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Old Antarctic Explorers Association 3rd National Symposium/Reunion

Warwick, Rhode Island 17–19 August 2006



The members of the New England Chapter of the **Old Antarctic Explorers Association (OAEA-NE)** cordially invite you to join us for the 3rd National OAEA Symposium and Reunion. We're confident that we have chosen the premier place to stay in Rhode Island—the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Our number one priority is to ensure that your visit will be a memorable, safe, and happy one.

Date: Thursday, 17 August through
Saturday, 19 August 2006.

Registration fee: \$115 per person

Pre-Registration Deadline: The Pre-Registration
Deadline is 15 July 2006.

Late Pre-Registration will be accepted to the maximum extent possible because the OAEA is committed to doing whatever it takes to accommodate all members and their guests. However, anyone registering late runs the risk of not being able to participate in desired tours due to lack of bus seats; they also may not be able to get the complimentary Reunion Logo T-shirts in the sizes they want; and may encounter other limitations in service.

Point of Contact (POC): The Reunion Committee of the OAEA-NE Chapter is hosting the Symposium/Reunion:

Marty Diller, Chairman
207-729-0197

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Mailing address: OAEA-NE Reunion
P.O. Box 597
Brunswick, ME 04011–0597

Venue: The Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Crossings
Warwick, RI

Hotel Reservations & Rates: The Crowne Plaza is located two miles from the T.F. Green State Airport in the city of Providence. The Crowne Plaza is known for their high quality food and service. All official gatherings and meetings will occur on this property. The room rate, \$109 per night, is lower than most cut-rate motels in the area for this time of year. Alternatively, rooms may be reserved at the Crowne Plaza's sister property, Holiday Inn Express (\$99), which is located about ½-mile from the Crowne Plaza. Free hotel shuttle service will be provided as needed between hotels. When making reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the **OAEA**. **Rooms are limited, so book early to get the room of your choice.** The special OAEA room rate is available if you come early or stay beyond the Symposium dates, subject to

NOTICE – NOTICE – NOTICE

Make your hotel reservations now because New England is a vacation destination in the summer. Reservations after 15 July 2006 will be on a space available basis and reunion rates cannot be guaranteed.

room availability. There are two indoor malls within one mile of the Crowne Plaza. The hotel provides limited complimentary shuttle service.

Pets are allowed in the hotel rooms, however it is recommended that you specify that you are bringing a pet so the hotel can give you a room with convenient access to the side yard (another reason to book early!).

For those staying in motor homes, the Crowne Plaza will allow **RV Parking** on the grounds for \$25 per night. Owing to the size of the grassy area, only the first 25 RVs will be accepted. RVs may be parked for free if you rent a room in the hotel.

Because of space limitations, the Reunion Committee has made the decision to restrict attendance at the OAEA-sponsored portions of the Reunion to dues-paid members of the OAEA only. There is an OAEA Membership application enclosed if you are not currently a dues-paid member. **Please complete it and separately mail it to the address indicated on the application with a check made payable to OAEA.**

The schedule of activities will include one special Reunion dinner—Saturday night’s New England Clam Bake Buffet in the Crowne Plaza’s Grand Ball Room. The basic cost of the Clam Bake (Herb Grilled Chicken Breast, ½-pint steamed clams, grilled sweet sausage, corn-on-the-cob, baked potato, fried clam cakes, salad, clam chowder, cranberry muffin, and corn bread) is included in the Registration fee. For an extra charge, swordfish or steamed lobster will be included. Any attendee requiring a special dietary menu should contact the POC prior to 15 July 2006. Like any Clam Bake, casual dress is expected—however, for this special reunion dinner, we do request that you wear a collared shirt (no blue jeans, please). A DeeJay will provide the evening’s music entertainment.

We also plan to hold a raffle as part of our Clam Bake festivities. Donations suitable for the raffle will be appreciated. It is desired that donated items be related to the Antarctic, but any appropriate item will be welcome. Remember, one person’s “white elephant” may be exactly what another person is looking for!

Friday’s schedule for OAEA members begins with the Memorial Service, followed by the General Membership meeting. Presentations by Guest Speakers are planned for Friday afternoon. During this time, a **Newport Mansions Tour** is available for registered spouses and guests. An overview of this exciting city-by-the-sea, rich in history and fabulous “summer cottages”, is provided through a 90-minute narrated driving tour. See stunning Ocean Drive and Bellevue

Avenue with homes of the rich and famous. A guided tour of Cornelius Vanderbilt’s famous mansion ‘Breakers’ is included. Free time for lunch and shopping at scenic Brick Marketplace and Bannister’s Wharf complete the day in this charming city.

