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STARFLEET REGION ONE SUMMIT REPORT

Captain Linda Oakley, R1 Summit Coordinator • Bennu Station

Gatlinburg — Again Gatlinburg, Tennessee has had the honor of hosting the STARFLEET, Region One Summit. The Sixth Summit was themed as the STARFLEET ACADEMY EAST, Class of 2000. The various courses offered at the STARFLEET Academy were made available to the participants onsite. The Academy also held a silent auction of various items to raise money to support the program.

The River Terrace Convention Center was the Academy East Campus from Friday, April 28th to Sunday, the 30th. The campus also sported a Museum (model contest), a Physical Education Program, (Lazer Tag at Fort Fun, Miniature Golf at Camp Thunder, Tug-O-War on the grounds of the River Terrace and a Scavenger Hunt throughout Gatlinburg.) Thanks to Hard Rock Cafe, Fannie Farkles, Wendy's, McDonald's, Gatlinburg Trolley Service and Police Department, and The LeConte View Motor Lodge for providing items for the hunt. Also available was a Campus Store (Dealers with various items for sale from Heavy Metal Weapons to handcrafts).

Other events of the weekend included, two weddings and a betrothal ceremony, a shuttle launch and various promotions during the business part of the proceedings. Classes in Communications, Computer Operations, Medical, Quartermaster Services, Space Camp, Science, Chaplain/Counselor Department, Engineering, Graphic Designs,

Recruiting, Security, Shuttle Operations, JAG, STARFLEET Operations, Alien Ambassador Corp. and Charities. The banquet sported a Charity Auction which raised over

\$2400.00 for various charities. The items sold at the auction ranged from novelty science fiction items to autographed STAR TREK books and pictures. From handmade items to rare magazines. The

Charities helped through this event are Sevier County Food Ministries, Lions Club, Children's Hospital, Space Camp Fund (one student from Sevier County goes to Space Camp each year), STARFLEET Scholarship Fund. A big thanks to our Auctioneers David Klingman, Jack Hopkins and Dominique Oakley.

Following the banquet and auction the participants attended the Prom (and Wedding Reception), under the glitter of over 400 gold stars they danced to the music of Jay Stevens until 2am. A wonderful time was had by everyone present.

This was the largest of the six summits to be held in Gatlinburg. Over 30 Chapters gathered to share fellowship and ideas on how to carry out the ideals of STAR TREK's creator Gene Roddenberry. Host ships Bennu Station, USS Tempest, USS Aries, USS Tristar, USS Normandy, Station Nikola Tesla and guests hosts USS Accord, USS Starlord wish to take a moment to thank each and everyone of those who participated in anyway during the weekend. A special thank you goes to the STARFLEET Marines who stepped in to help

Security Chief Paul Wheeler provide extra Security escorts for the guests. They were ready, willing, and able to make each of us feel protected. We would also like to invited everyone to attend next year's summit, where ever it may be. No better time can be had in the service of the Fleet.



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A Room with a View: The view outside the USS Jaguar Officer's Lounge at the River Terrace Hotel in Gatlinburg, TN - home of the Region One Summit

Image courtesy of Scott A. Akers

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Mike Smith has an open editorial to the members of STARFLEET.

► Region 01 Summit Report - pages 01 and 38

You've seen the pictures, now read the reviews!



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

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THE EDITOR'S PADD

VICE ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE
COMMUNIQUE EDITOR



Well, they say "the third time is the charm" and I think that will apply to this issue. Since Issue 96, we have been experimenting with layout and such, and with this issue we have completed our work. We hope you enjoy it.

This issue should have been two months after Communique 98 instead of two weeks, but the new process we instituted to try and make the production of the Communique quicker had a communications breakdown and ended up taking an extra six weeks. Doh! However, we are now back on the proper printing schedule and have instituted new checks in the process to ensure that this issue reaches you in June, as we intended.

On a happier note, it is now June and summer is present. For many of us, I know this means vacation. I myself

attended the Region One Summit in Gatlinburg at the end of April. I will also be at Anime Expo in Disneyland over the July 4th weekend, the San Diego Comic Convention the end of July, the 2000 International Conference in Burlington come September, as well as the Western Conference (FleetCon 2K) in Las Vegas in October. I may also head out for the Region Seven Summit, but as it shorehorns inbetween Expo and SDCC, it is kinda doubtful, but Watkins Glen Weekend could be a possibility.

As you know, next issue is the big one - NUMBER ONE HUNDRED. While we do not have an unlimited budget, I am not going to be sweating the details on the size of the thing (that is what the Treasurer is for) so if you have any special articles, especially you old-timers, please send them in. I plan to

have a special full-color cover (and maybe back cover, as well) and I am trying to get in touch with the former Fleet Admirals and Communique editors, as well, for guest articles. The submission due date will be July 31st, 2000, but the earlier you get stuff in, the faster we can do the layout and get the issue rolling.

Also note that for Issue #101, Jenna Duer will be stepping up into the big chair and will serve as the Editor. So think of goodies for that issue, as well.

See ya in sixty!

Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace
Vice Chief of Communications,
STARFLEET
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► STARFLEET Academy Graduate List - page 12

See who made the Dean's List this issue!



► Having fun with NewTek LightWave - page 35

USS Jaguar Stellar Cartographer Don Willits shows you how to blow up starships real good in LightWave!



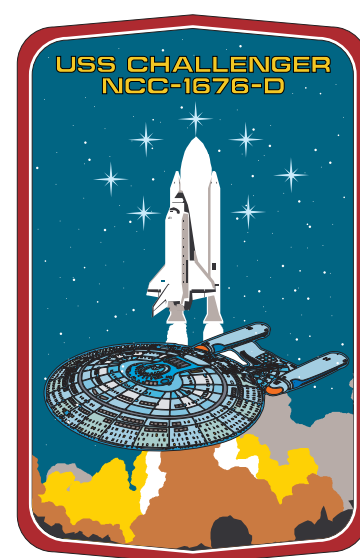
► STARFLEET Promotions - page 15

See who was promoted this past year - and how to nominate someone for their first star!



► USS Challenger CO Presides Over Court Martial — page 17

Rear Admiral Bob Voseller has em hanging on every word!





FROM THE TOP...

FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from SFHQ

Thanks to Regions 12, 1, and 3 for the fun time I had attending my last Summits of theirs as Commander, STARFLEET. Making the "Farewell" tour is a bit sad, since I've enjoyed my tenure as CS, and my visits to those Regions, but I'll still be around, and hopefully will still be able to attend the occasional events in other Regions. Currently my plans include attending the STARFLEET International Conference in Burlington, Vermont this September and the STARFLEET Western Conference in Jean, Nevada this October.

I would like to also take this time to say "thank you" Commodore Teri Smith, who recently resigned as Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET in order to return fulltime to her duties in Mem-

bership Processing. We'll miss having Teri around and are glad that she has chosen to remain a vital and active asset to STARFLEET. In the meantime, I'd like everyone to welcome our newest member of the STARFLEET Executive Committee, Commodore Mark Anbinder of the USS Accord her ein Region 7, who will be stepping into Teri's shoes as our Chief of Comp Ops. Welcome Aboard, Mark!

As this issue goes to press, the election season will be upon us, and STARFLEET will once again enter the time where the membership chooses the course of the organization over the next two years. And this will be an interesting time for myself, since this will be the first time in 5 years that I am not actively soliciting nominations or votes, or anything else as regards to the STARFLEET

election process.

I will take the time although, to encourage all of you to vote in the upcoming elections. This is your chance to directly affect the future of the organization by becoming informed about the candidates in question, and casting an informed ballot.

It's your right as a member, and your responsibility as a member.

See ya in sixty.



The Logo of the Current
STARFLEET Flagship, the
U.S.S. Starlord.

Artwork by David Pipgras.
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Aaron Murphy.

AN OPEN EDITORIAL TO THE MEMBERS OF STARFLEET

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith • Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings.

As many of you know, the Smith/Freas/Goldberg administration has worked very hard for the past three years to get STARFLEET back on track, and moving forward as the leader of Trek Fandom.

We have tried to lead by example, doing what needs to be done, when it needs doing. Taking accountability for things when they go wrong, and giving credit where credit is due when things go right. Working hard to make STARFLEET the best experience possible, for as many people as possible.

Personally, I think that we have been for the most part, successful.

That being said, the rank and all the titles I have come off, and I speak to you now as Joe Member, STARFLEET:

There *are* still those out there who don't share in STARFLEET's vision.

Those who would ridicule others who disagree with their opinions. Those who would mock others who are tasked to make the hard choices, especially when those choices don't go their way. Those who would work against positive change because it doesn't suit their purposes or personal political agendas. Those who would sever friendships over simple differences of opinion on STARFLEET "politics." There are even those who would publicly berate for something as trivial as what type of Star Trek Uniform that person wore to an event.

Yes, folks, over a piece of clothing.

These folks are tolerated because there are others who give them the moral support they need to keep up their little reigns of terror and little fiefdoms of "power." These folks are tolerated because others just look and say "Oh, that's just so-and-so" and walk away.

It's time that we as an organization stop accepting such behavior. By accepting

such behavior, we allow it to continue, and quite frankly, it lessens the STARFLEET Experience for others who have to deal with such acts.

I had a conversation with a Region 3 CO about that very issue during the Region 3 Summit. With a tip of the STARFLEET baseball cap (still adorned with the gold bass fishhook he gave me as a small gift) to that particular CO, I say the following:

It's time that we stand up as an organization and say "No more" and work from within to turn around the negative attitudes that some folks choose to display, for whatever the reason. It's time that we stand up as an organization and say "No more" to those that will treat folks badly because of differences of opinion, as well as those who would support such action.

It's time to stop tolerating the hate and animosity that some folks seem to want to generate in this organization.

It's time we stop allowing good, hard-working folks to be driven away by hate and animosity.

It's time that some folks *stop* the hatred and animosity, *start* becoming more tolerant of their fellow members, and *start* to "agree to disagree" if necessary.

We all "talk the talk" about following "Gene's Dream" and supporting STARFLEET because of what we can do and be if we put our minds to it.

