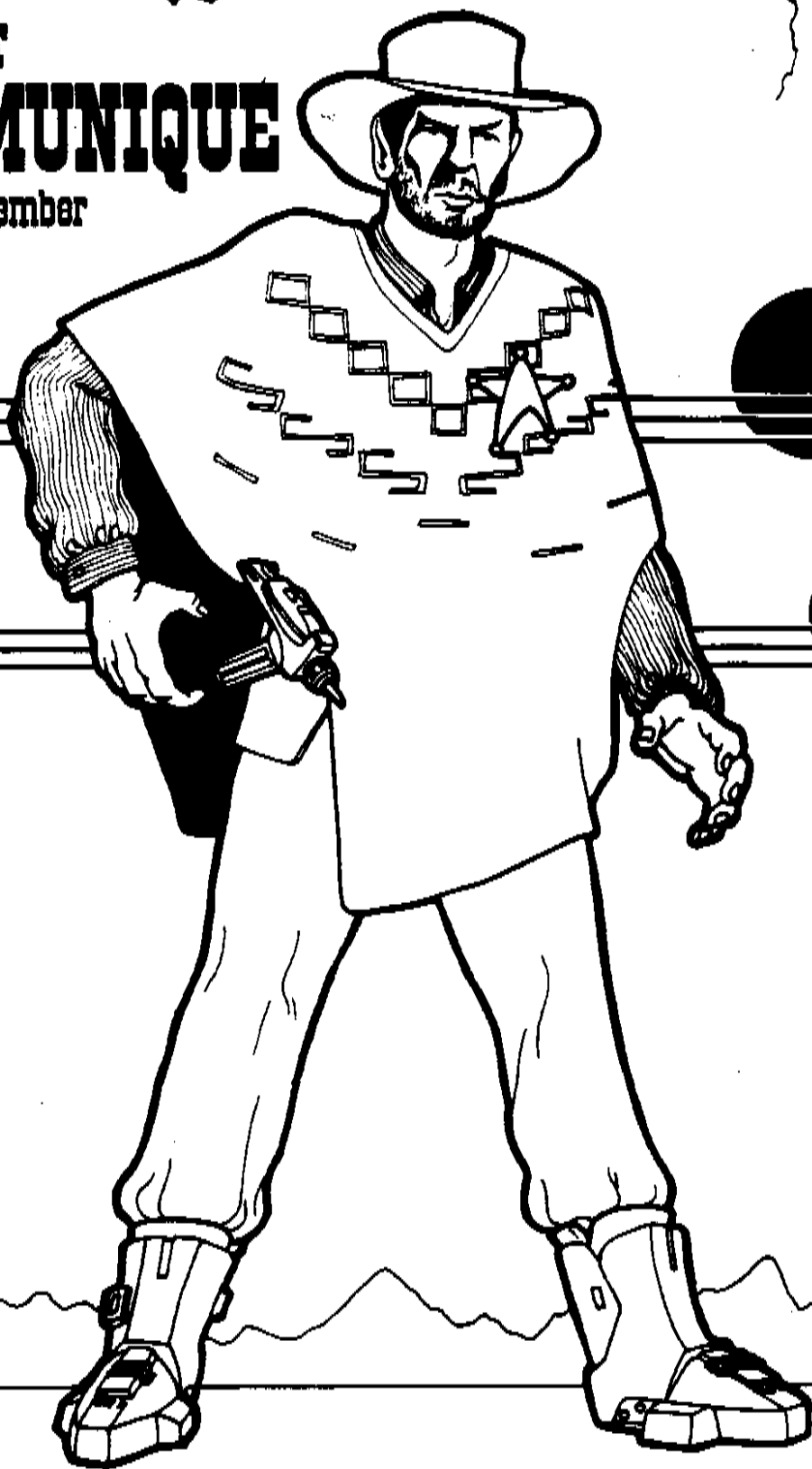


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# STARFLEET HEADQUARTERS

## ROB LERMAN COMMANDER, STARFLEET

We're now entering the eighth month of our administration, and I'll be the first to admit that we've missed some of our targeted goals. At a recent Admiralty Board meeting at the National Convention, the members present discussed various issues that will help put us back on track toward reaching those goals. The AB appointed JAG officer Gary Decker as the primary drafter of the revised STARFLEET Constitution/By-Laws. Any comments, suggestions, or questions should be directed to Gary not later than September 30th. The final draft of the revision will be voted on by the Admiralty Board by October 31st. Gary will keep us updated on his progress through the Communiqué and Fleet status Update. Financial matters were also discussed by the Admiralty Board, and with the help of Cindy Krell and Sue Hampton, we now have most of the financial records (syll missing are ledger books and auditor's reports, which Gary has requested.) One of the biggest surprises found among the financial records was numerous checks from members that were never cashed or deposited. Since these checks are over six months old, we have been advised by our bank to request replacement checks. Shortly, letters will be going out to affected members. As you can see, it seems like whenever you get things back in control, someone throws a wrench into it!



Many things have been accomplished so far: Memberships are being processed faster; the Fleet Division Chief (FDC) program is underway; the Awards Program is almost on-line (except for funding); and the Fleet membership is growing both in the United States and Internationally. We now have a new region comprised of the New England states. Region 15's coordinator, Alan Ravitch, has many new and exciting ideas for the area. During the recent National Convention at Tex-Trek, the Admiralty Board convened for the first time for a very productive meeting, our goal is to look toward the future, to make Fleet a strong and healthy organization, to put aside past problems and personality conflicts. Each one of us has weaknesses and strengths. Let's work together to build on our strengths and to overcome our weaknesses by supporting each other with a common goal in mind.

Congratulations to Sarah Peugh and her Tex-Trek '93 staff for a wonderful and exciting convention. Even though I didn't get to see too much of the convention, I did get to meet many members who I only know through voice and letter. To me, that alone made the entire weekend worth the trip! Many thanks also to Region 03 Coordinator Bill Scwab and VRC Danny James for all their help in making this event so successful. Clayton Melanson, Chief of Computer Ops, not only sold membership packets, but also updated the Fleet database as memberships were sold! Way to go, Clayton! Clayton also was kind enough to invite us to spend our last night in Texas at his home (although his dog probably wondered why he had to spend the night in the backyard.) A special thanks also goes out to Elizabeth Weber, who volunteered for a very important away mission (to purchase diapers for Timmy). Kim and I had a great time and are looking forward to next year's National Con in Orlando, and hope to see many old and new friends there, too.

As summer slowly turns into fall, let us remember those who lost most or all of their possessions during the Great Flood. Please do whatever you can to help out. The local Red Cross or Salvation Army can always use donations of money or canned food for this and future disasters. Sometimes we need to step back from our "fantasies" and focus on reality. The spirit of Star Trek is a giving one, and this is a great opportunity to keep that spirit alive...



## ANITA DAVIS VICE COMMANDER

Greetings once more from the Vice Office. I am very pleased to state that we have received the financial records of STARFLEET. It was a matter of great concern for many. Several people have, asked if it was necessary to comment on records in the previous Communiqués. My reason for doing so was in recognition of my position of trust, that required that the membership be kept apprised of what was transpiring. The financial

records and financial status of STARFLEET are not the private property of any Fleet Admiral; they belong to the membership. And the membership not only has the right, but an obligation, to demand an accounting of what is and has been done with their dues and donations. After all, by conservative estimates STARFLEET's income since 1989 has totalled nearly a quarter of a million dollars, and that, ladies and gentlemen, requires responsible and accountable bookkeeping. I look forward to financial reports in future issues of the Communiqué, and now we can close the books on this subject. Thank you to all for your patience.

On the matter of the revision of the Constitution, I have not been able to present to you a revised Constitution to be reviewed for acceptance or rejection. The Constitution Committee comprised of attorneys Akins and Decker, and myself, with the Fleet Admiral providing regular input, worked for five months and through several rewrites of a 16-page document. Copies of the proposed changes were also sent to all members of the Executive Committee for their comments and suggestions. In mid-May, one of the attorneys decided that the proposal should be constructed in an entirely different direction than what had been worked out in the proceeding months. A drastic turn about such as was proposed of course meant the six-months deadline set in our platform would probably not be met. What had been decided at that time was that Gary would take not only the articles in the proposal that the Committee had developed, but other items proposed, compile them, and put them into order as the By-Laws and Operating Policy for STARFLEET. The Admiralty Board present at Tex-Trek after reviewing all the documents also voted to have Gary do the compilation. So please send you suggestions to Gary, not me.

What has also stirred much comment from the last Communiqué was my closing paragraphs on the Klingons. Some people have expressed objections to my words. Many feel that the vice Admiral's report is no place for levity, and certainly not for jokes about fictional characters. A few have gone so far as to say that I am trying to start a war with the Klingons. There were, of course, an equal number of letters saying that my words made for a good laugh. That it was nice to see that 'the brass' can make light of things. The comments received were diverse, just as STARFLEET is diverse.

My words first off were for fun; I make no apologies, nor do I promise not to make similar jokes. Yes, I am Vice President of STARFLEET, but that does not require the surrendering of free speech and conformity to others view of what Star Trek is. We all interact and perceive Star Trek differently.

Our club is not homogenous. STARFLEET has such fictional races as Andorlons, Bajorans, Romulans, Orions, Vulcans, Klingons, fusions of each, and even some Wookies. It extends from TOS and flows from there. There are those of us who enjoy the Fleet as members of the 'Cartwright Faction,' it's fun. The Fleet Admiral is not of the Cartwright Faction. He is of the Next Generation, in which there is an alliance with the Klingon Empire. We do not place one time-line above any other, All are accepted equally.

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# COMMUNICATIONS

V A D M T I M G I L L E S P I E • D I R E C T O R

Yow! Response to the last few Issues of the *Communiqué* has been nothing short of unbelievable, and this issue is no exception. The number of submissions is absolutely staggering, making this issue our biggest *Communiqué* ever. Thanks to all of you who have kept a steady stream of articles and news items coming our way. It helps keep the *Communiqué* lively and interesting and it also makes our job a lot easier.

This Issue contains our coverage of the STARFLEET International Conference at Tex-Trek in July. Thanks to our Region Three Correspondent, Mark Vinson, for coordinating the series of articles on this year's Fleet conference. The cover of this issue is by Shane Johnson, the author/artist of such Trek reference books as *Mr. Scott's Guide to the Enterprise* and *Worlds of the Federation*. This particular piece was commissioned especially for the convention and appears herewith Mr. Johnson's kind permission. We also wish to thank Sarah Peugh and her excellent Tex-Trek staff for a great convention. I had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting some terrific Fleet members from all over the country. One particularly memorable moment occurred at the Friday night opening ceremonies. Rob Lerman and myself were asked to join a local dance troupe on-stage for an inspirational dance routine. Both of us are graduates of the Jerry Lewis School of the Dance, and we conducted ourselves appropriately. I've heard that those girls' feet are healing nicely and that as soon as the casts come off they'll be up and dancing again in no time.

Here are a few things I'd like to cover this time: **SUBMISSIONS:** Please try to type or print your submission as clearly and legibly as possible. Be sure to write your name and address somewhere on your article as envelopes are usually separated from your work in our office. If you send us your submission on disk (which really, really saves us valuable typing time) be sure you label the disk with your name and the type of software used. We can translate many types of software, but remember, we're not playing Stump the Computer Expert. This is an exhibition, not a competition. If you're not using WordPerfect, PLEASE include an ASCII text file, too. Also, when sending disks, please package it securely and label the package as containing a computer disk. We have received a number of damaged and unreadable disks (and, by the way, 5 1/4" disks are not only cheaper, but they seem to innately the rigors of a journey through the postal system better). And when sending something always include a hard copy of your article as well, just in case something happens.

**CLASSIFIED ADS:** Some of you were evidently confused by a blurb in our last issue concerning

advertising in the *Communiqué*. Classified ads (which are free to STARFLEET members) should be sent to the *Communiqué* address. Inquiries about display ad rates should be sent to our marketing whiz, Michael Sawczyn at the Public Relations office. Both of these addresses are on page 2 of this issue.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please do not send address changes to the *Communiqué* office. We do not have access to the Fleet Membership database and cannot make any changes at the *Communiqué* office. Please send corrections/changes to either Fleet HQ or the Chief of Computer Operations. That address is:

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Also, please note that there is a new address for you to send your memberships and membership renewals. This address is:

STARFLEET Membership Processing  
P.O. Box 172375  
Arlington, TX 78003-2375

**HISTORY OF STARFLEET:** The first installment of this six-part series was scheduled to appear in this issue. We decided to pull it for revisions at the eleventh hour. This series requires an amazing amount of detective work since virtually no records or accounts of our early days exist. Although part one of the history was written, a few hereto unavailable sources have opened up for us in the past few weeks which have enabled us to make a more complete and accurate account of our organization's early days. This much-anticipated series should debut next Issue.

**NEWSLETTER CONTEST:** we finally have the results of the 1992 newsletter contest. The winning publications were selected from newsletters sent to us by the previous *Communiqué* staff. Only newsletters with a 1992 cover date were used. Both of our judges have a longstanding relationship with STARFLEET, fandom and fan publishing. They were Tony Isabella and Robert Ingersoll. Tony is a former Marvel Comics editor who has written for many Marvel and DC Comics titles including *Spider-Man*, *Captain America*, *Moonknight*, *Hawkman* and *Star Trek*. Tony also publishes his own APA-Zine and is currently writing *Satan's Six* for Topps Comics. Bob Ingersoll is an assistant public defender for the city of Cleveland, Ohio and also writes for innovation Comics. His credits include *Lost in Space*, *Quantum Leap*, *Hero Alliance*, and *Green Hornet*. His syndicated column "The Law is A Ass" appears in the Comics Buyers Guide. Both Tony and Bob have stories in the upcoming *Star Trek Special* from DC comics. Thanks to them for stepping in with their evaluations.

The results of the newsletter contest were

announced at Tex-Trek and a list of the winners appears elsewhere in the issue. This year's contest was put together under difficult conditions and we will be revising the criteria for the 93 contest. Watch this space for more details.

That's all for this issue. Keep flooding us with submissions, and thanks for all the nice letters of support. Amy and I are having a blast doing the CQ and we appreciate everyone's help. See you next issue!

Tanam Shud!

## 1992 STARFLEET Newsletter Winners

### Best Overall Newsletter First Place

Czar'ak Log - *USS Czar'ak*

### First Runner-Up

Immortal Lines - *USS Christa McAuliffe*

### Honorable Mention

Arrow of Centaur - *USS Sagittarius*

Hailing Frequencies - Shuttle *IDIC*

Tikopai X-Press - *USS Tikopai*

### Best Design

Czar'ak Log - *USS Czar'ak*

### First Runner-Up

Stardate - *USS Jamestown*

### Best Chapter News

Czar'ak Log - *USS Czar'ak*

### First Runner-Up

Star Gazette - *USS Stargazer*

### Best Trek News

Immortal Lines - *USS Christa McAuliffe*

### First Runner-Up

Avenger News - *USS Avenger*

### Best Pre-Election Coverage

Alert 5 - *USS Challenger*

### Best Individual Journalism

Gateway - *USS Guardian*

Hailing Frequencies Open -

Shuttle *Prometheus*

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# SUBSPACE COMMUNICATIONS

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Greetings to Fleet! Responses to Subspace Comms' invitations for participants is very positive! To date I've heard from Starship chapters in Texas, Maryland, Missouri, California, and from the United Kingdom (specifically, Scotland!). The refit is almost totally finished, and the hard work lies ahead -- establishing SRP's (Subspace Relay Platforms) in all STARFLEET Regions, manned by a Liaison (volunteer) who will help communicate into, data, and items of interest going on in the respective Regions and states, The Liaison is the backbone of this newly-built Subspace Relay network, so if you would like to man a SRP, contact me.

After careful consideration its been decided to offer the STARFLEET Pen-Pal Directory FREE OF CHARGE to Starship and Shuttle chapters. But, the requests for said Directory *must* come from the Chapter CO and should come with a SASE. The Subspace Comms packets will be a separate effort, aimed at helping chapters utilized the packets as Community Service Projects. Please allow 4-6 weeks for packets to arrive. Members is \$10.00, Please make checks/money orders out to me.

Membership in Subspace Comms entitles the new member to the following:

- 2-Year subscription to Subspace Comms

newsletter - *The Comm Panel*

- Subspace Comms Military Mail Project
- Amnesty International Mail Project with advisory suggestions
- Starlight/Make-a-Wish Foundation Mail Project with advisory suggestions
- STARFLEET Pen-Pal Directory

I'm waiting to hear from you and your Starship! Shuttlecraft Chapter.

The Honor is to Serve! Consider: Your SRP could be the Uplink in your area, and remember, our hailing frequencies are always open to you!



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

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## *Make it so; Making a Difference*

The term "Community Service" has always seemed so self-explanatory: To help serve those in your area. Some new recruits on the block (probably still wet behind their possibly pointed ears), have discovered a way to extend their service literally around the world.

Becky Thane (pronounced *Tawny*), XO of the new Starship *Infinity* (just commissioned at Tex-Trek!) based in Waco, Texas (talk about an area that needs some good press!), writes her group has discovered a way any ship can serve those people who serve our country.

Coupons use in the United States has exploded. Millions of people every day use coupons to save money on everything from food stuffs to toiletry items. Even more coupons are thrown in the trash. Its also no secret that the United States military doesn't pay that well (Vice Admiral Gillespie wants to point out that STAFLEET pay could possibly stand some review, also). Coupons are accepted at the PX, are accepted six months past the expiration date and sometimes at more than face value. The trick is, they are virtually impossible to get at our foreign bases.

The various branches of the military are happy to help your ship "adopt" a post or base. They initially require dealing with one recognized STARFLEET official.

LT Thane, Front and Center...Becky has the list of posts available for adoption but is prohibited from making the list public due to security standards. She has agreed to act as the emissary should your ship step forward to participate as a full sponsor. For more info, send a self addressed, stamped business envelope to: *USS Infinity*, C/O Becky Thane, P.O. Box 8440, Waco, TX 76714.

You will receive the complete program by

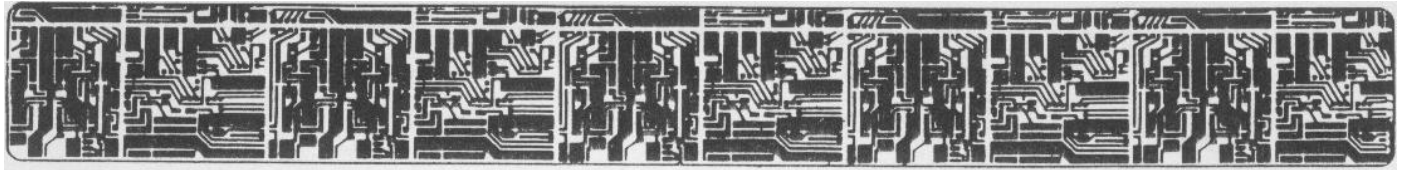
return mail. Even if your ship can't adopt, we can all help individually with the project by sending coupons directly to the *Infinity*, another ship who has stepped forward to "**Make It So.**"

*If your ship or shuttle has a Community Service program that you feel the Fleet should know about, send the details and photos along with your phone number to STARFLEET Community Services at the above address.*



USS Infinity crew from left to right: Todd Sims, Jennifer Meador, Billy Latham, Sharon Abernathy, Becky Thane, Shelli Farr, Julie Thomas, Mike Robinson (behind Julie), John Mark Thane.





# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

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Oh! Is it that time again? OK. Computer Ops checking in! Just last weekend at TexTrek (well it SEEMS like it was just last weekend) I got to meet so many of you. It is great to be able to put a face with a name. I have conversed with many of you on TrekNet and many more through letters to Comp Ops and now I have met you in person. I am looking forward to next years con in Orlando. I hope to see you there again.

Comp Ops is about recovered from TexTrek. I missed the majority of the con as I was processing memberships. There were close to one hundred memberships processed during these two days. (For some reason, for the two weeks after TexTrek, all my dreams seem to have had something to do with STARFLEET memberships.) This amount of work would not have been possible without all of the fine help that I received. Many heartfelt thanks go to Elizabeth Thompson, Pat

Spillers, Kaye Downing, Debbie Murphy, Lauren Houk, Denise Duggan and Danny Underwood. If there were others, I apologize for the oversight. These fine folks stuffed packets, located packets and handled applications which allowed me time to handle the functions on the computer. Having the record system computerized certainly makes processing memberships much easier. Many of you just came by to say hello and check on the accuracy of your membership information. This helps make the information more accurate and is greatly appreciated.

The program has been improved again since we talked last. It now has the ability to create the ship and region rosters. The RCs got the first round of mailings and by the time you read this, all of the ships should have gotten a copy of their roster. If any of you have been overlooked, just let me know.

The statistics for the Fleet accurate to the first of August are 3979 single members, 893 primary members and 1533 family members for a total of 6405 members. We continue to grow at a tremendous pace so we must be doing something right. Would everyone please stand up and give yourself a pat on the back.

Amazing Story Number Two. I was making another Post Office run late one afternoon. I had a package to send to Rob but had forgotten to bring the STARFLEET address with me. I asked the clerk to weigh the package so that I would know how much postage that I would need but I could not mail it as I did not have the address. She produced a current STARFLEET application from her work area and, voila, the deed was accomplished. It is no small wonder that I always take something Star Trek related with me to the Post Office.

Many thanks to Joe Deaver and Sam Bolton for their assistance with building membership packets. Progress has gone so well that I now keep a stock of generic membership packets which makes the final packet easier to build. Your help is appreciated.

Well, that is about it for this time. Progress on the program continues and packet building has gotten down to a dull roar. I don't dare ask for some excitement - I might just get more than I bargained for. See you next time around.

## DEPARTMENT OF MISSING MEMBERS

Following the mailing of the June/July issue, we had a number of *Communiqués* returned marked "undeliverable", "No Forwarding Address", "No Such Address", etc. If you know the whereabouts of the following members, please contact the Chief of Computer Ops, 3510 Willow Ridge, Arlington, TX 76017 with their correct address. We appreciate your help. (Cities listed are last known address).

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## Vice Commanders Report continued

I knew when I wrote those words that there would be individuals out there who would not agree with them. That is the nature of our club, is it not? I do challenge those who stated that there was not place for words or ideas such as I expressed. Where indeed is the tolerance? How can we point the finger at intolerance outside our club, if it allowed to exist within?

And now that my 'chill pill' has kicked in, I will close on a less serious quote from the memoirs of the Klingon general Chang, who barely survived his encounter with Kirk and the Enterprise. "Kirk, I like his courage and daring, but most of all I like his hair cut."





# SHUTTLE OPERATIONS

**ADMIRAL DAVE RYAN • DIRECTOR**

**P.O. BOX 398, N. CHELMSFORD MA 01863**

I don't think were in Kansas anymore, Toto! The summer of '93 has seen a whirlwind of activity for Shuttle Operations Command. We've launched eleven new shuttles in the past two months!

Before we get to a list of the shuttles launched, we would like to announce that ShOC has gone high tech. Monthly reports can now be e-mailed to ShOC at either of the following two addresses: jlevine@apollo.hp.com or dryan9t92@aol.com. Please make sure that your electronic report contains all the information required in a regular report, and please list the information in the order that it appears in the regular report. And now, without further delay, is the list of newly launched shuttles as of July 29, 1993:

Shuttle *Continuum* - Pensicola, FL  
Shuttle *Freedom* - Lawton, OK  
Shuttle *Itasca* - Moorhead, MN  
Shuttle *K'Leska* - Panama City, FL  
Shuttle *Limbo* - Nederland, TX  
Shuttle *M'Ress* - Venice, FL  
Shuttle *Maelstrom* - Midwest City, OK  
Shuttle *Perelandra* - Watsonville, CA  
Shuttle *Romulus* - Layton, UT  
Shuttle *Ticonderoga* - Blue Springs, M  
Shuttle *Unity* - Savannah, GA

And that about does it for us! Remember, there's no place like home, there's no place like home...

## STARFLEET Bytes - The Online Connection by Fleet Captain Alan L. Ravitch

Several months have passed since my last article. It's been a lot of fun talking to many of you electronically, as well as helping you out with questions. This time I'd like to focus on *InterNet*. The *InterNet* is not actually a service to join, like CompuServe, or America Online, but started as a data network for Department of Defense. Now it serves as a vast link between educational institutions, companies, and other online services. That's right ..., with the help of the *InterNet*, you can log onto one service and send electronic mail to another.

If you wanted to send me a message from another service or if you had *InterNet* access yourself, AlanR1778@aol.com would be my AmericaOnline e-mail address. For Compuserve, replace the comma that separates the 2 numeric parts of your user ID (example; 12345,1234) with a period, and then add the appropriate suffix, so 12345.1234@compuserve.com would be the address. The suffix is @genie.geis.com for GENIE. Here's a brief listing of Fleet *InterNet* addresses:

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If you've got an *InterNet* address, we're compiling a directory. Send your address to Deb Murphy at: dmurphy@ksuvx.kent.edu.

Meanwhile, back over on *TrekNet*, they're working to improve the distribution of the mail, according to Co-Vice International Coordinator Rick Giguere of StarBase Boston and the USS McAuliffe. For more info on *TrekNet*, contact Rick at the *InterNet* address above, the *FidoNet* or *TrekNet* nodes listed in my last article, or via US Mail at P. O. Box 342, Prudential Center Station, Boston MA 02199.

A final note: Some of you may know that I recently was appointed the Regional Coordinator of the new STARFLEET Region 15. I asked Rob Lerman if he would like me to step down as the Online Representative because the protocol usually calls for someone not to hold national and regional policy-making positions simultaneously. He felt that my Online Rep position was not really at policy position, as all I was doing was facilitating the flow of information. So for the moment, I'll wear both hats, but if I find that I cannot do both jobs properly, I will reevaluate this situation.

## Wanted: Crews for Starships

The following vessels have recently be constructed or refitted at various shipyards around the Federation. Crew are now needed for them (STARFEET Shuttle groups, take note!) These ships are:

USS *Entente* NCC-2120  
Federation-class Dreadnought  
USS *Temperance* NCC-2528  
Ascension-class Dreadnought  
USS *Kiev* NCC-1980  
Coronado-class Through-Deck Cruiser  
USS *Bonhomme Richard* NCC-1712  
Constitution-class Heavy Cruiser  
USS *Canopus* NCC-1814  
Constitution-class Heavy Cruiser  
USS *Essex* NCC-1727  
Constitution-class Heavy Cruiser  
USS *Kongo* NCC-1 710  
Constitution-class Heavy Cruiser  
USS *Vega* NCC-1806  
Constitution-class Heavy Cruiser  
USS *Shangri-La* NCC-251 7  
Belknap class Strike Cruiser  
USS *Achilles* NCC-26277  
Triumph-class Research Cruiser

(Note: Constitution-class is inclusive of all sub-classes from *Constitution* through *Enterprise* (II).)

If one of these vessels interests you, please contact the Office of Technical Information for further information and/or the Department of Technical Services to reserve the name. Remember, reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Fleet Promotions

The following STAR FLEET Officers were promoted by STARFLEET as of July 1, 1993;

### To Fleet Captain

Danny James, VRC Region O3  
Charlotte Howey, USS *Aurora Vulcanus*  
Alan Ravitch, RC Region 15

### To Captain

Sherry Hopper, USS *Polaris*  
Mike Savage, USS *Equinox*  
Bruce Summa, USS *Krazny Oktyabr*

### To Marine Major General

Jim Harris, SFMC

### To Marine Colonel

Louiaue McPherson, SFMC  
Rex Moffett, USS *Simonov* & SFMC

Congratulations to all!

The next promotion period ends December 31st, please all CO's and above, submit the promotion applications by November 15th. Make sure you submit your completed application for promotions before the deadline. All promotions will be announced in the December/January *Communiqué*.





# STARFLEET ACADEMY

**RADM LORI ANNE BROWN • DIRECTOR**

**426 SOUTH LAKEMONT AVE., WINTER PARK, FL 32792**

**New Security School Director Appointed:** Captain Robert Westfall of Kansas City, Kansas, is the new Security School Director. The school should be open by the time you read this. Thanks to all the applications - it was another hard choice. I'm finding that choosing a new director is the hardest part of my job.

The Engineering School directorship is not filled as of this writing, but probably will be by the time you receive this issue (time lags are horrible things). Thanks to everyone who applied, and watch for the new address next issue.

Sorry I missed meeting everyone at Tex-Trek. Though I had planned to go, mundanity and finances interfered. I definitely will be at the '94 Nationals, since the hotel is less than 30 minutes from my house. I want to invite you all to Florida. We're going to have fun, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

I want to thank Denise Duggan for the excellent job she did putting together the Honors Graduate Program. The awards were presented

at Tex-Trek. The Award Pins will be mailed to each recipient — due to technical difficulties beyond my control, they just weren't completed in time.

Once again - PLEASE follow direction for applying to a school. The general procedure is:

- 1) Send a Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope to me for a current application form and/or curriculum guide.
- 2) Send one application per school plus tuition cost and SASE. Send directly to the school you want to attend. DO NOT send tuition, applications, or tests to graded to me! Doing so will only create a delay, as I must return it to you.
- 3) Take the test and send it back to the school for grading (again, to the school and not to me).

Repeat steps 1—3 for additional courses you want to take. That's it. Schools which have more than one course will send you their individual application form so you can choose the course

you want to take, but otherwise the basic three steps above goes for everything.

Finally, when sending a check or money order for a school's tuition, make it payable to the school's director BY NAME — not the school name, STARFLEET Academy, my name, or anything else. Again, this can cause a delay.

I think that's about it for this issue. Have fun!

## STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOOLS

### OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL

Commodore Peg Pellerin  
RFD #3, Box 5460, Winslow ME 04901

### OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE

Captain Carolyn Cook  
7490 Cella Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45239-4102

### SFA CADET SCHOOL

Captain Diana Morgan  
6528 Craighurst Dr., N. Highlands, CA 95660

### COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES

Commodore Sharon Ann Campbell  
720 218th Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98053

### SFA COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Lt. Commander Gary Homberg  
5457 Southgate Blvd. #2, Cincinnati, OH 45014

### SFA SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

*Director's position open*

### SFA SCHOOL OF HISTORY

Captain Denise Duggan  
8025 Red Eagle Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312

### MARINE ACADEMY

Colonel Joe Maurantonio  
P.O. Box 146, Yonkers, NY 10710-0146

### SFA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Captain Cheryl Willcox  
5532 Stewart Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464

### SFA POST GRADUATE SCHOOL

Captain Joan Riley  
6545 Glenmount Dr., Hamilton, OH 45011

### SFA SECURITY SCHOOL

Captain Robert Westfall  
6422 Spring, Kansas City, KS 66104

### VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Commodore Marlene Miller  
461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405

### COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES

Captain Sherry Hopper  
4613 Brookview Dr., Batavia, OH 45103-1307

### SFA SCHOOL OF LINGUISTICS

Captain Spence Hill  
1574 South 240 East, Orem, UT 84058-7610

## Officer's Command College By Carolyn Cook, Director, OCC

As the Director of the Officer's Command College, I would like to take you on a tour of the OCC campus. This will get you acquainted with some of the things you need to know to successfully complete the training offered here.