Other tours offered (see Pre-Registration form for prices) include:

- **Narragansett Bay Sunset Dinner/Dance Cruise** – extra cost option for all attendees: Friday evening. Enjoy a dinner buffet, dancing to popular music, spectacular vistas, and a dazzling view of Newport at night.
- **Davisville Seabee Museum & Quonset Air Museum** – included in Registration fee for all attendees on Saturday, and will include lunch at the Air Museum. Herk and Ski-Herk Static Displays are planned. In addition, to commemorate this 3rd OAEA National Reunion, the Quonset Air Museum plans to inaugurate its new, permanent Antarctic exhibit. An OAEA group photo is planned.

Attendees who wish to extend their stay at the Crowne Plaza may be interested in some of the following attractions and points of interest:

- Naval War College Museum, Newport
- Russian Juliett-Class Sub, Providence
- Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA
- Whale Watching
- Foxwoods & Monhegan Sun Casinos
- Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence
- WaterFire, Providence (www.waterfire.org)

There are many other vacation spots nearby in the New England area:

- Mystic Seaport, Mystic CT, 1-hour drive
- Cape Cod, including Martha’s Vineyard & Nantucket Islands, 1-hour drive
- Boston’s Freedom Trail that includes the USS *Constitution*, 1½ -hour drive
- Lexington & Concord National Historic Park, just north of Boston
- White Mountains of New Hampshire
- Vermont’s Green Mountains
- The Downeast coast of Maine

After hotel room check-in, follow signs near the Crowne Plaza’s elevators and front desk area for directions to the Reunion registration/check-in area. The primary OAEA gathering area will be “put-in” in three Hospitality rooms in the Crowne Plaza’s lower level, which we’ve named *90 South*. The entire lower level will be exclusive OAEA territory and the place to be for information dissemination, socializing,



merchandise sales, and for sharing memorabilia. Winter-over veterans and old Polies will feel instantly at home in this window-less place! Here you can rejuvenate memories and renew friendships with old shipmates, coworkers, and acquaintances. Cruise books, VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs, books, magazines, photos, and more are welcome—anything you want to talk (and brag) about. Members of the Reunion Committee and other volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and offer other assistance. They may be recognized by the official reunion logo that will be displayed on their shirt or ball cap.



Each attendee will receive a Welcome Aboard bag that will include a detailed Schedule of Events, list of registered attendees, info on Rhode Island and New England, and other assorted goodies.

If you have not done so already, please let the POC, Marty Diller, know when your plans are firm. The Reunion Committee needs to know numbers for planning purposes. *This is especially true for RV-ers and those who will not be staying at the Crowne Plaza or Holiday Inn Express.*

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

The Reunion Committee has adopted the following actions to limit Symposium/Reunion attendance to reasonable levels:

- Only dues paid members of the OAEA, and their registered guests, will be permitted to attend the Association-sponsored events.
- Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis.
- Should Symposium/Reunion attendance exceed facilities capacity, the use of the date an attendee became a dues-paid member of the OAEA will be the method of elimination of attendees. (Earliest dues payment has priority.)
- A membership application form is provided for non-members.



TRANSPORTATION:

Airline Information: *Southwest Airlines* is the official airline of the 2006 OAEA Reunion. Their lowest fares can be found at www.southwest.com, or you can call 1-800-I-FLY-SWA (1-800-435-9792) to speak to a reservations agent.

The mission of *Southwest Airlines* is dedication to the highest quality of Customer Service delivered with a sense of warmth, friendliness, individual pride, and Company Spirit. By traveling on *Southwest Airlines* you will enjoy all that plus low-fare, direct flights to Providence from over 60 *Southwest* cities across the USA.

For information on other airlines flying into Providence's T.F. Green State Airport, see www.pvdairport.com

Car Rental Information: You can check into rental car savings offered at the *Southwest Airlines* website, or contact these two companies for special OAEA Rental Car rates:

Take advantage of *Enterprise Rent-a-Car's* 10% discount promotional code for the OAEA: **49B1498** by visiting www.enterprise.com or calling 1-800-rent-a-car (736-8222).



Contact *Thrifty Car Rental* at www.thrifty.com or 1-800-THRIFTY (847-4389) to take advantage of promotional rates on full size, minivan, and luxury classes of cars using this code: **OAE6**.

HOTEL INFORMATION:



The Crowne Plaza Hotel
Tel: 401-732-6000
801 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/CP/hd/wrwi>

The contract room rate of \$109 per night is for either single or double occupancy. When making reservations, **be sure to mention that you are with the OAEA**. Rates cannot be adjusted at check-in or checkout for guests who fail to identify their affiliation when making reservations. Two weeks prior to your



arrival date, the hotel will charge your credit card for a one night, non-refundable deposit. Room rates are subject to RIs 13% tax. Check-in after 3pm and checkout time is 11am.

