

NORMAN VAUGHAN MEETING (from Scrapbook Database in computer)

Presentation of the Club Medal to Norman Vaughan.

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May 15, 1996

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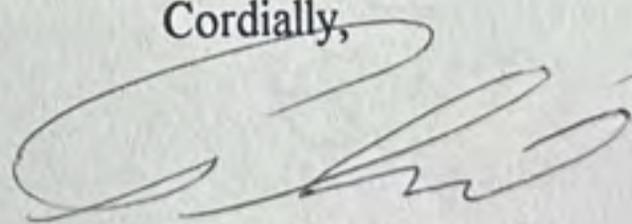
Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 1996, relative to Norman Vaughan. Let me address the various points that you raised:

1. I believe that your presentation of the Club Medal is an extremely generous thing to do, and I am sure that Norman will be honored. I believe that he intends to come to Boston on November 12 in order to address the Club. I will see to it that he receives confirmation of this date.
2. I can appreciate your concern relative to the travel expense, and I don't believe that Norman expects it. It may be that if he does not have friends/family in the Boston area, it would be very nice to have the Club pick up the hotel bill. All this can be determined as we approach November 12.
3. I will be in Alaska and plan to meet with Norman on July 5. Hopefully, we will discuss this, and if he has any questions, I will get back to you. If there is anything you would like me to bring up to him, please let me know prior to that time so that we can do this.

In any case, if I can be of any assistance, I would be more than happy to do this.

Cordially,



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July 25, 1996

Robert O. Boardman
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Dear Bob:

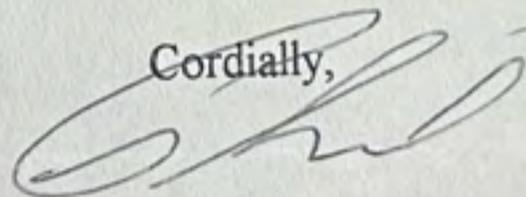
Thanks for your letter of July 16, 1996. I have been a bit tardy in answering it as I have just come back from Alaska.

Norman Vaughn looks forward to coming to Boston to address the Club on November 12, 1996. It is my understanding from Rob that the Club would like to give him its medal at that time, and I would like to confirm this.

While I don't think that Norman expects his normal lecture fee, I do wonder whether it would be possible for the Club to pick up some invited guests for him?

I will try to give you a call and discuss this, in the meantime I wanted to get you a note to respond to yours less we not make connections.

Cordially,



Philip A. Kolvoord

PAK/kb

P.S. I should indicate that my e-mail address is PAK/LBK @ aol.com

Subj: Norman Vaughn
Date: 96-07-29 16:07:10 EDT
From: ROBoardman
To: PAK LBK

Dear Phil,

Thanks very much for your letter of July 25, to which I reply in this somewhat less formal means in order to expedite communication. I will be away on vacation for August 3 - 18 so will be unavailable during that time.

I am delighted to hear that Norman will be available to address the Club on Tuesday, November 12, 1996. As you suggested, the Club Medal will be presented to him on that evening. I have been waiting to have it made until confirmation of his availability was received, but now will immediately make those arrangements.

It is the custom of the Club to absorb the expense of two guests of any speaker, but in this case we would be very pleased to expand on that number and invite any reasonable number he would like to bring. It would be clearly appropriate for him to invite family members and close associates he may have locally to share in an event of this kind and enjoy with him the pleasure of receiving the Club's highest honor.

The foregoing was discussed at the most recent meeting of the Council of the Club held on June 17, 1996, and the arrangements mentioned above ratified at that time.

Thank you again very much indeed for your efforts in arranging this occasion, which I deeply appreciate. Your personal meeting with him can hardly have failed to have a very beneficial effect and facilitate his agreement to come to Boston to speak to the Club.

Best regards,

Bob

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August 27, 1996

Mr. Robert O. Boardman
163 Cottage Street
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Dear Bob:

I hope this note finds you having a splendid summer. I know you were going to be on a trip (or something) for part of August, but I wanted to drop you a note so you could address it when you returned.

