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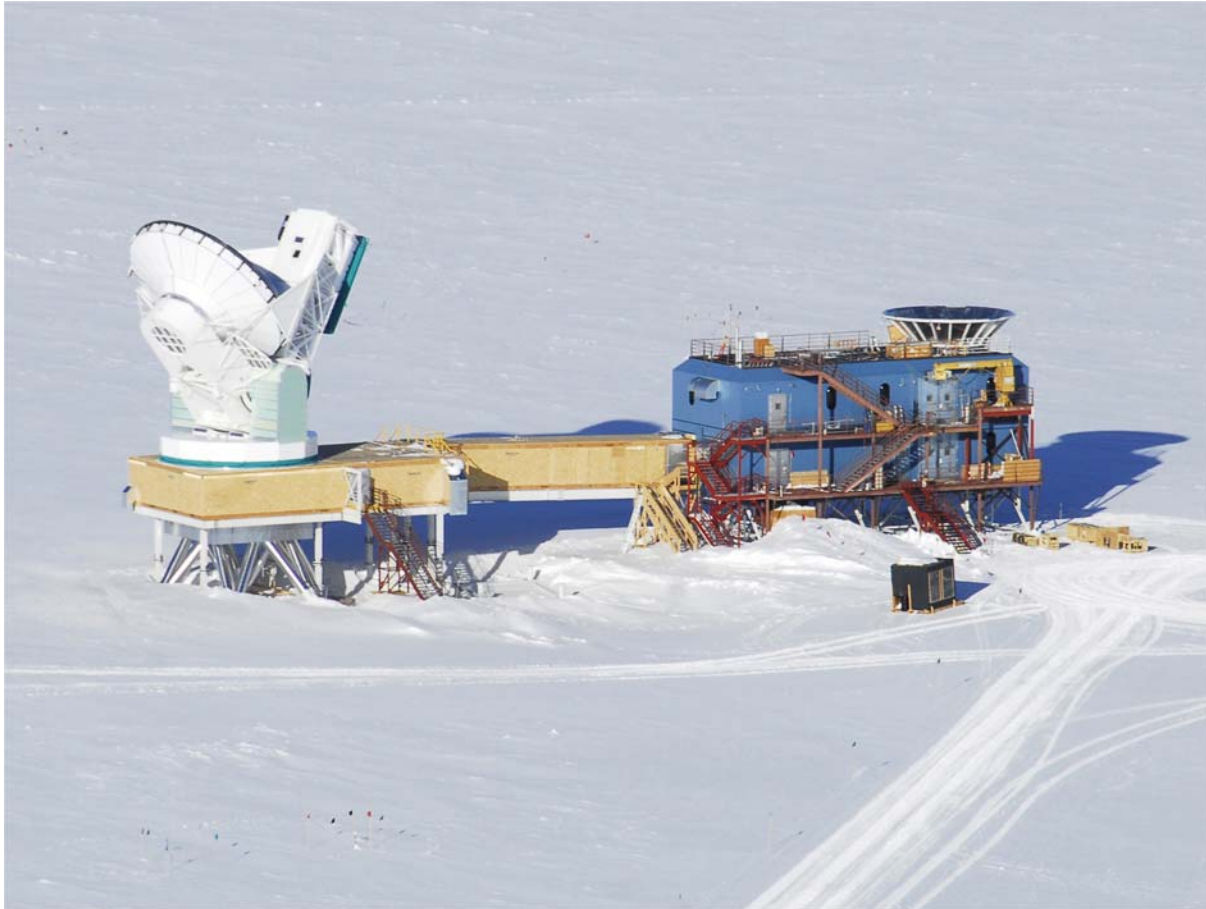
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2009 Antarctic Deep Freeze Association Reunion Madison Wisconsin

by Elaine Hood

THE 2009 ANTARCTIC DEEP FREEZE ASSOCIATION (ADFA) reunion was held in Middleton, Wisconsin, 2-4 June, hosted by Dr. Ed Ehrlich. Ed was the Medical Officer at Little America V, Deep Freeze I. He was a Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin for 35 years and is now a Professor *Emeritus*. He continues to practice his specialty in endocrinology as a volunteer at a free clinic in Middleton.

Ed, and his wife, Rosanne kicked off the event with a traditional Badgerland tailgate feed hosted at their lovely Middleton home for a horde of early arrivals. Al Hisey (McM, DF-I&II) and Dave Grisez (McM, DF-I&II) both were immediately drafted to man the grilling of the burgers and brats while old friends caught up with each other and new acquaintances were made.

See: ADFA Reunion On page 4.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

James "Jim Da Retired Cop" Heffel—OAEA President

TO ALL OAEs—It would seem that I have caused confusion with my offer of a free airline ticket to the 2010 reunion. Lets see if I can set things straight.



When I became President, there was not enough available money in the scholarship fund to award scholarships this year. So I came up with a scheme that could make money for the fund. Why not sell chances to the 2010 reunion at \$25.00 apiece. For each \$25.00 given to the scholarship fund you get one chance for a round trip flight to the reunion. Simple right?

The plan was so simple that the 2006 Reunion Committee offered to match it. That would make it a pair of tickets instead of one, thinking that a couple might win. The money for my offer is coming from my pocket, thinking instead of giving money to the fund I would use that money to make more for the Scholarship Fund, not for JDRC. The second ticket will be funded with money remaining from the 2006 OAEA Reunion.

If the tickets are won by someone who is not flying, a representative for the 2006 Reunion Committee, and I will come up with a compensation plan. The initial offer also specified within the USA, so if you are coming from outside the USA, we will pay from your point of entry into the continental USA. The provisions of the offer are also extended to special interest groups such as; the VX/VXE-6 ParaRescue Team, and/or the OAEA Communicator Group. Donor names and amount of individual donations should be provided when the groups' funds are transferred to the OAEA Scholarship Fund.

It has been suggested that if other OAEA chapters or groups would like to raise money for the Scholarship Fund, they could offer a free hotel room for 3-4 nights in San Antonio as a prize.

I would like to extend congratulations to the 15 Americans who were awarded the Erebus Medal for their aid in recovering bodies in the ANZ crash of 1979. (See page 21 for a list of their names.)

I also extend my condolences to the families of Jerri Nielsen and Jackie Ronne on their passing, and to any other member's loved ones who have passed that missed my desk. (See page 7 for memorials to Jerri and Jackie.

Without further ado, I wish all a great summer.

Jim Heffel
President

Jim Heffel



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OAEA Membership Numbers

Editorial by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

According to the report of the New England Chapter Spring 2009 Meeting by Marty Diller in the Jan-Mar 2009 issue of the *Explorer's Gazette*, membership in the OAEA is leveling off. OAEA President Jim Heffel reportedly made this statement. Heffel further stated that the leveling off was due to fewer new members and the loss of older members through death by natural causes. He went on to say that the OAEA is looking for new ideas on increasing the membership roles (sic). He urged all attendees to make an effort to recruit new members and to attend the 2010 reunion in San Antonio.

As much as I appreciate all the help I can get in recruiting new members, no one consulted with me before or after the NE Chapter meeting concerning membership statistics. The New England spring meeting was held on 28 March 2009 and Jim Heffel may have based his concerns on something that he had heard at the 2008 OAEA reunion last November.

I do not concur that membership is leveling off. However, I will let the statistics speak for themselves.

- New member in Jan-Mar issue: 25
- Deaths of OAEA members in Jan-Mar issue: 9
- New members in Apr-Jun issue: 21
- Deaths of OAEA members in Apr-Jun issue: 4

Although there were a total of 123 deaths of OAEs in the two issues of the Gazette cited above, most of them were NOT members of the OAEA.

The following New Member history for each year was extracted from the OAEA database by Ed Hamblin

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u># OF INFO PKGS SENT</u>
2000	103	Not Avail
2001	182	Not Avail
2002	286	Not Avail
2003	93	83
2004	196	167
2005	127	222
2006	201	346
2007	115	240
2008	124	232
2009	<u>68</u> to date (6/31/9)	263
Total	1495	

The calculations were based on the Membership Identification Numbers assigned to each new member, with the first four numbers being the year of joining. The numbers are inclusive and include Active, Deceased, Inactive, and Dropped members

It should be noted that the totals are slightly higher for the reunion years. The Oxnard reunion was held in January of 2005 so the surge for new members for that reunion was in 2004. A certain number of people join for the reunion and then don't renew their dues the following year.



ADFA Reunion **From page 1**



Official events began Wednesday 3 June with Charlie Bevilacqua leading the memorial service. We remembered our many deceased colleagues: from CD3 Richard Williams, the first American to die during Operation Deep Freeze, when his bulldozer fell through the sea ice, to Major Matt Housel, MD, a recent South Pole and Palmer station doctor, who died in Iraq earlier this summer. Thoughts and prayers were also offered for our friends who were unable to travel to this reunion due to infirmities.



'CB' Bevilacqua Petty Officer In Charge of Pomp & Ceremony

Jerry Marty, retiring National Science Foundation South Pole Station facilities, construction and maintenance manager, gave the first presentation of the day with an update of South Pole Station. He was joined by Bill Spindler, who served as South Pole Station winter site manager in 1977, and later worked and wintered two more times at South

Pole, most recently in 2007. To conclude the presentation, Raytheon Polar Services South Pole Station Manager Dave Scheuerman explained what the future plans for Pole are.

are and why scientists are studying them. Eventually, over 80 holes in the ice will contain thousands of detectors, measuring neutrinos coming through the Earth. An afternoon tour was hosted by



Jerry Marty, Bill Spindler and Dave Scheuerman

The second presentation was given by Francis Halzen, Wisconsin physicist, about IceCube, the one-kilometer square experiment (thus the name IceCube) being built at the South Pole. Professor Halzen did an excellent job explaining what neutrinos

Darryn Schneider at the IceCube facility located in downtown Madison near the state capitol. To learn more, visit: <http://icecube.wisc.edu>.