It's time for some to start to "walk the walk" that others of us are already walking.

I hope *all* of you will join me in this endeavor.

Rank and titles back on now, I remain....

Your humble servant,

Michael D. Smith



SECOND THOUGHTS

ADMIRAL GORDON GOLDBERG
VICE-COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from the Office of the Vice Commander!

Having just gotten back from a relaxing Memorial Day weekend, I find myself already looking forward to Labor Day Weekend. "What?" you may ask, "Have you lost your mind? Summer hasn't even begun and you're already looking forward to it being over?"

Well, actually, I'm not looking forward to the end of summer, but I am looking forward to the STARFLEET International Conference 2000, which will be held this year on Labor Day weekend — from September first through the third — at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center in beautiful Burlington, Vermont.

A quick visit to the Conference web site (<http://www.sfi.org/ic2000>), which provides information not only on the conference itself, but on the hotel and the Burlington area as well, convinced me and Sven that it would be well worth it to extend our visit an extra day and take advantage of everything that's available to see.

A glance at the conference schedule makes it clear the Region 15 has gone out of its way to make sure that everyone who attends will have plenty of fun and interesting events to attend — if they're not sneaking out to take a dip in the pool, a soak in the jacuzzi, or a stroll along the in-door promenade.

I hope to see many of you there!

I'd like to welcome some new staff members aboard in the Fleet Division Chief's Program. Charles Via has taken over as FDC Medical, and Gary "Tiny" Hollifield is our new FDC Operations. Charles can be reached by email at ncvia@esper.com, while Tiny's email address is Trek4evr@aol.com.

In addition, I'd like to thank Dave Klingman, who has stepped down as FDC Sciences in order to focus on local and chapter involvement, for all his hard work. Dave's successor is Rick Driver, who can be contacted at rtdriver@erols.com.

On an even more down-to-business point, the Executive Committee and the Admiralty Board have been busy

working on a number of proposals to amend the Constitution, which will be presented to the membership during the upcoming STARFLEET elections. We've been listening to input from many, many people who have made suggestions on how to clean up loop-holes and other minor flaws in the new Constitution, and doing our best to come up with a workable proposal that will satisfy as many people as possible. I'm not going to speak about the specifics until the proposals are finalized, but I do encourage anyone who would like to suggest changes to contact their Regional Coordinators and take part on the process of further shaping the STARFLEET Constitution.

If you've got any questions, or if I can help you or your chapters and regions in any way, please email me at VCS@sfi.org, or send me postal mail at:

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It is my pleasure in closing to affirm that I remain in Service to the Fleet,

ADM Gordon Lloyd Goldberg
Vice Commander, STARFLEET

FROM THE STAINED GLASS OFFICE - AN OPEN LETTER TO STARFLEET

Brigadier Dennis Rayburn • Director, Chaplains and Counselors Corps

Over the last few weeks and months, there has been an intense debate over several issues in STARFLEET: what the club should and should not do as time moves on and fandom changes; over things happening and not happening in the club, whether they are right, wrong, legal or illegal; and whether to remain in STARFLEET or to leave. My first reaction was to wonder...is this an event that happens in intervals, or is it something in the water! However, of late we have witnessed some friends and chapters of STARFLEET leave over different issues and that is the thing I want to address today. Folks, leaving STARFLEET accomplishes absolutely NOTHING. It only lessens the organization and lessens yourself and/or your chapter. When I was growing up, my parents taught me an important lesson: something you believe in, something you enjoy is worth fighting for. Yes, I said fighting for. This attitude of getting mad, taking your toys and going home is not taking a stand, not fighting for improvement, not standing for your beliefs, but simply running away, letting what you think to be wrong,

and fear win the day. Shakespeare said it best, "The coward dies a thousand deaths. The valiant taste of death but once." We are facing issues and approaching times in STARFLEET that we must face with courage, determination, and action. The time of running from our problems in STARFLEET is long gone. It is time for us, as the members of STARFLEET, to take a stand that this organization belongs to all of us and she is worth defending. If you feel things are going wrong, be a voice calling for change. Sure, you may stand alone for a time, but if you are right, others will see and join you. One of the greatest leaders of the twentieth century, Winston Churchill, for many years before World War II, was a minor member of government, continually warning about the dangers he saw developing overseas, calling for preparation while some leaders went along, blindly making concession after concession, trying to "keep the peace". If you are right, time will prove it. If you are not, time will prove that also. However, you will find that most people respect those who stand for their beliefs and are willing to speak out for them. If you and your chapter feel

things are wrong, then work for change. When positions open up, go after them. When you can speak out, do so. When election time comes, vote your conscience. When an issue arises, and your opinion is asked, give it. If a position comes up for election and you feel you can do the job then run for it, or support a candidate that stands for what you believe. You may not win right away, but you will have the pleasure that only comes when one make a difficult stand, and gains the respect of those who agree...and his or her own self-respect.

One final thought: before someone says, "Get a life, it's only a club," let me say this. I'm finishing this article four hours removed from being in the middle car of a four-car pileup and walking away from one crunched Toyota! Even after that, I still believe that leaving and walking away from this organization is not the answer.

I've made a lot of friends over my years in STARFLEET, and look forward to making more as time goes by. Despite things that I think are wrong, despite decisions that I feel were made in

absolute error, despite things that are so clearly politically motivated that it's absolutely transparent, I STILL believe in STARFLEET and am ready to stand up, be counted, defend this organization, and work to see the changes I believe are needed made. I want to ask each of you who read this article to take this stand with me. If you have left STARFLEET, sign back up and work for change. If you are still in STARFLEET, start or continue to work for improvement.

This organization does not belong to any one person, or any one group of people. It belongs to all of us collectively, and that is how we must work for its improvement, together. The notion that we must think alike, act alike, talk alike, smell alike is not unity, but uniformity. What I'm talking about is unity in purpose and for that, we don't have to seem like we were cut from the same cookie cutter.

We talk the talk of IDIC, folks. It's time to walk the walk.

Think about it.



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL LES RICKARD
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Hello from Ops HQ,

Its time for another report from STARFLEET Operations. I would like to note that this will be a brief report due to time constraints. But I will explain that in "The Final Word".

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT REMINDER

Briefly let me remind all chapter CO's that MSR's are due to your DVC's no later than the 5th of the month to avoid them being counted as late. After that they are listed as late and after the 15th of the month they are reflected as Failed To Report (FTR). Below is the list of DVC's you report to.

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DVC International

Regions 9, 10, 11 and 13
Commodore Michael "JD" Knight
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When you file an MSR you should be filing it with your Regional Coordinator or his designated officer as well as to STARFLEET Operations. When reporting to STARFLEET Operations you should be reporting to one of three District Vice Chief's (DVC's).

LEAVING DRYDOCK

Below is a list of Chapters that have been commissioned since the beginning of 2000 and its Command Crew. Let me congratulate each of the chapters and their respective Command Crews for accepting the challenge of starting a new STARFLEET Chapter.

USS DRACO NCC-78501

Nomad Class Exploratory Cruiser
Capt. Dallas Vinson, Commanding
LCdr James Whatley, Executive Officer
Commissioned February 3rd, 2000

USS DRAKENFIRE NCC-71822
Galaxy (II) Class Exploratory Cruiser
Capt. Alice Strange, Commanding
Cdr A. Jean Smith, Executive Officer
Commissioned on February 3rd, 2000

USS ARI NCC-1723

Enterprise Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Michalene Biber, Commanding
Cdr. Michelle Bock, Executive Officer
Commissioned on February 4rd, 2000

USS JAGUAR NCC-74750

Intrepid Class Cruiser
VAdm Chris Wallace, Commanding
LGN Scott Akers, Executive Officer
Commissioned on February 21, 2000

USS CAROLINA NCC-74222

Defiant Class Escort
Capt David James, Commanding
Cdr. Debbie Butcher, Executive Officer
Commissioned March 25, 2000

USS SAGA NCC-71202

Nebula Class Light Cruiser
Capt. Ivar Gunnarsson, Commanding
Cdr. Gudjon Sigmundsson, XO
Commissioned, April 15, 2000

USS BORTAS NCC-74211

Defiant Class Escort
Capt. Donald A. Glenn Jr., Commanding
Cdr. Carolyn Zimdahl, Executive Officer
Commissioned April 15, 2000

STARFLEET CORRESPONDENCE CHAPTER OPERATIONS

Commodore Michelle Fanelli • Director, STARFLEET Correspondence Operations

Many ponder what a correspondence chapter or as we lovingly call them correy chapter, is. What differences they possess from the standard meeting chapter. Correys are no different from the rest. We have fun, contribute to the community and the fleet, and connect with our fellow crew member. As a group, we made the decision, not manage monthly get together, instead relying on the Internet and newsletters to interact. Just doing our activities, a little differently.

Correy chapters have been around a long time, offering our brand of activities. The oldest is the USS Carson based out of Region One, celebrating

eighteen years. Our family is as wide spread as the Fleet itself, with members in all parts of the world.. Currently we are twenty - one chapters strong with four shuttles, representing eight regions. We are growing all the time. Our interests cover any focus of Trek you can name. We have some of the best story writers around. Many groups explore the realm of the Internet. Ship designs, medical, Romulans, military history can also be found. You name it, you will find a correy chapter, doing it.

You might wonder why join a correy group - no meetings, no fun. Wrong, we have a great time. We hold the occasional outings to movies, parks, etc. We

drop in on other members when we are in their part of galaxy. Best bed and breakfast around. <G> And as with a meeting chapter our biggest recreation is regional and international events. We often host and help stage events, looking forward to meeting those members we have not had the opportunity to see in person.

We joined a correy chapter for many reasons. One might not be close to a meeting group or not have the time to participate. With a correy, you never have to leave comfy chair. We experience the friendship of Trek by interactive missions, web chat, and good old fashion pen paling. Our goal is to communicate while having fun. I have learned some much

about other parts of the world by being a correy member.

I am the lucky one. As Correy Ops, I get to interact with all of these talent chapters. I help answer general questions about correy, assist chapters, consult about issues, and act as a clearing house of information. Our commanding officers share and stay connected by way of our listserver. (Thanks Allyson)

So if you are unassigned member or looking for a chapter, check out the correys at <http://matrix.simplenet.com/correy/> or e-mail me at correy@sfi.org to chat.

