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New Life, New Civilizations

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Today, nearly all of us own computers that could have easily brought man to the moon and back. Amazingly, there are problems that require even more processing power than the most powerful supercomputers available today. Even more amazingly, each of us who owns a computer on the net can now become part of the most powerful computers in existence.

Until recently most computers, certainly most "civilian" computers, have had single processors in them. Theory has long been developed where multiple processors is a practical possibility and now such common operating systems as MacOS, Windows NT, and BeOS have multiprocessing capability. You can buy computers now that have up to four processors in them for parallel, multiprocessing capability.

But how about a computer having hundreds of thousands of processors? Crazy, right? Well, not quite. Not only is such a thing possible but for certain fascinating projects it's actually needed. And now you can be part of it!

"...to seek out new life and new civilizations..." Since the mid 1960s those words have rung in our lives in particular. For centuries man has wondered if we are alone in the universe. Man's relationship with alien civilizations comprise our most classic science fiction from "This Island Earth" through "Star Trek" to "Babylon 5." However, for the most part, seeking out new life and new civilizations in actual fact has been the province of a very select group of astronomers having access to an amazing array of rather expensive equipment.

Until now...

On May 14th at midnight, Universal Coordinated Time one of the most potentially fascinating and important

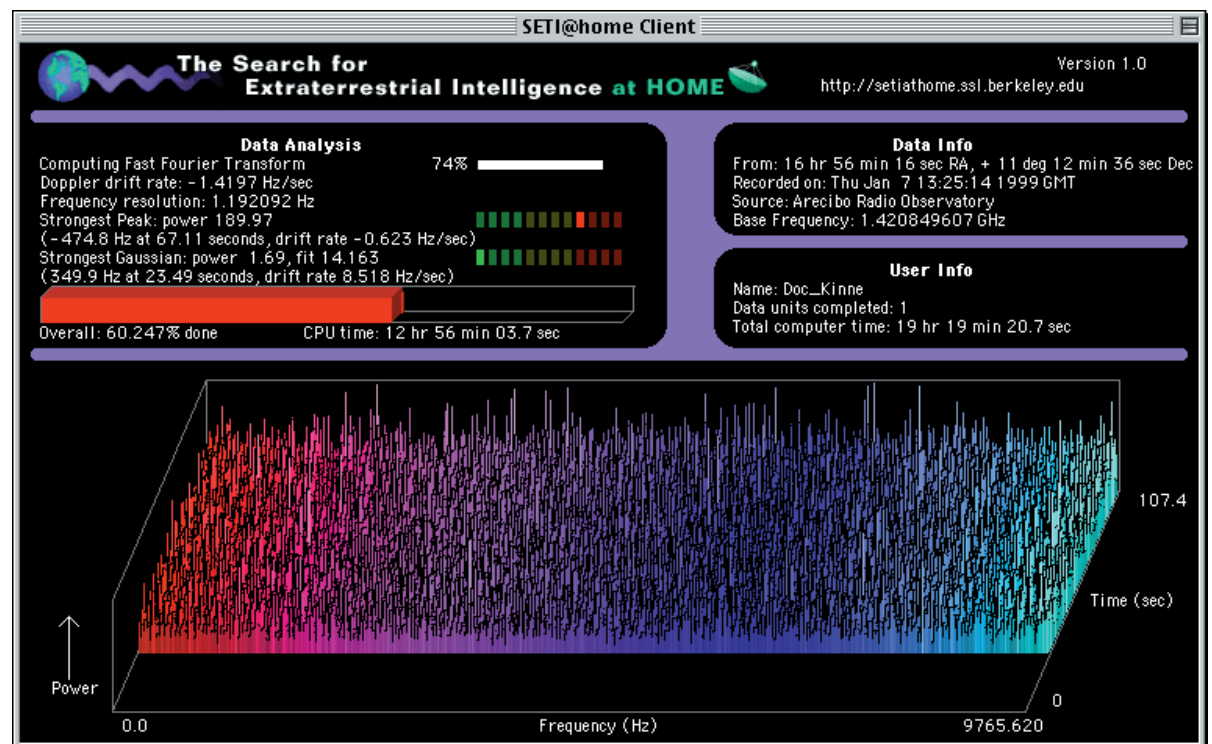
projects ever thought of was launched after two years of preparation: the University at Berkeley's SETI@Home project.

Professional astronomers search for signals in space by recording what huge radio telescopes hear. Despite the scenes in "Contact," no one actually listens for a signal. It's recognized by now that a signal from an alien civilization will, in all probability, be weak enough to require sophisticated detection techniques. It's not going to blow your headphones off!

Today we have the technology to detect the faintest signals from the background noise of space: digital signal processing. Using the power of a computer and very complex mathematical formulas, recorded data from radio telescopes is picked apart and exhaustively analyzed. The problem is that one radio telescope can record enough data in a week to keep our most powerful computers busy for two years. You can't keep up with the data flow.

One solution is to use a computer with multiple processors all working on a piece of the data at the same time. The more processors the better, and if you have a lot of processors they don't have to be of supercomputer strength. A hundred thousand processors like a PowerPC or Pentium II is a very, very powerful computer.

Such a computer exists and you can be part of it. The SETI@Home project cleverly uses the processing power of hundreds of thousands of



SETI@Home provides an ongoing display of its calculations on received radiotelescope signals. The software can operate as a screen saver or as a standalone application, in the foreground or background.



**Download the SETI@Home software at
<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/> and
join the STARFLEET SETI@Home team today!**

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Communiqué Deadlines

The deadline for each issue of the STARFLEET Communiqué newsletter is the 15th of the month prior to the first month of the cover date. For example, the deadline for Issue 92, the April/May issue, was March 15th, 1999.

Please get material in on time, to expedite the production of the newsletter!

Submission deadlines for upcoming issues of the Communiqué newsletter:

Issue 94: Aug/Sept. 1999
August 14th, 1999
(Special extended post-IC deadline!)

Issue 95: Oct/Nov 1999
September 15th, 1999

From the Top...

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings from SFHQ. I hope everyone has survived the winter months, and is now enjoying the coming of spring. The past week or so in lovely Northern New Jersey has given us a portent to better weather, and I for one am looking forward to it.

Early spring of course is a time for Summits. I've recently attended the 1999 Region 12 Summit in Kansas City, Missouri. I got to see some old Fleet hands such as Rich Pearce and Dwain Gleason during the course of the weekend; it was a pleasure seeing them again.

I'm writing this article on returning from the 1999 Region 1 Summit. Newly minted Captain Linda Oakley and Summit Staff put on another great Summit this year, and I appreciated the warm welcome I received there again. During the weekend, Dennis Schwendemann from the *USS Jurassic* presented STARFLEET with a check for \$500 to fund this year's Patrick Stewart Scholarship. This donation was in response to the Scholarship challenge in my last article. Thanks for your generosity, Dennis!

We're currently working on an updated version of our Membership Handbook to complement the changes to our organization's Constitution. In addition, we're looking to provide a new and improved Handbook to the membership at the beginning of the year 2000.

As you know, the 1999 IC is just a few months away; August will be here before you know it. I hope that many STARFLEET members will make it a point to attend our 25th Anniversary celebration. The International Conference is a good time and place to meet many folks from across our organization, and of course is the prime meeting spot for STARFLEET's leadership to meet and discuss items of importance to our organization. Check out <http://ic99.regionone.com> or send a SASE to Matt Myers (address is on pages 2-3 under Operations) for more information on IC99.

Don't forget to help STARFLEET reach "5K by 2K" by actively recruiting and retaining STARFLEET members. It's an important goal for the organization, and serves as a

springboard to move into the year 2000 in a positive vein for our chapters and for STARFLEET. Also, please remember to help do your part for the Scholarship program by

donating. The scholarships are for a good cause and help deserving STARFLEET members with their educations!

See you in sixty!

Project: Astronaut

Captain Cheryl Molavi, Executive Officer, USS Hazard

USS Hazard and the North Coast Chapter of the National Space Society are co-hosting an event on July 31st that will feature an appearance by NASA astronaut Captain Edward Finke. Capt. Finke hasn't yet been in space, but has been assigned as part of the backup crew on a couple of missions. He's scheduled for a mission to the new International Space Station next year.

Capt. Finke will be speaking at Gannon University in Erie, PA, and a dinner is being planned for that evening at the Erie Museum and Plan-

etarium. The speech is free, and dinner will be under \$15 per person.

For general information, write Edward Longnecker, 88 Pine Leaf Drive, Erie, PA 16510, Nasaspaced@cs.com. For fundraising or 50/50 ticket info, write Capt. Cheryl Molavi, 311-201 Presque Isle Blvd, Erie, PA 16505, csmgcac@erie.net. For dinner info or reservations, write Capt. Julia Sonney, 2710 West 22nd St., Erie, PA 16506, quark@erie.net. As always, enclose a SASE if you send postal mail and need a reply.



Captain Edward "Mike" Finke

A Periodicals Class Mailing Permit for STARFLEET... At Last!

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET

As one of our original campaign planks during the election that put the Smith/Freas team into office in 1997, we proposed that STARFLEET's international publication, the *Communiqué*, could and should be mailed under the 2nd Class (renamed Periodicals Class) permit system of the United States Postal Service. While not as expedient as first class mailings, it is a significant improvement on the bulk rate mailing system, and also less expensive.

Over the past two-plus years, we here at SFHQ have kept the membership apprised of the status of the permit application process. We've hit

many bumps in the road, including the loss of two applications and having to deal with an employee of the USPS who feels it is his job to kick back as many applications as possible for the slightest reason he can find. As many of you know, I went to Oklahoma myself last year to personally file the application a third time.

This plank was the one that has haunted me for quite a while. I'm happy to say that even though it took a lot longer than we had ever anticipated, we have finally cleared out our plan in the matter.



I'm very pleased to announce that I've received word that our application to mail the CQ under the Periodicals Class mailing rules has been approved!

What does this mean for the membership?

1) Faster and more uniform delivery of the *Communiqué* to the membership. Periodicals class is several steps above the current bulk rate class of mailing we've had to use over the past two years.