Crowne Plaza Amenities:

- 2005 Last Renovation Date
- 1 Restaurant
- Indoor Pool with Sauna & Whirlpool
- Pets Allowed
- High-speed Internet Access
- Coffee Maker
- Health/Fitness Center On-Site
- Hairdryer, Iron / Ironing Board in room
- Dry Cleaning Pickup/Laundry
- Free Local Phone Calls
- Safety Deposit Box available at Front Desk



Holiday Inn Express
 901 Jefferson Boulevard
 Warwick, RI 02886
 Tel: 401-732-6000

Holiday Inn reservations at the OAEA group rate **may NOT be made through the 800 reservation line.** The contract room rate of \$99 per night is for either single or double occupancy. When making reservations, you are asked to call the Crowne Plaza reservations desk and **be sure to mention that you are with the OAEA.** Rates cannot be adjusted at check-in or checkout for guests who fail to identify their affiliation when making reservations. Two weeks prior to your arrival date, the

hotel will charge your credit card for a one night, non-refundable deposit. Room rates are subject to RIs 13% tax. Check-in after 3pm, and checkout time is 11am. There is a complimentary shuttle available between hotels, a distance of about 1/2-mile.

Amenities:

- Indoor Pool with Whirlpool
- Pets Allowed
- Complimentary Breakfast
- High-speed Internet Access
- Coffee Maker
- Health/Fitness Center On-Site
- Hairdryer, Iron / Ironing Board
- Dry Cleaning Pickup/Laundry
- Free Local Phone Calls
- Safety Deposit Box available at Front Desk

RV CAMPGROUNDS:

Websites: <http://gonewengland.about.com/od/ricamping/> & <http://www.rv-clubs.us>

- Ginny – B family Campground
Foster, RI (401) 397- 0477
- Holiday Acres Campground
Gloucester, RI (401) 934-0780
- Whippoorwill Hill Family Camp
Foster, RI (401) 397-7256
- Wal-Mart Store, 25 Pace Blvd.,
Warwick, RI (401) 828-7395
- Wawaloam Reservation
West Kingston, RI (401) 294-3039
- Whispering Pines Campground
Hope Valley, RI (401) 539-7011

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS :

On Thursday, 17 August, attendees first check-in at the front desk and unload luggage in their room, then follow the signs to the OAEA Registration area in the Plaza Ballroom. Check-in with one of the Reunion Committee volunteers and pick-up your Welcome Aboard bags. The Reunion Committee intends to take an active part in getting all OAEs to mix and mingle during the first night’s “Icebreaker Social.” While the three Hospitality Rooms in 90°South are the primary OAEA gathering places throughout the Reunion, the Plaza Ballroom will be the main meeting site for Registration and check-in.

Thursday, 17 August:		9:00am–11:30am	General Membership Meeting (members only)	9:30am–2:00pm	Organized Tour to Davisville Seabee & Quonset Air museums –Lunch Group Pictures
3:00pm–8:00pm	Symposium/Reunion Registration	11:30am–1:00pm	Lunch	4:30pm–6:30pm	Memory Book photos
4:00pm–11:00pm	90°South open	1:00pm–4:00pm	Guest Speakers	6:30pm–11:30pm	New England Clam Bake, door prizes, raffle drawings, dancing to the DJ
8:00pm–10:00pm	Icebreaker Social & Cash Bar	5:30pm–11:00pm	Sunset Dinner/ Dance Cruise*		
Friday, 18 August:		*Space aboard the M/V <i>Vista Jubilee</i> is limited to 350; therefore early Reunion registration is encouraged.		Sunday, 20 August:	
7:00am–8:00am	Late Registration	Saturday, 19 August:		8:00am–11:00am	90°South open for Farewells
8:00am–11:00pm	90°South open	8:00am–11:00pm	90°South open	11:00am	Hotel Check-out time
8:30am–3:30pm	Newport Mansion Tour (for spouses and non-members)				
8:30am–9:00am	Memorial Service (members)				





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17-18-19 August 2006



OAEA Member: _____ Nametag to read: _____

Spouse / Guest: _____ Nametag to read: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Antarctic Experience: Members, please give a very brief summary, including year/season & Winter-Over seasons, dates of cruise visits, activity/command/ship names, etc, to be used on your nametag: _____

Number of people attending: # at \$115 per attendee \$ _____

Commemorative T-Shirts (please indicate number and sizes of T-shirt(s), as applicable):

- Complimentary T-Shirt(s), one for each attendee: M # ; L # ; XL # ; XXL # ; 3XL #
• Additional T-shirt orders (please indicate quantity desired, circle sizes, and write dollar total at right): \$12 each for # shirts size: M L XL; \$15 each for # shirts size: 2XL 3XL \$ _____
• Youth T-Shirts at \$10 each: # size: YM YL YXL \$ _____

Extra-Cost Events:

