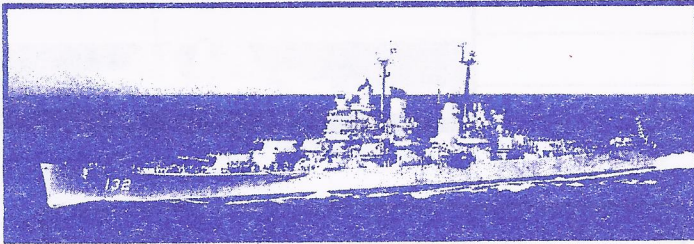


The Macon Time

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President's Message "From The Helm"

Fellow Shipmates,

Time sure does fly, we are entering November and another holiday season will soon be upon us. Fred Gunther has been working diligently, getting the numerous details worked out to the associations' best interest on the reunion next year. All appears to be a "go" on the Myrtle Beach Reunion in April, 2012. Let's get our registration in so we can make our necessary counts, etc. for the banquet and other events.

We should be very proud of being a sailor in the best and greatest navy in the world, bar none. When we have a tough mission, who did they call but our Navy's Seal Team 6.

I hope this short message finds all of you in good health and looking forward to a happy holiday with family and friends.

Again, "Fair Winds and Following Seas."
Glenn Scarlett, President

Secretary's Message

Hello Friends,

After working most of the summer and with you guys sending me corrections and additions I have been able to update the roster.

Thank you for e-mailing or calling me with the information that was needed in order to get this process done.

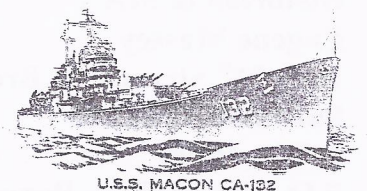
With this data in the computer I have added a few programs that will enable me to help Ted in keeping updated information on the labels and with Bill sending me your paperwork I can also keep track of your dues that have been paid to-date. If you still find that mistakes are on your label please e-mail or call me and I will correct them right away.

See you in Myrtle Beach!

Thanks again for all your help!

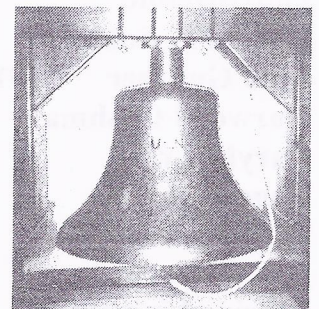
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Blessings,
Marie



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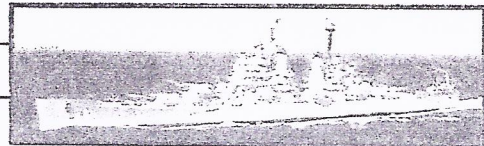
U.S.S. Macon's original bell



*Liberty Still Rings,
All Gave Some...
Some Gave All*

President Glenn Scarlett
Treasurer Bill Hossler
Editor Ted Parker

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Marine's Corner

Macon Marines

"Stand at Ease!"



Summer has left Maine with a blast of Ole Man Winter, in October already. I hope this is not a harbinger of what's to come in the next 6 months.

Grace and I had a visit from Bill Gallagher and his wife Ann last summer. They came to Maine to visit some friends and took a little side detour to come our way. We enjoyed it so much. After Bill's tour with the marine detachment on The Macon he was transferred to Camp Lejune, to the 2nd Battalion, sixth Marines. While there he boarded troop ship USS Cambria APA 36 and made a Med-Cruise. Then he was placed on The USS Oglethorpe and made a trip through The St. Lawrence Seaway the same time that the Macon went through, Quite a coincidence.

I received a nice letter from an old navy friend from The Macon, Jerry Scelzi. Jerry lives in New Jersey now. I haven't seen him since 1957. Jerry wants to come to Maine. I'd love to see him. I have been so damn busy painting my house and now I'm busy putting in wood for the winter, I haven't answered his letter. I hope he will forgive me.

I suspect Fran McQueeney is getting ready to go south for the winter, Smart Marine!!!