First, let me point out the big grey building on the left. This is the administration building. When your application is received, it goes here for review. In order to be accepted at OCC, you must complete the most recent STARFLEET Academy application form and mail it along with a copy of your Officers Training School diploma and the tuition (\$2.50) to this building at 7490 Celia Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45239-4102. All applications are processed by our staff within a maximum of four weeks (usually two to three weeks). However, many student's applications are delayed due to a variety of things.

Things delaying your acceptance include:

- 1) No copy of the OTS diploma included with the application. *Every OCC student must have first passed Officer Training School and must include proof that they have passed it*
- 2) No tuition fee included. The tuition for OCC is \$2.50 which covers our cost of copying and mailing materials.
- 3) The tuition check is made out to the wrong person. *All tuition checks must be made out to our treasurer and Director Carolyn Cook.*
- 4) The wrong amount is sent with the applica-

tion. Again, *the cost is \$2.50*. Any other amount will result in your application being returned to you, unless it will cost more in postage to return the application than the extra amount of the check. In that event (which is rare) the additional amount is considered a donation to the school and goes into the treasury.

A couple of other things you need to remember about your application • Always neatly print or type the information at the top of the application. I fit can't be read there will be unavoidable delays. These could result in your never receiving your course materials because they go to the wrong address, or your name could be spelled wrong on the diploma.

Be sure you include your SCC number on the application. Many people leave this off because it is a long number and they don't have it memorized. It can be found on your membership card and on the address label of your Communiqué. One of the requirements to take OCC is that you must be a STARFLEET member, and only way I have to verify this is by your SCC number.

The next building on the right...yes, that red brick building over there...is the classroom building. Here Professor Cook will provide you with your course materials and grade your exam papers. Twice a month, Professor Cook is given the applications that have made it through the

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Administration building. She then sends out the course materials which include a manual, instructions, and test papers. At this time, she also grades any exams that have been returned, and mails out the results (a diploma if you passes, or a re-take test if you didn't pass).

I must admit that Professor Cook does occasionally get bored with just sending out course materials and grading exams. So if you would like to include a note to say "hello" to her, I'm sure she would enjoy it. For instance, she likes to hear about you, your ship, or any STARFLEET activities you may be involved with. Of course, this is not required, but is appreciated. It does not effect your grade either way.

Since the professor keeps up to date on OCC course materials and tests twice a month, you can expect to receive information from the school within Eve weeks maximum (allowing for the slowness of the US Snail service), usually much sooner. If you have sent an application or exam to the school and not received a reply within that time, please send a note to our complain department...that's the next building ... the small blue one. Be sure to include a self addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) with your complaint or request for information, Complaints or requests that include SASE's get immediate responses. Otherwise, you take your chances.

Oh, one more thing ... please do not send notes explaining why it is important for you to receive your materials and diploma "right away" So many requests have been received from people who belong to ships/shuttles whose commanding officer "suddenly without warning resigned leaving no one qualified to take over," that it has become difficult to believe this story. If you think you are command material and might just possibly be in line to become a CO of your ship! shuttle, apply for OCC now. Don't wait until the last minute. It won't get you through the course any quicker than anyone else.

Also, please do not send your application or completed test by any means that requires me sign for it I work nights and sleep late and am very grumpy when the letter carrier (formerly, "mail-man") rings my door bell and wakes me up to sign for your OCC material. And along those same lines -- make sure you have enough postage on your envelope. I don't accept "postage due" mail...especially after I've been awakened from a sound sleep! <grin>

Well, that's how the STARFLEET Academy Officers Command College works. I look forward to receiving your application in the near future.

## STARFLEET Academy Honors Graduate Clarification

by Denise Duggan, Coordinator, SFA  
Honors Graduate Program

There are several Fleet members who have written to ask why they were not an Honors Graduate. I realize that my explanation in the last Communiqué was somewhat lacking, so let me try again. When this award was first approved I sent a letter to all of the Academy Directors asking



## J .A.G .Lines by Gary Decker, J.A.G. Officer - West

The month of July has been a very active one, starting with Tex-Trek '93 and ending with preparations for ShuttleCon '93, this years Region 04 conference in Visalia, CA. In between, there have been many developments of interest, some of which include:

**New Logo and Letterhead.** First of all, grateful acknowledgments are made to David Pipgras of the Ingram and the Department of Graphic Design, STARFLEET, for the design and production of the above logo and letterhead, Magnificent!

**Financial Records Update:** Through the efforts of ADM Sue Hampton and VADM Cindy Krell, Fleet H.Q. got an additional box of financial records from Jeannette Maddox the week of July 12th. Thank you, Sue and Cindy! Fleet has retained Frank Fernandez, C.P.A., of Sacramento, CA, to review Fleet's books, issue financial statements and prepare the necessary returns for filing with the appropriate taxing authorities. Before the accountant can start work, however, he needs to be sure that all Fleet records are in his possession. Otherwise, it can get very expensive for Mr. Fernandez to start work now, only to have new records crop up. Once all of the documentation is in Mr. Fernandez's hands, the straightening out of Fleet's books will begin in earnest. VADM Anita Davis also has in her possession something like 42 boxes of archive materials and general correspondence, from which are being sorted out the financial documents as you read these words.

**Constitution Committee Update.** At the special Admiralty Board meeting convened on the Sunday during Tex-Trek (otherwise known as the Fourth of July), I was designated as the principal draftsman for the re-revised STARFLEET Constitution, and made the head of the Constitution Revision Committee as well. So far, I have received full-draft proposals from Anita Davis and Dan McGinnis, as well as suggestions from the

them to list their top three students for the 1992 calendar year. Grade-average-ties were broken according to each Director's criteria. I decided to let them make the decision about breaking ties because each school is so different that a set of standards valid for one school would not necessarily be valid for another school. The students' names were forwarded to me and, provided the membership was still current, those students were the SFA Honors Graduates.

To those students who have sent their qualifications and to those who may not have, I want

Admiralty Board as a whole and Rob Lerman, Those wishing to contribute ideas toward the new Fleet Constitution please write them down and send them to me at Fleet HO. by Sept. 30, 1993. The plan is to circulate a draft Revised Constitution to the A.B. by Oct. 31, 1993, so that an A.B.-"approved" Revised Constitution can be submitted to the membership for ratification in early 1994 before the election process begins anew.

**J.A.G. Office Officially Recognized By U.S. Navy:** On Friday, July 9, 1993, aboard the Fleet Flagship, USS *Simonov*, NCC-2002, in Fairfield, California, at the instigation and through the initiative of LT COL Paul J. Ortiz, Commanding Officer of the Fourth Marine Regiment, STARFLEET, an extraordinary thing happened.

Before the Fleet Admiral, Rob Lerman, VADM Janis Moore, Regional Coordinator for Region 04, CMDR Helen Slagter, Vice-Regional Coordinator, North, Region 04, and various officers, crew members and representatives from the Fourth Marine Regiment the USS *Atreides*, Shuttle *Coeur de Lion*, USS *Defiance*, USS *Onizuka*, Shuttle *Reliant*, USS *Simonov* and USS *Tikopai* your correspondent was rendered speechless by a presentation made to him by Paul Ortiz.

"Speechless" because this writer was the subject of a letter dated "29 June 93" from RAdm. Thomas M. McCandry, Judge Advocate General - U.S. Navy, which, as announced publicly by Paul Ortiz, read in part; "This letter is to inform you that as of 30 June 93 you are hereby recognized by the Office of the Judge Advocate General -- U.S. Navy, and in compliance with this Office are to be given full Legal Officer status effective immediately"

The significance of this letter is not to be underemphasized. In addition to the tremendous individual honor it bestowed, the letter also means that the Fleet J.A.G. Office, as an office of STARFLEET has been officially recognized by the United States Navy!

How does the T-shirt read? "Reality is for those who can't handle Star Trek." Well, with Admiral McCandry's letter of recognition, Starfleet is one step -- one huge, shout-it-to-the-mountains leap -- closer to being the reality that Gene Roddenberry first envisioned more than 27 years ago.

With each effort, we help make the dream come closer. So must it be.

to say that your work was indeed top notch. However, limits were set regarding the number of students chosen and the time-period of consideration. Please keep up the good work and I wish you the best of luck for next year's Honors Graduate awards.

Again, I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. I realize now that a better explanation of the selection process should have been given. All I can say is that hindsight is always 20/20 and I made a mistake. Thank you, everyone for your understanding.

# 1993 STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



## **JAMES DOOHAN/ MONTGOMERY SCOTT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship goes to **Brian Patrick Henson** of the *USS Explorer* in Region 02. Brian just graduated from Brunswick High School and will at-

tend Berry College in the Fall in hopes of becoming an Aerospace Engineer. His ultimate goal is to become a member of NASA. The last two years Brian has represented his school in the regional science fair. To quote from one of his recommendations - "Brian is not a follower but a thinker and a leader...he has that spark or curiosity, the inspiration to make a difference."

Brian has been involved in many community service projects: volunteering at Manna House, Mental Health yard sale, Radiothon for Abused children, Boy Scouts Scouting-for-Food, Gift-wrapping presents for disadvantaged children and an active member of his church to name a few.

Brian sums up his feelings: "I like to think that the exposure to Star Trek throughout my life has instilled within me better values and a greater sense of community than if I had never been exposed to Star Trek. Star Trek has been a part of my life for a long time, and to have an organization dedicated to Star Trek award me a scholarship to continue my education and help me grow intellectually gives me an amazing and indescribable feeling."



## **DEFOREST KELLEY/ LEONARD MCCOY MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship goes to **Karen Duffy** of the *USS Christa McAuliffe* in Region 15. Karen, who is CMO of her chapter, was accepted into the Nurs-

ing Program at Mass Bay Community College. She has been taking courses to all the prerequisite requirements and has a 4.0 GPA, while at the same time working at a full-time job. Karen plans to become a Registered Nurse and continue her work with special needs populations.

Karen has been involved in many community

service projects: Special Olympics, The American Diabetes Association, the Boston AIDS Action Committee, the Perkins School for the Blind ASL Club, and the Jewish Community Center. To quote from one of her recommendations - "It is my belief that Karen will offer the kind of access to medical care and raise that professions awareness in a manner that will benefit scores of deaf people."

Karen sums up her feelings: "As a young girl watching Star Trek, I not only took from it hopes for the future, but ways to live my life, drawing upon McCoy's dedication to life, love and the medical profession. Being a member of STARFLEET has provided me with a close-knit group of friends I am proud to consider family who have supported me in every endeavor"



## **PATRICK STEWART SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

This scholarship goes to **Robert Beaulieu** of the *USS Atlantis* in Region 15. Bobby will attend Wheaton College in the Fall to study theater and the

musical arts. To quote from one of his recommendations - "Robert participates enthusiastically and positively in academic, social and community activities... his myriad interests and accomplishments make him an excellent candidate for the STARFLEET Scholarship."

Bobby has been involved in a charitable theater company, The Memorial Players in Taunton. His first major part was Peter Quince in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The director writes, "He showed himself conscientious and diligent in attending rehearsals, learning lines and constructive comment in developing

his character." He has also appeared in his senior class play. Bobby also sings, plays the guitar and writes his own music. He hopes to use his talents to benefit some causes that he believes in, such as World Hunger Year.

Bobby sums up his feelings: "I have always had a great respect for Patrick Stewart. It is an honor for me to receive a scholarship linked to a person whose work I respect"



## **GEORGE TAKEI SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

This scholarship goes to **Katherine Weymuth** of the *USS Stargazer* in Region 2. Kit will attend Northwest Missouri State University in the Fall. She

plans to major in Secondary Education with a minor in history. Initially in the learning disabilities program at school, through Kit's efforts, she is now in the mainstream curriculum.

Kit has been on the honor roll in high school, sings in the church choir and helps with quilting for Lutheran World Relief. She has also been a Girl Scout for the last 12 years, is on the Forensic Team, and in the choir and the ceramics club at school. Kit has been active in her chapter, helping with a car wash, the local public television auction, the National Convention (Delcon II) and Delcon planning meetings.

"Because of my interest in Star Trek, I have begun reading everything from technical manuals to trade books. My reading skills have improved and I have made friends with people who overlook my differences and disabilities ... I want to bring the service and dedication I have found in STARFLEET into the classroom says Kit.

## **STARFLEET Scholarships**

**Space Explorers Memorial (4 Year)**

**Space Explorers Memorial**  
(technical, 2-year, junior college)

**James Doohan/Montgomery Scott  
Scholarship**  
(aeronautical engineering)

**The DeForest Kelley/Leonard McCoy  
Scholarship**  
(medical occupations)

**Patrick Stewart Scholarship**  
(for the performing arts)

**George Takei Scholarship**  
(for international studies)

**Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship**  
(for writers)

**LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship**  
(for teachers)



### LEVAR BURTON SCHOLARSHIP FOR EDUCATION

This scholarship goes to **Robin Lynch** of the *USS Sally Ride* in Region 12. Robin is continuing her education at Southeast Missouri State University, with the goal of a BS

in Education, majoring in Biology. Upon graduation, this will enable Robin to teach biology at the high school level and general science in the junior high school level.

As a member of the *USS Sally Ride*, Robin has helped with various community service projects including the Adopt-a-Highway program, Red Cross disaster services training, and charity fund raisers for MDA, St. Jude Children's Flea search Hospital and Lupus Foundation branch of the Arthritis Association. She has been Region 12's Vice Regional Coordinator for the past three years.

"A STARFLEET Scholarship carries a great deal of meaning to me, because I personally have helped to raise money for the scholarship fund and because my friends in STARFLEET have worked alongside me toward the same goal. This scholarship was made possible through the efforts of my generous friends and the organization which brought us together. I'm very excited about working with young people - they're the future!"



### SPACE EXPLORERS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship goes to **Sherman Adam Day** of the *USS Stellar Wind* in Region 04. Adam just graduated from Perryton High School and plans to attend Western Wyoming Commu-

nity College in the Fall, majoring in Art. Adam hopes to someday have a Ph. D in art and dreams of teaching art. To quote from one of his recommendations - "Adam is one student who eagerly approaches learning with tenacity."

Adam is a volunteer American Red Cross Water Safety and Standard First Aid Instructor. His hobbies include painting, drawing, ceramics, reading, Native Americans and Star Trek. He has been active in his chapter since he first joined, contributing to the chapter publication and helping with several management tasks.

Adam says, "I believe one day, there will be an organization like STARFLEET...we will need some organization that has its ideas, goals and ethics."



### SPACE EXPLORERS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship goes to **Sheila Thomas** of the *USS Alaric* in Region 01. She is currently studying Mechanical Engineering Technology at Asheville-Biltmore Community College, with a GPA of 4.00. She plans to get a Bachelor's degree in engineering

Sheila has worked with Habitat for Humanity, the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry's Homeless Shelter, the Head Start Program, and the Adopt-a-Highway program.

She sums up her feelings on the scholarship: "A STARFLEET Scholarship is special to me because my involvement with STARFLEET convinced me to go to school to study engineering. I never thought of studying engineering until after I joined STARFLEET and picked a position in the engineering department."



### SPACE EXPLORERS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship goes to **Karen Elaine Carlton** of the *Shuttle Tri-star* in Region 01. Karen is currently attending Roane State Community College, working to become a Respiratory

Therapy Assistant as well as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Karen volunteers with the American Red Cross, monitoring blood pressure at her local senior citizens center. She is also involved with the United Methodist Women, and has collected donations for the American Heart Association.

What it means to Karen to have a STARFLEET Scholarship: "I means for me a chance to finish my education which I started 10 years ago. The scholarship is a banner for me because it means to keep moving forward. The only way I grow and become a better person is reaching out and striving to become a person who is not afraid to keep trying...my dream is to work and help people who are sick and need care."

*(Scholarship Recipients' Profiles prepared by Deb Galeone.)*

*The STARFLEET Scholarships are available to any STARFLEET member attending college or training programs after high school. Each award is worth \$500 toward tuition or books. Application is much simpler than most tuition or grant programs.*

*For more information, instructions, and application forms, send a SASE to: STARFLEET, Scholarship Program, Sue Hampton, Director 3401 Argyle Lane, Greensboro, NC 27405.*

## An Intro to the STARFLEET Office of Graphic Design by David Pipgras, Director

Hello and welcome. I am writing this article in hopes of introducing all of you to the new and improved STARFLEET Office of Graphic Design (OGD). I am David Pipgras, and I am currently filling a lot of other positions in STARFLEET. In addition to directing the OGD, I am the Commanding Officer of the *USS Ingram*, NCC-2001 in Region Five, and serve as a staff member of Shuttle Operations Command. I am involved with several Fleet programs, and the chairman of OmniCon, the first (hopefully annual) convention of the Starship Ingram. All of this while working full time and part time as a free lance graphic designer and Macintosh consultant/instructor.

The Office of Graphic Design, as it exists now, has been under my control for little less than a year. The OGD is here to assist chapters, shuttles and the various departments of STARFLEET with their printed needs. This includes logos, forms, such as membership applications, etc., letterheads, envelope designs and more. In the time since I have taken over the OGD, I have designed some fourteen logos, thirty-six letterhead designs, written three manuals from scratch, plus a host of other items, such as membership cards, business cards, awards and certificates.

While this service is a great benefit to STARFLEET, it is not free. I am not sure how other directors have chosen to operate the OGD, but I have decided to charge a nominal fee for the services I provide. This is not to say that I make a profit in any way shape or form. The monies that are collected from the work I perform go to pay for such things as postage, diskettes, paper, toner printer ink, computer repairs and such.

While in general, most people do not seem to have a problem with what I ask for my services. however, there are some who feel that I sometimes charge too much for a logo or form or whatever. I would like to address these people, and explain a little on why I charge what I do.

First, I will usually be contacted by a group with a question or request for information. I also make sure to answer all inquiries within a 48 hour deadline when possible (i.e. no holiday or when I am working). When a group asks me to construct a logo for them, I ask them to supply a general idea of what they would like to have, their name, NCC number, ship type and drawing, etc.

I try to create something that is original, and represents the group in the best possible manner. This can include researching the area of the group, or the name of the chapter. Then I usually spend between four to six hours or more designing the logo. If the chapter wants a ship on their logo, that usually adds another two to six hours to locate and redraw the ship in question.

When the completed logo is finished, I then print it off a draft printer (300 dpi) and send the group a copy to approve or request changes to. If the design requires changes, I make them and re-submit them again. When approved, I print the design on a high resolution (600 dpi) printer, and

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## Disabled Consultant Program Update

by CAPT Peggy Driesel, Asst.  
Director, DCP

Hello everybody. I am Captain Peggy Driesel, the Assistant Director of the STAR FLEET Disabled Consultant Program. Greg Phillips, DCP Director, asked me to write this column for a few months (Gee, thanks, Greg).

The DCP would like to acknowledge the winners of the 1993 *Christopher Pike* and *REVA* Awards. The DCP, on behalf of CMD Phillips, would like to take this opportunity to thank Vice Admiral Deborah Nelson, for both making the award announcement at Tex-Trek, and for all of her support and encouragement of the program.

As you know, the *Christopher Pike Award* is given to the individual or group, ship or con, that has done the most to ensure the fullest possible integration of people with disabilities into their activities, and STARFLEET.

Third place this year goes to the USS *Sagittarius*, in Region 03, for their principled decision not to attend in function that is not accessible to their disabled members.

Second place is awarded to the USS *Sacajawea* in Region 02. They continued to produce audio copies of the *Communiqué*, to make it accessible to members and other interested people who might have a visual impairment. Although *Sacajawea* regrettably has been unable to continue this worthy project, their dedication and willingness to assist in meeting this need wins them their second award in as many years.

The REVA awards are given by the DCP to the STARFLEET member with a disability who has done the most for STARFLEET. This recognizes both the members contribution and their responsibility to offer something back to the community.

The third place REVA award this year is given to Robert Slater, of the USS *Albany*, Region 07. Robert serves as ship photographer, and also coordinates the ship's volunteers to conventions, fund raisers and other ship's activities.

Second place is awarded to Jan Tallavast, of the USS *Sagittarius*, Region 03. Jan serves the Disabled Consultant to the *Sagittarius*, keeping the ship aware of the needs of the disabled members, and also maintains the ship's library of taped Trek books and newsletters of the visually impaired members. Additionally, Jan works as security at cons, assists with planning, and assists with making uniforms for crew members.

It is with the greatest pleasure that the First place REVA award this year goes to the Chief Medical Officer of the USS *Joshua*, Steve "Doc" Jessup. Despite his own disability, Steve has been very instrumental in the planning for Tex-Trek, coordinates the ships volunteers, and has provided medical assistance to members of the Region 03 Olympics. He has also been extremely instrumental in the completion of the Region 03 play, *The Silence of the Romulans*, and he wrote a song honoring Gene Roddenberry. In addition, Steve has ensured that CPR classes were available to Tex-Trek volunteers, to better prepare them to face any emergency. Steve's contribution to STARFLEET and Region 03, regardless of any disability, are in the finest traditions of service

and concern.

At this time, I would like to announce a brand new, special award, to be called the Disabled Consultants Programs "Dax Award of Excellence." The Dax Award of Excellence will be awarded solely at the discretion of the DCP, to honor the individual who exhibits the highest standards of IDIC and service. Just as Dax, a Trill from Deep Space 9, is a joining together of two beings, neither one of whom is truly complete without the other, so the Dax award winner must demonstrate their understanding that STARFLEET is not truly complete without the full participation of ALL its members. Just as the Fleet's disabled members are not complete without the non-disabled Fleet members, so are the non-disabled members similarly incomplete.

Because of her literally countless hours spent planning for the full integration and participation of all attendees, her willingness and insistence that members of STARFLEET who might have a disability also have the capability and responsibility to offer much to the planning provision of services, and her dedication to the spirit of STARFLEET, it is an honor to award the first ever DCP Dax Award of Excellence to CAPT Sarah Peugh, CO of the USS *Comanche* and leader of the Tex-Trek team.

Speaking of conventions, the first ever Star Trek convention in Rapid City, South Dakota, was recently held and as CO of the USS *Thunderchild*, I am happy to announce that the con was fully accessible.

**Disabled Consultant Program**  
Greg Phillips, Director, 4566 22 Ave. N, St.  
Petersburg, FL 32713

### Office of Graphic Design continued

again send the group a copy of the image. If one were to have this service done by a local print shop (or even at my normal "professional" rate) they would end up paying over \$200+.

Since I took over the office, I have paid over \$300 for repairs to my system, and \$200 in software upgrades, not to mention the costs of materials and postage.

It is not my intention of making this article sound like a whine, but I want to help you understand the process of creating a design and what goes into it. It is amazing to me how people who would not blink an eye at paying the phone company \$60 for fifteen minutes to install a jack, yet would sputter and spark at having to pay "for just a logo" (which might entail an average of ten to twelve hours of work).

OK, well, having gotten that out of the way, lets move on to the important stuff that you should know about the Office of Graphic Design. As mentioned above, we will design forms, logos, etc. for STARFLEET chapters, shuttles, and department personnel for a nominal charge. This includes receiving a high-res printout of the final image, plus the various draft and changes needed. What we do NOT provide is printing. It is far cheaper for you to take your flyers, etc. to a local print shop than it is for us to print them and ship them to you across the country.

When writing to us, please include an SASE when possible. I will not ignore your letter if it does

not include one, but it helps to defray costs and unnecessary delays.

When requesting a logo design, please include the following items in your letter/request: an idea of what you want in a logo, etc., This does not need to be a fancy drawing, only words describing an image, and we will do our best to match it, or consult you on designs. We ask that you send us an image of your ship for reference, along with your chapter name and NCC-number. Basically, the more information you can send, the better we are able to help you.

What can you expect to be charged for services from the OGD? Well the actual price will vary, but a moderate to complex logo will run between \$25 and \$50. A form, such as a flyer or certificate will typically run between \$5 and \$15. Charges for logos are a one time fee. This means That if you have us create a logo, then months later want to make a flyer with the logo on it, you are not charged for the logo again—unless you make changes to the logo itself. A manual, such as a membership handbook, complete with illustrations and typing will typically cost a lot more, depending on how much the book entails (i.e. a 10 page book is a lot less than a 50 page book). Whatever the item, you will always be advised of the expected costs.

What if you're just a small group and don't have a lot of spare cash laying around blocking the doorways and such? Well, being reasonable, and understanding, I will happily work with groups to make the payment in two monthly installments,

or even trade items for services. For example, if your group say, makes the Captain's Jackets from the movies, I would be willing to trade you the cost of the jacket for the same amount in design services, etc. Other items can be considered, but you have to let me know if you want to trade services or items. I am open and willing to negotiate. If you are interested, please let me know in your initial letter, or as soon as possible (someone might beat you to the punch).

OK, this all sounds good, but how do I contact the OGD? Great question! The best way to contact me is either by mail at : STARFLEET Office of Graphic Design, c/o David Pipgras, P.O. Box 6251, Vancouver, WA 98668. If you have access to Internet, I can be reached at : pip@pro-freedom.van.wa.us 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please don't phone unless you write to ask me first. I work weird hours, and may not be available to talk, and have been known to not like being woke up after a 14 hour shift to be asked if I received a letter.

Well, I hope that this article will help answer questions about the OGD. If you have any other questions, just write and ask away.

One final item that I would like to ask all the COs of shuttles and chapters, in addition to the RCs, is to please, PLEASE send me copies of any current logos for your chapters/regions. This will provide an excellent reference point, so that I do not unknowingly reproduce a logo that already exists. I ask that one clean copy of the logo please be sent to the address listed above.



Greetings once again to all. I first would like everybody in STARFLEET to join me in wishing LT COL Charlotte Howey, Commander of the Aurora Vulcanus, 68th Marine Strike Group, and the 17th Regiment, a speedy recovery. Charlotte has had major surgery and I think that it is up to all of us to try to lift her spirits. Everybody, send her a get well card or just a little note of encouragement to let her know that we are all behind her! Her address is: 10905 North Rd. 5 East, Center, CO 81125-9653.

I would like to thank the Fleet Admiral and Vice Fleet Admiral for promoting both Rex Moffett and me to the rank of full Colonel. I received my promotion at Shore Leave '93 by VADM Anita Davis, and COL Moffett received his at ShuttleCon '93 by FADM Rob Lerman.

I have received a lot of phone calls and letters from both Marines and our Naval counterparts expressing outrage about the last part of David Millers Region 12 report. Let me assure you that:

- 1) There was no planned court martial of David Miller by Starfleet Marines International.
- 2) David Miller has never been a member of SMI, so just how can you get a court martial from an organization that you do not belong to?
- 3) David Miller is a STARFLEET Marine Reservist, and that puts him under MY command. Not SMI's.
- 4) The court martial certificates are for a good cause, and it is helping Dr. Dave get all the attention he needs.

And, even though many of you have said that I should do something about David Miller, court martial is not one of the thing I have in mind. He has had a few personal problems with the SMI heads, but these were just that; *Personal problems*. They should have remained just that. Since they are not STARFLEET Marine problems, I plan to do nothing. The SMI staff are all older and wiser (wise guys?) than I am, and they can take care of themselves and this minor problem. I ask that nobody takes offense at Dr. Dave's comments; this is an open newsletter and all personal comments are welcomed. Let me just use a quote from a Famous Trek Doctor: "What David Miller has to say is unimportant, and we do not hear his words."

For all of the new Ship and Shuttle Commanders, and anyone else who wants to have marines with their chapters, here is all you do: Send me a request for a Marine Unit and include your Chapter Commanders written consent for this. After I

**COL LOUJAUE MCPHERSON • COMMANDANT**

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get it, it will be sent up the line and within two weeks you should be hearing from our New Units Training Officer. LT COL Joseph Dorffner is our new head of this department. His job is to be there to help when assistance is needed or there are questions that need to be answered.

In accordance with the Vice Admiral's suggestion, the 18th Marine Strike Group on June 19 at 1337 hours boarded and captured the *Imperial Klingon Vessel Dark Justice* (a KAG chapter). The report follows.

Lastly, I would like to point out that there are only a few places that you can order a Marine Manuals and Equipment form. For a list of these places, send me a SASE and I will get the information out to you as soon as possible. Anything else is just a bad copy or outdated information. I close with a little bit of Marine history and for those of you who are confused with the way the rank changes over, we include this conversion table (The STARFLEET Rangers use a similar system).

### STARFLEET Marines in Action by Loujaue McPherson

On stardate 9306.19 at 1337 hours, a squad from the 18th Marine Strike Group successfully boarded and captured the *IKV Dark Justice*. With about a month of undercover action by the Strike Group's 1st Lt. Ken Howard, we were able to find just how their meetings are run, the dimensions of the room, and the table set-up. When we came into their meeting the cry went out, "STARFLEET MARINES!" and in true Klingon style they put their hands up.

Not all, mind you; the head of intelligence drew his weapon like the proud warrior he was, but the head of security was the first to put his hands up and even said, "See? My hands are up." their captain was in shock that his vessel was captured so easily by just a handful of Marines! The Marine Squad consisted of L.J. McPherson, Suzanne Stewart, James Seelacht, Chris Weil, Nathan B. Champine, Michelle Zigast, Moses Hart, Nathan Burta, and Chris Kavale.

After the shock wore off, we sat down and enjoyed the rest of the meeting. But, in the end, we had to let them go. We found them unworthy as Klingon Warriors, and CAPT Speck doesn't allow pets on the Potemkin.

#### Attention On Deck The Official STARFLEET Marines Newsletter

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Marine	STARFLEET
Marine Recruit	Crewman Recruit
Marine 3rd Class	n/a
Marine 2nd Class	n/a
Marine 1st Class	Crewman Apprentice
Lance Corporal	Crewman
Corporal	Petty Officer 3rd Class
Sergeant	Petty Officer 2nd Class
Senior Sergeant	Petty Officer 1st Class
Gunnery Sergeant	Chief Petty Officer
Master Sergeant	Senior CPO
First Sergeant	Master CPO
Sergeant Major	Command Master CPO
Regimental SGM	Fleet Master CPO
Divisional SGM	Force Master CPO
SGM of the Corps	Master CPO
2nd Lieutenant	Ensign
1st Lieutenant	Lieutenant, Jr. Grade
Marine Captain	Lieutenant
Major Lieutenant	Commander
Lieutenant Colonel	Commander
Colonel	Captain
Brigadier General	Commodore
Major General	Rear Admiral
Lieutenant General	Vice Admiral
General	Admiral
General (CINC, SMI)	Fleet Admiral



### Calling All STARFLEET Musicians

The STARFLEET Marines are in the process of starting and Drum and Bugle Corps and we need YOU! It you live in Regions 01,07, 14 and 15, or would not mind traveling for a weekend camp (site unknown at this time) and have Drum Corps experience, then WE WANT YOU! It you have marching band experience, then WE WANT YOU! If you have Color Guard or Winter Guard experience, then WE WANT YOU.