Events on Thursday 4 June began with a short overview of the Antarctic Treaty by Dian Belanger, author of the



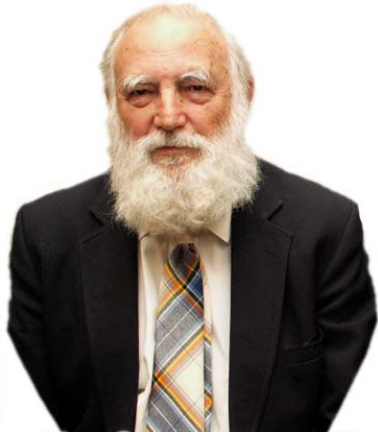
Robert Stroup and Skip Johnson listen intently as Darryn Schneider describes the neutrino detector package in the glass display column



Dian Belanger

book *Deep Freeze*. This was followed by a trip down memory lane by Dr. Charlie Bentley, Professor *Emeritus* at the University of Wisconsin department of geophysics. Dr. Bentley's first two trips to Antarctica were to Byrd Station in 1956 and 1957. He has made 18 trips to "the Ice" and will probably be returning this next austral summer to oversee the drilling at the West Antarctic Ice Sheet deep ice core drill site. Bentley's presentation showed pictures from traverses in Marie Byrd Land. It was wonderful to see the old photos and hear his stories.

Dr. Dick Cameron (Wilkes, DF-II), glaciologist, also took us down memory lane, showing pictures from his year at Wilkes station.



Dick Cameron. Notice his Antarctic Tartan necktie

The next presentation was given by Brad Benson from the University of Chicago's 10-meter telescope project at the South Pole (See cover photo). Brad explained what dark matter was and how this enormous telescope at South Pole was looking at the cosmic background radiation from the first minutes after the universe was created.

The reunion presentations concluded with an overview of amateur

radio operations by Jules Madey. Jules was a 13-year-old ham in Clark, NJ, who, with his 11-year-old brother John, patched calls through to loved ones from Deep Freeze men in Antarctica. He had famous people such as Amanda Blake and Arthur Godfrey talk to the men, facilitated more than one romantic engagement, and most importantly, gave a lifeline to the men spending the winter in Antarctica with the outside world.



Jules Madey at KC4USV 1959



Jules Madey Listens to the South Pole 2009

The reunion concluded with a banquet dinner, raffle, and auction. For someone who has never won a thing, it was my lucky night as my raffle ticket numbers were drawn time after time. I had to dodge debris thrown at me by Bob Snow and Barney Hallogren (both McMurdo DF-I) as I repeatedly went to pick out my prizes. And more than once, I was in fierce competition for auction items with Billy-Ace Penguin Baker (McMurdo Winter-Over DF-63, 67, 71, and 75) and Jim Bergstram's (McMurdo DF-I&II) family. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as my bank account and I did.



Billy-Ace at the Ice Breaker Tailgate Party at the Ehrlich Residence



Woody Sisters. Hospitality Room Hostesses



Reunion host Ed Ehrlich

Middleton is a western suburb of Madison and the reunion was held at the Marriott Hotel. Robert Stroup, Ava Woody Gibson, and Karen Woody Loveland staffed the hospitality room. Robert is Bill Stroup's (LA V(B), DF-I) son and is a stalwart at these events. Ava and Sheila are the daughters of the late Floyd Woody (LA V DF-I). These three have become invaluable to keeping the drinks flowing and the bowls full of goodies at all hours. I know I speak for everyone; their dedication was really appreciated by everyone. I am not sure when they slept and yet they always had a smile on their faces.

BUSINESS MEETING

by Billy-Ace Baker

Before the 4 June business meeting got started, CB Bevilacqua made an announcement that a number of cases of beer had been donated to the ADFA for the reunion. Charlie stated that he would send a letter of appreciation to the Anheuser-Busch distributor on behalf of the 2009 ADFA Reunion Committee for the generous contribution. The donation greatly contributed to the camaraderie of the attendees.

In Jerry McKee's absence, Bill Stroup called the meeting to order at 1330 in the Greenway Room.

There was a discussion on recruiting new members. Highlights of the discussion were:

- Someone asked why there were two 'Antarctic Veterans' groups
- Suggestions for advertising in *The Polar Times* and the *Antarctic Sun* for new members
- Recruiting new members from the NYANG
- Recruiting new members from the USAP contractor

Although the discussion was lively there was no immediate solution to the

recruiting problem so the members were asked to think about it and send their suggestions to the ADFA President for consideration by the ADFA BOD.



Bill Stroup Conducting the 2009 ADFA Business Meeting

The answer to the question about two Antarctic Veterans groups was easy. When the ADFA was created, membership was limited to only those personnel who had participated in DF-I and II. Most of the members included the Seabees who built the original seven Antarctic stations for the IGY. At the ADFA reunion in Biloxi MS in 2001, membership was opened to all personnel who have served in Antarctica. The

OAEA was created in 1999 as a spin off from a VX/VXE-6 Email group. That is probably the reason why there are more Airdales in the OAEA and more Seabees in the ADFA. The two Antarctic Veterans group have co-existed for ten years and many of us are now members of both associations.

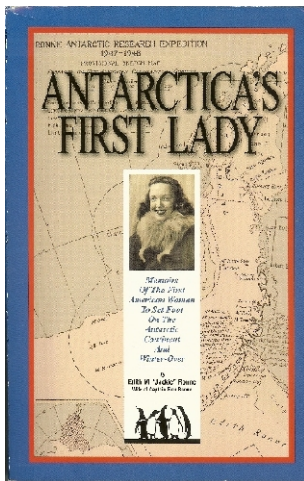
Nominations for new officers and directors were solicited from members present. After the nominations were in, the BOD elected a new VP and several new board members. Jerry McKee was reelected as ADFA President for his third term. Billy-Ace Baker stepped down as VP after completing two terms, but he was elected to serve on the BOD. Skip Johnson was nominated and elected to serve as the VP. Lonnie Clayton was elected to serve as a director.

Selecting the location for the 2011 reunion was the last item on the agenda. When ADFA President Jerry McKee sent his regrets that he would not be able to attend the reunion due to a death in the family, he volunteered to co-host the 2011 reunion in Gettysburg, PA. There were no other nominations for a location from the floor so Gettysburg was accepted for the next reunion.



EDITH "JACKIE" RONNE**13 October 1919–14 June 2009***Compiled by Billy-Ace from an email
by Jackie's daughter Karen Tupek*

Jackie, a pioneer in Antarctic history, was known as "Antarctica's First Lady," which is also the title of her book. At the last minute, she went along with Finn Ronne on his private expedition. On the Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition of 1946–1948, she may have been the first American woman to set foot in Antarctica, and with the wife of the expedition's chief pilot, Jean Darlington, became the first American women to winter-over in Antarctica. She was the expedition's recorder/historian. They spent 15 months together with 21 other members of the expedition in a small station they had set up on Stonington Island in Marguerite Bay. She is the namesake of the Ronne Ice Shelf, which was previously called Edith Ronne Land. Finn, who discovered and mapped that previously unknown territory during his Expedition, named it in her honor.



Jackie returned several times to Antarctica, including a Navy-sponsored flight to the South Pole in 1971 (she was the seventh woman at the pole), a 1995 trip back to her former base at Stonington Island as guest lecturer on the expedition cruise ship *Explorer* and continued lecturing on cruises for a number of years. She made a total of 15 trips to the Antarctic.

Finn Ronne wrote two books about the expedition.

Jeanie Darlington also wrote *My Antarctic Honeymoon* about her experience on the RARE. However, Jackie didn't write her book until 2004.

Jackie was a fellow of The Explorer's Club, a past president of the Society of Woman Geographers, honorary board member of The Antarctic Society as well as The American Polar Society, a Life Member of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, and active in other organizations. She will be missed by many people, but especially by her family, daughter Karen, son-in-law Al, grandson Michael, and granddaughter Jaclyn.

Karen has created a web page about Jackie. It is at: www.ronneantarcticexplorers.com/Edith_Jackie_Ronne.htm

JERRI NIELSEN FITZGERALD**1 March 1952–23 June 2009***Compiled by Billy-Ace from a story
by Rachel K. Sobel and other sources*

Jerri Nielsen was known as the South Pole Survivor. While she was sitting at her mother's kitchen table, a medical journal headline grabbed her eye: PHYSICIANS NEEDED FOR US ANTARCTIC PROGRAM. Estranged from her children after a bitter divorce, the Cleveland ER doctor was living with her parents and yearning for a fresh start.



Her 11-month odyssey at the bottom of the world, as chronicled in her book *Ice Bound: A Doctor's Incredible Battle for Survival at the South Pole*, began in November 1998 as the doctor for the other 40 personnel at the isolated South Pole Station. Medical equipment was lacking, but the 5-foot-3 foot doctor used kitchen spoons to perform pelvic exams and super glue to treat cracked skin.

Jerri made headlines in July 1999 after detecting her own breast cancer. But the ailing doctor would need her friends' help. She coached a welder to perform a biopsy. Before scooping tissue from her breast he practiced on a chicken.

Stuck at the South Pole and facing death, she recalls, "I never felt trapped. If you're gonna die, what a way to go."



She died nearly a decade after being evacuated from the South Pole. Jerri spent her last 10 years speaking about her cancer and how it changed her life. She continued to work in US hospitals. She returned to Antarctica several times and spoke around the world about her life-changing disease.

Three years ago, she married Thomas FitzGerald, whom she met on holiday in the Amazon Basin. Jerri leaves her husband; her parents, Lorine and Phil Cahill; her brothers, Scott and Eric; and her children, Julia, Ben, and Alex.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In the article OAEA-NE Chapter Spring meeting in the Jan-Mar 09 issue of the *Gazette*, the guest speaker, Ben Koether, is credited with the following: "Ben is leading a strong effort to have the *Glacier* restored and brought back for icebreaking duty".

To see *Glacier* afloat and working again would be a treat, but I doubt if it would be cost-effective when compared with a new one.

The issue of bringing US icebreakers up to the standards we formerly were proud of continues to surface; apparently there is some action being taken. Upgrading the retired *Glacier* would not seem to be cost-effective when compared with using the same funds and a bit more to build a new vessel that would be serviceable for more years than a refurbished *Glacier* would be capable of.