USS TIOSPAYE NCC-4102
Osler Class Medical Transport
Capt. Richard Squire III, Commanding
Cdr Bill Lane, Executive Officer
Commissioned April 15, 2000

Congrats to the new kids on the block this time around, the USS SAGA, USS BORTAS and USS TIOSPAYE. Good luck and fair seas!

THE FINAL WORD

This CQ report is rather brief in its content due to some time constraints placed on me while I was assisting in the care of my grandmother. Operational issues were taken care of, but it left little time for the compiling of much of a CQ article. Allow me to repost, in part, my recent email to the listserv's in the way of explanation as well as a small remembrance to someone who was important to me.

"Evelyn Rickard, my grandmother, was placed on a ventalator early last week for advanced Pulmonary Fibrosis. At that time she was given only a few days to live. The family gathered at her side on Wednesday, waiting for my aunt from England to arrive. Once she had arrived it was decided that there was no treatment and the vent was only prolonging her suffering. She taken off of the vent and allowed to rest

peacefully. At that time the doctors told us all she had, at the most, 6 hours or so with her diminished lung capacity...the lived another 36 hours. we all smiled and generally agreed that this was just like her, stubborn and not willing to go by anyone's rules but her own and those of the lord. Those entire 36 hours she was restful and able to converse occasionally with the family at her side. She



Having fun In Region 1!
(Picture courtesy of Scott Akers)

passed away on Friday afternoon and was laid to rest in Charlotte, North Carolina in our family plot on Monday afternoon. I would like to thank all of you who sent me your thoughts, prayers and kind words. I did indeed pass them on to my family as I received them and they, for the first time I think, understand the magnitude of caring and sense of family

that is in STARFLEET. For myself and my family I thank you, my extended family, for your caring and warmth during a rather difficult time. It is now time to move forward and I do so with renewed vigor at seeing how everyone in this organization can come to a common place and wish strength and good spirits upon one in need. Take care and God Bless."

She was a good and blessed person who was never afraid to speak her mind and I dare say that when she did she spoke the truth. I was not always on the receiving end of praise, I got my lectures growing up as we all did I dare say. When I strayed I heard about it, but when I did right I was as quickly praised. In other words, the pats on the back were just as quick as the whacks on the rear. I am grateful that she passed peacefully among many of her family. I can only hope that when it is my turn I can leave this world with as much determination and grace. As Forrest would say "...and that's all I have to say about that."

Take Care and God Bless,
LGN Les Rickard, SFMC
Chief of STARFLEET Operations



The Normandy Class
Ship Development Logo

Artwork by Kurt Roithinger. Original logo design created by



Well, we tried.

The STARFLEET inter-ship Tug-o-War held at the Region Confernece in Gatlingburg, TN unfortunately was a slightly lopsided affair for the members of the USS Noramndy and USS Jaguar, as members of the USS Aries beat us rather soundly. Naturally, we opted to blame it on Fleet Admiral Smith's officiating skills, rather than on lack of effort. But we will be back again next year!

Picture courtesy of Deb Hardy



COMPUTER OPERATIONS

COMMODORE MARK ANBINDER

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS, STARFLEET

Imagine, if you will, walking up to Captain Mark H. Anbinder in a hot hotel atrium in Lubbock, Texas, and saying, "Less than two years from now, Mark, you'll be Chief of Computer Operations." Now, imagine my quickly finding you a comfortable chair in one of the few fully air-conditioned rooms at IC '98 and seeking heatstroke treatment for you.

Well, in the almost two years since the 1998 International Conference, I've become more and more active in CompOps, a part of STARFLEET I wouldn't have been able to explain about a year earlier, had you asked. If you're not sure, yourself, I'll help. CompOps, most importantly and visibly of its functions, processes membership applications and renewals and maintains the mailing database for the organization's members. We also help to maintain STARFLEET's online presence, especially domain names, e-mail addresses, and the official STARFLEET mailing lists.

CompOps even became a good example of my experience with group collaboration and shared projects when it came time to interview for my new job this past winter. For this, I credit Jesse Smith (now Region 7's RC) and Teri Smith, the two CompOps Chiefs I've served. They've both run no-nonsense operations that get things done through real collaboration, without too much emphasis on who's in charge and what the command hierarchy is.

I've watched (and helped) as CompOps has improved several parts of its operation, and I'm delighted that many of the people I've worked with in CompOps for the last two years will still be part of the team. These are dedicated people with a lot of talent for getting things done, and a lot of energy. Let me tell you about some of the players.

Teri is continuing in the Membership Processing role she's held for about a year and a half, handling incoming membership applications by mail, fax, and online form, and is returning to the Vice Chief for Membership Processing post. Greg Trotter, Vice Chief for Network Infrastructure, is primarily responsible for the sfi.org Internet domain name and some servers and services that keep STARFLEET online.

We're lucky that Jesse's duties with the Seventh Fleet still allow him time to help with database maintenance,

and he helps Teri with assembling and distributing membership packets. Dixie Jack helps and advises, and filled in for me at the CompOpsHELP desk when I was out of town in April. We're assisted by other folks in other divisions of STARFLEET, and I'll tell you more about them in future columns.

As you may already know, we're losing one of our core staffers. Blair Learn has quietly and steadily served CompOps and STARFLEET for years, and is leaving his Rosters and Web Developer staff positions in CompOps this summer. Blair is responsible for many of the new features of the CompOps web site the last couple of years, and has tirelessly handled requests for chapter and region rosters. It's been a pleasure working with Blair in CompOps and on other projects for the last couple of years, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate with him in the future. Meanwhile,

anyone who's interested in either of these positions should see CQ 98 for details, or contact me using the Staff Directory elsewhere in this issue.

I'm still covering the CompOpsHELP desk, handling lots of inquiries in addition to numerous requests for change of address, updating rank or position, and the like. All such requests may be sent by e-mail to CompOpsHELP@sfi.org, on paper to CompOpsHELP, Mark H. Anbinder, 1063 Warren Road #6, Ithaca NY 14850-9731, or by fax to 801-991-7656. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a postal reply, and please provide an e-mail address legibly on your fax if you'd like a reply to that.

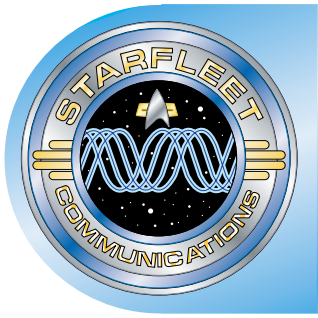
Please note that e-mail to CompOpsHELP@sfi.org is carefully tracked; e-mail to my personal address or to any other address isn't, and it's much more likely that mail to any address but CompOpsHELP@sfi.org could inadvertently fall through the cracks. I know such things can happen, but I prefer to minimize them. So, if you're writing with a request for the CompOpsHELP desk, please do send it there.

I can't stress enough the importance of letting us know when there's a problem we can help fix. Whether it's a simple address change because you're moving, or a perplexing difficulty receiving your *Communique* newsletter, we can't help if we don't know about it. We'd much rather deal with something when it's a new problem rather than when it's an old problem and a source of horrible frustration.

I look forward to working with many of you in the coming months, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Shore Leave, the Region 7 Conference, the International Conference, and any other events I might make it to in the remainder of my term... and beyond!



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HAILING FREQUENCIES

VICE ADMIRAL ALLYSON M.W. DYAR
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATION, STARFLEET

Welcome to third installment from CommHQ. With the International Conference in Vermont looming on the horizon (and I *will* be there), let me reiterate a couple of important items. Pay special attention to the Newsletter Contest, I've given everyone an additional month for submissions. The new due date is 15 August.

***Nominations, Commander, STARFLEET:**

All Commanding Officers and Regional Coordinators should have received my special COM-LINK detailing the information on how to go about submitting a nomination for Commander, STARFLEET. This information has been also reprinted here in CQ 99 (most likely on this same page). Please note, that all nomination letters must be physically in my hands by 15 July — postmarks do *not* count! If you have any questions, please consult the COM-LINK #1 Web Page: <http://www.sfi.org/comm/comlink.html>.

***Newsletter Contest:**

The time is approaching for the Annual Newsletter Contest presented by the Communications Division in recognition of the outstanding Chapter and Regional newsletters published in the calendar year of 1999. Winners will be announced at the STARFLEET International Conference, 2000 in Vermont.

Newsletters will be judged in the following five categories: Outstanding Cover, Outstanding Graphics, Outstanding Presentation, Most Informative, Best Electronic (non-hardcopy), and Newsletter of the Year.

Hard copy Submissions: Chapters or Regions interested in submitting their newsletters for consideration should send one issue per Chapter or Region no later than 15 August 2000 to:

Allyson M.W. Dyar
SFI Newsletter Contest
1209 SE 89th Avenue
Portland OR 97216-1715

If you would like your newsletters returned, please include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) with sufficient return postage. everyone

to enjoy.

Electronic Submissions: Please send one copy or send a link if it is a web page to comm@sfi.org. Submissions must be received by 15 August 2000.

The Office of Communications and The Office of Web Consultants Presents The 4th Annual Web Awards for 2000

Categories and descriptions:

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

Information Resource — These are sites designed as a reference tool. Links and online information to assist in locating materials on a specific subject. Materials are presented in logical and concise form.

Regional Website of the Year — Well-balanced use of graphics and color; overall design and appearance. Content is well constructed and easy to navigate.

"Fun" Site of the Year — 'nuff said!

Awards of Excellence — will be awarded at discretion of the Web Award Judges.

Winner's Choice — 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.)

Vanguard Award replaces Site of the Year. It occurred to us that there are a number of Web Masters out there who do spectacular work that we'd like to recognize. Therefore, the Vanguard Award was established for those Web Masters who are on the cutting edge of technology and are pushing the envelope of web design.

Please don't directly submit URLs. Chapter web pages 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: <http://www.sfi.org> and if you have any questions on the site, please direct them to Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar Comm@sfi.org.

