

Russell Barr

My name is Rus Barr, a former volunteer on Gazela and Jupitar.

I've been in a nursing home with Diabetes for the past six years—a dreadful disease and just had my 88th birthday... a great day everything considered.

I don't remember when I started, but I know it was prior to 1992 because I shared a room in Baltimore with John Brady to work on Gazela in dry dock. I was a marine engineer (Barr Marine) and, with help from Norm Christy, installed the Caterpillar engine in Gazela—a beautiful piece of machinery—still going as the iron wind when the wind fails to move us.

My experience as a B-26 pilot was an asset to me as a crew member on Gazela, but that's a different story.

I look upon my days as a volunteer with gratification and satisfaction that I was able, in some small way, to keep the ship going. I regret that I can't do more at this time, but so be it... Father Time makes no exceptions.

I want to thank the Guild for the updates and am particularly happy to read about crew education and training...a great move for the future of the Ship Guild.

Keep up the good work and the Guild will continue to sail with spirited volunteers... along with Jupiter.