We would like to have a full size corps for the next National Convention and if we have enough time, maybe even copete in a few Drum Corps shows. Please contact: Loujaue W. McPherson, 815 Woodlow St., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Please include what you do (Brass, Percussion, Guard) and if you have any friends that may be interested.

# STARFLEET RANGERS

LTCOL RANDY LEE SLATER • DIRECTOR

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I am Randy Slater, the new Commander of STARFLEET Rangers. As of stardate 9306.23 I was offered and accepted, by the Oversight Board, the position of Commander of STARFLEET Rangers. I'm a member of the *USS Calypso*, Region 05. I was the XO for the *Calypso* this past year and I am a member of the US Army Reserves. I would like to take some time to tell you what is going on with the STARFLEET Rangers.

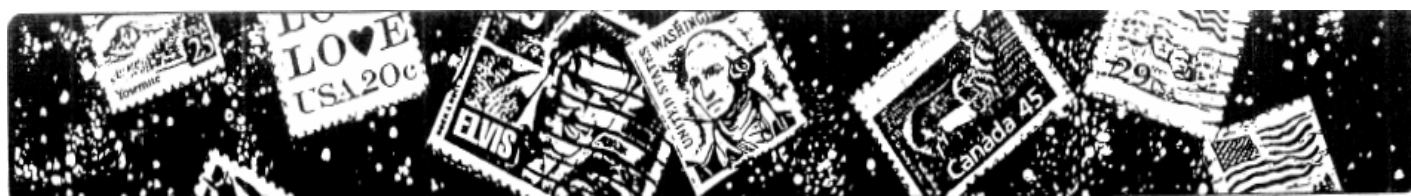
I have had the chance to talk with a number of original STARFLEET Rangers, and a few STARFLEET Marines, who have had questions and concerns as to what is going to be taking place within the Ranger program. To quote a famous

captain, "Some people can be afraid of change." As this program develops in the next few weeks and months within STARFLEET, the Ranger program will go through some changes to meet goals that STARFLEET will need in the programs development. To the other Rangers already out there, remember that I am working with the originators of the program to lit it into those STARFLEET requirements, but that they will want to see that the original ideals and goals stay the same - something that I totally agree with. Also, until these changes take effect, all ranks and positions within STARFLEET Rangers are still effective. To those STARFLEET Marines out

there who want to know if the Rangers are going to be like the STARFLEET Marines, the answer is no. The Rangers and Marines have different missions, both fictionally and in reality,

I promise that while I command the STARFLEET Rangers, I will to my utmost to make this an interesting, fun and demanding program for old and new Rangers alike. If you have any questions concerning the STARFLEET Rangers, please send a SASE to E. 1647 Ostrander, Spokane, WA, 992074437 with your questions, or call me any time between 10 a.m. and 11 pm. PST, Monday-Saturday, at 509/483-8054.

Rangers Lead The Way!



## STARFLEET STAMPEDE

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### Mailing frequencies open ....

Greetings and thank yous go out to the Ships and Shuttles of STARFLEET! The last couple of months have been outstanding ones for stamp collections and funds raised for our charities. The response to the STAMPEDE ROUND UP contest at Tex-Trek exceeded all my expectations and I deeply appreciate the time and effort so many of you made in bringing or in mailing your stamps for that event. I would also like to thank my Stampede staff of Ann Doan, Chrylon Stroud, Karon and Jerry McClain, Wanda Seale, Elizabeth Thompson, Linda Forcht and Jeff Howard for all their hard work during the con. The "Guess the Number of stamps in the Jar" contest brought in \$75 and by the end of the con we were able to turn over \$301 to Fleet Admiral Rob Lerman to forward on to UNICEF and ASAP. We also sold almost every Stampede t-shirt and profits from those sales will also be added to our stamp funds.

Here is the list of Stampede Round Up contributors and winners. 1st place - *USS Charlemagne*, 2nd place - *USS Discovery*, 3rd place - *USS Lagrange*. Other contributors were: *USS Valkyrie*, *USS Charleston*, *USS Wolf*, *USS Starward Fury*, *USS Pendragon*, *USS Bonaventure*, *USS Polaris*, *USS Sagittarius*, *USS Deliance*, *USS Odyssey*, *USS Simonov*, Shuttle

*Teyas*, *USS Khai Tam*, *USS Maddox*, *USS Albany*, *USS Triumph*, *USS Tanahemehoe*, *USS Joshua*, *USS Czar'ak*, *USS Republic*, *USS Hexum*, Region II, and Pat Elrod and the *USS Comanche*.

Right before Tex Trek I received a call from a friend I met last year. She is now a member of the Shuttle *Wernher von Braun* and she reminded me that a lot of new shuttles don't know what Stampede is all about. Thanks for the reminder, Mary Kay Dyer. There are so many new shuttles launching that I have not been able to keep up with sending out Stampede information. From now on I will devote a portion of this column to explaining the Stampede program. As always, if any group or individual would like further information I have a packet that will be sent upon request.

STARFLEET Stampede is a program where members of STARFLEET save canceled stamps which are collected at a single location to be trimmed, if needed, sorted and sold to stamp dealers. The money collected from these sales is donated to UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund and ASAP, the American Syringomyelia Alliance Project. Stamps should be trimmed with between 1/4 and 1/2 inch paper left on all sides. They should be sorted in groups of foreign, commemorative, love, definitive and Christmas. One of my stamp dealers has also offered to buy used

post cards, both Post Office issued postal cards and picture post cards. To be eligible the cards must be whole. If the stamps are cut off or the cards are torn they are no good. They can be any age or subject. Multiples of the same card are acceptable within reason - he won't buy 250 cards from the Dew Drop Inn in Cowtown, Texas.

Here is the list of stamps contributors for June and July: *USS Alliance*, *USS Appalachian*, *USS Avenger*, Elenore, Claassen, Linda DeLaurentis, Shuttle *Endeavor*; *USS Explorer*, *USS Guardian*, Kevin Hanna, *USS Hornet*, *USS Joshua*, *USS Lancelot*, Shuttle *Leif Ericson*, *USS Maat*, *USS Polaris*, Starbase Suribachi SM1 (411th Marine Strike Group), *USS Sovereign*, *USS Tutakai*, William Vodrey, Chris Wallace-DTS. Also a belated thank you goes out to Susan Fieberling and the *USS Behrak* and I enjoyed meeting you at Tex-Trek. A Stampede T-shirt is being sent to the *USS Maat* for turning in the most stamps, 1 1/2 pounds, for this period.

In closing, remember that Stampede T-shirts ARE available from me for \$12 plus \$1 postage. This will give a boost to the funds raised from stamp sales. They can be used as prizes or incentives for your stamp collecting efforts within your chapter. A free Stampede t-shirt will be sent to the individual or group that sends in the most stamps per *Communiqué* report.





# DEAR STARFLEET

Dear STARFLEET,

STARFLEET has never had a past Fleet Admiral remain in Fleet. Why? As I understand it, in most cases it was because the individual was either removed or was asked to leave. The first fifteen years of STARFLEET's history produced roughly 2,000 members. Those members were very lucky if they received their membership packets at all or received more than three *Communiqué* in a year. Until the most recent change of command, few records, if any were passed on from one administration to the next. This is the situation that existed in the fall of 1987. STARFLEET was deep in debt and the Fleet Admiral of the time, upon hearing that someone was actually going to run against him, simply quit! His would-be opponent was left holding the bag.

In January 1988, incoming Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox received very few records; little but bills totalling over \$8,000.00. Using more than \$2,000.00 out of her own pocket, she began the enormous task of reconstruction. The organization that the Fleet so badly needed was efficiently outlined and implemented. In the four years that HQ was based in North Carolina, STARFLEET experienced tremendous growth and gained a purposeful direction. The leadership during those four years was determined that STARFLEET become something the membership could take pride in. So it was that STARFLEET became more than just a "fan club." Now, members not only enjoy the fun that is Star Trek, but apply themselves to turning Gene Roddenberry's dream into reality through countless community service projects. And what other fan organization can boast its own series of scholarship funds?

As STAR FLEET adjusts to the most recent change of command, it is time for us to trust our current leadership and staff to do their jobs. Progress is being made in several areas and favorable changes have taken place. Fleet Admiral Lerman has made himself extremely accessible, Clayton Melanson has invested hundreds of hours in computerizing Fleet membership records, and, under Tim Gillespie, the *Communiqué* now includes a "Dear STARFLEET section which allows us to submit commentary and other items for Fleet-wide publication. Even so, a painfully vocal portion of the membership seems to be unable to give either administration credit where it is due.

Too much "talk" around the Fleet seems to center on what Rob Lerman hasn't accomplished and, strangely enough, how the Maddox administration is somehow responsible! Although there were some records which were not included in the initial transfer of files, that situation has been rectified. Once the administrative staff has had time to thoroughly examine these records, I'm

confident everything will be found in order. If not, if there truly is anything wrong, Fleet Admiral Lerman will certainly let us know.

Enough is enough. Rumors run wild. These are the facts: Real life has a nasty way of picking the absolute worst times to demand one's attention. Sometimes, real life events take precedence over STARFLEET, even for a Fleet Admiral. Jeannette Maddox has been plagued by a series of such events, beginning shortly after Delecon in July of last year. While the details of her personal life are no one's business but her own, suffice it to say that Jeannette has been through several crises, including a divorce, which have been (to say the least) emotionally traumatic. Considering all that has happened, it's a wonder she has had the time or presence of mind to effect a transfer of records at all.

Please, let's stop bashing one of our own, especially one to whom we owe so much. Jeannette Maddox gave up four years of her spare time, so we could have fun. She has earned our respect, as well as respectability for our organization. She deserves our thanks, not baseless rumors and paranoia. If any errors or improprieties are found, they can be addressed. Until then, the energy of the Executive Committee and the general membership should be channelled in a more positive direction. Continued attacks against the previous administration serve no constructive purpose and threaten to reduce STARFLEET to its previous "fan club" status.

Cindy Krell, USS Star League

Dear STARFLEET,

TextTrek '93 was my first international conference and I went with high hopes of learning techniques and tips that would help me in my day-to-day operations. In this I was not at all disappointed. It was an excellent conference and I learned many things. There was one thing I learned, however, that I never wanted to know. At TextTrek I saw many people wearing t-shirts that said, "Don't blame me. I voted for McGinnis. Told ya so." This sentiment is sadly indicative of the Fleet's main problem -- divisiveness.

There are only three possible reasons for wearing these t-shirts. The first is to campaign for the election of Mr. McGinnis in 1994. Of course, it is far too early to begin actively campaigning, according to the STARFLEET Constitution. These t-shirts could represent an adherence to the letter of the law, but a complete disregard for its spirit. If that was the reason for the manufacture and sporting of these shirts, it should be remembered when it comes time to cast the vote in '94.

A second reason could be a childish and unprofessional unwillingness to work together with the duly elected Fleet Admiral. Certainly

Lerman and his administration have made some mistakes, even some rather serious ones. But many of his mistakes have stemmed from him being forced to contend with the Maddox situation and the same kind of uncooperative mindset as expressed by these t-shirts. However, regardless of which candidate you backed in '92, divisiveness is not going to help solve anything. The only proper course of action for any member who truly cares about the Fleet is now to work together to get things set straight and campaign and vote according to your convictions at election time.

The third possible reason for wearing one of these t-shirts is one that I would like to believe motivated Kim Lerman to don one. This reason is an attempt to pull things back together Kim Lerman probably voted for Rob, and I can only see her wearing that shirt as an attempt to make light of a truly sad situation.

As I stated before, it's unsettling to see any Fleet member expressing these sentiments only one quarter of the way through the current term. But it's more unsettling to see a Regional Coordinator in one of these shirts. These upper-echelon members carry great responsibility in our club. One of these responsibilities is to know when it's appropriate to set aside personal differences and work together toward the good of the whole club. This particular bit of unprofessionalism undermines my confidence in their abilities to effectively represent the concerns of Fleet members in their regions to other national members and groups.

Some might say that I am against the expression of personal beliefs. Nothing could be further from the truth. But sloganeering such as this has its proper place and time during an election. It certainly has no value now, when the primary concern of the Fleet should be working together to heal the rifts left from the last election. When the next elections come I imagine the t-shirt wearers will fight tooth and nail to get their candidates elected. That will be the proper time for their efforts and their slogans. I can only hope the members of the Fleet will not forget their current unprofessionalism.

Denise Duggan, Tallahassee, FL

Dear STARFLEET,

Creation Entertainment would like to thank all the STARFLEET chapters that have provided invaluable assistance at our convention during the past year; and special appreciation and congratulations to Rob Lerman and his new administration!

As a major advertiser (see our full page ad in this issue) we lend our support to STARFLEET for continued growth and success. Having founded

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Letters continued

STARFLEET (in its current incarnation) in 1980, I am particularly proud to represent my current employer in the STARFLEET *Communiqué*.

As always, we welcome volunteer fan groups (STARFLEET and non) at all of our conventions, and will provide one free dealers table, for the purpose of promoting the fan club and its activities, to each group that provides volunteers (on a first-come basis) to assist the show manager. For more information, please call Elizabeth Daniello in the Creation offices in Los Angeles by called (818)409-0960. Elizabeth will register local groups and assign free tables, as well as determine the number of volunteers that will be needed in each city, sometimes provided by more than one organization.

Again, Creation salutes all the STARFLEET members that have helped make our conventions a continued success! Thank you.

Eric A. Stillwell, FADM, STARFLEET (retired)  
Director, Advertising & Promotion, Creation Entertainment

Dear STARFLEET,

Greetings from a new member! I am very glad to have joined the organization. As a recent signee, I would like to discuss the manner in which mailed inquiries by prospective members are received.

Personally, I was not recruited. I responded to a club advertisement in Starlog Magazine. I was lucky enough to write to people who found the time to respond to my letters and offer encouragement. Here, several months later, I am now a member. After sending "first contact letters" months ago, I have only recently received responses from a couple nearby chapters. Most of the letters I got back came from far away. Consequently, I have been offered a position in a correspondence chapter until I find a group nearby.

I would urge chapters to acknowledge letters from prospective members as timely as is possible. Barring lost mail, it does not reflect positively on chapters who leave a candidate hanging. I say this because some of my letters are as yet unanswered. Also, not everyone is so persistent as to keep sending letters.

As it was pointed out to me, "this is a hobby and done on free time" To busy chapters receptive to recruiting new people, I might suggest that postcards, which are cheaper to mail, may serve the purpose. It would at least alleviate doubt of whether the chapter is interested. It is not my intention to demean chapters with great workloads. My purpose is to try to help the Fleet recognize and welcome new members. Organizations like STARFLEET have great potential for bettering society. I humbly and respectfully welcome your opinions.

Jonathan P. Kus, New Providence Colony (*until I sign aboard somewhere*)

Dear STARFLEET,

I was dismayed to read David Miller's attack on me Starfleet Marines International in his recent Region 12 Summit Mission Report, but not surprised. I'd like to take this opportunity to set the

record straight

"Dr. Dave" may find it silly that a group called the Starfleet Marines would refer to an internal policing system as a "court martial," but this is fairly obviously in keeping with the persona of a Marine group. In fact, our system is established to safeguard the interests of the group while protecting the rights of the individual, and copies have been given to both STARFLEET JAG officers for their information.

Dr. David Miller has NEVER been the subject of any action by the Starfleet Marines, although he was "pompous and petty" enough to initiate court martial proceedings against someone else. He has been repeatedly advised of this, yet persists in acting the martyr. Go for it, Dave, never let truth interfere with a good story!

To date, in over a year, there has been one court martial instituted by the Starfleet marines. The maximum penalty, discharge for the Starfleet Marines, was levied when it was proven that a member misappropriated funds. Dr. Dave and the Region 12 Command Staff may think this is petty, but I suspect the people that lost money in the incident do not agree.

I would hope that, in the future, David Miller would desist in his baseless attacks on the Marines. I also call upon the Editorial Staff of the *Communiqué* to check the facts before printing any further articles containing such obvious biases.

William Stemmler, Adj. General/SMI

Dear *Communiqué*,

One quick comment on content I wanted to make, and it is of course raising an old debate. In Issue #57 you apologize for once again having to omit the ship status reports. I say, "Good riddance!" Speaking from just my point of view, I find it a much more valuable use of space to see all these excellent articles, reviews, and letters from the Fleet members, than to fill up 3-5 pages of ships meeting and activity recaps.

I would think a majority of members have only a passing curiosity in these details. Especially now that most regions have their own newsletters, members can keep up on the activities of other nearby ships better through that forum... Lets leave the *Communiqué* for the types of great articles we've seen in the past few issues!

Bill Duffy, USS *Christa McAuliffe*

Dear STARFLEET,

I am Commander Stacia Felix, the new Region 04 Correspondent. It will be my duty to report for the *Communiqué* all the newsworthy events in Region 04.

Periodically, I would like to hear from the publicity coordinator and/or communications chief of each ship/shuttle in the region. I may be reached at 543 E. Wigeon Way, Suisun City, CA 94585.

Stacia Felix, USS *Simonov*

Dear STARFLEET,

The USS *Nomad* would like to suggest to the leadership and membership of STARFLEET that STARFLEET undertake an initiative to persuade the U.S. Postal Service to issue a set of postage stamps with a Star Trek theme, Such a set of

stamps might have on them the original Starship Enterprise, Gene Roddenberry, the Starfleet emblem, and the principle officers and crew members of classic Star Trek and Star Trek: The Next Generation. I would be up the Postal Service to make the necessary legal arrangements with Paramount Pictures and the individuals involved.

This initiative could best take the form of letters from individual members and petitions from ships and shuttles being sent to: U.S. Postal Service, Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, Room 5670, 475 L'Enfant Plaza West, SW, Washington, D.C. 20261-6753.

Write frequently over the next year. We will know if we are successful if an issue is made.

Michael Malotte, USS *Nomad*

An article by Bill Kraft the Chairman of the Star Trek-Enterprise Stamp Committee, on this issue will appear in the next *Communiqué*.

Dear STARFLEET,

RE: DeForest Kelley Scholarship

We, of the *Patriot* are still accepting chances to be bought for the autographed cast Trek picture (All the main actors) to be rattled off. The response has not been very uplifting considering ALL proceeds go the DeForest Kelley Scholarship.

I can't believe so few members of STARFLEET are unwilling to part with one dollar for a chance at this autographed photo for such a good cause. Come on STARFLEET People, show me what you can really do when the going gets tough! One dollar isn't that much for a GOOD cause, is it? Please send your donation/raffle entry to:

USS *Patriot*  
c/o Sassy Shoes  
Collinsville Shopping Center  
Collinsville, VA 240784

Please put your name, address, and daytime phone number in the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Jim Martin, USS *Patriot*

Dear *Communiqué*,

To most people, Star Trek is a science fiction television show, but to those who are true fans of the show, it is a philosophy set forth by its creator, Gene Roddenberry. The I.D.I.C. philosophy is something that the fans I have had dealings with truly subscribe to and believe. I am writing this letter to all the fans and the celebrities who assisted me on SEA TREK 93.

Being physically challenged, I recently attended my second SEA TREK cruise and felt a letter of thanks was necessary.

The fans on the cruise truly live up to Gene's concept and should be commended and recognized. While the people who attended this event may not have realized it, me little things that were done for me (opening of doors, carrying a piece of luggage) and kindness of this nature were appreciated.

The SEA TREK staff and coordinators (Ruthanne Devlin, Joe Moles, and Carroll Paige) also need to be praised. The did a wonderful job in organizing such a tremendous undertaking. Not only did they take all the regular fans'

into consideration, but also the special needs of the disabled fans. The SEA TREK staff, especially Terry, Jon, Sherry, and Paul, also need to be thanked. These four individuals in particular, in addition to there assignments, were considerate of all the fans and likewise gave me a helping hand when needed.

The people I have just mentioned were all great, but all the fans who attended this event were like family and truly are great people to be around. I am hesitant to start mentioning names for fear of leaving someone out, so I will just say "Thank you!" to all of you who helped me.

To Majel, Bill, Robin, Daniel, John, Jimmy, Jerry, Mark, Eric, Diana, Bob, George, Laura, Ron, Carmen, A.C., Ame, and all of their traveling companions, I would also like to say thank you. Your kind words of encouragement help me continue when I get down or things get tough.

I had a great time on the cruise all will keep all of you in my thoughts and my prayers. I have attended many conventions since I became actively involved with my local Star Trek fan club, and have met a lot of great people. To all of my new friends I just want to say thanks. Hope to see you all in '95 when we set sail again.

Joe Simko, *USS Ascension*

Dear *Communiqué*,

In response to the extremely negative review of X-Wing by David Nurenberg, I have to vehemently disagree with his observations.

I have a 486/DX-33 with 16Mb of RAM, and I had no problem with the installation or operation of the game. I found it to be a very well done game with excellent response time and beautiful graphics and full digital sound.

The minimum effective computer [for this game] would be a 386/DX-33 with at least 4 Mb of RAM. A VESA local bus video board with 1 Mb of RAM will give the best results. The audio can only be truly appreciated with a 16-bit Sound Blaster Pro audio board and a True Sound stereo to back it up. If the receiver has Dolby Surround capability, than the full spectrum of audio can be realised as the game has full Surround Sound.

As far as the price goes, I only paid \$29.97 for a brand-new copy. If he was running MS-DOS 6.0, he would not have to worry about the hard disk space since with double-space file compression the game would only occupy 8.2 Mb of hard disk space.

In conclusion, I would like to say that if you are going to review a game, you should use a computer with an optimum memory configuration and a suitable hard drive in order to play the game more effectively.

C.J. Palmer, Shuttle Savannah

*However it should be pointed out that the manufacturers published minimum requirements for X-Wing are a 385 system with 1 Mb RAM, DOS 50, and a VGA monitor. A major problem of the computer game industry is the extremely unrealistic minimum system requirements that many games list in their advertising. If a game does not run well on a system that meets the advertised minimum requirements, than that should be both pointed out and criticized in a review.*

Dear *Communiqué*,

I have been a Trekfan for a long time but have just recently found the glory of organized fandom. It took me longer still to discover "fan fiction" and "zines." Now that I have, I am attempting to devour any and all stories I can get my hands on.

Toward that end, I am pleading with all readers to help me. If you have any older fan fiction stories you would be willing to share with me, or you know someone who does, please write and tell me. I'll gladly accept any leads and I'm especially looking for the following titles: *Spock Enslaved* by Diane Steiner, *A Rose For Miranda* by Ruth Berman - from *Eridani Triad* #3, *Tower of Terror* by Jennifer Guttridge - from *Tricorder Readings Vol. II* #2. I'm also interested in any *Kraith*, *T-Negative*, *Spockanalia* or *Tholian Web* material I can find.

So, if anyone has stories to share (or I'll even buy them, if need be) please, please let me know! I've written a story myself that is soon to be published, and I'd love to read those stories written before I even know what Star Trek was.

Bianca Handley  
P.O. Box 172725  
Tampa, FL 33602

### Anita vs. The Klingons

Dear *Communiqué*,

... Ms. Davis' unfortunate remarks concerning Klingon relations were apparently meant in jest. However, on a first read through that was not obvious. The irony was finding an article about the new Department of Klingon Relations only two pages later. Again I found myself wondering if I belonged to the same organization as Ms. Davis. While humor is a very necessary part of life, and sometimes the only thing keeping us sane, some thought needs to go into the image STARFLEET presents to the rest of the world. Ms. Davis' comments, even though meant in jest, only serve to perpetuate the stereotypes mundanes have of Star Trek fans.

We need to focus our energies and attention on the future and making it the brightest we can. Let's learn from the mistakes of the past and leave behind the negatives. Gene Roddenberry gave us a vision of the 23rd and 24th centuries. If we work on it and want it enough, we can make it happen in the 20th century.

Linda Reynolds, *USS Czar'ak*

Dear STARFLEET,

Anita Davis' story in the June/July *Communiqué* was more than a bit immature. It was my impression that STARFLEET of officers were supposed to be mature and responsible.

It is immature and reckless to ask for a war with someone or some group. However, I could have let it go that if that was all she had said, But actually advocating violence (even if only in jest) is an abuse of writing privileges. There are many freaked out people in this world, and telling the masses to back another person over a ledge and then shout how glad you are to be rid of him/her is a bit like giving an irresponsible 8 or 9 year old a gun and telling him how neat it would be to go shoot someone because they were playing the

part of an Indian (who are a very badly maligned group of people).

Those who write take on a responsibility because, as it is often said, if it's in print it must be good or right or popular. If we want to be misled by those who write, I (and everyone else who reads this newsletter) can go pick up a copy of the *Enquirer* or the *Star*. This newsletter is supposed to reflect the beliefs and values of the majority of people in our organization. But going to war, or unjustifiably or needlessly hurting or killing someone has no place in my beliefs. I hope Anita reads this and learns her lesson here, and not by encountering someone more physically motivated than myself.

Michael Clark, *USS Dragonfire*

Dear STARFLEET,

I got the chance to say so in person, and I wish to have it reiterated in print. Gary Decker's dissertation on the classic "Things to Come" was a joy to read. True, it's not Trek, but as a sf lover, especially of alternate history, the H.G. Wells adaptation has been a favorite of mine for years. It was the works of Wells, Verne, and their contemporaries that influenced Asimov, Bradbury, Heinlein, and yes, Roddenberry. By reflecting back on these early masters of the genre, we get a glimpse of that which helped spurred the imagination of a young boy in El Paso in the 1930s in his carton-built spaceship in the family backyard.

On a less serious note, I guess I have to say something about the "Klingon Comments" and the "Court Martial Fundraiser". I mean, I really, "really" don't want to, but everyone else in this issue is going to make a comment, one way or another. Nope, don't wanna. You mean I have to? Oh, well, the only comments I can make is: I don't live in my parents basement, I've kissed a gorgeous young woman (note girl - I'm not Woody Allen!), and HOW ABOUT THOSE REDSOX???? Hailing Frequencies Closed, Tickling Frequencies Opening ....

Tom Restivo, *USS Christa McAuliffe*



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## MEET THE FLEET

# USS PAEGAN

NCC-1755

RADM LORI ANNE BROWN, COMMANDING  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
REGION 02



by Lori Anne Brown, Regional Coord., Region 02

Formed in 1983, the USS *Paegan*, Orlando, Florida, is the oldest ship in Region Two, celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year, and one of the few in the Region still commanded by its founding Captain. RADM Lori Anne Brown founded the ship after moving to Florida in 1981 just two days after her high school graduation. Not knowing anyone in Florida, she decided to meet fellow Star Trek fans by forming a chapter of an organization she saw advertised in *Starlog* Magazine, STARFLEET. At that time, there was not STARFLEET Academy or Shuttle Program, and her request to start a ship in Orlando was granted as there were no chapters in the area.

The *USS Paegan* was born! Taking the ship's name from the *Star Trek Technical Manual* by Franz Joseph and a story she and a friend had written about the *USS Paegan*, Lori took the persona Peggy Tamara Vanguard after the character in the story she had written. For many years, every one in STARFLEET knew only Peggy Vanguard and had never heard of Lori Anne Brown. Recently, however, Lori has been using her real name, though Peggy Tamara Vanguard is still the CO of the *Paegan*.

For several years, the ship quietly struggled to find members. Then, a sudden influx of new, enthusiastic members breathed life into the *Paegan*. Though not the biggest ship in the Fleet, the crew of the *Paegan* is definitely one of the most diverse and creative groups around! Personas are a big part of the *Paegan* and range from a 7½' humanoid tiger named Krell (Peggy's husband and Lori's fiancée, Dan Bedell), to a 7' wolf named S'aaruuk (J.R. Johnson), to an 8' bear named Knox (Larry Jarrell), and more...most are original creations. There a Vixen, a fox; Pirahna, a half wolf/half cat; and, oh yes! a Vulcan, a few Klingons and a Vulconoid of unknown parentage or two as well. Krell and S'Aaruuk can often be seen in full makeup and costume at science fiction conventions and other promotions (it helps having Dan around -- a professional make-up artist!) and the crew helps out with book and movie promotions, grand openings, and more. The ship has earned two nicknames it is very proud of: "The Zoo Crew" due to the number of alien personas, and "The Party Ship" since RADM Brown originated STARFLEET Room Parties at conventions as a way of attracting new members. Region 02 has now adopted this concept and different ships now host the parties at area conventions.

Creativity for the *Paegan* spills out onto the printed page as well. The *Paegan* publishes a monthly newsletter, *Address Innership*, for the Captain to keep the crew up-to-date on happenings aboard ship, in the region, and in STARFLEET. An infrequently published newsletter, *Paegan Writes*, includes ship reports, fiction, etc. The

main publication of the *Paegan*, however, is *Starduster* the ship's fanzine. *Starduster 2* won all Region 02 competitions for best story, best artist, best cover, and more. *Starduster 2* was banned for the competition it, too, would have won all awards. *Starduster 4* is currently in production and it is expected by the end of the year. *Starduster* features art and fiction about the *Paegan* and its unique crew.

TachyCon, the *Paegan* sponsored annual science-fiction convention, celebrates its fifth year July 31-August 1, 1993. In keeping with the ship's reputation as "The Party Ship," TachyCon has been,

called one of the best, most fun, fan-run conventions in Florida! That's the ship's goal...for everyone attending the convention to have fun! Whether its the laser tag competition, the three costume contests (including "Tachi-est Costume Contest"), the Adult Scavenger Quest, the role-play gaming, SCA demo, live-action gaming, or presentations by our guests, the name of the game is FUN! And this year, K.L.A.W., will be hosting a regional conference for its members and contributing programming such as the "Klingon Fashion Parade" and live action Klingon Chess Match as well as acting as the conventions security force.



Back Row: Dan Bedell, Lori Anne Brown,  
Front Row: Debbie Joseph, Carole Lyn Ross, Robyn  
Douglas-Rubado

Video is the next big area for the *Paegan* to undertake. As several members have Amiga computers equipped with the revolutionary Video Toaster special-effects board, sever promotional videos, short films, and animations are in the planning stages. And since Lori and Dan own Pawtographics, a silk-screen company, several t-shirt and other printed designs are underway as well. The *Paegan* logo just may be emblazoned everywhere in Orlando soon!

