signs were placed at strategic locations to indicate the perimeter of the parking spaces**

During their free time, attendees signed up at the Beach Bum Trolley desk in the Vendor Area for economically priced tours to such attractions as the Pensacola Arts Festival, local malls, and of course the National Museum of Naval Aviation on board NAS Pensacola. The Museum proved to be the most popular tour, with both a 36 passenger beach trolley and a 14 passenger van being full of happy OAEs who were taken on a full tour of the Museum, including the flight line and a special stop at *Que*

*Sera  
Sera*

which has been fully restored to the condition she was in when Gus Shinn landed her at the South Pole in 1956.

When the reunion ended, guests were able to sign up at the Transport Desk for economical return trips to the airport made possible by pooling together in Beach Bum's 10 passenger airport vans.

The Reunion Committee would like to extend its thanks to Pensacola Regional Airport and Belinda Zephir for furnishing table space at a prime location, Tom McKean and Beach Bum

Trolley for providing customized transport services, Enterprise Rental Cars for establishing an on-going discount program for all OAEA members, and of course Al, Fred, and Joyce for graciously volunteering their time to greet arriving attendees.

**RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZE REPORT**

*by Judy Dickson*

Numerous items were contributed by individuals and the reunion committee reviewed all the items and made a joint decision as to which items would be given away as door prizes and which items would be used for the fund-raising raffles. There was a total of thirteen items deemed appropriate for raffle. After commitments were met a total of



**Paul Dickson on watch at the raffle table**

\$1400 was raised from the raffles. Three of the bulky items were shipped to the winners with shipping costs being prepaid by the winners.

Items were donated by Billy-Ace Baker, Lennie Bourgeois, Shelby Gene Connell, Frank Meredith, Buz and Georgia Dryfoose, George Fairchild, Larry Garofalo, Dave and Marie Hazard, Bernie and Shirley Hudson, Gerald and Mary Ann Livermore, Lisle Rose, John Barell, Geoffrey Lee Martin, Tom Martin, Chuck Minerman, Bruce Moore, Les and Cindy Liptak, Jim O'Connell, Albert Rogers, Everett Suchland, Jerry Marty, The Antarctic Connection, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, and Missouri University Press.



We would like to thank everyone who made donations. If anyone was overlooked, we offer our thanks and apologies.

Lenny and Helen Bourgeois, Mitzi and Don Emmons, and my husband, Paul, deserve special recognition for helping me with the sale of raffle tickets.

Your help and donations contributed to the success of this reunion. Thanks again.

The penguin canisters for holding the individual raffle tickets were created by Billy Blackwelder from one-gallon mayonnaise jars decorated and painted with wooden beaks, feet, and an assorted style of eyeballs. He even made one that resembled Puckered Pete. A close-up of one of the penguin canisters is shown in the Jul-Sep 2008 issue of the *Explorer's Gazette* on page 19.

**MEMORABILIA/ARTIFACTS DISPLAYS REPORT**

*by Sam and Buz Dryfoose*

The Memorabilia/Artifacts Room at the OAEA Reunion in Pensacola Beach was located in the Oleander Room. The area was spacious, comfortable, and handy to the General Meeting Room. The hotel staff kindly furnished special chairs for those who hosted the displays and their efforts were much appreciated!



**Buz Dryfoose in the Memorabilia/Artifacts Display Room**

Several displays were housed in the M/A Room: numerous photo albums, signs, pennants, and articles from the 1957-62 time frame invited browsing

and nudged memories. Attendees furnished personal accounts of how each item was used, where they had similar items stored (at least, for a while!), and sea stories the item in question retrieved from deep memory. Spouses politely listened before slipping away to do some shopping at the vendor tables in the hall.

A marvelous video was shown that vividly depicted the way of life in the early days of the VX-/VXE-6 squadron. Visitors from other Deep Freeze units dropped by for a while and then returned later with the rest of their party.

When the General Meeting Room and Oleander Room doors were all open, those in the M/A Room were within earshot of the activities. The shuttle buses loaded and departed just outside the M/A Room and returning travelers often stopped in at the M/A Room to revisit the displays, look for shipmates, and chat with the display hosts.

It was a treat to be so close to "the action" and the only suggestion that might be offered is that an in-house television connection might have brought the General Meeting events even closer to the M/A Room and its occupants. Of course, it would be ideal to have the ability to lock the room at intervals rather than having displays tended from early morning to late at night.

**VENDOR REPORT**

*Compiled by Billy-Ace*

There were a total of six vendors at the 2008 reunion. Each vendor had to meet three basic requirements and those requirements were; that the vendor be a member of the OAEA, that their merchandise have an Antarctic theme and that they donate an item to the reunion committee to be used as a door prize or raffle item

**Ceramic Penguins**—A waddle of over 100 ceramic penguins, each one with a different personality, were presided over by OAEA Associate Member Karen Nightengale. Karen, who wants to be a potter, sold out after the first day. Actually she closed because she wanted

to party. Local potter, Keith George created the ceramic penguins that Karen sold. Keith donated \$35 of his sales to the OAEA.



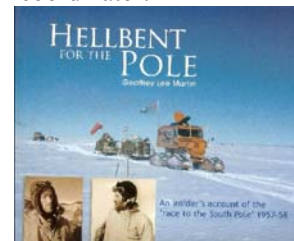
**Karen's Ceramic Penguin Table**

**Antarctic Books**—Former USS *Glacier* Operations Officer John Barell sold autographed copies of his books: *Surviving Erebus* and *Quest for Antarctica*. John's books were reviewed in the Oct-Dec 2007 issue of the *Gazette* on page 14.



**John Barell (left) discusses his book with a former Glacier crew-member.**

**Author in Absentia**—Due to doctor's orders Australian author of *Hellbent for the Pole*, Geoffrey Lee Martin, didn't show up for the reunion. Geof ruptured ligaments in his right foot and couldn't fly. However, he had already shipped 35 copies of his book to Pensacola. When he found out he couldn't make it, he airmailed a like-number of signed bookplates to the reunion committee vendor coordinator.





**The Antarctic Connection**—Gloria Hutchings and her brother Ray Croteau, represented The Antarctic Connection. In the past Tom Hutchings and Gloria attended the OAEA reunions with their beautiful young daughters. This year, Tom stayed home with the girls who are now in school. Gloria's table was next to the no-host bar, so one would have thought that would be a good location. However, sales were not as brisk as they had been at the 2006 and 2002 OAEA reunions.