2) Limited forwarding of the CQs (a 60 day time window from when a

change of address is filed with the USPS) when a member moves and forgets to let STARFLEET know he/she moved.

3) Additional cost savings in mailing the CQ. I've been told by our mailing company that the USPS will treat our mailings with enough care that any sort of bag (plastic or paper) will no longer be necessary. Of course, we here at HQ aren't as sure as our mailing company is; however we're going to give it a trial run for an issue or two and see how the CQs travel through the USPS system.

Come on down to Charlotte and party with us at Fleet's 25th Anniversary IC!

Second Thoughts...

Admiral Charles Freas, Vice Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings! As you know, Article 6, Section 4, of the new Fleet Constitution requires each Administration to secure a bond protecting STARFLEET against theft of your membership dues and scholarship funds. I'm very pleased to announce the news that the Smith/Freas Administration has secured for STARFLEET a \$100,000 bond policy to insure our members against financial misdeeds by the persons handling your money.

The premium on this policy is only \$221 per year, and we have already paid for a one-year policy. Next year, our last year in office, we will prepay a three-year policy that will protect you, the membership, beyond the end of the next Administration.

These prepaid policies cover the actions of persons holding the offices of Commander, STARFLEET, Fleet Treasurer, Fleet Auditor, and Commandant of STARFLEET Academy through mid-year 2003. These are the four key persons who regularly handle and are responsible for the vast

majority of Fleet's funds. This insurance policy, which will extend over two years beyond this Administration's last day in office, provides that full measure of protection that Fleet members deserve. Now, it's up to you — the members — to make sure that protection continues on after our time of service ends.

I'm also proud to announce that our drive for scholarship donations is doing very well. Well over a thousand dollars has already been pledged, and donations continue to arrive with new memberships and renewals. Doing my small part to fully fund our scholarship awards, I personally secured from William Shatner two autographed photographs for the STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. One or both (depending upon the level of interest shown by bids) of these autographed photos will be auctioned off at the 1999 International Conference on August 7th, 1999, at the Marriott Executive Park Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina. I hope this gift from Mr. Shatner is

well received by Fleet, as he graciously and immediately honored my personal request to donate these autographs to our scholarship program.

It's actions and programs like these, and our community service, charity and FDC programs, that continually make STARFLEET the premier Star Trek fan association on Sol III! But, as important as these are, we must never forget that we're also here to have fun! So, come on down to Charlotte and party with us at Fleet's 25th Anniversary IC. I hope to see all of y'all there!

Finally, as you may already know, Fleet Treasurer Marlene Miller, Fleet Auditor Howard

Cronson, and Academy Commandant Mandi Herrmann have announced their resignations from office. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Marlene, Howard and Mandi for their years of devoted service to Fleet. I also want to thank Howard for agreeing to continue to help prepare and file Fleet's mandatory annual I.R.S. reports. I know that the services provided by them have taken countless hours out of their family life. Continual sacrifice of personal time is a trademark of all great leaders, and I'm proud to acknowledge that these three are absolutely among Fleet's best.

That's it for this edition. Until next time, live long, and prosper!

Region 1 Science News

Commander David E. Klingman, USS Hornet, R1 ARDC Sciences

Something new and exciting is happening in Region 1 Sciences and we'd like everyone to participate. Region One Sciences, with an idea from FDC-Sciences Richard Driver, has started a list with ONelist, a free Internet mailing list service.

How does it work? Simply go to the ONelist web site at www.onelist.com, search for the SFI-R1-Sciences community, and subscribe! We already have nearly half the chief science officers in Region One on the list and the number is growing. In addition, we have three other regions' RDCs-Science participating: Charles Flowers (R4), Forbes Kerry (R11), Tony Bonti (Region 15), as well as Richard Driver (FDC-Sciences). We would love to see this spread to become a Region and Fleet-wide phenomenon!

The purpose of our Regional Science list is if course to share information pertaining to both real and fictional science, and we encourage Fleet and non-Fleet members alike to subscribe. We also welcome anonymous submissions at SFI-R1-Sciences@onelist.com. Our current topics/submissions include:

- NASA updates and news
- National and International weather

- and climatology
- robotics
- International Space Station news
- Mars mission updates
- Deep Space 1 updates
- Star Trek-nobabble
- theoretical warp physics
- a daily column from the annals of the Star Trek TNG Technical Manual and Encyclopedia

We certainly encourage other science-related articles! We do ask that articles be geared for readers of all ages, though.

And there's more big news! Region One Sciences, in cooperation with the IC99 Committee, is planning a special multimedia presentation at IC99 in Charlotte this year! Don't miss it!

Yet more big news... Region One Sciences was named Regional Department of the Year at the Region One Summit '99!

For more information on Region One Science news or if you'd like help getting your own regional list going, you can contact Richard Heim, R1-RDC Sciences, at USSAlaric@aol.com, or David Klingman, R1-ARDC Sciences, at mirodon@mindspring.com.

Chapter Assistance Program: CAP Corner!

Captain Peter Lutz, Director, Chapter Assistance Program

When sending in a new member, or renewal application, make sure that the Starship Assignment box is filled out. This will insure the new member gets posted to the right chapter. Also, as an option for saving postage or surface mail quirks, sign up members online, using a credit card.

If you have members who are active in your chapter, but not able to afford Starfleet membership, a "Chapter Membership Scholarship

Fund" can help pay for gift memberships for those members. Make it part of your ship's crew awards program.



Remember, your MSRs should be going to your District Vice Chief, not Ops HQ.

Fleet Operations...

Major General Les Rickard, Chief, STARFLEET Operations

Greetings everyone from STARFLEET Operations. I hope everyone is doing well and this CQ meets you all during an enjoyable springtime.

I have very little to report but one of those things is to once again let you know whom you report to each month. I am still receiving MSRs and such here at Ops HQ and they should be going to the proper District Vice Chiefs. Listed below are the DVCs and the regions they are responsible for.

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A note concerning DVC International Regions. All regions with international chapters as well as chapters in the US will report to Capt Johnson. Currently this only affects R13 I believe.

Also, all problems can be taken to the DVCs first. They're the front line in getting problems handled for your chapter. If they can't help then they refer the problem to me and I see what I can do to resolve it. However, my door is always

open should anyone have questions or suggestions.

Leaving Drydock

A regular part of the Ops article will be a running list of chapter commissionings. Below is a list of Chapters that have been commissioned since the beginning of 1999 and each Command Crew.

USS GUADALCANAL NCC-6021
Kodiak Class Battleship
MGen Loujaue McPherson, CO
Nathan B. Champine, XO
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS LEGEND NCC-75019 Sover-
eign Class Cruiser
Captain Patrick Maes, CO
Commander David Adams, XO
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS BANTING NCC-17220
Banting Class Cruiser
Captain Bernard Guindard, CO
Lieutenant Dave Blaser, XO
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS INTREPID NCC-74655
Intrepid Class Cruiser
Capt. Robert Schneider, CO
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Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS LIGHTYEAR NCC-74217
Defiant Class Escort
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LCdr Helen Monath, XO
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS PANTHER CITY NCC-63543
Akira Class Battlecruiser
Comm. Mark Vincent, CO
LCdr Cherie Vinson, XO
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS NORMANDY NCC-36000
Normandy Class Supercarrier
MGen Les Rickard, CO
VAdm Tom Monaghan, XO
Commissioned April 17, 1999

USS BELGICA NCC-72301
Peacekeeper Class Large Explor-
atory Cruiser
Capt Jeroen Vantroyen, CO
Cmdr Steve Haelterman, XO
Commissioned May 5, 1999

As you can see we have already been quite busy since the first of the year. But the job is just starting as ShOC Chief Dennis Gray tells me that the following shuttles are in final preparation for the Commissioning Process and I should have their VRRs within the next week or so:

Shuttle Raven
Shuttle Sequoyah
Shuttle Ultimatum
Shuttle Woomera (To be commis-
sioned USS PROTECTOR)

I look forward to receiving these VRRs and adding the above shuttles to the list of STARFLEET Ships of the Line.

What else is happening?

This month we are, unfortunately, sans the normal Chapter CQ Summaries. This was an unavoidable necessity as real life snagged our CQ Summary staffer. However, we are working very hard to bring those back to the CQ as soon as possible.

Online Operations Chief David McCabe is working on upgrading the MSR Web Site to include some new technology. Some of this will improve the effectiveness of the site as well as add some bells and whistles. One feature we hope to incorporate is the ability for the page to remember certain standard fields like Ship Name, NCC#, CO/XO Information etc.

Shameless Plug: 1999 International Conference

I thought I would toss in a

shameless plug about the upcoming 1999 STARFLEET International Conference which will be in Charlotte, NC August 6-8, 1999. As the Internal Program Chair I have many things planned for the weekend and some of those involve the Chapters of STARFLEET in attendance.

So look for more information as the IC grows near. One thing I would like to ask for is that any Ship's CO who is attending to please sign in at Registration as we plan on recognizing all COs at the General Session on Saturday morning.

On Friday the 6th there will be a 25th Anniversary Party for STARFLEET which will kick off the weekend. This party is for the entire membership. There will be cake, punch, a cash bar for those who so desire and plenty of mingling. During the party we will hold the annual STARFLEET Yeoman Auction and Charity Auction.

So you can see if that's just Friday night, then imagine the rest of the weekend. Don't forget that we have a special guest for the weekend, Chase Masterson of DS9. She will be mingling during the weekend's events and you will get a chance to hear her speak and purchase an autograph.

See everyone in August at STARFLEET's 25th Anniversary Celebration, IC99.

That about covers it for this CQ. As always...take care all and Semper Fidelis.

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Welcome back Tamara Copple to the post of STARFLEET Communiqué Remailer!

Hailing frequencies...

Vice Admiral Gordon Goldberg, Chief, STARFLEET Communications

Hailing Frequencies Open! I've promised Mark that I'd keep my column short and sweet this issue, so I'll limit myself to announcing the submission period for the 1999

STARFLEET Newsletter Awards, which will be presented by the Communications Division in recognition of the outstanding chapter and regional newsletters which were published in calendar year 1998.