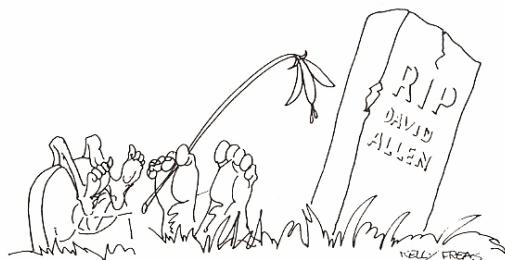
Meeting once a month (plus two monthly meetings for the TachyCon Steering Committee), the *Paegan's* noon meetings adjourn to an invasion of one of the area restaurants followed by an evening "after-meeting meeting" (i.e., PARTY) at the Captains home, or at Q-Zar, the local laser game arenas the ship has been doing promotional work for, or elsewhere. The crew usually, eventually ends up back at the CO's house for swimming and role-play gaming until the wee hours of the morning.

And in keeping with the name "The Zoo Crew," the *Paegan's* main focus for community service is through animal-related charities such as the Seminole County and Orlando Humane Societies, Save the Manatee Club, and more. Though not as active in this area as some other STARFLEET chapters, a *Paegan* can usually be found helping out when needed.

Though RADM Brown is now Commandant of STARFLEET Academy, she also remains the *Paegan's* commanding officer with no change in sight. The *Paegan* can be reached at 426 S. Lakemont Ave., Winter Park, FL 32792, or at 407/628-5047, 7-10 pm. EST.

Meanwhile,  
below  
decks . . .

by David N. Allen



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## A Column By David Allen

### Yes Virginia, There Was Science Fiction Before 1985

The convention was *Shore Leave*. I was sitting in the downstairs hall waiting for the art auction to get to a Ruth Thompson piece I wanted. Across from me were a couple of teenagers (male & female) resplendent in their Next Gen spandex, inventorying the swag from their latest foray into the dealer's room, I wasn't paying them much attention at first, but had my attention drawn by the girl's singing. In the room beside them, *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* had started and the girl, then the boy began humming along. Things went pretty much like that until the opening scene with the three Klingon battle cruisers getting their clock cleaned by V'ger. With the opening chords of the music, their pink little ears perked up and they looked into the darkened room. Slowly, they stood up and walked in, mouth agape, as the big plot contrivance made short work of the three little plot contrivances. They ooh-ed and aah-ed through the destruction of the space station right up to the point where the scene changed to earth, and Jim Kirk popped off the AmTrak. At this juncture, their shoulders slumped and they slunk out somewhat dejected and rather annoyed.

"Damn, I thought it was a new episode," the boy snarled.

"Yeah," agreed the girl. "They even stole the *Next Gen* theme song"

At this, I could remain quiet no longer. I troubled to inform the pair (politely) that they were mistaken. The theme music they heard had been appropriated by *Next Gen* because Paramount, unsure of whether the show would fly, didn't want to spend the money composing a music score for a show that might flop. A lively debate ensued (they were still cleaning the blood stains off the ceiling at the hotel last time I looked) with their reaction being somewhat akin to that of the Iranian clergy's response to a new Salman Rushdie novel. It required a visit to the dealer's room the next day to secure a copy of *ST:TMP*'s sound track and the playing of same along with a careful inspection of the copyright to get their (grudging) admission to error. During this time, the argument had escalated into one of my favorite debates: *Classic Trek* vs. *Next Gen*: No Quarter Asked or Given. Now understand that I am an individual who loves a good argument and up until this point, these arguments had been with contemporaries about the merits and deficiencies of Next Gen and its place in the historical context of the universe. This was the first time however, that I had ever

debated a strictly partisan crowd of fans, none older than twenty-five, to whom *Star Trek: The Next Generation* was their first and ONLY exposure to science fiction. These people had no frame of reference to balance their opinions, they detested Classic Trek because it had "cheap special effects" and "stupid stories". The argument degenerated from there into a comparison of *Classic Trek*-fandom versus *Next Gen* fandom (God! Only thirty-one and I was in the middle of a new generation gap). At one point, one fellow sneered at me (he couldn't help it he was wearing Ferengi makeup) "You people think you invented *Star Trek* fandom. Much as it pained me and made me feel very old, I informed him that while he was still just so much genetic material looking for a place to park, I was gophering cons and getting trampled in autograph lines. The more I talked to these folks, the more appalled I became. Other than *Trek* novels, they didn't read; other than television and the occasional senseless action movie, they didn't do much to stimulate their frontal lobes. Now before some of you out there get your underwear in a knot and start writing me nasty letters about how I am tarring all *Next Gen* fans with the same brush, I am well aware that these people are not necessarily representative of the genre. That said, I wish to also state that I am running into enough of these folks these days to make me worry.

I have been told by people who don't have the foggiest idea what they are talking about that it is so much neater to be in fandom nowadays since the cons are bigger, the dealer's rooms are bigger and you can get practically any costume, prop, video tape or sound track you want. With the advent of computers, BBS' are plentiful and fanzines easy to produce.

I am afraid I can only agree with the part about fanzines. I have yet to see a con which compared with 1976 convention at the Commodore hotel in New York. Five days and a guest list that included everybody except Shatner and Nimoy, but also included Gene, Hal Clement, Isaac Asimov, Norman Spinrad, Bill Theiss, and a dozen other writers of note. Attendance was around 6000 and admission was \$20 for ALL FIVE DAYS. Of course, today, you could get a similar guest line up at *SeaTrek*, but then you would be out a couple of thousand after all your expenses were tallied up. My total expenses were about \$300, including train fare.

Now I am not just trying to say that things "just aren't like they used to be in the good old days" Obviously, they can't be and nothing ever is like it was yesterday. But, I will say that some of you out there are spoiled. You have magazines and

official fan clubs, new novels every month, ready-made props, costumes and art. All of it for the most part, properly licensed, sanctioned and approved by the corporate gods at Paramount. Everything you could possibly want, you can get, for a price. In my day we had none of this. Paramount considered us a nuisance and ignored us most of the time except for occasionally suing some poor sixteen-year-old fanzine editor for infringing their copyright. Big screen science-fiction was in short supply, so we ravenously consumed whatever we could find. We turned to the classics: *Day the Earth Stood Still*, *War of the Worlds*, *This Island Earth*, *Fahrenheit 451* and when it came to America, *Dr. Who*. When we did read *Trek* novels they didn't have ridiculous blurbs like:

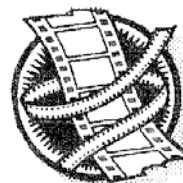
Join Capt. Kirk™, Mr. Spock™, and the rest of the crew of the USS Enterprise™, as they battle the Terribly Impolite Mush Monsters from Polyster IX™ (Soon to be a major motion picture and breakfast cereal)

If we couldn't find it, we wrote our own in the thousands of fanzines produced at the time. If we weren't writing fanzines, we were writing each other reams of letters discussing all the above. We were voracious and because of our voracity we explored well beyond the realm of *Star Trek*. *Trek* was certainly our first love, but we saw in context to other works; it was not an end in and of itself. This is what I fear is happening to a lot of the *Next Gen* fans - they have become so absorbed into the carefully marketed world of *Star Trek, Inc.* that they see nothing else, read nothing else and think nothing else. How can any *Next Gen* fan claim to understand and appreciate Cmdr. Data when not only has he never read an Asimov robot story, he doesn't even know who Isaac Asimov is!

*Star Trek* fans have always viewed themselves as something of an intellectual elite. Our counter argument to those who thought we were weird was that we, unlike the rest of the unwashed masses, read books. But the fans of my youth read everything we could get our hands on; science fiction, science fact, fantasy and gradually other genres. I know today an alarming number of folks, who rarely if ever read, and if they do, read only *Trek* novels.

Now before anyone gets carried away, I would like to point out that this little lecture is not aimed at ridiculing *Next Gen* fans for their crimes, real or imagined. My purpose is to point out alarming behaviour in a group of people I am rather fond of. So those of you intending to fire up the word processor or typewriter and give me hell, stop. Save your energy and look around you. What have you been reading lately? What have your friends been reading? Other than *Star Trek*, what other science fiction or fantasy work have you seen or read? Can you name ten science fiction films made before 1975?

Dust off your library card and hit the road.







# CONVENTIONS

FAN-RUN • PROFESSIONAL EVENTS • STARFLEET GATHERINGS

**STARFLEET BALL & CONSORTIUM**, September 11, 1993. Fort Lee Officers Club, Fort Lee, VA. Hosted by USS Nighthawk. Fashioned on formal Military Dining Out. Minimum age: 16. Reservations: After 6/1/93, \$30 per person, \$45 per couple (dinner selection half baked chicken only). Checks payable to: USS Nighthawk. Send to: USS Nighthawk, c/o Elizabeth Howard, 2503 Pickett St., Hopewell, VA 23803.

**STAR TREK CAMP OUT**, September 17-19, 1993, Shady Oaks Camp Ground, Garden City, MN. Speakers, videos, trivia, gaming, costume contest, family fun, & much more. Profits to charity. Hosted by Shuttle *Daedalus*. For information, send a long SASE to Wendy Stubbs, Shady Oaks Camp Ground, P.O. Box 234, Garden City, MN 56034 or call 507/546-3986.

**ASCENSION CON II**, September 18, 1993, Lehigh County Community College, Schnecksville, PA. Guests: James Doohan, Robert O'Reilly, Tony Todd, others TBA. Dealers Room, Charity Auction, free autographs. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. To order or for further information, contact: Kevin Miles, Lehigh Co. Community College, 4525 Education Park Dr., Schnecksville, PA 18078 or call 215/799-1169. Make checks payable to Lehigh Co. Community College.

**HUBCON 93**, September 18-19, 1993, Ramada Inn Limited, 900 Broadway Dr., Hattiesburg, MS. Guest of Honor: Major Bill Harting, President, H.M.G.S. Mid-South, & VADM Deborah Nelson, Region 02 Coordinator. Costume contest, auction, dealers room, movie rooms, role playing, miniature wargaming, STARFLEET programming. Handicap Accessible. Registration: \$15 Saturday at the door, \$5 Sunday only. Sponsored by USS *Odyssey* and Hattiesburg Kriegsspieler Wargaming Association. Proceeds benefit Christian Service Center, Hattiesburg, MS.

**VULKON**, October 1-3, 1993. CastleGate Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Guests: Gates McFadden, Daniel Davis. For more information, contact VULKON Conventions, 12237 S.W. 50 St., Cooper City, FL 33330-5406 or call 305/434-6060.

**FARPOINT**, October 8-10, 1993. Hunt Valley Marriot, Hunt Valley, MD. New convention by the Oktober Trek committee members. Guests: TBA. Information: Farpoint, 5657 Utrecht Rd., Baltimore, MD 21206. Call 410/866-5516.

**COMICFEST '93**, October 8-11, 1993, Philadelphia Civic Center, Philadelphia, PA. Billed as the largest comics and collectables convention ever staged in US. Membership: \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. \$12 for one-day. Information: ComicFest '93, 614 Corporate Way, Valley Cottage, NY 10989 or call 914/268-3600.

**CON\*CEPT'93**, October 15-17, 1993, Montreal,

Quebec, Canada. Science Fiction/Fantasy. Guests: Authors Robert Sheckley, Karen Wehrstein, Shirley Meier, Yves Menard, Donald Kingsbury and Glenn Grand; model maker Michael Cuneo, Mike Lennick (War of the Worlds TV show). Pre-reg. \$23 postmarked before Sept. 30), afterwards \$28 full weekend, \$17 Fri/Sat, \$13 Sunday only. For information, write P.O. Box 405, Station H, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H8G 2L1 or call 514/288-1692.

**LAGRANGECON<sup>SM</sup> '93**, October 15-17, 1993, Independence Holiday Inn, Independence, OH. Guests: Armin Shimerman, Daniel Davis (Moriarty), screenwriter Dennis Bailey, DC Comics inker Arne Starr. Panels, video rooms, costume contest, dance, art show, murder mystery, and more! Membership: \$30 to September 30 for both day; at the door, \$35-2 day, \$25-Saturday, \$20-Sunday. For information or pre-registration, send SASE to LagrangeCon<sup>SM</sup> '93, P.O. Box 1193, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, 44223.

**AUGUSTACON**, October 18-17, 1993, Southgate Plaza, Augusta, GA. SF and Comic Con. Guests: Roger Brown, comic strip writer; Tom Lyles, Marvel comics artist; Several artists from Full Force Grafix comics. USS Star League will represent STARFLEET and conduct a unique charity raffle: Winner will receive autographed photo of Robin Curtis and a personal phone call from her! Cost: Saturday - \$4.00 (also can be used on Sunday), Sunday only - \$3.00. For information, contact: USS Star League, P.O. Box 7452, N. Augusta, SC 29841-1452, or call 706/733-6563 before 10 pm., or Paul Rogers, Augusta Book Exchange, 1631 Gordon Hwy., Augusta, GA 30906, or call 706/793-7796.

**VULKON**, October 29-31, 1993. St. Petersburg, FL. Guests: Siddig El Fadil, Robert O'Reilly. For more information, contact VULKON Conventions, 12237 SW. 50 St., Cooper City, FL 33330-5406 or call 305/434-6060.

**WISHCON III**, November 19-21, 1993, Springfield Sheraton Monarch, Springfield, MA. STARFLEET Northeast Regional Conference. Guests include Armin Shimerman, Walter Koenig, Jonathan Harris, John Levine, Nicola Bryant, and many more. Panels, hall costume contest, art show/auction, 10-Forward, charity auctions, and more. Costs: \$35/weekend 'til Oct. 15 (add \$10 for reserved seating), \$40 at the door. Banquet \$23. Info: K & L Productions, 500 Monroe, Tpk., Monroe, CT 06468. Call 203/459-0413. Ticketmaster tickets: 413/733-2500.

**ELBACON 94**, February 12-13, 1994, Holiday Inn Metroplex, Youngstown OH. Guest star: Robin Curtis. Registration: Before 10/15-\$17 for 2 day, \$12-1 day; afterwards \$22 for 2 day, \$15 1 day. Call 216/788-1324 for information, or write Elbacon 94 P.O. Box 774, Youngstown, OH

44501. Include SASE.

**BASH '94**. March 11-13 1994, Sheraton Tara Hotel, Braintree MA. Presented by the Boston Star Trek Association. Guest of honor: Siddig El Fadil, others TBA. Featuring dealers. Friday night Ferengi Fever Dance, Saturday Vampire's Ball, video room, costume contest, charity auction. Registration: \$30 until January 31, \$35 at the door. \$20 per day at the door. Write BASH '94, Boston Star Trek Association, P.O. BOX 1108, Boston MA, 02103-1108. Call 617/894-BSTA for latest info.

**ODYSSEY TREK '94**. March 18-20, 1994. Skyline Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls. Guests: Siddig El Fadil, Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), Larry "The Doctor" Stewart, Dave Rossi, Tye Templeton, and Richard Coyle. Pre-reg \$34 to Dec. 31. At the door: \$40 for three-day pass. \$20 for one-day. Information: Odyssey Trek, P.O. Box 47541, Center Mall, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, L8H 757, or call 416/578-1034.

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**STARDREAM I CON**. September 8-11, 1994. Mannheim, Germany. Visit beautiful Germany and celebrate the 28th anniversary of Star Trek! Guests: 10 or more stars from Classic and TNG. Supported by Shuttle *Europe*. Information: STAR TREK FANCLUB "Enterprise", c/o S. Strybuc, Hans Sachs Ring 17, 68199 Mannheim-Niederfeld GERMANY.

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# 1993 STARFLEET

## international

### The 1993 STARFLEET International Conference by Dwain Gleason

The 1993 STAR FLEET National Conference was held at Tex-Trek '93 by the crew of the *USS Comanche* and other Region 03 members over the 4th of July weekend. An estimated 500+ Fleet members attended the annual event, with an additional 400+ convention attendees from the Dallas/Fort Worth area on hand as well.

Official convention activities began Friday, but many attendees arrived earlier in the week to take advantage of local attractions. The facilities at the Arlington Convention Center were conveniently located near Six Flags over Texas, Arlington Stadium, the Wet'n Wild water park and a host of other attractions and restaurants.

During the opening ceremonies Friday night, representatives from each chapter in attendance were paraded on stage. An impressive presentation of colors then commenced, with the colors of STARFLEET, the United Federation of Planets, the planet Earth, the United States, and the Republic of Texas proudly represented by color guards from the STARFLEET Marines, the STARFLEET Rangers, and a Klingon Color Guard. A special presentation from a local dance club and video presentations from Germany and Australian chapters kept the crowd's attention for the remainder of the ceremony, and then it was time for the pool party and the "unofficial" start of the weekend.

Saturday  
"State of the Fleet"  
an impressive affair  
with an auspicious  
start

morning's  
address was,

- a line of TNG character puppets (provided by the *USS Stargazer*) danced across the stage to the tune of "The Banana Boat Song", impressively sung acappella by RADM Steve Thomas. Several members of the Admiralty Board were present, including VADM Deborah Nelson (R/2 Coordinator), RADM Bill Schwab (R/3 Coordinator), RADM David Kloempkin (R/6 Coordinator), VADM Dan McGinnis (R/12 Coordinator), RADM Clayton Melanson (Chief of Computer Operations), VADM Tim Gillespie (Chief of Communications), and FADM Rob Lerman. CAPT Michael Knight, VRC of Region 4, was also in attendance representing R/4 Coordinator VADM Janis Moore.

The program was officially begun by RADM Schwab, who started with comments regarding the nature of STARFLEET and how far the Fleet has come. He remarked on the growth of Region 3 under his command and expressed his enthusiasm about the future of the organization. FADM Lerman then made some comments regarding the state of the Fleet. He mentioned that membership processing appeared to be fully on-line and that the Fleet was almost back to a "fully functional" status. FADM Lerman's wife and son accompanied him from Sacramento, where Region 04 members raised their air fare to Arlington.

VADM Gillespie then made some comments regarding the organization to the tune of "We're STARFLEET-We're the Good Guys!" which was met with a warm reception by the attendees. He then went on to discuss the *Communiqué*, commenting on the enormous amounts of submissions that were being received. He then passed out the Communications Department's Newsletter awards. Top honors were won by the R/6 Flagship, the *USS Czar'Ark*.

RADM Melanson then proceeded to bring the membership up to date with current membership statistics and information. Counting all family memberships, just shy of 5,000 members are currently on STARFLEET's books and memberships are being processed as soon as they come in. Pre-paid membership packets are available to chapters wishing to sell them at conventions as well, with an authorizing letter from the Regional Coordinator being the only requirement.

A whole host of presentations and awards were then made. Some of the highlights were:

Four ships were commissioned at Tex Trek, including the Region 03 ships *Infinity* and *Bexar* and the Region 12 ships *Charlemagne* and *Empress* from Oklahoma and Michigan respectively. VADM McGinnis presented all those ships with a bottle of champagne, with orders to sign it and open it and their first anniversary, a Region 12 tradition.

VADM Cindy Krell announced the winners of the STARFLEET Scholarships for 1993 and Denise Duggan, director of the STARFLEET Academy Honors program presented the 1992 Honors Graduates.

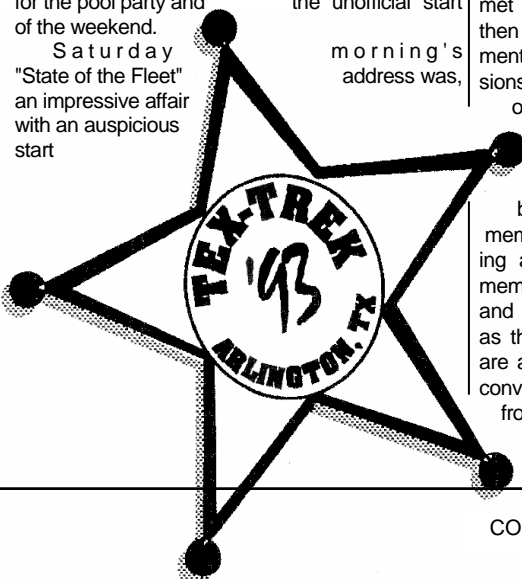
The State of the Fleet address wrapped up (almost on time), and convention attendees then began to mingle through a wide variety of panels and programs, both of a STARFLEET and a non-Fleet nature.

The Fleet Admiral held a fireside chat, where the primary topic of discussion included STARFLEET Merchandise (which is once again available) and the availability of ships of Klingon design to STARFLEET Chapters.

A further panel of interest was the XO/CO panel where Command personnel shared ideas on ship operations, including fund-raising and community service activities. Several excellent ideas were passed around.

The "Ask the EC" panel (which rapidly became the "Grill Rob" panel) focused primarily on two main points. The first question dealt with a perceived deficiency in the Operations Department, mainly from the lack of ship reports in the last two issues of the *Communiqué* and some lengthy delays in the commissioning of new ships. FADM Lerman assured panel attendees that the problem had been addressed and also announced that former Chief of Operations ADM Tom Davis had accepted the position of Assistant Chief of Operations.

The next series of questions (for the remainder of the panel) dealt with the transition problems from the Maddox administration and the financial status of STARFLEET. FADM Lerman and JAG Officer (West) CAPT Gary Scott Decker explained the problems in obtaining the Fleet records - a situation which has been since resolved.



# conference

STARFLEET panels occurred through the day on both Saturday and Sunday, along with a variety of other convention activities, including and excellent costume contest, several guest stars and speakers, and plenty of room parties.

The Region 03 volunteers that worked on the National Conference (known as the "Posse") did an excellent job, and made this year's conference an unforgettable one. STARFLEET members from across the US and Canada had a wonderful experience in Texas and are already making plans to gather again at the 1994 National Conference in Orlando, Florida.

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## TEX-TREK '93 That's All Folks! by Laura Morris, USS Comanche

The 1993 International STARFLEET Conference, TEX-TREK, has come and gone.

From early reports, those in attendance had a terrific time. There were a number of highlights from throughout the weekend.

Friday night opening ceremonies got a lot of positive comments. We worked very hard to put together an enjoyable and entertaining show. After the show, quite a few people went to the pool at the hotel for the chance to talk to old friends and make new ones. Several shuttles became starships, welcome to the Fleet, guys!!! (Captain Billy L, from the *Infinity* - has your monster maroon dried yet?)

On Saturday, the day began with the State of the Fleet address. Part of the address was the giving out of awards by regions within STARFLEET. Congratulations to all who were recognized. A number of other panels were held with various people from many different areas within STARFLEET speaking.

Early Saturday afternoon, the three media guests took to the stage and entertained the crowd with stories of Trek, careers and just about anything else they were asked. After the talks, the three signed autographs for over two hours.

Later in the afternoon, a charity auction was

held with some really great things in it.

Saturday evening began with the masquerade. With over thirty contestants, there were a number of outstanding entrants. While the judges made the decisions on the winners, the crowd was entertained by a bachelor/bachelorette auction. Wasn't "Mur", our emcee, just fabulous? (Watch out for that whip!!!)

Once the decisions were made and awards handed out, things really cranked up over at the hotel with the Alien Ambassadors Ball. Even the deejays at the dance were impressed with the staying power of some of the dancers. Things finally wound down about 3:00 am.

every one that attended Tex-Trek '93 had a good time. A lot of work went into trying to see that you did. Special thanks goes to a lot of people in Region 03. First and foremost, the hostship, *USS Comanche*. Other ships in the region who really helped out were *USS Intangible*, *USS Rhyanna*, *USS Vindicator*, and *USS Lancelot*.

Many other individuals and groups helped out as well. Special thanks to our Regional Coordinator, Bill Schwab, and the rest of the regional staff. One final word of thanks goes to Sarah and Robert Peugh for working very hard to bring it all together.

See y'all in Florida in 1994.



Rob and Tim Time Warp in the opening ceremony (Photo by: Daniel M Coburn)

Sunday started quietly. Could it have been because of the length of the dance? Again, all three media stars spoke and signed autographs. With closing ceremonies, the "official" convention was over. Many hugs were freely exchanged, as well as a few tears. Deborah Nelson from Region 02 made a wonderful presentation to Sarah Peugh of the travel souvenirs from the Tex-Trek Cruise. (Deborah and Sharon — have you caught up on your sleep, yet?!) A couple of hours later, the true end of con party, the "Dead Dog" started. Traditionally held for the staff and anybody else who still hasn't left yet, the party went until well into the morning hours.

Those of us on the board of directors hope that

## TexTrek '93 by Gigi Liscomb, USS Rhyanna

We arrived in Arlington from Austin Thursday night. After checking into the hotel and depositing our mountain of luggage, we reported to registration. Yes, I was lucky enough to be a member of the posse (Definition according to Sarah Peugh: Weekend Slave!).

Joy Spurger (giver of *thee stinkin' badges*) registered us and then put us to work. Each pre-paid delegate or posse member had a package ready to pick up, containing their badge for the weekend, a program, and several nice items

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## Tex- Trek Coverage continued

contributed by the City of Arlington. During the course of the evening, I registered delegates from as far away as Calgary, Canada (Hi Dave!) and as close as Dallas. Everyone was excited and I ready for the weekend to begin. Most delegates registered with us before they checked into the hotel!

Friday began much too early. We were due at Registration by 8:30. After reporting, we were promptly put to work. Sam Jolly and Kathy Hench from the USS *Rhyanna* were assigned to the hotel area, continuing to register the more than 500 pre-paid delegates. I was assigned to the Convention Center. Two or three day tickets entailed laminated (stinkin') badges and I spent a busy morning organizing the table and supplies. The security headquarters was right by registration. Robert Peugh and his team were so organized they were scary!

The volunteers met at noon for last minute details (I was busy at the registration table!) and the convention officially opened at 2:00 p.m. The crowd of people waiting to purchase tickets was huge, even though none of the media guests were due until Saturday. Jennifer Picciano and I valiantly tried to keep up with the crowd the first hour, then it slackened off. STARFLEET members who registered at the STARFLEET table were given blue ribbons to tape or pin to their badges. I managed to get both my ribbon (and a very late lunch) before Jennifer was called away to other areas. There were a few problems with registration, but overall it ran pretty smoothly.

The opening ceremony was emotional. I was impressed with how many starships and shuttles were represented. People came from all over the country. It made my three-hour trip from Austin seem pretty insignificant. The feeling of friendship flowed through the crowd. I especially enjoyed the marriage proposal made from the stage. Afterwards, everyone relaxed at the pool party and got to know each other a little better.

Saturday started early (why wasn't I surprised?) I now only worked at Registration but also did a stint at door security. I decided I like registration better. I get to talk more! I managed a meal (I think) at some point, and felt I knew all of the posse a lot better by day's end. Since I was a part of that evening's program, I was released from duty at an early hour.

Unfortunately, not early enough. I was scheduled to be auctioned off as a dance partner for the Alien Ambassador Ball during the masquerade contest judging. We had slightly over an hour to get ready. That is, an hour for four women in one room to get ready. The room looked like a tornado had swept through by the time we were finished!

The auction went well. I was "purchased" by a STARFLEET Marine from the USS *Umiak* in St. Louis. I hope Walter had as nice a time as I did that night. Sarah Peugh was persuaded to auction off a dance (purchased by a dealer for \$75!) The money from the auction went directly to the Arlington Shelter for Battered Women and Children, and was much needed. The ball was also a huge success, judging from the revelry of the crowd.

Sunday began early (why am I still not sur-

prised??) with Breakfast with the Stars. While we waited on the Mezzanine for the doors to open, a rumor passed through the crowd that one of the stars was unable to make it (Colm Meaney). My reaction: Who cares? This is the first real meal I've had all weekend! I was fortunate enough to sit with a group from Region t2 (including "my" Marine) and the comments they had about the Conference overall thrilled me. This was my first chance to attend a conference and I had no idea how it stacked up to previous ones. They assured me it was one of the best they had ever attended.

I finally got my chance to see some of the actual convention itself. I was assigned to security detail in the autograph room. Yes, I was the person everyone hates, the one making every- (one "move along, please don't ask the stars to look at your camera flash, move along, etc.") I was privileged to hear George Takei sing "99 people in line" to the tune of "100 bottle of beer." Grace Lee Whitney also sang a few lines. Colm Meaney just laughed at them, but even that was fun. I also had a chance to meet "Admiral" Timmy when FADM Lerman and his wife, Kim, came through the line. Timmy waited until he was right in front of the table to decide he had HAD ENOUGH! Luckily, my brand-new enamel Starfleet pin proved distracting enough to keep him entertained.

Of course, all good things must eventually end. The time arrived for the closing ceremony. I saw a few tears shed. Then we moved on to the dead dog party. We all enjoyed the party, some of us enjoyed the Romulan ale more than others! Luckily, the *Rhyanna's* CMO was also in attendance. Kathy administered medications before we went to bed, so the morning after wasn't too bad. I was part of the group in the hotel hot tub. I noticed a man edging away from us and realized he was a "normal" hotel guest. I was sympathizing with him and we got into a conversation. He finally admitted he though all trekkies and trekkers were nerds watching the TV shows and movies and wearing pointed ears. The conversation we were having, comparing various community service projects, was enlightening. I probably didn't convert him, but he felt better about us by the end of the evening!

Over the weekend, I had become really close to the other posse members. We had become a team, smooth-running and streamlined. I felt I had been a part of something wonderful and it was going to be hard to get back to "real" life! Well, I've been back at work a week now and it is hard. The conference was a magical weekend that made my life a little brighter. I hope I can attend the '94 conference in Orlando (I might even get to see some of the programming) and I hope Sarah and Region 03 decide to do this again. I'm ready!

## A Weekend With George by Elaine Y. Fisher

If you have never seen George Takei at a convention, then you have missed out. George is friendly, witty, and dynamic - both as a person and as a convention guest. Other stars may fall prey to the prima donna syndrome, but not George.

If you've only pictured him as a saber-bearing helmsman, you've missed the essence of George Takei. Although Star Trek has been a large part of his life, he is much more than just an actor. He is a man concerned about the environment and world affairs; about life.

I met the real George Takei during the weekend of Tex-Trek '93. Our meeting was not what I expected. I remember hearing some of the departing passengers comment that "a guy on crutches" was slowing down everybody leaving the plane. I looked at David and said, "God, I hope it's not George? Of course, it was. Thus started a wonderful weekend.

While waiting at the baggage carousel, George told us of the foot surgery that put him on the crutches, and of the running incident 15 years ago that ultimately led to it. Over the course of the weekend, George must have told that story dozens of times. David said to him once that he must be tired of repeating it, because David was getting tired of it. We could always tell when George was tired of the story, because he would revert to the short form: "Never kick a Klingon."

George regaled us with stories throughout the weekend. He told us of his mother fixing Japanese food with a Mexican twist, thanks to the influence of a Mexican neighbor. We discussed the rich European heritage and sense of history versus the American practice of destroying landmarks, such as the M-G-M Studios sign, in order to put a new company name on it. He spoke of the many times people told him how his name was pronounced, and of the many (wrong) ways they pronounced it. (For the record, it's pronounced "ta-KAY.") He and David had a deep discussion on national and world politics. He even joined in when David and I got into one of our famous "pun



RADM Steve Thomas, USS Jamestown, offers Captain Picard command tips (photo by: Susan Harke)

wars." When we mentioned that we rarely ate breakfast, George lectured us about "the most important meal of the day." (Yes, George, we're still eating breakfast every day.)