**The Antarctic Connection Merchandise Tables**

According to Gloria “The sales weren’t as good as the last reunion but we did make enough to cover our trip expenses”. She went on to say: “We do it more for exposure, to glean comments about new products, and to touch base with fellow OAEs.

Although she did not discuss numbers, she did say, “as usual, we ran out of a few items and didn’t sell any of others, but overall, I think folks were happy with the selection.”

Gloria sent the following open letter to fellow reunion attendees:

Dear OAEA Members,

Just wanted to say that I appreciate your letting us—the Antarctic Connection—take part in yet another successful OAEA

reunion. It was great fun to see the camaraderie between all of you, and I love to hear the amazing stories of your Antarctic experiences, as you were the ones to pave the way. It is obvious that time on *the ice* has left indelible memories on all who have had the good fortune to experience it. It is fun to share those memories with those who can relate to them.

We look forward to continuing our involvement with the OAEA! Sincerely,

Gloria & Tom Hutchings  
The Antarctic Connection

**New England Chapter**—Dave and Anne Hazard represented the OAEA-NE Chapter with one merchandise table and Dave had a table of his own for merchandise that he markets.

One of the highlights of the OAEA-NE merchandise was the limited edition



**OAEA-NE Chapter Vendor Table**

OAEA belt buckles. Buckle #1 was to be donated to the reunion committee to be used as a door prize or raffle item. However, before it was presented to the reunion committee, the belt buckle disappeared under mysterious circumstances.



**Dave Hazard mans his Vendor Table**

**Ace's Place OAEA Products**—The last vendor table on the list was my own. I sold a variety of OAEA products that

included lapel/ball cap pins, coins, ball caps, books, patches, and license plates.



**Billy-Ace mans his table with customer Dan Bolton looking over the merchandise**

The highlight of my offerings was OAEA pilsner glasses that were available in sets or a single glass. One of the most popular items was the 2008 Reunion coin that featured the OAEA logo on one side and the Next Stop

Pensacola logo with the reunion dates on the obverse side. The least popular item in my inventory was the 2008 Reunion ball cap pin. One item that sold out was the Last Flight of Puckered Pete patch of which I had only a few in stock.

I was also marketing NSFA, ASA, and VXE-6 ball caps for Buz Dryfoose the OAEA Merchandise Coordinator. Buz had ordered a limited number of the unit ball caps as a marketing test. The ASA and VXE-6 ball caps sold out at the reunion.



**ASA ball cap stitch-up panel**

**FINAL WORDS**

We would like to thank all of the volunteers for their great support, it gave us time to visit with old friends and make some new ones. Thanks again to all for a great reunion.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honorable & Esteem'd Sir,

As ye world knows by now, I was liberated from ye great ice island (I learn from my associate Black Jack of Ballarat that ye now refer to such islands as "tabular bergs") in August, after a most miserable 303 years, with very little to do but fall into what I imagin'd would be an eternal sleep, aware yet immobile, doom'd to a never-ending twilight existence in ye great southern ocean.

Yet, I am out now, at large, in ye world of yr century, with a story to tell, me heartys, a story of fabulous venture and wicked mates, of Bart Sharp and maroon'd buccaneers, of Jamaican women so loose there legs fell off at a touche, of parotts in Bantam with more intelligence than many men, and of my last voyage to ye great icy seas of the south, wherein I was envelop'd in ye great ice island for three centuries.

I can tell ye of Maria Levasseur and how she come to leeve her parott and marry mee, but Black Jack adviseth me that yrs is a publication unsuited for such a ribald tale.

Anon, my dr Sir, more, perhaps

Yr humble and obed. servt.  
Lionel Wafer

*Editor's Note: Lionel Wafer was listed in the Apr-Jun 2008 issue as a new Commemorative Member of the OAEA. Lionel died before the camera was invented, but this is a portrait of him as he looked over 300 years ago. I asked the person who sent me the above email to send me a photograph of Lionel as he now appeared and I received the following email and photograph.*



**Lionel Wafer circa 1700**

Hon. Sir,

My missive was so late in coming, as you so quaintly put it, because I was in extremis. You colonial lads Do still understand Latin don't you, when it is shot off at ye like grape from a 10-incher?

Photograph (very interesting custom) to follow. I am festoon'd, dear Sir, in modern finery, and with these spectacles to enable mee to clear ye driftwood from my vision, and thou wilt note the two concubines at my side

Yr humble & obed. servt.  
Lionel Wafer



*Commemorative Member Lionel Wafer entertains two "ladies" in Valparaiso*

B-A:

I have a correction to the New England Chapter Summer Meeting story's photo caption in the right column on page 9. The caption should read:

*"George Howland (left) with Gary and Karen Newquist."*

FYI: George (not an OAEA member) and Gary (HMC, USN (Ret.)) wintered as part of Det Alfa in DF-70. Gary was an EN1 and diesel plant operator in DF-70.

Marty Diller

*Editor's Note: The correction applies to the Jul-Sep 2008 issue of the Gazette.*

Billy-Ace,

Thanks for all you do for the OAEA. I really enjoy reading the Gazette. I was a GA Snow Shoveler Extraordinaire (General Assistant) in summer support in 1993. Then I got a chance to winter-over.

Winter was amazing. The Aurora Australis, the dark, the airdrop. It was just totally amazing. During the winter I became a forklift driver and my job was to get parts from the cargo yard for the heavy shop. It was awesome going after engine blocks in the dark during blizzards.

Now I am old and married and can never go back even though I would love to. I will always remember the graffiti that someone put in the bathroom in the middle of the winter:

**"I wish I was where I was when  
I wished that I was here."**

I would not trade the experience for anything.

Thanks again for everything you do and remember: Stay on the flagged route.

Chris Limon  
WO DF-94



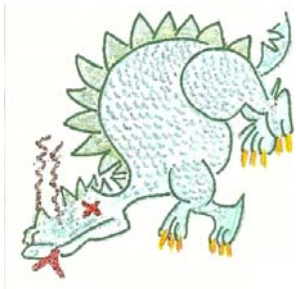
Billy-Ace:

As always, an outstanding job on the latest issue (Jul-Sep 2008) of the Gazette. I would like to correct one of the "Historical Facts" stated in the "This Quarter in History" column.

