

**Program:** On the Track of Shackleton - A Trip to Antarctica

**Speaker:** Lou Stanley with able assistant Bill Stanley, Scientech Members

**Introduced by:** Jeff Rasley

**Guests:** Heather Evans, Carol B. Miller, Robert Sanborn, Nancy Sanborn, Larry Wilson

**Attendance:** 135

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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley gave a beautiful presentation on Antarctica with a brief discussion of Ernest Shackleton's voyage to Antarctica in 1914. They showed many pictures they had taken but also some that had been taken by a photographer who accompanied Shackleton. Antarctica is beautiful and rugged with giant ice fields, glaciers and remnants of volcanic activity. Mrs. Stanley showed pictures of many types of penguins and sea birds.

Antarctica was first seen in 1820. The British made the first expedition there in 1902. Amundsen and Scott reached the South Pole in 1911.

Ernest Shackleton's planned an overland expedition in 1914. In one way he planned better than previous trips by taking sled dogs and skis rather than horses for transportation. He sailed first to South Georgia Island and then waited until ice conditions improved. He then sailed on but gradually found his ship encased in ice. The crew had to stay on the ship during the winter. In the spring the ice didn't breakup and finally crushed the ship. After camping on the ice for several months, Shackleton then made an incredible open boat trip travelling 700 miles to South Georgia Island and eventual rescue. No one was lost which is truly remarkable. Thanks to the Stanleys for the beautiful pictures and wonderful talk.



**Lou and Bill Stanley**