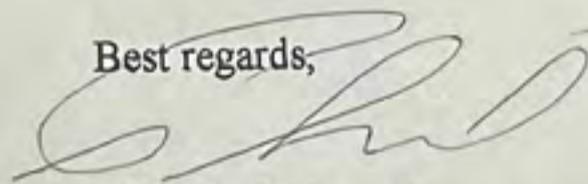
I have just heard from Norman Vaughan, and I asked him to specify how many guests he would anticipate on November 12, 1996. He replied that he had identified nine family, or close associates, and with their wives/husbands this would come to eighteen. He requested this amount, and I told him that I had no authority in that regard and would pass the request on to you.

I also told him that beyond eighteen would be paid for by him, but that I would make a request to the Club and get back to him relative to the eighteen guests.

If you would take this matter up with the appropriate persons and let me know your decision, I will pass it on to Norman. I suspect he wants to be able to invite certain persons so that they can mark their calendars well in advance.

I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Best regards,



Philip A. Kolvoord

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Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition



NORMAN D. VAUGHAN P.O. BOX EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA 99507 907-694-1451

To: Phil Kolvoord

For Information Call: 907-694-1451

From : Norman/Carolyn Vaughan

At: Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition

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Fax Number : 907-694-1451

Phil,

Typically Norman and I speak together. We show slides of the first Byrd expedition while Norman talks sharing his experiences from that first expedition and stories about how he got on it in the first place. He ends his part by leading up to our Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition. Then I speak about the expedition also showing slides. We end by showing images of the Antarctic set to music. The talk is about 50 minutes long and requires two Kodak projectors and sound (if we do the music part.)

So the questions are:

1. How long do guests normally speak at the meetings?
2. Do they just want something brief from Norman sans slides?
3. Would they want only Norman talking about the first expedition with slides (about 30 minutes)?
4. Would they want the whole thing and do they have the equipment we would need?
5. Would it be OK to bring books to sell?

Once I know more about what is expected, I can send you a synopsis of the talk. I am also fixing you his bio.

Speaker's Checklist: Norman & Carolyn Vaughan

The following items are needed on the day of the presentation. **Two hours** of set-up are required. Please have an AV person available to assist with set-up.

1. **Dark room** in which everyone can adjust their chairs to see the screen with ease.
2. **Large screen** adequate for the room and positioned to give the maximum ease of viewing. Slides are both horizontal & vertical. Please have appropriate lenses.
3. **Projection unit:** Two Kodak carousel projectors **with wireless remotes** are preferred. No carousels are needed.
4. **Video Projection Setup:** If video equipment is available, there is a 3 minute introductory video produced by National Geographic. It is VHS and can be shown on a single monitor or large screen. This is not a mandatory requirement.
5. **Sound Amplification:** A musical selection is used at the end of the program. It is a normal cassette but requires a cassette player and house sound amplification.
6. **Two Wireless Microphones:** No podium is preferred. If one is on stage already, it should be moved to the side of the stage and screen with the microphone turned **off**.
7. **Display:** Two draped eight-foot long tables are required for display of Antarctic memorabilia and for historical photographs. One enlarged photo (7' x 4') needs to be mounted to a wall either at the entrance or near the display table.
8. **Stool:** Generally both person's are on stage for the entire presentation. A director's chair or bar stool for the person not speaking is preferred.

Please contact us at 907-694-1451 if any of these needs cannot be met so that they can be dealt with ahead of time. Please have an experienced person on hand to assist with the AV and raise and lower the lights.

INTRODUCTION OF NORMAN AND CAROLYN VAUGHAN

I want to introduce you to an amazing man who believes in dreams and never letting an opportunity pass him by and to a woman who helped him make his biggest dream a reality.

Colonel Norman Vaughan was on Admiral Richard E. Byrd's first Antarctic Expedition in 1928 - 1930 and was the first American to drive dogs in the Antarctic. He was the chief dog driver during the 1929 Antarctic Geological Party, which set foot on land never before seen by anyone.