Timetable:

01 August — email applications will be taken for the third judge (see below)

15 August — deadline for applying to be the third judge

20 August — judging will start

02 September — 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 Communications, Commodore 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.

Third Judge:

If you are interested in applying as the

third judge, this is what we are looking for. We are looking for someone who is totally familiar with 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 uses NetScape as his/her primary web browser.

Please send your STARFLEET resume as well as tell us why you are interested in being the third judge to Commodore Ed Nowlin capt_ed@shasta.com between August 01 and August 15 (any applications received before that date will be ignored). Reminders will be posted on the STARFLEET ListServer and the Announcements as applicable. Applications will *only* be accepted via e-mail.

The Award Certificates will be handed out at the International Conference in September. Any winners not present will have their certificates given to your CO or your Regional Coordinator (or his/her proxy).

Past Award Recipients Web Page:

Web Award Recipients can be viewed at <http://www.sfi.org/html/awards.html>. (We'd like to take the time to thank Mike Wilkerson for designing a unique Web Awards Winner's Graphic for each year we've run this contest!)

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar Comm@sfi.org *or Commodore Ed Nowlin* capt_ed@shasta.com.

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A CLARIFICATION ON STARFLEET LISTSERV AND MAILING LIST POLICY

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith • Commander, STARFLEET

STARFLEET policy states that use of listservs/ mailing list is considered unofficial, and that no punitive actions can be taken by STARFLEET, nor requested be taken by STARFLEET (in its entirety) against anyone for any conduct related to the use of said listservs/ mailing lists.

This policy has been stated many times on various listservs.

No punitive actions can be taken by STARFLEET (in its entirety), nor can any actions be demanded of STARFLEET (in its entirety) for any transgressions (real or imagined) that

take place on any listserv/ mailing list. This policy has also been stated many times on various listservs.

No one is saying that any one group/ unit cannot consider thier listserv "official." However, STARFLEET does not consider it official. The only lists that STARFLEET (in its entirety) considers official are the EC/ AB ListServ, the Admiralty Board voting listserv, and the Executive Committee ListServ.

Thanks for the time, and sorry to burn the bandwidth on this issue yet again.

Diplomatic Corps:

The Director has a new snail mail address:

Commander Christopher Esquibel
630 Falcon Way
Falmore, CA 93015 USA
<DiploCorps@sfi.org>.

Stellar Visions #3:

Before he left for England, Todd Brugmans left the masters for the STARFLEET Fanzine, *Stellar Visions* #3 with Admiral Alex Rosenzweig. As soon as I get them, we'll like go about having SV printed and contributors' copies distributed.

If you pre-ordered a copy of *Stellar Visions* #3, please send me a copy of your check or money order. Right now, I don't exactly when SV#3 will be available, but my aim is to have them at the International Conference in Vermont.

Last Words:

If for some reason, you are unable to contact me via <comm@sfi.org>, please try <Allyson@SSNexus.Org>. Note: <dyar@halcyon.com> is no longer a viable email address.

My hailing frequencies are always open. If you have a question, please don't hesitate to ask!

Your Humble and Not-So Obedient Servant,

Allyson M.W. Dyar
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

COMMANDER, STARFLEET NOMINATIONS

Vice Admiral Allyson Dyar • Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

STARFLEET will hold its election for Commander, STARFLEET this year. Therefore, the nomination procedure is presented below in order to ensure that the guidelines for nomination are distributed well in advance of any deadlines.

From the Constitution:

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS

Section 4: Nomination of Candidates
Nominations of candidates for President may be submitted to the Election coordinator by Chapter (but not Chapter-in-Training) COs or Regional Coordinators. All nominations must be signed and dated, and no person shall nominate more than one candidate in each election. A minimum of five (5) nominations is required to qualify as a candidate for President. Once a member has been accepted as an eligible candidate for President, that candidate must publicly announce within ten (10) days of notification of eligibility his/her choice for Vice-President.

Candidates for President and Vice-President shall run together as a slate. In this fashion, the office of Vice-President is subject to the general election of the Fleet membership.

Section 6: Timetable

The timetable for the election of the position of Commander, STARFLEET shall be as follows:

June 1st to July 15th Nominations for the position of Commander, STARFLEET are accepted.

July 16th Qualified candidates and their choices for Vice-President are announced via the most expedient means possible and campaigning officially commences.

August 1st The deadline for campaign literature to be submitted for publication in the official Election Publication.

September 1st All ballots and Election Publications must be in the mail.

November 15th The CPA hired to conduct the election must receive all ballots by this date

November 20th The winning candidate is notified and incumbent Commander, STARFLEET begins a transition period, if necessary.

December/January Results are announced in the COMMUNIQUE.

January 1st The newly elected officials take office.

Notes:

* Any nomination letters received before 01 June 2000 or after 15 July 2000 will not be accepted.

* The CO or RC must send nominations in a manner that allows the Chief of Communications to take delivery of a signed and dated letter. Nomination letters can be sent via post office, overnight delivery, carrier pigeon, etc. Email, fax, or any other means of delivery is not acceptable at this time.

* Any CO who is also an RC can only submit one letter of nomination.

* The CO must be the president of a chapter in good standing (defined as a chapter that is not decommissioned). The CO or RC must be a member in good standing (membership paid to date and no outstanding bounced cheques). Status of the chapter and the CO as well as the RC will be verified upon receipt of nomination letter.

* Acknowledgement of receipt (and acceptance) of the nomination letter will be issued if a self-addressed envelope (SASE) or an email address is enclosed.

A NEW CAMPUS FOR A NEW AGE

Commodore Carol Thompson • Director, College of Survival Studies

Starfleet Academy Online is a branch of the Academy for dedicated Internet users. If you dislike the wait involved with sending an application, getting and mailing an exam, and receiving your diploma, the Online Campus is for you.

Currently, some Directors do send and receive exams online. But the Online Academy goes a couple of steps farther. A student can apply online to a school, take the test online, and receive a printable diploma by e-mail. The only snail-mail required is your initial purchase of Online Voucher Codes. Here's how it works.

1. You or a representative of your ship mails a check or money order

for as many Online Voucher Codes as needed. Voucher Codes are one dollar each. These are NOT the printed vouchers used by the regular Academy. Virtual Vouchers are purchased from the Online Academy Voucher Contact (OLVC) Carol Thompson, P.O. Box 135, Ester, AK 99725-0135.

2. The OLVC will e-mail you the Code numbers for your Online Vouchers. There will be one Code for each dollar you sent.
3. You go to the Online Academy Webpage and choose the course you want to take.
4. Fill out the application and list one Voucher Code in each space provided. Most classes will only require one Code, but future ones

may require two. If you want the director to snail-mail you a diploma, you will add another Voucher Code to pay for the printing, paper, and postage.

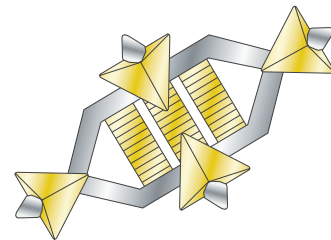
5. Your application will be processed and, depending on how the class is set up, you can access the manual and take the test immediately or the director will contact you by e-mail and direct you to a website where you can download the manual and take the exam. If you need to do some research, you will be able to return to the examination website later to take your test.
6. When you pass your test, the director will e-mail you a printable copy of your diploma (DOC, PDF, or a graphics file).

Once redeemed, a Code is immediately voided. A Code may only be used once.

Success of this program depends on the security of the Voucher Codes. The person purchasing the Codes must share them with no one except a student who is purchasing them from the ship. If a crew member buys 3 Codes from your ship, give that person ONLY three Codes. The rest of the Codes are classified.

Right now there are only a few classes available, but more are being adapted for online use. It takes Greg Staylor and Carol Thompson lots of time to type in manuals and to create online forms for the exams. Keep checking the Academy website for new classes.

REGION FIVE OFFICE OF GRAPHIC DESIGN



HISTORICAL DATABASE:

ORDER INFORMATION

DATE:

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE:

POSTAL CODE:

CHAPTER/DEPARTMENT:

REGION:

DESCRIPTION OF WORK (INCLUDE SAMPLES, ETC.):

► **Mail Requests To:** David Pipgras
11022 N.E. 18th St. #219 • Vancouver, WA 98684
USA

Starfleet Region Five Office Of Graphic Design Website Coming Soon...





STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATE LIST



By Vice Admiral Marlene Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

As always, it gives me great pleasure to present the Graduating Class of Starfleet Academy based on Directors' Reports received from March 1, 2000 - May 31, 2000.

An * = Scores of 100% or Higher. Some schools issue "pass" or "fail" rather than numerical scores.

A number next to the name indicates that the student has taken that many courses within the College or School