History Lessons:

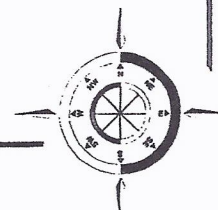
Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy on Dec. 4, 1941:

"Whatever happens The US Navy will not be caught napping."

September 28, 1850 - Flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the US Navy.

"Semper Fi",

Doug





Hello Ted,

About a year ago I walked into a restaurant in Oklahoma City wearing my MACON blue hat and there was a group standing in the entry way waiting on some more family members when an older gentleman saw my hat and came over to shake my hand. He was so excited to see someone from the MACON here in Oklahoma City.

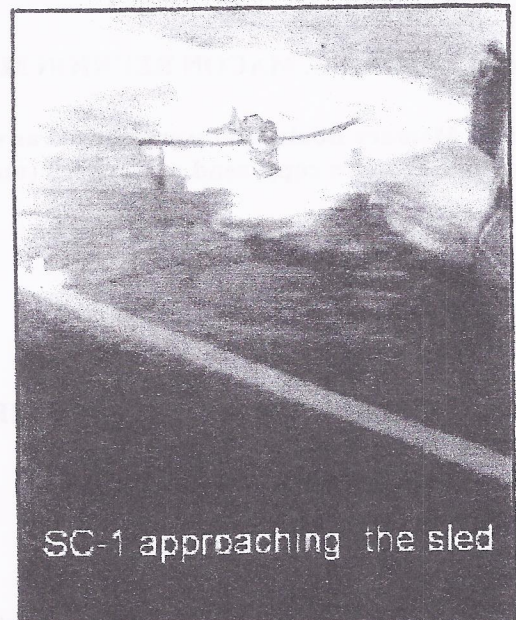
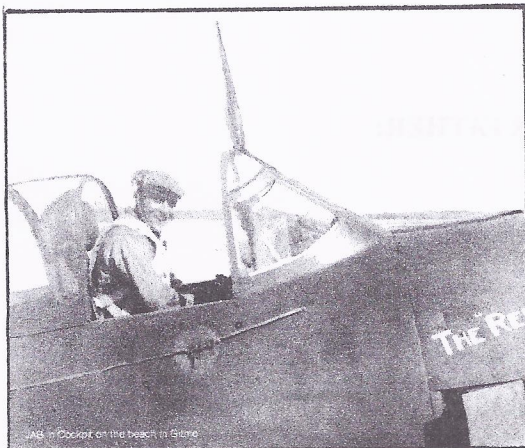
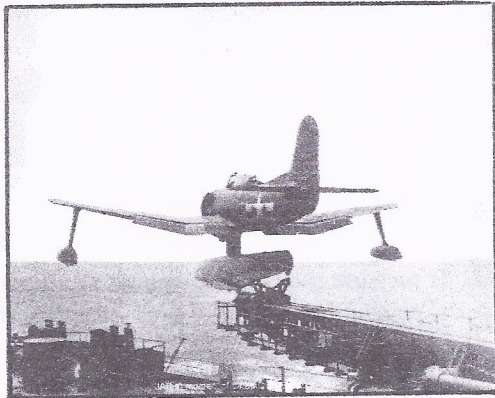
His name is John Blaschke. He was the first aviator on the Macon in 1945. Since we first met I have gotten to know him better. We are in the Senior Computer Club here in OKC. Today he sent me these photos. Thought you might like them for the MACON TIMES. John is 91, I believe, and he wants to attend the Reunion in 2012. We are planning a trip together.

John was a doctor here in OKC. He just lived a few blocks from me for years. Due to the health of his wife, he has moved into an assisted living place about one mile from my home. His phone number is 405-302-0524 and his e-mail is jablascke@aol.com.

Ted, if you want to call him feel free to. He is excited about the reunion. I think he has sent in his dues for 2012.

If you want I will get more facts and send them to you or you can call him direct.

