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Welcome ladies and gentlemen to the glory, the suspense, and spectacular drama that we like to call ..... the STARFLEET Communique! Join with us now as we lead you through another action-packed, star-studded issue chock full of earth shattering, thought provoking STARFLEET news and entertainment, Big laughs, Big thrills, Big deal. . .

Before we can start this Big Time Thrill-A-Rama, there are a few acknowledgements that accompany this issue. Fleet personnel who contributed material for this Communique include: Captain Steven D. Stein, Admiral Christopher L. Smith, Commodore Jennifer Yates, Lt. Commander Brenda Bell, Lt. George Andres, Captain Carson Hardacre and Ensign Beth Kantrowitz. Special thanks are extended to Lieutenant Nichola Toda for her two-color cover artwork and to Captain Thomas H. Wilson for assembling this issue!

**SUBMISSIONS:** We are always in need of these! Artwork is needed and encouraged, especially for use on the cover. Awards are sent out to those whose art is chosen for the Communique cover. Articles are also high on the wanted list. If you and your chapter are hard at work on a particular project that you would like the rest of the Fleet to hear about, let us know, that's what we're here for. There wouldn't be a Communique if it wasn't for contributions from our membership. Each issue seems to feature material from the same people. There's nothing wrong with that, except that these people are being overworked. I know that there are many more talented people in the Fleet who can contribute. When submitting, please remember that we are primarily interested in articles dealing with our club, followed by informational items. Artwork should be Star Trek or STARFLEET related and since this is a news/informational publication, we just can't use any fan fiction or poetry. But!...We can use your creative writing for our National Fleet Zine that we are compiling material for. Please send all submissions to the Senior Vice Chief of Communications, RADM Tim Gillespie, 250 Sobul Ave., Akron, OH 44305-3356. And don't forget, we're still looking for an experienced 'zine editor to put the whole thing together. Send your resume to the above address.

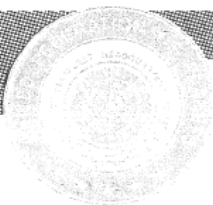
Well, that should do it for this issue. Good night and always remember to buckle up for safety.

*Buck*

Admiral William A. "Buck" Krauss  
Chief of Communications  
STARFLEET



# Newsletter Contest



THE WINNERS OF THE 1986 STARFLEET NEWSLETTER CONTEST are listed below. Judging was extremely difficult as the competition ran high. A panel of impartial judges was set up make the Herculean decisions. Winners were chosen on the basis of originality, appearance, content, and of course, the swimsuit competition.

Some of this year's winners were those who had won last year. Their quality continues to be top notch!! Congratulations and thanks to everyone who entered!

## BEST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

First Place: "Attention All Hands"/USS LAGRANGE  
(Tim Gillespie/Editor)

Second Place: "Ship's Log"/USS DEFIANCE  
(Jan Zacharias/Editor)

Third Place: "Red Alert"/USS PDLARIS  
(Jim Witt/Editor)

Honorable Mention: "Intercom"/USS EAGLE (Dail Koehler/Editor), "NCC-1728"/USS CONSTELLATION II (Robert Felker/Editor), "Southern Star-date"/Shuttle SOUTHERN STAR - USS ALAHIC (Bonita Voight/Editor)

## BEST BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

First Place: "Carolina Communicator"/USS ALARIC  
(Susan Hampton/Editor)

Second Place: "Avenger News"/USS AVENGER  
(Alex Rosenzweig/Editor)

Third Place: "Discovery Discursive"/USS DISCOVERY  
(Lora Bradley/Editor)

Honorable Mention: "Scuttlebutt"/USS SOUTHERN CROSS (Jennifer Yates/Editor)  
"Intercom"/USS ACHERNAR (Pamela DuPuy/Editor), "Wingspan"/USS KITTY HAWK (Colin McKenney/Editor), "Spectrum"/USS PATHEINDER (Ebon D'Arque/Editor)

## BEST QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

First Place: "Rainbow Bridge"/USS HIEMDAL  
(Linda Neighbors/Editor)

Second Place: "Intercom"/USS YORKTOWN  
(Cheryl Walker/Editor)

Third Place: "Highly Illogical"/USS SOL  
(Robyn Russell/Editor)

Honorable Mention: "These Are The Voyages"/USS POLARIS (Ted Tribby/Editor)  
"Interphase"/USS ENCOUNTER (Theresa Sledge/Editor)  
"Short Circuit"/Shuttle MOPLUKAI - USS HIEMDAL (Blair Wilcox Jr./Editor)

## SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

First Place: "Attention All Hands - The Anniversary Issue"/USS LAGRANGE  
(Tim Gillespie/Editor)

Second Place: "Avenger News Annual"/USS AVENGER  
(Bob Vosseller/Editor)

Third Place: "The Galactic Enquirer"/USS CONSTELLATION II  
(Robert Felker/Editor)

Honorable Mention: "Technicalities"/USS SOUTHERN CROSS (Jennifer Yates/Editor)

FLIP'S FAVE RAVE: "Tricorder Readings"/USS AVENGER  
(Jon Lane/Editor)



