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Photo Kimberley Kiska

South Polar Skuas display to each other over food and territory

Migration Mysteries Of Antarctic Frequent Flyers

*By Mark Horstman
AAD Medias*

While South Polar Skuas do like to eat penguin chicks, they're often unfairly pigeon-holed as thuggish baby-eating bullies.

These tenacious birds are actually talented survivors that venture where others dare not go, with some of the longest migration routes on record.

New Australian Antarctic Division research aims to reveal more about the winter destinations of these long-distance travelers and their important ecological role.

To do this, seabird biologists Kimberley Kliska and Marcus Salton spent part of the 2019/20 summer near Mawson research station attaching 18 geolocator devices to small leg bands on the birds.

The migration routes of the gull-like South Polar Skuas (*Catharacta maccormicki*) are amongst the longest for any bird, with annual journeys of more than 10,000 kilometres between their feeding and breeding grounds.

"They've been tracked migrating between Polar Regions, from Antarctica all the way to Greenland and Northern Alaska," said Mr. Salton.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ed Hamblin—OAEA President

TO ALL OAEs—I hope all of you were able to cobble a decent summer together, in spite of what we have been facing. I for one am very glad to see it in the rear view mirror; summer wasn't all it could have been.



We operate on money received from new memberships and donations both to fund the cost of operations and for scholarship awards. Donations are tax exempt and are always welcome; we provide acknowledgement letters for tax use. Thanks to Life Member Ms. Barb Orr for her recent generous \$1000.00 donation. Other donors this past quarter: Michael Olin, OAEA-NE Chapter, Donna Oliver, Lesley Urasky, Gene Lostroh, Gail Brow, Charlotte Dieckhoff, John Allarding, and David Ellefson. Thank all of you!

The big OAEA news has been the election for new officers. It was a struggle for us to fill the open slots for nomination this year; we just made our "quota" (7 needed to fill the various positions, and 7 signed and mailed self-nominations received) and that took some salesmanship and work to find people willing to serve. Heartfelt thanks to all you who stepped forward. Because doing a regular election process this year would have been nothing more than an expensive paperwork exercise, I felt it necessary to explore other possibilities; which resulted in a change to the bylaws in that when there are just enough nominees to fill the slots, that the Board of Directors can approve the nominees as the new officers. Normally, new officers would be installed at the reunion, but because this year's reunion was cancelled, it will likely be a "virtual" installation/turnover via the wonders of cyberspace before the end of the calendar year.

More about the election...a giant THANKS to Robert Gaboury (AKA Gabby) who was again the Election Committee Chairman. Gabby had a lot on his plate this year, and did a really great job of keeping us on target.

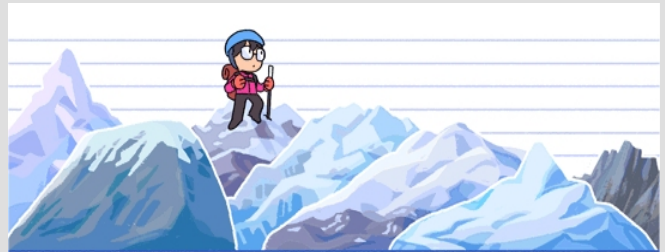
And finally a reunion reminder...May 2022 in San Diego, headed up by Life Member George Lusk. Hopefully by then, we will all be ready to travel! San Diego is such a great place to visit. It will also have been 10 years since our last West Coast reunion. It is time!

This will probably be my last full President Remarks column for the *Gazette*. It has been a privilege to be "the voice" of this organization for the last 4 years. I figured when I retired from the Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer, my days in being in charge of anything were at an end; and I was sure wrong about that. I am going to continue to serve on as Vice President, and do everything I can to support the new OAEA President Elect. Besides

being VP, I will continue as Membership Database Administrator, and need to get back to learning more about website administration to help Gabby. On the way out the door, I also particularly want to thank John West, Bill Rouzer, and Marty Diller...these are the members of the Executive Committee who have helped me stay straight!

The best to all of you, and thank you for your continued support of the OAEA.

Ed Hamblin



GROWLERS & BERGY BYTES

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

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LUXURY CAMPS IN REMOTE PLACES

Compiled by Billy-Ace

Inside the world's most remote hotels including a camp in Antarctica Going off the grid doesn't mean having to camp in the wilderness and battling the elements.

Nowadays, there are some incredible remote hotels around the world that are ideal for escaping into some incredible landscapes, while still offering plenty of luxury with incredible rooms, private pools and spectacular surroundings.

We're talking a luxury camp in Antarctic scenery, a swanky lodge hidden in Antarctica's white wilderness, and a dreamy lavish hotel nestled amidst the highest, driest, and windiest continent.

Of course with the coronavirus pandemic, currently travel restrictions mean holidays to some of these spots are off the cards for us—but it doesn't hurt to dream a little for the days when we can travel properly again.

Take a look at one the world's most incredible remote hotels. Check out the one shown below...

White Desert Oasis, Antarctica

If you're looking to go off the grid, then Antarctica is just about as remote as you can get!

The Whichaway Oasis camp in Schirmacher Oasis, Queen Maud land, is surrounded by glacial lakes and overlooks the Antarctic Ice Sheet,

Guests staying here can go on expeditions to the South Pole, visit the home of emperor penguins, and go on plenty of excursions to explore the vast and spectacular landscape.

Prices depend on your choice of holiday—there are short breaks as well as full 24-day itineraries on offer.

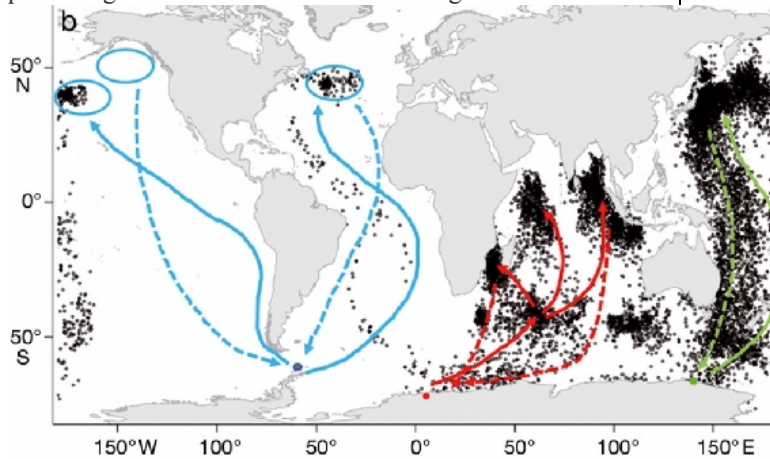


Skuas

From Page 1

Globe-Trotting Frequent Fliers

During the Antarctic winter, South Polar Skuas fly giant figures of-eight to the northern hemisphere and back, using prevailing oceanic winds to their advantage.



(Photo: Weimerskirch et al. 2015)

Locations of tracked South Polar Skuas showing the routes across three oceans taken by populations from different parts of Antarctica. Continuous and dotted lines depict the outward and return flights to the breeding grounds, respectively



(Photo: Mark Horstman)

AAD biologists Kimberley Kliska and Marcus Salton studied seabirds at Bechervaise Island near Mawson research station

As a migratory species, they're listed under an international agreement to which Australia is a party, and protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Historically the birds have been tracked by research based at the Antarctic Peninsula and other countries' stations around Antarctica.

Banding studies were undertaken at the United States' Wilkes station in the 1950s. However, adult skuas from the eastern coast of the Australian Antarctic Territory have not been tracked before.



(Photo: Kimberley Kliska)

One of the 18 geolocators deployed with a leg band on a South Polar Skua

"We think adult skuas from east Antarctica migrate to the northern hemisphere each winter, but we don't know for sure," Mr. Salton said. "For the first time, we're going to find out."

The tiny geolocator loggers attached to bands on the legs of migrating skuas record times of sunrise and sunset, enabling the calculation of latitude and longitude.

They also record periods of saltwater immersion, allowing the estimation of time spent in flight or sitting on the water.

"Later this year we intend to retrieve the devices to download the data and fill in the gaps on the map, to complete the picture of skua migration," Mr. Salton added.

Eco-Influencers

South Polar Skuas are a common sight in coastal Antarctica, especially near penguin colonies. Large and long-lived, they're ecologically important as top predators that exert a selective force on the evolution of other seabirds.

"They influence seabird populations by preying on eggs, chicks and adults," Ms Kliska said. "They also influence seabird behavior by being an ever-present threat during breeding. Parents and young learn to evade detection and capture, so only the alert and strong survive into the future."



(Photo: Mark Horstman)

Remains of Adelie penguin eaten by South Polar Skuas



Skuas are well equipped for predation, with impressive webbed talons where the third claw faces backwards for a secure grip, and they can fly at speeds of up to 72 kmh.



(Photo: Kimberley Kliska)

The webbed claws of a South Polar Skua, with the third claw turned backwards

Depending on the time of year, South Polar Skuas are resourceful scavengers as well as predators, targeting penguin colonies, petrels, fish, molluscs, and crustaceans.



(Photo: Marcus Salton)

South Polar Skuas frequent Adeli penguin colonies, preying on eggs, chicks, and adults

“In Antarctica, they have an important ecosystem function as ‘cleaners’, consuming a range of carrion from seal placentas to dead seabirds, helping to control disease,” she said.

“They’ve even been seen regurgitating an entire seal flipper!” However, apart from personal observations, little is known about their local foraging behavior within the Australian Antarctic Territory.

“This summer we also used GPS devices to investigate where skuas went looking for food while breeding—watch this space!” said Ms Kliska.



(Photo: Kimberley Kliska)

Proud skua parent with chick, Jan 2020

Talent For Survival

Individual South Polar Skuas are recorded as far inland as the South Pole, further south than any other bird.

Resighting studies have shown the birds have a lifespan of 30 to 40 years.

They form strong partner bonds and tend to mate for life, which means they can avoid spending valuable time on courtship rituals during short breeding seasons.



(Photo: Kimberley Kliska)

A pair of South Polar Skuas displaying

While they will 'divorce' if a 'better option' presents itself, divorce rates are as low as 6.4 percent.

Fiercely territorial, they will defend a territory of up to two hectares in size by vocalizing loudly, displaying their chest and wing size, and even dive-bombing each other.

Leader of the seabird ecology team at the AAD, Dr Louise Emmerson, said their research is also using genetic techniques to understand how related populations of skuas are to each other, and whether their population changes mirror the long-term changes of other seabirds and the climate.

"Studying the South Polar Skua allows us to develop a better sense of the inter-dependencies between species," Dr Emmerson said.



(Photo: Richard Youd)

Baby-eating thugs or tenacious survival experts? South Polar Skuas get an unfair reputation for their aggressive behavior



(Photo: Kimberley Kliska)

South Polar Skuas usually lay two eggs in a rudimentary nest



(Photo: Mark Horstman)

South Polar Skua flies off with an Adelle penguin egg



(Photo from Baker's archives)

Skuas fighting over a piece of steak at McMurdo Station

Gus Shinn's Birthday Email Blast

Email Blast Requesting All OAEA'S To Mail Gus A Birthday Card

Hey Y'all

Gabby here your OAEA admin guy.

On the 3rd of September an email blast to over 1200 members via the Traffic Wave and Reach Mails systems regarding Gus Shinn's birthday was sent out asking everyone to send him a birthday card via snail mail. In the past the OAEA Gulf Coast Group (GCG) Chapter Would throw a birthday celebration for him at our September meeting, due to the current pandemic that was impossible to do this year.

The response was greater than expected.

Billy-Ace and myself want to thank all of you who took the time to send Gus a birthday card for his 98th birthday, I am sure that he was surprised and thanking each and every one of you.

I haven't heard back from Gus at this writing, but I'm sure that Billy will hear from Gus and tack a PS onto this writing.

Thanks again a whole bunch from Billy and I for the great response.

—Gabby Gaboury 5/23/2020

PS: I also sent a group email to all the OAEA GCG Chapter members who have an email address, so some of you may have received the birthday request two or three times.

Also Billy Blackwelder and myself discussed what to do about Gus's birthday this year. We thought about the GCG members conducting a drive-by Gus's house on his birthday, but in the end we decided on the card by mail scheme

Gus's New Mail Box

By Billy-Ace



Gus standing by his new mailbox

Until recently Gus received the bulk of his mail at a Post Office box. Now that he no longer drives he receives some mail at his house so we included his house address in the email blast. He had a very small mail box on the front of his house so Billy Blackwelder decided to shop around and get a bigger box because we suspected that the response to the email blast would result in a lot of cards showing up a Gus's house.



John Perry Blackwelder putting finishing touches on Gus's name and street number.



The Blackwelder boys: John Perry and the Helo King working on the new mailbox.



The Blackwelder family and Gus pose with the finished product. All masked up except for Gus!



I guess the project wasn't finished after all. The house number and Gus's name are now vertical—and last of all the flag works

According to Billy Blackwelder Gus had about 15 birthday cards in the new mailbox on 9 September—and, a *Wall Street Journal*. And at that time Gus's last name and house number installation were still pending.

I do not know what the final card count was but when I called to wish Gus a happy birthday he told me that he had received 50 cards. He said that a few of the cards were from people he did not know and he was very excited about receiving cards from two people that he had not heard from since he left the ice during DF-III, and one of them had made Captain before he retired.

A few days after his birthday Gus told me that the incoming flow of birthday cards had dried up and he figured that the final count was between 50 and 75 cards. Gus also received a copy of a photo of Que Sera Sera making the first landing at the South Pole that Gus signed (undated) and dedicated to the Boys and Gals at South Pole Station.

Let The Party Begin

On his birthday Gus was treated to a small party in his carport. In attendance were the Blackwelder's, and Al & Gloria White. The White's are close friends. Billy told me that he and Gus have had breakfast with Al many times at local restaurants and Al does all the driving.



Joyce Blackwelder, Gus (still in his robe), Al White, and his wife Gloria.



The table in the carport covered with birthday cards, drinks, and a cake. Also flanked by several penguins.



