

This diary was written by Dr Robert H. Norris, then Assistant Professor of Geology at the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California.

I came to Scripps in February 1949 to work under Prof. Francis P. Shepard. I completed the PhD degree in June 1951 and then did what would be called today a "post-Doc" on Amer. Petroleum Inst. Project 51 involving a study of sedimentation along the coast and in the coastal bays near Corpus Christi, Texas, under the supervision of Dr. Shepard (Principal investigator). In June 1952, I joined the faculty at Santa Barbara.

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DOWNWIND CRUISE

Dec 1957 - FEB 1958

DECEMBER 24

After receiving the emergency phone call from Russ Raiff at Scripps in which he reported that we must leave for Santiago a day early, I got my things packed and with the family, went out to the Santa Barbara airport. Betsy Anne was asleep when we left and stayed home with her Grandma Marian.

We arrived only to find the plane was to be 40 min. late which permitted Donny & Jimmy a lot of time to watch the private planes landing & taking off.

At about 10 minutes to 4, my Southwest Airways plane arrived and I went aboard feeling rather glum at leaving the family in the midst of the holiday season.