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"AIM HIGH, REACH FOR NEW HORIZONS. JOIN THE LAGRANGE ADVENTURE"

These words, blazoned across the front of it's information pamphlet, pretty well sum up the USS LAGRANGE, the "Pride of the Fleet", and one of the fleet's few transport class vessels. Commissioned in October 1986 (during the Still-wall administration) under the command of, then Captain Christopher L. Smith, the LAGRANGE is now well into her 5th extremely successful year of operations. Originally commanded by Capt. Chris Smith (Pres.), Cmdr. Steven D. Stein (V.F.), Lt. Cmdr. Dona Smith (Treas.), and Lt. Cmdr. Melanie Grooms [Sec.], the LAGRANGE has come a long way from its simple beginnings as a small group of Friends who started a chapter of the newly-discovered STARFLEET simply for "an excuse to get together, to wear our costumes, and have an occasional party or convention trip".

The LAGRANGE is named for the 18th-century French mathematician, Joseph-Louis Lagrange, who made many contributions to our knowledge of the solar system and, along with contemporary Pierre Laplace, dominated the spheres of mathematical and astronomical theory for many years. You may be familiar with his discovery of the Trojan Points, also known as Lagrange Libration Points. The well known space-activist organization, the L-5 Society is named for Lagrange Libration point #5, the gravitational "high ground" in the Earth-Luna system. When the crew sat down to choose a name from the Star Fleet Technical Manual those many years ago, they wanted one that indicated their interest and support of human-kind's movement into space. Besides, they couldn't spell, let alone pronounce the other nominated name, ERATOSTHENES.

Though never intending to be more than a small intimate group, the LAGRANGE quadrupled in size in its first year, and doubled that during its second, settling down to about 50 members at this writing. Feeling a responsibility to all the new people who joined the chapter, the command staff set up policies and procedures as they were needed, to cover many aspects of the chapter's operation. This allowed for smooth day-to-day operating, letting the crew concentrate on more important matters like having a good time and doing good works. Acquiring the use of a computer in their second year also helped to keep things organized.

The LAGRANGE is based in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a suburb of Akron, and holds monthly meetings at Taylor Memorial Library. They have only recently begun to charge chapter dues, after operating for over three years on donations and fund raisers alone. New members get an information packet containing their orders and position/rank assignment, as well as all the policies and procedures they need to know to be an active and valuable member of this dynamic and fun-loving group of Friends.

"We feel that chapters, of any organization, are for those who want to be active members", says Chris Smith. "Otherwise, why did they even bother joining?"

Members also receive 12 monthly issues of "Attention All Hands...", their newsletter which in 1985 was selected as the fleet's best monthly publication.

"AAH..." incidently, will soon be publishing its 50th consecutive issue, an achievements which the staff and crew are very proud of.

New members are assigned to "old hands" in the ship's new "Star Buddy" program. The program itself was started by a rookie member, Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael "Shag" Crock, to help new people through those trying and sometimes confusing first months. So many members were busy with projects and planning activities at any one time, that it became difficult to find time to help inte-

grate new recruits without some structured plan. This is an example of what now Admiral Chris Smith feels is one of LAGRANGE's greatest strengths. "The ability to work together and to adjust quickly and efficiently to changing circumstances."

Now commanded by Admiral Smith [C.D.], Captain Steve Stein [Exec], Admiral Bill Krause [Sec.] and Rear Admiral Tim Gillespie [Treas./Editor] [Comm. Grooms and Cmdr. D. Smith both stepping down to take new jobs out of town], the LAGRANGE has not yet peaked in their level of activity. LAGRANGE doesn't wait around for things to happen, they make things happen by actively pursuing their goal of good fun and good works. They treat the chapter like a business and run a tight ship. This could, some might say, stifle creativity and openness, and create a group that will get lost in a para-military fog. Nothing could be further from the truth, as their business is to have a good time in whatever it is they do, and all efforts go towards meeting those ends. These aforementioned efforts paid off in 1984 when past-Fleet Admiral Fran Booth chose the LAGRANGE as the fleet's best chapter during that year. And on November 25th, 1985, the Mayor of Cuyahoga Falls, via Proclamation, made that day "The USS LAGRANGE DAY in the City of Cuyahoga Falls", in part for being "more than just a gathering of Fans ...but rather a hard-working asset to the community, (having) not only represented the city...statewide, but nationally, and internationally...and by volunteering their time and organizational skills to fund-raising projects. . . ."



## MAYOR PROCLAIMS "LAGRANGE DAY"!



So what does this group of driven, crazed, work-aholic, trekkers do for fun? More work, of course! Not being satisfied to merely promote trekkdom on the local level, this crew has moved on to bigger things in STARFLEET. Having previously been Region 01 Vice Commander, Adm. Smith now serves as STARFLEET's second in command and Chief of Operations, Capt. Stein also serves as the Vice-Chief of Operations, Adm. Krause edits the Communique and does graphic art magic as the Chief of Communications, having previously been Vice Chief [under, now Fleet Admiral Steven Smith], and the First director of the Academy's Senior Captain's Network. RADM. Tim Gillespie serves as the Senior Vice Chief of Communications. Other LAGRANGE luminaries on the fleet's slave ship are: Capt. Thomas H. Wilson [Vice Chief of Communications], Lt. Cmdr. Marlene J. Miller [Director/STARFLEET Academy Alumni Association], Lt. Cmdr. Shirley Peters [Region 01 Chief of Communications], Lt. Nichole Toda and Petty Officer Karen Mason [Communique Staff]. Many other members of the LAGRANGE crew help out with fleet matters on a regular basis with filing, answering inquiries, and getting your Communique out to you [more or less] on time.