The Russians appear to be way ahead of anyone else with regard to icebreakers (they just built a new nuclear-powered icebreaker *50 Let Pobeda*, or *50 Years of Victory*). The US can charter diesel-electric models when they're not in use by the Russians, not only for tourism, but for opening McMurdo in the austral summer, as *Krasin* has done in recent years, replaced by the Swedish icebreaker *Oden* more recently, but I don't think that shows anything more than going to a non-US car-rental agency when we should be owning the car.

John Splettstoess



[Russian Nuclear Icebreaker 50 Years of Victory Leaving Port](#)

Editor's Note: John is a geologist. Most of his geologic fieldwork has been in Antarctica (8 summer field seasons, from 1960-61 to 1985-86).

He has been a part-time lecturer/naturalist since 1983 on more than 100 cruises to Antarctica and most of the sub-Antarctic islands. He was a staff lecturer on the 65-day circumnavigation cruise of

Antarctica, in 1996-97. Since the formation of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) in 1991, John has represented the group at seven consultative Meetings of the Antarctic Treaty nations, and also testified on Antarctic science and tourism legislation in the US House and Senate in Washington, DC.

John has a glacier and a mountain in Antarctica named for him. He is past President (2002-04) of the Antarctic Society, and also past President of the American Polar Society (2003-06). He has been a life member of the OAEA since 2005.

Billy-Ace:

I was very surprised to see the photo of Bob Rae at Campbell Island in the story about the picket ships. I'm only disappointed that you didn't mention me.

Billy-Bishop
Whanganui, NZ

Editor's Note: Billy Bishop wintered at McMurdo during DF-67 when Bob Rae wintered at Scott Base. Billy was also on one of the picket ships that visited Campbell Island. I never mentioned Billy because I couldn't remember which picket ship he was on. I still can't remember.

Billy:

Nice job on the *Gazette*. The unnamed sailor and his Kiwi bride was QM3 Ken Wells, and his bride was Jenny. I understand, that marriage ended some years ago. Next week is the annual reunion of the USS *Thomas J Gary*, near Great Lakes, IL, I'll be there and see if there's anyone with more current information.

Gene Spinelli

Dear Editor:

With each issue of the *Gazette* the 'In Memory' section gets bigger. I was wondering why some of the names are in bold and underlined.

Willie Junior

Editor's Note: Good question. The names that are underlined and in bold are actually hyperlinks. If you are reading the *Gazette* on your computer the names will be in blue and if you are online, clicking on the names will take you to an online Memorial Guest book created by the funeral home for the deceased person. FYI I put other hyperlinks in the *Gazette*. Normally the hyperlinks are recognizable as email addresses or as web site URLs, but not always. For instance the caption on the Russian Icebreaker photo is a hyperlnk. Clicking on it will take you to a video of the icebreaker leaving port.

Dear Sir:

Your Jan-Mar *Explorer's Gazette* listed the death of John E. Bates a Navy radio operator with dates and unit served with unknown.

I was at McMurdo During DF-69 and one of my radio operators was RM3 John E. Bates who was also in the winter-over party. Hopefully you will mention this in the next issue.

RMC L. C. Berggren, USN (Ret)
ASA Det Alfa WO DF-66 & 69

Billy-Ace:

Just finished reading the latest issue. Another great job! Couple of small points related to the "In Memory" section. The *Edisto* web site lists SK3 Raymond McIntyre as having been aboard in 1954-1956. Also Glen "Bulldog" Drummond was on the *Edisto* with NSFA CTG 43.1 during DF-IV (1959).

George Soulia

B-A,

I found Oswald Stewart's name in the Obituary section of the latest *Gazette*—can't say I'm surprised that he passed away, but I am a little disappointed that his passing didn't get reported to the Chapter.

Don't misunderstand me—I'm not upset about it really, it's just that it would be nice to come up with some foolproof automatic method of notifying the Chapter of the gain and loss of members who reside in New England.

Do you have any firm NOK data? I was able to locate his obit in the *Boston Globe* archives and note he has three surviving daughters: Ann of Rockport MA, Martha of Arlington, MA, Cathryn of Denver, CO. Unfortunately, no last names were listed for his daughters.

In honor of Oswald, the Chapter will soon be sending a \$50 memorial Scholarship Program donation.

Marty Diller

Editor's Notes: Wow! Three obit "mistakes" in the same issue. I admit culpability in the case of OAEA Life Member Oswald Stewart. Because he visited Antarctica as a tourist I failed to check the OAEA roster to see if he was a member. Had I made that check I would have notified the

OAEA President, the Chaplain, the Database Manager, and the appropriate OAEA Chapter or Group. My bad. I have not been able to locate any NOK info for Stewart.

The other two errors are due to the obit not containing enough info. I have discussed this subject in past issues.



John E. Bates

Hi Billy-Ace

Thank you for the email. It's nice to know that dad is being spoken of, hope it was all good. Yes we did get the OAEA Info Pack, thank you very much, but we have decided not to join. It is nice to be thought of, so thank you once again. Just FYI my mother and I were in Honolulu, Hawaii in June where we had Dad's ashes scattered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) on June 5th as per his wishes. There is a marker in his memory with his service dates. It was nice to be able to do this one last thing for him; he is very missed. My mother is doing well and we just celebrated her 81st birthday, lots of fun. My daughter (Amamda) has just had a son of her own, who she has named after dad (David Errol). He would be pleased. Thank you once again for staying in touch. Regards.

Tracy Cottrell
Christchurch NZ

Editor's Note: Tracey's dad was Ike Gray. Ike's obit was in the Jan-Mar 2008 Gazette. He served in VX-6 during DF-III.

Billy:

Find enclosed \$50 for Gazette expenses. We do not have a computer, thus need to have you keep on sending our copy by snail mail. Keep up the good work.

W. A. "Dustie" Dostal
DF-IV VX-6 WO

Editor's Note: Donations such as Dustie's are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

Dear Billy:

At the ADFFA reunion opening ceremony when Charlie Bevilacqua was reciting the provisions made that military veterans should render a hand salute to the American Flag you interrupted him and announced that the hand salute is not mandatory and military veterans could still pledge allegiance to the colors by placing the right hand over their heart. What do you have against the hand salute?

Mort

Editor's Note: I don't have anything against it when the hand salute is rendered for the appropriate reasons. For instance here is a photo of CB saluting the Budweiser Brewery for donating beer to the ADFFA reunion. Now that's what I call appropriate. However if you are familiar with the term "stolen valor" you will realize that this is the cheapest way for a wannabe to pretend to be a veteran.

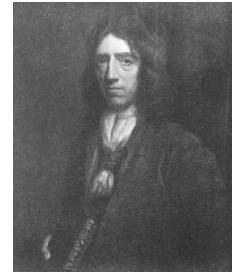


CB Salutes Budweiser

THIS QUARTER IN HISTORY

Ghost written by Black Jack of Ballarat
for Lionel Wafer

From the new (in preparation) edition of John Stewart's
Antarctica: an Encyclopedia, due out in 2010.



Lionel Wafer

APRIL: 30 April 1915. Hartvig Bache-Wiig, the Norwegian leader of the 1915 wintering-over party at Orcadas Station* disappeared, presumably after a skiing accident. The Norwegian second-in-command, Thorleiff Hoxmark (born 1885, Kristiania), took over leadership of the party after Bache-Wiig disappeared. The lads had come down on the *Uruguay*, from Buenos Aires - Bache-Wiig, Hoxmark, and the Swedes Anton Stuxberg (born 16 January, 1887, Gothenberg, son of the zoologist and Arctic explorer Anton Julius Stuxberg), J. Bayon, and Ernst W. Andersson (the cook, who had wintered-over at Orcadas twice before, in 1911 and 1913). Born in 1886, in Eidsvoll, Hartvig Bache-Wiig grew up in Kristiania (later called Oslo), son of pulp mill worker Hartvig Bache-Wiig and his wife Amalie Holt. In 1910 he came to Pittsburgh, making his way down to Argentina, where he became a met man with the *Servicio Meteorologico Nacional de Argentina*. His elder brother, Olai, moved to Canada, and later to Wisconsin, dying in Kentucky in 1924.

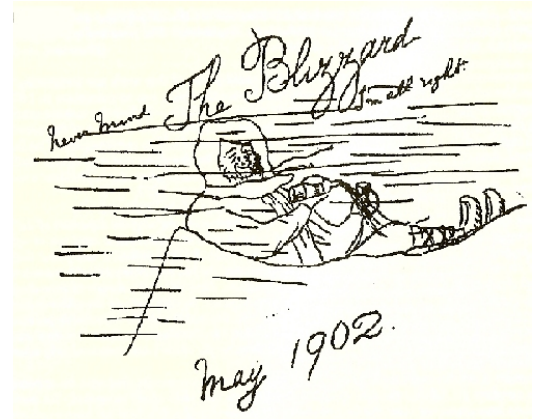
**Editor's Note: The Argentine met station on Laurie Island, in the South Orkneys, continuously manned since 1903, when it had started as the headquarters of Bruce's Scottish National Expedition.*

MAY: 1 May 1902. The *Blizzard** came out, a 10-page magazine produced by Shackleton at Hut Point that winter as an alternative to the *South Polar Times*. The title page showed a figure wreathed in snowflakes, holding a bottle, with the caption, "Never Mind the Blizzard. I'm All Right". It contained things like poems and ribald caricatures by Michael Barne. It was the only edition. Everyone on the expedition got a copy.

Incidentally, Shackleton also published the *South Polar Times*, editions appearing in April, May, June, July, and August of that winter (1902)

These were the first two periodicals ever produced in Antarctica.