Vaughan served in World War II, in charge of search and rescue with 409 sled dogs in his command and was assigned to the Pentagon during the Korean War. He instigated the rescue by dog team of 26 air crew on the Greenland ice sheet and retrieved a top secret Norden bombsight single-handedly. For 12 years he was involved in salvaging one of those six P-38 fighter planes in Greenland, known as the Lost Squadron.

Vaughan has always enjoyed the spirit of competition. Whether in the Dog Racing Event of the 1932 Olympic Games or the North American Sled Dog Championships or in 13 Iditarod Sled Dog Races where he bills himself as the "Oldest and Slowest" - his motto of "Dream Big and Dare to Fail" calls each of us into action!!

Carolyn Muegge-Vaughan, a Southerner, went to Alaska for three weeks in 1986 and in her words "fell in love with Alaska, the Iditarod...and Norman." Carolyn is an accomplished sled dog driver, pilot and outdoor adventurer. She put her organizational skills together with Norman's dream and together, every step of the way, together they climbed Norman's namesake, Mount Vaughan.

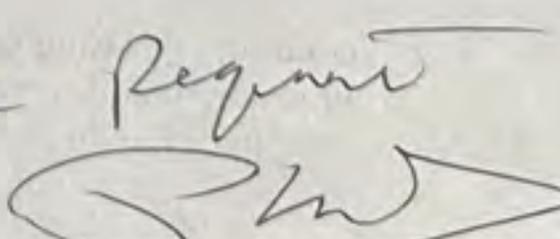
Turn your attention to the video monitor for a short introduction by National Geographic to this inspirational team.

Note: Other notes of interest for Harvard:

Norman was a member of the Spec Club and was on the second string of the football team. He may also be the oldest living member of the Club.

Synopsis of talk for notice: Norman Vaughan (Class of '29) left Harvard to share in the making of a piece of history. Sacrificing everything, he trained dogs for a year for Admiral Richard E. Byrd's first and most historic expedition to the Antarctic, the Byrd Antarctic Expedition of 1928 - 30. These men were the first Americans ever to go into the interior of the Antarctic. After landing on Christmas Day, 1928, Norman took Admiral Byrd on his sled in search of an appropriate site for the camp. The site chosen became Little America. Norman thereby became the first American to drive dogs in the Antarctic.

Under the tutelage of the renowned Dr. Laurence M. Gould, Norman Vaughan, as the chief dog driver, Edward Goodale (Class of '28) and Frederick E. Crockett (Class of '30) - known as the "Three Musketeers" - were members of the six-man Geological Party.

But As per your Request


This was a three month journey by dog team covering 1600 miles. Their first mission was to act as a rescue party should Admiral Byrd have to make a forced landing on that first flight ever made by man to the South Pole. With the success of the flight, the Geological Party went on to chart and map lands never before seen by man and staked a claim for the United States of America.

Forty-two men spent the year in Antarctica which included being entombed under the snow during the six-months of winter night darkness. After their return, Admiral Byrd honored the Three Musketeers for their work by naming adjacent mountains for each of them in the Queen Maud Range. For 65 years, Norman dreamed of climbing "his" mountain. Not until 10 years ago was that even a possibility for a private citizen. After two years of planning and difficulties, Norman accompanied by his wife finally returned to the Antarctic only to be beset with tragedy...the crash of his plane, a DC6. Devastated but undaunted, he regrouped and a year later successfully summited his namesake, Mount Vaughan, 10,302', on December 16, 1994, three days before his 89th birthday!

Norman and his wife, Carolyn, will share slides and stories of this era long gone and of a 65 year dream come true, the Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition

September 12, 1996

Norman and Carolyn Vaughan
P. O. Box 770395
Eagle River, AK 99577-0345

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Vaughan,

Thank you very much indeed for agreeing to speak to the Harvard Travellers Club on November 12, at what will be a great occasion for us, including the first award of the Club Medal since 1989. I appreciate the assistance of Phil Kolvoord in facilitating communications between us, but I hate to place excessive burden on him. He did send me a copy of the page of your fax to him with five questions about the meeting. I responded to him by telephone, but think it appropriate to send the answers directly to you as well.