Newsletters will be judged in the following five categories: Outstanding Cover, Outstanding Graphics, Outstanding Presentation, Most Informative, and of course Newsletter of the Year.

Chapters or regions interested in submitting their newsletters for the



1999 newsletter awards should mail copies of their best calendar year 1998 issues (one issue per chapter or region) to me, postmarked no later than June 15, 1999, at my address in this issue's directory. Please mark clearly on the envelope that this is a

"1999 Newsletter Award Submission."

Please do not send your submissions via a method that requires my signature for receipt, since the postal carrier or delivery person is unlikely to catch me at home, and while my apartment's superintendent will gladly accept packages for me, he will not sign for them.

This just in... I need to make a couple of staff change announcements. First, I'm pleased to announce that

Tamara Copple has agreed to resume her previous duties as Communiqué Remailer. Tamara will be remailing back-issues of the Communiqué to members who haven't received them, and to chapters who wish to use them for recruiting. She can be reached by email to cq-remailers@sfi.org, or by postal mail to:

Tamara Copple
9943 Walnut Drive #201
Kansas City, MO 64114 USA

Secondly, as most of you know, Jeff Higdon stepped down a while back as Director of the Diplomatic Corps. I am very happy to announce that the new Director of the Diplomatic Corps will be Chris Esquibel, who has been serving as DiploCorps Ambassador for the Region 4 area. Chris can be reached by email to

DiploCorps@sfi.org, or by postal mail to:

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Welcome back, Tamara, and congratulations Chris!

If you have any comments or ideas on how the Communications Division can further serve your chapter or the fleet, please feel free to contact me by email at Comm@sfi.org, or by postal mail at 330 Haven Avenue, Apartment 3C, New York City, NY 10033-5333 USA.

In service to the fleet,

Gordon L. Goldberg
Chief of Communications,
STARFLEET

NetServices & Web Awards

Vice Admiral Allyson M. Dyar, Vice Chief, Communications: NetServices

Greetings from Cyberspace!

Just a few notes for you. If you ever have any problems accessing our main web page (<http://www.sfi.org>) you can always try our back up pages: (<http://www.halcyon.com/dyar/starfleet/starfleet.html>). Generally speaking, if one site is down, the other usually is available.

And now, to segue into this year's contest.

NetServices is proud to announce the third annual Web Awards. Categories and descriptions are as follows:

Homepage of the Year - Individual ship's page, overall design and appearance. Well balanced use of graphics and color. Content is well constructed and easy to navigate.

Informational Resource - sites designed as a reference tool. Use of links and online information to assist others in locating materials on a specific subject. materials presented in logical, concise form.

Regional Website of the Year - overall design and appearance. Well

balanced use of graphics and color.

Content is well constructed and easy to navigate.

"Fun" Site of the Year - 'nuff said!

Awards of Excellence. This is awarded at discretion of the Web Award Judges.

Winner's Choice - this will be awarded by the Web Masters of last year's winning web pages. (Please note, last year's web sites are *not* eligible for an award, but the web masters are if they've done other pages.)

Please don't submit URLs to us directly. Chapter's must be linked either to their Regional Home Page *or* to the Operations List of Chapters.

STARFLEET related (that is, not just chapter or regional) Information Resources should be listed on the 'fleet pages: affiliated groups, conventions, cyberspace, executive committee, services, or the trading post. And the fun site should be listed under "The Lighter Side" or other 'fleet web pages.

The STARFLEET web site is at <http://www.sfi.org/> and if you have

any questions on the site, please direct them to Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar <NetServices@sfi.org>.

Our timetable is as follows:

01 July — applications will be taken for the third judge

15 July — deadline for applying to be the third judge

20 July — judging will start

07 August — winners will be announced at the International Conference.

The winners will be judged by a panel of three individuals: Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, Chief of NetServices, Fleet Captain Ed Nowlin, Director of the Office of Web Consultants and one other person chosen from the depths of cyberspace. Any web page that the judges are web master of will *not* be eligible for an award.

If you are interested in applying as the third judge, this is what we are looking for. Someone who is totally familiar and comfortable surfing the Internet for web pages (while the third judge doesn't have to have his/her own

web page or know how to build one, we're looking for someone who's viewed a *lot* of pages). We'd prefer if the third judge was using Netscape as his or her primary web browser.

Please send your STARFLEET resume as well as tell us why you are interested in being the third judge to Fleet Captain Ed Nowlin <capt_ed@shasta.com> between July 01 and July 15 (any applications received before that date will be disqualified). An announcement will be posted on the STAFLEET-L mailing list and the Announcements list as a reminder. Applications will be accepted *only* via e-mail.

The Award Certificates will be handed out at the International Conference in August. Any winners not present will have their certificates mailed to them.

If you have any questions, please contact Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar <NetServices@sfi.org> or Fleet Captain Ed Nowlin <capt_ed@shasta.com>.

This year ought to be an IC that will be memorable for years to come.

Mama Dennis Says...

Rear Admiral Dennis Gray, Chief, Shuttle Operations

These articles just come too fast after one another for my tastes. *grin* I never seem to have the time to finish them by the deadline, or do them justice. Ah well, comes with the territory, I guess.

Well, let's start this issue with the long-overdue listing of new shuttles, commissionings, etc. Since CQ 86, where I think I left off, the following shuttles have launched (mind you, some of these have also since gone on to commission. These are marked with an “*”):

Shuttle Asgard, Region 1, Commander Darlene Harper, commanding.

* Shuttle Legend, Region 1, Commander Patrick Maes, commanding.

Shuttle Vindicator, Region 1, Commodore Ron Fell, commanding.

Shuttle Orbit Jet, Region 3, Commander Jeff Salamon, commanding.

* Shuttle Panther City, Region 3, Comm. Mark Vinson, commanding.

Shuttle Centurion, Region 4, Colonel Aaron Murphy, commanding.

Shuttle Ari, Region 7, Commander Michalene Biber, commanding.

Shuttle Marshall Martz, Region 7, Cmdr. John Harris, commanding.

Shuttle Raven, Region 7, Commander Trisha Rohal, commanding.

Shuttle Starlord, Region 7, Commander Joe Podesta, commanding.

Shuttle Vigilant, Region 7, Commander Jim Baker, commanding.

Shuttle Woomera, Region 11, Cmdr. Vanessa Taylor, commanding.

* Shuttle Delta Clipper, Region 12, Capt. Rick Giles, commanding.

Shuttle Earhart, Region 12, Commander Glena Brunner, commanding

Shuttle Harbringer, Region 12,

Capt. Lawrence Ferguson, commanding

Shuttle Ultimatum, Region 12, Cmdr. John Watson, commanding.

* Shuttle Banting, Region 13, Cmdr. Bernard Guignard, commanding.

And the commissionings (correspondence chapters are prefaced with a (c), and one Armed Forces chapter is prefaced with a (af) :

The shuttle Argos is now the USS Intrepid, NCC-74655, an Intrepid class cruiser, Captain Robert Schneider, commanding.

(c) The shuttle Legend is now the USS Legend, NCC-75019, a Sovereign class cruiser, Captain Patrick Maes, commanding.

(c) The shuttle Tereshkova is now the USS Tempest, NCC-21566, a Constellation class cruiser, Fcapt. Robin Pillow, commanding.

The shuttle Celestial is now the USS Spiritwalker, NCC-31097, a Miranda class cruiser, Captain Rebecca Self, commanding.

The shuttle Devastator is now the USS Devastator, NCC-74151, a Corbin class heavy cruiser, Captain Bette Frantz, commanding.

The shuttle Panther City is now the USS Panther City, NCC-63543, an Akira class Battlecruiser, Commodore Mark Vinson, commanding.

The shuttle SpiritWolf is now the USS Spiritwolf, NCC-74209, a Sentinel class recon cruiser, Capt. Michelle DuBose, commanding.

The shuttle Texas is now the USS Texas, NCC-74207, a Defiant class escort, Captain Richard Getz, commanding.

(c) The shuttle Stormbringer is now the USS Stormbringer, NCC-74213, a (af) Defiant class escort, Fcapt. David Pitts, commanding.

The shuttle Kensington is now the

USS Kensington, NCC-75016, a Sovereign class cruiser, Colonel Diana Harper, commanding.

The shuttle Fox River is now the USS Fox River, NCC-81002, Fleet Captain Linda Eppinger, commanding.

The shuttle Asimov is now the USS Asimov, NCC-1647, an Enterprise class heavy cruiser, Captain Martin Lessem, commanding.

The shuttle Quantico is now the USS Guadacanal, NCC-6021, a Kodiak class battleship, MGen Loujaue McPherson, commanding.

The shuttle Tolkien is now the USS Lightyear, NCC-74217, a Defiant class escort, Captain Pat Teachout, commanding.

The shuttle Atlas is now the USS Atlas, NCC-75013, a Sovereign class cruiser, Captain Mike Wilkerson, commanding.

The shuttle Celt is now the USS Celt, NCC-75018, a Sovereign class cruiser, Captain Chris Dunivan, commanding.

The shuttle Delta Clipper is now the USS Delta Clipper, NCC-72302, a

Peacekeeper class large exploratory cruiser, Capt. Rick Giles, commanding

The Shuttle Mustang is now the USS Flying Fortress, NCC-31904, a Miranda class, Captain Tim Frayser, commanding.

The shuttle Banting is now the USS Banting, NCC-17220, a Banting class cruiser, Captain Bernard Guignard, commanding.

(c) The shuttle Ian Fleming is now the USS Ian Fleming, SFR-1501, an Alamo class defense outpost, Captain Garrick Halverson, commanding.

The shuttle Tsunami is now the USS Tsunami, NCC-5374, a The Sullivans class heavy tactical frigate, Captain Cynthia DeMidio, commanding.

The shuttle Endurance is now the USS Endurance, NCC-75010, a

Sovereign class cruiser, Captain Paul Reed, commanding.

Next issue, I'll have the most recent ones to add, plus I'll go over briefly those shuttles which were not able to complete the shuttle program, for one reason or another.