In 66-67 "The Dragon Killers" bowling team were not representing the Radio Division. I am a charter member of the Dragon Killers Society, which was formed during DF 67 in Club Erebus, and that is who our bowling team represented when the Kiwis defeated us. The team consisted of a group of key personnel from all departments that gathered together to protect the area from the dreaded dragons that some of us saw on a regular basis after way too long a night in Club Erebus, Hut 14, the mechanics hut, or the VX6 bar. Truth be told, none of the other teams would let us bowl with them so we formed our own team.

Ken (John) Henry WO 63 & 67

*Editor's Note: My bad. John Henry is correct. Here is the logo for the Dragon Killers bowling team and below is a photo of my of the team members. He was actually a good bowler compared to the rest of us.*



**BU1 Lincoln Lettman at the McMurdo Penguin Lanes Bowling Alley**

Hi Billy,

I don't know if you saw the latest thing the Air Force put out about a night flight into McMurdo a C-17. If you haven't seen it let me know I think I still have it and I will forward it to you.

I really enjoy the *Explorer's Gazette*.

Bill Streitenberger  
Retired USMC Navigator

*Editor's Note: Thanks for the positive note and for the offer to forward the night landing news article. I did see the story and saved it for possible inclusion in the Gazette. Unfortunately there was no room for the story. There are always a lot of good stories about the ice that I am unable to print due to space limitations.*

Billy-Ace,

I enjoyed the last Gazette and after reading it online, printed it out for future reference. Another check for \$25 is on the way for printing and mailing expenses. I try to send one each time a new issue of the Gazette comes out.

Aloha, Tony Herman  
DF-63 WO Byrd Station

*Editor's Note: Tony is a regular contributor to the Gazette printing and mailing fund. However, he does not receive his copy by snail mail.*

B-A,

What an EXCELLENT job you did with Herschel Smith's story, "My Journey With Admiral Byrd", in the latest Gazette! I'm confident he will be extremely pleased with it.

In case you forgot, or haven't gotten around to it yet due to the Reunion, I would just like to remind you that Herschel has asked for six hardcopy versions of that Gazette mailed to him. He said he would gladly pay the cost.

I will not be the least surprised if he asks for additional copies after he sees how beautifully you spruced up his story with all the photos... really nice job!

Thanks very much!

Please mail copies to:

Herschel Smith  
Bldg. 15, Apt. 202  
825 Pontiac Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02910

Marty Diller  
OAEA-NE Chapter Secretary

*Editor's Note: We were happy to provide Herschel with the extra copies that he requested.*

# New England Chapter Fall Meeting

by Marty Diller,  
New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer

The OAEA-NE Chapter was unable to pin down a suitable site in New Hampshire, so the Chapter returned to the Bull N'Claw restaurant in southern Maine for our fall meeting. Forty-one people, including 35 members, attended this final meeting under Dave Hazard's two-term tenure as the Chapter's first President. Former Chapter VP Fred Santino has been elected the new President, and he and the other new Chapter Officers began their terms of office upon adjournment of the day's business meeting. See the New England Chapter meeting story in the Jul-Sep 2008 *Gazette* for more on the Chapter's election results.

## Chapter Business

The business meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance—led by Charlie 'CB' Bevilacqua, who keeps the ceremonial South Pole Station US and POW/MIA flags (flown every Christmas Day at Pole) during the austral winter, but dutifully provides them for display at Chapter meetings. In "New Business":

- Mike Hall announced that he will be compiling biographic data of all Chapter members and asked that members contact him. He is especially interested in member's Antarctic Experience, including excerpts from letters home that describe life on the Ice, as well as input from spouses to get their perspective, also.
- To reduce administrative expenses associated with the conduct of the election of officers, the members voted to (1) extend terms of office for the President and Vice President by two years so that Chapter elections of officers are only conducted every four years, and (2) use email to the maximum extent possible for sending nomination and ballot forms, as well as for election voting.

- A 'Hosting Committee' was created to oversee the coordination, set-up, and staffing of Chapter meetings. The Committee will find volunteers to conduct important meeting functions such as signing-in attendees, issuing name tags, collecting money for meals, and selling raffle tickets and merchandise. Paula Hall was appointed Chairperson of the committee.

## Featured Presentation

In recognition of the tremendous membership growth and progress made by the Chapter during Dave Hazard's two terms as President, Dave's wife, Anne, created a wonderful PowerPoint presentation of photos and statistics and shared it with the attendees. Afterwards, Dave gave a brief farewell speech and wished incoming President Fred Santino even more success in leading the Chapter onwards.



**Dave Hazard presides over his last meeting as Chapter President.**

## Fundraising

Limited-edition, color OAEA-logo belt buckles were again the featured fundraising items at the meeting, and OAEA-logo ball caps and polo shirts were also available for sale. In previous *Gazettes*, owners of buckles #002-041 were listed. New owners include: Ed Groover (042), Gary Sanders (043), Pete Gillich (044), Herschel Smith (046 and



**Incoming Board 1 (L to R): Director Nick Pellegrino, Vice President Mike Hall, Secretary-Treasurer Marty Diller, Immediate Past President Dave Hazard, President Fred Santino, and Director Hoot Hartman**





**Standing (L to R): Nick Pellegrino, Joan Lodge, Mike Hall and Dave Killian. Seated (L to R): Mary Pellegrino and Paula Hall.**

047), Harold Flesner (048), Jim O'Meara (049), Norm Wright (050), Anthony Richards (051), Bill O'Donnell (052), Carl Jackson (053), Pinky Palsgraf (054), Steve Koski (055), Ed Connors (056), Bob Long (057), Phil Bradford (058), Gene Robert (059), Jim Aldridge (060), Cliff Dickey (061), and Jim Trussell (066).

Distribution of the OAEA-logo belt buckles continues on a first-come basis. Remaining belt buckles can be obtained for \$25 plus \$4 shipping and handling. Just go to the 'OAEA-NE Merchandise' link on the OAEA website ([www.oaea.net](http://www.oaea.net)), or contact Dave Hazard directly at: 207-353-9068.

Also, the Chapter still has a quantity of Noel Gillespie's original-edition book about VX-/VXE-6, *Courage Sacrifice Devotion*, and is selling them for \$25.00. A bookplate signed by the author accompanies each book. For the raffle, prizes were either donated by Chapter members or the Chapter.