Joyce and Gloria checking the mail that was received prior to the party. The Helo King reported that Gus said he got about 20 more cards after they left and at that time the count equaled about 60 cards.



DOUGLAS-NAVY R4D, DOUGLAS AIR FORCE C-124

This copy of the photo of QSS was sent to me by Jerry Marty by Email. I believe that Jerry mailed a copy to Gus.

FEEDBACK & LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Billy Ace,

In the latest *Explorer's Gazette* in Ed Hamblin's column was this:

“As always, there is stuff behind the scenes going on. Even though we have been on “lockdown”, it hasn’t stopped the Membership Chairman from doing his business. Eight new members have been added this quarter. And more about the election process that Bob Gaboury is running. As part of the preparation, he sent election information e-mails via TrafficWave and another e-mail distribution service we use. Out of those, we got almost 180 “unable to deliver” notifications. What that means is that more than 10% of our membership isn’t getting the word. So, we are in the process of sending out post card “reminders” to these members we have lost eMail contact with. Keeping in contact is important to us, and we work hard to try to keep everyone in the loop; so if your contact information changes, please let us know. An eMail, post card, letter, or even a phone call... anything will do.”

I have received no emails or post cards from Bob Gaboury.

My email address has not changed in ten years nor my U.S. mail address. I do not have an email address for Ed Hamblin or Bob Gaboury. Could you please forward this to Bob and let him know my email address is jimdrummo@carolina.rr.com and my home address is; James Drummond, 295 Frontier Circle, Indian Trail, NC, 28079. I think it would be great if a couple of email addresses were posted along with the "association officers" on page three so members would be able to contact officers if needed.

Thanks a bunch.

Jim Drummond
jimdrummo@carolina.rr.com

Editor's Note: I have forwarded the above email to Ed Hamblin and Bob Gaboury. FYI their email addresses appeared on page 42 if the Apr-June issue of the *Gazette*.



**Jim Drummond
at the 2010
San Antonio Reunion**



Billy-Ace,

I'm sure you knew this. I'm just way behind in catching up. Stay well.

Chuck
thefegleys@verizon.net

Begin forwarded message:

To: Charles Fegley <thefegleys@verizon.net>
Very sweet to hear from you regarding my dad (Richard Bowers). He passed last January, and we miss him dearly.

Sue Huffer
indyhuff@comcast.net

Hi Dick,

This is Chuck Fegley writing.

I had seen a notice recently (I'm very far behind in catching up on my email) in the OAEA newsletter from over a year ago that you were having a bit of a struggle with life. I wanted to wish you well and let you know I'm thinking of you. You were always one of my Antarctic construction heroes and an inspiration before I went down to take charge of the PM-3A Nuclear Power Plant at McMurdo Station in '63 (DF64). I recall watching a slide show you put on about your experiences in Antarctica at the Washington Navy Yard, as I was getting ready for my first trip. I was really impressed with your accomplishments and incredible success. Hang in there my friend. You are an inspiration and one and only leader of men. God bless you and your family as you sail through these difficult times.

With Warmest Regards,

Chuck



*From the ASA DF-64 Cruise Book
LT C. E. Fegley III NNPU OIC DF-64*

Hi Billy-Ace:

I was sad to see Paul Dalrymple's name listed among those who have passed on. He had a great story to tell about the dog that he saved at the South Pole and his disappointment with Buz Dryfoose who wouldn't fly the dog out.

Stay safe,

Frank
frank.graveson@gmail.com

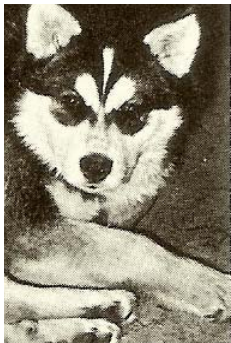
Dear Billy-Ace"

As always I truly enjoy the *Explorer's Gazette* that you put together. Just a fine job for all to observe what's happened/happening on the "Ice".

Find enclosed a donation to the OAEA in memory of my father ADC Frederick Ferrara who was in VX-6 during DF-I.

Charlotte Dieckhoff
Via US Mail
(char.dieckhoff@gmail.com)

Editor's Note: The Photos of Blizzard and Paul are from the DF-III Winter-Over cruise book. According to Frank Blizzard is not the dog he is talking about in the email above, but Paul did take Blizzard to the South Pole. See more beginning on page 13.



**Blizzard
Station Mascot**



**Paul C. Dalrymple
Port Clyde Maine**

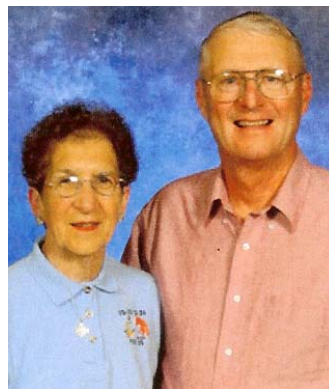
Billy-Ace:

Thinking of you often, and I miss going to the OAEA reunions. This donation (enclosed check) is in honor of Tom Orr, an Antarctic. Plus his friends were very special to him.

Love.

Barb Orr
Via Snail Mail
(barbhome37@gmail.com)

Editor's Note: Tom died on 9 July 2017. Here is a photo of Barb and Tom taken at the 2006 OAEA reunion in Rhode Island.



Barb and Tom



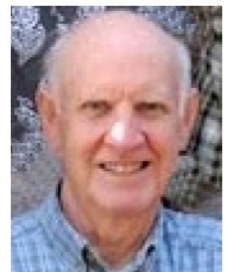
*From the CTF43 DF-I Cruise Book
LTJG Ellena instructs AD2 Erwin Hartford, ADC Frederick Ferrara, Francis Winkley, and AN Alvar Garcia, on installing skis on long-range aircraft.*

Editor's Note: I don't know if I have mentioned it before, but all donations to the OAEA should be mailed to: Ed Hamblin, 3104 Deepspring Drive, Chesapeake VA 23321. I don't mind receiving your donation, but sending it direct to Ed will save time and money.

Billy,

This is an incredible issue (Apr-June *Gazette*), so much wonderful information. Kudos to everyone involved.

Mel Oakes
oakes@physics.utexas.edu



**Mel Oakes from the
Univ of Texas Web Site**

Hi Billy,

I had a good 30 minute conversation with Merlin today, he is not very techie, but I was able to get him to the website and the location where the *Gazettes* are located.

He read the latest issue and just responded to me a few ago.

Here's his response, thought you (and our members) would like to read it also.

Gabby
admin@oaea.net

From: Merlin Allshouse <merlina46@outlook.com>

Hi Gabby

I was surprised to see the story about Robert Johnson on page 18 of the *Gazette*. I was surprised to know he was still alive. My wife and I had lunch with him and his wife Mildred 5 years ago. Then spent the afternoon with them at their house. We had a wonderful visit with them he was all interested about me being there in 59-60. Then I also very interested for him to tell about his 1939 trip on the USS *Bear* as well as his later trip. It was very special to me to talk to him because when the reunion was in R.I. I won the framed line graph picture of the USS *Bear*. It served as a sealing ship in Newfound, and a revenue enforcement ship in Alaska before going to the Antarctic. Strange as it may seem I had also served in all those places too. I live on Bear Lake on Bear Lake RD so it all has special meaning to me. It was nice talking to you today.

Merlin Allshouse



Above is Item Number 7 which was the signed and numbered sketch of the *Bear*. To the right is a photo of Merlin and his wife Marian at the Rhode Island 2006 OAEA Reunion.

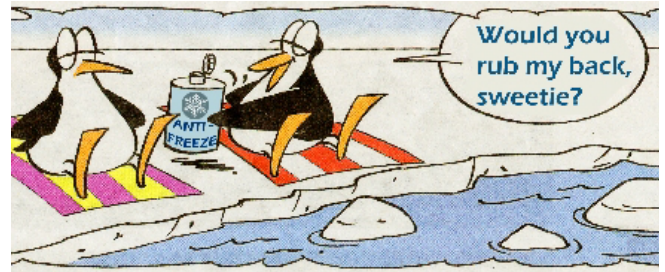


Billy-Ace,

Hope you are doing fine. With the lockdown the only thing you can do is stay home as much as possible and read the cartoons. Attached is one from the local paper, which I have translated.

Stay safe, and keep the morale up!

Ron Stephano
ronalds@pt.lu
Luxembourg



Billy-Ace:

The high point of my 23 year Navy career was Operation Deep Freeze II and III (1956-58). We are now living in a senior living complex. Our health does not always keep us out of hospital. However, we are in a normal life style at this time and we do not require any assistance.

You may save some much need funds by removing my name from the mail list. We are not able to travel over a period of six hours coming and going. So reunions are out. Also I no longer have a computer. As of 11 August my age is 89.

My new address is below.

Lyonel R. Young
1538 Old Castle Rd.
Apt. 2004
Nixa MO 65714

Editor's Note: Lyonel was attached to VX-6 for Deepfreeze II. He deployed to Little America V for DF-III and was at McMurdo DF-IV.

Aloha Billy-Ace,

Another great issue of *Explorer's Gazette*! Keep up the good work!

Sorry to hear Pete Kron died at 73 years old. I remember him as a hard worker with a sense of humor.

Aloha

Bruce DeWald
bdewald63@gmail.com



Pete Kron from his obit

Editor's Note: Letters are edited for length and clarity. Write us at: upizauf@aol.com

MORE FROM DOG MAN FRANK GRAVESON

Editor's Note: The following is extracted and edited from email messages sent by Frank Graveson

I saw the Harold's Club membership card in the Apr-Jun issue of the *Gazette*.

I was a dog handler at Scott Base during the 1963 winter and recall being invited to a gambling evening to be held in the Wardroom at McMurdo.

We arrived to find the room decorated with paraphernalia supplied by Harold's Club—croupiers eyeshades, posters etc. There were Black Jack tables, Craps (new to us) and others.

Our entry fee provided Mac Moola(?) money, Planters Nuts and plenty of beer.

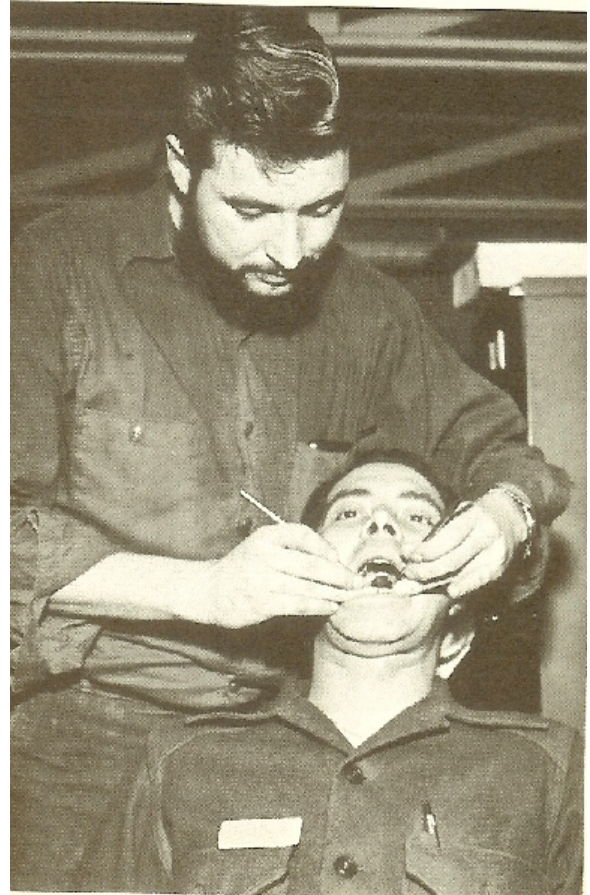
It was great fun and at the end of the evening we all had to return our Mac Moola money to see if we had won a prize. I didn't, but seem to remember that the commander of the helicopter squadron won a flight in a helicopter. What a thrill for him!

Once the formal part of the evening was complete, we were invited to a craps game using real money. It seemed to have quite simple rules, but we were not used to using American dollars, which are all the same colour and size. When we thought we were outlaying only a dollar or two, we were actually risking \$5, \$10 or even more. And we kept winning! And headed back to Scott Base with pockets full of money without much idea of where it all came from.

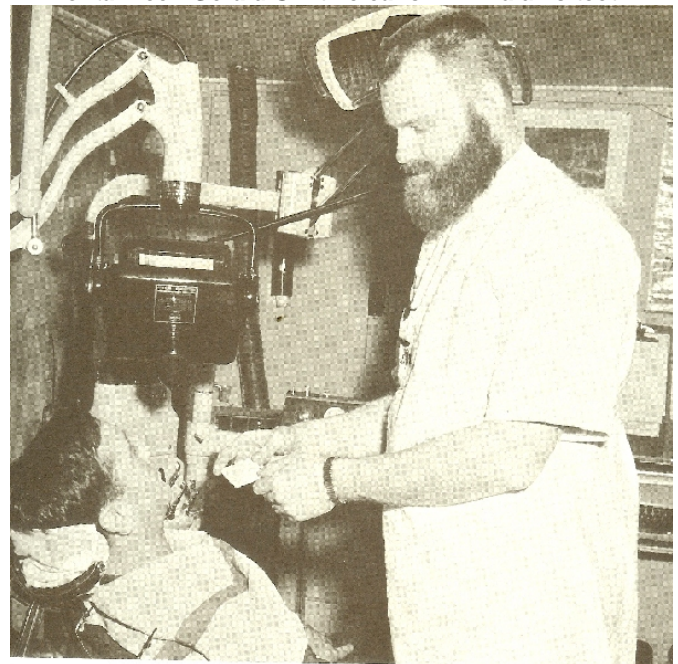
Attached is a photograph, which I found in my collection. I think the man closest to the camera was the dentist and the one in the checked shirt with is back to the camera (smoking) was a Senior Chief called Cowboy. I am the one in the centre seeming to be picking my nose while studying the Craps table.