By the time this issue hits the streets, the IC will soon, if not almost, be upon us. I throw out this reminder once again: If you want to launch, or commission your chapter at the IC (and this will be quite a significant IC to do it, as this one celebrates Startfleet's 25th Anniversary!), you must contact me *immediately*.

Coming up to me at the IC, with a VRR in hand, and saying: "Here ya go! Can we launch/commission this weekend?" is not likely to cut it. It gives me no time to prepare a launch packet, or get it to Ops, or verify any data. We'll do what we can, but the sooner you can let me know, the better! Thanks!

I really don't have a whole lot more to add right now. I could do paragraph after paragraph again repeating things I've gone over before. I just can't stress some of them strongly enough. Just re-read some of my old articles.

I look forward to seeing, or meeting, as many of you as I can at the IC this year in August. Being STARFLEET's 25th Anniversary, this year's ought to be an IC that will be memorable for years to come. I can tell you, it's going to be the high point of my year. (Just so long as they don't serve Jell-O at the banquet!)

Until next month, then, I bid you adieu. (I've got a serious case of writer's block here, that's why I'm keeping things short this issue) You all take care, and see you this summer in Charlotte!

This issue's silly quote: "Life is like a box of chocolates. It's full of nuts."

Only Commanding Officers and Regional Coordinators can request chapter rosters.

STARFLEET CompOps...

Rear Admiral Jesse Smith, Chief, Computer Operations

Greetings, Fellow Starfleeters!

We've been keeping busy processing your memberships and keeping the sfi.org domain running over the last two months. Our membership totals have been steadily increasing since December and we've recently topped 4,100 members! Teri and Chris have been doing a great job to make sure that your membership arrives within eight weeks of your mailing. In fact, they've been beating that eight weeks so often that folks are starting to get antsy when they don't get a response within two or three weeks. Please remember that even though things are running smoothly, and our average turnaround time is about five weeks, you do not need to worry about your application until after eight weeks. From time to time, one of the processing staff members will take time off for a vacation or other private matters, and this may result in turnaround time running close to the eight-week period.

While I'm on the subject of processing, I want to remind everyone, especially when you are recruiting, that Membership Processing should only be receiving checks for the amount of the membership, plus any scholarship donations. We frequently get large checks for a single member only to find out that they included their chapter dues in the total. This will result in a delay in your membership while we wait for a check or Money Order for the correct amount. Please take the time to make sure that you and your members are making payments out for the correct amount and that they are made payable to STARFLEET.

As most of you know, Membership Processing changed hands in November of last year. A forwarding order was put in at the same time, and the old PO Box was closed. Unfortunately, some applications that were mailed to the Leavenworth Post Office were not forwarded in a timely manner. On March 8th, Membership Processing received a package of approximately 30 letters,

some of which dated as far back as December. As of this writing, all those memberships have been processed, and we have sent a letter to the old post office asking that the Postmaster look into this problem so that such a delay does not happen in the future.

In an effort to help encourage membership retention, and because many of you have asked us if we could, we have put several initiatives in place regarding renewal dates and processing conformation. First off, if you include either an e-mail address, or a self-addressed, stamped post card with your renewal or new application, we will send you a note to let you know that your application has been entered into the STARFLEET database. From there, it will take another few weeks before you'll receive your membership handbook and other materials.

The other two initiatives were to help encourage members to renew. If we have the primary member's e-mail address on file, we will e-mail a renewal reminder 6-8 weeks before the membership expires. We are currently looking into the feasibility of mailing out the same reminder via post cards to all our members that do not have an e-mail address. If we find that this is an affordable process, we will start mailing out those reminders right away. Secondly, once a membership has passed the expiration date, we mail out a postcard to the primary family member to remind them that their membership has expired. We've been doing this for a few months now, and we have gotten quite a bit of positive feedback and helped ensure quite a few members don't miss any issues of the Communiqué.

Other areas of Computer Operations have had a few changes as well. Our roster mailer, Blair Learn, has recently bought a house, which facilitated a need for him to move! His new address can be found on the inside cover of this issue of the CQ. Rest assured that any requests mailed to the old address will be

forwarded to him. Remember, only Commanding Officers and Regional Coordinators can request chapter rosters. Both COs and RCs can authorize another members of their chapter or department to receive these rosters, but this request must be made in writing and mailed to Blair. Until he has that authorization, he will not mail a chapter roster. I realize that this seems like a real pain, but we need to do this in order to protect our members' privacy.

It's been a long time since we've let everyone in on the Region totals for the Fleet, so I thought now

would be as good a time as any. As of March 12, 1999, STARFLEET's Database shows the membership totals assigned to chapters in those regions. (See below.)

As you've probably added up, this means that we have a total of 391 members that are unassigned in our database. Last issue, this number was much higher and I'd like to thank everyone who has dropped us a note to let us know that they were incorrectly placed.

Until next issue!

Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Members	902	410	413	256	135	70	539
Region	9	10	11	12	13	15	17
Members	1	54	24	660	70	146	85

New Academy Commandant & Vice Commandants Named

In early May, FAdm Mike Smith, the Commander, STARFLEET, announced that Marlene Miller, former Vice Commandant and current Acting Commandant of the STARFLEET Academy, has been appointed the Commandant of STARFLEET Academy. FAdm Smith said, "Marlene's many many many years of experience as a STARFLEET Academy School Director, as well as her demonstrated ability to work on the International level as STARFLEET Treasurer, are key assets for the continued growth of the Academy." She replaces Mandi Herrmann, who resigned as Commandant at the end of March.

Commandant Miller will be joined by a pair of Vice Commandants, Fleet Captain Tom Restivo, and brevet Fleet Captain Joe Podesta.

FCapt Restivo has been appointed Vice Commandant/Administration. Tom will act as a conduit for School Directors and students, and be Marlene's "Guy Friday" for paperwork issues. Tom has served in the Academy for quite some time, as Deputy Vice Commandant and before that as a Special Assistant to the Commandant.

Commander Joe Podesta, commanding officer of the Shuttle Starlord in Region 7, and Special Assistant to the Commander, STARFLEET, was appointed Vice Commandant/Electronic Services, and granted a brevet promotion to the rank of Fleet Captain. Among Joe's roles in his new job will be overseeing the Academy web site and bringing the Academy further into the online community.

Lucas, as usual, has done a masterful job of setting the stage, mentally and physically.

Critics Suck: A Phantom Menace Rebuttal

by Lieutenant Aaron "Rusty" Lloyd, USS Winter Solstice

Movie critics are (supposedly) a wonderful classification of person who get paid to watch movies and present a mostly impartial, informed opinion of what they saw to their readers.

<sarcasm> Oh, if only the world were perfect.....</sarcasm>

Okay. I just came from watching the new *Star Wars* flick. (Just like everyone else, right?) Now, this was the movie that got panned by critics who essentially said, "awesome graphics, no plot."

Before blowing my top, I figured I had to get a look in order to form my own opinion, so I did. What follows, of course, is my review. Keep in mind, I get paid to be an e-commerce computer geek, not a movie critic. But, I do watch movies, and I know what I like.

**Star Wars Episode I:
The Phantom Menace**
Rating: 3.75 stars/4

I have one question for the professional critics: Since when does a story have to fit into one movie?!? I mean, come on! This movie was a perfect example of what an excellently crafted prequel should be.

Period. After watching it, it leaves me with a lot of questions, but it also provides a wonderful foundation for what is to come, as well as for what happened in Episodes 4-6. (I'm trying hard here not to reveal much from the movie, out of fear of ruining it for folks that haven't seen it yet.)

Lucas, as usual, has done a masterful job of setting the stage, both mentally with his story concepts, character creation and movie flow, and physically (digitally) with his near deitic attention to detail. (Robots should always deploy like that. Costumes should be that grandiose. Interactions should always be on both physical and mental levels. Etc.)

Critics have said some of the following about the movie, and I'd like to respond to them:

"This has very little plot." Hmm, let's think about this for a second. Wasn't the plot already established in episodes 4-6? Does the dictionary definition of prequel need to be re-referenced? If that's too much to handle, then, let's think about the movie itself, and think: "Simplicity...Bad tries to conquer



Jake Lloyd is the adorable young Anakin Skywalker, who most moviegoers know is the future Darth Vader. Like most adorable little kids, he's a little shy about attention from mom (Pernilla August).

good. Good resists. Even though bad has help, so does good, and good prevails...for now. A very basic plot, done countless times by other epic flicks and already covered to a certain extent in episodes 4-6, too. This movie is supposed to set the stage for the next ones, not be a separate entity all unto itself.

"The serious scenes were not as touching as in the earlier movies." Four words: "Anakin and his Mom." 'nuff said.

"There are no characters like Han Solo." You're right. Not at all. There are, however, two Jedi Knights, a queen, a precocious child, and a soon to be evil emperor. Plenty of new characters for me! Not all movies are going to have someone like Han, and they shouldn't.

"Not enough action." Jedi/Sith fight scene. Any more questions?

"The dialogue is too banal." Um, this is a space epic. Do you expect soliloquies every other scene? The dialogue was just fine. Don't just hear the words, listen to them and understand their context. I think if you do that, you'll have a much better opinion of what was going on. If people can't really watch this

movie and understand what Mr. Lucas is trying to do, that's just too bad.

Some things I didn't like: Jar-Jar was a little too grating, I wanted more on Darth Sidious, and some of Ani's exploits pushed the belief envelope. But those points are so minor! This movie left me the same way the original *Star Wars* did: breathless and wanting more. And I have no doubt that Lucas will fulfill his end of the bargain. And then some.

Anyway, to close this out before it gets too long and rambling (it's probably there already), I leave you with this final sentence.

The whole is equal to the sum of its parts, not the other way around. Remember this when you look at this movie.

Watch and enjoy! Go see it lots!

Lt. Rusty Lloyd, a nomadic Fleet member who's just bought a house in the San Francisco Bay Area after living variously in the Ithaca and Minnesota areas for the last several years, says he's looking for a new nearby chapter. Reach him at rustmon@best.com. Just don't call him "cute."