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP <i>Peg Pellerin, Dean</i>	Officer's Training School (OTS) <i>Peg Pellerin, Elizabeth Worth, Manon Lessard-Belanger, Jeroen Vantroyen - Directors</i> Eric J. Willette Lee Passmore Prophet Livingood Sherri Huff Stewart Patton Rain O'Brien Adelyn M. Upp Robert Stewart Nathan Touvell Robert Bailey Jeffrey Webb Jessica Coyle Jonathan Rhine James Muench Steven Diehl Kenny Wetmore Matthew T. Brooks Janice R. Graham Ralph Deatherage J. Eric Davis Richard Schloss Lori Straley Jocelyn M. Giles Lenore Vitale-Sadej David R. Horst Billie Stovall Patricia Weeks Howard P. Knapp Jean M. Linck David A. Forrand Edward G. Higgins John Bryant Michael Siggeman Gary Gonsalves Robert G. Crowley Jeff Wilcox David E. Jones Covert B. Nelson Andy Maelstaf Nathan Shumway Franz Bruyere James D. Hayes Caterina Palazzolo Jeffery Weishaar	Officer's Command College (OCC) <i>James Cushing, Alan Yates, David Blaser - Directors</i> Jessica Lindenfelser Brian Griffin Elsa Baker Charles Menter Steven Halber Rick Driver Dale Anderson John Prushko Ken Parker Shannon Stidman Karen Sim Maria Roth Leilani Purvine Dana Quinn Nathan Touvell Jennifer Scott Brent Peterson William Beaudry Jonathan Wade Robin Quinn Mary Glasgow Patrick McAndrew David Benfell John Kane Glenda Shubin Keith Holycross Dennis Rayburn James Chapman John Hoppa Peggy Saylor Bruce Dolan Jeanne Terrana Marilyn Romero Josh Evans Kathrine Neill Gary Gonsalves Claudia Charles Walter Truelove	Flag Officer School (FOS) <i>Helen Pawlowski, Alan Yates - Directors</i> Nathaniel T. Harris Jonathan Wade (2) Robert Graham Gloria Palmer Rodney Yawn Bill Hart
INSTITUTE OF ARTS <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Dean</i>	School of Language Studies (SOLS) School of Cultural Anthropology (SCA) <i>Sherry Anne Newell, Director</i> SOLS: Larry Jones (4) **** SCA: Larry Jones *	College of Federation Studies (COFS) <i>Donna Tucker, Director</i> Rodney Yawn (2) Deborah Butcher (6) *** Roger Stearns (9) ***** Chrystal Ware-Kimbro * Valerie Anderson (20) ***** Cathy Edgington (5) ***** Larry Goldman *	School of Treknology (SOT) <i>Alice Strange, A. Jean Smith, Director</i> Sheila Benton (3) ** Cathy Edgington Wayne Killough (7) ****
INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES <i>Greg Staylor, Dean</i>	Security School (SFASS) <i>Greg Staylor, Director</i> Nancy O'Shields (2) ** Aaron Murphy * Bernadette Samples Carol Thompson * Jill Rayburn * David Lynch * Tammy Willcox * Ralph Deatherage (2) ** James Monroe * Wesley Goodwin * Brian Smith * David Peifer (2) ** Wayne Killough * Tricia Kettwig * James Richards * College of Survival Studies - COSS Carol Thompson, Director Elwood Carlwon Sharon Russell Belva Hall	College of Starship Operations - COSO James W. Lee, Director Carol Thompson (5) Jonathan Wade (2) Kenny Wetmore School of Strategy & Tactics - SOST Sanford Berenberg, Director Joseph Kanlez * Adrian Nunenankamp *	Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA) Deb Kern, Director Linda Eppinger * Garrick Eppinger * Craig Schuster * Ralph Deatheridge * Vessel Readiness Certification Program - VRCP Carol Thompson, Director USS Sol
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY <i>Sharon Ann Clark, Dean</i>	Vulcan Academy of Science (VAS) Marlene Miller, Director Mary Payne Connelly Pamela Michaud * David Peifer (5) ***** Dusty Chesnavage James Whatley John Prushko (4) ***** Wayne Killough Larry Goldman * Amy Alexander * Charles Cullum * Cami Royer Rodney Yawn	College of Medicine (SACOM) Wayne Killough, Director Lynn Browning (2) Sharon Russell Patricia Marie Kamp Nancy O'Shields Tammy White * Brian Griffin Jeanne Wilson * Darlene Harper John Bryant (2) *	College of Trade & Commerce (COTAC) Tammy Willcox, Director Kurt Roithinger (2) * Larry Goldman

Note: David Peifer has complete ALL 12 Courses in the Vulcan Academy of Science. David is one of only 11 Starfleet Officers who have earned this honor.

STARFLEET ACADEMY COMES TO CANADA!

**Captain Dave Blaser • Director, Officer Command College, Canada
Commanding, USS Banting**

Calling all Canadian Starfleet Members! I'm very proud to announce that two new International Campuses have been opened by Starfleet Academy for Canadian Members! The **Officer's Training School** and **Officer's Command College** has opened with two new Canadian Directors.

The newly minted Lieutenant Junior Grade Manon Lessard-Belanger is heading up the Canadian Campus of the **Officer's Training School**. It should also be noted that Manon is a new member of Starfleet in Rouyn-Noranda Quebec (Region 14), having only joined us back in May of 1999! Congratulations to Manon, and welcome to Starfleet!

The new Canadian Campus of the **Officer's Command College** has been opened by yours truly, (not as newly minted, but still in my first year) Captain Dave Blaser, Georgetown Ontario (Region 13). For those who don't know me, I've been in Starfleet since January of 1998 (I was in Starfleet prior, but let my membership lapse for a while).

If there are any Canadian members who are interested in taking their OTS and

OCC, here are the ways to get in touch with Manon (OTS) or myself (OCC):

CANADIAN CAMPUS - OTS

Manon Lessard-Belanger
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PQ J9X 3W6
Canada
Lessard-Belanger.Manon@hydro.qc.ca

CANADIAN CAMPUS - OCC

Dave Blaser
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Georgetown, ON L7G 5L1
Canada
blaser@netcom.ca

Thanks should be given to Marlene Miller, Commandant of the Academy; Tom Rusivo, Vice Commandant; Peg Pellarin, USA Campus - OTS; Jim Cushing, USA Campus - OCC and many others for all the help to both Manon and myself get set up here in Canada, and for the chance to help Starfleet and the Academy spread further into the International scene, especially here in Canada!

STARFLEET SCHOOL OF HUMOR OPENS

**Rear Admiral Sherry Anne Newell •
Director, Starfleet School of Humor**

One of the enduring appeals of Star Trek, in its multiple incarnations, is its frequent tickling of our Terran "funny bone," especially as we come to know the various characters through repeated encounters. Starfleet Academy's new offering, the School of Trek Humor (SOTH), under the Directorship of RADM Sherry Anne Newell, invites the student to explore the comic elements of selected incidents in the series and films.

Obviously, this course is designed for fun, but is also intended as an invitation to think about what it is that makes something amusing. Tuition is only \$2

plus 2 loose first-class stamps plus a SASE (same as for SOLS, SOM, and SOCA), so why not be one of the first to sign up and re-live some well-remembered chuckles?

School of Trek Humor
5 NW 40th
Lawton, OK 73505-4911
NewellSherryAnne@juno.com

STARFLEET ACADEMY UPDATE: NEWS FROM AROUND THE CAMPUS

Vice Admiral Marlene Miller • Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

STARFLEET Academy Away Teams

As you know, Starfleet Academy has been sending Away Teams to host Academy Panels, distribute Academy information, applications and brochures, and to sell course packets at functions such as Summits, Conferences and other Starfleet gatherings.

Admiral Peg Pellerin, Dean of the Academy Institute of Leadership suggested that now would be a good time to put out a message which CO's, RC's and other Starfleet members can pass on to their fellow crewmates.

Since Starfleet Academy is ONLY open to current Starfleet members, it is VERY important that if you go to Starfleet functions, and wish to purchase Academy course packets, you must remember to bring your Starfleet Membership ID Card. Your Card shows your name, SCC #, and date of expiration.

If you are purchasing packets for another member who is not at the function, you need to be able to tell the Academy Away Team Chairperson the member's Name, Address and SCC#. If you know the expiration date, that's a plus. Otherwise it will need to be verified at a later time.

If you forget your Card ... please be sure you know your SCC # which will be verified later.

Academy course packets may be paid for with Starfleet Fleetwide Vouchers, Academy Tuition Vouchers, Money Orders, Checks, and of course, good old fashioned cash.

STARFLEET Academy Canada Adds Ship Counselors College:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Starfleet Academy Canadian Campus has added the Ships Counselors College (SCC) to the Curriculum.

Our newest addition to the Academy Staff, Fleet Captain Donna Jean Noddin, has accepted the position as Director of SCC-Canada, and is ready for business!

Those who would like to apply to SCC-Canada should contact Donna Jean at:

Donna Jean Noddin
P.O. Box 4501 STN - A, Nanimo, BC
Canada V9R - 5J9

Since this falls within the SFA Canadian Campus, please make checks and money orders payable to: "Donna Jean Noddin" Payments should be drawn on Canadian Funds. Starfleet Vouchers and Starfleet Academy Vouchers are welcomed and encouraged!

STARFLEET Academy College Of Medicine Director Moves

Capt. Wayne Killough, Jr., Director of the Starfleet Academy College of Medicine (SACOM) has moved to:

321 N. Maple St.
Yellville, AR 72601

His new e-mail address is:
kevkn@yournet.com or sacom@sfi.org

I am assuming the Yellville Post Office will forward Wayne's mail for a while, but just to be sure your SACOM mail gets to him, please update your address books.

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY AWARDS ORDER OF GENERAL MARTOK

Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Deb Kern • Director

Following is a submission which earned its writer a position in the Order of General Martok's Honor Guard.

"A Look at the Klingon Empire's Attempt to Invade the Cardassian Union — It's Premises And Outcomes."

By Craig Shuster • *Space Station Nexus*

The hostilities between the Klingon Empire and Cardassia begin innocently enough with the crew of DS9 searching all levels of the station for changelings, in a practice drill. They do this because of heightened hostilities between the Federation and Dominion. Shortly after the drills, Captain Sisko finds that the Klingon Flagship commanded by General Martok is in orbit around the station. After asking and receiving permission for shore leave for his men, Sisko finds multiple birds-of-prey de-cloaking; thus the flagship is not alone. The general inhabitants of the station appear nervous with the influx of Klingons around. A meeting takes place between Sisko and Martok to discuss why the Klingons are in Bajoran space. But before the meeting begins, we already see the Klingons paranoia about the Dominion. Martok makes all members of the meeting prove that they are not changelings, by having each cut him or her. After this he tells Sisko that the High Council has sent him to assist the Federation in the defense against the Dominion. And that they believe the Dominion will come. We also learn that Cardassia has closed its borders. The Obsidian Order has been destroyed and riots may be taking place on Cardassia Prime.

With the attack of Garok (the station's lone Cardassian) by a group of Klingons, we see even more paranoia about a Dominion and Cardassian alliance. We also learn



that there are over 20 birds-of-prey in the area, and possibly more. Their job seems to be stopping and interrogating any ships in the area. The ships are to be searched for changelings. This action is in direct violation of unlawful search and seizure under Bajoran law. They are told not to proceed with this activity (by the Federation) in Bajoran space. At this point the Klingons move beyond Bajoran territory, but continue the "Blockade". We also learn at this point that, "The only people that can deal with the Klingons are the Klingons". This is where commander Worf comes to DS9. His job is to figure out what the Klingons are really up to.