These are my guesses. Front table seated: Dental Technician First Class Gerald Smith, next guy looks like me, next is Dentist Paul Lehman. Next table standing: Frank Graveson picking his nose. Seated at table on the left behind the front table, Senior Chief "Cowboy" in checkered shirt smoking—name unknown.



Dental Tech Gerald Smith cleans HM1 Laluz's teeth



Dentist Paul Lehman prepares to X-ray dental patient CEC "Injun" Joe Smith's teeth

I've had a look through my box of winter 1963 photographs but find that most of them are of dogs in the half-darkness.

However, I did come across another one of the Harold's Club evening in the wardroom.



The following names are listed on the back of the photo: Frank Layman Transportation Manager, LT Vic Osher ASA Det Alfa XO, Ray Briggs Met, Dwight Johnson Biology, and two Scott Base personnel.

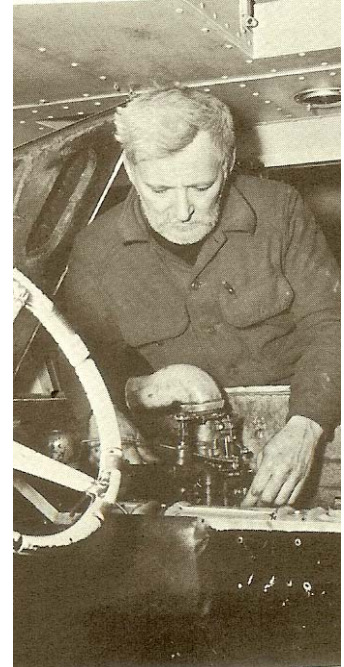
The Scott Base men are Bill Doull (Electrician - standing looking on) and Maurice Sheehan (Dog Handler - in white jersey studying his cards). It looks like he is wearing a lampshade on his head.



LT Osher ASA Det Alfa XO works at his desk in the Administration Building. From the DF-63 Cruise Book.



Biologist Dwight Johnson making a wire-mesh fish trap.



Frank Layman equipment mechanic who maintained USARP vehicles.

Both photos from the DF-63 Cruise Book.

I found the photo of USN Chaplain Young who wintered over at McMurdo in 1963 which was taken in the Scott Base ice cave by photographer, Guy Mannering.

It reminded me that we called a close-cropped haircut a "Chaplain Young cut"—hardly appropriate for the climate.

Editor's Note: That is a great photo of Chaplain Young and I remember him well, I too thought that he wintered during DF-63, BUT my records show that Chaplain Christopher B. Young wintered-over during DF-62 and not DF-63. I thought that we had two chaplains during DF-63, but the records show that the DF-63 chaplain was: Chaplain David L. Windle, LT CHC USN.



Chaplain Windle conducts a worship service at the Chapel of the Snows in McMurdo.



Chaplain Young in the Scott Base ice caves. This photo is also in the ASA DF-62 Cruise Book. The only caption is: "The Chaplain", and there is no credit or mention of who the photographer was.

There is a bit of a story about Paul Dalrymple and his dog, Beauty. But, Blizzard was a pup born at McMurdo in 1957 and taken to the South Pole by Paul. He couldn't remember why he was the one to take the dog to the Pole and so I guess it was not his idea. I suppose they thought they should have one as there had been a pup Bravo at the Pole during the 1957 winter and he was taken to the US and given to Lt John Tuck.

As I said in my Letter to the Editor: Paul had a great story to tell about the dog that he saved at the South Pole and his disappointment with Buz Dryfoose who wouldn't fly the dog out.

A bit of a sad day here as the other dog handler Sheehan and my special friend at Scott Base in 1963 (shown in the second Harold's Club photo) died suddenly and unexpectedly this morning. A sad blow—we were best men at each other's weddings. (See page 26 for Sheehan's obit.)

We are pleased that we are effectively free from Covid-19 here in New Zealand and are trying very hard, with the support of our government, to keep it out. Fingers crossed. Wear your mask.

Thanks for the memories.

—Frank Graveson

FROM BAKER'S ALMANAC

This information, taken from my archives, is regarding the South Pole dogs that Frank has mentioned in his emails to me.

30 November 1957: Bravo was returned to McMurdo by Gus Shinn and Les Liptak and was chained up for the first time in his life.

19 January 1958: The British Trans-Antarctic Expedition arrived at South Pole Station with 18 dogs.

26 January 1958: The British dogs were evacuated to Scott Base, with the exception of Beauty, who escaped and could not be caught. Beauty roamed free and although attempts were made to shoot her, Paul Dalrymple rescued her and she survived the winter.

November 1958: Beauty was refused passage on the aircraft when Paul Dalrymple departed South Pole after the winter. The aircraft pilot was Buz Dryfoose who refused to take Beauty because he had his own dog Utz Aboard. Incidentally Utz was not a Deep Freeze dog but was Buz's pet that he had brought from home to the ice.

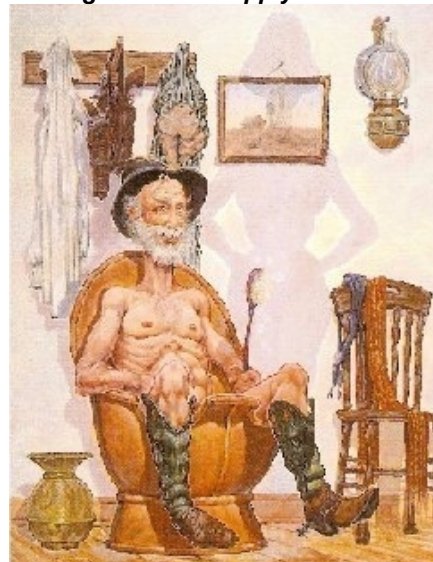
Winter of 1959: During DF-IV Two dogs, Blizzard, and Beauty, wintered-over. See caption on photo.



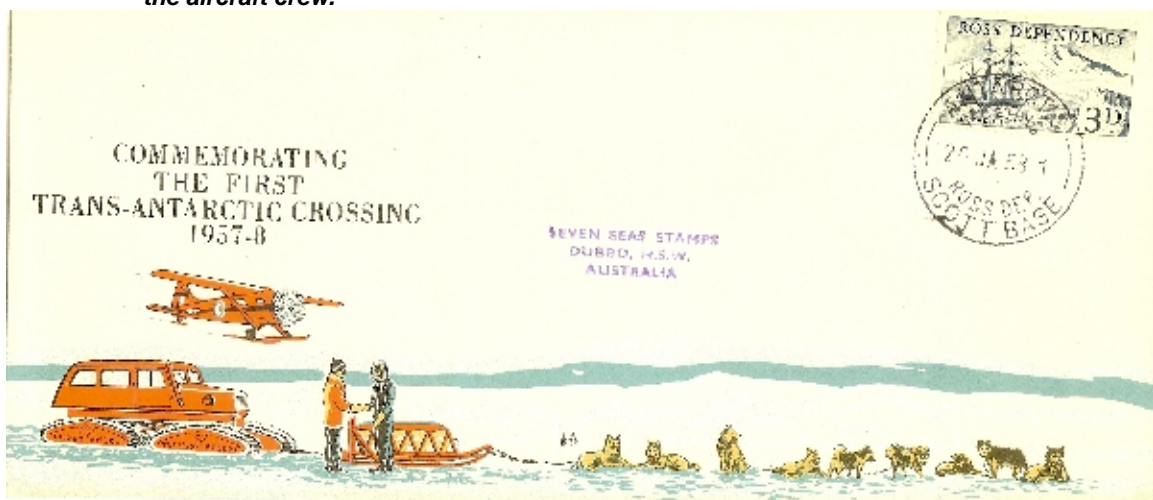
From the DF-IV Cruise Book
Blizzard and Beauty: Antarctica's laziest and the Queen's finest. DF-IVs South Pole pets, huskies of Alaskan and Siberian descent, maintained morale when they weren't mastering the art of not-too-malicious mischief. Their habits: eating, sleeping, pooping, and contaminating the water supply.



RADM Tyree with pilot Buzz Dryfoose, his dog Utz, and the aircraft crew.



Buz Dryfoose taking a bath.



British Trans-Antarctic Commemorative Philatelic Cover

100-Year-Old Florida Man Remembers Expedition To Antarctica

(Story By: Matt Sergel) (Photos By: Bob Self/The Florida Times-Union via AP)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Robert Johnson, who turned 100 on 7 July, a hot and sunny Florida day, barely hesitated when asked what he'd do if given another chance to go to Antarctica, the land of eternal ice and snow that he first journeyed to as a teenager.

"It would be very tempting, it would," he said. "That place stays in your heart. It really does."

At 19, Johnson was the youngest member of Adm. Richard Byrd's 1939 expedition to Antarctica aboard the USS *Bear*, a 19th-century, thick-hulled wooden ship with sails and diesel.

Stein came to Jacksonville for Johnson's 100th birthday party, which was under a tent outside his East Arlington home, attended by pandemic-masked family members and friends.

Five police cars drove by, sirens blipping, and neighbors and friends drove by as well, holding signs of support. The police officers then visited Johnson as he sat in his driveway near some food and displays.

Stein has interviewed Johnson several times and marvels at his still-sharp memory. "He's a treasure, an absolute treasure," said Stein, author of "Discovering the North-West Passage: The Four-Year Arctic Odyssey of H.M.S. *Investigator* and the McClure Expedition." "This is a time when things like this just aren't done any more, this kind of adventure."

Harvey Morrissey, 16, a Sea Scout from Ocala, also came up for the party. He had done a podcast with Johnson and was struck by his vivid stories of Antarctica and of his teenage sailing journey on the *Pacific Queen*.

"That's crazy," he said. "I don't think any Sea Scout today could do that. It's a different world, compared to today, obviously."



Bob Johnson sits in the shade outside his home with friends and family during his 100th birthday celebration

He went back with Byrd in 1946 for Operation Highjump, then joined another U.S. Navy expedition there, Operation Windmill, in 1948.

The son of a chief warrant officer in San Diego, Johnson was a Sea Scout who trained on sailing ships as a teen. The summer he turned 16, he was one of the Sea Scouts aboard the *Pacific Queen*, a 300-foot square-rigger, for what was supposed to be a 15-day cruise. The becalmed ship ended up at sea for 67 days, its crew living on severe rations, creating headlines as a frantic search ensued.

That experience didn't keep him from the sea: He joined the Navy two years later on a battleship and then volunteered for Byrd's expedition. With his sailing experience, he was signed on to the *Bear*, bound for Antarctica.

He's believed to be the last survivor of any of Byrd's pre-World War II polar journeys, which caught the public imagination and made the explorer a much-decorated national hero.

Johnson, in fact, is most likely the last living member of any prewar polar expedition by any country, said Glenn Stein, a polar and maritime historian from Apopka.



Sea Scout Harvey Morrissey, 16, from Ocala presents Bob Johnson with a special neckerchief

Johnson was in the Navy from 1937 to 1956, ending up at Naval Station Mayport as a chief bosun's mate. He then worked for the Postal Service until 1990.

He recalls that on the first expedition, their transport on the ice was sleds and dogs. To feed the dogs, they would shoot a seal—and that would be the dogs' lunch.

In Operation Highjump, he parachuted to the ice, making a heavy landing in what seemed to him the quietest place on Earth.

There's a whole room in Robert and Mildred Johnson's house dedicated to his three Antarctic adventures. He calls it the chief's quarters, and it's decorated with photos, awards, and memorabilia.



100 year old Bob Johnson gestures in the room of his home that contains photographs and mementos from his 20 year career in the U.S. Navy and his Antarctic explorations with Admiral Richard Byrd.



Bob in the room of that contains his mementos and a penguin named Polar Penguin Pete from one of the trips.

A place of honor is reserved for Polar Penguin Pete, a penguin Johnson took home with him after one expedition and then had stuffed. It's been with him ever since, a reminder of his journeys to the bottom of the Earth.

"That's quite a place," he pronounced, some 72 years after his last trip there. "It's different from anything else, that's for sure. It is a wonderful place down there."



Friends and family of Bob sing Happy Birthday to him as gathered at his home to celebrate his 100th birthday.

ANTARCTIC



ADVENTURES

Written by Yolonda Washington



Journey and her mother Yolonda

PART SIX

“Plenty to do and Penguins too!!”

Our voyage continues! We are traveling aboard the MV *Ortelius* between Anvers Island and the Danco Coast. This famous body of water is called The Gerlache Strait and is a must see! It has beautiful spiky blue icebergs, snow, and mountains and if you are lucky a sighting of humpback whales. We chose to venture to Antarctica specifically during this time because of the humpback whale season. Nothing against Penguins, we love them too! But whales Rock!



Humpback Whales in the Gerlache Strait.

The air and sea temperature are 0 degrees Celsius. Conditions are perfect when we arrive at Cuverville Island.

The stars of this Island are out in full force, Gentoo Penguins! Penguins, Penguins everywhere, and a whole lot of Penguin poo! What a fun day! This was our first encounter with these aquatic flightless birds and what a delight! They are extremely curious and very friendly. They follow you, explore your belongs, peck at your clothing, and if you are still will waddle up right beside you. Humans are totally outnumbered and a full lively colony of birds is a sight to behold. You can sit and watch them all day! They are hysterical!



Curious Penguin



Pensively pondering the Penguins





Yolonda sitting with the penguins.

We observed thousands of them en masse! Many were nesting on this island. At this time of season most chicks are now “teenagers” among the older parents, however we still saw some older chicks still shedding their fuzzy down feathers. Some resembled having very bad mullets and hair cuts! I think these were the teenagers! These downy feathers give way to short and dense feathers, which give a “skin-like” appearance to penguins.