- Friday's Tour of Newport Mansions for Non-Members (includes charter bus w/tour of downtown Newport, entry fee for Breakers, and time on your own in Newport for lunch and shopping) # at \$40 per person \$ _____
➤ Sunset Dinner/Dance Cruise around Newport Harbor, Friday evening. (Includes charter bus to/from pier, cruise, dinner, band, DJ & dancing, cash bar available. Boat holds 350 people.) # at \$55 per person \$ _____
➤ Banquet: New England Clambake Saturday evening. The basic Banquet fare is included at no extra cost to you: Chicken Breast, 1/2-pint steamed clams, grilled sweet sausage, corn-on-the-cob, baked potato, fried clam cakes, salad, clam chowder, cranberry muffin, corn bread, soda, coffee or tea.
Or, same as basic Banquet fare above but Add Grilled Swordfish # at \$9 each \$ _____
..... Add # steamed Lobster at \$25 each \$ _____

Total(add up above figures to obtain your total)..... \$ _____

NOTE: The Registration fee does not include hotel accommodations, which are payable direct to the hotel.



Do you or your guest(s) have any disability or dietary need that requires special attention? _____

if necessary, continue on the back of this form

GOLFERS: If you are interested in being contacted about a Golf Outing, put an 'X' in this space

Enclose this completed form with a check payable to: OAEA-NE Reunion Mail to: OAEA-NE Reunion P.O. Box 597 Brunswick, ME 04011-0597

If you are not an OAEA member in good standing, please complete and mail the included membership application to the address on the application form. Your OAEA membership fee will require a check payable to "OAEA".

Application for membership in the Old Antarctic Explorers Association, Inc.

Please print or type all information, enclose a check or money order in U. S. dollars for your total and submit to OAEA, 4615 Balmoral Drive, Pensacola, FL 32504

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(If Commemorative Membership, enter submitter information in this section – deceased OAE information to be recorded below)

Last Name		First Name			Middle Int.	
Mailing Address		City		State		Zip Code
Telephone Number ()	E-mail address (type or print legible please)			Nickname	Country	

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION – Please read the following

- Add \$2.00 to all dues for a one-time enrollment fee
- All dues payable in U. S. Dollars – Check or money order only, no electronic transfers please
- Annual dues at \$10.00 per year – Initial registration between 1 Jan and 30 Jun will expire June 30th of the following year.
- Members that require international mailing from the US please add 20% surcharge for international mail charges
- Commemorative Memberships require no dues or enrollment fee. However, a tax-deductible donation to help defer administrative costs would be appreciated. Donations in the name of Memorial Members are also gratefully accepted.

Lifetime dues based upon age of member at closest birthday	Birthdate		
81 and above - \$5.00			
76 to 80 inclusive - \$10.00	56 to 60 inclusive - \$75.00		
71 to 75 inclusive - \$20.00	51 to 55 inclusive - \$90.00		
66 to 70 inclusive - \$40.00	46 to 50 inclusive - \$100.00		
61 to 65 inclusive - \$60.00	45 and below - \$110.00		
Amount Submitted			
Dues	+ Enrollment Fee	+ Donations	= Total
	\$2.00		

- **Regular Members**
 - Men or Women**—who worked on or visited the Antarctic Continent, and/or offshore islands or aboard ship in Antarctic waters for any legitimate purpose. Including U.S. Coast Guard personnel and U.S. Navy or Royal New Zealand Navy personnel who served on any of the Ocean Station Vessels that participated in Operation Deep Freeze.
 - Widows/Widowers or Surviving Children**—of any deceased individual who would, if living, be eligible for membership.
 - Commemorative Members—Deceased Men and Women** who, if living, would be eligible for Regular Member status
 - Memorial Members—Men and Women** who were killed or died in Antarctica. Members of Operations Highjump and Deep Freeze who were killed or died in Antarctica are automatically inducted into the OAEA as Regular Members.
- **Associate Members—Men and Women**—who do not qualify for regular member status but who believe in and desire to support the goals of this association.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP APPLIED FOR

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> Commemorative — <i>Indicate OAE Name and Date of Death (if known) below</i>
Length of Membership		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual	

ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE/INTEREST INFORMATION

Status (Circle one) (If military indicate rate/rank) Civilian / Military Rate/Rank _____	Country if other than US
Activity assigned to	Approximate dates assigned

- Provide a brief description of your involvement or interest in Antarctica (attach separate sheet if necessary)
- If applying for membership as a widow or widower of a deceased OAE, please include deceased OAE's Antarctic history.
- If submitting for Commemorative Membership indicate deceased member's Antarctic Experience if known

Please check below if applicable (authority will be assumed if not checked)

___ I do not authorize release of my mailing address and telephone number information to the general membership
 ___ I do not authorize release of my e-mail address to Topica.Com (e-mail mass mailer system used for OAEA for membership messages) and desire membership communications via 'snail mail'

Signature	Date
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For OAEA processing

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