**Editor's Note: Fifty copies of the Blizzard were produced in order to enable each member of the expedition to have a copy. (Including Captain Scott there were 38 members). It is safe to assume that very few copies have survived. Gaston Renard sold a copy at auction in Australia on 16 November 1994 for \$15,696 US dollars.*



JUNE: 22 June 1944. Midwinter's Day at Port Lockroy, the Operation Tabarin base, during War-II. The winterers were Jimmy Marr (zoologist & leader), Eric Back (doc & met man), Ivan Mackenzie Lamb (botanist), Andrew Taylor (surveyor), Fram Farrington (radio operator), Tom Berry (cook & stores), Chippy Ashton (carpenter), Taffy Davies (handyman), and Johnny Blyth (handyman & assistant cook)

Their midwinter's meal consisted of hors d'oeuvres, puree of pea, fried pilchards, asparagus au beurre, York ham, potatoes baked and croquette, garden peas, plum pudding, macedoine fruit en jelly, mince pies, coffee, and, of course, the odd drink. That day Jimmy Marr got news of the birth of his first son

Johnny Blyth had replaced Ken Blair, who was going to winter-over, but the other lads refused to have him. Ken had a bit of a problem. He was black.

Nowhere near as much of a problem as Tom Berry, who spent a good deal of his time at Lockroy dressed in women's clothing.*

A habit, incidentally, not confined to Berry. Ivan Mackenzie Lamb was to die, many years later, as Elke Mackenzie.

It was an interesting winter.

**Editor's Note: Dressing in drag seemed to be a popular theme for winter-over characters. On the left we see the "Polish Princess" at the DF-75 Midwinter Day celebration. It was an interesting winter.*



New England Chapter Summer 2009 Meeting

by Marty Diller,

New England Chapter Secretary-Treasurer

Historically, the Chapter's Summer meeting is not heavily-attended, presumably because it must compete with other events in the personal lives of Chapter members during the height of our typically beautiful New England summers. But this year, perhaps because the Chapter made plans to honor its veterans of Antarctic Operations Highjump (1946-47) and Deep Freeze-I (1955-56), or perhaps because the meeting was a little more centrally located—at Princeton Station Restaurant in North Chelmsford, MA, just 30 miles northwest of Boston—70 members and guests showed up for a Summer meeting which has averaged only 45 attendees per meeting over the past five years.



*Marty Diller and Fred Santino confer.
Tom Noel is seated in the foreground*

Chapter Business

Following the social hour and lunch, the business meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance—led by Life Member Charlie 'CB' Bevilacqua, who keeps these special ceremonial South Pole Station US and POW/MIA flags (flown every Christmas Day at Pole) while they are on temporary loan to the Chapter from the NSF during the austral winter, and who dutifully provides them for display at Chapter meetings. This specific POW/MIA flag was signed by Sen. John McCain (R, AZ) during his visit to South Pole Station in December 2005.

In Old Business, CB Bevilacqua reminded attendees that he is still collecting used books in good condition to ship to the library at South Pole Station. The books will be picked up and delivered by the New York Air National Guard's ski-Herk squadron in Scotia, NY. Attendees are asked to bring these books to the next Chapter meeting. In New Business, Dr. Matt Spitkovsky—OAEA Life member and former scientist in the USSR polar research programs (Mirny Station, 1962; w/o Vostok Station, 1964)—spoke out in

support of furthering the Chapter's Education program. Matt is a volunteer at the Boston Museum of Science, and is a strong and vocal proponent of establishing an international prototype Moonbase in Antarctica as a means of preparing the world's space programs for future lunar exploration.



Matt Spitkovsky and John Giro

Featured Presentation

Of the 169 names in the Chapter's membership rolls, there are three veterans of Operation Highjump and twelve veterans of Operation Deep Freeze-I. The Chapter Board of Directors had often discussed honoring these early "modern" pioneers of Antarctic exploration and research, and elected to do so at the Summer meeting. Honorees received a Chapter 'certificate of recognition' for their Antarctic service, were given the opportunity to briefly speak before the audience about their Antarctic Experience, and each honoree and their spouse were treated to lunch by the Chapter. Ten of the 15 Chapter honorees attended the meeting. Regrettably, due to time constraints, some honorees could not be given the opportunity to speak longer, or be allotted additional time to show videos/slides of their experiences in Antarctica. More details about these Highjump and DF-I veterans are available in a separate article in this issue of the *Gazette*.

Fundraising

Limited edition, color OAEA-logo belt buckles were again the featured fundraising items at the meeting. Chapter-logo t-shirts, OAEA license plate frames, and OAEA-logo ball caps and polo shirts were also available for sale.

Distribution of the limited edition OAEA-logo belt buckles continues on a first-come basis. In previous *Gazettes*, owners of buckles #002-066 were listed. New owners include: Matt Spitkovsky (065) and Dave Wheeler (069).

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), or contact Dave Hazard directly at: 207-353-9068.

The Chapter still has a quantity of Noel Gillespie's original-edition books about VX-/VXE-6, *Courage Sacrifice Devotion*, and is now selling them for \$15.00. A bookplate signed by the author accompanies each book. Raffle, prizes were either donated by Chapter members or the Chapter.

Raffle winners included: Irene Cowan (car flag), Bob Epperly (car flag), Don Germain (glass penguin paperweight and DF Video Clips DVD), John Giro (Little Penguin wine), Win Hames (Antarctica scarf), Hoot Hartman (DF Video Clips DVD and large Herk color poster), John Hemeon (Antarctica book and OAEA-logo merchandise-sample watch donated by Dave Hazard), Gloria Hollo (first-hand Antarctic accounts), John Janke (penguin figurine), Elizabeth Marascia (Little Penguin wine), Jessie McGuire (Little Penguin wine and glass penguin paperweight), Lloyd Mills (penguin coffee mug with Dunkin Donuts \$5 gift card), Harold Robicheau (large matted Herk photo), and Chet Thomas (Little Penguin wine).

Special thanks to 'CB' Bevilacqua for his donation of \$30 to the Chapter. CB raised this money by offering Antarctic charts and booklets to attendees for a small donation. Many thanks also go to Tom Noel who donated the NYANG Herk photos to the raffle and who also raised \$7 by offering more NYANG photos for a small donation.

Thanks are also extended to Lauren Healey and Green Imaging, in Rhode Island for providing the photographs for both stories.

Drawing for Free Airline Tickets To 2010 OAEA Reunion

At the Spring 2009 meeting, OAEA President Jim Heffel announced that he will personally donate one free round-trip airline ticket to the 2010 OAEA Reunion from anywhere in the continental US in an effort to both increase attendance and to raise money for the OAEA Scholarship Program.

Now, the 2006 OAEA National Reunion Committee (Warwick, RI) has matched that offer. To be eligible to win two round-trip tickets, you must donate at least \$25 to the OAEA Scholarship Program between 1 June 2009 and 4 July 2010. Multiple donations from individual donors are permitted. For each \$25 donation, the donor will get another chance to win the tickets. Checks are to be sent to the OAEA Data Base Manager and marked for Scholarship Program.

Go to the OAEA Website and click on the 'OAEA Donor Award Levels' link to find a donation form with mailing instructions. The ticket drawing will be held after the donation cut-off date.

Meeting Schedule

The next OAEA-NE Chapter meeting is scheduled for 1:00pm on Saturday, 26 September 2009, at the Gateway Restaurant in Somersworth, NH.

New England Chapter Honors Highjump and Deep Freeze-I Vets

by Marty Diller,

In its membership rolls, at the time of their 27 June 2009 meeting, the New England Chapter had three veterans of Operation Highjump (1946-47) and 13 veterans of Operation Deep Freeze-I (1955-56). The Chapter Board of Directors had long talked about honoring the Courage, Sacrifice, and Devotion of these post-WWII pioneers of Antarctic exploration and research, and elected to do so at this Summer meeting. Honorees received a Chapter 'Certificate of Recognition' for their Antarctic service, were given the opportunity to briefly speak in front of the attendees about their Antarctic Experience, and each honoree and their spouse were treated to lunch by the Chapter. Ten of the honorees attended the meeting.

Operation Highjump was a US Navy Antarctic operation organized by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, USN (Ret) and under the command of RADM Richard H. Cruzen, USN. The massive Antarctic Task force included 4,700 men, 13 ships, and multiple aircraft. The stated mission of the operation was to:

1. Train personnel and test material and equipment in the polar regions,
2. Consolidate and extend American sovereignty over as much of the continent as possible,
3. Determine the feasibility of establishing and maintaining bases in Antarctica and to investigate possible sites for these bases,

4. Develop techniques for establishing and maintaining air bases on the ice, with particular attention of the applicability of such techniques to operations in interior Greenland and northern polar regions,

5. Amplify existing knowledge of hydrographic, geographic, geological, meteorological, and electromagnetic conditions in the area.

(For detailed information on this largest-ever expedition to Antarctica, see: www.south-pole.com/p0000150.htm)

Of the three Highjump veterans in the Chapter, only Herschel Smith (USS *Philippine Sea* (CV-47), Ship's Serviceman 3rd Class), of Cranston, RI, attended this meeting. You can revisit Herschel's account of his Highjump adventure in an article printed on page 10 of the Jul-Sep 2008 issue of the *Explorer's Gazette*.

Chapter Highjump vets not in attendance were:



Herschel Smith Talks

- George Kittredge TF-68 Staff Navigator, USS *Philippine Sea*, South Thomaston, ME (CAPT, USN (Ret.)), and
- Harry Rymer, Chief Motor Machinist Mate, USCGC *Northwind* (WAGB-282), of Milford, CT.