Most guest speakers at our meetings talk for something under an hour, and leave a little time for questions at the end.

We would be most interested in hearing the full presentation which you outline, including both Norman and Carolyn speaking with slides of both the original Byrd expedition and the Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition, if you do not feel that would be too tiring for you.

I understand that you will require two Kodak Carousel projectors for this purpose, and I will arrange to provide them. I will also undertake to provide a sound system of some sort, but please tell me what is the format of your musical presentation. Standard cassettes would be easy, and I can look into other recording formats as necessary.

At a recent meeting, we had a rather unpleasant experience of a speaker trying too hard to sell some books at his talk. Therefore, we have instituted a policy against doing so without express prior consent of the Council. I will attempt to obtain this consent for you at our first meeting on October 8 and let you know of the result. Having a carton of books and a brief comment that they are available will probably be approved.

You are no doubt aware of the format of our meeting announcements, and another one should be in the mail soon. As you will note, the space is limited, but any material you can give me from which to make up such an announcement would be greatly appreciated.

Phil has mentioned that you would like to invite some guests, and he and I agreed on a figure of 18 people, so including yourselves, that would make a total of 20. I trust that will be satisfactory.

Finally, I note that the listing which I have for you includes a Post Office Box number of 770395 but a "plus 4" zip code listing of 0345. I am aware that the usual format is for the plus 4 zip code to include the last four digits of the box number, so it would appear that we have an error. It would be very helpful if you would have the kindness to let me know the correct address.

I join with the rest of the Club in looking forward very much indeed to your forthcoming talk.

Very truly yours,

Secretary



September 24, 1996

Robert O. Boardman
163 Cottage Street
New Bedford, MA 02740-3650

Dear Mr. Boardman,

Norman is very much looking forward to being present for the November Harvard Travellers Club meeting and receiving the Club Medal. It will be a great honor that he will cherish.

From your memo I couldn't be sure if you had also received the brief write-up I had sent to Phil Kolvoord for the meeting announcement in addition to the biographical information and speakers notes. Please let me know if you do not have it, and I'll ask Phil to send it to you since I no longer have a copy.

For our presentation we do need two Kodak Carousels, each with their own remote control. We generally don't speak from a lectern in which case we each have cordless clip-on microphones. However, if your set-up is with a head table and lectern, that will work just fine as well.

If it is easy to have a cassette recorder with house sound, then that is all we need. Otherwise, the music is only at the end to accompany some pictures of the Antarctic and can easily be deleted if house sound is not available.

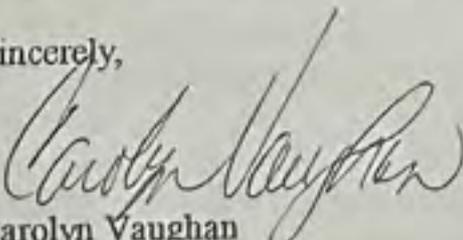
No, we never "push" the sale of Norman's book. In fact, we never even mention it. Usually at the end of the presentation the host will say that we have autographed books for sale that Norman will gladly personalize and that's it. We normally have a table set up with the books at the back of the room and have someone to collect the money for us. They are preautographed but Norman certainly likes to personalize them for people if they wish. And he always has a long line of folks.

Regarding the zip code, we get our mail at 99577. We never use a 4 digit extension but suppose it would be 99577-0395. Norman even gets mail at just Eagle River, Alaska.

We do thank you for extending our guest list to 18. There are special family members and friends that Norman wanted to include and this allows him to do so. He is curious about the seating arrangements and would certainly want to be able to have you and the president of the club along with your wives be at our table. And could you tell us how many people you seat at a table. Norman would like to make out some seating cards for his table(s). This will divide the family people so they do not all sit together.

Please let us know what else we can do for you. And thank you for attending to all of these details for us.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Vaughan

P. S. One more question: could some guests come for the talk and not dinner?

October 10, 1996

Carolyn Vaughan
P. O. Box 770395
Eagle River, AK 99577

Dear Mrs. Vaughan,

Thank you very much for your letter of September 24. The Council of the Club met on October 8 and among other things discussed the forthcoming talk by you and Norman, to which we look forward with great pleasure.