Okay, what do they really do for fun? You guessed it...Work! Their most satisfying efforts have been community service [and if your chapter doesn't already do any, you should start and find out what you've been missing]. STARFEST I was a science fiction festival held at, and for the benefit of the Akron Civic Theatre, a difficult to describe, beautiful, one of a kind theatre and local historical landmark in downtown Akron. The crew has answered telephones during public TV fund raising drive, collected canned food, and co-organized and help-

Ed run "STAR CHECK", a new program by the Mahoning Valley American Cancer Society to raise research funds. Nearest and dearest to their hearts has been collecting money for the Judith A. Resnik Scholarship Fund, set up by the Akron Public Schools in honor of the hometown hero who lost her life while pursuing a dream aboard Space Shuttle CHALLENGER ["We'll never forget them"]. And in pursuit of that dream they have formed the LAGRANGE Pro-Space Committee, run by Lt. [jg] Dana Myers and Ens. Rick Parker. These men head the ship's pro-space efforts.

Recently they've become involved with an organization called "The Never Ending Battle", which is working towards establishing a Superman/Science Fiction museum in Cleveland along with a major convention to celebrate the Man of Steel's 50th Anniversary in 1988. LAGRANGE is tentatively in charge of the Star Trek programming. Superman, as you may know was created by two Clevelanders, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.

Okay, so what do they really, truly do for fun?? Why...WORK...of course!! Every thing they do, they make into a good time. All that "work" is not work at all to them ["Well, maybe some of it"], it is when they have their good times. If you want to know what they do for relaxation, well that's another story. The crew does, not surprisingly, all the things most other chapters do--parties, convention trips, movie outings, picnics, etc...



Also for relaxation, there is reading [or writing for] "Off Duty", the ship's fanzine that is published when enough material accumulates.

The LAGRANGE'S dual-shuttlecraft bays have been the home port for two shuttlecraft, both which have since attained Starship status in the last year or so. They are the USS CONSTELLATION II (formerly the shuttlecraft COPERNICUS) in Paducah, Kentucky and the USS POLARIS (formerly the shuttlecraft COCHRANE) in Hamilton, Ohio. These two heavy cruisers, along with the LAGRANGE (and a shuttle carrier) are now the First Fleet Carrier Group. The FFCG, in the play aspect of STARFLEET, patrols the Federation's central sphere while (seemingly) every other ship is out patrolling some neutral zone or frontier boundary. "Hey", says Chris Smith, "someone has to be minding the store!" The three ships sealed their alliance with a three-way trip to the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton last fall. They came away from that trip with a well-learned lesson, "Never stay in a Budget!!" These LAGRANGE-trained upstarts ought to be watched closely, as they are shooting for "greatness" too.

The USS LAGRANGE, one of STARFLEET's best, is aiming high, reaching for new horizons, and is in the best sense, having a Human Adventure.

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# Escape From New York



What a thrill, what a joy, what a JOLT of excitement! The STARFLEET Eastcoast Conference was held during the weekend of January 2-4 at the New York City Creation Convention. The guests of honor for the weekend were Leonard Nimoy, Mark Lenard, and Jane Wyatt in her first ever convention appearance! That's right kids, it was the "Spock Family Reunion!" Other than the terrific guests, this was your standard Creation Con, except in New York it easily drew several thousand Science Fiction Fans. As for the dealer's room, there was well over 150 tables filled with everything imaginable. Well, so much for the convention in general.

Early in December, several of us from the STARFLEET Executive Committee were contacted about speaking at the Eastcoast Conference and talk with members throughout the weekend about all things STARFLEET. The USS AVENGER was in charge of organizing the location of the conference and STARFLEET recruiting Booths, and the USS CHISTA MCAULIFFE bravely took the financially heavy responsibility of arranging the appearance of the Executive Committee.

Although FADM Smith was not able to attend [something about having to do the dishes and mow the lawn], ADM William "Buck" Krause and myself were flown into the picturesque city of Newark, New Jersey on the 2nd by the wonderfully competent folks from People's Express [otherwise known as "Planes 'R Us"]. Upon the receipt of our luggage, it was discovered that AEM Krause's garmet bag [containing all his uniforms!!] came up missing! Try as we might, we were unable to recover the lost uniforms during the weekend. Although this remained a heavy concern during our stay [especially for Buck], we did have a great time.