Operation Deep Freeze (DF) was the DOD nickname for the military involvement in the International Geophysical Year (IGY). In 1955, the US Navy Task Force-43 led the military's involvement in supporting the National Science Foundation's Antarctic research program. Deep Freeze was originally intended to be a four-year effort to establish bases from which to conduct science and exploration in support of the IGY, which was scheduled to begin in mid-1957.*

The main objective of DF-I was to have MCB (Special) construct two Antarctic stations: an airfield and logistics base at McMurdo Sound, and a similar base near the "Little America" camp which was established during Operation Highjump. The Little America base constructed by the Seabees during DF-I was the fifth and largest camp established in that area under the leadership of RADM Byrd, and was designated Little America-V. Seven Navy and Coast Guard ships, a number of aircraft, and 1800 men participated in DF-I. Of the DF-I veterans in the Chapter, nine attended the Summer Chapter meeting:

- Charlie 'CB' Bevilacqua, MCB (Special), Seabee Builder Chief, of Burlington, MA (CWO4, USN (Ret.)). CB arrived at McMurdo Sound in late December 1955 aboard USS *Wyandot* (AKA-92) and helped build the facility. CB wintered at Williams Field Air Operations Facility during DF-I, and during the DF-II summer he then helped lead the Seabee team that built Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. CB boarded the seaplane tender USS *Curtis* (AV-4) at McMurdo in late-January 1957 to leave Antarctica. The *Curtis* first stopped at LA-V and picked up more men of MCB (Special) before heading for a port call in Sydney, Australia, and home.
- Ed Cohen, VX-6, LTJG, of Malden, MA (R4D & P2V pilot). Ed also arrived at McMurdo Sound aboard the USS *Wyandot*—finding himself added to the *Wyandot* passenger manifest at the last minute when he was bumped off his P2V crew by a senior pilot on the TF-43 staff—shortly before the first-ever VX-6 flights from Christchurch to McMurdo Station occurred on 20 December 1955. Ed left the Ice in late-January 1956 as a passenger in one of the squadron's two R5D (aka DC-4 or C-54) four-engine cargo aircraft.
- Mo Gibbs, TF-43 Staff, Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class, of Nantucket, MA (CDR, USN (Ret.)). Mo rode the USS *Arneb* (AKA-56) during DF-I as a member of RADM Dufek's Naval Support Forces staff. In late-December 1955, the *Arneb* arrived in the Kainan Bay area where Little America-V was established, and then briefly visited McMurdo in early February 1956 before sailing for Port Lyttelton, NZ. Mo returned to Antarctica for DF-II, this time as an Aerographer's Mate aboard the USS *Wyandot*.

- John Hollo, VX-6, Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class, of Beacon Falls, CT. John arrived at McMurdo Sound in late December 1955 aboard USS *Edisto* (AGB-2) and spent most of his time assigned to work parties that moved cargo from the ship offload point on the sea ice near Cape Royds to Hut Point—a distance of almost 20 miles. With the cargo delivered ashore, John spent the rest of the season helping inventory it until he sailed for Port Lyttelton, NZ aboard the USS *Arneb* on 3 February. John returned to Antarctica for DF-II, serving again with VX-6.



John Hollo

- Pat 'Rediron' McCormick, MCB (Special), Seabee Builder 2nd Class, of Cumberland, RI. Rediron also rode the *Wyandot* to McMurdo, and after helping build it, he wintered at Williams Field AirOpsFac, and so continued in the construction of the facility during the DF-I winter. Like CB Bevilacqua, Rediron spent the DF-II summer as a member of the Seabee team that built South Pole Station and boarded the *Curtis* in January 1957 to leave the Ice.



Rediron McCormick

- Jim Rooney, VX-6, Aviation Machinist Mate 2nd Class, of Woburn, MA. Jim arrived at McMurdo on the icebreaker USS *Glacier* (AGB-4) in December 1955 and stayed as a member of the DF-I winter-over crew. He left McMurdo on a USAF C-124 cargo plane en route Christchurch, NZ, in December 1956 in time to arrive home in the USA on Christmas Day.

- Tom Sweeney, MCB-1, Seabee Construction Electrician, of Quincy, MA. As a member of the DF-II advance party, Tom arrived at Little America-V aboard the USS *Glacier* on 8 November 1956, and joined the DF-I winter-over group two months before the DF-II main body arrived; and so counts himself as a veteran of DF-I. While at LA-V, Tom operated and maintained the station power plant until leaving in February 1957 aboard the USS *Curtis*.



Tom Sweeney

- Chet Thomas, MCB (Special), Aviation Boatswain Mate 3rd Class, of North Kingstown, RI (ABHC, USN (Ret.)). Chet arrived at Little America-V with the DF-I advance party in mid-December 1955 aboard the USS *Glacier*. He helped build a fuel tank there and maintained aircraft at LA-V's airfield (later named Max Kiel Airfield). Chet stayed for the DF-I winter at LA-V, spending most of that time on fire watch, feeding the snow-melter to make water, and cooking. Toward the end of the DF-II summer, he left LA-V aboard USS *Curtis* (early-February 1957). Chet returned to Antarctica the next summer season as a member of VX-6, and went on to spend five consecutive austral summers at McMurdo Station, 1957-62.

- Ken Waldron, MCB (Special), Seabee Construction Electrician Third Class, of North Kingstown, RI. Ken rode the USS *Arneb* to Antarctica, arriving in late December 1955. He helped construct Little America-V during the DF-I summer, and then left Antarctica in late February 1956 aboard the USS *Wyandot*. Ken returned to Antarctica for DF-II and wintered at South Pole.

The Chapter's DF-I vets who were not in attendance include:

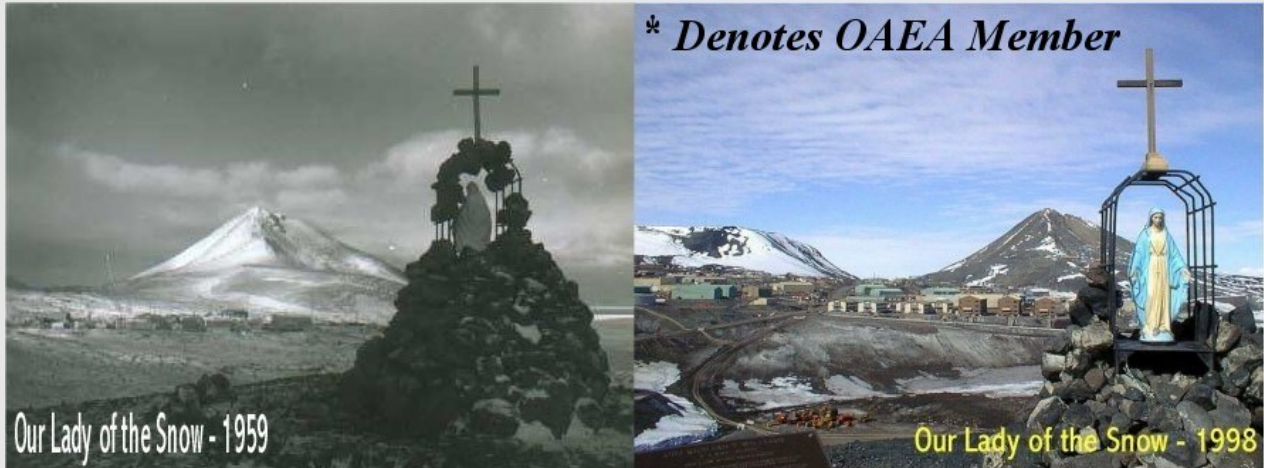
- Paul Dalrymple, USARP Meteorologist, of Port Clyde, ME. Paul wintered at Little America-V during DF-I and stayed there for the DF-II summer season. He then returned to the Ice and wintered at Pole for DF-III.
- Spencer Ervin, USS *Arneb* (AKA-56), LTJG, of Bass Harbor, ME.
- Lee Grant, USCGC *Eastwind* (WAGB-279), Gunners Mate 2nd Class, of Albany, NH.
- Dick "Fess" Parker, MCB (Special), Construction Driver 3rd Class, of Warwick, RI (EQCM, USN (Ret.)). Fess worked at Little America-V during DF-I.

(For detailed information on Operation Deep Freeze-I, read Dian Olsen Belanger's *Deep Freeze The United States, the International Geophysical Year, and the Origins of Antarctica's Age of Science*.)

* The primary mission of Operation DF-II (1956-57), was for the Seabees to build a permanent station at the South Pole along with four other IGY stations: Byrd Station in Marie Byrd Land, Wilkes Station in Vincennes Bay, Ellsworth station on the Filchner Ice Shelf, and Hallett Station near Cape Adare, Victoria Land. DF-III was intended to continue logistics support through the end of the IGY, and DF-IV was intended to support the final closeout and departure of researchers at the end of the 1958-59 austral summer. The military's efficient and successful logistics support of the NSF's U.S. Antarctic Program (USAP) proved to be indispensable, and therefore the NSF has continued to fund Operation Deep Freeze every year since the initial 4-year effort, through the present.



Group photo of the Operation Highjump and Deep Freeze-I veterans who were honored at the 27 June 2009 OAEA-NE Chapter meeting. Standing (L to R): Ken Waldron, John Hollo, Mo Gibbs, Herschel Smith, Jim Rooney, and Ed Cohen. Seated: Charlie Bevilacqua, Chet Thomas, and Tom Sweeney. Not pictured: Pat "Rediron" McCormick.



IN MEMORY

OAE Stanley Kresses, 89, died on 25 June 2009, in Niagara Falls, NY. Stan visited Antarctica with his wife as a tourist.

OAE Jack Barendsfield, 86, died on 24 June 2009, in Medina, OH. Jack visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Albert Nelson Hartzel, USN (Ret), 85, died on 21 June 2009, in Locust Grove, VA. Albert was a member of Highjump.

OAE CPO Roy N. Cluts, USN (Ret), 67, died on 19 June 2009, in Middlefield, OH. Roy served at McMurdo. Unit and dates unknown.

OAE Dolores "Dee" Kempel, 85, died on 19 June 2009, in Akron, Oh. Dee visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE Dr. Jerri Nielsen FitzGerald, MD, 57, died on 23 June 2009, in Southwick, MA. Jerri wintered at South Pole Station during DF-99. She later returned to Antarctica several times as a tour lecturer. See memorial on page 7.

OAE Brian Joseph Murphy, 60, died on 22 June 2009, in Redwood City, CA. Brian was an and work in Antarctica as a USAP grantee. Dates unknown.

OAE Dr. George G. B. Bilsten, MD, 82, died on 18 June 2009, in Atlanta, GA. George visited Antarctica as a wildlife photographer.

OAE CPO A.C. Reeves, USCG (Ret), died on 15 June 2009, in Mobile, AL. Al served with the COGARD Aviation Det. Dates unknown.