Scenes USS Macon, circa 1945





TAPS

John R. Waller, Jr., 1951/2 Supply Div., January 26, 2011
William "Bill" Kays, Plankowner 1945 2nd & N. Div., April 28, 2011
Philip Gingrow, S-1 Div. 1950/52, August 6, 2011
Robert Rekow, Plankowner 1945/46 6th Div., September 23, 2011

Sailor Rest Your Oar
"Now the laborer's task is o'er
Now the battle day is past . . .
Father, in thy gracious keeping
Leave we now thy servant sleeping."

We are sad to report the passing of Maureen Catlin, wife for many years of our Fox Div. Shipmate, Patrick J. Catlin, November 1, 2011

If you hear of a shipmate that has passed on make sure you notify someone with the association, Secretary or Editor.

Editor's Notes:

Hope everyone has had a great "Thanksgiving" and now we have to focus on Christmas, Hanukkah, and all the other December holidays leading up to New Year 2012. Hope they are all wonderful for you.

I want to thank our Secretary, Marie, for the many hours spent checker the roster and mailing information. I think we are pretty much on the right track for having all that information correct! If you move or have any information that is new please keep Marie and I in the loop. Please keep us informed on the passing of any shipmates that you may hear about. All our information is in The Newsletter. All the dues paid dates are as good as we have.

While in charge of Radar #32 Port side Forward I had a young striker, Patrick Catlin, affectionally known to us as "Beetle Bailey". I was saddened to get the news of his wife, Maureen's, passing on November 1, 2011. Pat: all of us have you in our thoughts and prayers.

Till Next Time,
Ted the Ed

CHARLESTON, SC, MACON REUNION MEMORY BOOKS

I have 7 Memory Books that were unused as we had to have 50 printed. If anyone would like one or anybody that would like an extra copy, send me a check (made out to: USS Macon Vet's. Assn.) for \$25.00 which includes mailing costs.

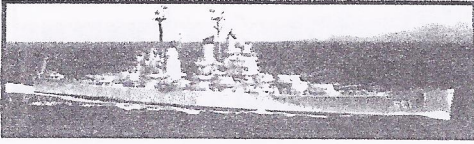
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LINDA WOOD IS LOOKING FOR ANY INFORMATION ON HER FATHER:

NOEL WAYNE WRIGHT EM2
DOB: February 23, 1923
Ft. Smith, Arkanas

Not sure exactly when he was on the Macon, but it could be between 1947 and 1950.

Please direct any replies to his daughter at : Linda Wood (woodsk8@hotmail.com).



You just have to appreciate this . . . Young people forget that old people had a career before they retired.

Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you . . . I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here, but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

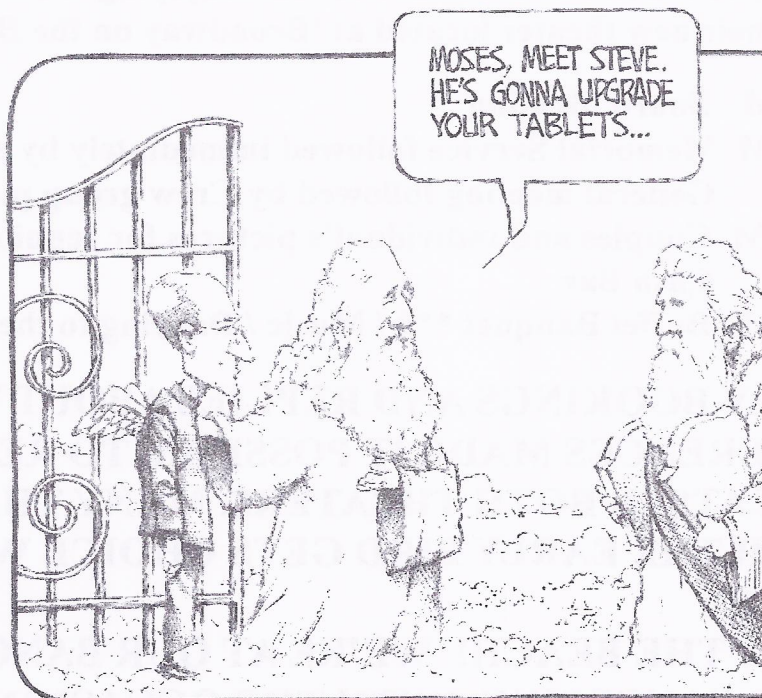
"Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear."

