

Tony Simmons

Worked with EO	from April 1981 (approx) to May 1984 (approx)
Age on joining EO	
Nationality	New Zealand
Role at EO	Leader / Driver
Expeditions/Brief Encounters etc. led or taken	1 x Central America southbound with Neal Inwood (San Francisco - Panama City) 1981 - full season of Peru & the Incas (Brief Encounters) 1 x Barranquilla - Rio de Janeiro southbound 1 x Rio de Janeiro - Barranquilla northbound (terminated in northern Peru due to extreme flooding)
Why did you want to work for EO?	Travel to see the world and get 'paid' while doing it!
Occupation before joining EO	Government, public service
Occupation after leaving EO	Information Technology - programmer, business analyst, project manager, IT management, Business Change specialist
Now living in	Auckland, New Zealand

Then photo(s)	Now photo(s)
	

Memories or anecdotes

Telexes.... life at the 'sharp end':

In order to send a telex when on the road, first find an EM that could use a typewriter better than I could; take said 'volunteer' along to the telex office (ice cream bribe after, of course). After EM types a tape, dial 916654 ENCOLD G and press the send button hoping to get the tape through quickly without anyone answering at EO London. Wrong, there was *always* someone at EO London, as the telex machine at the 'sharp end' immediately spat out "are you there, are you there" and of course the questions and whatever else would start from Bill, ALJ etc. However, as I had initiated the telex, the cost of this ongoing call was on my account! So in a very short time the call would *'unfortunately disconnect'* at my end and then I would wait patiently for EO London to call me back - at their cost. I remember doing this more than a few times!