*OAE [Edith Maslin "Jackie" Ronne](#), 89, died on 14 June 2009, in Bethesda, MD. Jackie wintered over on Stonington Island as a member of the Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition (RARE), 1947–48. Edith Ronne Land is named in her honor. She was also a member of the Explorer's Club, the Antarctic Society, and the American Polar Society. See memorial on page 7.

OAEA Dr. Arlene L. Kagner, MD, 69, died on 9 June 2009, in Dayton, OH. Arlene visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE CPO Marcel J. Dion, USN (Ret), 80, died on 7 June 2009, in North Grafton, MA. Marcel served on the USS *Philippine Sea* during Highjump.

OAE Luke Cole, 46, died on 6 Jun 2009, in a car crash in Uganda. Luke visited Antarctica as a birdwatcher. He was a legal activist and an extreme tourist. He collected bobble heads and miniature spy cameras.

OAE CDR David "Doc" Lawrence Kinsey, USN (Ret), 71, died on 5 June 2009, in Altamorte Springs, FL. Doc was a helo pilot in VXE-6.

OAE Francis H. Zeigler, USN (Ret) 78, died on 28 May 2009, in McSherrystown, NH. Francis made two deployments to the Antarctica on the USS *Glacier*

OAE John J. Sandmeyer, 86, died on 28 May 2009, in Topeka, KS. John worked for the Navy as a contract engineering consultant at South Pole Station. Dates unknown.

OAE George Posey Jr., 86, died on 24 May 2009, in Chico, CA. George recently visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE [CAPT Frank Lewis White, USN \(Ret\)](#), 80, died on 24 May 2009, in Bangor, ME. Frank served in Deep Freeze. Unit and dates unknown.

OAE [Jack Ira Emory](#), USN (Ret), 75, died on 22 May 2009, in Westfir, OR. Jack wintered-over in ASA Det Alfa during DF-63 at McMurdo as a BU2.

OAE Anthony "Tony" Switous, 81, died on 21 May 2009, in Rockford, MI. Tony visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE James Allen "Pete" Tackett, 73, died on 21 May 2009, in Terrell, TX. Pete served in VX-6 as an Aviation Radioman at Little America V.

OAE Dennis Frederick Campbell, 67, died on 20 May 2009, in Pensacola, FL. Dennis was a Seabee. Unit and dates served unknown.

OAE Matthew Edven Evenson, 38, died on 19 May 2009, in Lakewood, CO. Matt worked for two seasons at McMurdo as a USAP contractor with RPSC.

*OAE [Frank E. Houser](#), 71, died on 18 May 2009, in Fort Wayne, IN. Frank wintered at McMurdo during DF-61 as an SK3.

OAE Beverly Hendricks Winn, 79, died on 18 May 2009, in Mobile, AL. Beverly visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Warren Herrick, 51, died on 15 May 2009, at Cape Palliser in NZ. Warren wintered at Scott Base as the OIC during 1994-95.

OAE MAJ Matthew Philip Houseal, MD, USA(R), 54, died on 11 May 2009, in Baghdad, Iraq. Matthew and four other men were murdered when a US Soldier opened fire at a Combat Stress clinic. Mathew served as the Palmer Station physician between October and December 1990 and he was the South Pole Station winter-over doctor during 1991.

OAE William J. Flanigan, 70, died on 9 May 2009, in Albany, NY. William served in Antarctica in the early 60s. Unit unknown.

OAE CDR David E. Coggan, USN (Ret), 54, died on 7 May 2009, in Crofton, MD. Dave served in VXE-6. He was seriously injured in the LC-130 crash at the site of the recovery of LC-130 (321) in 1987. The injuries contributed to his early death.

OAE David William Sharper Limbert, 81, died on 3 May 2009, in Cambridge, UK. David aka Dwm (pronounced Doom) served with the British Royal Society Expedition, at Halley Bay (1956 winter), during the IGY, and was a FIDS at the same base wintering in 1959. He was back at Halley for the summers of 77-78. In 81-82 he was back in Antarctica, base hopping, and then back at Halley for the summer of 85-86.

OAE EQCM Walter L. Davis, USN (Ret) 82, died on 30 April 2009, in Houston, TX. As a CMC Walter wintered at Ellsworth Station during DF-II, and Byrd Station during DF-60. He was on the Byrd-South Pole Traverse in 1961. Davis Promontory is named in his honor. He was a member of the ADFA.

OAE John "Jack" Zerener, 75, died on 28 April 2009, in Raleigh, NC. Jack served in Antarctica as an oceanographer. Dates Unknown.

OAE SKCS Kenneth Roland Powell, USN (Ret), 81, died on 27 April 2009, in Bluewell, WV. Kenneth served in Highjump.

OAE Lucia Dana Simpson Eastman, 90, died on 20 April 2009, in Norwalk, NY. At the age of 80 Lucia visited Antarctica on a National Audubon Society bird watching expedition.

OAE Dean F. Fisher, 73, died on 20 April 2009, in Dexter, MI. Dean visited Antarctica as a participant in scientific experiments. Agency and dates unknown.

OAE Harry William Person, 84, died on 19 April 2009, in Gallatin, TN. Harry served on the USS *Yancey* during Highjump.

OAE LT Eric Kevin Walton, 90, died on 13 April 2009, in Colwall, UK. Kevin was an Engineer at Base E with the Falkland Island Dependency Survey in 1946–47. He wrote *Two Years in the Antarctic* (1955) and was a joint author of *Portrait of Antarctica* (1983). Walton Peak in British Graham Land is named in his honor.

OAE Jane Gayton Dean, 86, died on 9 April 2009, in Bangor, ME. Jane visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Frank A. Vaksdal, 82, died on 7 April 2009, in Houston, TX. Frank served in Highjump. Unit unknown.

OAE Miho "Mike" Savar, 96, died on 1 April 2009, in San Pedro, CA. Mike served as the Executive Chef on the RV *Glomar Challenger* in the 1970s.

*OAE AKC [Stanley Loczowski Jr.](#), USN (Ret), 78, died on 1 April 2009, in Jacksonville, FL. Stanley served n VX-6 during DF-I, II, and III.

OAE CDR [Michael "Pete" Jarina](#), USN (Ret), 90, died on 1 April 2009, in Bagdad, FL. Pete was a helo pilot and wintered at McMurdo during DF-62 as the OIC of the VX-6 Det. Jarina Nunatak in Victoria Land is named in his honor.

OAE Andrea Edna Skinner, 95, died on 26 March 2009, in Poulsbo, WA. Edna visited Antarctica on a Research vessel. Name of ship and dates unknown.

OAE Eleanor "Elie" Reid, 77, died on 29 January 2009, in Wausau, WI. Elie visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Dorothy Jeanne Jackson, 71, died on 29 January 2009, in Salt Lake City, ID. Dorothy visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE CDR Karl T. Gebhard, 89, USN (Ret), died on 25 February 2009, in Upperville, VA. Karl served in Antarctica. Unit and dates unknown.

OAE Arthur "Buddy" Kauffmann, 91, died on 24 January 2009, in Massapequa Park, NY. Buddy visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Phillip H. Healy, 74, died on 20 January 2009, in Danville, CA while hiking in Oak Hill Park. Phillip visited Antarctica as a tourist in 2008.

OAEs Duard Columbus Linn, 83, and Frances Cress Linn, 80, died on 17 and 21 January 2009, in Hickory, NC from injuries they received in an automobile accident. The Linn's visited Antarctica as tourists.

OAE Ian Wright, 74, died on 4 January 2009, in Wilmington, UK. Ian who created English racketball died playing squash at Bexley Lawn Tennis, Squash and Racketball Club. In 2008 Ian visited Antarctica and received a certificate for plunging into the icy water.

OAE Patricia Anne Graham, 71, died on 27 December 2008, in Ojai, CA. Patricia visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE H. David Brown, 64, died on 5 December 2008, in Cocoa, FL. David visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Elizabeth Neff Price, died on 9 November 2008, in Houston, TX. Elizabeth visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE [Ronald R. La Count](#), died on 5 November 2008, in Ron was the Manager for the NSF Polar Operations Section, Division of Polar Programs, 1984–1990. La Count Mountain in Victoria Land is named in his honor.

OAE Bob O'Donnell died on 12 September 2008, in Lucas Valley, CA. Bob visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Darlene Buskirk Currie, 89, died 1 September 2008, in Brandenton, FL. Darlene visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Muriel M. Mackinson, 91, died on 21 August 2008, in Martinez, CA. Muriel visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE COL [George Anthony Martin](#), MD, USAF, 52, died on 21 July 2008, in an aircraft crash on Guam. George served in Antarctica as a Flight Surgeon. Dates unknown.

OAE John Thomas Bundy, 91, died on 8 April 2008, in Cambridge, OH. John served on the USS *Burton Island* during Highjump.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Denis Casey—OAEA Chaplain

Time

I recently came across a list of quotations on the subject of "TIME". One quotation from the great Saint Augustine appealed to me

"Time is a three fold present: The present as we experience it. The present as a present memory. The present as a future expectation: Then he added Time never takes time off.

Take time to work—it is the price of success.

Take time to think—it is the source of power.

Take time to play—it is the source of perpetual youth.



Take time to read—it is the foundation of reason.

Take time to be friendly—it is the source of happiness

Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul.

Take time to dream—it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to look around—the day is too short to be selfish.

Take time to love and be loved—it is the privilege of the Gods.

Let me conclude with this quote whose source is not known to me.

"For yesterday is only a dream and to-morrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a dream of hope.

Look well therefore to this day, such is the salutation of the dawn"

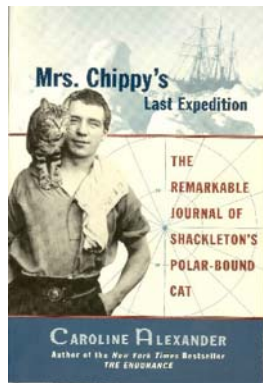
Mrs. Chippy's Last Expedition

BOOK REVIEW

Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker

Mrs. Chippy's Last Expedition by Caroline Alexander, published in 1999 by Harper Perennial, is based on the true events of Shackleton's journey. Illustrated with photographs by Frank Hurley. Mrs. Chippy was a tabby cat that accompanied the 1914-17 expedition, and along with the sled dogs, was eventually shot after the expedition's ship, the *Endurance*, was destroyed when it became trapped in pack ice.