"Yes sir, I understand your concern and I'll try harder."

Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "It's odd, though, your coming in late. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning so late and so often?"

The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said, "Good morning, Admiral, can I get your coffee, sir?"



10 years ago the USA had Steve Jobs, Bob Hope and Johnny Cash.

Now they have no Jobs, no Hope and no Cash.



USS MACON VETERANS ASSOCIATION'S 19th REUNION - 2012

Sunday April 29th to Wednesday May 2nd

**MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
SPRINGMAID BEACH RESORT (800) 770 6835**

EVENTS PLAN:

SUNDAY 1 PM Hospitality Room open for REGISTRATION, Ship's Store and soft drinks.

6 PM "WELCOME ABOARD" PARTY in Board room.

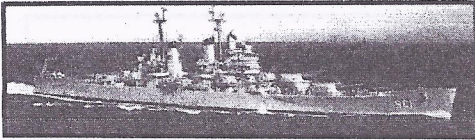
**MONDAY Beach Resort activities,- Ocean swim, Pool swim, touring, golf, miniature golf, fishing, tanning. Hospitality Room.
4:15 Stage show bus starts loading and departs at 4:30.
5:00 Bus arrives 'Giant Crab' restaurant for buffet dinner.
6:45 Bus departs for ALABAMA Theater, arrives at 7:00.
9:20 Bus returns to Springmaid Beach, arrives near 10:00.**

TUESDAY Same event plan as Monday with the show goes dining at 'Captain Bennett's' restaurant and enjoying 'LEGENDS' at their new theater located at 'Broadway on the Beach'.

**WED. 8AM Board Meeting
10AM Memorial Service followed immediately by a General meeting followed by Crew group pictures.
6 PM Couples and individual's pictures for reunion book.
Cash Bar
7PM Buffet Banquet *** / Music / Dancing to the Majiks**

YOUR EARLY BOOKINGS AND REPLIES ABOUT YOUR SHOW PREFERENCES MADE IT POSSIBLE TO RESERVE THE BEST SEATS IN BOTH THEATERS. MANY THANKS! DOWN HE'AH THE EARLY BIRD GETS CHOICE WORMS

***** WE'RE AT THE BEACH! WE'RE AT OUR BANQUET! LET'S DRESS IN KEEPING WITH THE OCCASION AND DECK OURSELVES OUT IN "DRESSY CASUAL" FINERY. THE UNIFORM OF THIS DAY IS HEREBY DESIGNATED.**



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Please complete this form and send with your check or money order, payable to the USS Macon Veteran's Association and mail it to our Treasurer's address >>>

USS Macon Veteran's Assn.
c/o Bill Hossler - Treasurer
28 Mill Valley Road
Pittsford, NY 14534 3904

Member Name _____	Guest 1 _____
Address _____	2 _____
City _____	3 _____
State, Zip _____	4 _____
Phone # _____	E Mail _____

	Number of Pers.	Price per Pers.
Registration Fee (includes Banquet) _____	X	\$125 = \$ _____
Banquet only (Wednesday evening) _____	X	60 = \$ _____
Monday Show & Dinner (Alabama) _____	X	60 = \$ _____
Tuesday Show & Dinner (Legends) _____	X	60 = \$ _____

Total Remittance = \$ _____
Enclosed

Please advise Fred Gunther if any attendee requires special meal consideration. 919-870-1453 or Fregun@aol.com.

If it is at all possible, get all of your fees in early, that is by end of January 2012. I can wheel and deal for you best if I know the numbers!