He spoke often of his family. His mother still calls often, especially while he's on crutches, to check on him. He told us of his niece's job search after she graduated from college, and of his nephew Scott who endured countless "Beam him up" jokes as a youngster. He spoke of answering his doorbell to find a niece or nephew with some neighborhood friends, saying "See, I told you so!"

George is interested in places. He loves to get the "feel" of new cities by viewing their architecture and the special spots that make each unique. He had been to Dallas before, but hadn't gotten a chance to see the full skyline. So, we took him there at night, taking the long way around to make sure he got the best view. David also spent a morning with him in Fort Worth, visiting places as diverse as the Kimball Museum and the Fort Worth Stockyards. George didn't even mind when we occasionally took a wrong turn (paying more attention to him than the road), or even got completely lost if he enjoys uncharted courses and the serendipity they sometimes offer.

Many things make George a charming convention guest. Part of it is that he seems to truly understand and appreciate what the fans have done for him, so he tries to give a little back to them. As an example, he asked if he should go to a private party to which he had been invited. I explained that his attendance was neither required nor expected, just that they would like him to go. His response was, "Well, then I should go." And he did. He also visited the children's programming, to their delight.

After more than a quarter-century of veneration, George retains an unpretentious nature. He is still surprised that fans go to the trouble of discovering what he likes to drink (Lonestar longnecks) and his favorite type of pizza (mushroom). He is unfailingly polite when people approach him in public, chatting with them and generously granting autograph requests. The air around him frequently rings with his full laughter.

At the beginning of the weekend, I went to the airport to pick up a Star Trek star that I admired very much. I ended the weekend back at the airport, seeing off a person and friend that I admire even more. Thank you George, for a memorable weekend, from one of your "Klingon Shepherds."

## How Much For That STARFLEET Officer In the Spotlight?

by Gigi Liscomb, USS Rhyanna

During every masquerade contest, eventually the judges have to withdraw to make their final decisions. Either everyone gets bored and leaves early or an innovative intermission is planned. During the recent National Conference, Tex-Trek '93, the Executive Board decided on the innovative approach.

Several months ago, I was asked if I would be interested in being auctioned off as a dance partner for the Alien Ambassador's Ball, with

proceeds benefiting the Arlington Battered Women's Shelter. Since I have been married for eleven years to a non-dancer, I was eagerly awaiting the ball. I told them "Sure!" I was pretty nonchalant about the whole thing until I was told that the auction would take place on the main stage and we would be going out one by one! wait a minute, is it too late to change my mind?

I was sharing a room with three other girls, one of which was also in the auction, and the other two weren't about to miss the chance to hold some-



Karen Hinckley, USS Concord, at the Friday night pool party. (photo by Susan Harke)

thing over us. So, there were four women trying to get ready at the same time! By the time we were finished there were curlers, clothes and makeup strewn from one end of the room to the other, I was glad housekeeping wasn't expected until the following morning.

When we arrived at the convention center we were directed back stage. The eight of us who were being auctioned off were asked by Sarah Peugh to write a brief bio that would be used by either herself or Jamie Murray during the auction. I felt butterflies in my stomach.

We worked on the bios for a few minutes with the major question being "Should we be honest or not?", then Sarah came and got them. She warned us that she and Jamie would be very suggestive in their comments and she wanted us all to play along with them. She reminded us that the money was for charity and asked us to urge the crowd to bid as high as possible. The butterflies in my stomach suddenly turned into grasshoppers!

Danny James, of the intangible, was the first to be auctioned off. He played the crowd beautifully. I watched carefully and he actually seemed to be having fun. My crew mate, Sam (Samantha) Jolly, was next. She had been so nervous behind the stage, that she drank the entire picture of complimentary water before her turn. Once, she got on the stage, though, she was fine. After her another crew mate, Jesse Nauman, was next.

Unknown to him, his fellow crew mates (female, that is) had secretly arranged for a man to bid on him. Sarah asked for the bidding to start off at \$5.00 and a masculine voice rang out. The crowd went wild with laughter as Jesse almost burst into flames from his blush! He was finally auctioned off (to a beautiful Deanna Troi contestant from the masquerade contest) and then, it was my turn.

I started to climb the steps to the stage. The grasshoppers decided to put on combat boots. Once on stage, I realized they were using a spotlight on us. The combat boots had transformed into cleats. As expected I danced, I flirted (to the best of my ability) and when Jamie made his suggestive remarks I played along.

The bidding started and suddenly, voices came out of the darkness. I realized the lights prevented me from seeing the audience and I had no idea who was bidding on me!

Finally, the price was set (I'll brag, I brought in \$30.00) and I descended the stage to await my purchaser. He was dressed in combat fatigues and yes, combat boots! I had been purchased by Walter a Starfleet Marine who came in from St. Louis. I had met him earlier in the day while doing a stint at the Starfleet Table

After all the rest had been auctioned off Sarah decided to auction off Jamie Murray. He went for a "pretty penny", but when that was done the crowd persuaded Sarah to be auctioned off. Colm Meaney's bodyguard/friend Joe Bob paid \$75.00 for one dance with her! Oh well, so much for my price!

We danced the night away (or tried to) and had a wonderful time. The Ball was crowded, hot and absolutely wonderful. Colm Meaney judged the dance contest. Afterwards, Sarah and Joe Bob had their dance. All I can say is it involved a bull whip and it cleared the dance floor!

All that remains is the question "Would I do it again?" You bet!

## Tex-Trek Delivery by Anne Miller, USS Charlemagne

*Charlemagne's* bundle of joy weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 oz., and netted the *USS Charlemagne* the position of First Place in the Stampede contest at Tex-Trek. The Stampede coordinators were amazed to learn that the *Charlemagne's* entry was the result of only one week of endeavor.

"We have a source," admitted the crew. Once a week, a member of the crew picks up the discarded billing envelopes from the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company. The envelopes are then sorted into stamp categories according to the stamp on them by the ship's Cadet crew. After being sorted, everyone gets together to prepare the stamps for mailing. The remaining envelopes are turned in for recycling instead of being thrown away.

Surprisingly, the *Charlemagne's* crew have become responsible for getting several OG&E customers' bills paid, albeit a little late. Over \$900.00 in checks were found in the first load of discarded envelopes. And can you imagine finding a \$52,000.00 check, then another check written for \$28,000.00, in one day? OG&E was very grateful those checks were found.

Not bad for a ship born on the third of July!

## Tex-Trek '93 Medical Round Table Report by Mary Oliver, USS Comanche

I am the Chief Medical Officer of the *USS Comanche* in Fort Worth, Texas. I want to start by saying what a pleasure it was to meet with some of the other medical personnel from other STARFLEET vessels. The Medical Round Table included; Steve "Doc" Jessup, CMO of the *USS Joshua*, Kris McDaniel, CMO of the *USS Gagarin*, and me.

First discussed was the concept that all one needed to bring to the position of CMO, or for that matter, to general membership in a ship's medical department, was a caring heart and a giving spirit. We then went on to exchange ideas on doing different projects to help our own individual communities, as well as those on our respective ships.

Some of the projects which were discussed included one ship's visit to a school for the blind - dressed in full Star Trek uniforms and make-up. This allowed those at the school to feel (see) what some Star Trek characters "look" like. Another idea brought up entailed incorporating medical alert information on ship ID badges. Other activities that were covered consisted of hospital visits, First Aid and CPR training classes.

The Medical Department of the *Comanche* also kicked off.

a new project called Hope for the Homeless. As we should all know, many people, including children, are on the streets. We hope to find ways of lending a little assistance. One aspect of this new project has been named Stuffed Animal Security, which will acquire new or used stuffed animals and provide them to homeless children, so they will have something to hold onto in the darkness of the night. More complete details about this new project will be presented in the future.

One main point we all felt important was to correspond with the other medical departments in your region, as well as throughout STARFLEET. We here in the sickbay of the *USS Comanche* welcome any communications! Please write: *USS Comanche* Medical Department, c/o LT Mary Oliver, 4904 Valley Ridge #3019, Irving, TX, 75052, (214) 257-0603.

## USS Bexar Tex-Trek Report

by Patricia Ann Spillers, USS Bexar

I don't know how to begin to tell you about Tex-Trek except to say that my husband asked, "If you could sell that weekend, how much would you take?" I said I would not sell. "Even for \$10,000?" My answer was, "As badly as we need the money, NO!" There were ten of us from the *Bexar* that went up in a van and car together. I think we had as much fun coming to and leaving Arlington as we did at the Convention. I highly recommend going to conventions by car pooling. The trip begins as soon as you leave and does not stop. The *Bexar* is already making plans for 1994.

One of the best pans for me personally, was getting my Captain's papers and having our ship

commissioned as the 27th Galaxy Class Exploratory Cruiser in STARFLEET-V USS *Bexar* NCC-71718. At the State of the Fleet address on Saturday, FADM Rob Lerman asked me and my XO; Robert Ybarra, to come up on stage. It was fun receiving these certificates from the Admiral himself. When it came time for our Region 03 Coordinator to pin on my new rank, he had the movie rank pin, so John "Captain Gumby" Simmons gave me a pip off his uniform. Later, I offered the pip back, but was pleased that he would not take it. If this is not already a tradition, I hope this will start one, because it was very



Grace Lee Whitney signing autographs in the Dealers' Room (photo by Susan Harke)

special to me. I have placed the pip on the frame of the Commissioning Certificate the ship gave me listing the Fleet, *USS Rhyanna*, and our ship officers. We were even able to get FADM Lerman to sign it.

If anyone gets the chance to work a STARFLEET or Regional Table at a Regional or International Convention, please do. When members from outside Region 03 signed in, we would ask where they were from. Most would talk for a few minutes, and it was great meeting everyone in STARFLEET from all over the world. This was one of the first places Rob Lerman, his wife Kim and their son Timmy came to. I hope Paula Hudson, Captain of the *Rhyanna*, had as much fun manning the table Friday and Saturday. I look forward to helping out in Orlando next year!

I did not get to sit in on very many of the seminars that I had planned to, but meeting fellow STARFLEET personnel certainly made up for that. Friday night, the volunteers had fun getting to meet and talk with the stars in the hospitality suite. Seeing Bio Trimble and her family again was great! But how can you top the performance of "The Cat" on Saturday as host of the Masquerade Contest and Auction!? We (or at least the girls) are still talking about him, or should I say purring? Meeting Jamie Murray as himself was fun, and getting him to sign a few of his prints of the three Star Trek stars, George Takei, Grace Lee Whitney, and Colm Meaney, was great.

I've always read that the Captain was to lead his ship, but I did not know that the *USS Bexar*

would carry that tradition to extremes. We now know where Arlington Memorial Hospital is. Friday night, I jammed my hand in the hotel door, and the management insisted that I have my finger checked. Judy Taisch went with me to the hospital. I was asked my occupation, and we decided that for that weekend, I was a Starship Captain. We thought it was funny, but no one at the hospital questioned it. Don't they read the information sheets, or is it that they just don't care?

On Saturday night, my XO had to take Henry, another crew member, to the hospital with something in his eye. At breakfast Sunday, my crew members all joked that they should all bandage some part of their body to show ship unity. Before we left the convention, just about everybody had I banged their head, dropped luggage on their feet, had their hand stepped on, developed a rash, got kicked, run over, etc. I know they should all follow my lead, but this is ridiculous. Is my ship loyal or what? By the way, does this qualify the *Bexar* for a purple heart?

On a serious note, getting the chance to meet STARFLEET members from around the world, getting new ideas from other ships to carry back home, and so much else, was great. I can't wait for next year!

## Through the Camera's Lens

by Daniel Mark Coburn

Tex-Trek '93 was covered from setup to closing ceremonies by a dedicated crew of photographers. They came from the *USS Intangible* and the *Shuttle Limbo*. Months of planning and preparation went into filming a convention this large. Where should we be, is there power, what is the lighting going to be like, and how can we film every event for three days with a limited number of people? All of these questions were answered by two people, Gilbert Martinez and Jerry Loncon. Every hour of shooting was scheduled by Gilbert, and ideal places for shooting video were setup by Jerry.

Having so much to film made it interesting for the individual photographers. Be in the right room at the right time, shoot, and leave quietly. "The film crew seemed to be everywhere at every time," said some. We just replied, "It's our job." With having so much to do and so little time to really enjoy the convention, you get a new respect for the size and magnitude of this event. When it came down to it, the film crew actually was able to see more of the convention than most delegates. Even though we "sometimes weren't able to stop and smell the roses," we were able to take a look at the whole garden, and it was beautiful.

So to Sarah Peugh, her board, and the Posse, you did a great job, and I was proud to be among you. To Gilbert and Jerry, we did it!





# Around The Fleet

## Welcome To Region 15 — STARFLEET In New England

Hi! I'm Fleet Captain Alan Ravitch, and at this year's STAR FLE ET Conference at Tex-Trek '93, Fleet Admiral Lerman announced me as the new RC for Region 15. Just to give you a little background, I've been in STARFLEET for 4 years. I've served in numerous chapter Command responsibilities, and I'm currently Exec of USS Nautilus. Over the past year and a half I've been on the Region 7 Command Staff, and since 1993, I have been holding a position on the STARFLEET HQ staff.

Having just gotten home from Tex-Trek, I am very excited about what some of the other regions are doing and I certainly think that we can do some exciting things ourselves. At this time, I am announcing these regional positions: Commander Tom Restivo of the USS McAuliffe will be the Vice Regional Coordinator. Tom will also be our Chief of Communications and me "Little Editor Guy" for our Region newsletter, which the member of the region will name. Commander Rick Giguere of the USS McAuliffe will be our Chief of Operations and Convention Liaison Officer. Rick will be coordinating the STARFLEET Table and programming with WishCon III as Region 15 hosts the 1993 STARFLEET Northeast Conference.

Captain Mike Henigan of the USS Longfellow will be our Community Service Projects honcho, and I'm proud that we will be starting off by honoring one of our own. Our first region project will be one to honor the late Captain Diane Haskin of the USS Sparrow Hawk, and the current CO, Captain Ray Toolan, will be working directly with Mike on this. Our Regional logo was designed by our new Office of Graphic Design, headed by Captain Mark Vereb, who has years of experience in graphic design and marketing, and currently works in graphics design and LAN support for Grolier Publishing. I've also asked Commodore Peg Pellerin to be on staff as a special correspondent for Maine and Northern New England. This will give folks in the Northern Exposure <grin> someone they are familiar with and a little closer to home to contact, if they so desire.

These appointments will be the beginning of what I hope will be a vibrant RDC program. Some other items that I can foresee at this time: A Regional Awards/Recognition program; the "SMOOTH" (Shuttlecraft Manual of Operations, Techniques, & Hints) Program to foster regional

growth, and as we continue on, lots more I'm sure. Have an idea, and/or a suggestion for someone to take the ball and run with it? Let's hear it! Send to: Alan L. Ravitch, 2312 Cromwell Hills Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416-1866, through the new SF\_REGION\_15 echo, or by net mail to 87:6007/1778 (TrekNet) or 1:142/1778 (FidoNet): CompuServe 73627,3126; America Online; AlanR1778, internet; AlanFt1778@aol.com.

The Last Word: My remarks to the Fleet after Rob pinned on the new pip were simple. Everyone who has a task in STARFLEET, from the Fleet Admiral, Executive Committee, RCs, COs, XOs, all the way down to an individual member, has the same objective. That task or tasks are a commitment to responsibility. The responsibility is to get it done, done on time, and done right the first time so that everyone else not assigned to that task doesn't have to worry about it, and can concentrate on the fun. The mission statement for the Region therefore is as follows: "Getting it Done & Having Fun!"

## 1994 STARFLEET International Conference by Denise Duggan

Greetings Gentlebeings,

I have recently been chosen to head the STARFLEET Programming Committee for the 1994 international Conference. In this capacity I will be recommending STARFLEET programming to Conference Chairperson Captain Betsy Matteis. She and her committee will have final say over what programs are included at the 1994 International Conference.

In order to recommend the programs that you

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most want to see, I need your input. If you have any specific topic that you would like to see covered during the 1994 International Conference, please send me a note or a postcard with your suggestion and why you think it would be popular. Some of the programs I have already thought of (based on the 1993 International Conference) are: State of the Fleet Address Fleet Admiral's Fireside Chat (more informal discussion of concerns)

Executive Committee Question and Answer Session How to Start a Ship or Shuttle (or whatever vessels we have then)

Regional Roundtable (bull and ideas session for the RCs)

Maybe these will give you something of a jumping off point for your suggestions. Please send your suggestions to: Captain Denise Duggan, Chairperson STARFLEET Programming Committee 1076B Cottonwood Lane Tallahassee, FL 32310

Remember, this is your convention. However, we cannot provide what you want unless you tell us what that is. So please get those suggestions in posthaste. The deadline for acceptance of suggestions is December 1, 1993. Thank you for your assistance and support.

## Little Editor Guy and Bajoran WASP Get Hitched At Shore Leave

Jaem Cheiryl, Chief of Security for the USS Wasp, and "The Little Commander Guy", Chief of Communications for the USS Christa McAuliffe as well as newly-appointed Vice Regional Coordinator and Region Division Chief of Communications for the Fifteenth Fleet, were united in a STARFLEET Wedding on StarDate 9179.9 in the Paddock Bar at the Hunt Valley Marriott during Shore Leave 15.

The Bajoran bride, dressed in a sleeveless yellow top and floral skirt befitting a Daughter of the Prophets, was given away by her Commanding Officer, Captain Bud Shinall. The Little Guy was attired in dress uniform with McAuliffean Tiki Shirt as he was accompanied by Captain Howard Cronson, who was his perfunctory Best Man.

Surrounded by fellow crewmembers from both ships, as well as other guests and curious bar waitresses, the two officers pledged their mutual love, honor, and respect to each other in a ceremony presided by Vice Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, RC for Region 7. VAdm Rosenzweig bestowed "the blessings of the Prophets and the Tiki" on the happy couple. The festivities continued in the Paddock Bar, as both guests and Wedding Party toasted the couple, tapped drinking glasses to the point of shattering, and engaged in spirited (and slow) dancing that carried over down to the con's Ten—Forward Dance.

Post-nuptial activities included a sojourn to Region Four to meet with friends, family, and a visit to Fleet Headquarters. Deals for a Movie of the Week based on the Wedding (starring Julia Roberts and Lyle Lovett) fell through, although Brenda Bell has been in intense negotiations with USA Today, People Magazine, The National Enquirer, and Weekly World News for exclusive pictures of the event. (NOTE: After the persona ceremony, Jeannette Moore and Tom Restivo took a trip out to California for two and a half weeks to be with her family, including four days of camping, fishing, and swimming in the Pacific, as well as trips to San Francisco and Sacramento, and eating at Sizzler's with the Lermans and the Decker-Unit. Upon returning to the East Coast Without killing each other, the idea of going through a "real" marriage ceremony with each other sometime in the future still appeal to the couple!)

## Intergalactic Peace Conference and STARFLEET Weddings Don't Always Mix!

by Bob Vosseller, *USS Challenger*

In a case of galactic peace weighing over domestic peace my CMO and I learned the hard way you don't hold up a wedding, even a Fleet wedding, both of which were held at Shore Leave 15.

Back in January I was approached by Shore Leave Program Committee member Brian Jeffers in regards to the assembling of a Federation/Klingon Peace Conference and involving members of STARFLEET and various Klingon and Independent Clubs.

I proposed to Region 07 Command that we become involved in this role-playing effort which saw its culmination on July 10.

Shirley Weaver of the *USS Alpha Centauri* and Walter Bosman, CO of the *USS Odin*, spoke in behalf of STARFLEET while delegates from the *USS Avenger*, *USS Sovereign*, *USS Thagard*, *USS Ascension*, *USS Challenger* and several shuttles took part in the signing of the pact.

The role playing skit set in the 24th Century even included the participation of actress Robin Curtis as "Ambassador Saavik" and Robert O'Reilly who reprised his role as Gowron.

Mr. Jeffers took the name of Ambassador Hannibal Stone. Several Klingon groups also took part in the event including the Klingon Assault Group and the Inferno Fleet. The Klingon speakers reviewed the efforts of the Captains of Enterprise A, C, and D in bringing peace between the Empire and the UFP.

The independent Special Security Division presented a speaker and witnessed the peace pact.

A surprise guest was a well-costumed Romulan who disrupted the ceremony and tore up the treaty throwing it into Saavik's lap.

The Klingons, including Gowron, turned their chairs around and would not face the Romulan who swore that there never could be peace between the Federation and the Klingon Empire.

The ceremony ran into overtime which almost endangered the *Challenger's* STARFLEET wedding of our Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Singleton (who was at my side as the ship's official witness to my signing) and our Communications Chief Mary Francen.

Everything worked out despite some shaky moments whereby the matron of honor (First Officer Louise Smith) and the bride threatened to cancel the nuptials due to our tardiness. Jamie Young, a founding member of the *Challenger* and CO of the newly commissioned *USS Charleston* performed the ceremony while other members of the ship served as ushers and bridesmaids.

Following our ceremony, *USS Christa McAuliffe* Communications Chief Tom Restivo and *USS Wasp* Officer Jeannette Moore tied the knot. Both happy couples held their reception at the 10-Forward party held later in the evening.

As best man to the *Challenger* wedding I never thought our role-playing could end up interfering with our role playing. Even in the interests of galactic peace!

## Weekend Warring with the Red Cross

by Bob Laura Reardon, *USS Stargazer*

The rains have continued to fall, there was water rising everywhere, just about every river around has decided that the river banks were a bit too confining for them, so they decided to spread out a bit. Houses, streets, businesses, farms, towns, cities - you name it. If it was near a river, it had been introduced to the joys of water. This disaster has been named the Flood of '93 by everyone. Those of us working at the Red Cross warehouse have started calling it "Mother Nature with PMS."

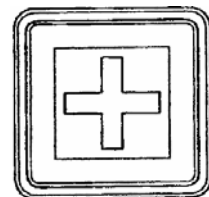
It is really simple how I got involved. I saw an ad in the newspaper saying that the Red Cross needed volunteers for just about everything. So I called the number, was told to come in and fill out some paperwork, and was told my first assignment would be damage assessment (the surveying of homes to verify that, yes, it was underwater or had water damage). So I arrived at the correct address and proceeded to wander around until someone noticed that I was little confused and pointed me in the right direction. I filled out the dreaded paperwork and answered all the questions asked. Guess what? I passed with flying colors! I was then told that my initial assignment of damage assessment had been tabled, since it had rained again, and was asked if I could move boxes in the warehouse. Since this job did not require any brains (which is good, since mine turn themselves off after I leave the office), only brawn, they were a little hesitant in sending me down there. I convinced them that I could handle it and left for the warehouse. My first job, along with five other, was to go to Lenexa and load a Ryder truck with donated bottled water. It was hard work, but fun, and in about two hours we were ready to return. Unloading was even more fun than loading, since we had more bodies available and we were literally tossing these boxes at one another. All in all, we moved about 600 boxes of water. Not bad for a first day. The best thing all day was that the Gals beat the Guys in unloading water!! We then got a call to load a truck with cots, blankets, juices, water, snacks and comfort kits for somewhere. The truck was finally loaded and sent off and we were all sent home. We were asked if we would be coming back, and about half of us said, yes, we'd be back. The other half just mumbled something and left.

Monday morning I could hardly move, but I felt great otherwise. Everyone in the office gave me a hard time, since they know that I only work to help me recover from my weekends! Well, somehow I managed to convince my boss that I needed to take Friday off, and he actually let me go. So Friday morning I reported back to the warehouse. They were glad to see me and asked if I could also do some driving for them when I was not helping to load trucks. Sure, I said. The operation had just about tripled since the last time I'd been there, and I was amazed at all of the great stuff that we would have to load. That morning, myself and four others loaded 20 vans and Emergency Relief Vehicles (ERV's) with snacks, drinks, cups, sandwiches, ice,...the list goes on and on. The last load was finally sent and we had to make sure that we had the correct paperwork for each load. (I would love to get my hands on the guy who invented

paperwork and make him eat all of those forms that we had to fill out for each load!) Once our paperwork was complete, we got a break. During this time, a call from some small city around Joplin came in. They had donated 100 pallets for us to use. Terry was ecstatic. The only drawback was that we had to go down and get them. Somehow, I got volunteered for that job. Terry gave me and my co-driver David the keys to a 24-ft. Ryder truck, along with directions. Let me say that this was the first time I have ever driven something that big, and it was fun! David and I made faces at cars that passed us, and lots of cars and trucks waved at us, since we had BIG Red Crosses on the sides of our truck. The trip there and back was long, and loading of all those pallets was a blast, but we eventually returned with 100 pallets, plus tables and chairs that had been lent to us by the Adams Mark Hotel.

I eventually left the warehouse around Q:00 that night and went home for some sleep. There was only one minor mishap the whole day. Once we arrived at the pallet place, we discovered that the back door of the truck had a lock on it. Well, since we left in such a hurry, Terry had forgotten to give us the key. I was then so sure that Terry had sent me the whole way with a LOADED truck that I vowed to go back to Kansas City and take shots at him with a soccer ball. We finally broke the lock off, all the while praying the truck was empty. Terry doesn't know how close he came to a tragic death by a soccer ball, (I guess I can add breaking mid entering to my resume now!)

The next day I returned with some help (my shadow Jenny). Saturday and Sunday were filled with more loading of vehicles, and I was sent out several times as driver. We set up shelters, delivered supplies, loaded supplies, and unloaded trucks with donated materials. With all of the driving, I have increased my knowledge of Kansas City and surrounding areas by about 300%. The following weekends have been basically the same, but since the flood has spread itself over a good portion of Missouri and Kansas, we found ourselves supplying cities and towns as far as Boonville and beyond. Every weekend Jenny and I see more new faces that the Red Cross has brought in. This is great, and I have been making new friends from all over. There is nothing like hard work, mixed in with a lot of insanity, to bring out the best (or worst) in people. Even though the hours are long, and pay is non-existent, and the situation is not the best that it can be, we even have time to play jokes on one another, like "forgetting" that someone is in the refrigerated truck. The 10-14 hour days are long, and filled with enough work to qualify as some kind of training program, but Jenny and I will be back again and again until our help is no longer needed (or we can't move).



## Greetings!

### The Region 04 Conference by Rachel Hawken, *USS S'L'heya*

ShuttleCon'93 offered many things to many people. For the Klingons of the Western KAG members, a chance to meet Robert O'Riley (Gowron), for everyone, John DeLancie ("Q") and Michael Berryman. For STARFLEET Marines, a chance to meet both General Jackson and Colonel McPherson (who beamed over from Pennsylvania).

As with everything, nothing is absolutely perfect but the Staff of ShuttleCon did an admirable job in pulling together and making everything work. During the Opening Ceremony on Saturday we heard talks from various personages including FADM Rob Lerman (& Admiral Timmy), GEN Jackson & COL McPherson, CAPT Gary Scott Decker, VADM Terry Wyatt (Chief of STAR FLEET Operations) and VADM Janis Moore, Regional Coordinator for Region O4 and others.

There was a presentation ceremony during this part of the program in which Gary Decker blew on his whistle and piped various people on board. Three Shuttles out of our region, The Comtrar Ranger One (Visalia), the Jules Verne (Merced) and the Shadow Guard (Hanford), had each of their new CO's and XO's were sworn in by Gary and then bottles of champagne were handed to the XO's to be presented to the CO's to be opened one year from that date. I was very impressed with the proceeding and on the following day I located Gary and asked him to swear me in as the other Starship Captains were. I had not been sworn in with an oath of office when our ship had been commissioned on Feb. 21, 1993.

#### CO Jailed for Charity

For me, the real fun of the Convention happened a short time later while I was browsing through the isles of the Dealers area in the large room. My science officer, Max Mejias, approached me in a very serious attitude and requested that I follow him as he announced that he had been ordered to escort me somewhere. He was very mysterious and I did not guess a thing. I was taken to our ship table and told to wait. Within half a minute I was surrounded by Klingons and handed a warrant for my arrest. I glanced over at Max and found him smiling from ear to ear, very



*Captain Rachel Hawken, USS S'L'heya  
CO, in the slammer.*

pleased with himself. On that day I had risen early (before 6 am) and had dawned my persona, a Klingon/Vulcan fusion in my Next Gen Starfleet

Uniform. I was promptly escorted to the Klingons Agonizer Cell to wait. My crew had apparently pooled together and paid \$20 to have me incarcerated. Acting up the fun to the hilt I stood within those bars and paced in the attitude of an irate and understandably upset ship Captain handed over to the Klingons. During this time I was interviewed by a reporter for the local Visalia newspaper the *Visalia Times Delta* and his photographer took a snapshot of me behind bars. There was usually at least one or two Klingons who stood guard at the cell door. Many of my crew walked by to playfully jeer at me and as I was Klingon/Vulcan for the day, I snarled back at them. All in all I remained there for half an hour before my bail was agreed upon and I was released.

It was not till Monday morning following the Convention that I learned that an article about ShuttleCon and my stay in the Klingon Jail was printed in their paper (photo and all).

#### Officer's Call Meeting - Sunday

During the Officer's Call panel on Sunday all the CO's and XO's of Region 4 assembled, VADM Janis Moore, our Regional Coordinator, conducted this meeting. Several things were decided on in this meeting. One item concerned the Blood drive and that it would actually be easier for each ship to go to the nearest blood bank in their area, donate and report by phone or mail how much they had donated in the name of STARFLEET, to the Regional office. This procedure saves many of us some transportation (especially for some of us, myself included, who don't have transportation). Near the end of the meeting, I had the pleasure of being formally sworn into office by Gary Decker before all the Starship CO/XO's of our region who attended ShuttleCon.

#### A new director in Region 04

In answer to a problem of mobilizing all the talent, skills and resources in our region and making those talents and skills/abilities and resources more accessible to other ships in our region who at one time or another would like to have access to them a new department within Region 04 was created. I volunteered for this and after a vote by all the CO/XO's of our region I was promoted to the Regional position of Director of the Region 04 Database. Within this database, I will have the names, talents and resources of (hopefully) everyone from every ship in our region so that when someone has a project they wish to accomplish and do not have the resources or talent to accomplish it they can contact me and I will line them up with the people who do and they can go on from there and get their work done they way they would like to.

This will definitely open the door to more interaction, ship to ship. Another idea that was well received concerning more ship to ship inter» action was that events or activities that are scheduled by each ship could be published by the region and then if one ship couldn't decide what they wanted to do one month they could simply look up the regional listings and join in the activity of another ship. The more the merrier, I have always said.