This highly recommended book is written as a diary kept by the cat, starting in January 1915 and ending with a meal of sardines.



The tiger-striped tabby was taken on board the ship, for the purpose of rodent control, by Harry McNish the carpenter nicknamed Chippy. One month after the *Endurance* set sail for Antarctica it was discovered that, despite *her* name, Mrs. Chippy was actually a male, but by that time the name had stuck. He was described as "full of character" by members of the expedition and impressed the crew by his ability to walk along the ship's inch-wide rails in the roughest seas, but after the ship was destroyed it became clear that he would not survive, and Shackleton ordered him shot.

McNish had become particularly attached to the cat, and never forgave Shackleton for having him shot. He clashed with Shackleton during the expedition and, despite eventually constructing the boats that would take the party to safety, and displaying considerable fortitude and bravery, he was denied the Polar Medal awarded to the rest of the crew, on the grounds of his earlier insubordination.

In 1959, the New Zealand Antarctic Society learned that McNish had received only a pauper's burial in Karori Cemetery, in a suburb of Wellington, NZ, raised funds for a headstone to stand on his unmarked grave. In 2004 the society decided to unite McNish with his companion. With funds raised through public subscription, a life-size bronze statue, designed by Chris Elliott, was cast of Mrs. Chippy, captured in watchful repose, for the carpenter's grave.



Mrs. Chippy was featured in the 2002 TV film *Shackleton*, starring Kenneth Branagh in the title role and with Ken Drury playing McNish (available on DVD).

The most famous picture of the cat shows him sitting comfortably on the shoulder of the *Endurance's* stowaway and ship's steward, Perce Blackborow. There is a lot of information about Mrs. Chippy on the Internet. One such site is: www.purr-n-fur.org.uk/famous/chippy.html

Editor's Note this review was compiled from an article by Caroline Alexander and other sources including Wikipedia and the book jacket.

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

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

Thanks to Mel Havener, Mike Subritzky, Nick Pellegrino, Guest Book Entry Contacts, ADFA Reunion Contacts, and Bill Spindler, 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, 850 456 3556 or 10819 Berryhill Road Pensacola FL 32506.

*Denotes Associate Member

Allen, Brian RMCM	Life	NSFA SS 79-82, WO DF-86
Austin, Cyril, NZA CPL	Annual	NZ Cargo NSFA DF-74
Barr, Ned EON2	Life	DF-III
Behrendt, John Civ	Life	IGY/USARP/USAP DF-I to DF-09
Brinton, Curtis UT2	Life	Byrd DF-II
Canfield, Rick	Annual	McMurdo 80-81 82-83
Chock, James AKCS	Life	VXE-6 72-76
Clark, Jack ETN2	Life	USS <i>Burton Island</i> USS <i>Staten Island</i> DF-III and DF-IV
Crouse, David LCDR	Life	VXE-6 73-75
DeBellis, Ronald CS2	Life	NSFA DF-70
Dunleavy, John EM3	Annual	USS <i>Atka</i> DF-60
George, Talley CWO	Annual	WO South Pole DF-65
Hudson, Roger CWO2	Life	VX-6 64-65
Kee, John RM2	Annual	NSFA SS 74-76
Litz, Martin LTJG	Life	Highjump
Madey, Jules Civ	Life	CASA Guest 59 AmRad Operator
Mudrey, Michael Civ	Life	DVDP 73-75
Pesce, Victor CAPT	Life	VXE-6 78-81
Preston, William AE2	Annual	VXE-6 78-81
Schanz, Tom CAPT	Life	VX-6 64-67
Stevens, Roger EO1	Annual	NSFA 81-86, 93-94



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REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

Send reunion information to Billy-Ace Baker at 850 456 3556 or 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. USS *Philippine Sea* participated in Highjump.

USS *Curtiss* (AV-4): Minneapolis, MN. 9-12 Sep 2009. POC Bruce Snider. bruceusscurtissav4@egv.rr.com, 956 423 3314. The USS *Curtiss* participated in DF-II.

USS *Yancey* (AKA-93): Mobile, AL, 1-4 Oct 2009. POC George Clifton, 708 425 8531, 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. 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. 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. 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 Morrissey3y, 402 483 6889, adromorrissey@msn.com. USS *Wilhoite* served during DF-61.

USCGC *Westwind* (WAGB-281): Wilmington, NC, 11-13 Sep 2009. POC Alex Mavica, 845 352 7040, amavica@optonline.net. USCGC *Westwind* served during DF-III, 68, 71, and 84.

USS *Nespelen* (AOG-55): *Carnival Cruise*, 19-24 Oct 2009. POC Harry McKenzie, 724 776 2385, mckenzih@consolidated.net. USS *Nespelen* served during DF-I, II, III, and IV.

Eastwind Association: Williamsburg, VA, 12-14 June 2009. POC LeRoy Grant, PO Box 292, Albany, NH 03818, 603 447 6040, 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, 110 Amberidge Drive, Cartersville, GA 30121.

OAEA. San Antonio, TX, 3-5 Nov 2010. POC John Lamont West, westjl42@aol.com, 956 568 3737, 2024 Quail Creek Drive, Apt 507, Laredo, TX 78045-8259.

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- Bob Isles is looking for anyone in New Zealand who would like to start an OAEA-NZ Group. This applies to anyone who has been to the ice or who is interested in the ice. At this point OAEA membership is NOT a prerequisite. Bob would also like to extend an invitation to any OAEA members who are visiting Christchurch to contact him for the purpose of meeting for drinks, a chat, and so forth. Bob can be contacted at isles.b@ihug.co.nz, 6 Thornhill Place, Christchurch New Zealand, phone 03 362 5808.

- John Denero was a member of the nine man (US Army) Signal Corps Antarctic Research Team (SCART) that was under the leadership of Amory Waite during DF-II. John is trying to locate other members of the team. He can be contacted at Jdenero@atlanticbb.net. No other contact info available.

- RM3 Gary Whittle volunteered off the USS *Curtiss*, AV-4 to fill a vacancy in Deepfreeze II at McMurdo. He would like to hear from anyone he served with. Gary can be contacted at agwhittle@suddenlink.net, 350 Valley Stream Circle, Hollister, MO 65672, phone 417-231-2130.

- Glen Harris is looking for MS2 Bill Brown who was in VXE-6 during the DF-70, 71, and 72 time frame. Glen can be reached at glen60@cox.net, 8136 Imperial Drive, Pensacola, FL 32506, phone 850-455-4101.

- Larry Hunter is trying to find Ken Marcum who was in VXE-6 during DF-70, 71, and 72. Larry can be contacted at 310 Bitwood Road Griswold CT 06351, lhunter@ct.metrocast.net, or phone 860 376 4790.



Ph2 Ken Marcum

Editor's Note. PH2 Ken Marcum was in the winter-over party during DF-71. He was the only member of the VX-6 Det and his primary job was to make sure that ASA Det Alfa did not ruin the Photo Lab. He spent most of his time helping the cooks out in the galley.

- Jim Bain is looking for HMCM Dave Vandyke. They served together in Deepfreeze in the 60s and 70s. Dave's last known duty station was NAVHOSP Portsmouth. Jim can be reached at jimbain@bellsouth.net, 320 Willow Bend Cove, Southaven, MS 38671, phone 662-393-2855.

- SKCS John Wilson is looking for JOC Bill Neal. Bill was in NSFA Summer Support during DF-73 and 74. John can be reached at: jwilso17@bellsouth.net, 2307 Millbank Drive, Orlando, FL 32837, phone 407 859 7318.

- Robert McCabe went to Antarctica in December 1959 as a photojournalist. At the time he only used a small fraction of his photos. He is now doing a book, but unfortunately there are some individuals in the photos whose identity he never knew. He is looking for anyone from that time frame that might be able to help him identify the mystery individuals. Robert can be reached at: Robertamccabe@gmail.com, 2 East 73 St New York, NY 10021.

GLOSSARY OF SNOW AND ICE

Compiled and edited by Billy-Ace Baker



Consolidated Pack Ice — Pack ice in which the floes are frozen together. Ice cover 10/10ths. German equivalent: *Zusammenhangends Packeis*.

Growler — A piece of ice almost awash, smaller than a bergy bit. Spanish equivalent: *Grunon*.

Ice Covered — Land overlaid at present by a glacier is said to be ice covered. The alternate term "glacierized" has not found general acceptance. French equivalent: *Region glacee*.

New Snow — A recent snow deposit in which the original form of the ice crystals can be recognized. Spanish equivalent: *Nieve Nueva*.

Puddle — An accumulation of melt water on an ice surface, mainly due to melting snow, but in later stages also to the melting of ice. The initial stage consists of patches of slush. Danish equivalent: *Smeltevandsso*.

New Zealand Erebus Medal Awarded to Americans

by Billy-Ace Baker

It was billed as the “flight of a lifetime”—an Air New Zealand DC10 cruising on a sightseeing tour over the pristine icy wilderness of Antarctica.

But the joy of the 28 November 1979 trip turned to horror when the plane slammed into the side of Mount Erebus killing all 257 on board.

On 4 June, fifteen US citizens were presented the New Zealand Erebus Medal for their work in the body recovery, crash investigation, and victim identification resulting from the crash. Those receiving the medal were:

Mr. David M. Bresnahan, NSF Rep Antarctica
LCDR Reedy Buford, VXE-6 Helicopter Pilot
CDR William Andre Coltrin, NSFA Operations Officer
CDR Paul Richard Dykeman, VXE-6 Helicopter Operations
LCDR William (Woo) Ferrell, VXE-6 Helicopter Pilot
LCDR John K. Goodrum, NSFA Medical Officer (His son received the medal on his behalf)

Mr. Dennis R. Grossi, NTSB Investigator
PHAN Charles (Chuck) Hitchcock, Navy Photographer
PH2 Richard L. Horton, Navy Photographer
ENS George Mixon, NSFA Flight Following
Mr. John Theodore Moehring, GE Corp Accident Investigator

CAPT Victor Louis Pesce, VXE-6 LC-130 Pilot
CWO Choyce Prewitt, NSFA Operations Department
AD2 Brian Jon Vorderstrasse, VXE-6 Para Rescue
Mr. Lyle Alan Wright, McDonnell Douglas Crash Investigator

EREBUS VOICES

The Mountain

I am here beside my brother, Terror.