Friday night, after transporting into the city, we stowed our gear and settled into very nice quarters [complete with a full kitchen, a living room, big beds, and two full baths - Now that's livin']. Those rooming in the Taj Mahal were Bill, myself, ADM Dave Ryan, CO of the MCAULIFFE, and some of his crew, Cmdr. Mike Deignan, his wife Diane, and Lt. Cmdr. Jack Eaton [also president of the Boston Star Trek Association].

A short while later, the crew of the USS AVENGER and the staff of the MCAULIFFE Shuttlecraft KONKORDIUM showed up to begin the evening's festivities. After introductions, we headed out to dine at one of Manhattan's four-star eateries known as Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers.

Dave, Mike, Diane and I headed back to our quarters as the tiresome day took its toll. The rest headed uptown to the Beatles Laser Rock Show being held at the New York Planetarium. Later that evening, when Bill and Jack returned from the show, we were surprised to hear that they had molested John Lithgow [2010, The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai] on the subway during their trip to the Lazarium. What was more surprising was that he only had five bucks in his wallet. Jeez!

The rest of the evening [until 3:00 am] was spent laughing and talking. ADM Dave Ryan [who likes to drink], finished off several gallons of Australian beer and, when the Big Time, Big Apple excitement became too much for him, he passed out on the bed. However, not to be a party pooper, Dave later rose to the occasion and entertained us all by singing the songs of the humpbacked whale. The ever-creative ADM Ryan even utilized the toilet bowl to simulate the echoing sounds of the vast ocean.

Saturday, it was rise and...well, drag ourselves over to the hotel where the convention was to take place [only a block away from our hotel]. The AVENGER and MCAULIFFE crews began to set up the recruiting table as I started off the fay on a very positive note, Cmdr. Jennifer Levine, CO of the MACILIFFE Shuttlecraft KONKORDIUM was given her promotion to captain and her crew assigned to their own Starship/chapter. Congratulations Captain Levine!

ADM Krause and myself were introduced to even more STARFLEET members and answering many questions about the organization. We also did our own damage to the dealer's room (of course, not as much as we would have liked).

After a bit of refreshing rest in our quarters, we returned to the convention and were very happy to finally meet ADM Christopher Lotito, the fourth member of the STARFLEET Executive Committee, as well as ADM Bryan Ackermann, former Executive Committee member and current Operations Advisor. Chris, Bryan, Bill and myself, along with Jack Eaton, decided to head out on the town to see some of the sites.

We stopped off at Rockefeller Plaza, strolled through Central Park to visit the hotel where "Ghostbusters" was filmed, and stopped by the Dakota building where John Lennon lived.



After lunch, we decided it was time to return to our hotel to prepare for the conference and to call and scream at the mutants at "Mr. Airplane" to see if they had any news about Bill's luggage. Loaning Bill my STARFLEET dinner jacket I clamped into my usual maroon sweat chamber. We unfortunately discovered at this time, that Cmdr. Mike Deignan (best known as Ralph), had contacted a rare stomach flu and, while we had been gone, had returned from the recruiting table to our room to pray to the ceramic god and give his rendition of the call of the whales. We left Ralph, er...uh Mike, in the care of his personal Nightingale [Diane].

The STARFLEET Conference convened at 6:30 in the upper lobby of the Penta hotel. Approximately 30 to 40 members were in attendance with representatives from the following chapters: ARGON, ASCENSION [formerly the EXPLORER], ATHENS, ATLANTIS, AVENGER, CHRISTA MCAULIFFE, LAGRANGE, and PALADIN.

General topics were discussed along with the delays in the Officer Training School [OTS]. Questions were fielded and MANY photos were taken. Also, congratulations go out to Capt. Jan Lane, Chief Science Officer of the AVENGER. He was given a promotion to captain for his outstanding work within his chapter and the Fleet by myself on behalf of the Commanding Admiral. The convention was closing down, and we all headed off to our individual quarters to prepare for a night on the town in New York City.

It was out of the sweat suit and into our civies. A quick look at Cmdr. Deignan told us he was out for the count. Meeting with some of the AVENGER crew at our hotel, we headed out to catch Star Trek IV at a local theatre. Unfortunately, at this time, we parted company with Admiral's Lotito and Ackermann who had to head back to Brooklyn. Chris and Bryan are two great guys that are a lot of fun and I hope it isn't too long before we can get together again.

Once at the theatre, we discovered that the only showing that hadn't said out was at 11:00 pm (gee, there must have been a convention in town or something). Jon Lane and some of the AVENGER crew, followed by the video camera of Adam "Spielberg" Liebowitz, took us to a very nice food flop where Huey Lewis worked as a waiter [not really].

After a refreshing recap of The Voyage Home [in Full 70mm, six channel Dolby Stereo - eat your hearts out], it was back to the con site (although the con was closed) for a brief inspection of the AVENGER quarters. Socks were unfolded, lampshades tossed about the room, and the bunks were untidy. ADM Krause and I gave the inspection thumbs up and transported back to our quarters with ADM Ryan and Lt. Cmdr. Eaton.



Once we returned, we expected to see [again], the half dead form of Cmdr. Deignan. Instead, we were surprised as Mike leaped up, bashed a lamp, threw a TV out the 14th story window and screamed "I FEEL BETTER!!" Well, maybe that is an exaggeration, but his recovery was fortunately speedy.