Jedi Masters Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson, at left) and the young Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor, at right) fight Darth Maul (Ray Park), the newest villain in the *Star Wars* saga.

This program combines the spirit of volunteerism with practical training.

Region 12 REACTS!

Fleet Captain Michelle Johnson, OIC, USS Nomad REACTS

It started after a tornado struck Fort Smith, Arkansas. A family of Fleet members lost their house in the storms, and several members from local chapters responded to their need by providing manual labor to help recover some of their personal items. After that incident, several members began discussing a way to organize emergency and disaster response within Region 12. Shortly thereafter "REACTS" was born.

REACTS, Regional Emergency Action Care TeamS, is a region-wide program designed to train and assist chapters and individual members in emergency preparedness, first aid, disaster response, and search and rescue. Since its inception in 1997, the program has seen substantial development within Region 12. Under its current coordinator, Marine Captain Rex Prior of the USS Hellfire, the program has gained

recognition from Federal as well as State agencies. To date, REACTS members within Region 12 have responded to a variety of situations including car accidents, emergency medical response following domestic abuse, as well as emergency medical and first aid at Summits and an International Conference.

The program's goals include establishing teams across Region 12 that can respond to a variety of emergency situations; establishing communications systems; assisting in community emergency preparedness; increasing cooperation between local REACTS teams and federal, state and local emergency response agencies; and minimizing the loss of life and property when



disaster strikes. In order to accomplish these goals, REACTS members participate in training courses including CPR and first aid, as well as home study courses through FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency).

Because of the flexibility of the program's structure, all members whether they be on a meeting or a correspondence chapter, or whether one person is interested or an entire chapter is active, makes very little difference. This program combines

the spirit of volunteerism with practical training and "allows STARFLEET members the opportunity to learn skills that can help save a life. It's all about making a difference," says Greg Trotter, the Kansas Sector REACTS Coordinator.

Future plans for Region 12 REACTS include developing more active teams across the region as well as more training weekend seminars. If anyone has any additional questions concerning REACTS, please contact Rex Prior at reacts@region12.org or visit the REACTS web site at www.region12.org.

5K by 2K: Membership Challenge

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET

STARFLEET is presently at around 4,125 members. The goal of the challenge is to reach 5,000 members by Jan 1, 2000. This could be accomplished if each chapter were to recruit five new members into the Fleet while maintaining its current membership levels.

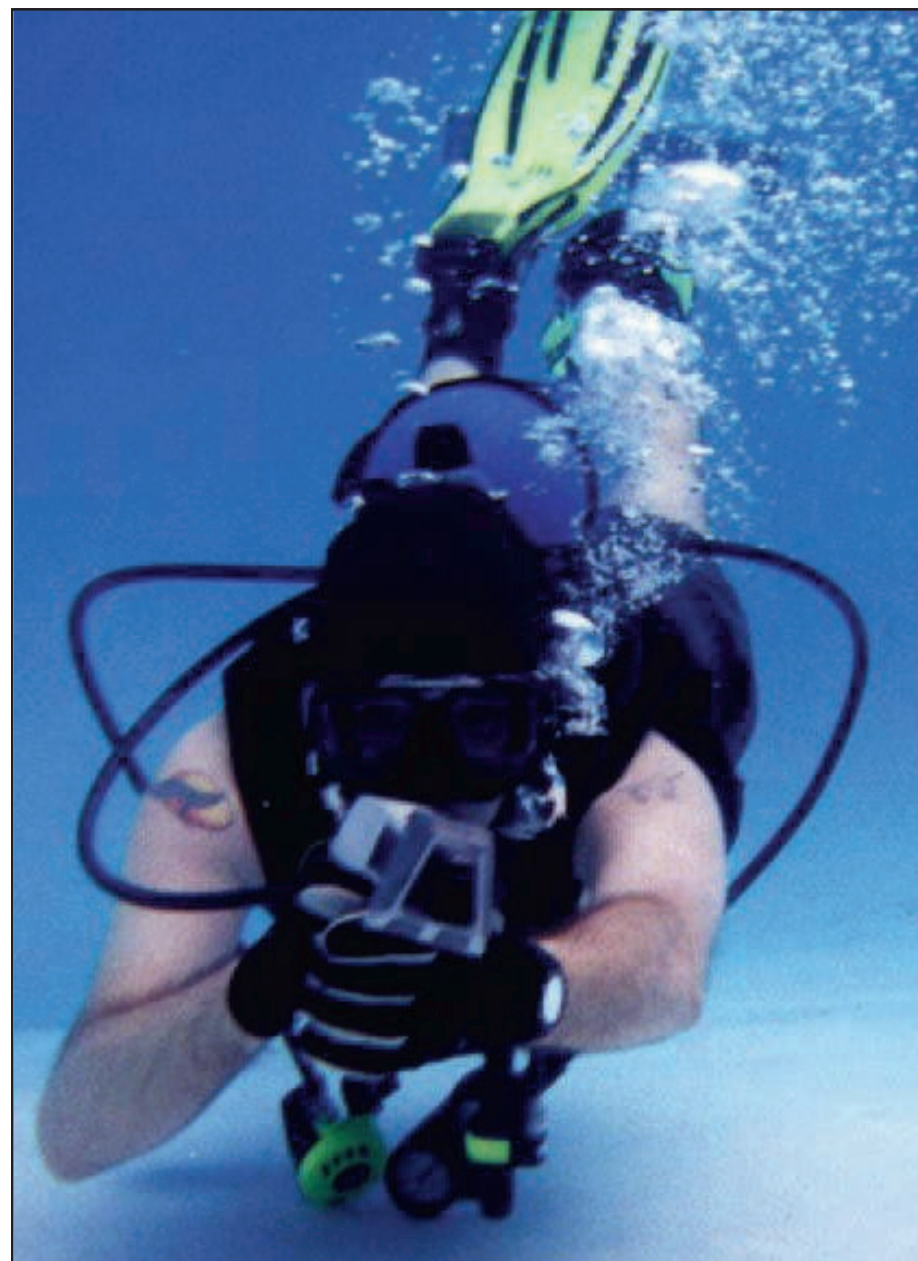
All ships that reach their goal will receive a certificate of achievement, and the chapter that brought in the most new members would receive a plaque and an engraved cup, which is the chapter's to hold for the year.

Each year thereafter this cup will be passed onto the chapter with best Fleet recruitment.

Any chapter that brought in either five individual or five family memberships or a combination of them would receive one free individual membership for their chapter. Use of this awarded membership should be left up to that chapter's CO.

Suggested Guidelines:

1. All chapters or chapters-in-training must be in STARFLEET at the start of the challenge.
2. At the end of the twelve-month contest period, the chapter must have a net gain of at least five members, and at least five members on the chapter's roster must be new STARFLEET members with SCC numbers assigned during the twelve-month contest period.
3. The challenge counts only for new members, or members that have been expired for twelve months or longer.
4. A Certificate of Retention will be issued to all chapters who retain 100% of their members for the entire contest period.
5. The Challenge will commence on May 1st, 1999, and all future years begin at the start of the year.



Major Dan Tunis of the 86th SFMC (USS Justice) assaults an enemy stronghold via their waterways with phaser rifle in hand(August). Photo courtesy of Captain Ed Tunis.

Captain Richard Heim, Region One RDC Sciences

On behalf of the Vulcan Academy of Sciences, I would like to take a moment to thank Don for corresponding with us, and to ask you to join me in a hearty round of applause! If you'd like to learn more about VAS, or take some courses, check out the VAS web site at <http://www.sfi-sfa.com/> or send a SASE to VAS Director VAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405-1212, or email her at <VAS@sfi.org>.

8 Law & Order

Fleet Captain Tamara Copple, Personnel Officer, Shuttle Cymru

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Sign up today for the STARFLEET team and add all our SETI@Home efforts together!

New Life, New Civilizations

Lieutenant Colonel Richard "Doc" Kinne, Chief Science Officer, USS Accord

Continued from page 1.

PC participants all connected by the Internet. These thousands of computers do the actual processing of the data recorded by the Arecibo radio telescope. The data recorded by the telescope is sent to Berkeley where it is placed on a server that doles out 256K portions of the data to individual participating computers. The computers analyze the data and when that block is done it sends the results back to the Berkeley server and retrieves another data block for processing. The server keeps track of which computer works on which data blocks and should the project detect a signal, if you wish, that computer's operator will be listed as co-discoverer!

Participating in SETI@Home is easy. First, you have to have a computer that will run the client program. Due to the massive amount of calculations being done the client has a rather hefty memory requirement. The minimum required RAM for Mac or Windows machines is 32Mb. The client won't even install on a Windows machine having less and while it will run on a Mac having 24Mb of RAM, you don't want it to.

Client programs for Macintosh, Windows 95/98/NT and a large slew of UNIX/Linux variants are available for download at SETI@Home's website: <<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>>.

Directions on client use are included in the package README. They are very simple. The largest "gotcha" is that you'll want to actually be online when you install the client because the first thing it will do is ask you some questions and then zip off to Berkeley for its first block of data. Once that's going you can disconnect. The project does not require your computer to be online all the time. A connection is only needed when the program needs to send results back to Berkeley and grab another data block for processing.

You can see a picture of how the running program looks in Figure 1. This is an actual picture of me processing my first official block of data, a point in the sky near the head of the constellation Serpens the Serpent.

On Windows and Mac machines

the client can run as a regular application or in "screensaver mode." Most people elect to run it in screensaver mode. In this mode the client program takes the place of any screensaver you have running. When you're using your computer the client does no processing and you have full use of your machine. When you leave it idle the SETI@Home program will kick in and start its calculations. If you interrupt it (like you would any screen saver when you want to go back to work) the program will pick up right where it left off when it continues.

The UNIX/Linux clients run a bit differently. When run, the client will tell you what its doing by printing the data to the terminal window. If you wish you can send all program output to /dev/null. If you're not running Xwindows and want to keep track of the client's progress you can put the program in its own virtual console. If you're running Xwindows just open up a terminal window for the program and leave it.