Martok's son is beaten in a non-lethal battle by Worf to draw Martok into a discussion about the Empire's true purpose. But he is silent on the matter, as is Gowron and Emperor Kahless. We also learn that the rift between the Federation and Klingon Empire is still widening at this point. Martok has executed one of his commanders for not firing on the Defiant, during the Klingons routine stoppage of a freighter. We learn that Martok's mission will determine the fate of the Empire, though we still do not know exactly what their plans are at this point.

We finally learn (from an ally of Worf's Father) that the Klingons plan to invade Cardassia. This would break multiple treaties and could eventually lead to war with the Federation. Civilians have overthrown the Cardassia Central Command. The Klingons believe that the civilians could not have done this alone and must have had help. The help could have only come from one source, the Dominion. They feel that by attacking now, they will save the Alpha Quadrant, before the Dominion has a chance to establish a foothold here. We learn that the Federation will not help in the battle. After this disclosure the entire Klingon Fleet moves off to Cardassia. There are many Klingons who feel that they have been too passive over the years, and this information on Dominion activity on Cardassia gives them the

opportunity to continue their warlike ways. Even if this information is false. (Or true as we find out much later when the Cardassians form their alliance with the Dominion.)

In the early battles many Cardassian outposts fall, but thanks to some interesting Federation techniques the

Cardassians mount a good defense, for a while. It is now that the Federation condemns the attack, and Gowron expels all Federation people from Klingon space. He recalls his ambassadors from the Federation and walks away from the Khitomer Accords. Here Gowron also moves into the area to take control of the Cardassia invasion. Gowron is moving even further from the Federation, because he feels the Klingons are doing all the fighting to save the quadrant and the Federation is doing nothing to help their allies. The Federation is worried that if the Klingons are successful, what will stop them from moving on to Bajor and eventually the Federation itself.



The Klingons eventually break through the Cardassian lines and move towards Cardassia Prime. The Federation offers to save the civilian leaders of Cardassia in order to save Cardassian rule. Captain Sisko rendezvous with the Cardassian ship that has the officials on board, to find it under attack by three birds-of-prey. Both Federation and Cardassia ships come under heavy fire. An all out last ditch effort starts between the two sides. The Defiant takes the civilian government aboard and makes haste to DS9, followed closely by the Klingons. They arrive back at DS9 and a standoff starts. We learn that almost half of the Klingon force is just outside the shields of DS9. After refusing to give up the Cardassian Council the attack begins. What follows next is a devastating space battle, with both sides taking heavy casualties. Boarding parties make it a space / station battle; again with both sides taking heavy casualties. We see StarFleet arrive at this point and outmaneuver Gowron's troops. After some fast-talking by the Federation, reminding Gowron that, "To lose a war to save an Empire is Honorable". Gowron stands down. The Klingons realize this is actually what the Dominion wanted. If the Federation and Klingons battle each other and weaken each other, it will make them easier to defeat. Even though Gowron has seen his error (by playing into the hands of the Dominion) the rift between the Klingon Empire and the Federation has been made. The rift remains in place until the death of Gowron by Worf in another ill advised attack plan on Cardassia and the Dominion.



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STARFLEET PROMOTIONS

COMPILED BY MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL MALOTTE

Greetings from the Office of Promotions! This is my first of what I hope to be regular updates on promotions around Fleet. Also included this issue is a section on how to submit a proper promotion request. It's been a busy first four months, so let's get started!

To Fleet Captain:

Lea Morgan
Shaughn O'Conner
Esther McCord
Jack Eaton
Larry Neigut
Raymond Brown
Chris Dunivan
Travis Littou
Mike Wilkerson
Chris Rossman
Brett Price

John Burt
David Pipgras
Randy Norris
Peter Lutz
Michael F. Walter, Sr
Larry Ferguson
Khane Williams
Kenneth Yarbrough
Brett Morrow

To Brigadier:

Kevin McNulty

Raye Crews
Kevin Dennard
George Farmer
Dennis Rayburn

To Commodore:

Dawn Webber-Smith
Jon Reddick
Richard Trulson
Rosa Jackson
Marlon Ragsdale
Edward Allen III

David Walker
Greg Trotter
Roger Scritchfield
Victor Swindell
Carl Johnson
Tim Frayser
David Summers
Michael Wilson
Dave McCabe

To Brigadier General:

Wade Olson

Jill Rayburn

To Rear Admiral:

Jack Hopkins
Rick Gale

To Major General:

Wade Hoover

To Vice Admiral:

Robert Westfall

Congratulations to all the promotion recipients!

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPER PROMOTION REQUEST

Major General Michael W. Malotte • Director of Promotions

As the coordinator for promotion requests for STARFLEET and the STARFLEET Marine Corps, I see all of the requests for promotions. They come to me through the online form, in email and the US Postal Service. I take all requests for Fleet Captain/Brigadier and above and forward them to the Promotions Listserve, where the Executive Committee votes on them. Once those are voted on, I print certificates for those who have passed, sign them, then forward them on to Fleet Admiral Mike Smith. Once he receives them, he signs them and either sends them to the appropriate individual or brings them with him to the event in which they are being presented.

Those that come in for Captain/Colonel are forwarded to the respective Region Coordinator for consideration.

Occasionally, I get requests for promotions to Commander and below. These are redirected to the appropriate Chapter Commanding Officer. Since Region Coordinators and Chapter COs are the one who approve requests for Captain and Commander and below respectively, it's not possible for me to track those. If you have any questions on those requests, please contact the appropriate RC/CO.

Of the fifty-seven Flag Rank requests received from the 1st of January to the end of April, only eleven were turned down. Of those eleven, most were turned down for one of two reasons. The first is Time in Grade. This was the case in four requests. Remember, to be eligible for promotion, you need to be in your current rank for at least thirteen months, unless extraordinary circumstances are present. That is the

first thing the Executive Committee looks at.

The most common reason for being turned down is insufficient information in the promotion request. I've seen quite a few requests that list everything a person has done since joining Fleet - I mean EVERYTHING! While this is great for a Fleet resume, it's not what the Executive Committee is looking for.

When you submit someone for promotion, concentrate on what the individual has done since their last promotion. List, in detail, the accomplishments of the individual. What have they done since then? What positions have they held? How have they gone above and beyond the norm in their position? What is it that makes them stand out above all others in their duties? What have they done *since their

last promotion* to make them eligible for the next promotion? These are the things the Executive Committee are looking for, along with Time in Grade, when they consider someone for promotion.

One last thing to remember - if someone you have nominated is turned down for a promotion, you need to wait a minimum of six months before submitting that person again. If you need to know when someone can be resubmitted for consideration, drop me a note at promotions@sfi.org and I'll be happy to let you know when they are eligible again.

I hope this helps clear up the process and, once again, congrats to all those promoted since the first of the year!

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Isn't It Time You Treated Yourself To A Vacation?

USS CHALLENGER HOSTS COURT MARTIAL

Rear Admiral "Hangin Judge" Bob Vosseller • USS Challenger

Armed with all the judicial knowledge that one can get from watching numerous episodes of Perry Mason, "The People's Court", "Judge Judy" and of course the classic ST episodes "Court Martial" and "The Menagerie", three judges came together in Millville, NJ on April 15.

They included Admiral Jim Rennie of the UFPI chapter USS Farragut, Tim Reiss, XO of the independent USS Tempest, and myself representing Starfleet.

My ship's Away Team from the USS Challenger consisted of my First Officer Capt. Dawn Weill, Asst. Security Chief Cmdr. Ken, Ops Chief Ken Diehl, Engineer Lt. Josh Neely (who also played a Section 31 Assassin) and Communications Officer Lt. Damien Heppel (who also portrayed a Klingon Ambassador).

Various members of Starfleet, UFPI, Starfleet Marines International and even

a few mundanes assembled at the Millville Library for a "mock trial" (and boy did poor former Challenger member, SFMI Col. David Sladky get mocked) His mom even played the Vulcan prosecutor and his brother Mike testified against him (talk about getting your day in court).

Lets just say we didn't always follow the carefully prepared script. We shared a lot of laughs (usually at the expense of Col. Sladky, who like a true marine endured it well). It gave everyone a chance to stretch their creativity, their humor and most of all their imagination. The scenario involved the Colonel's theft of a prototype Runabout, the USS Yukon, from a starbase and then his taking it behind enemy lines in the Romulan Neutral Zone. While the Romulans attacked and destroyed the Runabout, Sladky was recovered and arrested.

The accused then stood trial on Starbase 7 (which up until November I was in

charge of as Commander of the 7th Fleet). As Challenger was in route to our old homeport, Sladky broke out of the brig and attempted to escape. Several members of the Farragut's Marine Unit (including his Klingon half brother Moag) caught him again.

To complicate matters, the Romulan Star Empire demanded his extradition. (This involved some participation via e-mail from Romulan Star Empire Praetor Trisha Rohal, who is the CO of the SF correspondence chapter USS Raven).

The trial involved props, graphic screens, and even a bomb was discovered (although thankfully, Sladky himself was able to save the day, and a good portion of Starbase 7). But a Coridan assassin (played by Josh Neely) also tried to end the day and the life of the same witness. Fortunately, SF Marines were on duty. One amusing moment was noted when all the fracas was going on to stop the assailant, Cmdr. Dohn was holding the young

infant of the Farragut's XO. Dohn was jokingly accused of hiding behind the child.

Millville certainly got to know David Sladky after that weekend, for you see my own contribution to the event was not only to serve as judge but to hand out and post as many of the Most Wanted posters (which I made) as possible.

The Atlantic City Press's April 16 edition featured a photo of Starfleet/ USS Challenger officer Cmdr. Ken Dohn brandishing his phaser rifle and preparing for action. The headline read "Trekkies hold court in Millville".

The rest of the article revealed some interesting facts I wasn't aware of, that the court martial mock trial was actually a benefit for a good cause. The article by reporter Brian Hickey stated that "a Star Trek fan club court-martialed one of their own Saturday to raise money for the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C."