The rest of the night was spent drinking the soda pop obtained from an all night store at 1:30 am. In New York! That's right! [Good luck, set phasers on stun, Kirk out!].

Sunday was wind-down day. ADM Krause and I continued to answer the endless questions about STARFLEET [but that's what we were there for]. Some of us actually got to catch a few of the talks by the guests. Nimoy and Lenard were in fine form as always and Jane Wyatt looked terrific, and very interesting.

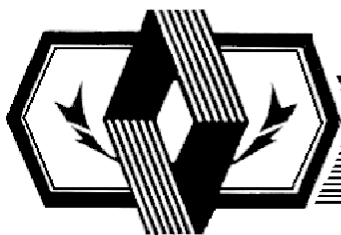
Sad farewells were said to all as we headed out on the streets of a runaway American dream. It was back to the HQ of the primitive 20th Century transport [People Express]. Uh, and yes, they finally found ADM Krause's uniforms and not a moment too soon!

We said a beerful...uhm uh...tearful goodbye to the crew of the CHRISTA MCAULIFFE and boarded our half fueled aircraft. Almost an hour later, Goobar and Gomer decided to return to top off the tank of our flying fuselage. With that done and the wing taped up nice and tight, we fell into the sky and headed home.

As we passed over Manhattan, I gazed down at the Big Apple, City That Never Sleeps, et... and was left speechless! The entire bay was filled with...no... it is! Humpbacked whales! Dave and Mike were never so embarrassed.

Both ADM Krause and myself would like to express our deep gratitude to all the STARFLEET members who made us feel very at home and showed us a great time. Our highest thanks go to ADM Dave Ryan and Cmdr. Mike [Ralph] Deignan for going above and beyond the call of duty and paying for our vacation. We owe you guys a trip to Cleveland [no, that's not a threat!].

And to all of our readers, a bit of advice if you plan on going to New York: Always remember where your money is, and NEVER take an airline with the initials "P-E". No kiddin'!



STARFLEET OPERATIONS  
ADMIRAL C.L. SMITH - CHIEF

## FLEET REPORT

As stated last issue, reports are not included in this issue since it is being published early to get back on schedule. However, I would like to welcome three new vessels to the Fleet.

USS COURAGEOUS NCC-1861 [HFII]  
Vice Admiral Michael Weisert, Commanding  
Iowa City, IA

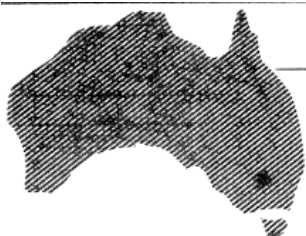
USS KONKORDIUM NCC-2106 [DNII]  
Captain Jennifer Levine, Commanding  
Fairfield, CT

USS ANUBIS NCC-586 [SII]  
Captain Katherine Osburn, Commanding  
Casselberry, FL

Congratulations to all of you!

### STARFLEET DISABLED CONSULTANTS PROGRAM:

This new department has now been opened to bring disabled STAFFLEET personnel together under a common goal: communication. Share your experiences with those of others facing life with a limitation. Ship to ship newsletter exchanges, pen-pal listings, club and Star Trek news will be available to all who wish to join. Please write and become active in some Trek fun, meet people and make new Friends! Write to: Captain Carson J. Hardacre, 4125 Pacific Ave., Alameda, California 94501. Please include a SASE when writing.



# Time-Warped Convention

Now is the time For the official report on the Time Warped Convention, as seen From the USS SOUTHERN CROSS.

The dust has settled, the lost sleep has been regained and we have all returned to the reality of life, removed From the rarified atmosphere of a Star Trek Convention.

It has been reported elsewhere as a resounding success for the USS SOUTHERN CROSS. But before we go into that aspect of the con, let us look at some of the statistics which reflect the official position on the convention. A total of 200 full members were involved in the convention, but the number of day memberships reached 2000 early on Monday. No official financial statement has been forthcoming, but with those numbers, I am certain that we can say that the First Time Warped Convention was a success.

The USS SOUTHERN CROSS supplied a highly motivated Security Team, and whilst many attending the con might have said "what security?" nothing went missing, everyone was where they should have been when they should have been there. So my reaction is that we were the perfect Security Team, we may not have been seen or heard, but we were truly successful. And we have been asked to do it again. So we must have done something right.



PICTURED (L-R): JENNIFER YATES, SHEELAGH BUTLER, WALTER KOENIG, STEVEN ANDREWWS, TOM HARRISON, SUSAN PRINCE, MAVIS YATES, ALAN YATES JR., ANDREW SCOTT

The SOUTHERN CROSS's high profile and the 'STARFLEET is Recruiting' desk resulted in us receiving over fifty requests for membership information. The relevant material has been dispatched to all who have requested it. At the time of writing, four new members have indicated their monies are en route to the USA and they will be joining SOUTHERN CROSS once they get the good word from the Admiralty. We also sold subscriptions to our various magazines.