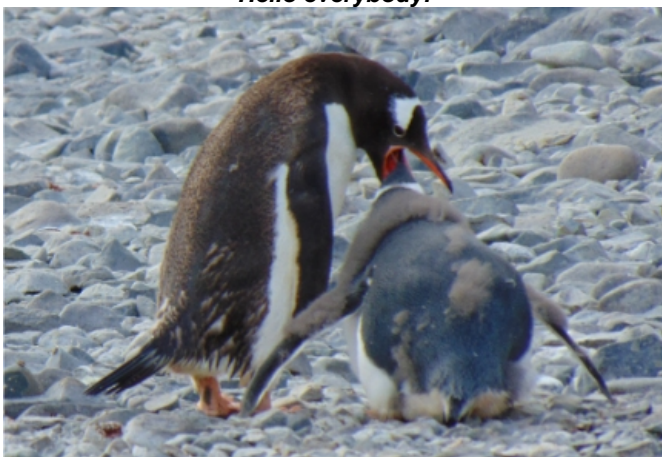
Quick Facts: Penguins are birds, not mammals. They are warm blooded. They do not fly, but are excellent swimmers. They have solid bones. YES penguins have knees; they are covered by feathers and hidden from view. Penguins only live in the Southern Hemisphere, but not at the South Pole.

We took dozens of pictures, before boarding onto a zodiac cruise toward Orne Harbour. And guess what?...More Penguins!

Yes, now we got to visit with the aptly named Chinstrap penguins. These are hearty little birds that prefer to live on the rocky cliffsides and scree slopes, many inaccessible to landing. Our zodiac took us deeper into Orne Harbour and we viewed icebergs and sea ice, which had been trapped, at the back of the bay by the wind and current. We drifted with the ice in this amazing snowy scene.



Hello everybody!



Mommy feeding teenager.



Chinstrap penguin flaps his wings. Or are those flippers?

OH MY GOODNESS...hold onto your Penguin Pooper Scooper! My daughter and I decided to go on a kayaking adventure on the southern side of Cuverville Island. We were

with a small group of six other kayakers and a great guide. Winds were at 25 knots but this side of the island provided surprisingly nice shelter from the wind and waves. We had not ventured far when lo and behold we were greeted by a Humpback Whale! He swam passed our group as if to tell us let him lead the way into the bay area. The group of whales gave us a splendid show of their icebergs and Antarctica friends. We were greeted by an enormous fur seal atop one of the icebergs and Gentoo penguins en route to their colony. We followed the shoreline and saw several Crabeater, Fur, and Weddell seals. They were below our kayaks, above and in the water.



Orne Harbour – Kayaking with huge Leopard Seal

In this bay seemed like a good place to complete the good luck mission to, “Lick an Iceberg”!! It’s a must-do in Antarctica! And that we did, we grabbed a hold of one and gave it a big lick! In the midst of our mission we lost a paddle and had to single paddle over to retrieve it! It was hysterical. I think the Leopard seal thought we were crazy! But then we were blessed with that humpback whale that glided right under our kayak back into the open waters. What a treat! And a great outing!



What are those things?

Some of our friends went mountaineering; they donned crampons and snowshoes and ventured out onto the freshly fallen snow from that morning. They landed near Georges Point. Their zodiac ride was a bit rougher so that move from their normal landing site to one that was more sheltered. The glacier at this new spot had less snow and was down to bare white ice with very minimal crevassing. Everyone got on the safety rope and started their adventure.



Hanging over the edge of the Zodiac



Photo opportunity

The non-technical group took an amazing journey low on the flanks of Mount Tennant. There were good laughs and wonderful photo opportunities. The more technical savvy group took on Spigot Peak. Conditions were testing with a firm hard rain and frozen snow in parts and in other places just a fresh dusting of wind driven snow. They were greeted by Chinstrap Penguins more than half the way up the peak. These fun birds are mountaineers in their own right and showed off their “surfing” skills down the slopes into the ocean below to go hunting for fish. The mountaineering team with their sturdy crampons and coordinated efforts made it to

the final summit and were blessed with 360 degree views of Orne Harbour and the Gerlach Strait. They all took in the amazing views before carefully retracing their ascent route back to the shore.

We all gathered up in our respective kayaks and zodiacs and returned to the ship for a well-deserved lunch. We are truly coming to the realization that we are actually in Antarctica!

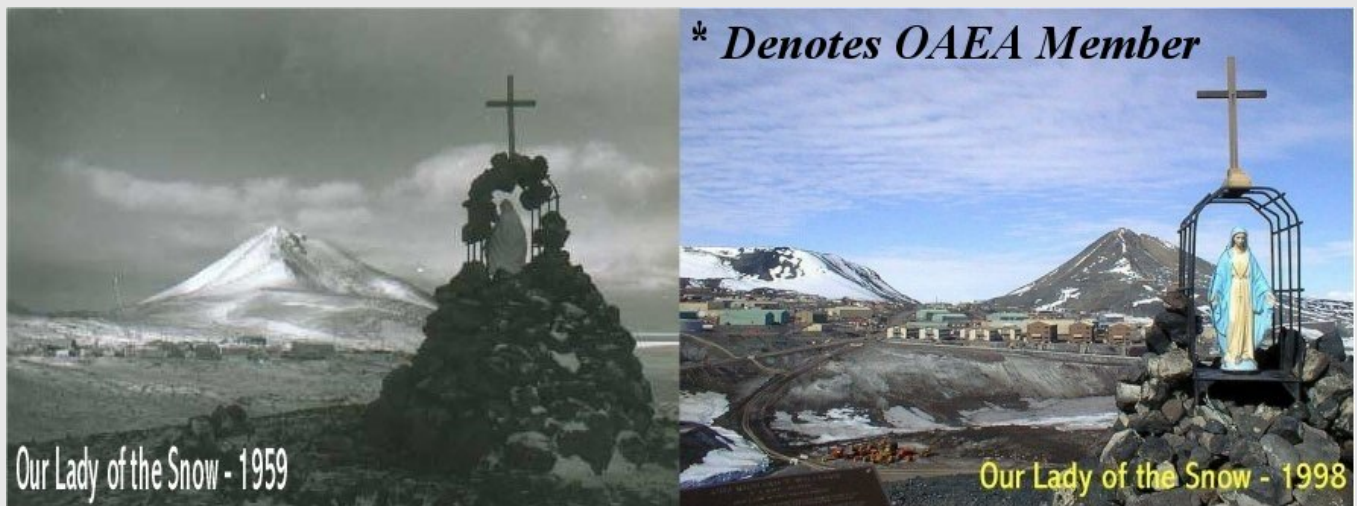
**To be continued—NEXT ARTICLE:
Part Seven—Neko Harbour! Antarctica Proper!
And
“You want me to climb WHAT!”**



In the penguin colony taking photos.



Orlonda and Journey waiting to return to the ship and get some lunch.



IN MEMORY

OAE Dave R. Binegar, 84, died on 10 July 2020, in Providence, RI. Dave made two deployments to Antarctica while in the US Navy. Unit and years unknown.

OAE Kenneth "Ken" Victor Blaiklock, OBE, 92, died on 20 September 2020. Ken volunteered for FIDS in 1947 as a surveyor and wintered-over at Base P on Stonington Island in 1948 and 1949. He wintered-over a third time at Hope Bay (Base D) in 1952 and again in 1954. He wintered-over a fifth time at Shackleton Base in 1956, and a sixth time at South Ice in 1957. He made history by becoming one of the first people to reach the South Pole by dog sled since Roald Amundsen as part of the Fuch's Trans-Antarctic Expedition. At one point he held the record for the longest period of time anyone had cumulatively spent in Antarctica. Blaiklock Island, Blaiklock Glacier, and Blaiklock Island Refuge are named in his honor.

OAE James Matthew Brogan, 72, died of complications from the Coronavirus on 8 August 2020, at Holy Cross Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Jimmy visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Major Perry Walker Brown, Sr., USAF (Ret), 91, died on 1 August 2020, in Chapin SC. Perry was an Air Force C-124 pilot in Antarctica. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Carolyn S. Buchholz, 78, died on 24 August 2020, in Bethalto AZ. Carolyn visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE MAJ Stanley Gordon Bullard, USAF (Ret), 87, died on 24 August 2020, in Austin TX. Stan visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE PN1 John A. Butler, USN (Ret), 84, died on 12 October 2015, in Hudson, FL. John served on CTF-43 Staff at NSFA Detachment One in Christchurch NZ during 1965 through 1967.

OAE MC Virgilio "Gil" Espana Cantillo, Sr., USCG (Ret), 78, died in Portsmouth, VA. Gil deployed to Antarctica on the USCGC *Westwind*, during DF-68 as a TN.

*OAE CDR Ronald "Ron" Felix Carlson, USN (Ret), 91, died on 1 September 2020, in Lexington Park, MD. Ron wintered-over at LAX V during DF-IV as a LCDR with VX-6 Detachment Alfa. He flew many of the aircraft types including the LC-130. He spent a total of five years in Antarctica. Carlson Inlet is named in his honor.

OAE Stanley Carver, 90, died on 25 January 2014, in Clinton, CN. Stan served in Antarctica while in the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Howard Dallas Cline, 86, died on 21 July 2020, in Grand Blanc, MI. Howard visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Virginia "Ginny" Cobb, 88, died on 14 July 2020, in Jacksonville, FL. Ginny visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Joan Faulconer Cobble, 79, died on 17 June 2020, in Tulsa, OK. Joan was a world traveler. On January 2020, Joan set foot on her last continent, Antarctica.

OAE Bruce A. Coggeshall, 79, of Brandon, FL and Falmouth RI, died on 14 September 2020, in Falmouth, RI. Bruce and his wife visited Antarctica as tourists.

OAE Jackie Lee "Jack" Copenhaver, 86, died on 13 August 2020, at Weirton Medical Center Follansbee, WV. Jack deployed to Antarctica during DF-II while in the US Navy. Unit unknown.

Dudley Washington Crawford, 72, a resident of Johns Creek, GA, died on 3 April 2020, in Atlanta, GA. Dudley was a great niece of Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

OAE Marvin Creamer, 104, died on 12 August 2020, in Raleigh NC. When Marvin was 68 he circumnavigated the world in *Globe Star*, his 36-foot cutter. He stopped off in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and the Falkland Islands and then on into Drake's Passage—the body of water between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands in Antarctica.

*OAE CSC David Daniel, Jr., USN (Ret), 81, died on 27 October 2015, in Buffalo TX. David, aka "Sonny", or "Dude" wintered-over at Wilkes Station as a CS2 during DF-II. Daniel Island is named in his honor.

OAE Laurent "Larry" Dapsis, 76, died on 22 June 2020, in Dayville, CT. Larry visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Barbara Jo Debrodt, 92, died on 30 July 2020, at University of Michigan hospital, in Ann Arbor MI. Barbara visited Antarctica as a tourist.

*OAE Alyce C. (nee Garafalo) Dorrel, 98, died on 22 August 202, in Watertown, RI. Alyce was the surviving spouse of HMC Leo E. Dorrel who wintered-over at Byrd Station during DF-66.

OAE Avery Ala Drake Jr., 93, died on 7 July 2020, in Washington, DC. Avery deployed as a geologist on the USS *Glacier* to Thurston Island during DF-61. His passion and curiosity about geology and science took him to the Bellingshausen Sea where he charted the Eights Coast. He served with the USGS from 1952 to 1979. Drake Nunatak is named in his honor.

OAE Catherine Mary Eakins, 68, died on 20 April 2020. Catherine visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Charles Ray Earnest, 95, died on 21 August 2020, in Pensacola FL. Charles visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Robert Joseph Eubanks, 87, died on 18 August 2020, in Marietta, GA. Robert visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Anita Grossman Fabricant, 85, died on 7 July 2020, in Palm City, FL. Anita visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE CAPT Frank Leon Fanning, USN (Ret), 95, died on 11 July 2020, in Plano, TX. Frank deployed to Antarctica aboard ship. Name of ship and year(s) unknown.

OAE COL Jerry J. Felmley, USAF (Ret), 87, died on 21 July 2020, in Tucson AZ. Jerry served in Antarctica with the USAF. Unit and year(s) unknown. As a 24 year old First Lieutenant, he was one of the Air Force's youngest Aircraft Commanders.

OAE Col. John B. Ferrata, Jr., USAF (Ret), 85, died on 18 July 2020, in Houston, TX. While stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California John flew supply missions to McMurdo Station Antarctica. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Radarman Senior Chief Charles F. Fisher, USCG (Ret), 80, died on 13 August 2020, in Parkersburg, WV. Charles made two deployments to Antarctica on the USCGC *Edisto* as a Radarman. Years unknown.

OAE Steve L. French, 81, died on 21 July 2020, in Effingham IL. Steve served in Antarctica on the USS *Arneb* while in the USN. Year(s) unknown

*OAE RMC Harold Wayne Fry, USN (Ret), 84, died on 28 August 2017, at the Carlisle Regional Medical Center, in Boiling Springs, PA. Harold wintered-over at Little America V during DF-III as an RM1.

OAE Robert "Bob" Arthur Geddes, 79, died on 31 July 2020, in Culver City CA. Bob deployed on a US Navy icebreaker. Name of ship and year(s) unknown.

*OAE AE1 David Bartholomew Greaney Jr., USN (Ret), 90, died on 4 September 2020, in Poway, CA. Dave served in VX-6 from 1956 to 1958. He wintered-over at Ellsworth Station during DF-II. Greaney Nunataks is named in his honor. Editor's Note: Named by US-ACAN in 1968 for a man who does not exist. It should have been name for Dave Greaney. Only one of numerous mistakes in the Antarctic Place Names.

*OAE CDR Earl Fredrick Gustafson, USN (Ret), 94, died on 24 July 2020, in San Louis Obispo CA. Earl served on TF-43 Staff in Washington DC and made two deployments to Antarctica mainly onboard USS *Arneb* [AKA-56] but also on icebreakers and ashore at McMurdo Station as part of Operation Deep Freeze.

OAE Thomas R. "Gus" Mahoney, MD, died on 29 September 2020, in Swampscott, MA. Gus served in Antarctica as a LT in the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Philip D. Harriman, PhD, 82, died on 3 September 2020, in Marin, CA. Phil worked for more than 25 years at the NSF. He conducting research into microbial life in extreme environments at McMurdo in 2000.