The SETI@Home project will run for about three years. In that time we'll have surveyed the large band of sky that the Arecibo telescope is able to look at three times. Make no mistake; this will be a long project. We are doing some very, very serious number crunching, here. It is very common for computers to take forty hours to complete just one data block. As I write this, in just the two days that the project has been off the ground, the Windows participants have put in the equivalent of 13 years (you read that right, years) of computer time into this. Macintosh folks are up to two and a half years.

One of the really exciting aspects of SETI@Home is the ability to make it into a ship's project! There are a couple of ways of doing this. SETI@Home keeps track of who is doing work by email addresses. Crewmembers participating can either log into Berkeley with their own email address and one person on the ship keeps track of each person's statistics, or all ship participants can log in using the same email address and all data blocks will be logged under the one "team" address.

I am very proud to be heading up the USS Accord's efforts to "seek out new life and new civilizations." I have two computers working on the project; a Mac PowerBook G3/266 and a 400MHz Pentium II running NT. Three of Fleet Captain Mark Anbinder's Macs are participating. Our Head of Security, Lt Brian Cameron, has a machine cranking away, as do Lt Rebecca Costello and Lt Buddha Buck, who is running it under Linux. Our Head of Recreation, LtCmdr Joe Prisco, has both his Windows 98 and his Linux machines cranking away. Finally, one of our brightest rising stars in Engineering, Ensign First Class Dan Adinolfi, is cranking away with a 400Mhz G3 Mac and two Pentium II computers.

While I admit the prospects are

rather remote, the excitement of SETI@Home is in the participation. By participating we are, in a very real sense, trying to find new life and new civilizations, trying to answer man's most ancient question. Even if nothing is found, participating in a project that noble is worth it.

If something is found, even if your computer is not the one to do it, it would be something to tell future generations that, "I was there when First Contact was made. I helped make it!"

And so, STARFLEET, get those idle computers working on what may be the most important project ever attempted. Zip over to <<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>> now, download your client and join USS Accord in the search!

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(Vacademy-Online@sfi.org) <StarlordCO@aol.com>

Send your application directly to the school you wish to attend.

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E-MAIL: _____ SCC# : _____

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☐ OFFICER’S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)

- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps
Adm. Peg Pellerin, RFD #3, Box 5460,
Winslow, ME 04901 - ots@sfi.org <pilgrim@ctel.net>
-or- Cmdr. Elizabeth Worth, 12 Perrin Ave.,
Plumpton, NSW, Australia 2761 - jennifer@ay.com.au
(You must pass this course to take OCC.)

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- \$4.00, SASE, 3 Loose **33** cent Stamps
Capt. Jim Cushing, P. O. Box 11584,
Memphis, TN 38111-0584 - jcushing@dewey.lib.memphis.edu
- or- Fleet Captain Alan Yates,
PO Box 103, Harbord NSW, Australia 2096,
- jennifer@ay.com.au
(*COPY* of OTS diploma required when applying for this school - Do **NOT** send original OTS certificate!)

☐ FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS)

- \$5.00 for first course
- \$2.00 each for the second and third course
Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225,
St. Louis, MO 63116-2225 - no email -or-
Fleet Captain Alan Yates,
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☐ CADET SCHOOL (CS) - Prices TBD

Capt. Ben C. Redding., 2917 Heritage Way
Sevierville, Tn. 37876
cadetdirector@regionone.com
<trekscotty@email.msn.com>

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- \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps
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Hammersville, OH 45130 - vacademy@sfi.org
<Donner.Crafts@worldnet.att.net >

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Pinson, AL 35126 - cofs@sfi.org <DTucker937@aol.com>

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Citrus Heights, CA 95621- no email

☐ SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)

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Lawton, OK 73505 - sols@sfi.org <NewellSherryAnne@Juno.com>

☐ SCHOOL of LITERATURE (SOL)

- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course; free if taken
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Capt. Jill Rayburn, PO Box 61,
Puryear, TN 38251- sol@sfi.org <jazdan@wk.net>

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Congrats to Marlene, Tom, and Joe on their new STARFLEET Academy posts!

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Campbell, OH 44405 - vas@sfi.org <MRG@cboss.com>
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Kirkland , WA 98083-0603 - coch@sfi.org <sac@wolfenet.com>
- ☐ **SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE)**
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps
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St. Louis, MO 63138-2512 - soe@sfi.org <briwdou@swbell.net>
- ☐ **COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM)**
- \$3.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., PO Box 359,
Lead Hill, AR 72644-0359 - sacom@sfi.org
<karenjw@tri-lakes.net>
- ☐ **STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)**
- SASE, 3 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
Cmdr. Jeff Salamon, 3535 East 14th #104,
Plano, Tx. 75074-7060- sors@sfi.org <n3fht@texoma.net>
- ☐ **COLLEGE OF TRADE & COMMERCE (COTAC)**
- Basic COTAC - \$2.00 + LSASE & 2 loose **33** cent stamps
- COTAC Shuttle Treasury - \$3.00, LSASE, 2 Loose 32 cent stamps
Capt. Tammy Willcox, 4121 Stillwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456 - cotac@sfi.org <R1Special@aol.com>

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- ☐ **ACROACDEMY (ACRO)**
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St. Louis, MO 63109 - acro@sfi.org <jed210@epconline.com>

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FCapt. Gregory Staylor, P.O.Box 9796,
Chesapeake, VA 23321-9796 - sass@sfi.org
<Security@Sfi-sfa.com>
- ☐ **COLLEGE of SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS)**
- \$3.00, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
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FCapt. Carol Thompson, P.O. Box 135,
Ester, AK 99725 - coss@sfi.org <72703.667@compuserve.com>
- ☐ **SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS (SOST)**
Course Tuition: \$3.00 Per Course. Please include 3 loose **33** cent
stamps for the Course Manual with the first course.
Capt.Sanford Berenberg, 59 Sunrise Park Road,
New Hampton, NY 10958 - SoST@sfi.org <r7shoc@AOL.com>
- ☐ **COLLEGE of STARSHIP OPERATIONS (COSO)**
- \$2.00, SASE
Capt. James W. Lee, 214 Jamestown Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390 -
coso@sfi.org <Jlee569968@aol.com>

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25 years... Charlotte '99

Fleet Captain Matt Myers, Co-Chairman, International Conference '99

Be a part of STARFLEET's 25th Anniversary Celebration!

It's not too late to register for the 1999 International Conference and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration for STARFLEET!

Registrations are still being accepted. If you register before July 1st, 1999, you can qualify for the special pre-registration admission rates.

Registrations received between February 7th and May 1st are only \$22.00 for admission! Between May 2nd and July 1st, admission price is only \$25.00! Register early! After July 1st, no pre-registrations will be accepted and the admission price jumps to \$30.00.

For only \$35.00 more, you can attend the 25th Anniversary Ban-

quet held at the International Conference on Saturday night. The banquet is a catered event with a special guest speaker. I strongly urge you not to miss this banquet, for it will be a meal to remember!

If you cannot attend IC99 and still want to be a part of the celebration, you can become a Supporting Member. Supporting Members will receive an IC99 Program Book, Name Badge, and have their name mentioned in the Program Book on a special Supporting Membership page. You can become a Supporting Member by sending your name, address, e-mail (if applicable) and telephone number, along with your payment of \$10.00 to the address listed below. Be sure to note that you'd

like to become a Supporting Member. You'll also have the option to purchase an IC99 ceramic mug and International Conference T-shirt. (Mugs are \$10 each; T-shirts are \$10 for Med/Large, \$12 for XL/XXXL).

If you're interested in registering for the 1999 International Conference and 25th Anniversary Celebration and don't have a registration form, you can either contact your Commanding Officer, Regional Coordinator, or write to IC99 at the address listed below.

Rooms for the International Conference are available at the Charlotte Marriott Executive Park Hotel — one of Charlotte's finest hotels — at a special reduced rate of only \$79.00 a night. The *only*

way you can receive this special reduced rate is to *call* the hotel and request the STARFLEET rate. You can reach the hotel at either (704) 527-9650 or (800) 228-9290.

You can contact the International Conference either at our web page (<http://ic99.regionone.com>), by e-mail (ic99@regionone.com), or by writing to this address:

STARFLEET IC99

P.O. Box 314

Roaring River, NC 28669-0314

I sincerely hope that I will see each and every one of you in Charlotte for our International Conference. If I can be of any assistance to you, feel free to contact me.

The Force Meets IDIC

Rear Admiral Robert Vosseller, Commanding Officer, USS Challenger

With only a few days left before the premiere of one of the most hyped films of all time, *Star Wars, Episode One: the Phantom Menace*, the *USS Challenger* presented a Star Wars/Star Trek forum featuring a trivia contest, discussions on ST/SW books, the conclusion of Deep Space Nine, the coming of SW Phantom Menace, merchandise from both sagas and speculations about a new ST series and future SW movies.

Member David Matthews who is one of our engineers also heads up a Star Wars club called The New Republic and along with our Asst. Chief Med Officer Tara Carpenter conducted panel talks concerning Star Wars. Tara also assisted with news of ST:DS9 and ST merchandise.

Civilians Hatriono Sastro-

wardoyo, former XO/Ops Chief and CO of *Shadowstar Station*, wore his new NASA flight suit and brought some merchandise which was used for prizes. Michelle Mango wore a silver face not unlike her familiar "Arrissa Maddox" android character, but was unhappy with it. Michelle set up the SW trivia contest.

Being it was my favorite ST show, I spoke about DS9. Its 7 year history and speculations on how it would end. Our audience was under 20 people but quite attentive, filled with questions and it appears we recruited a member for our sister chapter in South Jersey, the *USS Arthur C. Clarke*.

Comm Officer Sparky Usdin was also present wearing his new ST First Contact uniform. He donated a set of ST cards and a Star

Wars CD from Phantom Menace.

Also present were CEO Cmd. Brian Smith and Engineer Samantha Cadmus with a nearly functional life sized R2-D2 unit and loads of Star Wars costumes on loan from the Find-A-Cure foundation which could not be present itself due to other commitments.

With the library closing at 1 pm we completed our panels, had a mini light saber battle in the library and awarded prizes to the trivia contest winners.