That is enough praise For SOUTHERN CROSS. why was the convention such a success?

Its success was due, in no small way to the Guest Of Honour Walter Koenig! The SOUTHERN CROSS Security Team spent many hours with Mr. Koenig, and we found him

To be a delightful individual with a quick sense of humour and a long-suffering understanding of the antics of fandom.

Walter's wife, Judy Levitt [an actress in her own right] and his daughter Danielle were also charming assets to the con. Many members had the opportunity to discuss life in the USA and life in the shadow of Star Trek with these delightful ladies.

The famous Koenig/Chekov debate was a highlight of the convention for me. Then to see the SOUTHERN CROSS Security Team man-handle Walter from the stage was a lot of fun. But every time Walter spoke, there was some entertaining aspect of Star Trek being revealed. It was always standing room only every time he addressed the con.

A highlight of Walter's activities for the SOUTHERN CROSS was a reenactment of that famous scene from ST-TMP. In the original, Mr. Spock asks Mr. Chekov's permission to come aboard. As we all knew, Spock pushes past Chekov and heads for the bridge long before Chekov can get his lines out. Well, in the Aussie version, Mr. Chekov asked [at the top of his Russian voice] for permission to board the MV SOUTHERN CROSS. With the honour guard standing at attention [full presidential honours - are you kidding??] permission was granted by both the Captains of MV and USS SOUTHERN CROSS. All we can say is that Admiral Kirk trains his officers well. No sooner had the first "Permission..." passed my lips, than Mr. Koenig was striding up the gang-plank and he was aboard before the camera shutters could click...

I am sure that I speak for all who attended the convention when I say simply, "Thank You Mr. Koenig!"

I am looking forward to the next Time Warped Convention. I am sure that the lessons learnt at the last one will make the next con an even greater success!

# STAR TREK

## THE NEXT GENERATION

Here is the latest news and rumors we have concerning the new Star Trek series set to premiere this fall. Please realize that some of this is just preliminary information and things could change by the time the series actually starts filming.

STAR TREK - THE NEXT GENERATION will take place some 150 years after the original five-year mission of the first series. It will revolve around the crew of the USS ENTERPRISE, NCC-1701-G, a latter day starship, 2 to 3 times the size of the original Enterprise. The ship will be primarily a research vessel with a much more varied crew which could include whole families. The series will center around a basic core group of 5-7 characters who will be led by a female Captain. Their mission will be primarily exploratory, but also to improve and defend the quality of life in the galaxy [evidently some modifications will be made to the Prime Directive]. The ship will still be under the jurisdiction of Star Fleet and the United Federation of Planets.

So as not to conflict with the adventures continuing in the motion picture series, there will be no appearances by descendants of Kirk, Spock, McCoy, etc. Also, there will be no Vulcans, Romulans, or Klingons this series either [!]

Production on the new series is scheduled to begin in April for its debut this fall. The show will be syndicated, with those stations currently running 'Star Trek' given first shot on obtaining the new show. There will be 26, hour-long episodes produced.

Gene Roddenberry returns as Producer, along with David Gerrold as Creative Consultant. Other returning veterans include D.C. Fontana, Bob Justman and Eddie Milkis. Roddenberry states that the series will center on the issues of the 80's and 90's in much the same manner as the original series commented on the events of the 60's.

Though the articles in this publication usually deal directly with Star Trek, the recent release of Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home has provided me with the opportunity to present a far more important subject: the extinction of species. All of us who believe in the beautiful fiction of Star Trek must first face the facts of reality. Many species of this planet have already become or will soon become extinct due to the selfish actions of a particularly egotistical fellow species, Homo sapiens. Spock says that "to drive another species to extinction is not logical." It is also immoral and, to me, unthinkable. Every creature has an intrinsic right to exist, and man is denying them that right.

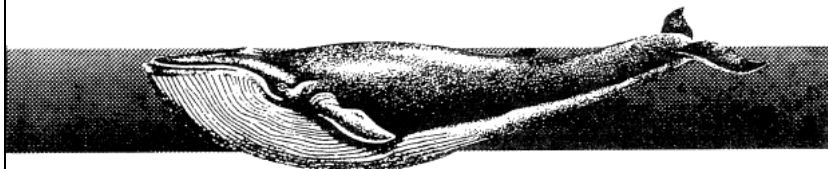
What follows is an essay I wrote over a year ago, long before the topic of: endangered species ever became associated with Star Trek. My purpose is simple. I have seen people all over the country and the world, united by the ideals of Star Trek, and willing to fight for their belief in these ideals. But if we don't turn that power toward preserving the existence of species on this planet, there will never be a world in which the dream of Star Trek can exist. With this essay, written from my own heart, I hope to touch your hearts, and perhaps inspire you to care as much for the very real present as you do for the future. Please open your minds and your hearts, and read on:

## BRINK

Go to the zoo one day. Take an animal, any animal, and look into its eyes, and wonder. Do they know? Does the pretty tiger yawning in its cage know what man has done? Think, with your- highly evolved, reasoning mind, what it would be like to be that tiger. How would it feel to know that you might be the last of your kind to walk this Earth? How would it feel to see the humans laugh and smile, as your kin vanish into forever?