*OAE CM1 Melvin Charles Havener, USN (Ret), 84, died on 12 June 2020, in Fort Myers, FL. Mel wintered-over as a CM3 at South Pole Station during DF-II. He also wintered over at McMurdo during DF-IV as a CM2. Mount Havener is named in his honor.

OAE RMC Howard Clinton Hawkins Sr., USN (Ret), 85, died on 1 August 2020, at the NC State Veterans Home in Black Mountain, NC. Howard wintered-over at McMurdo Station during DF-62 as an RM2.

OAE Thomas Andrew Heggie Sr., 74 died on 12 June 2020, in Omaha NB. Thomas served as a weather guesser (AG) on the radar picket ships USS *Thomas J. Gary* during DF-66 and 67 after which he transferred to the USS *Calcaterra* during DF-68.

OAE Kay J. Helms, 89, died on 1 June 2020, in Bow, NH. Kay visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE John Baker Hunt, 86, died on 7 July 2020, in Severna Park, MD. John worked for the NSF for almost 20 years. The highlight of his NSF career was when he was acting director of polar programs and made two trips to Antarctica.

OAE Margaret Joi Jackson, 98, died on 28 June 2020, in Canada. Margaret visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Vilas Jogdand, 50, died on, 2 September 2020, of suspected Coronavirus infection, in Pimpri, India. Vilas was a meteorologist and a former leader of India's Antarctic expedition. He had earlier represented IMD at the 31st and 35th ISEA expeditions, in 2012–2013 and 2014–2015, respectively. He was leader of the expedition in 2014–2015. During these expeditions, scientists stay at Maitri Station

OAE RMC Gene Edward Kitts, USN (Ret), 90, died on 15 September 2020, in Roanoke, VA. Gene deployed to Antarctica on an icebreaker. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE William "Bill" A. Kempton, USN (Ret), 80, died on 26 July 2020, in Brunswick GA. Bill served in Antarctica for three seasons as an aviation hydraulics mechanic. Unit and years unknown.

OAE Dale Lionel Knowles, USN (Ret), 76, died on 18 July 2020, at the Maine Veterans Home in Caribou ME. Dale wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-73 as a HT1.

OAE James Robert Leusch, 89, died on 15 July 2020, in New York. Jim visited Antarctica with his wife, Viveca, where they spent three unforgettable days watching whales and penguins cruising through the glaciers.

OAE John R. Lutz, 79, died on 22 July 2020, at Masconomet Healthcare Center in Topsfield, MA. John served as a Civil Engineer in Antarctica with Mobile Construction Battalion Six (Seabees). Year(s) unknown.

OAE Michael McClanahan, 46, died on 28 August 2009, in Denver CO. Mike was a manager at Raytheon Polar Services for the US Antarctic Program. He previously spent a full year in Antarctica. Year and station unknown.

OAE Harvey McPeck, 91, died on 5 September 2020, in Hudson, CO. Harvey served on a Destroyer Escort Picket ship during the IGY. Name of ship unknown.

OAE Fredrika "Fredri" Doelker May, 101, died on 19 July 2020, in Oakland CA. She came into the world during one pandemic and departed from it during another. And over those nearly 102 years. Fredi visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Dale T Meer, Sr., 72, died on 18 September 2020, in West Palm Beach, FL. Dale served in Antarctica with the Seabees. Unit and date(s) unknown.

OAE Renkert "Kert" G. Meyer, Jr., 77, died on 28 August 2020, in Gulfport, MS. Kert was a member of the USCG and deployed to Antarctica. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE CPO Kenneth H. Mietzner, USN (Ret), 87, died on 26 September 2020, in Muskegon, MI. Ken served in Antarctica with the Seabees. Unit and date(s) unknown.

OAE Ronald Miller, 81, died on 24 September 2020, in North Scranton, PA. Ronald served in Antarctica with the Seabees. Unit and date(s) unknown.

OAE Daniel Nicholas "Nick" Monaco, Jr., 81, died on 17 July 2020, in Brunswick, MD. Daniel served on the USS *Peterson* as an Aerographer's Mate during DF-60.

OAE COL Walter Monroe "Bill" Newton, Jr., USA (Ret), 85, died, on 18 August 2020, in Southern Pines SC at the First Health Hospice House. Bill was passionate about photography, and as a member of the New York City-based Explorers Club, traveled all over the world, visiting every continent, including Antarctica.

OAE Norbert "Norb" W. Novocin, Sr., 84, died on 23 August 2020, in Mount Airy, MD. Norb wintered-over at Byrd Station in DF-66 as a USARP weather guesser. Novocin Peak is named in his honor.



OAE Malcolm A. Noyes, USCG (Ret), 90, died on 1 September 2020. Malcolm served in Antarctica aboard a USCG icebreaker. Name of ship and year(s) unknown.

OAE RADM Harley D. Nygren, NOAA Corps (Ret), 94, died on, 17 November 2019. In 1970 Harley became the first director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps. Before that he served in the US Navy as a commissioned officer and after serving in WW-II he deployed to Antarctica during DF-63 as a US Observer attached to the British Antarctic Survey to conduct scientific surveys. Mount Nygren is named in his honor.

OAE Nancy Keen Butterworth Palmer, 91, died on 24 August 2020, in Nashville TN. Nancy visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Valerie Pabst (nee Hopkins), 78, died on 22 September 2020, in Gaithersburg, MD. Valerie and her friends did several overseas walks with International Volksmarch groups. She was perhaps most proud of her recent trip to Antarctica in 2015.

OAE John Stuart Pearse, 84, died on 31 July 2020, in Santa Cruz, CA. John was a marine biologist who did research at McMurdo Station during DF-62. Pearse Valley is named in his honor.

OAE Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Peveto-Garvey, 78, died on 18 August 2020, in Denton, TX. Liz visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Charlotte A. Potter, 67, died on 14 July 2020 of Cicero, NY. Charlotte wintered-over as a contractor with Antarctic Support Associates. Station and year unknown.

OAE RMCM Charles Anthony Powers, Sr., USN (Ret) 85 died on 10 June 2020, in Sardis SC. Charles wintered-over at McMurdo during DF-73 as an RMC.

OAE Deodato "Deo" Angelo Proietti, USAF (Ret), 51, died on 9 September 2020, in Johnstown, NY. Deo served in Antarctica with the USAF. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Ronald "Ron" Mark Randall, 69, died on 20 July 2020, in his adopted hometown near Coos Bay, OR. Ron wintered-over at the McMurdo Fire Station during DF-73 as an HT3.

OAE James Ronald Redmond, 91, died on 11 May 2020, in Maple Grove, MN. James did research in Antarctica on marine invertebrates. Year(s) unknown.

OAE Emil Reynolds, USAF (Ret), 79, died on 5 July 2020, in Indiana. Emil visited Antarctica as a tourist where he did the polar bear plunge. Editor's Note: If he wanted to do the polar bear plunge he should have went to the Arctic.

OAE Steven Carl Richardson, 38, died on 9 July 2020, in Akron, NY. Steven deployed to McMurdo as a member of the AF Reserves as an Aircraft Metals Technician who maintained LC-130 Skibirds. Year(s) unknown.

OAE CAPT Charles Morton Riddle III, USMCR (Ret), died on 25 August 2020, in Norfolk, VA. Charles visited Antarctica as a tourist.

OAE Robert J. Rodd, 84, died on 22 August 2020, in Salem, NY. Robert served on the USS *Arneb* during DF-I.

OAE MAJ John Roden, USMC (Ret), 99, died on 26 August 2020, at The Cascades Retirement Community in Greenville, SC. John wintered-over during DF-I.

OAE HMCS William "Bill" C. Russell, (USN, Ret.), 84, died on 12 September 2020. Bill deployed to Antarctica aboard the USS *Glacier*, in support of Operation Deep Freeze III-V. During this tour of duty, he wintered over at McMurdo as the senior in charge of medical facilities and lent a hand in the first appendectomy amid the icebergs. He was a member of the USS/USCGC *Glacier* Society. Editor's Note: I could not find a mention Russell in any of the cruise books, or any other references, in my collection.

OAE John "Johnny" Beaman Saxon, Jr., USN (Ret), died on 28 August 2020, in Marion, LA. Johnnie served in Antarctica while in the US Navy. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Maurice James Sheehan, 83, died on 22 July 2020, in Orewa, NZ. Maurice was one of the dog handlers at Scott Base who wintered-over in 1963. Sheehan Mesa and Sheehan Glacier are named in his honor. See more info about Sheehan in the Dog Man article in this issue of the *Gazette* beginning on page 13.

OAE Christopher Jon Snyder, 71, died on 13 September 2020, in Gainesville, VA. On his second watch in the Coast Guard Chris was stationed in Mobile, AL where he was assigned to the Polar Operations Division as the Engineering Officer, and made two deployments to Antarctica. Years unknown.

Zoltan Aladar Stacho, 90, died on 2 July 2020, in San Francisco, CA. Zoltan was the President of Holmes & Narver, Inc, in Orange, CA from 1989 to 1998. He oversaw the logistical and operational support for the NSF's U.S. Antarctic program.



OAE Konrad "Koni" Steffen, 68, a prominent Swiss researcher on climate change, died in early August 2020, in an accidental fall into a crevasse at a weather camp in Greenland. Steffen, a dual Swiss/American citizen who headed the Federal Office for Forest, Snow, and Landscape Research since 2012, has regularly conducting research into climate change in the Arctic and Antarctic for more than 40 years.

*OAE CWO4 John A. Stuedemann, USN (Ret), 80, died on 8 August 2020, in Virginia Beach VA. John served in VXE-6 from 1974 through 1977. He served as the Squadron Maintenance Control Officer and was the Dome Charlie Repair Officer in DF-76 for the repair/recovery of BUNO 148320. John was a member of the Tidewater OAEA Group

Barnett "Barney" Sugarman, 95, of Los Cruces, NM, died on 3 September 2020, in Albuquerque, NM. Barney spent his career in the nuclear and aerospace industries. His contributions included Antarctica's Portable Nuclear Reactor Project.

OAE Karen Joy Stelling Sumpster, 75, died on 21 June 2020, in Boise, ID. Karen worked for Raytheon Intelligence in Antarctica where she spent two seasons. Years unknown.

OAE Donald Ralph Tancredi, 91, died on 12 August 2020, in Wilmington, NC. Don provided Technical Assistance on Bell Utility helicopters in Antarctica. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Rev. Richard W. Timm, C.S.C., 97, died on 11 September 2020, in Notre Dame, IN. Richard spent more than two months, year unknown, in Antarctica and discovered several new species of nematodes. Among them is the Marine Nematode "Timmia parva", named after Fr. Timm himself!

*OAE Lt. Leighton Hull Tripp, USCG (Ret), 77, died on 1 August 2016, in Gulfport, MS. Leighton aka "Trippie" served on the USCGC *Eastwind*, during DF-67 as an RD1.

OAE Franklin Reinhardt Uhlig, Jr., 93, died on 27 August 2020, in Newport, RI. Frank was the editor of a now defunct magazine called *Our Navy*. In 1963, he visited Antarctica, and toured the bases as a member of Task Force 43.

OAE Capt. John James Vandale, USNR (Ret), 91, died on 22 March 2007, in Amarillo TX. John served as the executive officer on the USS *Wyandot* during DF-I (1955-56).

OAE CWO4 Joseph John Walko, USNR (Ret), 87, died on 25 September 2020, in South Plainfield, NJ. Joe made one deployment to Antarctica while in the US Navy. Unit and year unknown.

OAE Bethanne Ruth Walz, 56, died on 4 May 2020. Beth visited Antarctica as a tourist where she played with penguins.

OAE Arthur David Warren, 87, died on 24 June 2020, at Kaiser West LA CA. Arthur wintered-over at Ellsworth Station during the IGY (DF-III) as an aurora scientist. Warren Nunatak is named in his honor.

OAE Frank Benjamin Fenton Watts, Jr., 91, died on 20 August 2020, in Flint MI. Frank served in the U.S. Marine Corp and was a member of Operation Highjump.

OAE James N. Wilson, 92, died on 25 June 2020, in Whittier, CA. James visited Antarctica to view a solar eclipse. Year unknown.

OAE Clyde William Wobeck, 85, died on 27 August 2020, in Onalaska, WI. Clyde served on the USS *Staten Island* in Antarctica. Where he worked with Seabees and served as Chaplain to the Ship's crew. Year(s) unknown.

*OAE Robert E. Woods, Jr., USN (Ret), 80, died on 10 June 2020, in Ocala, FL. Bob wintered-over at McMurdo Station as a PH3 in VX-6 Detachment during DF-61.

OAE Charles L. "Chuck" Wright Jr., M.D., 85, died on 11 August 2020, at Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick ME. Chuck served as the ship's doctor on the USCGC *Eastwind*, during Deep Freeze 62.

OAE CMSGT Edward J. Wright, USAF (Ret), 92, died on 10 August 2020 Charleston, SC. Edward served in Antarctica as an aircraft maintenance specialist. Unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE Joseph L. Yedlowski, 92, died on 21 July 2020, in South Buffalo Township, PA. Joe served in Antarctica while in the USN. Name of unit and year(s) unknown.

OAE ET Joseph P. Zukowski, USN (Ret), died on 18 June 2020, at Dixie Regional Medical Center in Washington, UT. Joseph served at McMurdo Station as an electronic repairman. Unit and year(s) unknown.



Chaplain's Corner

Johnnie Draughon—OAEA Chaplain

“But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1: 22 (NLT) “



For the past few weeks, via ZOOM, we have been studying the Book of James in the Bible. James is an interesting person to me. Most scholars believe that he was the brother of Jesus of Nazareth—Jesus Christ. James appeals to me because he

gives us insight into the humanity of Jesus. James worked with Jesus in his father's building business, and possibly worked for Jesus after Joseph died because Jesus, as the “eldest son” would have managed the family business ... Jesus lived, worked and provided for his family just as we do. He was so good at it that once he began his ministry his brothers, and mother, went to bring him home, “When His family heard about this, they went out to take custody of Him, saying, ‘He is out of His mind’” (Mark 3: 21) But after the resurrection James became a committed believer and a leader in the church in Jerusalem. His faith was so strong that he was martyred rather than deny the Christ. He believed that faith brought about salvation, but that faith without works was empty. As believers we are called to pour out our lives for others. Imagine the power of the Church if those of us who “have faith” would live out that faith in service to others.