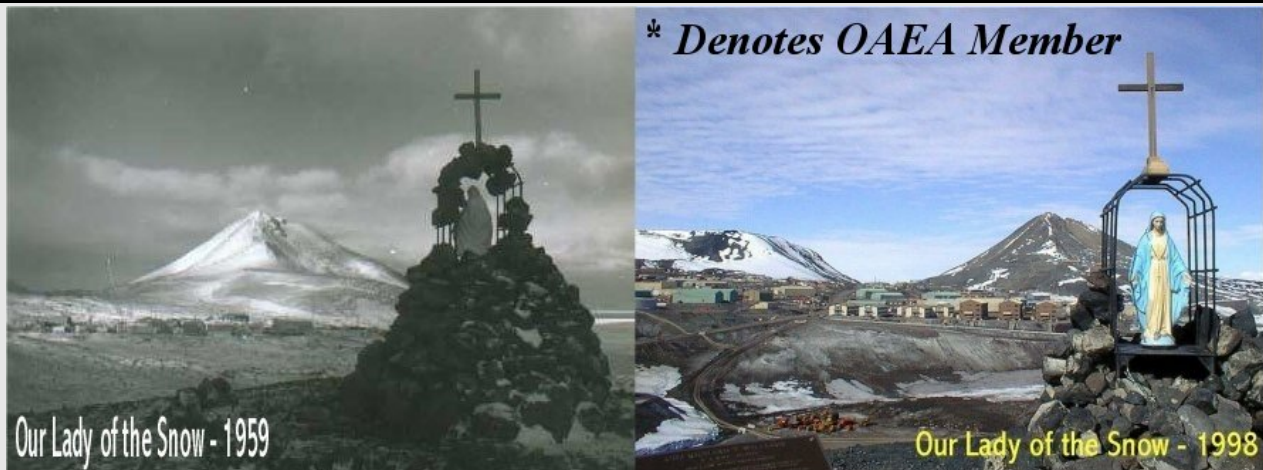
Raffle winners included: "CB" Bevilacqua (penguin t-shirt), Normand Rodrigue (penguin toy), Dave Dubois (penguin paperweight), Susie Rodrigue (stuffed penguin toy), Hoot Hartman (penguin bath mat), Barry Chase (wooden outdoor penguin figure), Don Germain (wooden, outdoor penguin welcome sign), Mo Gibbs (penguin paperweight), Mary Hasty (OAEA-logo Ballcap), Bev Diller (penguin gift box), Chet Thomas (penguin paperweight), John Hasty (decorative penguin slate), Herschel Smith (wooden outdoor penguin figure), and Dave Killian (Little Penguin wine).

### Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm on Saturday, 29 March 2009, at Pelly's 19th Hole restaurant, located on the site of the former Quonset/Davisville CPO club in North Kingstown, RI.



**(L to R): Marty (standing) talks with Jessie McGuire, while Jim Kelly listens in. Kathy Donovan sits next to Jim, and Bev readies her camera for another photo. Seated with backs to the camera are Herschel Smith, Hoot Hartman, and Walt McLean.**



## I N M E M O R Y

OAE [Dr. Marlin Lee Olson](#) Ph.D., 81, died on 26 December 2008, in Everett, WA. Marlin served on the USS *Sennet* as an EM3 during Highjump.

OAE Bill Hakim, 51, died on 21 December 2008, in Woodburn, OR. Bill served as a Navy diver in 1987. Unit unknown

OAE CAPT [Richard J. Jensen](#), USN (Ret), 56, died on 19 December 2008, in Pensacola, FL. Richard was the NSFA Comptroller during DF-80, 81, and 82.

OAE [Brandi Michelle Fairchild](#), 38, died on 10 December 2008, in Seattle, WA. Brandi spent two summer seasons and one winter at McMurdo Station. Years and unit/activity served with unknown.

OAE QMC Bernard F. Verboncouer, 88, USN (Ret), died on 10 December 2008, in Mesa, AZ. Bernard wintered-over at Little America V during DF-II

OAE Hugh A. Mulligan, 83, died on 27 November 2008, in Danbury, CT. Hugh was a reporter with Associated Press. He visited Antarctica in 2004.

OAE CDR [Dennis Alvin Olson](#), USN (Ret), 75, died on 27 November 2008, in Walnut Creek, CA. Dennis was a LT with VX-6 during DF-65 and served as a pilot. Olson Neve in the Churchhill Mountains is named in his honor.

\*OAE Edwin M. Garnsey, 71, died on 19 November 2008, in Foster, RI. Ed was an AK2 in VX-6 from 1958–61.

OAE CDR Faber W. McCartney, USN (Ret), 87, died on 17 November 2008, in San Diego, CA. Mac served as a Navy Aerographer. Year(s) and unit unknown.

OAE Donald Finkel, 79, died on 15 November 2008, in St Louis, MO. Donald served with NSF as a poet with the USARP Artists and Writers Program during DF-68.

OAE [George Montague Green](#), 69, died on 14 November 2008, in Miami, FL. George wintered-over on Adelaide Island with the British Antarctic Survey in 1964. He was a member of the BAS Veterans Society.

OAE [Ronald R. Robinson](#), 64, died on 7 November 2008, in Millsboro, DE. Ronald served on the ice with the Seabees. Year(s) and unit unknown.

OAE CEC John P. Fleming, USN (Ret), 80, died 4 November 2008, in Hershey, PA. John winter with PM-3A Crew I during DF-62 and was in summer support with PM-3A Crew IV during DF-65. Fleming Head on the coast of Victoria Land was named in his honor.

\*OAE Robert Earl Lemaster, 63, died on 3 November 2008, in Pahrump, NV. Bob served in VXE-6 from 1982–85 and 1988–91.

OAE Jim O'Neal, 81, died on 1 November 2008, in Bethesda, MD. Jim was a USGS cartographer. He served with the Chilean Antarctic Expedition during DF-II. O'Neal Point is named in his honor.



OAE Edward Ferreira, 68, died 27 October 2008, in Boston, MA. Edward was a Construction Electrician with the Seabees. Year(s) and unit unknown.

OAE Martin Arthur Pomerantz, 91, died on 26 October 2008, in San Rafael, CA. Martin was "Mr Cosray". He deployed 26 times to the ice. His last time was during DF-86. Martin was a member of the American Polar Society. Pomerantz Tableland in the USARP Mountains is named in his honor.

OAE [Detlef Andreas Warnke](#), 80, died on 24 October 2008, in San Mateo, CA. Dietz was a USARP biologist at Palmer Station during DF-67. Mount Warnke in the Pensacola Mountains is named in is honor.