Every U.S. Navy and Coast Guard Enlisted or Mustang knows about the following:

There was a time when everything you owned had to fit in your sea bag. Remember those nasty rascals? Fully packed, one of the suckers weighed more than the poor devil hauling it. The damn thing weighs a ton and some idiot with an off-center sense of humor sewed a carry handle on it to help you haul it. Hell, you could bolt a handle on a Greyhound bus but it wouldn't make the damn thing portable. The Army, Marines and Air Force got footlockers and WE got a big ole' canvas bag.

After you warped your spine jackassing the goofy thing through a bus or train station, sat on it waiting for connecting transportation and made folks mad because it was too damn big to fit in any overhead rack on any bus, train and airplane ever made, the contents looked like hell. All your ear appeared to have come from bums who slept on park benches.

Traveling with a sea bag was something left over from the "Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum" sailing ship days. Sailors used to sleep in hammocks, so you stowed your issue in a big canvas bag and lashed your hammock to it, hoisted it on your shoulder and, in effect, moved your entire home from ship to ship.

I wouldn't say you traveled light because with one strap it was a one shoulder load that could torque your skeletal frame and bust your ankles.

It was like hauling a dead linebacker.

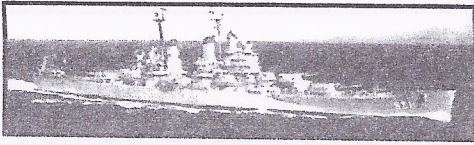
They wasted a lot of time in boot camp telling you how to pack one of the suckers. There was a officially sanctioned method of organization that you forgot after ten minutes on the other side of the gate at Great Lakes or San Diego.

You got rid of a lot of the 'issue' gear when you went to a SHIP. Did you EVER know a tin-can sailor who had a raincoat? A flat hat? One of those nut-hugger knit swimsuits? How about those 'roll-your-own' neckerchiefs . . . the ones girls in a good Naval tailor shop would cut down and sew into a 'greasy snake' for two bucks?

Within six months, EVERY fleet sailor was down to ONE set of dress blues, port and starboard undress blues and whites, a couple of white hats, boots, shoes, a watch cap, assorted skivvies, a pea coat and three sets of bleached out dungarees.

The rest of your original issue was either in the pea coat locker, lucky bag or had been reduced to wipe-down rags in the paint locker. Underway ships were NOT ships that allowed vast accumulation of private gear.

Hobos who lived in discarded refrigerator crates could amass greater loads of pack rat crap than fleet sailors. The confines of a canvas-back rack, side locker and a couple of bunk bags did NOT allow one to live a Donald Trump existence.



Space and the going pay scale combined to make us envy the lifestyle of a mud-hut Ethiopian. We were global equivalents of nomadic Mongols without ponies to haul our stuff.

And after the rigid routine of boot camp, we learned the skill of random compression, know by mothers worldwide as 'cramming'. It is amazing what you can jam into a space no bigger than a bread box if you pull a watch cap over a boot and push it in with your foot.

Of course, it looks kinda weird when you pull it out, but they NEVER hold fashion shows at sea and wrinkles added character to a 'salty' appearance.

There was a four-hundred mile gap between the images on recruiting posters and the ACTUAL appearance of sailors at sea. It was NOT without justifiable reason that we were called the tin-can Navy.

We operated on the premise that if "Cleanliness was next to Godliness" we must be next to the other end of that spectrum.

We looked like our clothing had been pressed with a waffle iron and packed by a bulldozer. But what in the hell did they expect from a bunch of swabs that lived in a crew's hole of a 2100 Fletcher Class can? After awhile you got used to it. You got used to everything you owned picking up and retaining that distinctive aroma. You got used to old ladies on buses taking a couple of wrinkled nose sniffs of your pea coat, then getting and finding another seat.

Do they still issue sea bags? Can you still make five bucks sitting up half the night drawing a ships picture on the side of one of the damn thing with black and white marking pens that drive the old master-at-arms into a 'rig for heart attack' frenzy? Make their faces red . . . the veins in their neck bulge out . . . and yell, "What in God's name is that all over your sea bag"???

"Artwork Chief . . . It's like the work of Michaelangelo . . . MY ship . . . GREAT, huh"?