May the blessings be.
Johnnie Draughon, Chaplain

PENGUIN FOUND DEAD AFTER SWALLING FACE MASK

By Natalia Penza For Mail Online

A penguin has been found dead on a Brazilian beach after swallowing a whole face mask. The N95 mask, used in industry and healthcare during the coronavirus pandemic, was found during an autopsy on the bird after its body was found on Juquehy Beach in Sao Sebastian, north of Sao Paulo.

The animal was a Magellanic penguin thought to have become lost from the rest of its group after migrating from Argentina's southern Patagonian region.

Distressing pictures of the face covering in the bird's stomach, taken by animal experts who practiced the necropsy, were released on Monday.

It is believed to have been discovered on 9 September. Hugo Gallo Neto, President of NGO Instituto Argonauta that carried out the examination, told local press: 'We have already warned about face masks, and this case is unequivocal proof that this type of waste causes harm and mortality in marine fauna.

'It also demonstrates the irresponsibility of the person who leaves a mask in an inappropriate place, as it is hospital waste at risk of contamination by other people.'

The NGO also said it had found 113 face masks discarded on beaches on Sao Paulo northern coastline, which includes Juquehy Beach, in the five month period to mid-September.

The mask (pictured), used in industry and healthcare during the coronavirus pandemic, was found during an autopsy on the bird. Face masks have been causing litter problems on land and at sea since they were made a legal requirement in many public spaces around the world.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) warned in July that the incorrect disposal of personal protective equipment (from hospitals) could pose a new threat to the environment.

It said: 'If only one percent of the masks were disposed of incorrectly and perhaps dispersed in nature, this would result in 10 million masks per month in the environment.'



Dead Magellanic penguin



Face mask found inside dead penguin.

OAEA 2020 Scholarship Awards

This year's scholarship awards were bestowed upon two extremely worthy individuals: Stephen Allen and Journey Washingtonhigh. Each recipient was mailed a \$1000.00 check.

Stephen Allen was sponsored by his grandfather, Nick Gandy. Stephen will be attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock TX. He plans to major in engineering at the Whitacre College of Engineering located within Texas Tech. Stephen states his degree will be in either "...civil or chemical engineering in order to aid the construction of cities worldwide, from designing facilities with the purpose of advancing the efficiency and ethnics of entire societies..." With a high school grade point average (GPA) of 5.2396 from taking AP (advance placement, or college level/credit), Stephen is sure to succeed at his chosen school.

Journey Washingtonhigh was sponsored by her mother, Yolonda Washington. Journey will be attending Stanford University in the fall, majoring in biomedical engineering. On her Career Goals essay, Journey wrote, "As a career, I will pursue research and design prosthetics/robotic devices with sensory-motor capabilities. I also plan to be involved in space exploration projects by designing devices to help sustain human survivability in space..."

Stanford University is the toughest college in the nation to get into. In 2019 Stanford admitted only 4.34 % of those students who applied. Journey took hard high school AP or IB (international baccalaureate) classes and graduated with a GPA of 4.7743. With those high school classes in the past, Stanford University states "...college-level academics will be a breeze."

Journey Washingtonhigh is an OAEA member and has contributed several articles to the *Gazette*. The first installment in a multi-part series was in the April-June 2019 issue starting on page 11. If you didn't read the article(s), you missed her wonderful adventure. What a story!

No matter if these two students take on-line classes or study on campus, we wish them the very best.

APPEAL FOR SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Please contribute to the Old Antarctic Explorers Association scholarship fund. We would like to continue these awards. Any amount contributed counts. To donate complete the form found under the Donor tab at the website, www.oaea.net. Mail to the address shown on the form, or just send a check to 3104 Deepspring Dr., Chesapeake VA 23321. Please indicate that it is for the Scholarship Fund.

As a tax exempt charitable organization chartered under U. S. Code 501(c)3, donations may be tax deductible if you itemize. Also as a charitable organization, an individual can make a direct payment from an IRA without tax consequences. Talk to your financial advisor about how to handle this.

Linda Hamblin

Tzu's thank you

Dear OAEA:

I am Billy-Ace's pug. When I graduated from Dog Obedience School there was no such thing as the OAEA, but I thank you anyway.

Dandy Lil Tzu



Journey's thank you

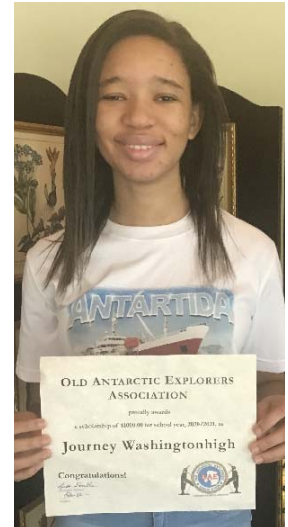
Dear OAEA Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me an OAEA Scholarship. I am truly honored and grateful to you all. My trip to Antarctica was a most amazing and life-changing experience and I will cherish the memories of that adventure forever. I really enjoyed participating in the research project while I was there, because protecting and preserving that environment and ecosystem is vitally important to everyone.

Thank you again for the award. I will be attending Stanford University in the Fall and will use this toward my education.

Sincerely,

Journey Washingtonhigh



Stephen's thank you

OAEA,

Thank you so much for choosing myself as the receiver of this scholarship!

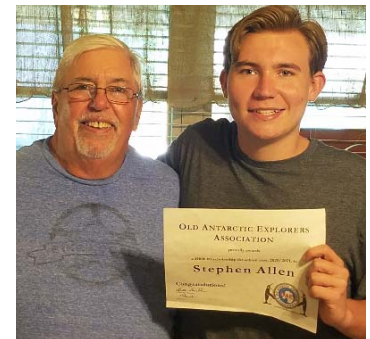
I promise to use these funds to excel my time at Texas Tech University and use my education to make the world a better place.

Stephen Allen

Stephen's sponsor's (grandparents) thank you

Thank you to the OAEA for the scholarship for our grandson. He is really excited to begin this next journey in his life. We are very proud of him for the good young man that he has become.

Nick and Becky Gandy



THE PHANTOM SWEDE

Text by Ed Hamblin

Kemper's Kartoon-McMurdo Bowling Night Winter Over 74

There used to be a horrible two lane bowling alley at McMurdo, by the time I wintered 73-74, it was only open during the winter. When Rick Kemper drew this cartoon, it was in anticipation of the start of the winter over league the next day. I don't think it was about a specific person like so many of his cartoons were, but a composite of what was to be expected.

The bowling alley at McMurdo was certainly different from any bowling alley I had ever been in; but it was literally the only game in town. All the equipment was used, misused, and abused. The approach was in such sad shape; I once saw toes get caught under the warped boards on the approach right at the foul line. All the bowling balls were badly scratched and even gouged and the shoes could have been used as circus clown props. The pinsetters were manual; on

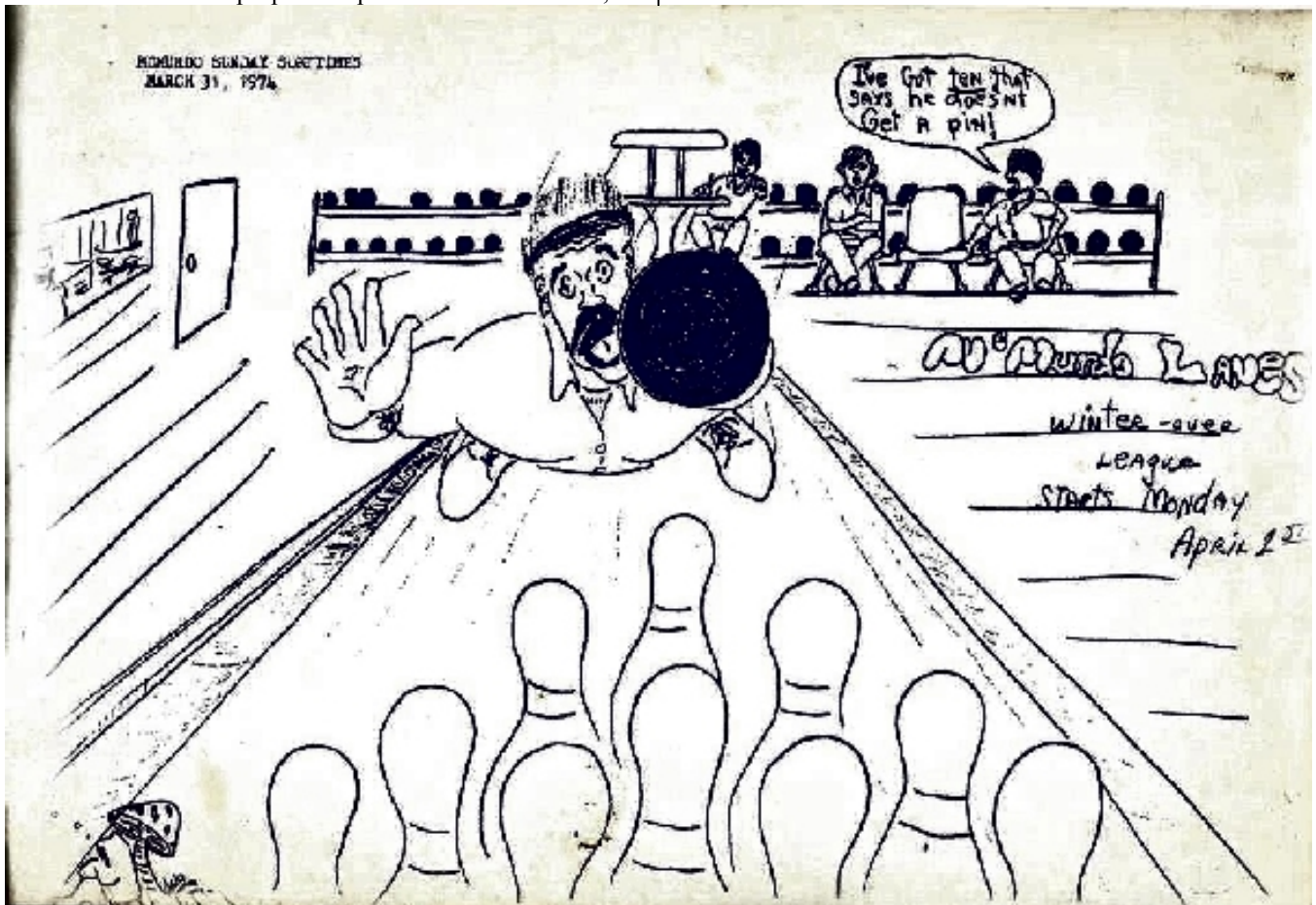


one occasion I remember the pins weren't being reset and when we went back to investigate, the pinsetter was laid out either from a flying pin or too much beer.

For some of us, bowling night was a drinking night away from the club. Five beer frames in a game was not that uncommon. The last league I bowled in before I went to the ice, I carried something around 145

average...most of my games on the ice, I didn't break 120, and I remember one stellar performance where I threw five gutter balls in a row and I think I ended the third frame with a score of nine. I do think the most serious team was the PM-3A nukes; why, some of them even brought their own balls and shoes!

I bowled on team Armageddon, headed by our winter over Supply Officer Charlie Richardson. I am sure we didn't do all that well in the standings, but from what I remember from that winter over 74 bowling experience, I think I had fun.



SoCal OAEA Meeting 1100, Monday, 17 August 2020

By George Lusk

A ZOOM meeting was set up with members of the SoCal OAEA. The following were in attendance:

- Bob Gaboury & Linda Gaboury
- George Lusk
- Jack Kane
- Bill Rouser
- Steve Bryant
- Ronald Stone

After general discussion of our individual COVID-19 experience, we discussed the planning for the 2022 OAEA Reunion in San Diego. We have started negotiations with A Complete Reunion, a company out of Colorado Springs that has hosted many reunions in the San Diego area. They have suggested that we utilize the Handlery Hotel for the reunion.

We discussed how many might attend. Since there has not been a reunion since 2018 and that San Diego has a large military retiree population, it was thought that we could have 200 attendees. Gabby did state that in the previous San Diego reunion that many stayed at home or utilized motorhomes rather than the hotel. It was suggested that we request reservations of 75-100 rooms insuring that 30 days from date of the reunion any excess rooms be released to the hotel.

We discussed the date for the reunion. It will be held in May 2022 to allow those who wish to attend prior to summer deployment to Antarctica. We are going to request A Complete Reunion to inquire from the hotel which of the first three weeks of May give us the best price. We discussed when to have check in and check out. It was discussed to check in on Tuesday afternoon and check out

on Saturday morning. It was suggested that we inquire if we have the event from Monday to Friday might give us a better price.

There was general discussion about trips to visit various attractions in the area and other items like wine tasting in Temecula or golf at one of the nearby courses.

A proposed logo for the reunion was presented and is shown below.

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, 19 Sep 2020 at 11:30 AM



Stay Tuned for Location and Dates

Proposed 2022 OAEA Reunion Logo



Attendees at ZOOM meeting. Left to Right and Top to Bottom: George Lusk, Bob Gaboury, Steve, Bryan, Linda Gaboury, Jack Kane, Bill Rouser, Ronald Stone, und der fern sprecken.

OAEA West Coast Second Reunion Planning Meeting, 18 September 2020

By Bob Gaboury

The OAEA West Coast 2nd reunion planning meeting was attended by 11 people on 9/18/2020.

We discussed goodie bags and what would go in them, nametags, and having a slide show or video playing during the reunion, hotel and meeting room, and food cost for the reunion.

The dates for the reunion is arrive on Sunday 8 May and leave Thursday 12 May with the reunion being on 9th, 10th, and 11th.

We had good news that the reunion committee would not be held responsible for unbooked rooms.

We discussed having a commitment for 70 rooms. More rooms can be added if needed.