We then ate a piece of the very blue frosted cake provided by the library and set out to depart.

Brian, Sam, Sparky, Hots and Shell joined me for lunch and we joined Counselor Emily and later Asst. Security Chief Den Dohn at the New Egypt Press office where I work.

We utilized the SW costumes and R2-D2 unit and created a wonderful front page photo for the New Egypt Press in the form of Darth "Brian" Vader, The Emperor "me" Darth "Hatriono" Maul and R2 D2. We photographed Shell, Emily and Sam with R2-D2 as well.

After an ice cream cone, a romp in the park, playing on the swings and a return to the office it was off to KFC for an awful chicken dinner but which featured Star Wars Phantom Menace cups. "May the hype continue!" It was quite a day!

Look for the Chapter Report Summaries to return in the next issue of the Communiqué!

Did Somebody Say Ronald McDonald House Charities?

Lorrie Nelson, USS Sovereign

The newest STARFLEET Charity program, The Ronald McDonald House Charities Pop Tab collecting, is now open for business. The RMHC provides comfort and care to children and their families via the Ronald McDonald Houses. There are 197 houses in 16 countries. It becomes a home away from home for families faced with the dauntless task of keeping the family together while helping their child fight a life threatening disease. The Charity also makes grants to other non-profit children's organizations.

A ship, shuttle, or existing fan club may participate in this program in any of the ways below:

1) After the club has collected a quantity of aluminum pop tabs, they mail them to the address below. The tabs will be taken to a recycling center, weighed, and exchanged for cash. A check from STARFLEET will be sent to RMHC.

2) The club collects the aluminum pop tabs or cans, exchanges them at their local recycling center, where they're weighed and exchanged for cash. The club sends a check made out to STARFLEET to the address below. A check will be

sent to the RMHC from STARFLEET.

3) If a club is working with RMHC in its own area and already has been collecting pop tabs or cans: Just send a postcard or letter to the address below, or e-mail me, and let me know how much money you have donated. Do this as often as you donate. You can also let me know how many tabs and/or cans you have collected.

This is a win/win/win program. The children and their families benefit. STARFLEET benefits by being recognized as an organization that cares, and the ships benefit by reaching out to their immediate community and the global community as well.

I look forward to working with you. Questions? Drop me a line at the addresses below. If you'd like more information about the RMHC, please take a look at our web site: <http://members.xoom.com/lo1nelson> (note:there is no space between the o&1).

Lorrie Nelson
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4219 E Cheltenham Ave
Phila.,PA 19124

Blood Feud Update

Commander David Klingman, USS Hornet

As some of you already know, we have been given the green light for the Blood Feud; however, this will take place on *Friday*, not Saturday. It will be held at the hotel from 11am-4pm.

As an incentive, we are trying to arrange for a Thursday evening or Friday morning or afternoon event with Discovery Place in order to get you all out earlier than Friday evening.

For those of you who have already notified me, if you cannot make it we understand. That also goes for anyone with travel difficulties. For those of you who are committed, stay so, make changes to your travel plans if you can (it's still early in the year, three months to go yet) and we'll see you on the Blood Field!

Communiqué

May 21-23 Conduit 9, Salt Lake City, Utah, Info: CONduit 9, P.O. Box 11745, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0745; Ph: 801-294-9297 <http://www.conduit.utah.edu/>; Guests: Terry Brooks, Michael Goodwin

May 21-23 V-Con 24: Life in Space, Vancouver, British Columbia Info: V-Con 24, 1410 Regan Ave., Coquitlam, BC Canada V3J 3B5; Ph: 604-931-1241 <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/7214/vcon24/>; Guests: A.C. Crispin, Betty Bigelow

May 21-23 Keycon 16, Winnipeg, Manitoba Info: Keycon 16, PO Box 3178, Winnipeg, MB Canada R3C 4E6; <http://www.icenter.net/~stornel/keycon/Keycon.htm>; Guests: David Drake, Denis Beauvais, Al Jastrom

May 21-23 Fangoria's Weekend of Horrors, Pasadena, California Info: Creation, The Galleria Tower, 100 W Broadway #1200, Glendale, CA, 91210; Ph: 818-409-0960 ext 225 <http://www.creationent.com/>; Guests: Chris Durand

May 28-31 MediaWest*Con, Lansing, Michigan Info: MediaWest*Con 1999, 200 East Thomas St., Lansing, MI 48906-4047; <http://members.aol.com/MdiaWstCon/mwc.htm>;

May 28-30 Seccon, Stevenage, United Kingdom Info: Seccon, c/o 92 Lichfield Road, Cambridge, CB1 3TR, UK; <http://www.cix.co.uk/~sjbradshaw/seccon.html>; Guests: Stephen Baxter

May 28-31 Wiscon 23, Madison, Wisconsin Info: SF3, PO Box 1624, Madison, WI 53701; Ph: 608-233-8850 <http://www.sf3.org/wiscon/>; Guests: Mary Doria Russell, Terri Windling

May 28-30 Anglicon 12, Everett, Washington Info: Anglicon 12, PO Box 75536, Seattle, WA 98125; Ph: 206-789-BRIT <http://www.webwitch.com/anglicon/>;

May 28-30 LibertyCon 13, East Ridge, Tennessee Info: LibertyCon 13, PO Box 695, Hixson, TN 37343-0695; Ph: 423-842-4363 <http://www.cdc.net/~libcon/>; Guests: Chelsea Quinn Yarbrow, David Mattingly, Cheryl Mandus

May 28-30 ConQuesT 30, Kansas City, Missouri Info: ConQuesT 30, PO Box 36212, Kansas City, MO 64171; Ph: 913-768-0779 <http://home.unicom.net/~sfreader/ConQuesT.htm>; Guests: David Drake

May 28-31 Tachy10Con, Orlando, Florida Info: TachyCon, 1271 Semoran Blvd. Suite 157, Casselberry, FL 32707; <http://www.scifispace.com/tachycon/>; Guests: Robin Atkin Downes, Jerry Doyle, Walter Koenig, Tom Savini, Mark Shepard, Apollo Smile, Margaret Weis, Don Perrin, Jeannette Spencer, Peter Telep, Gary Roen

May 28-31 BayCon '99, San Jose, California Info: BayCon '99, PO Box 610427, San Jose, CA 95161-0427; Ph: 408-450-1788 <http://www.baycon.org/>; Guests: Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta

May 28-30 ThunderCon, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Info: ThunderCon, PO Box 892545, Oklahoma City, OK, 73189-2545; Ph: 405-692-7035 (evenings) ;

May 28-30 Creation - Hercules/Xena Convention, Orlando, Florida Info: Creation, The Galleria Tower, 100 W Broadway #1200, Glendale, CA, 91210; Ph: 818-409-0960 ext 225 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Kevin Smith, Danielle Cormack, Ted Raimi

June 4-6 Clavecon, Fanwood, New Jersey Info: Clavecon, PO Box 10734, New Brunswick, NJ 08906;

June 4-6 Project: A-Kon, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas Info: Project: A-Kon, 3352 Broadway, Ste. 470, Garland, TX 75043; Ph: 972-278-6850 <http://www.a-kon.com/>; Guests: Bruce Campbell, Ippongi Bang, Mari Iijima, Ken Meseroll, Amy Howard, Tiffany Grant, Brett Weaver

June 4-6 Avalon, Derby, United Kingdom Info: Avalon Trek Convention, c/o 28 Yew Tree Rd., Hatton, Derby, DE65 5EX; Ph: +44(0)1283-520843 ; Guests: Robert Duncan McNeil, Nana Visitor, Alexandar Siddig, Rene Auberjoinious

June 6 Star Wars/Sci-Fi/Hollywood Show, Fairfield, California Info: Precision Marketing, P.O. Box 2552, Fairfield, CA 94533; Ph: 707-422-3974 <http://www.funshows.com>; Guests: Billy Dee Williams, Jeremy Bulloch, Gil Gerard, Erin Gray

June 11-13 Foolscap, Seattle, Washington Info: Little Cat Z, PO Box 2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461; <http://www.alexicom.net/foolscap/>; Guests: Octavia Butler

June 11-13 DucKon VIII, Rosemont, Illinois

No Chapter MSR Summaries in this issue!

Due to scheduling issues among STARFLEET Operations staff, the bimonthly Chapter Report Summaries feature is on hiatus for this issue. Look for them to return in *Communiqué* issue 93, and remember that your District Vice Chief must get your MSR in order for your summary to be published!

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Convention season again! Plan your trips ahead with Blair’s handy-dandy listings!

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Upcoming Conventions List

Compiled by Lieutenant J.G. Blair Learn

Info: DucKon VIII, PO Box 4843, Wheaton, IL 60189; <http://shoga.wwa.com/~duckon/>; Guests: Frederick Pohl

June 11-13 AgamemCon III, Burbank, California Info: AgamemCon, 92 Corporate Park, Suite C-330, Irvine, CA 92606; Ph: 949-643-8352 <http://www.agamemcon.org/>; Guests: Bruce Boxleitner, Mira Furlan, Stephen Furst, Tony Dow, Tim Choate, Maggie Egan, Jeffrey Willerth, Jack Stauffer, Brinke Stevens

June 12-13 Star Trek Fab 4 Tour, San Francisco, California Info: Slanted Fedora Entertainment, 11916 W. 109th Street Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210; Ph: 913-327-TREK(8735) <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>; Guests: George Takei, James Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, Walter Koenig, Stephen Furst

June 18-20 Tranquility Base 1999, Cincinnati, Ohio Info: Tranquility Base, 8216 Princeton-Glendale Rd. #303, West Chester, OH 45069-1675; Ph: 513-942-5256 <http://www.skypacer.com/tranbase/>; Guests: Mira Furlan, Robin Atkin Downes, Robin Curtis, Gerard Christopher, Apollo Smile

June 19-20 Slanted Fedora – Portland, Portland, Oregon Info: Slanted Fedora Entertainment, 11916 W. 109th Street Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210; Ph: 913-327-TREK(8735) <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>