Hickey's article also stated that "somewhere between earthly realities and intergalactic fantasies lies the Trekkie mind-set. And to find that special little place, people had to look no further than the Millville Public Library on Saturday where book borrowers did their business just feet away from costumed Star Trek fan-club members. But behind the closed doors



Cmdr. Ken Dohn stands ready for action during the recently held court martial of Col. David Sladky which featured members of the USS Challenger, SFMI, and UFPI.



Colonel David Sladky holds a poster for his arrest prior to his court martial.

of a library meeting room, the Trekkies didn't battle about who'd leave with the latest Grisham novel."

"Yeah, I guess we're a little nuts," said 'Admiral' Jim Rennie, a Northfield man in charge of local Trek club USS Farragut, sporting his white, custom-made uniform during a court recess.

"Rennie also knows that the get-together that drew a jury-sized crowd from as far away as Virginia is a heck of a way to raise funds for the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Not only will the fishbowl holding a stack of American currency help meet that end, but Rennie plans to sell tapes of 'Starfleet Marine Colonel David Sladky's Court Martial'."

Rennie noted that "A lot of people from the international clubs know David (whose Starfleet tenure included stints on the USS Challenger and the USS Thagard) so we'll sell them at \$10 a pop and make some money for the memorial." "I already have people in California who want copies."

At the prosecution table sat the defendant's mother, "Major" Barbara

Boyd who, sporting a black smock and silver Vulcan earrings, did her best to prove that Sladky dishonored the "Federation."

Damien Heppel sporting a very much used rubber Klingon mask, a Klingon

hidden in the courtroom (we were later to learn that it was planted by Section 31 agents who wanted to silence a witness) as he felt that evacuation of the starbase would be dishonorable. What could you expect from a senile old Klingon?



Starfleet -USS Challenger members Damien Heppel portrays "Klingon Ambassador Kotok" while Josh Miller plays a Coridan Assassin from Section 31. Photo by Bob Voseller.

black wind breaker, a disrupter and both a Klingon and human knife and sash played Ambassador Kotok who wanted to testify to how Romulan cloaking technology was unique and he cursed the notion that the Romulans would dare suggest the Klingons would betray their new allies of the Federation. The Ambassador had to be restrained while Sladky was called upon to defuse a bomb

Witnesses were called to the stand. Objections were sustained and denied. Eventually it was revealed that Sladky was only working to provide safe passage to a Vulcan Federation agent who was posing as a Romulan. "Due to the nature of the extraordinary evidence presented," I said, adding commentary to Judge Rennie, who was searching for the best words to describe the

verdict. "Colonel Sladky is hereby released and the charges dismissed. All but one that is. Due to his break out of the brig, Sladky is reduced in rank until July at Shore Leave." To add insult to injury he'd have to serve under his brother now who now out ranked him.

But even with the end of the trial (most of the defense team, prosecution, accused, witnesses, court room audience and judges adjourned to a nearby diner for lunch and to share further laughs) the event didn't quite end there.

The scenario continued through a paintball scenario for an event in May hosted by the USS Tempest which involves a great number of chapters in Region 7. The ISS Lexington, USS Justice, USS Raven, USS Starlord and for the first time, the USS Challenger, to name just a few. The scenario picks up shortly after the end of the trial. The Romulans aren't accepting "Starfleet justice" they want Sladky extradited now more than ever. That is the basis of the new scenario and at this writing starships like mine are posed at the Neutral Zone ready for anything if the Romulans should cross over, cloaked or not. As for Sladky, he's preparing to become a human target at the paintball event. But that of course is a report for a later time. One thing is for sure never before was there so many court room cliches heard in one day.



ISS Lexington Capt. Peter Miller (left) joins left-right USS Challenger engineer Josh Miller (no relation) USS Starlord XO Mike Smith, ISS Lexington CO Commodore Mark Hanford, USS Challenger Chief Engineer Capt. Brian Smith and USS Challenger CO R. Adm. Bob Vosseller during the Challenger's March 23 Paintball event which involved all three ships and held at Fireball Mountain in New Egypt New Jersey. Photo by Bob Voseller.

USS CHALLENGER PLANS "STAR TREK: THE EXPERIENCE" TRIP

Commander Ken Dhon • Assistant Chief of Security, USS Challenger

Fellow Starfleet members and other friends,

Our planned trip to Las Vegas to the STAR TREK Experience will be from Oct. 14-21st. All who wish to join us please respond by the first Monday and June. I will need a head count to establish our best group rate. After I get the lowest group rate possible, I'll post it to this list serve, after that you will need a photo ID to get on the plane (or a passport if you have one) and I'll need the EXACT spelling of your name as it appears on the photo ID, plus a phone number/e-mail addy so I can get in touch with you.

STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2000 CHARITY AND YEOMAN/DANCE CARD AUCTION

Admiral David Ryan • IC Computer Operations Chair

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ON OUR WAY TO MISADVENTURE

Vice Admiral Chris "Tigger" Wallace • Commanding, USS Jaguar

It appears that when Mikey decided to drive the Rusted Relic instead of flying to the Region One Summit in Gatlinburg, his ill-luck seemed to rub off on me. First, United cancelled my Friday flight from Chicago to Knoxville. They sent me a new itinerary that had me flying from Seattle to Chicago, Chicago to Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis to Knoxville...with a stopover in Chicago. So I'd be arriving at 11:40pm instead of 3:30. If arrival time had not been an issue, I'd have said just have me layover in O'Hare for six hours and send me to a Cubs game and the restaurant of my choice from the Great Chefs of Chicago series.

Instead, United put me in First Class on the overnight flight to Dulles and then I caught a commuter to Knoxville. So my XO, Scott Akers, picked me up right on time at 8:30am Friday morning and we headed out to Gatlinburg.

Gatlinburg is a long way from Knoxville. It may not look like it on the map, but when you are driving it, it is. To those who have never been to Gatlinburg, think Anaheim in Southern California. Tourist Mecca Action - big time. Scott and I took an unintended detour into the Great Smokey Mountains (I am from the Pacific Northwest - we have mountains. The

Great Smokey's are large hills) before turning around and finding the River Terrace Hotel.

I am now writing this somewhere over Iowa, I think (nothing but farms down there and flat to the horizon), on Monday morning. I should have been writing this on Sunday morning, but United's Flight Operations folks in Atlanta decided to send a 60 seat Fokker for the 100 people booked on a 737. Now, United has six flights in and six flights out of Knoxville each day, three each to Dulles and O'Hare. And a big airshow was being held on Sunday, which would close the airport between 12-5pm, which wiped out two arrivals and two departures, so they could not re-route us. So I received enough credits to earn a free ticket to IC2000 and a room at the Knoxville Hilton. The plus side was I got to have breakfast with the Blue Angels ground crew and was able to watch their show from a special VIP section. And the Hilton has in-room DSL so I was able to chat on IRC with folks.

While the travel to and from the Summit was less-than-stellar, the Summit itself was a blast. Other than Mikey and Scott (Akers), everyone I met there was someone I had only known via IRC or correspondence. Being able

to see Les and Deidre (and to learn the true meaning of the word "nanooks"), Kimberly Brooks and Brian Davis, Mark Anbinder and Mike Malotte, Alex Rosenzweig and Joan Pierce, and all the other folks made the expense and rigors of getting their all worth it.

The Summit itself was a blast. The River Terrace was an exceptionally nice facility and the room Scott and I had was on the top (sixth) floor overlooking both the entrance to the Convention Center (for Kimberly Brooks' son, Matthew, to throw water balloons at patrons) and the Grand Ballroom (for Kimberly to holler over the railing at Scott and I when she found out). Scott and I hauled along a few hundred pounds of paperwork (CQs, ASDB documents, and such) for folks to see. For IC, we're going to FedEx the whole load to and from the hotel and save our backs. *niko niko*

Fortunately, the panels I wanted to attend were all in sequence (as opposed to the usual opposite each other) so I was able to attend Joan Pierce's Communications panel (which was heavily attended); the Engineering panel put on by Gary Donner, Chief Engineer of the Jurassic and wife to Region One Coordinator Carolyn Donner; and the Office of Graphic Design panel put on by Kristi Fell and David James.

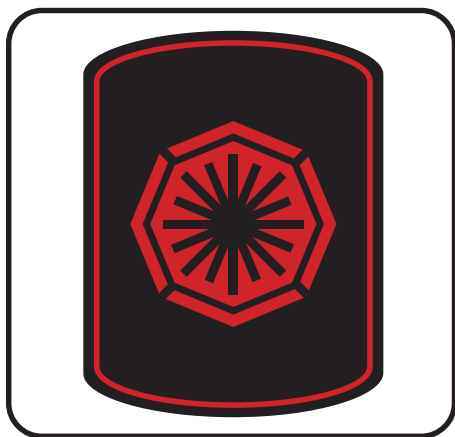
Speaking of graphics, I did a ton for the event, including door plaques for myself, Scott Akers, Kimberly Brooks, Joan Pierce, and Alex Rosenzweig; a poster for the R1 Summit folks themselves (I used the wrong logo, but I put too much effort in it to go to waste *grin*); a plaque for Fleet Captain Ben Redding and his Bennu Station, plus some emergency signage for the Summit (thanks to Mikey for the printer and Dave McCabe for the flash-memory card that allowed me to transfer files from my laptop to Mike's computer).

The banquet and dance on Saturday night were much fun, though a (planned) early morning flight forced me to retire around 1am. As this Cat Don't Dance (from the animated film of the same name), I just "Showed the Whip" (kind of like "Showing the Flag", but ya get more cute girls with the whip) and drank heavily. *grin*

Outside of the convention, a bunch of us went to a really good BBQ place up the street from the hotel. We also held an informal get-together at the Duck Blind Lounge Friday night at the River Terrace and launched occasional forays to the Wendy's across the street from the hotel.



The USS Jaguar on their way to their rendezvous with the First Fleet. (Model by K. Hamalai)



REPLICATORS, SUBSPACE COMMUNICATIONS, AND TRANSPORTERS BECOMMING REAL

Captain Ed Kiker • Chief Science Officer, USS Nomad

Replicators: The replicators of Star Trek are beginning to arrive. They do not yet take feedstock of different elements like oxygen and carbon and replicate hot Formosa Oolong tea for Captain Picard, but they will replicate the cup to put it in. This budding industry is called stereolithography, or making solid, three-dimensional objects from digitized data. The data can be stored on a disk or sent anywhere electronically like any other data.