We also discussed having a couple of tours.

The reunion professional organization will be negotiating the cost of hotel and tours. Jack Kane will also check into the surrounding area to see what tours are also available.

We are waiting on the contract and we plan as a group going line by line over the contract together prior to signing.

We will set the date for the next meeting after we receive the contract.

Hotel Name TBA later

We also have a Facebook page and a dedicated email address that will be published at a later date.

The following were in attendance:

- Bob Gaboury aka Gabby
- Linda Gaboury
- Steve Bryant
- Jack Lane
- Bob McCauley
- Ed Hamblin
- George Lusk
- Roy Allen
- Bill Rouzer
- Allen Cox
- David Schmidt



Attendees from left to right: First Row Bob McCauley, Bob Gaboury (Gabby), Steve Bryant; Second Row: Jack Kane, Ed Hamblin, George Lusk. Third Row: Roy Allen, Bill Rouzer, Allen Cox, and bringing up the Fourth Row: David Schmidt (no camera), and Linda Gaboury.

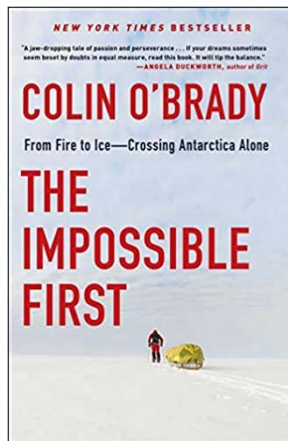
THE IMPOSSIBLE FIRST

Compiled by Billy-Ace Baker
Editor Explorer's Gazette

BOOK REVIEW



From Fire to Ice—Crossing Antarctica Alone. *The Impossible First*. By Colin O'Brady. Available from Amazon: Hardcover \$17.99; Paperback \$17.00; Kindle \$14.99.



In O'Brady's new memoir, *"The Impossible First: From Fire to Ice—Crossing Antarctica Alone,"* he describes the undertaking less as a matter of grit than as a "brutal math problem," the main variables being "miles, calories, hours, days." Pack as much nutrient-dense food as you can carry—enough to sustain you but not so much that it's impossible to haul—and make it to the other side before the twenty-four-hour sunshine of Antarctic summer gives way to the unbroken darkness of winter. O'Brady had budgeted for a daily intake of seven thousand calories, but he ended up burning more than ten thousand a day—a starvation diet, unsustainable for much

The Bleak Antarctic Saga of *The Impossible First*

Review by David Kortava
30 January 2020

If you're going to traverse Antarctica on cross-country skis, it's advisable to go in a group, ideally with psychologically sturdy comrades in preternaturally good shape. You might bring kites, to harness the propulsive power of the wind, or arrange to have caches of food deposited along your route.

The continent has seen sixteen such successful crossings. Four years ago, Henry Worsley, a retired lieutenant-colonel in the British Army, made the first attempt at an unassisted solo expedition, dragging a sled of provisions weighing more than three hundred pounds at the journey's start. (Worsley died; David Grann wrote about his endeavor for this magazine.) Not long after, Ben Saunders, another British polar explorer, set out on the ice, but he misjudged how much food he'd require and was forced to abandon his mission at the South Pole. Finally, in late 2018, a thirty-three-year-old American endurance athlete named Colin O'Brady pulled it off: an unsupported, nearly a thousand-mile hike across one of the most unforgiving landscapes on the planet.

longer than the two months he had planned for the trek. Even the pace at which energy is expended in subzero temperatures is a careful balancing act: too little exertion and hypothermia sets in, but too much will result in sweat-dampened clothes, which can rapidly freeze against the body. One veteran explorer advised O'Brady on how to use plastic bags to keep the insides of his footwear dry. "A frozen boot never thaws in the deep cold," he warned. "That's it. Frostbite. Toes goodbye."



Colin arriving at the top of the Leverett Glacier, viewing the Transantarctic Mountains and his pathway to the finish after seeing nothing but endless white for nearly two months



Most of Colin's crucial equipment is pictured here. Sled, boots, skis, harness, stove, GPS and Satellite phones, along with the historic Explorers Club flag, which he was deeply honored to carry

Beyond the physical perils lies an even greater danger. Marching twelve or thirteen hours a day, often in a sensory void, O'Brady felt "the quiet erosion of judgment and reason and sanity." His thoughts would race, descending into "that place of obsessive what-if fears." He contemplated the probable outcome should a freak squall send his tent flying: "I'd die alone, in the cold, my body temperature falling. I'd grow sleepy, then increasingly irrational, and finally I'd just lie down." At times, he'd stare absently at his compass and

feel as though he were falling into it, relinquishing “the sense that it was separate from me.” One night, while he was setting up camp, everything went blank. He stood there, shovel in hand, unsure of what he was doing or why, “as though my mind had just sort of walked off the field.”



Photo credit: Tamara Merino

Far different emotions than during their tense plane ride to Antarctica, Louis Rudd and Colin shared a laugh on their way home after completing their crossings.

The obvious question is: Why do this to yourself? A charitable reading would credit O’Brady for testing the limits of human potential and furnishing us with a rich metaphor for chasing our dreams. A cynic might see naked ambition and a competitiveness verging on the colonial. (Louis Rudd, the second person to complete the crossing, along a parallel route, two days after O’Brady, had told the Telegraph: “It’s really important it’s a Brit that cracks this journey first.”) For the last seventy-seven miles, O’Brady gave up on sleep entirely and trudged on for thirty-two straight hours. “I was a reduced man, stripped to his essence,” he writes. “Everything unnecessary in the universe was gone.” After fifty-four days of severe cold and isolation, and having lost twenty-five pounds, he reached a solitary wooden post, set into the frozen ground by the United States Geological Survey, marking the end of the continent and the beginning of the Ross Ice Shelf. In itself, O’Brady’s story is neither cautionary nor inspirational; it’s a Rorschach test for one’s own character and aspirations. To what extremes would you go, and how much punishment would you endure, in the service of a single goal? If there is a lesson, it’s that the path of the reduced man can lead to triumph, or madness, or both.



Colin at South Pole Station



Before and after: Colin put on 20 pounds of muscle and fat before his crossing of Antarctica in order to give himself a buffer for the inevitable weight loss. At the end he had lost nearly 25 pounds.

From the Dust Jacket Flaps

“O’Brady’s culminating effort [in Antarctica] joined some of the most remarkable achievements in polar history,”

—THE NEW YORK TIMES

Colin O’Brady’s awe-inspiring memoir spans his triumphant recovery from a tragic accident to his gripping 932-mile solo crossing of Antarctica.

Prior to December 2018, no individual had ever crossed the landmass of Antarctica alone, without support and completely human powered.

Yet, Colin O’Brady was determined to do just that, even if, ten years earlier, there was doubt that he’d ever walk again normally. From the depths of a tragic accident, he fought his way back. In a quest to unlock his potential and discover what was possible, he went on to set three mountaineering world records before turning to this historic Antarctic challenge.



Colin’s legs six weeks after the accident.

O'Brady's pursuit of a goal that had eluded many others was made even more intense by a head-to-head battle that emerged with British polar explorer Captain Louis Rudd—also striving to be "the first." Enduring Antarctica's subzero temperatures and pulling a sled that initially weighed 375 pounds in complete isolation and through a succession of whiteouts, storms, and a series of near disasters—O'Brady persevered. Alone with his thoughts for nearly two months in the vastness of the frozen continent—gripped by fear and doubt—he reflected on his past, seeking courage and inspiration in the relationships and experiences that had shaped his life.

Honest, deeply moving, filled with moments of vulnerability and set against the backdrop of some of the most extreme environments on earth, from Mount Everest to Antarctica—*The Impossible First* reveals how anyone can reject limits, overcome immense obstacles, and discover what matters most.

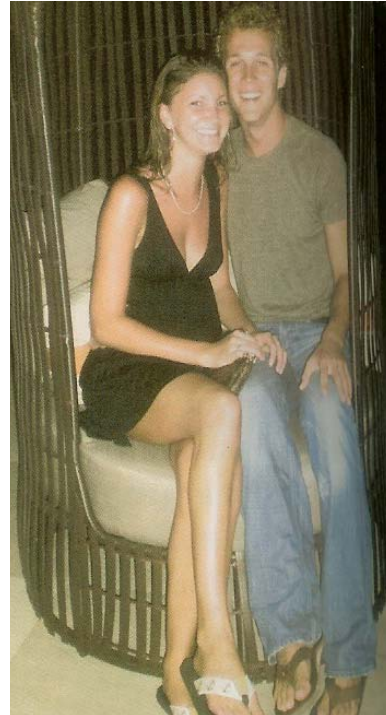
COLIN O'BRADY:

Is an explorer and elite endurance athlete who has set multiple world records and is a leading expert on mindset. Among his feats are the world's first solo, unsupported, and human-powered crossing of Antarctica; speed records for the Explorers Grand Slam and the Seven Summits; and reaching the highest point in all fifty US states in a record-breaking twenty-one days. A Yale



graduate, he is a sought-after public speaker whose talks and nonprofit work have inspired millions. Native to the Pacific Northwest, he now lives in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, as well as Portland, Oregon, with his wife, Jenna Besaw.

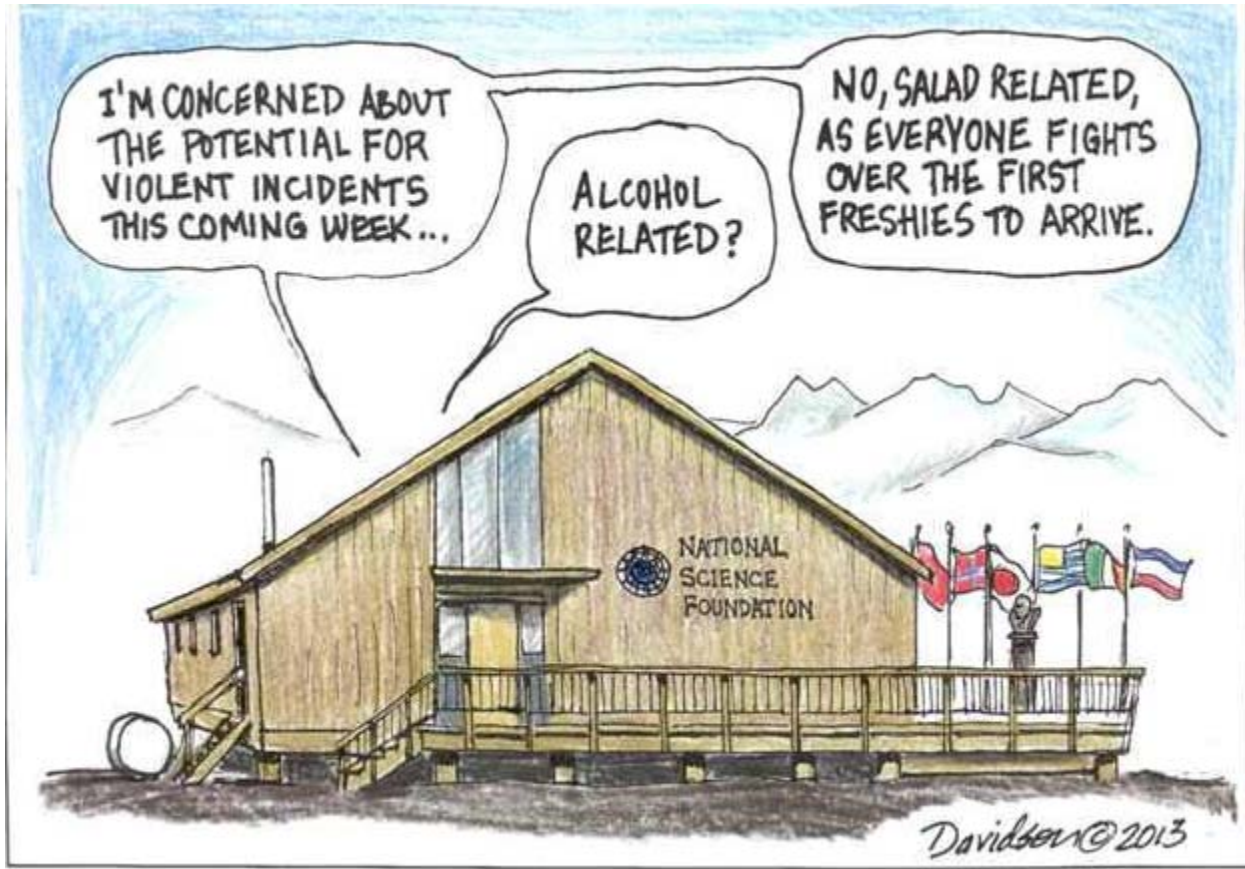
Engage with Colin and his next adventures on social media @colinobradly and find out more at colinobradly.com.



Jenna and Colin falling in love in Australia shortly after their chance meeting in Fiji



In 2014 on the summit of Cayambe, Ecuador's third tallest peak Colin asked Jenna to marry him.



(Getty Images)

Waiting for the freshies—When does the fighting start?

By John Kelly

Thanks to extreme conditions, a small research population, close quarters, and the unique experience of life there, Antarctica has developed a lingo all of its own. Yes, even freezing, remote Antarctica has slang.

Here is a sample of one, er, of the cooler terms, which come from the many English-speaking nationalities, from

Canada and the United States to New Zealand, that have stepped foot on its ice.

● **FRESHIES:** Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables are quite welcome to the cuisine-deprived Antarctic researchers and support personnel.

PICTURES AND STORIES FROM DAYS GONE BY

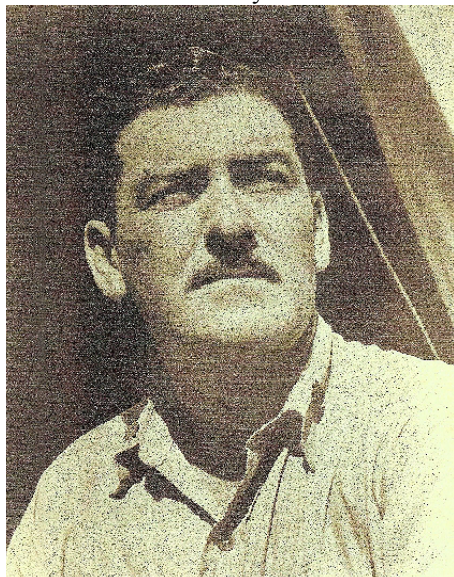
RADM RICHARD BLACKBURN BLACK AND THE USS *BEAR*. . .

