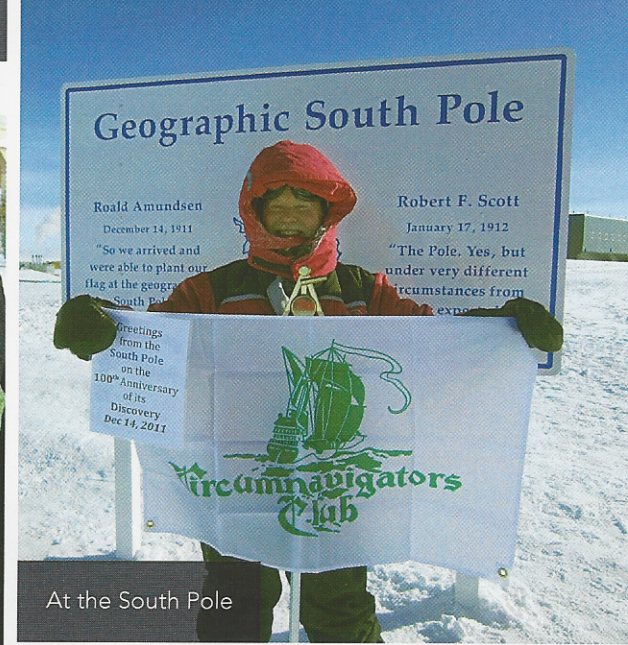


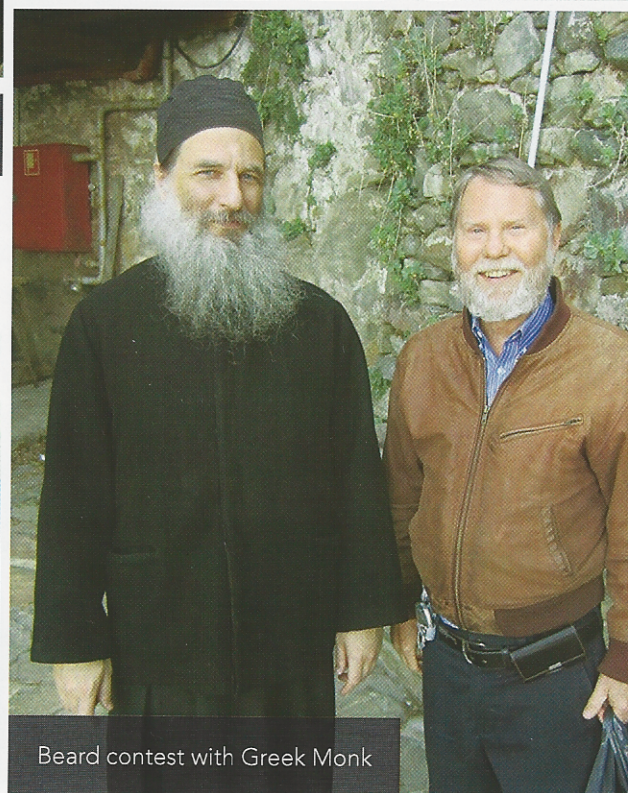
Iranian fan club



At the South Pole



Russian meets his first American



Beard contest with Greek Monk

all of it... I've spent the effort to discover something of interest in just about every place I have visited."

Don demonstrates a genuine fascination for trends from millennia ago and the ultra-modern alike. He recently was enthralled with his visit to America's "newest" UNESCO World Heritage Site, Poverty Point in Louisiana, a collection of earthworks and mounds built by cultures as early as 1700 BCE. Moments later, Don will excitedly pontificate on the mobile phone revolution -- which he calls "the biggest revolution in the world" -- or the rise of a new basketball obsession in the Caucasus.

And even in this age where we can see the most remote places on Earth via the Internet, Don cherishes "the power of seeing things first hand."

"You start accumulating just unbelievable data points, little bits of things that you're not going to read in publications. The more places you see, the more connections you can figure out and your knowledge becomes more systematic."

Don happily acknowledges that his travel record won't stand forever. But nothing can usurp the intrinsic value of his thousands of shared moments with people on every corner of the Earth.

"The feeling of being the most traveled person in human history or being the 5th or 10th most traveled person in human history is the same. So when other travelers displace me, it will not alter my feelings for the breathtaking experiences of my incredible travels."