June 24-27 MidWestCon 50, Cincinnati, Ohio Info: Pat Sims, 34 Creekwood Square, Glendale, OH 45246; <http://www.cfg.org/midwestcon/>;

June 25-27 Gathering 1999: Gargoyles World Tour, Dallas, Texas Info: Gathering 1999 631 Sumner Drive; Mesquite, TX 75149; Ph: 972-285-7917 ; Guests: Greg Weisman, Christine Morgan

June 25-27 Conestoga ’99, Tulsa, Oklahoma Info: Conestoga ’99, PO Box 54037, Tulsa, OK 74155-4037; Ph: 918-836-5463 <http://www.ionet.net/~rlmorgan/kon/>; Guests: Harry Turtledove

June 25-27 Darkcon 1999, Chandler, Arizona Info: Darkcon, PO Box 5833, Glendale, AZ 85312; Ph: 602-978-9314 ; Guests: George Clayton Johnson, William F. Nolan

June 25-27 Empire Union, The Ultimate Fan Convention, Detroit, Michigan Info: John Paladin 707 Kirts Blvd. #103 Troy, MI 48084; <http://www.customnet.net/~klington>; Guests: Robert O’Reilly, William Cambell

June 26-30 Trek Expo 99, Tulsa, Oklahoma Info: Starbase 21, 2130 S. Sheridan, Tulsa, OK 74129; Ph: 918-834-9636 <http://www.starbase21ok.com#>; Guests: Leonard Nimoy, Nicole deBoer, John deLancie, James Darren, Andreas Katsulas, Richard Biggs, Jason Carter, Kari Wuhrer, Kenny Baker, Yvonne Craig, Gary Lockwood, Anne Francis, Bruce Campbell

July 1-5 EmpireCon/WesterCon 52, Spokane, Washington, Info: Empire 52, PO Box 7477, Spokane, WA 99207; Ph: 509-482-5288 <http://www.webwitch.com/westercon52/index1.html>; Guests: C.J. Cherryh, Kristine Kathryn Rusch Barbara Hambley, Ellen Datlow

July 1-4 DragonCon, Atlanta, Georgia Info: Dragon*Con, Post Office Box 47696, Atlanta, Georgia 30362-0696; Ph: 770-623-6321 <http://www.dragoncon.org/>;

July 2-4 CONvergence, Bloomington, Minnesota Info: CONvergence 1999, PO Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414; Ph: 612-996-9224 <http://www.convergence-con.org/>; Guests: Forrest Ackerman, Gary Russell, Harry Knowles, Pam Keeseey, Gordon Purcell

July 2-4 InConJunction XIX, Indianapolis, Indiana Info: InConJunction XIX, PO Box 19776, Indianapolis, IN 46219; <http://www.indy.net/~incon/>; Guests: Bill Forstchen

July 2-4 AnthroCon 99, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania Info: AnthroCon, PO Box 60445, King of Prussia, PA 19406; <http://www.anthrocon.org/>; Guests: Vicky Wyman

July 9-11 Readercon 11, Waltham, Massachusetts Info: Readercon, PO Box 381246, Cambridge, MA 02138-1246; Ph: 617-926-1885 <http://www.readercon.org>; Guests: Harlan Ellison, Ellen Datlow

July 9-11 X-Khan, Colorado Springs, Colorado Info: Penny Tegen, 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-3832; Ph: 719-597-5259 <http://members.iex.net/~rogers/khan.html>; Guests: Kevin J. Anderson, Rebecca Moesta

July 9-11 Castlecon 12, Frederick, Maryland Info: FanTek, 1607 Thomas Rd., Friendly, MD 20744-4130; Ph: 301-292-5231 ;

July 9-11 Concertino 99, Westborough, Massachusetts Info: MASSFILC c/o Ellen Kranzer, 18 Cottage St., Arlington, MA 02474-5504; <http://www.lovesong.com/massfilc/concertino/>; Guests: Bill & Brenda Sutton

July 9-11 Shore Leave XXI, Baltimore, Maryland Info: Shore Leave, PO Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809; Ph: 410-496-4456 (24-hr hotline) <http://members.aol.com/shoreleave>; Guests: Tim Russ, Alyson Hannigan, Eric Pierpoint, Barbara March, Gary Lockwood

July 9-11 Hexacon 9, Scottsdale, Arizona, Info: Hexacon 9, PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082-2613; Ph: 602-973-2341 <http://members.aol.com/boniece/>;

July 9-11 Toronto Trek 13, Toronto, Ontario Info: Toronto Trek, Suite 0116, Box 187, 65 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 1E6; Ph: 416-410-TCON (8266) <http://www.icomm.ca/tcon/>; Guests: Peter Jurasik,

Stephen Furst

July 9-11 Gateway, St. Louis, Missouri Info: Gateway, PO Box 3064, Florissant, MO 63032; Ph: 314-524-3014 <http://www.stlf.org/gateway/>; Guests: Andreas Katsulas, Chase Masterson, Joshua Cox, Jerry Rector, Gerard Christopher, Richard Hatch, Jack Stauffer, Dick Durock, Laurell K. Hamilton

July 15-18 Necon 19, Bristol, Rhode Island Info: Necon 19, 67 Birchland Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02860; Ph: 804-966-5170 <http://www.paranet.com/~necon/>; Guests: Kim Newman, Thomas Tessier, Bernie Wrightson

July 16-18 Earth2, Sherman Oaks, California Info: Earth2, PO Box 3306, Oak Park, IL 60303-3306; <http://members.aol.com/e2party/>; Guests: Clancy Brown, John (Gegenhuber) Wollner, Rockmond Dunbar, Joey Zimmerman, Jeff Deist, Lisa Ebeyer

July 16-18 Beauty and the Beast ’99 Convention, Orlando, Florida Info: Lyn Musacchio, 873 N. Lake Claire Circle, Oviedo, FL 32765; Ph: 407-359-5814 <http://www.bcn.net/~bearmous/b&bcon99/>;

July 16-18 Intercon 14.5, Cherry Hill, New Jersey Info: Intercon 14.5, PO Box 196, Merrifield, VA 22116-0196; <http://www.ilfinfo.org/intercon/i145/index.html>;

July 17-18 Star Trek Fab 4 Tour, Raleigh, North Carolina Info: Slanted Fedora Entertainment, 11916 W. 109th Street Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210; Ph: 913-327-TREK(8735) <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>; Guests: George Takei, James Doohan, Nichelle Nichols, Walter Koenig, Stephen Furst

July 17-18 JVL Con ’99, Janesville, Wisconsin Info: Rays Hobbies, 1316 Monterey Ln., Janesville, WI 53546; Ph: 608-756-5684 <http://members.aol.com/rayshobby2/index2.html>; Guests: Wortham Krimmer, Steven Burgauer

July 23-25 Visions ’99, Boston, Massachusetts Info: Infinite Visions, Box 904, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664; Ph: 508-896-7448 <http://www.i-visions.com>;

July 23-25 Telefantastique 2, London, United Kingdom Info: Telefantastique 2, 38 Rochford Ave., Loughton, Essex, IG10 2BS, UK; <http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/6936/>; Guests: Mira Furlan, Michael O’Hare, Diane Duane, Peter Morwood

July 23-25 Costume College 1999, Van Nuys, California Info: Costumer’s Guild West, PO Box 3052, Sante Fe Springs, CA 90670-3052; <http://members.aol.com/ZBLGilbert/cgw.html>;

July 24-25 Vulkan, Saint Petersburg, Florida Info: Vulkan, PO BOX 821673, South Florida, FL 33082-1673; Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/>; Guests: James Darren, Peter Jurasik

July 30-Aug 2 Bree Moot 4/Mythcon XXX,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin Info: Bree Moot 4/Mythcon XXX, 293 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102-1811; Ph: 612-292-8887 <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon30.html>; Guests: Douglas A. Anderson, Gary & Sylvia Hunnewell

July 30-Aug 1 RiverCon XXIV, Louisville, Kentucky Info: RiverCon, PO Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268-0009;; <http://members.aol.com/raroehm/rivercon.html>; Guests: Esther Friesner, Gary Williams

Aug 6-8 Diversicon 7, St. Paul, Minnesota Info: Diversicon 7, PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8036; Ph: 612-825-9353

Aug 6-8 DeepSouthCon37//Crescent City Con XIV, Metairie, Louisiana Info: DeepSouthCon/Crescent City Con, PO Box 52622 New Orleans, LA. 70150-2622; Ph: 504-488-0489 <http://www.fatsnake.com/cc/>; Guests: Mike Resnick, Toni Weisskopf, Steve Jackson, George Alec Effinger, Barbara Hambly, Sharon Green, Theresa Patterson, Sydney Williams, Danny Frolich, Peggy Ranson, Roland Mann, Dr. Jack Stocker

Aug 13-15 Wincon V / Unicon 1999, Winchester, United Kingdom Info: Wincon V, 53 Havant Rd., North End, Portsmouth, Hants, PO2 7HH, UK; <http://www.pompey.demon.co.uk/wincon.htm>; Guests: Diana Wynne Jones, Warren Ellis and John Barnes

Aug 20-22 Bubonicon 31, Albuquerque, New Mexico Info: NMSF Conference, PO Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176; Ph: 505-266-9030 (10am-10pm MST) <http://members.aol.com/bubonicon/>; Guests: Jack McDevitt, David Martin, Lubov

Aug 20-22 NecronomiCon 4, Providence, Rhode Island Info: NecronomiCon, PO Box 1320, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117-1320; <http://ww2.necropress.com/necronomicon/>; Guests: Fred Chappell, T.E.D. Klein

Aug 26-29 Conucopian / NASFiC ’99, Anaheim, California Info: NASFiC ’99, c/o S.C.I.F.I. Inc., PO Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409; <http://www.99.nasfic.org/>; Guests: Jerry E. Pournelle, Richard & Nicki Lynch, Ellen Datlow

Aug 26-29 Polcon 1999, Warsaw, Poland Info: Konfederacja Fantastyki RASSUN, ul. Koszykowa 69/4, 00-667 Warszawa, Poland; <http://rassun.art.pl/polcon/>; Guests: Tomasz Kolodziejczak, Leslaw Olczak

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