OAE CDR [Robert D. Baer Sr.](#), 79, USN (Ret), died on 12 October 2008, in Loris, SC. Year(s), and unit unknown.

OAE BMC [Richard Little](#), USN (Ret), 73, died on 11 October 2008, in Norfolk, VA. Richard served on the USS *Arneb* during DF-60.

OAE LTJG [Horacio Augusto Mendez Ph.D.](#), died on 10 October 2008, in Willow Glen, CA. Horacio was the commanding officer of the Argentine Antarctic research Naval base Almiranti Brown Station during the 1958 (57-58) winter.

OAE [Ron Lacy](#), 58, died on 8 October 2008, in Placerville, ID. Ron served with MCB-71 during the construction of South Pole Station.

\*OAE Ted J. Miller, 80, died on 1 October 2008, in Casa Grande, AZ. Ted was a CS1. He wintered-over at South Pole Station during DF-60 and at Hallet Station during DF-63.

\*OAE [John "Doc" Cole Green](#), 66, died on 1 October 2008, in Rockland, MD. Doc served on the USS *Atka* during DF-66. He was also a member of the ADFA.

OAE [Travis L. Baker Jr.](#), 79, died on 23 September 2008, in Anchorage, AK. During DF-61 Travis worked for NOAA on the ice installing a weather balloon tracking system at Byrd Station. Travis Nunatak is named in his honor.

OAE [Mark O'Neill](#), 69, died on 21 September 2008, in Washington, DC. Mark served as the medical officer on the USCGC *Eastwind* during DF-66.

OAE [David M. Rogers](#), 67, died on 21 September 2008, in Toms River, NJ. David served with the Seabees. Year(s) and unit unknown.

\*OAE Margery Wharton, 69, died on 17 September 2008, Margery was the author of *Antarctic Expedition Postcards*. She visited the Antarctic Peninsula in 1992 and 1993 to do research for her book. In 1998 she made a cruise on the icebreaker *Kapitan Khlebnikov* from New Zealand to McMurdo and Scott Base. Her last trip to Antarctica was in 2000 aboard the MS *Explorer*. She was a member of the American Society Of Polar Philatelists, and the Polar Postal History Society of Great Britain.

\*OAE ETC Max Frank Foster, USN (Ret), 70, died on 17 September 2008, in Crawford, GA. Frank wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-64 with ASA.

OAE Frank Smith, 88, died on 1 September 2008, in Mornington, Victoria, AU. Frank was a member of the 1958 Mawson Station crew. He served 18 years as engineering officer with ANARE making 17 trips to the ice.

OAE CDR [Lawrence H. "Larry" Gjerman](#), USN (Ret), 74, died on 22 August 2008, in Reno, NV. Larry served as a helo pilot during DF-63.

OAE William Young Saunders 1938-2007. Born in Brooklyn, NY. McMurdo DF-60, Wilkes DF-61 WO Marine Biologist Saunders Hill named in is honor

OAE Joseph O. Fletcher, 88, died on 6 July 2008, in Sequim, WA. Joseph was the NSF Director of Polar Programs, 1971-74. Fletcher Ice Rise is named for him.

OAE CWO Henry Fox Casey, 85, USN (Ret), died on 9 April 2008, in Pensacola, FL. Henry wintered-over at Little America Vas a QMC during DF-III.

OAE RMC Eugene Pastian, USN (Ret), 68, died on 24 September 2007 in Highmore, SD. Gene served in NSFA as the Leading Radioman during DF-79 and DF-80.

\*OAE Thomas H. Newhouse, 69, died on 29 August 2005, in Merritt Island, FL. Thomas wintered-over as an RM(TE)2 during DF-III.

## OAEA MUSEUM COORDINATION COMMITTEE

by E. W. Van Reeth

As noted on page 14 of a previous *Explorer's Gazette* (Apr-Jun 2008 Issue), considerable interest has been shown in the preservation of Antarctic artifacts and memorabilia which have been accumulated over the years by members of the OAEA. Many of us have such items that, when we leave this vale of tears, we do not wish to have discarded or thrown out by our survivors. Question: What should be done with them?

Our preliminary research has shown that most museums and other repositories are not seeking books, papers, diaries, journals, personal letters, etc., unless they are connected with truly historic events in which the writer or author played a prominent part. They already are swamped with such material. Such items are best left to your descendants, to show that their ancestors did indeed play a part in the United States Antarctic Program and its supporting roles. However, do not underestimate the value of such items, which may be sought by other entities. For example, some of the squadron, ship, and unit cruise books from the early days of Operation Deep Freeze are quite valuable, fetching from \$75.00 to over \$150.00 from Polar aficionados at Amazon.com and other on-line sites. In all likelihood they will become more valuable as time goes on. Many of us have cacheted and stamped envelopes from the early days of Deep Freeze, which again can be quite valuable. The Internet has many websites for Polar Philatelists.

Please bear in mind that the OAEA cannot be a repository for those items that you wish to have preserved. Accordingly, to assist you, a committee has been formed within our organization to:

- (1) Determine just what is available for future display and safekeeping;
- (2) Determine whether or not specific items are indeed suitable; and
- (3) Query appropriate museum(s) or other appropriate repositories to determine if they are willing to accept the items offered. Some of the institutions being considered:

- The National Naval Air Museum, Pensacola
- The Seabee Museum, Port Hueneme, California \*
- The U. S. Navy Museum, Washington, D.C.
- The Aviation Museum at Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- Empire State Aerosciences Museum, Glenville, New York
- The Byrd Polar Research Center, Ohio State University
- The Seabee Museum at Davisville Rhode Island

\*For you Antarctic Seabees out there, the Seabee Museum at Port Hueneme is building up its Antarctic section and is most desirous to have any of your appropriate artifacts. They're particularly looking for photos of the South Pole

Dome Station, both during its construction and later-under different lighting conditions, etc.

With rare exception, these institutions insist on having sole title to their artifacts, i.e.-are not amenable to taking artifacts "on loan". Unless other arrangements can be made with these particular organizations you must agree to relinquish ownership of your contribution(s).

This Museum Coordination Committee exists to assist in the placement of your memorabilia or artifacts in an appropriate museum or repository, to act as an intermediary, and to expedite this process. Again, the OAEA cannot be a repository for your items, nor will the OAEA, or its Board of Directors (BOD), negotiate directly with an institution regarding the final placement of your item(s). This committee will:

- Determine whether a member's item is either appropriate for display or desired by the repository;
- Advise the member of the repository's response;
- Assist the member in placing his/her item(s) with the repository-liaison, necessary paperwork, etc.