Use the tiger's mind, the primal brain unspoiled by intelligence, to see the world that man has made. Or rather, that man has unmade. Think of the Earth as it once was. Green as far as the eye could see, creatures too numerous to count. What's that you say? There are animals here that you've never seen before? That's a passenger pigeon, and over there, a dodo bird. Do you like what you see? I thought you would.

Now watch as I remove, one by one, the creatures your children will never see. It will take some time; there are so many. Now what? Why do you say "stop?" I only took the chimpanzee. You know, the one you look at and exclaim "so human," yet mercilessly slaughter like all the others. It is not near his time to go. He was supposed to stay for a few million years--learning, growing, and living. But, thanks to man, he's leaving now.



I must stop talking, must work faster, if I'm to even try to demonstrate the speed at which these species will depart. The other apes are going too. And the eagles, and giraffes, and mighty whales. Creatures of air, of land, of sea. The stuff of children's fairy tales. What will you tell them now? How will you describe to your children the wonders of an Earth they'll never see? I'm sure you'll think of something. You always do.

What's that? The picture's growing dim? I know. Don't look so surprised, Did you think you could remove piece after piece of this world's foundation and not have it topple? Yes, this Earth is dying. Slowly, painfully dying. Don't act so panic-stricken. Not in your lifetime, or your children's, if you're lucky. But without the diversity that was its heart and strength, our world is doomed to die. You're crying? How can that be? It's your fault, you know. You, and your kind. Besides, tigers can't cry. Physically, at least. Inside, I'm sure, their hearts do cry.

Watch closely, as the light grows ever fainter, and the animals say their last goodbyes. I'll take the lion in his sleep, for he's too proud to watch his own end. See all the power and grace of the big cats vanish with a wave of my hand.

The cheetah, the leopard, the mountain lion... Shall I go on? You know what comes next. He's right over there, beside the polluted river. Yes, the tiger. I'm taking him now. It hurts, doesn't it?

I think it's time to go back to the zoo. You're back in your cage now. The humans are still laughing and smiling. You want them to stop? They won't. They haven't seen what you've seen. They haven't felt what you will feel.

Tune into the tigers' thoughts, the thoughts you share. What do you feel? Despair, yes, and hopelessness. What else? Pain? I didn't expect that, but I understand. Could you bear it, knowing you were the last of your kind? Lonely, isn't it? Terribly, horribly lonely. What? Your tiger's sight begins to fade? His heart, to slow its beating? Try to help him hold on! Tell him he's the last! Tell him he can't die! He won't listen? I'm sorry. Sorrowful than you could ever know. Don't worry about yourself. When he goes, you'll be free.

It is done. The last tiger lives no more. No tiger will ever live again. Yes, you cry. Cry until you think you can't cry anymore, then begin all over again. Cry to ease your own guilty heart, but let me tell you one thing. All the tears in the world cannot help the tiger now. No mortal act, can restore him. You'll have to live with that. The tiger can't.

Before you go, I want to apologize. I realize that you as an individual are not guilty of these heinous acts, but those who are the culprits would not have listened. I needed you, one of these rare human beings with both a conscience and a soul. Do something for me. Take what you have learned today. Take it, and use it. What I showed you was a piece of the future. It may have been written in blood, but it was not carved in stone. It can be changed, you can change it. It is your duty as a human being, as a creature of this Earth.

I wish you all the luck in the world.

Here are the names and addresses of a few of the organizations to which you can write for information about endangered species and what you can do to help:

Animal Welfare Institute  
P.O. Box 3650  
Washington DC 20007

Animal Protection Institute of America  
5894 South Land Park Drive  
P.O. Box 22505  
Sacramento, CA 95822

National Wildlife Federation  
Dept. 105  
1412 16th St., N.W.  
Washington DC 20036

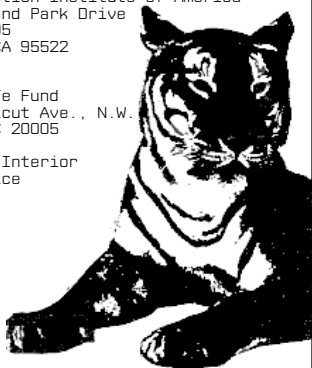
World Wildlife Fund  
1601 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
Washington DC 20005

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Washington DC 20240

If I have changed just one mind, then I know that I have done something to make this world a better place. Thank you very much for listening.

Live Long and Prosper,

Beth Cheryl Kantrowitz  
USS AVENGER



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FLEET ART

LT. GEORGE ANDRAS



## WHO WILL BE Chapter OF THE Year?

BY CAPT. STEVEN STEIN

As you read this, the 1986 Chapter of the Year selection process is underway. All STARFLEET Command-Division personnel were recently informed of the details via the division newsletter, "General Orders". The selection process was devised by myself and approved by Commanding Admiral Steve Smith. I will be the officer coordinating the search.