Compiled by Billy-Ace Penguin Baker

Much of the following information was submitted by Nathan McDonald. Nathan has gone through back issues of the *Explorer's Gazette* and it has been a great help to him. He is a historian at a site owned by a man that was active in the Antarctic before and after WW-II, Rear Admiral Richard B. Black, USNR. Editor's Note: See the Locator Column of this issue of the *Gazette* for Information about Nathan and his quest for information about RADM Black.

Black's Antarctic experience:

- He went to Antarctica on the USS *Bear* and wintered-over as the surgeon on the Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition (BAE-II), during 1933-35
- He was base commander for East Base during the US Antarctic Service, Base Operations Officer (1939-41)
- DF-I, USAPO Liaison to the Belgian Expedition for DF-61 (only was on the ice in January), and a VIP visitor to 90° South in February during DF-65.
- A portion of the Palmer Peninsula was named the Richard Black Coast in his honor. He was also a member of The Antarctic Society.



Black in Hawaii in the 1940s

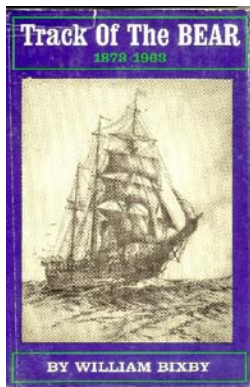


Black's Belgium Antarctic Pin

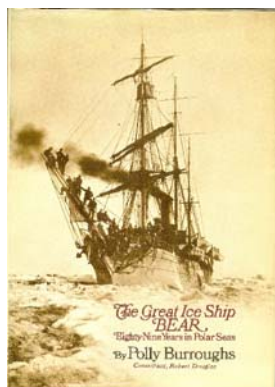


Black speaking at the 1967 Polar Exploration conference

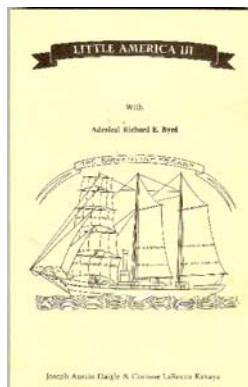
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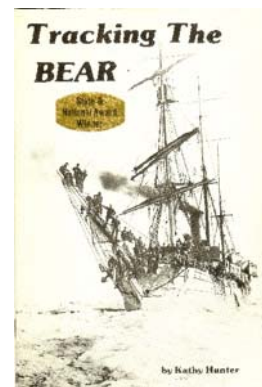
The Track of the Bear, by William Bixby, 1965



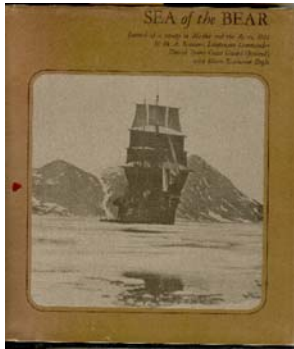
The Great Ice Ship Bear, By Polly Burroughs, 1970



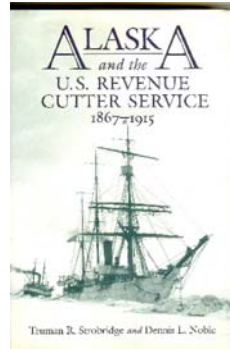
Little America III, by Joseph Daigle & Connie La Rocca Kavayua, 1988



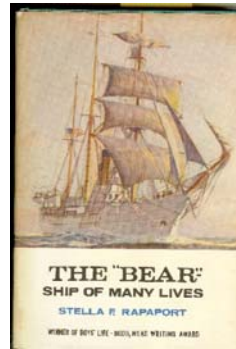
Tracking The Bear, by Kathy Hunter, 1986



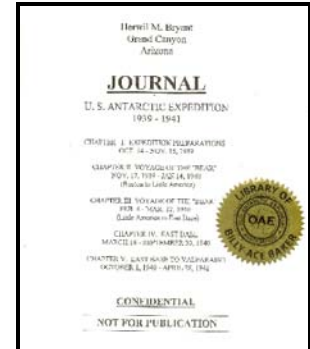
Sea of the Bear, by LCDR M.A. Ransom, USN (Ret), 1964



Alaska and the US Revenue Cutter Service 1867-1915, by Truman Strobridge and Dennis Noble, 1999



The Bear Ship of Many Lives, by Stella Rapaport 1962



U.S. Antarctic Expedition 1939-1941, by Herwil Bryant,



The Cruise of the Revenue Cutter Bear, by Francis Tuttle 1899



Gales, Ice and Men by Frank Wead, 1937



Black's tombstone 10 August 1902 to 11 August 1992

THE BEAR

by **RADM Richard Black**

If wooden ships have hearts of oak,
and I believe they do,
I know of one whose stout heart
broke!
I tell the tale to you:
The Bear, an ancient barkentine
Whose years topped eighty-nine
Was limping southward, old and
green,
Upon a tow-tug's line.
Her destination? "Shame!" she cried,
"I'm going to be a pub," A rest'rant
(chicken? stewed or fried?)
A gin mill! There's the rub!"
She lay back on the cable, then. And
dreamed of all her past--
Of gales and ice and shouting men,
Taut canvas in the blast,
The shriek of wind, the sting of sleet,
The green seas sweeping back,
The clinging seamen with their feet
Braced on the foot-rope track,
With bellies pressed against the yard,
Chilled fingers clutching sail,

And elbow movement slowed and
hard
By wind on raincoat's tail.
She thought of evenings still and
bright,
Locked in Antarctic pack--
Ice-blink ahead and blue-black night
Behind her in her track.
When Byrd and English paced her
deck
With anxious eyes ahead,
While Ben Johansen said, "by heck,
Ve'll push trou or ve're dead!"
Then Cruzen (now it's forty-one)
Fought through to Biscoe Isles
To free the men on Stonington,
One hundred forty miles.
Of ice-locked sea Bear could not
break,
So in a patched-up plane
The East Base men--a chance to take--
All reached the ship again.
Her years of aid to Barrow town
And starving Aleuts,
And murderers at her yard-arm

A-hanging in their boots.
Now, back to present, and the gale
Off Nova Scotia's shore:
The seas run high, the tug men pale,
"Old Bear can't take much more!"
Old ships have souls, some sailors say,
And some have died of shame.
I'll not contend this, either way,
And I will place no blame.
But tell you just what seamen saw
Aboard that towing ship;
The Bear heaved back, began to yaw,
Her bow commenced to dip.
Then with a muffled, mighty sigh,
Her seams an opened wide,
And with her colors gaff-tip high,
She plunged beneath the tide!
"West Over Sea," the Vikings said
When funeral was planned,
With chieftain lying midships, dead,
Full armored, sword in hand.
I'll always feel, as some will voice
Who worked that ship with me,
That she went down by her own
choice--The Bear--West Over Sea!

NEW OAEA MEMBERS

Thanks to OAEA Guestbook, Elaine Hood, VX/VXE-6 NOLA Reunion, Obit Messenger, Antarctic Newsletter, Tom Henderson, Chuck Fegley, OAEA Contact Page, Marty Diller, PPHSGB, ICE Cap News, Bob McCauley, Palmer Facebook, FRA Today, and Google News 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 information to the OAEA Membership Chairman at: upizauf@aol.com, or 850 456 3556. The below list of personnel have joined since the previous *Gazette*.

*Denotes Associate Member

§Denotes Upgrade to Life or Renewal of Annual Member

ΦDenotes Upgrade to Regular Member

Brow, Gail NOK	Like	Widow
Oliver, Donna PhD	Life	USARP WO McMurdo DF-77
Orvis, Wesley CWO4	§Life	USCGC <i>Polar Sea</i> 1996-1999
Johnson, Michael PN2	Life	ASA Det Alfa WO DF-70
Lostroh, Lou BT3/CIV	Life	NSFA WO DF-88 USARP WO DF-89
Parsons, Fern CIV	ΦLife	Sister of HMC Leo Dorel
Urasky, Lesley CIV	Annual	NSF Polar/TREC 2010-11

EMPEROR PENGUINS

A new U.S. National Science Foundation-supported study provides some of the most comprehensive evidence to date of the lengths penguins will go for a meal. The results were reported in the journal *Polar Biology*.

Scientists led by Gerald Kooyman of Scripps Institution of Oceanography analyzed more than 80,000 foraging dives made by emperor penguins over a 22-year period. On more than 1,400 of those dives, the penguins dove deeper than 400 meters (1,300 feet) in search of their favorite prey.

To get to the place where they made their dives, the penguins traveled some 100 kilometers (60 miles) from their breeding grounds at Antarctica's Cape Washington to a raised area of the seafloor called Cray Bank. Banks tend to draw large aggregations of fish, making them popular among fishing fleets in parts of the world. At Cray Bank, the penguins' preferred prey, the Antarctic silverfish, is abundant.

During deep dives, the penguins often exceeded their oxygen storage limits for aerobic metabolism and developed an oxygen debt, meaning they used up their oxygen supply but used other physiological means to continue the dives,

REUNION & MEETING INFORMATION

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

NMCB-71: Harrisburg, PA, 13-19 September 2020. POC John Allsworth. John can be contacted at: jba843@aol.com, or at: 309-682-6158. NMCB-71 participated in DF-72 & 73.

MCB-1: Gulfport, MS, 15-18 October 2020. POC Peter Dowd. Peter can be reached at: 781 837 0393, or by email at: mcb1reunion@verizon.net. MCB-1 participated in: DF-II, DF-IV, and DF-62.

Assoc of Naval Photographers: Pensacola, FL, 15-18 October 2020. POC Sammy Solt. Sammy can be contacted at: 757-714-9344, or: nanppress@gmail.com.

USS Mills: Gatlinburg, TN, 21-25 September 2020. POC Ben Laurens. Ben can be contacted at: 252-504-3733, or: nriver@ec.rr.com. The *Mills* participated in DF-65, 67, 68.

USS Wilhoite: Buffalo, NY, 21-24 September 2020. POC Connie Mauldin. Connie can be contacted at: 405-354-9204, or at: cporetm@cox.net. The *Wilhoite* participated in DF-61.

Belvoir Nukes: POC Bob Berkowitz. Bob can be reached at: 716-437-1700, or at: nixitbob3@uptonline.net.

OAEA: Jackson POC Dewey Painter. I can be reached at: 228-219-2828, or at: oa2020reunion@comcast.com.

All Seabees: Pigeon Forge, TN, 25-29 October 2020. POC Harry Ray McPeck. Harry can be reached at: 865-776-1051.

said Kooyman, a research physiologist at Scripps Oceanography.

This debt required a prolonged recovery of 15 to 20 minutes after each dive, compared to two to three minutes for shorter dives. The deep dives are possible because the birds are heading to a place where the prey are concentrated and easy to catch with minimal effort.



"We do not know of any similar seafloor feature near emperor penguin colonies," Kooyman said. "It is likely not coincidental that the two largest emperor penguin colonies are near this large, reliable and rich resource. It's exciting to think of a flock of penguins cruising through the darkness of the deep bottom, 450 meters (1,476 feet) from the surface, hunting for their prey."



OAE LOCATOR

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

• Nathan McDonald is looking for information, memories, or stories about RADM Richard B. Black who was active in Antarctica during the Byrd Antarctic Expedition II, he was the East Base Commanding Officer during the US Antarctic Service Expedition, and served briefly during DF-I. Nathan can be reached at: (703) 499-9812 [office], or (703) 895-2126 [Mobile], or by email at: jmcdonald@pwcgov.org

Editor's Note: More info from Nathan can be found in the Days Gone By column in this issue.

• Randy Elkins was the XO of ASA Det Alfa during the DF-71 WO. Randy is wondering how the radiomen are doing. Randy thinks that they were a great group of guys and he would appreciate hearing from them. If you would like to contact Randy his email is: randolph.elkins@gmail.com



Randy hard at work during the winter of DF-71

• Gordon Spence is looking for an email address for Mike Hoyt and John Williams. Both were in CHCH in the early 1970's. Both were Supply corps officers. Gordon is also trying to catch up with John Perry and would like to contact him. Gordon can be contacted at: Seebeeg@aol.com, by telephone at: 757-464-5096, or by snail mail at: 2616 W. Chubb Lake Ave., Virginia Beach VA 23455-1322.

Gordon had the following to say in his email: "PS I never met Gus Shinn, but judging from his age, I suspect that he was one of the originals. Did they ever get any stories from him? I did send him a card congratulating him for living to such a ripe old age."

Editor's Note: I advised Gordon that over the years there have been many stories in the Gazette about Gus over the years. Both Sea Stories and Fairy Tales in great abundance.

• The following was received from Alexander Fedorov via the OAEA web site: Good afternoon. My name is Sasha, I am 13 years old. I am very interested in the topic of research in the Arctic and Antarctic, I search the Internet for various articles about these amazing places, about people making discoveries, and make small essays, adding various postcards, photos, postage stamps or envelopes. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to find something original. Alexander asks you to help me. You may have some material of interest to me, such as postage stamps, postcards, photographs, or letters. I would be very grateful for your help. With great respect to you, /s/ Sasha. I can be reached by email at: dartv365@gmail.com. My postal address: 346630, Russia, Semikarakorsk, Rostov region, Mira23. Care of Alexander Fedorov.

Editor's Note: Our web master Gabby recommended that Sasha take a look at our OAEA Explorer's Gazette, that there are copies all the way back to 2001 and a lot of great articles and pictures. He gave her the link to the website at <https://oaea.net> and that the newsletters can be found by scrolling down the left sidebar and picking the year that she would like to view.