#### More Fun!

The third thing that really made ShuttleCon fun for me was getting to sit beside Robert O'Riley

during the special dinner on Saturday night. He and his agent sat at a table filled with members from my ship and a woman from another ship. I was very impressed with the buoyant enthusiasm Robert showed to all of us. He also has a wonderful laugh I enjoyed listening to.

Later that night at the Delegates Ball, Mr. O'Riley was on the dance floor dancing with Qel Das. He is quite a dancer and I will never be able to see Gowron in the same way again. Now, when I see the head of the Klingon High Counsel, I will see Robert O'Riley, the dancer! To further this fun, during the Brunch on Sunday Morning, we had the pleasure of having Gowron at our table once again.

In closing, I would like to add that despite several small flaws in the convention, I believe everyone had a good time, for the most part, I know I did. Through the efforts of the *USS S'L'heya*, we were able to donate (I believe) around \$40-\$50 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tulare County.

#### Executive Club Report

To All Starfleet first Officers,

The Executive Club has gotten a good response. The first newsletter called First Duty will be available in September, and will be published quarterly. The open topic for the first issue is "What does it mean to be the First Officer" The issue will also include the communications information of the Exec-Netmembers. Send all replies to Cmdr. Victor Swindell, 1053 Rifle Range Rd. 3-H, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464-4536.

#### Good Samaritan Award Winners

Bryan Luckey and Lee Arnold of the *USS Ranger* in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, have been nominated to receive the Region 12 Good Samaritan Award. They resuscitated a choking infant at a local restaurant. Their quick action is credited with saving the infant's life.

## Convention Chapel Service

by Frank Faas, *USS Albany*

I am making myself available for any weekend conventions in order to preside over Sunday Chapel Services (Starfleet Style) should any conventions wish to hold them. Any celebrity guest is invited to take part in these services, which last one half-hour (without guest speaker). The service is non-denominational.

This offer comes about after having attended such a service at Tex-Trek that had no moderator. Grace Lee Whitney, the guest speaker, seemed a bit surprised at the lack, and it occurred to me that I could offer my help, as I am quite active in church work in my area of Region 07.

Should any convention wish me to be a part of their services, (non-gratis, of course), please contact me at the address below. A service format will be sent upon request.

Captain Frank Faas  
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Guilderland Center, NY 12085  
518/861-8139

## Away Team Mission to ISDC '93

by Tom Huffman, USS Stargazer

Over the 1993 Memorial Day Holiday weekend, aerospace professionals, students, space advocates, and dreamers converged on Huntsville, Alabama for the annual International Space Development Conference (ISDC), sponsored by the National Space Society.

STARFLEET isn't officially one of those organizations; however, STARFLEET was well represented this year, by Edward Kiker, Science Officer, *USS Nomad* and Thomas Huffman, Science Officer, *USS Stargazer*. When Ed and I aren't sewing in our STARFLEET capacities, we're active members of the local chapter of the National Space Society.

This year, Ed served a chair of the Asteroids - Our Friends and Foes and Lunar and Planetary Development sessions. He also presented a paper on a prototype solar power satellite concept that he has been trying to get the Army to fund, and an update on the Spacewatch program to find, track, and possibly divert asteroids that could strike the Earth (one came relatively close in 1989, which moved Congress to fund Spacewatch).

Ed managed to get me an opportunity to present a paper at this conference, topic to be chosen by me. I chose: "Economic and Environmental Advantages of Solar Power Satellites." I presented the SPS as an answer to global warming, as well as the centerpiece of a space industrialization program to revitalize the US economy.

STARFLEET was also well represented by Majel Barrett Roddenberry, who was in attendance to accept the Robert Heinlein Award for her late husband - Gene Roddenberry. The Robert Heinlein Award is given for lifetime achievement in promoting space. The award itself is a beautiful, miniature brass cannon (a brass cannon was the symbol of the Lunar Republic in Heinlein's novel: *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*), mounted on a wooden base bearing the name of the recipient, Majel cited Heinlein as a major influence in the creation of the Star Trek universe.

We had an exciting line-up of guests: Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin, X-15 pilot Scott Crossfield, surviving members of Werner van Braun's original V-2 rocket team, and several shuttle-era astronauts (including National Space Society President Charlie Walker - who flew on both Discovery and Challenger).

There was a lot of excitement this year, despite hard times in the aerospace industry, and on going threats to Space Station Freedom. Much of that excitement was over recent developments in Single-Stage to Orbit (SSTO) vehicles-spacecraft that fly directly into orbit without dropping boosters or lower stages. The aim is to produce an SSTO spacecraft that can be operated on an airline-like schedule.

The SSTO design that's causing most of the excitement is called Delta Clipper. A one-third scale model, designated DC-X, is undergoing pre-flight tests at White Sands in preparation for its first test flight in September. If DC-X is successful, the next step will be a larger model called DC-X2; that will be followed by DC-Y, which

(hopefully!) will be the first model to achieve orbit. The first production model - DC-1 - should be available by 2000. The "DC" designation isn't any coincidence; Douglas Aircraft, which built the famed DC commercial airliner series-DC1 through DC10 - is now part of McDonnell-Douglas, prime contractor on the Delta Clipper project.

Getting Funding for DC-X2 and DC-Y is the next step. I sat in on the first meeting of the Delta Clipper Underground, a working group dedicated to supporting Delta Clipper. Currently, we're trying to contact members of the House and Senate committees that will have first say in funding DC-X2, and lobbying network news organizations to cover the first flight of DC-X.

There were other working groups at the conference. The ones I sat in on were:

The Space Solar Power Working Group is working to obtain funding for a "space to Earth Power beaming Technology Demonstrator" - i.e., a prototype solar power satellite.

The Return to the Moon Working Group is working to obtain funding for a low cost program of robotic lunar exploration (lunar orbiter and/or surface rovers) to pave the way for lunar resource development.

The Molecular Manufacturing Short-Cut Group was founded at ISDC '91 to promote molecular manufacturing (another word for nanotechnology) as a way to get us into space faster. Currently we're working on strategies for recruiting, networking, and public education.

There's an interesting historical connection between NSS (the National Space Society) and nanotechnology. Dr. Eric K. Drexler, the young man who originated the nanotechnology concept, was a protégé of Dr. Gerard K. O'Neill, the space colony pioneer. Eric worked with Dr. O'Neill on space colony and industrialization concepts while he (Eric) was still an undergraduate. He was also one of the founders of the L-5 Society, one of two groups that merged to form NSS. Every ISDC since the mid 80's as featured a talk by Eric Drexler on nanotechnology. We've seen the idea grow and develop as Eric has worked out the details of how nanomachines would work, and how they would be controlled.

It was probably a conversation with Eric that gave Gene Roddenberry the inspiration for the *Star Trek: TNG* episode: "Evolution," in which 'nanites' (Eric Drexler calls the 'assemblers') run wild and take over the Enterprises computers. "Evolution" was based on very early concepts of nanotechnology; but, it gives you an idea of why the question of control of nanomachines has occupied much of Eric's time.

There were so many more exciting things going on that I would like to tell you about; but, I'd end up taking up most the *Communiqué*. You're just going to have to attend the next ISDC and find out for yourself. The next one is May 26-30, 1994, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. If you're interested, write: ISDC '94, 107 Evans Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada MGS 3V9. For information on the National Space Society, write: NSS, 922 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington DC 20003.



## A STARFLEET Call to Action

As many of you know, Michael Wright, whose father Stan is the CO of the *USS Superior*, has been fighting leukemia for a very long time. Michael has recently gone into remission again, but no one knows how long it will last. Hopefully it will last forever. Michael needs some cheering up and some cards and letters from friends who care about him would certainly help to lift his spirits. You can send them to Michael at 312 Albert St., Marquette, MI 49855-3603

Also, the financial drain for medical expenses has been extreme. There has been a fund set up to help defray these costs. You can send your donation to made out to Michael Wright, and sent to: 1st of America Bank, 100 N. Front St. Marquette, MI 49855. Please include a note stating that the contribution is for the "Michael Wright Fund."

The future we all hope will come to pass begins when we help one person. Let's help Michael and his family in this one small way.

### Ship Mottos Requested

Victor Swindell, Exec of the *USS Charleston*, is compiling a list of ship mottos and requests that other ships contact him.

Victor Swindell  
1053 Rifle Range Road 3-H  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29456

Messages may be sent to him via Treknet or by contacting Carol Adelman on internet at: adelmanc@citadel.edu

(submitted by Carol Adelman)

### Fairfield Blood Feud Victory

On June 12, 1993, the *USS Simonov* defeated the *IKV Blood Wing* in a "Blood Feud" at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in Fairfield, California



FADM Lerman "captured" by KAGS Qel Das at a recent Blood Feud in Fairfield, CA

The *Simonov*, representing the Federation garnered 33 pints of blood from the crew and other volunteer donors. The Klingons of the *Blood Wing* only managed 18 pints from willing victims.

A great time was had by all. According to Blood Bank Director Jim Rieikowsky, the number of donations received was above average for any given Saturday. (Stacia Felix)

## STARFLEET on Parade



On July 28th, the St. Paul, Minnesota chapter of STARFLEET, the *USS Behr'al* participated in the Rice Street Parade. On hand was the Region 06 Coordinator, David Kloempken, who rode in the convertible flanked by Star Trek crew and aliens who walked the parade route. The honor guard carried Starfleet flags and an Earth flag along with several banners. Kids and adults alike recognized us, as this is our third year in the parade. (by Lori Olson)

## STARFLEET Gets a Paint Check!

by Randy Jennings, Shuttle *Rebellious*

Representatives of STARFLEET in Portland, Oregon, are playing paintball to raise money for Our House of Portland in order to help improve the quality of life for adults living and dying with the HIV virus.

Paintball is a new sport. It is the brainchild of three men: Charles Gaines, the author of Pumping iron; Hayes Noel, a New York City stockbroker; and Robert Gurnsey, who owned a ski shop at the time of this sport's inception. The very first game was played near Henniker, New Hampshire, in June of 1981, and the sport has been gaining popularity across the country ever since. (The winner of that first game was a man by the name of Ritchie White. He won without being seen and he never fired a shot!) The sport is like Capture the Flag, where you can also 'tag' or 'splat' an opposing team member with a paint pellet propelled from a CO2 airgun.

The values of paintball are congruous to the values of STARFLEET, in that good sportsmanship, control under stress, and fun are greatly stressed.

*Splat-a-thon '93* is the brainchild of the Shuttle *Rebellious* members, a new shuttle in the Portland area. The event will occur on October 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Splat Action paintball field near Mollala, Oregon. As of the writing of this article, no other STARFLEET clubs have joined in this event, but all are invited! Sponsors of this event are: Shuttle *Rebellious*, Splat Action Paintball, Paintball Country Club, Our House of Portland (the recipient of the funds raised) and the STARFLEET international Fan Association.

If you have any questions about this event, please write; Shuttle *Rebellious* NCC 27103, P.O. Box 83927, Portland, OR 972830927, or call 503/283-1733.

## Walkfest Challenge

The command staff and crew of the USS Sovereign NCC-2505 challenge the ships of Region Seven and the rest of the Fleet. The cause is the American Diabetes Association Walkfest on October 2/3, 1993 (date varies depending upon where you are located). The Sovereigns goal is \$1,000. Can you beat us?

For further information, contact your local American Diabetes Association office (address and phone number are in the Yellow Pages) or contact Steve Flaer, R.N. BSN, CEN, at 709 Pomona Rd., Cinnaminson, NJ 08077-4261. Enclose a SASE for a prompt reply.

## Baby Photo Contest

by Cheri Rosen, USS *Dawn Treader*

Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with FADM Rob on the phone, and we got to talking about babies and, more specifically, baby pictures. I then came up with the idea of holding a STARFLEET member baby photo contest. Even though Rob may be a tad-bit "Daddy-biased" in this matter, he thought it was a fun idea.

There will be two separate contests. The first is for babies 0-4 years old who are registered STARFLEET members with SCC #s (no exceptions!) The second is for baby photos of registered STARFLEET members 5 years old and up. The second contest will require two photos - one of the person between 0-4 years, and one current picture of the person as he/she is today. Contestants will need to include a short biographical sketch along with their photo.

For more information and guidelines, please write: Baby Photo Contest, c/o Cheri Rosen, 232 Arlene St., Staten island, NY 10314. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Contest deadline will be November 5, and winners will be published in the December/January *Communique*.

## Caring Coupons

by Marie Nelsen, USS *Comanche*

Howdy ya'll!!! Greetings from Fort Worth, Texas!

Let me start off by extending a Texas-sized thank you to the following ships and their crews for their participation in the Caring Coupons project; *USS Alacrity*, Pamela Williams; the 46th Marine Strike Group Werewolves, Michael Wallace; *USS Wolf*, Elaine Carter; *USS Lancelot*, Judy Christmas; *USS Vindicator*, Kerry Massey, Jim Roach, and John Simmons; *USS Ascension*, Janet Enos; *USS Rhyanna*, Kathy Hench; Shuttle *Joan of Arc*, Jim Van Cleve; Shuttle *Texas*, Michelle Jeffcoat and Mary Williams; Shuttle *Infinity*, Becky Thane; Shuttle *Bexar*, Meri Hazelwood; Laura Morris; Steve 'Doc' Jessup and Debbie Dennis, Bettye Jenkins, and Walter Koenig (and, NO, this is not a misprint!)

The names I have listed are the people who have sent the coupons to me, but thanks goes out to the entire crew of their ships.

On May 15/16, there was a Creation Convention in Plano, Texas, at which Walter Koenig was one of the guests. While there, he purchased a Sunday newspaper, which he left behind. Always on the lookout for more coupons, I went through his paper and snagged the coupons for our project! He helped us without even knowing. Thanks Walter!

This project has taken off like gang—busters. At last count, we had collected and distributed over \$7,000 in coupons, and we are still not done rallying. The *USS Comanche* is now working with the Shuttle *Infinity* on two projects that are very similar to the Caring Coupons project. One of them is to help local animal shelters by sending them coupons for pet supplies, and the other is to help our military personnel (see the Community Service Director's report in this issue for further details)

I would also like to thank Mary Encinas of the Shuttle *Miramar*, Kris Ragan of the *USS Avenger* and T'Letyah of the *USS Umiak* for their inquiries for more information. I hope to hear from you again soon.

If you would like more information, or would like to participate in this worthwhile project, write to me at: MCPO Marie Nelsen, *USS Comanche*, Caring Coupons, 6200 Carswell Access Rd. #82, Fort Worth, TX 76114.

When sending in coupons, we ask that they be clipped, separated and marked as to which project they are for, and that the coupons for the Women's Shelters and military be tallied and bundled into packets of \$100 each. Also, please send a cover letter with the name of your ship so I will know who to thank.

Take care and keep on clippin'!





## Star Trek: In the News by Bill Mason, USS Thagard

Hailing frequencies open, please! It's time to check the news!

**WALTER KOENIG:** What follows is a news release from Walter Koenig International, Walter's sanctioned fan club, concerning recent events about his health:

"As most of you have heard by now, Walter Koenig suffered a heart attack on July 25th and had cardiac surgery on July 30th. I am pleased to be able to report that his condition continues to be stable, and he is in fair condition, recovering extremely well from his surgery! He was moved from ICU to a private room on the surgical floor on [August 2] and daily continues to regain his health and strength.

"Walter and his wife Judy have asked me to pass on to all fans their sincere appreciation for all your get-well wishes. Fans who wish to send get-well cards can send them to the following address:

"Walter Koenig  
P.O. Box 4395  
North Hollywood, CA 91607

"Please do not send items to the hospital, as he remains hospitalized in the Chicago area, and it would be most inconvenient for the family to try to cart them home!

"As Walter's condition improves, he will be discharged and will return to his home in the San Fernando Valley. I am in contact with Judy, who has been so kind as to keep me informed as to Walter's condition ....

"Thank you all for continuing to respect the family's privacy during this time. I know you will all keep them in your thoughts as his health continues to improve.

"Carolyn Atkinson, president  
Walter Koenig International"

(Carolyn was very kind during this trying time to keep many of us on the America Online computer network informed on Walter's condition. Her assistance is greatly appreciated. As I write this in early August, Walter was TENTATIVELY scheduled to be discharged and sent home to recuperate the week of August 9th.)

**EMMY NOMINATIONS:** Star Trek picked up several Emmy nominations, again in technical categories: Art Direction, Series ("Deep Space Nine"); Costume Design, Series ("Time's Arrow I and II"); Main Title Theme Music (Deep Space Nine); Sound Editing, Series ("Emissary, part II" and "Time's Arrow part II"); Sound Mixing, Drama Series ("Emissary, part II" and "A Fistful of Datas");

Makeup, Series ("Captive Pursuit" and "The Inner Light"); and Hairstyling, Series ("Move Along Home" and "Time's Arrow, part II"). Also notable among Emmy nominees were STAR TREK II's Kirstie Alley (Lead Actress, Comedy Series, "Cheers") and Bibi Besch (Guest Actress, Drama Series, "Northern Exposure").

**NEW BOOK LINE:** In 1994, Pocket Books will expand their line of young adult Trek books. Joining the existing "Starfleet Academy" series will be a run of books about Jake and Nog on DSG. **AWARDS:** Whoopi Goldberg won Favorite Female Stand-up Comic and Best Actress in a Motion Picture Comedy Role (for *Sister Act*) at the First Soul Train Comedy Awards.

**MORE WHOOP!** Whoopi won a copyright infringement suit filed against her by writer Christopher Jackson over Whoopi's children's book "Alice." Jackson had claimed that "Alice" infringed on a book he had previously written; the judge did not agree and dismissed the suit.

**UPCOMING DIRECTION:** TNG cast-members continue to lend an effort to directing. LeVar Burton, Jonathan Frakes, and Patrick Stewart are scheduled to direct TNG's 2nd, 6th, and 10th episodes respectively.

**DIRECTION, PART 2:** An upcoming Leonard Nimoy directing project will be Holy Matrimony, a comedy film starring Patricia Arquette and Joseph Gordon Leavitt.

**WATCH FOR IT:** NBC has acquired the rights to air STAR TREK VI during the 1993-94 TV season.

## The Dream Lives On by Jay Jones, USS Jeanette Maddox

Bjo and John Trimble brought Star Trek's lasting message of hope to Tex-Trek this past July 4th weekend. The Tribbles were "brought on board the Enterprise" by Gene Roddenberry to answer the Star Trek mail Paramount had stockpiled. They also set up Lincoln Enterprises. Both the mail drive to save the original series and the movement to name America's First Space Shuttle "Enterprise" were first conceived and then spearheaded by Bjo.

The Trimbles really care about the Star Trek dream of unity, diversity, taking responsibility for one's own actions, making a difference, and more importantly, what the dream can mean to an individual. Bio notes that every individual can make a difference, if we will simply take the time

to try. She stressed this message by reminding us the Space Station "Freedom" was recently saved by one lone vote. That one vote was cast by a senator who felt he was being inundated by his constituents' letters. When asked what inundated looked like, the senator produced ten letters.

The Trimbles bring meaning and even humor to the inside world of Trek. Just before his death Gene decided the family needed additional person protection. That protection would take the form of an additional guard dog: A monster something large enough to deter any sane sentient being. After looking at dozens of pedigreed animals, a hulking pup lumbered himself up into Genes lap and allowed the Roddenberry's the privilege of escorting him home. Would-be criminals (and food in any form) quivered in fear. "Terminator" had found a home, and would present Bio with a special contest of wills.

Rod (Gene and Majel's son) Roddenberry is currently off at college, leaving Terry in want of a playmate. Kathryn, John and Bjo's mentally challenged daughter, became fast friends with the full grown ogre when Kat and Bio recently spent time in California. As usual, they stayed with Majel.

When it came time to head home, Terry would have none of it. As soon as the bags were open, the dog sat himself down in one and would not move. Bjo had to remove him herself. Even as the bags were being carried to the car, the dog kept giving Bio the evil, somehow saying, "Security alert! Security alert! All transporters off line!"

A new book by a certain Starship Captain is set to be released shortly. The captain wasn't really all that involved in the day to day evolution of the early years of *Star Trek*. He turned to interviews with the other cast members and Bjo herself for her memories and anecdotes to add to his book. While some members even refused to help with the book, Bio thought it more important to be sure what was written was correct.

Bjo asks us not to believe everything in, or about to be in print regarding Gene Roddenberry. He was creative, visionary, resourceful and very human. There are both authorized and unauthorized biographies about to be published. Gene picked his biographer, and left instructions to print the truth, warts and all. Majel has reiterated these feelings. The unauthorized edition can only hope to find success by assaulting Gene's memory. Please, let's not give them the chance.

The Trimbles are proud members of STAR-FLEET, posting with the USS Star League in South Carolina. Bio is in the process of trying to reprint her book *On the Good Ship Enterprise*, and edits a bimonthly newsletter, *The Space Time Continuum, Inside Information about Trek and Other Genre*. You can subscribe by sending \$8.00 for 6 (U.S.A.) issues to: Bio Trimble P.O. Box 6858, Kingwood, TX 773256858.

If your ship is putting together a convention, be sure to consider Bio for the inside story of what Trek really means! You can correspond with her in care of her newsletter.

*All of us in STARFLEET send a belated "Happy Birthday" to Bjo - August 15 marked her birthday! None of us would be here if it hadn't been for her. Best wishes and good luck in all your future endeavors, Bio!*



## A Interview With: Naren Shankar, Star Trek Writer

by Kelly Cline, USS Carson

Although the stars of *Star Trek* get most of the credit for the show, there are lots of people who work just as hard. None of them work harder than the writers. I have an interview with Naren Shankar, a writer who has brought us such episodes as "The First Duty," "The Quality of Life," "Face of the Enemy," and DS9's "Babel."

"I became a writer son of by accident, I used to be an engineer, but by the time I finished graduate school (I received a Ph.D. in Applied Physics & Electrical Engineering from Cornell University in 1990), I realized I didn't want to be an engineer anymore. I had been writing essays and fiction for myself for many years and I was also a movie fanatic; a couple of friends who were involved in the entertainment business encouraged me to come out to LA and try my hand at screenwriting. So I threw a couple of suitcases into my car and drove out to

"The first script I wrote was a spec for *Star Trek* which was brought to the attention of our co-executive producer, Jeri Taylor. Although Jeri didn't want to buy the script, she felt I had potential as a writer and offered me a staff internship on the show. Following that, I was hired as the series Science Consultant, and eventually, I was given the chance to co-write an episode ('The First Duty,' with Ron Moore). That led to other assignments (DS9's 'Babel,' TNG's 'The Quality of Life') and finally, I was hired onto the TNG staff as I was writing 'Face of the Enemy.'

"With regard to 'The Quality of Life,' we purchased the basic premise -Data violates orders to protect an artificial life form which only he believes is truly alive - from a freelance writer. However, from that point, I write a completely new story. I felt a high sophisticated but very non-humanoid tool like the exocomps would be the best way to visualize the story; the more non-human we made the devices, the more Data would be forced to rely upon his unique insight as a machine to realize the exocomps were really living creatures.

"However, I don't think the script was entirely successful. Pinning down the nature of life is, to understate the matter, an ambitious task and perhaps one better left to philosophy than television (but, hey, at least we gave it a shot). Data had to go through a number of leaps of logic to arrive at his conclusions, and I'm not certain they were all justified. It can be very difficult to draw the line between what is alive and what is not-and that's a debate which continues in our society.

"As for advice to aspiring writers... I'm not sure I'm really qualified to give any advice at this stage of my career, but here goes. Make sure you understand what you want to say before you try to put it on paper. Writing is communication, conveying thoughts and impressions and feelings to others who might not have experienced those same feelings themselves. It's not easy and requires dedication and constant practice. But if you keep at it, each time you will get a little better."

## Where Have All the Vulcans Gone?

by Sherry Hopper, USS Polaris

We're about to begin the seventh, and what is looking like the last, season of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. We've lived through all the comparisons and all the debates to develop our loyalties. Today, we eagerly anticipate the first feature Elm that will meld Classic Trek with TNG. But through these past six compelling, exasperating, and exhilarating years of revitalized Trek fandom, I admit I've harbored one strong, maybe illogical grudge. I've embraced the Next Generation, but I want...more. And so I ask: Where have all the Vulcans gone in the 24th Century?

I didn't think you could have Trek without Vulcans. In my mind, the Vulcans remain one of the most fascinating new races the Great Bird gave to us. But TNG, in that regard, truly went where Trek had not gone before - into a galaxy where Vulcans didn't play a large part in the fabric of life and exploration. There were only a few brief, teasing moments throughout the first two years, when we met T'shanik, the Vulcan female who tested for Starfleet Academy with Wesley ("Coming of Age"), Starfleet Command's Admiral Savar ("Conspiracy"), and the Enterprise-D's Dr. Selar ("The Schizoid Man"). Trek writers teased us with the Vulcanoid Mintakans in "Who Watches the Watchers" but that was it!

Season Three held much more promise and one of the best episodes aired to that time --

"Sarek," with the return of Mark Lenard as Mr. Spock's father and the introduction of Sakkath, as restrained and logical a Vulcan as one could hope for. One of the quintessential Vulcans from Classic Trek, Sarek was given to us with a new wife, a new mission, and a uniquely Vulcan disease. "We come to serve." "Your service honors us." "Live long and prosper" and the Vulcan split-fingered salute. Cool logic. The mind meld. It was all there (well, except for the Vulcan nerve pinch, but that would come later.)

And then...nothing. The entire length of Season Four presented us with only a Vulcan ambassador who wasn't -- Vulcan, that is. T'pol turned out to be just another Romulan spy ("Data's Day").

Ah, but no Vulcanophile will ever forget Season Five and the long-awaited, two-part "Unification." This much-talked-about return of Spock! Leonard Nimoy finally married the 23rd and 24th Centuries, giving televised Trek a defining sense of historic continuity. Tidbits of Vulcan lore and history were revealed as Spock interacted with the citizens of Romulus. Tantalizing small details were tossed about regarding another famous Enterprise captain and her crew (the teaser material that was meant to tie in to *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*). Fans were presented with a very logical first-meeting between the two most logical beings we know: Mr. Spock and Lt. Commander Data. Our android friend even tried his hand at the Vulcan nerve pinch.

"Unification" was also an emotional farewell to Sarek, who died from Bendi's Syndrome without ever reconciling with his son. Sarek's deathbed

scene with Picard was one of the most moving bits of footage to come out of five years of the Next Generation.

It was good, it was very, very good.

And while there have been rumors of more to come (including a return engagement for Mr. Spock), there hasn't been much else. A brief glimpse of a Vulcan starship captain (Captain Satelk from "The First Duty")...a Vulcan scientist or two...nothing more. So, where did they all go? Through the wormhole at DS-9? Out to Nimbus III to try to save "galactic peace"?

I have a theory. Maybe the scenario from Spock's World came true? Maybe the greater part of the planet Vulcan's population said the heck with the Federation, kicked Starfleet out, and became isolationists. They're all sitting behind radio silence on their hot moonless world, studying Kolinahr and building up the Vulcan Academy of Sciences (which now probably doesn't allow non-Vulcan students or teachers), letting the rest of the Universe pass them by.

Maybe that's why Classic Trek's compelling, creative look into Vulcan life, mysticism, and history has been set aside to do the same for Klingon life, mysticism, and history? Or, as Deep Space Nine is focusing on Bajoran life, mysticism, and history?

If that's the case-- enough! I want the Vulcans back! I want to know about the starship T'Pol before she wound up in a Fleet junkyard. I want to know what happened to Lt. Saavik, left behind on Vulcan when Spock & Company returned to Earth. I want to see how the telepathic/logical Vulcans manage their interactions with the telepathic/passionate Betazoids. I want to know if Spock married and has kids. I want to see the Ferengi and the Cardassians and Borg through Vulcan eyes. Do you realize that IDIC, which has been present in one form or another throughout all of Classic Trek, including the feature films, has never been mentioned in TNG? (Of course, the writers have devoted a great deal of time to the concept of non-interference and the Prime Directive, which is just the UFP's version of IDIC.)

You're right. I want it all!

A lot of people were disappointed with Leonard Nimoy's low-key performance in "Unification," especially when compared to Mark Lenard's exceptional death scene. I wasn't disappointed. I enjoyed every minute of it. Did you notice the very great difference between Nimoy's and Lenard's make-up and that of the Romulans? When Spock was shown surrounded by Romulans, they all looked plastic with their protruding foreheads and sculpted ears. Nimoy carried his pointed ears and upswept brows the way he always has, with complete ease. Perhaps it was his nonchalance within the role of Vulcan, which could not be matched by the new generation of Romulans, that was mistaken for "wooden acting?"

Season Seven is upon us. The Powers That Be will also pick the final script for the next Trek movie soon.

Before the 24th Century goes too much farther, I hope the Vulcans decide to end their isolation and become a vital, vibrant part of life in the Trek universe again.

It's been pretty cold and lonely without them.

## The Prime Directive: A Different View by Clint W. Green, *USS Excelsior*

In the June/July issue of the *Communiqué*, there appeared a well-researched and effectively expressed critique of the Federations non-interference order, better known as the "Prime Directive." The writer, Kelly Cline, expressed the opinion that the Prime Directive, while basically a good idea, was "the worst kind of bigotry" since it did not allow the individual planetary cultures to decide "how much contact it wants." Perhaps. However, the Prime Directive is more than just designed to prevent unfair judgement, it is designed to prevent planetary destruction.

The Prime Directive may force Starfleet officers to allow war, famine and disease to kill citizens of under-developed civilizations, but it does more good than harm. History proves that each time an outside force makes contact and attempts to incorporate some of itself into lesser societies, the result is inevitable disastrous.

A good example of this can be drawn from the Cold War era. Each time the government of the USSR made contact with Third-World nations, those nations adopted a Communist system of government, often times resulting in civil war, mass executions, and general societal unrest.

An even better example is that of the treatment of the Native Americans by the Colonists. After the United States began expanding, it made contact with mostly peaceful, honorable, gentle Indian cultures. While friendly relations were at first cultivated, as time passed the Americans forced the Indians to leave more and more land, until these pacific peoples were forced to fight for their homes. These wars brought about the destruction of whole Indian civilizations and the

deaths of many thousands on both sides.

In the episode "First Contact" we see the result of interference, albeit, planned interference. Riker and minister of Security were both in danger of death, and, if this "episode" were leaked to the planetary population, how many riots and how much general unrest would ensue?

In the *Trek* giant novel *Prime Directive*, we see how Captain Kirk and Enterprise, while attempting to prevent an accidental nuclear war on an underdeveloped planet, the result is a full-scale nuclear holocaust and near destruction of the Enterprise.

As Picard attempts to explain to Professor Rasmussen in "A Matter of Time" concerning the basic tenet of the Prime Directive: "What if one of the lives we save turns out to be the next Adolph Hitler or Khan Singh?" While this is quite hypothetical, it is, at least, a valuable consideration.