Chapter Commanding Officers, Regional Coordinators, Operation's Sector Chiefs, and the Executive Committee will all be directly involved in the selection. This is, briefly, how the new chapter of the year will be chosen: Chapter CO's will be making written recommendations to their regional and sector chiefs as to why they feel they're the best and what other chapter in their region is deserving, besides themselves. This allows each chapter at least one opportunity to have their "horn blown". Together, the region and sector chief will select a Regional Chapter of the Year for their respective commands. These selections are to be completed by February 21st, 1987, and the results passed on to the project co-ordinator. At this point, the regional winners will be announced to the fleet in the Communique, and the winners will be contacted by mail or phone by myself. These winners are now eligible for the overall honor.

Step two of the selection process begins with regional coordinators writing a report on their regional winner stating why that chapter should be Chapter of the Year. These reports will be sent to all Sector Chiefs and Executive Committee members. These officers will then make their recommendations to Fleet Admiral Smith, who will make the Final selection early in the Spring.

Only chapters 1-year old or older as of Jan. 1, 1986 are eligible. Younger chapters, Fear not!! All chapters 1-year old or less as of December 31, 1985 will be eligible for the Rookie of the Year award which will be selected by a similar process as above. And realizing that there are many chapters doing outstanding work that deserves recognition by all, we will also be awarding honorable mentions.

To all the chapters of the Fleet, continued success and the beat of luck to you. And remember, life is not same contest to be won, but it is important work to be done together with our fellow human beings.

# CONVENTIONS

FUTURE CON 87 (Mar. 6-8, 1987), Ramada Hotel, Dallas, TX Guests include: Robin Curtis, Bruce Hyde, Astronauts Alan Bean add Owen Garriott, C.J. Cherryh, Robert Vardemen, G. Harry Stine (Lee Corey), Freak Kelly Freas, Bjo Trimble. Memberships are \$19 until Feb. 15th, \$23 at the door. For more information write: FUTURE CON, PO Box 291, Lewisville, TX 75067.

EQUICON 87 (April 17-19, 1987), Sheraton Universal Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. A Science Fiction/Fantasy media convention with Film industry guests, workshops, previews, art show, dealers room, exhibits, masquerade, auctions, and films. For more information write: EQ 87, PO Box 36789, Los Angeles, CA 90036-0789

MOC 2 (Magnum Opus Can 2) (Mar. 27-29, 1987), Columbus Iron Works and Convention Center, Columbus, GA. Guests include DeForest Kelley, Jimmy Doohan, George Takei, Patrick Troughton, Louise Jameson, Allen Dean Foster and many others. Dealers room, Masquerades, Talent Show, Filksinging, Con Suite and Knife-Throwing (no lie!). Membership rates: \$20 until 12/21/86, \$25 there after. \$30 at the door. Convention rates available at three different hotels. Write for more information: MOC2, 4315 Pio Nono Avenue, Macon, GA 31206.

NORWESCON'S ALTERNACON (Mar. 25-29, 1987), SeaTac Hyatt Hotel, Seattle, WA. A Science Fiction/Fantasy convention featuring workshops, art show, dealers room, masquerade, Stardance, gaming, Hospitality and Fan rooms, and 20-hr. video programming. Memberships: \$25 until Mar. 1, 1987, \$30 at the door. Hotel rates: \$59 a night-flat rate. \$3 off convention rates for Northwest Science Fiction Society Members. For more information write NORWESCON'S ATC, PO Box 24207, Seattle, WA 98124.

MARCDN 22 (May 8-10, 1987), Radisson Hotel, Columbus, OH. A Science Fiction/Fantasy convention. Guests include Michael Kube-McDowell and Juanita Coulson. Dealers Room, Masquerade, Writers workshops, art show, films, gaming and filksinging. Memberships are \$18 until April 11, \$20 thereafter. Hotel rates are \$49 per night. For more information write: MARCON 22, P.O. Box 14078, Columbus OH 43214-0078.

STARFLEET I - THE CONVENTION (June 5-7, 1987). The Executive Inn, Paducah, KY. A Star Trek/Science Fiction convention featuring special guests Gene Roddenberry and Jean Lorrah (more guests to be announced). Dealers room. Masquerade. Video-programming, the world Famous Tribble Breeding competition and.....

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Memberships for STARFLEET I are \$35. For more information, write: STARFLEET I-THE CONVENTION, 3131 Delaware St., Paducah, KY 42001.

USS ENCOUNTER will be serving as host STARFLEET Chapter aboard the S.S. Emerald Seas for the special Star Trek Cruise (TREKKRUISE EAST) of May 15-18, 1987 out of Miami. We will assist in coordinating STARFLEET activities on board and will help members with any problems that might arise. Members going on this cruise are invited to write me with any questions and suggestion about these activities. A SASE would be appreciated and stateroom number would be helpful. (I'll Be in TOPAZ 107). Captain David J. Smith, USS ENCOUNTER, 1721 NW 45th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309.

For information regarding tickets and reservations for this cruise and TREKKRUISE WEST out of Los Angeles (Sept. 11-14, 1987), write to TREKKRUISE EAST, WEST, Cruise World Reps., 11656 Turkey Lake Road, Orlando, FL 32821 (enclose SASE).