"Looks like some damn comic book."

Here was a man with cobras tattooed on his arms . . . A skull with a dagger through one eye and a ribbon reading 'DEATH BEFORE SHORE DUTY' on his shoulder . . . Crossed anchors with "Subic Bay-1945' on the other shoulder . . . An eagle on his chest and a full blown Chinese dragon peeking out between cheeks of his butt . . . If ANYONE was an authority on stuff that looked like a comic book, it HAD to be the MAA . . .

Sometimes, I look at all the crap stacked in my garage, close my eyes and smile, remembering a time when EVERYTHING I owned could be crammed into a canvas bag.

(Author Unknown)

Ship's Store



USS MACON - SHIPS STORE - ORDER FORM

ARTICLE	SIZE/DESCRIPTION	COLOR	UNIT PRICE	QTY	ITEM PRICE
POLO SHIRT	* S M LG XL 2X 3X	W B	25.00	___	___
SWEAT SHIRT	* S M LG XL 2X 3X	W B R	25.00	___	___
JACKET	* INSIGNIA ON FRONT S M LG XL 2X 3X	B	70.00	___	___
JACKET	* INSIGNIA ON FRONT USS MACON ON BACK S M LG XL 2X 3X	B	90.00	___	___
USS MACON CAP	* ADULT ADJUSTABLE	W B R	15.00	___	___
MARINE CAP	* ADULT ADJUSTABLE	R	15.00	___	___
USS MACON CAP	* US NAVY INSIGNIA	W	35.00	___	___
GOLD BRAID	* MOUNTED ON CAP		10.00	___	___
CHILD'S CAP	* MY G'PA SERVED	B	15.00	___	___
ADULT CAP	* MY G'PA SERVED	B	15.00	___	___
CHILD'S CAP	* MY GRT. G'PA SERVED	W	15.00	___	___
MACON PHOTO	* 11X17 COLOR		10.00	___	___
TRAVEL MUG	* STEEL/ LONE SAILOR		20.00	___	___
PLASTIC MUG	* ASSOCIATION INSIGNIA		13.00	___	___
MINI-AFGHAN	* EMBROIDERED W/SHIP	W	30.00	___	___

PURCHASED ITEMS TOTAL _____
 SHIPPING (1 ITEM - \$5.50/2+ITEMS - \$7.50) _____
 TOTAL COST _____

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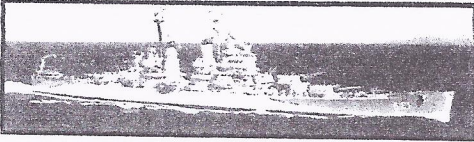
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Note: Underlined items may be viewed in detail on our web site:

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C/O Bill Hossler
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Pittsford, NY. 14534-3904

Name _____ Tele: _____
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2011 Dues: _____ - (\$20.00) 2012 Dues: _____ (\$20.00) 2013 Dues: _____
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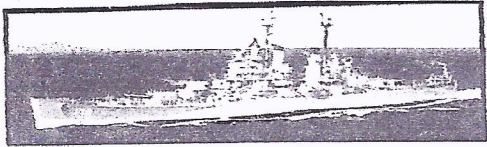
NOTICE: 2011 dues are payable on January 2, 2011, Thank you for all of you that have paid ahead and thank you for all donations.

Note: Please check mailing label on this newsletter, The date indicated after your name reflects the year that your dues is paid through. Please notify Ted Parker if the date posted is incorrect

PLEASE ADVISE OF ADDRESS AND INFORMATION CHANGES AS THEY OCCUR OR YOU MAY GET LOST !!!!!!

USS MACON VETERANS ASSOCIATION Summary Balance Sheet As of October 31, 2011

	<u>Oct 31, 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	22,879.67
Accounts Receivable	20.00
Other Current Assets	600.00
Total Current Assets	<u>23,499.67</u>
Fixed Assets	1,073.21
Other Assets	150.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>24,722.88</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	<u>24,722.88</u>
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