History (both 20th and 24th century history) is replete with evidence that interference breeds disaster. The Federation does not arbitrarily make these decisions, it created the Prime Directive after considerable and extensive research and discussion. As Picard tells Dr. Crusher in "Symbiosis," "The Prime Directive is not just a set of rules, it is a philosophy." The Federation and Starfleet are explorers and researchers, not invaders and conquerors. If we all wished to be truly fair, we would implement this Directive in international relations. All people must be given the right to develop as God and nature intended.

(Other commentaries on "Prime Directive" were also sent by Bill Mullins, Hubert Green, D.P. Witherite, and Rudolf Rothmund.)

## TRW Engineers "Make It So" Brent W. Shacklett, *USS Khal Tam*

The TRW Company works in Redondo Beach, California is reported by *Final Frontier Magazine*, December 1992 issue, as finally inventing Earth's first working version of a "Specific Impulse Drive" spacecraft propulsion system.

Presently named the "Pulsed Inductive Thruster" system by TRW, it is a low thrust beginning of the much more powerful version anyone who is a *Star Trek* fan will recognize as the Impulse Drive system used for low speed propulsion and internal power for the legendary starship(s) Enterprise, and other ships of Starfleet.

This breakthrough is a major technological advancement for the future of space travel and the future of our on-and-off space exploration program. Recently racked by a \$400,000,000 budget out proposal from the Clinton administration, and a scrapping of years of work on Space Station Freedom in lieu of a new, smaller, more cost-efficient design, the breakthrough gives new life to the Mars Planetary Project which until now has been at the bottom of the funding list after the space station, a moon base, and several other planetary missions.

Due to the new Impulse Drive, a Mars Planetary mission which requires travel time of up to 18 months each way from Earth, along with air,

food, and water for the crew, can now be done in four months with engines that are the size and weight of a 55-gallon drum and with a fuel load a fraction of the size required until now. Our space pioneers will also be safer as the fuel used is less prone to accidental combustion, cleaner, easier to store than conventional chemical rockets, and much more dependable.

To put this development in perspective, consider this: Converting to the from chemical rockets is like traveling westward in covered wagons, taking up to four months to cross the vast western US. frontier, in the middle of the 19th century, to suddenly being able to cross it by fast steam locomotive in four days. With further development, we can achieve a time of four hours to bridge this same distance (as today with jet travel). This advancement is certainly destined to be recorded as a major turning point in the exploration and colonization of space, hopefully leading to funding and renewed public interest in space colonization, mineral resource development, manufacturing and space based Earth technology resource development and technology applications that can help solve our many problems of famine, drought, earthquakes, ozone depletion, CO2 and other environmental concerns that are in the forefront in the news and interest today.

Technically, the power system falls into the

category of "nuclear electric." A power source, in this case a nuclear fission reactor, produces electricity that in turn charges a bank of capacitors that discharges into a large electromagnetic coil, thus creating a strong magnetic field. A fuel source (hydrazine or ammonia have been mentioned as possibilities) is induced into this strong magnetic field. It is converted into plasma gas which happens to have the same electrical charge as the magnetic field. As a result, a strong repulsive reaction is initiated in the center, or vortex, of the magnetic chamber and the charged plasma seeks an escape route. In this case that route would be a vectored exhaust nozzle out into space, creating up to 25 pounds per second of forward thrust.

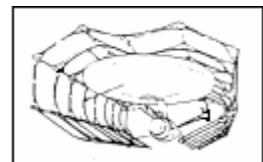
Nearly 30 years ago, Gene Roddenberry, the creator of *Star Trek*, and his Rand/NASA/JPL buddies came up with basically the same primary drive system for the *USS Enterprise*, with a, couple of minor differences from the 20th century version. The First difference is that the fictional *Enterprise* utilizes fusion nuclear reactors rather than "dirty reactors" - the fission systems we presently have available. Due to on-going work on fusion reactors, including several recent major breakthroughs made by the French nuclear industry (which is very heavy in nuclear reactors for electricity production for their French consumers) fusion power may well start to replace the older fission reactors by early in the 21st century. Again, both create electrical power for our engine design purposes, so it is only the way we are generating the electrical power that is different.

Another difference is in the fuel source; our present day example is designed to use ammonia or hydrazine. Both have storage problems and certain safety concerns over the period of a long space trip. It is my view that designers will eventually decide on deuterium, used by the fictional *Enterprise*, as both a safe and easy to store fuel source. It also has a greater power potential. All three types of fuel will work - one is the obvious choice for a long mission (say to Mars), and again, the Roddenberry brain trust had it right almost 30 years ago; before most of the people that have developed this new engine were born.

According to Jack Friedenthal, Advanced Systems Manager for Space Exploration at TRW, "the main advantages to this system are that it is simple, no parts to wear out, clean, and easy to test."

The commercial applications for this new technology by private concerns or governments (other than NASA) could very well revolutionize who goes into space and why. Engineers at TRW recently finished a working prototype of the engine.

The "steam engine" of the "transcontinental railroad" has just been completed, so time will tell how fast the towns and businesses spring up along the railways of space.



## Amnesty International

by David Miller, M.D., *USS Antonio*  
Maria Valsalva

What do the following stars have in common besides *Star Trek*: LeVar Burton, Robin Curtis, Jonathan Frakes, Whoopi Goldberg, Walter Koenig, Gates McFadden, Nichelle Nichols, Leonard Nimoy, Gene Roddenberry, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, William Shatner, Marina Sirtis, Brent Spiner, and Patrick Stewart? They all support, or have otherwise helped, Amnesty International (AI) - the international human rights organization.

Founded in 1961 by British lawyer Peter Benenson after he became indignant when the then authoritarian government of Portugal sentenced two student seven years imprisonment for simply raising their glasses in a toast to freedom, it now numbers over 700,000 members in over 150 countries and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977. AI accepts no money from governments - its multi-million dollar budget is funded approximately 70% by individual contributions and 30% by foundations and institutions. Headquartered in London, AI also maintains many other headquarters throughout the world, including AIUSA, based in New York.

AI is an independent worldwide movement working impartially for the release of all prisoners of conscience (those who have non-violently exercised their basic human rights such as freedom of speech), fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, and an end to torture and executions in all cases. AI utilizes a deceptively simple technique of letter writing campaigns to shed international light on the actions of governments and political regimes - a simple technique that works! Utilizing the basic tenet of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights - a 30 - article document that has been endorsed, but not always observed, by all members of the UN - that "no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment," AI works through local chapters throughout the world in communities, churches, temples, schools and colleges, and professional organizations such as lawyers, teachers, and physicians.

A powerful supporter is Patrick Stewart, who has been a member of AI for over ten years. Acknowledging that the ideals of AI "lie at the heart of *Star Trek*," Stewart uses his new-found celebrity status to reach a new audience for AI - always discussing AI, and often holding press conferences, at his convention appearances throughout the country. Two AI causes he continues to champion are abuses towards women worldwide and the plight of street children, whether in Brazil, Guatemala, or Iraq. And most *Star Trek* convention organizers are supportive: Dreamwerks grants a free dealers table, and Creation grants a reduced dealer table rate to AI representatives.

I, myself, have been active with AI for as long as Patrick Stewart. AI also remains an important organization on our ship, the *USS Antonio Maria Valsalva*, continues to support. If your chapter is looking for a worthwhile national and/or international organization to become involved with, I strongly urge you to consider AI and their noble pursuit of human rights. You'll be in good com-

pany!

Other programs and materials available from AI include: Speakers (AI organizers, trainers, former prisoners of conscience), videos, general information flyers, current actions on individuals and issues (geo-politically balanced), and public service announcements. For more information, please write to the national office c/o AIUSA, 322 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10001; or contact the Midwest Regional Office at 53 W. Jackson, Rm. 1162, Chicago, IL 60604, 312/427-2060.

## Inside Trek

by Susan F. Harke, *USS Joshua*

All STARFLEET personnel withing hailing frequency at Tex-Trek received a subspace message about the New York Times Syndicated column "Inside Trek" by Ian Spelling. Copies of columns to date were displayed and made available for delegates to take back to their ship or shuttle.

If your local newspaper does not carry this column and you would like a copy of this subspace message, write: Susan Harke, 135 Sunset Dr., Plano, TX 75094.

If your local newspaper does print this feature column, please write or call your newspaper to say that you enjoy reading it and want them to continue publishing it. Newspapers want to know what their readers like. Please note that the column may be under a different name, but the byline carries Ian Spelling's name.

## The Shape of Life In the ST Universe

by Edmund Trafford, *USS Republic*

This is a follow-up article to "Stalking ETI in the ST Universe," which ran in a previous issue of the *Communiqué*. In that earlier column, I discussed the possibility of intelligent extraterrestrial life in our universe in general and the prevalence of intelligent life in the ST universe in particular. The conclusion was that not only could life in general exist elsewhere, but in the ST universe, many civilizations and life forms can and do exist simultaneously. Now I want to discuss the shape of those life forms and explore the effect of morphology on their development. I'm going to discuss biological life only; noncorporeal life forms (Organians, "Q," Medusans, the aliens of "Return to Tomorrow," and others) are not considered here.

Organic life forms are found-obviously-in three environments: air, water (or other liquid), and land. Airborne intelligence is notably rare in the ST universe, and for good reason. Lightweight frames suitable for flight (hollow skeletons or a chitinlike exoskeleton) do not offer the support for the large brain (or centralized nervous system equivalent) that many biologists feel is necessary for the development of advanced intelligence. The Skorr appear in the animated episode "Jihad," but although they are indeed capable of flight, they are recognizably humanoid rather than ornithoid, and they have hands, a fact which effectively places them in another category altogether. The Ravens in Carmen Carter's novel *Dreams of the Raven* are more avian than the

Skorr, with beaks and head crests, and their young are hatched. But they lack wings and, like the Skorr, Ravens have hands. The Withiki appear in John Ford's two novels (*The Final Reflection* and *How Much for Just the Planet?*), but it is never made clear that they are capable of actual flight; their wings may be no more than vestigial appendages of an earlier stage of development. And not to labor the point unduly - they, too, have hands and walk upright, which means that they must be considered a variety of humanoid rather than a true airborne intelligence.

While many marine creatures have the physiological capacity to support a large centralized brain (or similar sensory system), a marine environment creates not one but two impediments to the development of advanced intelligence. First, although the streamlined torpedo like shape of most water creatures is a superb example of environmental adaptation, this morphology does not result in the development of flexible digits or allow any degree of manual dexterity; thus, a marine being is unlikely ever to become a tool-maker, a crucial step in overcoming the limitations of one's environment. Second, the generally benign aquatic environment itself is not conducive to forcing the pace of the development of intelligence; it does not impose a sufficiently harsh demand on its beings to adapt aggressively or face extinction. It is only land-based humanoid life forms that must overcome the challenges of a frequently hostile environment and only in doing so do they develop and thrive. (Humankind's rapaciousness in conquering our own planet is self-evident, but the fact remains that it is we and not whales who are reaching for the stars.) Ma-



rine ETI in the ST universe is as rare as airborne intelligence. The wwfida appear in Howard Weinstein's novel *Deep Domain*, but these sea creatures are really a late development in the life-cycle or the dominant land-based humanoid species, the Akkallans. The aptly named Aquans (from the animated episode "The Ambergris Element") were originally land-based humanoids who deliberately altered their own bodies for life in the sea; they do not represent an indigenous marine intelligence.

There is indeed an astonishing variety of intelligent life in the ST universe. But it is clear that the overwhelming model for ETI is the land-based, bipedal, upright, bilaterally symmetrical

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## Shape of Life continued

humanoid. Startling divergences from this model certainly occur. But for every Hamalki (Diane Duane's glass spider in *The Wounded Sky*) there are Tellarites and Tellurians, Solarians and Seleyans, Anticans and Andorians. For every Vendorian or "Odo" (shape-changers from the animated episode "The Survivor" and the new DS9 series) there are Vians and Vulcans (and their Romulan cousins), Binaris, Benzites, Betazoids, and Bajorans. For every Horta (the silicon creature from the original episode "Devil in the Dark") there are Deltans, Yonadans, Klingons, Gorns, and Cardassians. For every winged snake (from the animated episode "How Sharper Than A Serpent's Tooth") there are Orions, Scalosians, Ferengi, and Talosians (assuming their humanoid shape is not an illusion). And they are all of a pattern. It could be argued that the creators of the ST universe have demonstrated an amazing and thoroughly un-IDIC cultural bias for the humanoid shape. But the reverse could easily be true: the vast majority of ETI conform to a single land-based humanoid prototype simply because in the ST universe there exists a cosmic imperative (divinely ordered or biologically mandated—take your choice) that favors that prototype above all others. In other words, we have met ETI and he is us.

## Starfleet Academy: 2161 Why Wait? You Can Go To International Space University: 1995

by Brent W. Shacklett, *USS Khai Tam*

In 1968 Gene Roddenberry, envisioned a time in his version of the future where Earth would need a center of higher learning specifically designed to train and prepare young people to serve in "Starfleet" aboard starships and other vessels of the "United Federation of Planets." "Starfleet Academy," as Gene called his university, is where all the young Wesley Crushers of Earth and a hundred other planets could learn about The Prime Directive (non-interference to others and their way of life), as well as engineering, science, medicine, command, and a hundred other fields to graduate and go out into space to explore the universe. Starfleet Academy was supposed to be built in the year 2161 in San Francisco, California, USA. Our timetable just got moved up!

The International Space University (ISU) actually began in 1987. It was launched by three students - Todd Hawley, Peter Diamandis, and Bob Richards — who felt that their universities didn't offer sufficient coursework in space studies. With the endorsement of such notables as Arthur C. Clarke, ISU set out to provide graduate-level students and young professionals with an annual summer program that emphasizes a multi-disciplinary approach to space studies.

Costing \$10,000, the ten-week summer session is held in a different location each year. Previous sessions have been located everywhere from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Massachusetts to the Université Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg, France.

Enrollment is limited to 130, to guarantee that everyone will have a chance to get to know one another. Students pick from nine concentrations of study: Resources and Manufacturing, Life Science, Policy and Law, Architecture, Business and Management, Engineering, Satellite Applications, Physical Sciences, and Humanities.

The purpose of the program is not to give students a crash course in space technology. In fact, ISU suggests that students already have a doctoral or master's degree in their held of study, as well as at least two years of post-bachelor's experience in industry, government, or academia. "ISU doesn't train someone to be a space policy expert or space medical doctor," says spokesman Sterling North. "It trains the space medical doctor or space policy expert to communicate and collaborate with those experts in other disciplines, other fields which impact and are involved in space ventures."

With that in mind, ISU translates theory into practice by having students work together on group projects. For instance, at the 1993 summer session, to be held in Huntsville, Alabama, students will have the opportunity to develop a space rescue program, an international warning system to detect potential meteor impacts and a manned lunar astrophysics lab.

ISU is now preparing to explore new frontiers, as it gears up to establish a new, permanent campus. Three sites are now under consideration - Canada, France, and Japan - and the final decision will be announced later this year. The first year-long session, with 100 students and 50 faculty, will start in 1995.

"The permanent campus objective is to give a Master's degree in Space Studies, based on two Principles" says ISU president George van Reeth, who was formerly director of administration at the European Space Agency. "One is interdisciplinary, meaning students don't just study engineering or science or laws or management, but they get at least a taste of every single discipline that is used in space activities. The second principle is that it should be international, because we firmly believe that space has got to be international or it simply won't BE."

For more information about ISU, write to: International Space University, 955 Massachusetts Ave., MA, 02139.

## More Hailing Frequencies by Brian W. Dougherty, STARFLEET Corps of Engineers

Having been an Amateur radio operator for ten years, I have been able to see firsthand the power of emergency communications and the unselfish dedications of the people involved.

From countless preparedness exercises to actual operations on the "Ham" bands for the Mexico City Earthquake of 1986 to Hurricane Andrew and now the Midwest floods, Amateur radio has often proved to be the only means of communications into and out of effected areas. The expansion of the ham bands to include voice privileges to the Novice class of license, more people are able to enjoy the fun and adventure of Amateur Radio.

But, that is not the point to this article. In a past

Issue of the Communiqué, "Doc" Kinne presented a list of CB channels used by USS Avenger and Shuttlecraft Accord. I would like to propose that "hailing frequencies" be expanded to the ham bands.

To this end, I have taken the liberty of establishing "hailing frequencies" in the Ham bands for the St. Louis, Missouri area. Also, I have been in contact with a few other Hams in STARFLEET in Region 12 and other regions.

One frequency that has been used is 3.800 MHz (SSB) in the 80 meter band, other bands and frequencies are being discussed. I am hoping to put a hailing frequency in the Novice portion of the 10 meter band along with a frequency higher in the band, say around 28.650 MHz SSB (Single Side Band). Here in St Louis, the hailing frequencies are:

2 meter primary; 146.76 MHz (-600 MHz) Repeater  
secondary; 145.35 MHz (-600 MHz) Repeater  
Simplex frequencies (no repeater) are: Primary; 147.45 MHz

Additional primary simplex frequencies are: (all frequencies in MHz)K 146.52 (national Ham Simplex Frequency), 146.55, 147.48 and 147.57

A "Repeater" receives a transmission from a Ham and the transmits it (or repeats it) on another frequency. This is usually either plus or minus 600 MHz from the listed frequency which is usually the repeater transmit or output frequency.

The operations on 2 meter Ham is the same as CB, i.e. you make contact on the machine and then switch (or QSY as we Hams call it) to an unoccupied frequency or machine so as to free the repeater for use by other Hams.

Many repeaters have "phone patch" facilities to let Hams make calls to "non-business" locations for personal use. These are usually calls to home to let the spouse know if there is any problems or to make calls to 9-1-1 for traffic accidents and emergencies. The 145.35 machine is located at the St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley and is seldom used and sometimes is not operating.

There is a "Star Trek" precedence for Ham radio in the 23rd century. Capt. Kirk's brother, Sam, had a private subspace transceiver in the episode "Operation, Annihilate". Since a call sign was used instead of a "handle" one can argueable assume that this was an Amateur transceiver rather than a "CB" rig.

The American Red Cross can usually directed interested people to local Hams who can get them the information they need to get started in Amateur Radio or you can write the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main, Newington, CT 06111, for more information.



Robert Bruce Lloyd

## Gowron Speaks!

by Bob Vosseller, *USS Challenger*

At first glance actor Robert O'Reilly, a thin, blond, blue-eyed, soft-spoken man hardly appears the type to be cast as the violent Supreme Leader of the Klingon Council on Star Trek: The Next Generation and yet one can tell in a short time that he can be a performer with great range.

He was a guest along with actor Rene Auberjonois, and actress Robin Curtis for Shore Leave 15 held in Hunt Valley, Maryland on July 9-11. For the second year in a row the organizers of the convention, the Star Trek Fan Association of Towson, held a fan press conference.

STARFLEET was represented by *USS Challenger* First Officer Louise Smith, writing for New Frontiers, and *USS Sovereign's* Chief Engineer Traci Giorgianni covering it for *Sovereign Chronicles*, and myself for the *Communique*.

Other clubs, both Federation and Klingon were present and the format included a round-robin questioning.

When asked how he felt about his character's development during his guest starring roles he replied, "He has developed. Actors are usually the last to know, but the character has developed. He's gone through a lot since his first appearance, which was a bit skeletal. The first story was really about Worf. It is interesting to see him [Gowron] take control and grasp for power. It's very Shakespearean with rings and princes. With power comes conflict. I do Shakespeare and I can relate to that. Gowron is bigger than life."

Commenting on his makeup routine he gives full credit to the talents of Michael Westmore. He notes that during his last appearance, "Gowron did look a little different and that's because the headpiece was permanent. Worf's hair and the hair of the other Klingons were also layered and primped. It's a look I think they are going to keep. Every Klingon now has that look," the actor remarked.

Traci asked the actor what he thought was in store for Gowron. "More conflict. The last episode with Kahless set up a conflict. I can see a conflict with Kahless and his buddies and I hope I come out on the live side. I feel really good. I know there's conflict down the line it's almost medieval in the writing and its fun to play it out."

When informed by Louise of a rumor circulating on one of the popular BBS boards, of a planned ST:TNG episode where Gowron dies, the actor didn't want to believe it. "I don't know anything about it."

Louise also questioned him on his most memorable acting experience. He answered that thus far that was "Star Trek, working with Patrick (Stewart), Michael Dorn and Jonathan Frakes, who directed one of the episodes I appeared in has been great. They are incredible actors and they are all professional. There is no ego nonsense and that is rare in this business. Pat is a

wonderful actor both on film and on the stage. Michael brought me along and made the whole experience fun. Whenever I had a question about Klingons, Mike knew the answer."

Other memorable jobs included his association with *Max Headroom*, we did some crazy stuff. It started out as a drama and became sort of a drama-comedy. It was a lot of fun working on the 2-part episode where Gowron was introduced. We had that long hall you know the gate to Klingon hell and we had a ball dancing and doing crazy things when we weren't shooting"

Robert admitted to being a big fan of Ray Bradbury's books and the original Star Trek series, beginning in his college days. Now he is not only a fan of the phenomena but is even a member of the Klingon Assault Group (KAG). A KAG member asked what message he has for the many Klingon groups which have sprouted up in recent years.

"I'd love to see all the "Klingons" in the U.S. and Canada get together all at one show. Maybe it could be done to help charity," he said.

When asked what is own favorite charity was he responded, "I really don't have one but I'm looking into one, I was on the Caribbean during Sea Trek and I saw several Cubans being picked up on tires. I'd like to find a non-political organization to help these kind of refugees I've been on



Traci Giorgianni, *USS Sovereign*, joins Robert O'Reilly and Louise Smith of the *USS Challenger*

the sea quite a bit in life and that Caribbean sun could kill you in two hours. They were out there for days."

I asked him how he felt about being a part of such a popular icon of American culture and what reaction his family has had. "My father gets it but the rest of my family doesn't. Star Trek is all about human development. I can get philosophical. It exaggerates drama by using other planets and races. Mankind needs a mirror to show us who we are."

Future plans include directing a stage play on the West Coast. Louise asked him how he would like to direct an episode of ST:TNG. "Directing film is much different than directing on the stage but the answer is yes, I would love to do it. I think I would stick to the basics of what has worked."

Caption: Photo by Capt. Bob Vosseller  
USS Sovereign's Chief Engineer Traci Giorgianni (left) and USS Challenger First Officer Louise Smith (right) join actor Robert "Gowron" O'Reilly for an interview at Shore Leave 15.

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### EPISODE

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## Lessons

Reviewed by Kelly Cline



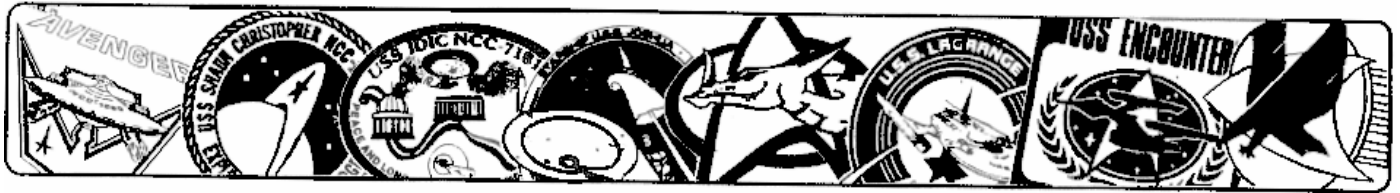
I'm not a romance fan. I've always thought it was a cheap gimmick the writer used to avoid creating a real relationship. When Picard fell for "The Perfect Mate," I didn't buy it for a second. I think the writers knew Picard could never fall for such a milquetoast, so they invented her pheromones to cover their mistake. I never believed Vash either. That whole thing reminded me of a bad Spencer Tracy - Katherine Hepburn movie. The only part I believed was in "Q-pid" when Picard was embarrassed that he fell for her in the first place. In fact in all of TNG there are only a few romances that I would even give a "C" to, and they were just subplots. That is until now.

I really don't know what to say about this episode. I kept waiting for some false note, for them to drag out some tired cliché so I could moan and say, "There they go again!" But the moment never came. She was strong, competent, intelligent, exactly the type of woman Picard could fall for. Their time together was nicely done. You could just see their love grow with every melody they played. That scene in the Jefferies tube was beautiful. But though I kept looking for some dust in the mortar, every scene was handled with maturity and taste. Picard's unease at romancing a member of his crew played a nice counterpoint to their scenes together.

When Picard thought she had died on the planet, I knew finally they had fallen into a rut in the trail. But Patrick Stewart handled Picard's grief as only he can and I still couldn't release my disbelief. I was sure she was gone. But they tricked me with my own assumptions and she lived. I feel like I'm telling you what they didn't do wrong, but I don't know what else to say. They didn't fall into the other cliché either, ending with her in his arms. They closed the book with simple realism. It wasn't some soap opera dilemma with quavering organ music in the background. No quick fixes. No dramatic martyrism. Picard got to end his romance with the dignity he deserved. I especially enjoyed the references to last seasons episode, "Inner Light." That is definitely one of my favorite episodes. The only real mistake I caught was Picard's remark about the "third arpeggios" It's obvious that whoever wrote that line didn't know very much about music.

This was a realistically moving episode. I'm proud to call it Star Trek.





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## REGION ONE

Regional Coordinator VADM Linda Neighbors

### USS ALACRITY • NCC-1881

Captain Deborah Leafy Memphis, TN  
Gearing up for Tex-Trek, raised \$51 for battered women's shelter. Presented program for 3rd-6th graders at library.

### USS ALARIC • NCC-503

Captain Richard Helm Asheville, NC  
Collecting canned food for Food Bank, stamps for Stampede, soup labels for Eliada Home and aluminum for recycling. Sent away team to Carowinds. Helped run Ballad Trek and Trek-o-rama in Asheville. Held raffle drawing for Hallmark Enterprise Glitter Dome.

### USS APPALACIAN • NCC-3181

Captain Steven Hall Gray, TN  
Collecting stamps for Stampede. Attempting to get a boat in river race, opening communications with other groups.

### USS AQUILA • NCC-2030

Captain Cynthia Pugh Cincinnati, OH  
Adopting an eagle at Cincinnati Zoo. Providing colunteet for the "Homeless Veterans Stand Down" Members attended Paramount/King's Island Star Trek Earth Tour.

### USS ARIES • NCC-71806

Captain Michael Wilson Kingsport, TN  
Holding a car wash & plan to visit the Appalachian. Recruited 7 new members at Johnson City ST con.

### USS ARISTARCHUS • NCC - 61801

Captain D.K. Brinegar Liberty, NC  
Held Red Dwarf marathon to raise money for Asheboro Soup Kitchen. Trip to Carowinds amusement park.

### USS ARIZONA • NCC-71839

Captain Roger Scritchheld N.Canton, OH  
New XO is Linda McClung.

### USS BONAVENTURE • NCC-102-A

Captain Scott Gibson High Point, NC  
Had joint meeting with KAG chapter & played murder mystery game. Collecting canned food for homeless shelter. XO has started a BBS.

### USS CAMELOT • NCC-2307

Captain Russel Grubb Dayton, OH  
Sponsoring an area SF/Fantasy group picnic to promote awareness and cooperation between groups. 3 model rocketry sessions planned.

### USS CELESTIAL DRAGON • NCC-71810

Captain John Richmond Boone, NC  
Stampede efforts have been successful. Selling Trek Bears. Held a party. 77th MSG redesigning Flt Marine Regimental newsletter. Forming a paintball team.

### USS CHARLESTON • NCC-71813

Captain James A. Young Lanson, SC  
Gearing up for ship's picnic. Ship's plaques are finished & available for purchase.

### USS CHESAPEAKE • NCC-1887

Captain Kris Paavola Mechanicsville, VA  
Shuttle K'leska launched. Held highway cleanup & visted aviation museum. Worked opening of a ST planetarium show at Science Museum of VA.

### USS CHRONOS • NCC-26296

Captain Kim Abbott Beckley, WV  
Planning picnic for July & visit to Trekopolis.

### USS COLUMBIA • NCC-621

Captain Wayne Bertsch Wooster, OH  
Attended Maroon. Will provide security for North Coast Comic Con. Planning to attend Cleve. Indians game,

### USS COLUMBUS • NCC-2006

Captain Steve Stewart Columbus, OH  
Planning 5th anniversary party. Raised \$200 at Tupperware sale. Had a BBQ at Starbase Columbus w/local radio station with funds going to animal shelter.

### USS CONSTELLATION II • NCC-1728

Captain Rick Alvey Paducah, KY  
Planning to launch 2 new shuttles. Gearing up for Continuum 93.

### USS FIREFOX • NCC-2041

Captain Chris Dunning N. Myrtle Beach, SC  
Completed SWEEP program for SC coastal council. Food drive continues.

### USS HAWKEYE • NCC -4950

Captain Jane Terry Winston-Salem, NC  
CMO will run First Aid class. Will work at rest stops for the MS bicycle tour.

### USS HEIMDAL • NCC-1793

VADM Linda Neighbors Amherst, VA  
Guest speaker from Haunted Book Store brought Trek merchandise. Held bake sale & made \$44. Visited Genesis House for battered & abused children. New Membership Handbook is out. Season's first car wash brought in \$75.

### USS HORNET • NCC-1714

Captain Ron Byram Charlotte, NC  
Planning R1 con in September. Taking donations for Raptor Center (birds, not dinos). Cleaned highway, held 6th anniversary party. Have Hornet mugs for sale.

### USS IDIC • NCC-71811

Captain Jack McClaman Alexandria, VA  
Manned a water station for Lung Association Bike-a-thon. Will do security at Novacon. Went to Kings island.

### USS IMLADRIS • NCC-3791

Commander Michael Ward Lexington, KY  
New CO & XO. Raised \$135 for March of Dimes. Will help out at Muscular Dystrophy telethon.

### USS JAMESTOWN • NCC-1843

RADM Steve Thomas Newport News, VA  
Held a display at Patrick Henry Mall & raised \$670 for the March of Dimes. Reviewed constitution & by-laws.

### USS JOHN B. MCKAY • NCC-653

Captain Cathy Williams Christiansburg, VA  
Collecting cans for Scholarship program Held recruiting drive at local mall in June.

### USS KITTY HAWK • NCC-1559

Captain J.R. Fisher, Jr. Raleigh, NC  
Road clean-up crew given double points for their efforts Helped Duke Hospital with telephone. Donated food to NC food bank

### USS LAGRANGEQ • NCC-3916

VADM Tim Gillespie Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
FabCon '93 great success - new ideas and procedures developed over the weekend. Jurassic Park opening party very successful, Planning for LagrangeCon '93 is under way. Co-sponsored Akron Civic Theater TrekFest. Lagrange Night at Indians baseball game coming up.

### USS MAAT • NCC-1794-A

Captain Blair Wilcox, Jr. Virginia Beach, VA  
Fanzine published. Attending Shore Leave. Raised \$30 with "bomb the command stall" water balloon toss.