Yes, the write-ups which I have are sufficient for our announcement, which is even now being printed. You should receive your copy within a week or two.

I understand that you require two Kodak carousel projectors, which we will have available for you. I presume that your slides are already loaded into carousels, so we do not need to provide those. The Club owns one projector with an infra-red wireless remote unit. We routinely rent one when needed which comes with a wired remote. You may wish to consider how best to operate with this situation.

The usual arrangement of the room is for the speaker stand at a lectern placed to one side of the screen which hangs against the wall at one end of the room, using a microphone mounted on the lectern. Since you prefer it, I will inquire as to the possibility of using instead one or two portable microphones and will try to obtain the clip-on variety if possible.

I have a cassette player which I can bring, which is smaller than the "boom-box" style favored by some kids but definitely larger than the small portable units, and I think would be satisfactory for the music you have in mind. I will also inquire if it is possible to connect a cassette player to the sound system in the room, and make provisions for that if available.

The Council decided to allow sale of Norman's book under the conditions you mentioned, namely that it be announced as available, but that no pressure be exerted to sell the book. I think it is quite likely that some of the members would appreciate this opportunity to buy copies.

The normal seating arrangement is at round tables for 8, one of which is designated as a head table where the President and the speaker usually sit, with spouses and others selected by the President in hopes of creating a congenial group. If you prefer, we could arrange for two tables of 9 for your 18 guests, and of course you may arrange seating as you may see fit. As it happens, at our immediately past meeting tables were set for 9 by mistake and it was quite feasible, although just a little "cozy."

Additional guests would certainly be welcome to come after dinner to hear the lecture, but it would be helpful to have an estimated number just to be sure adequate seating will be available. We try to stick fairly close to time with cocktails (cash bar) in the foyer at 6:15, dinner at 7:00 and the meeting at 8:15, although this latter can vary depending on how quickly dinner is finished. We try to have everyone move out of the room into the foyer while the staff removes the tables and resets the room in theater style arrangement, which gives a convenient break and generally takes about five minutes or so.

I presume that you know how to reach the Harvard Club where the meeting is held, at 374 Commonwealth Avenue, just west of Massachusetts Avenue. Parking is available behind the Club building, approached from Massachusetts Avenue by a small one-way street parallel to Commonwealth, then turn right into the Club lot. Once inside the Club, our meeting is in the Massachusetts Room on the second floor with a large foyer providing access. For last minute questions, the telephone there is (617)536-1260.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch again.

Once again, we all look forward very much to a grand occasion.

Very truly yours,

Robert O. Boardman

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October 10, 1996

Glenn A. Crossman
Director of Catering
The Harvard Club of Boston
374 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215-2860

Dear Glen,

It was a pleasure to start our 1996-7 season with the Harvard Travellers Club meeting last Tuesday. I did notice that at least some of the tables were set for nine, which is just a little "cozy."

For our upcoming meeting on November 12, our speakers would like to use two slide projectors. We own one, but would like to rent from your usual agency one more standard Kodak carousel projector with remote as we have done from time to time in the past. This will of course also involve either one or two projection stands suitable for two projectors.

The speaker would also like to use two, clip-on lapel microphones if that would be feasible. I do not know anything about the capabilities of the sound system, but whatever you can do which would most closely approximate that would be helpful.

They also intend to play a short musical selection on cassette tape. I have a small player which would be adequate, but you may have a convenient way to connect a cassette player into the room sound system. On the other hand, I do not wish to run up excess charges too much, so this could be ignored in favor of my smaller portable system.

The speakers expect to invite 18 guests of their own, which would of course be in addition to our own group which usually ranges around 60, so we would expect more than the usual number of people. I will, of course, keep your office informed as the numbers become more definite.

Thank you very much for your assistance in making this occasion as success, as usual. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience about the details mentioned above.

Very truly yours,