I am the place of human error

I am beauty and cloud, and I am sorrow;
I am tears which you will weep tomorrow.

I am the sky and the exhausting gale.
I am the place of ice. I am the debris trail.

I am as far as you can see.

I am the place of memory.

And I am still a hand, a fingertip, a ring.

I am what there is no forgetting.

I am the one with truly broken heart.

I watched them fall, and freeze, and break apart.

The Dead

We fell.

Yet we were loved and we are lifted.

We froze.

Yet we were loved and we are warm.

We broke apart.

Yet we are here and we are whole.

—Bill Manhire, November 2004



Erebus Medal Awardees (L to R): CAPT Victor Louis Pesce, Mr Pat Goodrum (for his father), LCDR Reedy Buford, ENS George Mixon, AD2 Brian Jon Vorderstrasse, Mr Dennis Grossi, LCDR William (Woo) Ferrell, CWO Choyce Prewitt, SGT Mark Penn (NZ Police Ret), Mr Lyle Alan Wright, Mr David Bresnahan, CDR Paul Richard Dykeman, CDR William Coltrin, PH2 Richard L Horton, Mr John Moehring, and PHAN Charles Hitchcock (not pictured).

Gulf Coast Group Chapter Happenings

by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

There were 29 members and guests in attendance at the 4 April GCG meeting at the Shrimp Basket. The first order of business was to hang the GCG Chapter flag on a lattice work panel separating the dinning room from the bar area.



Helen Bourgeois volunteered to hang the flag since she and Lennie always sit at the table in front of the white latticework. After the meeting was over, Al Rogers volunteered to take the flag down. This was the first time that the flag had been displayed since the 2008 reunion.

On the order of old business, Pam Landy made a brief report on the trip that Con Jaburg, Pam, and I made on 9 March, to visit Frank Baglioni at the Homestead Nursing Home on Pine Forest Road. We coordinated the meeting with Frank's daughter, Pixie Sweeney (See GCG March meeting report in the Jan-Mar 2009 *Gazette*). We arrived between breakfast and lunch and Frank seemed happy to see us. Pam and I were strangers, but he and Con reminisced their shared experiences on the USS *Wyandot* during DF-II (1956-57).

For show and tell, Lennie Bourgeois proudly displayed a wood coin plaque that he made for his OAEA and other commemorative coins. The display speaks for itself.



Helen Bourgeois with Lennie's Coin Plaque

The guest speaker, Maria Landy arrived a little behind schedule because she had attended a graduation of the Pensacola Police Academy at Mainside. The graduation ceremony took longer than was expected. As a result; Maria started her slideshow and tried to get something to eat, but before she could finish her food I had introduced her after making my announcements so she had to interrupt her meal and get up to provide a narrative for the slideshow of photos she took during her visit to New Zealand in January 2008. Following her presentation, Maria passed out business cards imprinted with the URL of her web site. For anyone interested you can find her New Zealand photographs at: [New Zealand album | Magli | Fotki.com](#). After answering a few questions, she went back to eating her cold lunch.



Maria Landy Pensacola Police Officer

A special door prize was presented to the person who had traveled the farthest to attend this meeting. The prize consisted of a bottle of Penguin Beer that was specially brewed for the 2002 OAEA reunion. Even though Don Emmons claimed that he had traveled from Alaska, and Chuck Minerman said he had traveled from Quazamo Mexico. Both of these claims were discredited due to the lack of credibility of the claimants. The only certified contenders were Doyle McClung, Baker FL, and Lennie and Helen Bourgeois, Valparaiso, FL. Neither contestant knew exactly how far they had traveled. Doyle had never been to a GCG meeting before so the prize was awarded to him for no other reason. NOTE: After the meeting Pam Landy checked with MapQuest and the distance from the driveway of Doyle's house to the Shrimp Basket was approximately 52 miles and the distance from Lennie's was around 71 miles.



Doyle McClung Winner of Penguin Beer

Maria Landy was asked to draw the winning tickets for the 50/50 lottery and the door prize. Glen Harris who took home \$45 as his share won the lottery. When the winning number for the door prize was called out, no one responded, so a second ticket was drawn and Lennie held the winning ticket, which was a 2008 reunion polo shirt. After the drawing, Glen Harris produced the ticket for the first number that was drawn. When you snooze, you lose.

Thanks to Mary Lou Platt and Lennie for taking photos of the meeting. Thanks to Pam Landy for selling the 50/50 tickets and distributing the door prize tickets.

The next GCG meeting will be on Saturday 9 May at: the Shrimp Basket.

9 May 2009 OAEA-GCG Chapter Meeting—Thirty-eight members and guests turned up for the May meeting at the Shrimp Basket Restaurant on Navy Blvd. Out-of-state members attending were Buz and Sam Dryfoose from Nashville, In, and Hugh and Dianne King from Mandeville, LA. Dianne's sister, Gulen Cotton, of Pensacola made a brief appearance. Also from out-of-state was new member Roger Hudson from Gulfport, MS.



Sam and Buz Dryfoose

Navy Aviation Cadet Sarah Albi was back for her second meeting. If this keeps up, she will achieve Groupie status and we will gift her an Associate Membership. Also back for his second meeting was Joe Neidig. Joe previously attended a GCG meeting in 2008 because he is interested in taking a tourist cruise to Antarctica. Today was Joe's lucky day because both the Carson's and McGrath were in attendance. It turned out that Joe and Skeeter Carson were old tennis buddies.



Dr Hugh King Hallet Station Winter-Over OIC/Doctor DF64

Judy Dickson won the door prize drawing. The door prize consisted of an embroidered patch commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the First Aircraft Landing at the Geographic South Pole (See *Explorer's Gazette* Jan-Mar 2007), and a round USAP lapel pin. Dave Bresnahan donated the door prizes.

Les Liptak making his first appearance at a GCG meeting since last October won the 50/50 raffle and took home \$55 as his share. Sam Dryfoose was enlisted by Pam Landy to pick a ticket out of the hopper.

Lennie Bourgeois was presented with a bottle of Penguin Beer. See the 4 Apr meeting report NOTE.



Gus Shinn and Quinn Evans

13 June 2009 OAEA-GCG Chapter Meeting—There were 24 members and guests on a hot and humid day which was a bigger crowd than expected based on the number of people who had forewarned me that they would not be in attendance. First-time guests were 12-year-old Taylor Evans, son of Quinn Evans, and SP4 Darren Krewson, grandson of Mary Lou Platt. Darren is in the Army and is stationed at Eglin AFB.



Taylor Evans Son of Quinn Evans

Bob Jones, who had not been to a meeting for over two years, showed up. He apologized for his lack of attendance, but said that he had been on the binnacle list. It was good to see him up-and-about. Also back after a two-year absence was Jim Speed, son of Harvey Speed, VX-6 DF-II. Jim's excuse was that he had been traveling to far away places.

Due to technical difficulties, our scheduled guest speakers the Carson's and McGrath's, had to postpone the planned dog-and-pony show of their Tourist Expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula. As the saying goes, there will always be a next time. In their place, Duck Talbert, the Chapter President, gave an impromptu overview of the PM3A reunion that he and his wife Ariena recently attended in Sundance Wyoming. One of the stories told at the reunion was the infamous Dragon Killer episode that took place at McMurdo on 17 March 1967, but that is a story for another time too. Duck also told two other humorous stories about nukes on the ice.

Following Duck's talk he fielded a few questions from the audience and a few unsolicited comments about his stories. After that, there was no further business so the 50/50 drawing was held. Sean Baker sold the tickets and collected a total of \$76. Taylor Evans was asked to draw a ticket and announce the number. Carl Jackson held the winning ticket and he took home \$38 as his share of the proceeds.



Duck Discusses PM3A

Following the 50/50 raffle, a drawing was held for the door prize, a six-pack of 2002 Reunion Penguin Beer donated by Les Liptak. Mary Lou Platt works at the library as a volunteer so she usually arrives too late to purchase 50/50 tickets or to receive a door prize ticket. However, this time she arrived a few minutes before the door prize drawing and was issued a ticket and she won the six-pack. Since she claims to be a non-drinker, she gave the six-pack to her grandson. Darren was cautioned that because of age, or storage in Les's garage, the beer might not be drinkable.



Mary Lou Proudly Displays her Door Prize, a 6-pack of Seven-year-old Penguin Beer

Just a random thought: It would be great if more members invited their spouses or other family members to the meetings as Quinn and Mary Lou did. It is always a pleasure to see new faces and met these family members.

From the trivia department. The wives of the GCG President and Vice President are from New Zealand. The Secretary/Treasurer's wife was also from New Zealand. How did that happen?

Our thanks to Sean Baker and Mary Lou Platt for taking the candid photos of the meeting used in this report.

Tidewater Group Happenings

by Ed Hamblin

For a number of reasons, our meeting didn't happen until 20 June, and even then, wasn't much. Only six of us were there, and two had to leave early. I did snap a picture before people started running for the door. Once again, the House Of Eggs Restaurant is on the block for sale. This time, the full-court-press is on.



We are going for our next get together on 12 September at the House Of Eggs on Military Highway in Norfolk. If anyone wants to be included on the Tidewater email "tree" that I use to notify Tidewater area OAEs about the get-togethers, who doesn't already receive the word, let me know at ehamblin@cox.net, so I can add you to the reminder list.

Editor's Note: Ed's computer was down for a few days due to hardware problems he encountered, so he was unable to submit a comprehensive report due to the Gazette submission deadline I imposed on him.



Tidewater Group 20 June Attendees (L to R): Neil Sugermeyer, Charlie Thompson, Bill Raymus, Brad Miller, and Wayne Rogers.