### USS NIGHTHAWK • NCC-2301

Captain Felicia Berger Richmond, VA  
Hosted softball invitational. 7 teams played and raised \$350 for Special Olympics. Attended Sea Trek. Promoted DS9 at night club. Celebrated 2nd anniversary.

### USS OLYMPUS • NCC-23100

Captain Brad Pense Sumter, SC  
Raised \$100 at carwash. Helping new Columbia shuttle, held recruiting drive at opening of Jurassic Park

### USS PATHFINDER • NCC-21211

Captain Robin Pillow Salem, VA  
Display at library has generated lots of interest. Constructed river raft for race. Collecting recipes for cook book sorted stamps for Stampede.

### USS PATRIOT • NCC-1900

Captain Randy Glover Collinsville, VA  
Went to see play starring one of our members. Attended Magnum Opus Con. Collected 200 lbs. of newspaper for recycling. Holding a raffle for scholarship program.

### USS POLARIS • NCC-1B39

Captain Dave Abbott Lebanon, OH  
7th anniversary party had almost 50 in attendance. Visited Kings Island Trek exhibit.

### USS POWHATAN • NCC-1967

Captain Cill Cherry Chesapeake, VA  
Had a 'Night At the Tube' following meeting. Held group picnic on Memorial Day. Helped w/Children's Hospital telethon. Attended Jurassic Park & baseball game.

### USS QUESTAR • NCC-435

Captain Karen Goldbach Louisville, KY  
Looking for ways to raise money for charities.



**USS REBEL • NCC-1600**

Commodore Bonita Voigt Lincolnton, NC  
Collecting for Stampede. Working on restoring old cemetery.  
Working on ship's ops manual. Annual camp out enjoyed  
by crew, will hold another in Sept.

**USS RENEGADE • NCC-2547**

VADM Anita Davis Youngstown, OH  
Held firearms safety class. Picked up trash on adopted  
stretch of highway. Annual camping trip at end of month.

**USS RICHMOND • NCC-2003**

Captain Kevin Hanna Covington, VA  
Recycling aluminum continues. Held picnic at state park.

**USS STAR LEAGUE • NCC-2101**

VADM Cindy Krell N. Augusta, SC  
Raised \$27 for Augusta Child Advocacy Center. Helped  
raise \$267.50 during Cancer Society "Bail for Jail" fund-  
raiser. Attended Dixie Trek 22 members worked security  
at MCG Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

**USS STARWARD FURY • NCC-2122**

Captain Tony Vickers Fayetteville, NC  
Held movie night. Yard sale raised \$70. Contest underway  
for new ship's slogan. Members attended "Day in the Park"

**USS STONEWALL JACKSON • NCC-71814**

Captain Gerald Cronk, Jr. Monroe, NC  
Sent \$45.10 to Project Can-Do, challenge every ship in the  
Fleet to match that. Planning June cookout.

**USS TEMPEST • NCC-1566**

Captain Douglas Heimark Charlottesville, VA  
Captain attended Sea Trek Held highway cleanup. Sent  
away teams to Kings Dominion and Shore Leave. Will have  
pool party in August.

**USS WASP • NCC-1721**

Captain Bud T. Shinall Bristol, VA  
Voted on new ship's logo. Planning anniversary party.

**USS WEST VIRGINIA • NCC-2006**

Commander Barbara Myers Charleston, WV  
Recruited at Charleston Comics show. Participated in pool  
party and R1 blood drive.

**USS YEAGER • NCC-1893**

Captain Michael O'Brien Bluefield, WV  
Crew went on picnic/hike. Crewmembers Phil & Meredith  
Meluch married. Preparing for DragonCon.

**USS YORKTOWN • NCC-1704**

Captain Marion Ragsdale Rock Hill, SC  
Held 2nd anniversary party at CO's house.

**REGION TWO**

Regional Coordinator VADM Deborah Nelson

**USS DEFIANT • NCC-1660**

Captain Donna Horn Lipscomb, AL  
Captain Carla Cummings passed away early in June, of  
terminal leukemia The crew & region mourn her passing.

**USS DRAGONFIRE • NCC-2007**

Captain James Maloney Fort Myers, FL  
Will be part of Trek Day at local mall. Restarting Venice  
chapter as shuttle. Dragonfire 1 had over 800 attending -  
\$3,000 raised for the Shriners.

**USS EXCALIBUR • NCC-1705**

Captain Richard Kovatch Jacksonville, FL  
Several members attended Sea Trek. Held annual Beach  
Party & attended Vulkan. Will visit Children's Hospital.

**USS EXPLORER • NCC-2009**

Captain Rose Thomas Brunswick, GA  
Planning recruiting drive in July.

**USS FEDERATION • NCC-2100**

Captain Chris Short St. Petersburg, FL  
Celebrated 6th anniversary with picnic & mock battle with  
KLAUW ship. Attended Vulkan in Orlando,

**USS GUARDIAN • NCC-26244**

Captain Les Herdt Cocoa, FL  
Held monthly beach clean up. Producing a recruiting video.  
Heard presentation from S.E.A.L.S. president. Sent letters  
in support of Space Station Freedom.

**USS HEPAESTUS • NCC-2004**

Captain Pete Mohney Birmingham, AL  
Working on recycling.

**USS INDESTRUCTABLE • NCC-2071**

Commander Tami M. Emma Bonaire, GA  
Change of command took place 9306.27. Promotions  
awarded.

**USS KHAI-TAM • NCC-81000**

Captain John Reddick Tallahassee, FL  
Attended Trek-o-Rama in Pensacola. Participating in road  
clean-ups, visiting Children's Hospital.

**USS MACLEOD • NCC-10524**

Captain Gail Fuller Lovejoy, GA  
Working on coloring books and bags for Children's Hospi-  
tal. Actively recruiting & planning new newsletter.

**USS ODYSSEY • NCC-454**

Captain Brenda Bullock Hattiesburg, MS  
Preparing trivia video. 2 members participated in Special  
Olympics.

**USS PAEGAN • NCC-1755**

RADM Lori Anne Brown Winter Park, FL  
Host chapter of June's Vulkan, 10th anniversary party held  
there. Served as con's host chapter.

**USS REPUBLIC • NCC-1371**

Captain Kelly Scott Hilliard Snellville, GA  
Participated in planning session with local MDA telethon.  
Doing major recruiting.

**USS ROYAL SOVEREIGN • NCC-1674**

Captain Kaye Downing Orange Park, FL  
Donated 2 bags of food to Humane Society, 3 bags of  
clothes to Salvation Army. Working to raise funds & blood  
donations for member undergoing heart transplant. Bowl-  
ing team came in second place.

**USS SACAJAWEA • NCC-598**

Captain Mary Greten Inverness, FL  
Working on ship patches. Heard speaker from NASA

**USS STARQUEST • NCC-71804**

Captain Jeff Handshaw Naples, FL  
Active in recycling effort. Launched 1st shuttle, *S.W.  
Hawking*. We have been interviewed on local radio sta-  
tions following successful Spacedays promotion.

**USS STAR UNION • NCC-2112**

Captin Diane Griffin Montgomery, AL  
Helped run security at Trek-A-Rama Manned phones  
from PBS pledge drive. Will have yard sale.

**USS TRIUMPH • NCC-26228**

Captain Betsy Matteis Miami, FL  
Won club Challenge Cup for raising most money in pledges  
for Dade County for walkathon. Celebrated 3rd anniver-  
sary. Held annual Gamesters of Triskelion competition.

**USS YAMATO • NCC-71807**

Captain Isaac Turner Pinson, AL  
Working with Trek group in Argentina, USS Fancisco  
Gurruoha 4 members worked phones for Children's Miracle  
Network Radiothon.

**REGION THREE**

Regional Coordinator RADM Bill Schwab

**USS BEXAR • NCC-71718**

Captain Patricia Ann Spillers San Antonio, TX  
Attended several local conventions. Raised \$88 at our 2  
bake sales. Raised \$200 during 36-hour-view-a-thon.

**USS COMANCHE • NCC-71809**

Captain Sarah Peugh Alvarado, TX  
Held Region 03 Olympics in Arlington, we took 1st place!  
This years most important activity, Tex Trek '93, finally  
arrived and a great success. Impressive turn-out at Ala-  
bama-Coushatta pow-wow.

**USS GAGARIN • NCC-630**

Captain Michael Schreiber Dallas, TX  
Visited Children's Hospital with Joshua. Preparing for Tex-  
Trek Away team visited Wet-n-Wild in Dallas.

**USS INFINITY • NCC-651**

Captain Bill Latham Waco, TX

**USS INTANGIBLE • NCC-65421**

Captain Daniel James College Station, TX  
2nd place in Region 03 Olympics. Held nomination for CO  
and XO. Held garage sale to raise money for TexTrek.  
Attended launching of Shuttle *Limbo*.

**USS JOSHUA • NCC-3700**

Captain Sean Caughman Fort Worth, TX  
Passed out tribbles at Children's Hospital. Attended Re-  
gion 03 Olympics. Staged photo exhibit. Attended Dallas  
Texans Arena Football game with LK. E.

**USS LANCELOT • NCC-13962**

Captain Scott Belt Arlington, TX  
Voted on new constitution. Held car wash fund raiser.

**USS RHYANNA • NCC-1892**

Captain Paula D. Hudson Austin, TX  
Car wash benefited Battered Women's Shelter. Will hold  
3rd annual Parisee Squares tournament in August.

**USS SAGITTARIUS • NCC-9755**

Captain Frank Vereas Mesquite, TX  
Recruited at Games Unique & Creation Con in Plano.  
Planning election of officers. Working on picnic.

**USS VINDICATOR • NCC-23911**

Captain John Simmons Denton, TX  
Ran medical dept. at TexTrek.

**REGION FOUR**

Regional Coordinator VADM Janis Moore

**USS ALLIANCE • NCC-2113**

Captain Jennifer Cole W. Los Angeles, CA  
Working on recruiting and fundraisers. Looking forward to  
World Con. Catching up on newsletters.

**USS ATREDIES • NCC-60022**

Captain Cynthia Gaedy San Francisco, CA  
Set up staff for newsletter. Preparing for ShuttleCon.  
Looking into community service projects.

**USS CONSTITUTION • NCC-1700**

Admiral Jack Fields Van Nuys, CA  
Awaiting nominations for CO & club reorganization.

**USS DEFIANCE • NCC-1717**

Captain Depra Roberts Sacramento, CA  
Great numbers showed up for KAG/Starfleet Blood drive.  
Participated in Sacramento Memorial Day & won 3rd  
place. Capts. Decker & Roberts interviewed on local TV.

**USS EAGLE • NCC-1719**

Captain Bonnie Doran Fremont, CA  
New CO and XO.

**USS GALLANT • NCC-1869**

Captain Lee Tidwell Fresno, CA  
Ship has new CO.

**USS HARRIER • NCC-2295**

Captain Loring Drouillard San Pablo, CA  
New CO. Held family BBQ at local park, Planning movie day for next meeting. Plan to attend con in Sacramento.

**USS ONIZUKA • NCC-71815**

Captain Elaine Weathers Chico, CA  
New CO. 70 people attended commissioning party.

**USS SIMONOV • NCC-2002**

Commodore Kim Lerman Fairfield, CA  
Blood drive at Napa-Solano Blood Bank, Federation 33, Klingons 18. Placed 3rd in Dixon Mayfair parade, Marched in July 4th parade in Fairfield. Softball challenge against Defiance. Simonov shirts new available. Canned food collected for Salvation Army. Launched three more shuttles, the *Moonchaser*, the *TPau*, and the *Oberon*. Shuttles *Reliant* and *Bradbury (Atrides)* have been commissioned to ship status

**USS S'L'HEYA • NCC-1601**

Captain Rachel Hawken Fresno, CA  
Busy recruiting new members. New format for newsletter.

**USS STELLAR WIND • NCC-1501**

Captain John Burt Turlock, CA  
Newsletter out. New 2nd Officer. Shuttle Perelandra has filed VRR.

**USS TIKOPAI • NCC-1800**

Captain Scott Sommers Campbell, CA  
Plan to visit Stanford Children's Hospital. Plan to donate blood with Klingons in June.

**REGION FIVE**

Regional Coordinator VADM Robert Hilton

**USS APOLLO • NCC-2546**

Captain David Bell Vancouver, WA  
New XO is Robert Wyant.

**USS BISMARCK • NCC-3141**

Captain Al Sandham Spokane, WA  
Organizing CPR class for all area ships. \$165 raised so far for local food banks. Now have discount at a local SF store for all Bismark members.

**USS BROADSWORD • NCC-1B46**

Captain Thomas Rutledge Kirkland, WA

**USS CALYPSO • NCC-1891**

Captain Kalita Leyva Spokane, WA  
Held picnic for July meeting. New member handbook approved. Joe Nechanicky is new XO.

**USS COURAGEOUS • NCC-1861-C**

VADM Terry Wyatt Seattle, WA  
Necrocon was a big success, and we plan to do it again next year. Road clean-ups and carwashes are planned for the summer. Will be recruiting at Westercon. Will host picnic for all local Trek clubs.

**USS DANIEL SOULE • NCC-1810**

Commodore Keith Marshall Kent, WA  
Shuttle Washington launching soon. Logo is nearing completion. Plan to attend Westercon.

**USS INGRAM • NCC-2001**

Captain David Pipgras Vancouver, WA

**USS LIBERATOR • NCC-2564**

Captain Alison McCrady Idaho Falls, ID  
2nd annual FTX was a success. Collecting canned food for St. Mark's Soup & Sandwich kitchen. Designed departmental ID badges. Planning 2nd annual crew picnic.

**USS PENDRAGON • NCC-2005**

Captain Terri Halsey Kirkland, WA  
Collecting stamps for Stampede & recipes for cookbook  
Garage sale with proceeds to Pet Food Bank Taught class in take decorating. "Favorite Summer Salad" picnic and 'Create a Taco' dinner planned.

**USS STARCHASER • NCC-71801**

Captain William Smith  
Attended Starfest day at Boeing Employees Astronomical Society. Leukemia stair climb as successful.

**USS TRAUMER • NCC-10522**

Captain Wes Butcher Tacoma, WA  
Planning a picnic in July and camp out in August.

**REGION SIX**

Regional Coordinator RADM David Kloempken

**USS ALAM'AK • NCC-1796**

Captain Judy Isaacson Cottonwood, MN

**USS BEHR'AK • NCC-1797**

Captain Lois Olson Roseville, MN  
Helped at Twincon. Great job done on Minicon open house by the science department.

**USS CZAR'AK • NCC-1796-A**

RADM David Kloempken Richfield, MN  
Attended MiniCon & Region 12 summit. Attended *Alam'ak* commissioning party. Preparing for Tex Trek

**USS IMPERIUM • NCC-2125**

Captain Michael Driesel Fargo, ND  
Held First anniversary party. Plans being made for role-playing weekend and campout.

**USS THUNDERCHILD • NCC-3122**

Captain Peggy Driesel Rapid City, SD  
Held meeting at Dakota Fest, John DeLancie attended. Working on recycling & adopted stretch of highway.

**REGION SEVEN**

Regional Coordinator VADM Alex Rosenzweig

**USS ALBANY • NCC-587**

Captain Donna Burke Gloucester, MA  
New CO & XO. Honorary memberships given to George Takei, Nichelle Nichols and Colm Meany.

**USS ALPHA CENTAURI • NCC-71812**

Captain Shirley Weaver Camp Springs, MD  
Participated in X-Mas in April community service project. Plan to attend Open House at Andrews Air Force Base.

**USS ARGON II • NCC-1636**

Captain Ed Johnson Edgewood, MD  
Did some role playing with characters aboard ship.

**USS ARI • NCC-1723**

Captain Dov Paff Springville, NY  
Ongoing support and volunteer work at Buffalo Museum with the Star Trek exhibit.

**USS ASCENSION • NCC-2520**

Captain Kevin Miles Bath, PA  
Met Walter Koenig at comic shop promoting his new book Raven Attended Creation Con at Valley Forge. Planning 3rd annual R7 picnic at Beltzville State Park

**USS ASIMOV • NCC-650**

Captain Mary Lou Hopper Wurtsboro, NY

**USS ATLANTIS • NCC-71803**

Captain Richard Nacaula, Jr. Assonet, MA  
Crew getting new t-shirts with ship logo. Recruiting still going strong. Planning July canoe trip.

**USS AVENGER • NCC-1860**

VADM Alex Rosenzweig N. Brunswick, NJ  
Membership increasing. Members attended Philadelphia Museum of Art. Planning weekend trip to Wild West City. Activities calendar planned. Sciences & Engineering divisions released newsletters.

**USS BLACKHEART • NCC-2327**

Captain Ann Francesconi Jamison, PA  
Working on DS9/classic Trek skit. Will attend Re Faire & coal mine tour. Jurassic Park party well attended.

**USS CHALLENGER • NCC-1676**

Captain Bob Vosseller Ortleigh Beach, NJ  
Ops released newsletter. ST Day at Island Hts. library successful. Attended Toms River Founders Day.

**USS CHRISTA MCAULIFFE • NCC-860**

Captain Howard Cronson Canton, MA  
Took part in Tour de Cure for American Diabetes Foundation & raised \$460. will attend AIDS pledge walk, USS Nautilus anniversary party, 4th of July party, Shore Leave & Red Sox game.

**USS DAWN TREADER • NCC-2555**

Captain Joanne Olson Staten Island, NY

**USS ENDURANCE • NCC-1862**

Captain Saul Abraham Lansdale, PA  
Canned food drive a success. Collecting coupons to send to overseas bases. Held clothing drive for local church.

**USS HOOD • NCC-1707**

Captain Leslie Ryan Lowell, MA  
Crew will attend whale watch for June meeting. Plan to attend *Sullivan's* commissioning party, Shore Leave & R7 annual outing to H2O Country.

**USS KONKORDIUM • NCC-2106**

Captain John De Barbieri Northford, CT  
Working on Wishcon 3. Members attended K&L Toy convention & met David Prowse. Summer picnic in June.

**USS LEXINGTON • NCC-1703-B**

Commander Michael Smith Florham Park, NJ  
New CO. Working on reorganization.

**USS MERLIN • NCC-61802**

Captain Sharon Grieten Newark, DE  
Planning promotions with Hallmark stores. Plan to visit local Veterans Hospital on regular basis. Most of crew attended Shore Leave.

**USS NAUTILUS • NCC-1778**

Captain Mark Vereb Rocky Hill, CT  
Hosted May RobinCon for K&L Productions. Working on Nautilus bridge project. Club BBS working well. Had 2nd annual picnic, attended Shore Leave and Tex Trek. Arranged & coordinated meeting with area Trek groups and local TV station for possible future co-promotions.

**USS ODIN • NCC-1675**

Captain Walter Bosman Westminster, MD  
Reorganizing Department Chief structure due to shuttle formation.

**USS POTESKIN • NCC-1711**

Captain Willard Speck Pittsburgh, PA  
Assisted WQED's TV auction. Manned gatorade stop at Pittsburgh marathon. Held road clean ups.

**USS SALADIN • NCC-500**

Captain Doug Van Newenhoven Agawam, MA  
Planning 9th convention at Univ. of MA in October. Crew will participate in Wishcon III.

**USS SOVEREIGN • NCC-2505**

Commander Pam Fernsler Philadelphia, PA  
Joined with TPrang & Keldans to work security at Valley

Forge Creation Con. Shuttle Briza is now official. Details for parade on July 5 are moving well.

**USS SPARROW HAWK • NCC-581**

Captain Raymond Toolan Montpelier, VT  
By-laws ratified & adopted. Will adopt raptor from Raptor Center.

**USS TERRANOVA • NCC-71806**

Captain Michael J. Stratton Hudson, NH

**USS THAGARD • NCC-652**

Commander Sashi German Lansdale, PA  
Working on new logo. 3rd zine almost ready. Have First Aid & CPR class scheduled. Switch in command complete.

**USS THOR • NCC-2549**

Captain Michael Sharpe Lusby, MD  
Current projects include Maryland Special Olympics, Car Wash, recycling, Stampede, Taskforce Maryland, Thor to the Rescue, security at Shore Leave & Project ATOZ.

**USS TRITON • NCC-71819**

Captain Don Schneider Glen Burnie, MD  
Glow light necklace fundraiser netted \$239. Assisted Baltimore camcorder club with charity fund-raiser. Car wash made \$258. Members will attend Shore Leave.

**USS TUTAKAI • NCC-1799**

Captain Barbara Oberlander Erie, PA  
Held Earth Day party. Cleaned assigned area, planted three bushes, then had picnic

**USS WOLF • NCC-3921**

Captain Paul Worley Transfer, PA  
Held rocket launch. Sold Trek books at Buhl Henderson Library. Sponsored computer class for IBM users. Participated in WalkAmerica & raised \$115r Project Genesis delivered trees to be planted.

**REGION NINE**

Regional Coordinator RADM Beale Gellings

**REGION TEN**

Regional Coordinator RADM April Gorman

**USS ASTRA • NCC-77210**

Captain Pam Bowyer Calgary, Alberta  
Working on Couch Rally for Charity, skit for Marda Loop Festival, novel compendium & mock court martial at Tecumseh Naval Museum.

**USS BONAVENTURE (CDN) • NCC-1645**

Captain Shelley Ann Jensen Edmonton, Alberta  
Celebrated 6th anniversary, planning summer picnic & TNG finale party 24 members helped with Nexus Theatre fund-raiser Trek party.

**USS EQUULUS • NCC-1603**

Commander Jell Campbell N.W. Calgary, Alberta  
New CO. Held promotions & commendations. Planning summer picnic. Equulus featured in *Communiqué*.

**USS MALASPINA • NCC-3271**

Captain Norman Langlois Parksville, BC  
Forming Shuttle *Daedalus* in Nanaimo. Invited to participate in Canada Day parade.

**USS SOL • NCC-1733**

Commodore Trina Anderson Fairbanks, AK  
CO attended Sea Trek Annual ship's Fleet Meet on July 24th, celebrating completion of 2nd 5 year mission there.

**REGION ELEVEN**

Regional Coordinator RADM Jennifer Yates

**USS ALTAIR • NCC-1603**

Commander Malcolm Evans Perth, WA, Australia  
New CO.

**USS N'DELE • NCC-1758**

RADM Leanne Jackson Hectorville, SA, Australia  
Explored history of TNG. Camp out in Tanunda in Barossa Valley & trip to Stockport Observatory planned. Will see Jurassic Park when it arrives in September.

**USS SOUTHERN CROSS • NCC-1888**

RADM Jennifer Yates Harbord, NSW, Australia  
Winter activities being planned. Bowlathon for charity. Exploring forming sister ship in U.S. "Our Helping Hand" has filled 2nd container of food for the needy.

**REGION TWELVE**

Regional Coordinator VADM Dan McGinnis

**USS AMERICA • NCC-1847**

Captain Clarence Kamper Columbia, MO  
Crew picked up litter & held picnic.

**USS ANTONIO M. VALSALVA • NCC-4101**

Captain David Miller Chestertield, MO  
Planning 1st year anniversary. Members assisted at St. Louis blood drive. Plan to attend Continuum 93 & work Epsilon Alpha 93 Con.

**USS CONCORD • NCC-1989-D**

Fleet Captain Mike Ferguson Oklahoma City, OK  
Attended Thundercon 3, and TexTrek. Planning first annual picnic & 5th anniversary celebration

**USS DISCOVERY • NCC-1306**

Captain Kathy Krieger St. Louis, MO  
Held 2nd annual Hanger Deck sale. Helped St. Louis Univ. Business School with its grad reception. Sponsoring Bowlathon tournament for pediatric AIDS. Working with St. Louis food bank & Stampede.

**USS EMPRESS • NCC-15025**

Captain Richard Smith

**USS EXCELSIOR • NCC-2000**

Captain Tim Frayser Broken Arrow, OK  
Collected 7 lbs. aluminum, 55 lbs. of glass & 420 lbs. newspaper. Will attend Thundercon & TexTrek. Became Tulsa Pride Partner by adopting city park

**USS GENESIS II • NCC-1206**

Admiral Sharon Smith Shawnee, OK  
Attended R12 summit. Participation with local chapters increasing. Set up display case in library.

**USS HEXUM • NCC-2199**

Captain Rick Gale Belleville, IL  
4 ships joined us at picnic. Attended Great Cardboard Boat Regatta at SIU and Continuum. Held recruiting drive at Scott AFB. Collecting stamps for Stampede. Crew played miniature golf. Bowled to raise money for Pediatric AIDS research with members of USS Discovery.

**USS HORIZON • NCC-1000-A**

Fleet Captain James Herring Columbia, MO  
Held picnic in Boonville, MO. Had Starfleet wedding for members Matt Copple & Tamara Sanders. Attended Tex Trek and Continuum.

**USS JEANEITE MADDOX • NCC-14514**

Captain Christine Leddon Wichita, KS  
By-laws completed & approved. New CO. Have completed all events for Wichita River Festival. Will run carnival I games at Special Olympics. Planning garage sale.

**USS KRAZNY OKTVABR • NCC-23102**

Captain Dwain Gleason Maryville, MO  
Held "To Hell With Finals" party. Held annual Awards Ceremony & Banquet. Attended Rainbow Warrior's picnic.

**USS LOCKSLEY • NCC-3192**

Captain Adam Nettles Carbondale, IL

**USS MARKO RAMIUS • NCC-23104**

Captain Russell Godwin Fayetteville, AR

**USS NOMAD • NCC-1805**

Captain Michael Malotte Leavenworth, KS  
Held BBS trivia contest. Went to Kansas Cosmophere in Hutchinson Attended Genesis Con. Working on recycling.

**USS PROMETHEUS • NCC-3030**

Captain Joshua Fisher Warrensburg, MO  
Planned a picnic for June. Made of \$100 in garage sale.

**USS RAINBOW WARRIOR • NCC-71805**

Captain Richard Pearce Raymore, MO  
Cleaned highway, attended R12 summit, had game/movie night, made plans for anniversary, marched in Earth Day parade & attended Sally Ride anniversary.

**USS RANGER • NCC-2206**

Captain David Baughn Oklahoma City, OK  
Participated in WalkAmerica & collected \$335. Members attended Thundercon 3 & manned joint recruiting table with all Oklahoma City ships.

**USS SALLY RIDE • NCC-643**

Captain Jani McGaugh Cape Girardeau, MO  
Adopt a Highway work continues. Working on Continuum.

**USS SHAUN CHRISTOPHER • NCC-1620**

Captain Dale Manchion Overland Park, KS  
Preparing for crew meeting & 3rd annual picnic.

**USS STAR EMPIRE • NCC-2116**

Captain George Heichelheim Shawnee, OK  
Attended Oklahoma City Captain's Council.

**USS STARGAZER • NCC-2693**

Fleet Captain Coyote Kansas City, MO  
Raised \$240 for MS in bike ride. Held car wash & raised \$30. Attended KC Captain's Council. Attended costume party with Costumers Guild.

**USS SUPERIOR • NCC-2020**

Captain Kenneth Darden Marquette, MI  
Renee Nault, costuming assistant on DS9 & TNG, visited ship, Model of Superior almost finished.

**USS TANAHAMEHO • NCC-2225**

Captain Del Watlington Lawton, OK  
Recruited at Arts For All Festival & Armed Forces Day parade. Working on first fanzine. Sciences hosted Memorial Day picnic. Handbook in final draft.

**USS UMIK • NCC-3142**

Fleet Captain Douglas Glenn St. Charles, MO  
Attended Uthoff Elementary School Swap Day. Held blood drive in local mall & paintball battle at Heartbreak Ridge. Working on new t-shirts & handbook New ID badges Finished. Will submit bid for '94 R12 conference.

**USS VALKYRIE • NCC-2597**

Captain Sally Moag Livonia, MI

**USS VANGUARD • NCC-2546**

Captain Roger Steams Fayetteville, AR

**REGION FOURTEEN**

Regional Coordinator position vacant

**USS CASCO BAY • NCC-1889**

Captain Scott Thurlow S. Portland, ME  
Monthly bowling & breakfast get-togethers continue. Collecting labels from Scott paper products for Ronald McDonald charities. Marched in Maine State Parade.

**USS EQUINOX • NCC-584**

Commodore Peg Pellerin Winslow, ME  
Donated 3 \$145 checks to local H.S. for Project Grad. Continue to collect labels from Scott paper products for Ronald McDonald charities.

**USS LONGFELLDW • NCC-2358**  
Captain Michael Henigan Portland, ME

Attended Tex Trek & Shore Leave. Worked at local soup kitchen. Panning anniversary extravaganza

**REGION SIXTEEN**  
Regional Coordinator position vacant

**USS HENRI DUNANT • NCC-23911**  
Captain Ann Dysinger Japan

**REGION SEVENTEEN**  
Regional Coordinator RADM Lynette Knox

**USS ALIOTH • NCC-1828**  
Captain Lyn Worthen Provo, UT  
Ran registration for WalkAmerica. Helped local business with Make A Wish yard sale.

**USS AURORA VULCANIS • NCC-1888**  
Captain Charlotte Howey Carter, CO  
Contributed square to STARFLEET quilt. Working on 10th anniversary zine.

**USS CARSON • NCC-592**  
RADM Karen Emerson Sun Valley, NV  
Attended commissioning of USS Highroller.

**USS COLUMBIA II • NCC-9755**  
Captain Brian Murphy Schreier Las Vegas, NV  
Raised \$48.95 for ship with rummage sale. Blood drive continues, Hospital visits on 1st Wed. of each month.

**USS DOMINION • NCC-2115**  
Captain Allen Mills Farr West, UT  
Worked for WalkAmerica & highway clean-up. 2 groups interested in starting shuttles.

**USS FAHRION • NCC-2510**  
Fleet Captain Douglas Porray Orem, UT  
Planning recruiting table at upcoming con & fireworks stand for state holiday.

**USS HIGHROLLER • NCC-23103**  
Captain Susan Severt Sun Valley, NV  
Manned recruiting table at Creation Con. Commissioning ceremony & BBQ successful. University planetarium requested our assistance in putting on summer show.

**USS NOKIB'RAL • NCC-2211**  
Captain Spence Hill Cedar City, UT  
Years first canyon clean-up, Preparing for Ren Faire.



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**Chief Medical Officer,** USS Bexar looking to correspond with other ships' CMOs to form a forum to discuss aspects of the job. Contact Lt. Ken Kopacki, 5326 Timber Trail, San Antonio, TX 78228 210/684-1266

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All Fleet members in the **Clearfield, Centre, Jefferson, Elk, and Cameron County, PA** areas interested in forming a shuttle. Support ship will be *USS Ascension*. Next Gen or Classic Trek welcome. Robert Green, RD 1, Box 37-B, Clearfield, PA 16830, 814/765-3555.

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