All postage and shipping charges to the artifact's ultimate destination are the responsibility of the contributing member.

It would be difficult to describe exactly what is being sought-or to give any examples considering the number and variety of "stuff" that OAEA members have accumulated. Those of you who are in possession of any Antarctic artifact of museum quality-which you believe should be preserved-should fill out the following application and remit it as indicated. **Do not include item with this preliminary application!**

Good Luck, and your committee is waiting to hear from you.

Members of the Museum Coordination Committee and their areas of expertise:

Eugene Van Reeth	United States Antarctic Program
Doc Abbot	US Navy Antarctic Task Force
Billy-Ace Baker	Antarctic Literature
Hill Goodspeed	Museum Collections Advisor
Tom Noel	USAF/NYANG Antarctic Support
Laura Snow	Byrd III Expedition (1939-41)

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*Editor's Note: Artifacts/Memorabilia that were removed from any of the historic Antarctic huts should be returned to the proper authorities. If you have items of this nature please be sure to document the dates and location from where the items were taken.*

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# OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MUSEUM REPOSITORY CONSIDERATION

(Please fill out completely; use separate sheet if necessary for explanation or details)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP +4)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Military unit(s) or agency or other entity to which attached:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dates served in Antarctica or dates visiting Antarctica:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Complete description of Artifact/Memorabilia, including, if applicable dimensions, weight, color, how used, and so forth.

Where, when, and how was this item acquired. Be specific. If necessary use separate sheet for explanation or details.

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Mail completed Application to:

E. W. Van Reeth  
"Penguin Ops"  
P.O. Box 1734  
Flat Rock, NC 28731-1734



## NEW OAEA MEMBERS

The below listed personnel have joined the OAEA since the Jan-Mar 2008 issue of the *Gazette*.

Thanks to Les Liptak, Gene Van Reeth, Leslie Blank, Joe Medlin, Jim Thomann, Ken Meyer, Paul Dalrymple, Jim Eblen, Fred Overson, Lennie Bourgeois, John "Black Jack" Stewart, John Lamont West, Marty Diller, Dale Cockrill, Joe Hawkins, ANARE, Karen Damvelt, Glenn Harris, Jim Johnson, and Rediron McCormick, 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), 850 456 3556 or 10819 Berryhill Road Pensacola FL 32506.

\*Denotes Associate Member

Abbott, Lillian CIV	Life	Dean Abbott daughter
Brown, Norman ABCS	Life	VXE-6 SS 79-82
Burke, Kevin RM2	Life	USS <i>Calcaterra</i> DF-68
Burns, JP RMC	Life	WO DF-63, 67, & 71
Byham, Cynthia Civ	Life	Surviving Spouse
Campbell, Leo ATCS	Life	VX-6 DF-63, 64, & 65
Conners, Edwin AOAN	Life	VX-6 60-62
Cooper, Harry BUCN	Life	MCB-71 DF-74
Eshelman, Daniel ADCS	Life	VX-6 SS DF-66 & 67
Fuller, Calvin AK1	Life	VX-6 WO DF-60, SS 57-58, 64-68
Grisham, Paul LT	Life	Det Charlie DF-68
Henry, John ET2	Life	WO DF-III
Hughes, Michael CE3	Life	ASA, MCB-1 60-62
Hunt, Clark AG2	Annual	WO DF-60
Jeanroy, Don MM2	Life	USS <i>Arneb</i> 55-58
Kapantais, Stephen SN	Annual	USS <i>Atka</i> DF-66
Klansic, William RM1	Life	ASA DF-66
Lonneman, Marcel LT	Annual	ASA 72-74
Meyer, Kenneth PH1	Life	VX-6 SS DF-I, WO DF-II
Morgan, Virginia Civ	Life	Surviving Spouse
Murray, William CE2	Life	CBU-201 DF-68
Nelson, Richard LTJG	Annual	USS <i>Edisto</i> HU-2 Det DF-IV
Palinkas, Ronald PC1	Life	Det Delta 77-81
Petralis, Steve CIV	Life	Power Plant 2002-06
Pizinger, Donald CDR	Life	USS <i>Staten Island</i> DF-III
Purcell, George RM1	Life	ASA DF-68
Romaine, Paul LCDR	Annual	VXE-6 95-98
Steele, Jay LCDR	Life	VXE-6 82-85
Taylor, Mike RM1	Life	McMurdo WO DF-67
Urbanak, Richard CIV	Life	USARP WO DF-60 & 71 at Byrd & Pole
Welsh, Richard RD3	Annual	USS <i>Wilhoite</i> 60/61
Wharton, Margery Civ	Commem	6 trips between 1992 & 2000
White, Murray RM2	Life	ASA DF-67
Williams, Mark RMC/Civ	Annual	USCGC Polar Star & NSF DF-93, 95 & 01
Wyland, Ken RM1	Commem	WO DF-71 & 78

## REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

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

**USS *Philippine Sea* (CVS-47):** Tucson, AZ. 5-10 Oct 2009. POC Chuck Davis, PO Box 496412, Port Charlotte, FL 33949-6412, 941 743 5460, [philsea@embarqmail.com](mailto:philsea@embarqmail.com). USS *Philippine Sea* participated in Highjump.

**OAEA Ohio Valley Group:** Deep Freeze Spring Fling, Fairborn, OH. 24-26 April 2009. POC Ed Waite, [ebw@thewaitegroup.com](mailto:ebw@thewaitegroup.com), 660 Beatrice Drive, Dayton, OH 45404, or 937 233 0613.

**USS *Yancey* (AKA-93):** Mobile, AL. Oct 2009. POC George Clifton, 708 525 8531, [clifs@ameritech.net](mailto:clifs@ameritech.net). The USS *Yancey* participated in Highjump.

**MCB-1:** Las Vegas, NV. 9-12 Oct 2009. POC Peter S. Dowd, 781 837 0393, [mcb1reunion@verizon.net](mailto:mcb1reunion@verizon.net). MCB-1 served during DF-II, IV, and 62.

**USCGC *Edisto* (AGB-284):** Milwaukee, WI, 25-27 Jun 2009. POC Ron Hady, 954 295 2239, [rhady@military.com](mailto:rhady@military.com). USCGC *Edisto* served during DF-70.

