

**TRIP TO COLUMBUS OHIO FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> BYRD COLLOQUY**  
**26-29 OCTOBER 2000**

**26 Oct 2000 Thursday.** Arrived in Columbus. Came in from the airport in the van along with Brian Shoemaker to Holiday Inn. Russ Gibbons (Cook Society) was there when we registered. Had a drink in the bar. Bolling Byrd Clark showed up. Had dinner.

On **Friday** went out to Archives Building for meeting of advisory committee. Spent a bit of time looking at some inventories of material there. They have typed listing entitled "Byrd Artifacts Inventory Boxes 421-479" Dated August 1996. 14pp. Among the items (Number is the box number): Flight suit (422); one of the steps of the tower from Little America (438); Bumstead sun compass (449); In boxes 454-58: numerous drawings by David Paige. Painting of Igloo by B. Baermann (462 item 4).

Went out to lunch with committee.

Looked at some items in Archives. In the listing was mention of a portrait of two young girls and a boy. Thought it might be Bolling. They dug up the photo and it was! Took photos of Bolling holding the pastel picture.

Talk and reception by Rik at the Library that evening.

Some of the exhibits:

- Belgian flag flown on the Belgica from the Cook Society collection.
- Ice goggles developed and worn by Dr Cook from Cook Society.
- James Michener's entry in the Byrd Prize letter contest (1 page typed, signed at the bottom. In pencil "C", presumably the grade).
- Bumstead Sun Compass (This sun compass was used by Byrd on his North Pole flight 1926. It was developed by Albert Bumstead, chief cartographer of the National Geographic Society. His book 'Skyward' states "Without it we could not have reached the Pole.)
- Scale model of the Snow Cruiser.
- Photo of Byrd's Marie Ames.
- Piece of fabric taken from the wing of the giant condor plane 'William Horlick' that was used in the exploration flights on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Byrd expedition.
- Photo of Byrd family on the steps of 9 Brimmer Street.
- Copy of South Polar Times and Shackleton's Antarctic Book.
- Medical kit from Wilkins' 1928-29 Expedition.
- Wilkins' goggles from Lincoln Ellsworth's Antarctic flight. Photo of 'Wyatt Earp.'

End of Tape

The next day, **Saturday 28 Oct**, there was a full program at the BPRC. Perhaps 60 or so people in attendance. Tim Baughman (pronounced Bockman) gave a spirited talk on Shackleton's Endurance expedition. Bill Fox's talk on Antarctic art was good. He showed some work by David Rosenthal who was on NSF Artist & Writers Program. Very good.

Peter Anderson (uses a walker). Was at Boulder, too. Was former Asst Dir of BPRC.

Joe Vogel. Aviation historian. At OSU.

Baughman is working on "Lure of the South: Antarctica? 1901-1909."

Amundsen first to see both Poles.

Wood in Amundsen's skis was from Pensacola, Florida.

Raymond Priestley. Source of quote the C-G uses. Also on title page of NMM Catalogue.

Rik van Grintenkamp says that at SPRI there is a mss book called "Ted" done by Wilson for his father. See page 724 SPRI Mss catalogue. "Notes for a life of 'Ted' Wilson

chiefly compiled from his letters and journals; dedicated to his kith and kin, by one who loved him dearly E.T.W. 1915" 214 + [21] leaves, holograph. MS 750;BJ