**USS *Edisto* (AGB-89/AGB-2):** Baton Rouge, LA. 14-18 May 2009. POC Glenn Smith, Box 747, Mims, FL 32754, 321 269 5637, [ussedisto@bellsouth.net](mailto:ussedisto@bellsouth.net). The USS *Edisto* served during Windmill, DF-I, IV, 61, 63, and 65.

**USS *Wilhoite* (DE/DER-397):** Omaha, NE, 30 Sep-3 Oct 2009. POC Tom & Addie Morrissey, 402 483 6889, [adtomorrissey@msn.com](mailto:adtomorrissey@msn.com). USS *Wilhoite* served during DF-61.

**USCGC *Southwind* (WAGB-280):** Charlestown, SC, 16-20 Oct 2008. POC Edward Clancy, 904 242 9070, [clancyedward@bellsouth.net](mailto:clancyedward@bellsouth.net), 888 6<sup>th</sup> St N. Jacksonville Beach FL 32250. USCGC *Southwind* served during DF-68, 69, and 72.

**Eastwind Association:** Williamsburg, VA, 11-14 June 2009. POC LeRoy Grant, PO Box 292, Albany, NH 03818, 603 447 6040, [junelee.1@roadrunner.com](mailto:junelee.1@roadrunner.com). USCGC *Eastwind* served during DF-I, 60, through 67.

**Det Alfa DF-70 Winter-Over:** Savannah, GA, 29 Mar-1 Apr 2009, POC Dale Cockrill, 770 387 2270, [mdaleteach@aol.com](mailto:mdaleteach@aol.com), 110 Amberidge Drive, Cartersville, GA 30121.

**ADFA:** Madison, WI, 2-4 June 2009. POC Ed Ehrlich, [eehrlich@facstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:eehrlich@facstaff.wisc.edu), 608 826 0477, 6416 Clovernook Road, Middleton WI 53562-3802. ADFA members participated in all phases of Deep Freeze.



## OAE LOCATOR

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

- John Grothe is looking for anyone who served with, or knew him on the ice during 1991. John was an EM3 with the Naval Reserve Combat Training Battalion augmenting the NAVCHAPGRU Detachment. John may be contacted at: [jgrothe@comcast.net](mailto:jgrothe@comcast.net), 3512 Blue Spruce Trail, Pearland TX 77581, phone 713 560 0124.

- Dave Dubois is trying to locate the following OAEs who were in the DF-73 Winter-Over party:

SH3 Charles Conroy—Ships store, came from NY

HT2 David M. Curtis—Firehouse, came from CA

HTFN Christopher Foster—Crash crew, came from CA

CS3 Robert A. Jaffe—Night baker, came from CA

AC1 Edward K. Johnston—Retired as ACC out of Lemore, came from PA

UT2 Carl W. Pierce—Last seen at CBC Gulfport, came from MO

SN Stephen Sliss—Last seen in CA, came from NY

Dave can be contacted at: 207 676 2773, 489 Morrills Mill Road, North Berwick, ME 03906, [ddubois8@maine.rr.com](mailto:ddubois8@maine.rr.com).

- Howard Broome is looking for Lawrence Bean. Both Bean and Broome wintered at South Pole Station during DF-78. Howard can be reached at: 540 234 9798, [broomeh@brcc.edu](mailto:broomeh@brcc.edu), or 444 Dice's Spring Road Weyers Cave VA 24486.

- Jimmy Conn is looking for ADJ3 Richard "Rick" Reed who wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-65 with the VXE-6 Det. His hometown was San Diego. He married Lynn in early 1966 and was discharged from the Navy in 1967. Anyone with info can contact Jimmy at: 205 629 3368, [jeco@dellmail.com](mailto:jeco@dellmail.com), 100 Ridgetop Lane, Springville, AL 35146.

- Toni Bamford is looking for anyone who served with CDR Daniel Sliwinski aka "Ski". Ski served in VX-6 during 1956. Toni can be reached at [tbamford@q.com](mailto:tbamford@q.com), 541 688 5428, 89749 Hill Rd, Springfield, OR 97478.

- Jim Bain would like to hear from other members who are interested in having an OAEA reunion in Christchurch, NZ. If enough members are interested Jim will provide his findings to the OAEA BOD. Jim can be contacted at: [jimbain@bellsouth.net](mailto:jimbain@bellsouth.net), 320 Willow Bend Cove, Southaven, MS 38671, or 662 393 2855.

- Mark Webster is looking for MS1 Ed Clouse (Steady Eddy—voted the Honorary Mayor of McMurdo during DF-80 winter-over He retired in the mid 90s and went to work on USNS Ships. He was originally from Foxholm North Dakota. Mark can be reached at: [exechef602@aol.com](mailto:exechef602@aol.com), 1317 NE Beacon Ave, Lee's Summit MO, or 816 554 1874.

- Ann Melanie is looking for anyone who knew her father. John Henry Conroy who was USAF Supply Sgt. He was attached to the Navy at Harewood during DF-63. Conroy moved his family to NZ and they remained there for several years. Ann can be contacted at [melaniea@ecu.edu](mailto:melaniea@ecu.edu), 312 King George Road, Greenville NC 27858, or 252 328 6665.

- Jack Hopkins is looking for RM1 Tom Badger. Jack and Tom wintered at McMurdo during DF-61. Following the winter they were on a traverse to Byrd Station. Jack can be contacted at: [jack7134@aol.com](mailto:jack7134@aol.com), 7134 Holly Bay Ct, Pasadena, TX 77505, or 281 487 0002.

## GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



**Friendly ice** — From the point of view from a submarine, an ice canopy containing many large ice skylights or other features that allow a submarine to surface. There must be more than ten such features per 30 nautical miles along the submarine's track. German equivalent: *Gutes Eis*.

**Pack Ice** — Any area of sea, river, or lake ice other than fast ice, no matter what form it takes or how it is disposed. Pack ice cover may be reported in tenths, or may be described as very open pack ice, open pack ice, close pack ice, or very close pack ice. Spanish equivalent: *Hielo a la deriva*.

**Rime Ice** — A deposit of ice composed of grains more or less separated by trapped air, sometimes adorned with crystalline branches, produced by the rapid freezing of super-cooled and very small water droplets. French equivalent: *Givre dur*.

**Sea Ice** — Any form of ice found at sea which has originated from the freezing of seawater. Danish equivalent: *Havis*.

**Very Open Pack Ice** — A Pack ice composed of loose, widely spaced floes. Ice cover 1/10th to 3/10ths. Spanish equivalent: *Hielo a la deriva muy abierto*.

## Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

By Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

**11 October 2008**—The OAEA-GCG Chapter held the October meeting a week late because the Reunion Committee held their last 2008 OAEA Reunion planning meeting on site at the Pensacola Hilton on the first Saturday of the month. Now that reunion attendance numbers have reached comfortable levels most of the urgent planning topics have been resolved and the major decisions at this last planning meetings concerned Raffles, Door Prizes, and banquet menu issues. By the time anyone reads this, the 2008 reunion will be ancient history, so I won't go into any further details.



**Helen Bourgeois enjoys her meal.**



**Paul and Judy Dickson. Paul was a PHC in VX-6 during DF-III & DF-60**

The meeting was held at the Shrimp Basket Restaurant. Twenty-nine members and guests showed up. Most of the regulars came early and had lunch before the meeting started. Saturday is a slow day at the Shrimp Basket so the restaurant manager reserves the bar area for the OAEA-GCG Chapter meeting. The capacity of the bar area is just



**(foreground L to R) Al Rogers, Billy Blackwelder, and Gary Skaar. (background L to r) Paul & Judy Dickson, Mitzi & Don Emmons**

about right for the number of members attending meetings, but it can get a bit crowded. At today's meeting, there were two tables, including the low table where Sean and I sat, where there was room for several more people. However, when Gus Shinn arrived, he greeted a few people and disappeared. It had been rumored that Gus had taken a shine to one of the cute waitresses and that he had been having lunch at the Shrimp Basket at least once a week since the September meeting. With this in mind, a spy was sent into the main dining room; Gus was sitting alone at a table talking to the waitress. Gus thought that he was safe from prying eyes, but what he didn't know is that we were observing him through a large tank of tropical fish that separates the two dining areas. Readers may think that anyone who was spying on Gus should get a life. However, Gus is known to be a Chick Magnet, so we were merely observing his techniques for future reference.



**Gus Shinn and the Waitress Brittney. You should see her when she feeds the fish**



There was no guest speaker scheduled because our MC Les Liptak wanted to discuss reunion volunteer requirements and outline the volunteer duties. The only other business was the collection of payment from those in attendance who had ordered GCG reunion T-shirts. Sean Baker circulated through the group selling 50/50 raffle tickets and distributing tickets for the door prize. The 50/50 raffle was won by Don Emmons who took home \$42 as his share of the raffle. The door prize, a stuffed toy penguin was won by Brian Hoffmaster. Pam Landy donated the penguin, but she was not present at the meeting.



**Les Liptak**

WW-II. Linda is a retired US Navy captain and Philip is a retired Royal Navy commander who was involved in convoy escort duties in the Arctic. They both have interesting stories to tell about their respective careers.



**Philip and Linda Balink-White**



**Mitzi and Don Emmons winners of the 50/50 raffle.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next OAEA-GCG meeting will be scheduled after the New Year.

Thanks to Lennie Bourgeois and Mary Lou Platt for providing candid photos of the meeting. And a special thanks to Sean Baker for conducting the 50/50 raffle and the door prize ticket distribution. The usual crew of helpers, Pam Landy and Glen Harris, were not present so Sean got stuck with the whole nine yard.



**Brian Hoffmaster winner of penguin door prize intently watches Brittney feed the fish.**



**Sean Baker relaxing before starting the 50/50 raffle ticket sales.**

Even though there was no scheduled speaker OAEA Members Philip and Linda Balink-White were present and Philip was persuaded to tell of some of his exploits during

18 October 2008

I certify that the attached report is a true accounting of financial transactions conducted by the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, Inc during FY 2008 (1 Oct 07 to 30 Sep 08) and financial and membership status as of 30 September 2008.

*James H. O'Connell*

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Secretary/Treasurer

FY 2008 ACCOUNTING STATEMENT			
INCOME		EXPENSE	
<b>Donations</b>	<b>5,088.74</b>	<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>2,588.79</b>
BOD Overages	97.14	Office Supplies	2,061.33
Memorials	560.00	Postage	527.46
Newsletters	292.00	<b>Advertising (Recruiting)</b>	<b>1,151.67</b>
Scholarships	100.00	Merchandise	833.98
Scholarship Memorials	1,150.00	Recruiting Packages	38.99
Undesignated	2,889.60	Recruiting Postage	278.70
<b>Dues Payment</b>	<b>5,883.40</b>	<b>Bank Charge</b>	<b>5.00</b>
Annual Membership	972.00	<b>Donor Recognition</b>	<b>58.45</b>
Lifetime Membership	4,884.00	<b>Equipment Upgrades</b>	<b>228.99</b>
Mailing Surcharge	27.40	<b>Internet Security</b>	<b>49.99</b>
<b>Entrance Fees</b>	<b>234.00</b>	<b>License</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>Investment Market Change</b>	<b>-1,949.19</b>	<b>Miscellaneous (Unit Diaries, Election)</b>	<b>980.20</b>
<b>Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>289.66</b>	<b>Newsletters</b>	<b>2,954.07</b>
Sale Proceeds	721.75	Miscellaneous	12.99
Consignment Fees	-116.39	Obit Messenger	199.99
Cost of Goods Sold	-315.70	Postage	753.26
		Printing	1,987.83
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,546.61</b>	<b>Scholarship Award</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
		<b>Tax Preparation</b>	<b>75.00</b>
		<b>Web page Expenses</b>	<b>239.88</b>
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,652.04</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES FY 2008</b>		<b>GAIN</b>	<b>LOSS</b>
			<b>105.43</b>
FINANCIAL STATUS OF OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2008			
Summary Statement		Asset Distribution Statement	
Beginning Balance 10/1/07	48,974.09	<b>Account</b>	<b>Tangible</b>
FY 2008 Transactions	-105.43	Bank Accounts	<b>24,323.20</b>
Ending Balance 9/30/08	48,868.66	Scholarship Fund	<b>13,648.62</b>
		Cash On Hand	<b>791.02</b>
		Accounts Receivable	<b>6.25</b>
		Merchandise Inventory	<b>991.95</b>
		Property (Undepreciated)	<b>9,107.62</b>
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>38,762.84</b>
			<b>10,105.82</b>
MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2008			
Membership as of 1 October 2007 - 1346			
Membership as of 30 September 2008 - 1393			
Membership Change + 47			
Memorial Members - 62	Commemorative Members - 40	Annual Members - 94	
Lifetime Members - 1102	Deceased Members - 95		