Mr. Charles Hull of 3D Systems in Valencia, California built the first replicator in 1984. He used it to create a cup about 1-1/2" high. The new technology was unveiled to the public in 1987. Today there are several companies making stereolithography machines, and they are used in many industries where rapid prototyping is desired. For instance, they are used to make art prototypes for lost wax casting of jewelry, epoxy prototype machine gears, auto body parts, cups and plates, and just about anything else that is solid. Any three dimensional object that can be digitally copied into a computer from an original, or designed on a computer, can be stereolithographically replicated. Even data from an X-ray or Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine can be used to make models of body parts inside the body. Right now most things are made in plastic or wax, but

within a few years the technology should be advanced enough to do glass, ceramics, metals, and other homogeneous substances. Sanders Prototype Inc. is another company in this business.

In the first replicator, a computer-controlled laser beam was made to dance over the surface of a tank of liquid plastic, hardening the plastic wherever it touched. Then the floor of the tank would lower, letting more liquid in over it. Then the laser would dance over the surface, hardening more epoxy, and so on until the object was complete. Then the floor of the tank would rise, bringing up the entire, completed object.

Another way of making replicas from data is an ink-jet type, spraying hot wax, glass, plastic, metal, or other substance onto the object being created.

Real Trek-type replicators are being worked on as well, in which "assemblers," or tiny molecule-sized arms, take elements like oxygen and carbon from tanks (the feedstock), and directly assemble the desired object one atom at a time. This sounds slow, but the smaller the arm, the faster it can operate, perhaps millions of times per second, and millions of arms would be able to build things very quickly. This technology is a bit farther out in time,

perhaps twenty to forty years at a guess, but in the near term we might see nanomachines doing things like purifying homogeneous liquids such as water and other liquid or dissolved chemicals by selectively passing certain molecules through a membrane and leaving others. The assemblers would be tiny wheels set into the membrane, with receptors on the wheels that can only fit a single atom or molecule of a particular type. It would grab the atoms or molecules from one side of the membrane and transfer them to the other side, leaving behind everything that would not fit the receptors on the wheels. Tiny wheels smaller than a human hair have already been made, specific molecules have been built one atom at a time -- even word lettering has been done one atom at a time, about six atoms tall.

See pages 26 and 28 of the February 00 issue of Discover Magazine for an article on stereolithography. There is a wealth of information on nanotechnology on the Internet. Just search on "nanotechnology," and look at www.foresight.org, which is one of the primary organizations coordinating cutting edge research.

Teleportation: Okay! Here we go with the really good stuff! Teleportation! In the 24 January 00 issue of Defense News it is reported in a long article that all

basic systems have been demonstrated for teleportation of information. Not people and things yet, but at least information can be made to disappear at one point and reappear at another, faster than light speed, without traversing the space in between. The information is put into tangled pairs of photons and teleported. The information cannot be intercepted, and includes an encryption key. It can only go to one destination, and the person awaiting it must know it is coming. To know it is coming the receiver must already have been contacted by other means, or at least have a schedule. The equipment may become as small as a cell phone. They did not use the term "subspace transmission," but we are patient. It will not be long.

Transparent Aluminum. The US Army has begun to produce a transparent aluminum compound as helmet faceplates and windshields for vehicles, which gives as much protection as Kevlar, much stronger than aluminum. The material was developed by Jay Connors of the Army Research Laboratory in Adelphi, Maryland. It is made of aluminum oxynitride, 30% lighter and 40% thinner than the multi-layer glass and polycarbonate faceplates currently in use. ("Still working with polymers? What else would I be working with?" Star Trek IV)

STARFLEET INTERNET RELAY CHAT (IRC) AT FLEETCHAT.ORG

For those of you who are interested in chatting with your fellow 'fleet members in real time, try Fleetchat -- *Where Every Lifeform Knows Your Name.*

All that's required is a computer that can run an IRC client such as mIRC for the PC (available from www.mirc.com) or for the Mac, (available from <http://www.ircle.com>). Once your client of choice is loaded, use one of the following addresses:

branson.fleetchat.org
(Direct IP Address: 63.164.53.58)
icarus.fleetchat.org
(Direct IP Address: 12.30.170.37)
compound.fleetchat.org (tanru.tzo.com)

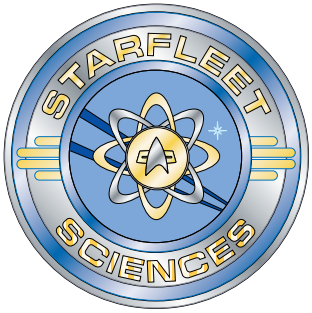
lizard.fleetchat.org
(Direct IP Address: 38.136.72.7)

All connections are port 6667. Set your connect time (if available) to 45-60 seconds. Once you are connected to the server, type: `/join #starfleet`

If you are a Web TV Users, here is a source of information that will help you connect: <http://www.irchelp.org/irchelp/misc/webtv.html>

If you are having trouble or want more information about fleetchat, link to: <http://www.fleetchat.org> or write directly to the Chief Network Administrator, Michael Smith at admin@fleetchat.org.





STARFLEET SCIENCE INSTITUTE NEWS

David Klingman • STARFLEET Science Institute

Welcome to the Starfleet Science Institute, dedicated to the expansion of scientific knowledge. This will be our first post from the Research Labs at the Institute, and since there is so much out there will represent only some of the highlights from the Science Institute Electronic List. For the benefit of Starfleet members who do not have Internet access, we'll post some highlights here for everyone on Starfleet to enjoy, but we invite everyone to join the Science Institute and FDC Science electronic list, for the full stories and a lot more, at:
<http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/Starfleet-Science>

A few thoughts before we proceed: the contributor list is dynamic and represents the people who make frequent submissions or submit something interesting, all are welcome to submit science articles! We post information on trips to museums, exhibits, and such all over the country, please feel free to join and let us know what's going on near you

Projects we currently support:
- SETI@Home's STARFLEET Team, http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/stats/team/team_2179.html
- Starfleet Institute's Xenobiology Trivia Contest
- Science "Topic of the Month"
- Science "Debate of the Month"

Xenobiology Database

I have noticed that on the Starfleet Fiction Archive, Paul Reid has taken the time to bring some information to light about some of the races he has encountered/created as part of his fan fiction. I have taken a bit of that information and added Paul's encountered races to the Xenobiology Database. What I would like to do is ask the folks from the chapters who have fan or chapter-based fiction to send me information on any new aliens they may have encountered or thought up. PLEASE submit any fan fiction aliens you may have come up with to xenobio@carolina.rr.com and visit the database web site at <http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/xenobio.html>. A Word97 version of the database is also available through email or through USPS (send a 9x12 \$0.99 SASE to - David Klingman, 9414 Covedale Dr, Charlotte NC 28270-2140)

Xenobiology Trivia Contest

Held every Wednesday, questions are based on Starfleet's Xenobiology Database and Star Trek Encyclopedia. Participants only have to join Starfleet Science Institute to obtain the questions, and responses are sent to xenobio@carolina.rr.com - winners are announced every 2 months based on who answers the most questions correctly.

We had one winner for the round of 8 questions - with 7/8 answered correctly, Jeroen Vantroyen in our resident Xenobiology Expert for April/May! Congratulations, Jeroen!

Very Newsworthy Items

4000 Years of Women In Science (submitted by Joan Pierce) examines the role of women in science, a fascinating article. Visit <http://crux.astr.ua.edu/4000WS/newintro.html> or drop an email to mirodon@carolina.rr.com or jepierce@win.net or write to Dave Klingman, 9414 Covedale Drive, Charlotte NC 28270-2140 and we can work on getting you a copy.

Find out what happened on 20th Century Earth AFTER Kirk and the Whales left (submitted from a web site discovered by Eric Willette). <http://www.fanfiction.net/master.cfm?action=story-read&storyid=882>

This Day in Science History

(credit: www.learningkingdom.com)
William Higgins, Starfleet Science Historian

March 25, 1655, The Dutch physicist and astronomer Christiaan Huygens discovered Titan, a moon of Saturn.

March 26, 1953, Dr. Jonas Salk announced the discovery of a vaccine against poliomyelitis, or polio.

March 28, 1979, the most serious nuclear accident in the US occurred at the Three Mile Island power plant in Pennsylvania.

March 29, 1974, the spacecraft Mariner 10 passed by Mercury and sent photos back home.

March 30, 1842, Crawford W. Long was the first doctor to anesthetize a patient using ether.

April 1, 1826, Inventor Samuel Morey patented the internal combustion engine.

April 2, 1899, Chemist Charles M. Hall patented an inexpensive method for the production of aluminum, based on electrolysis.

April 5, 1990, the first Pegasus space launch vehicle achieved orbit after having been dropped from a B-52 airplane.

April 8, 1984, the first in-orbit satellite repair took place when the crew of Challenger repaired the Solar Maximum Mission.

April 11, 1986, Comet Halley reappeared.

April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin of the Soviet Union became the first human in space.

April 13, 1970, an explosion aboard the Apollo 13 spacecraft led to one of the most spectacular rescue missions in history.

April 17, 1967, the spacecraft Surveyor 3 was successfully launched, it was the second spacecraft to land on the moon.

April 22, 1931, a small flying contraption known as the "autogyro" landed on the lawn of the White House.

April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day took place across the United States.

April 24, 1970, The People's Republic of China launched its first satellite.

April 25, 1961, Robert Noyce patented the integrated circuit, or chip.

April 26, 1962, The United Kingdom launched its first satellite.

April 26, 1986, the worst nuclear accident in history took place at Chernobyl.

April 29, 1994, the journal Science announced that researchers had cloned and identified the circadian clock gene.

April 30, 1006, a supernova is believed to have been observed in Europe, China, Japan, and Egypt.

May 2, 1519, Leonardo da Vinci died near Amboise, France.

May 4, 1989, the space shuttle Atlantis was launched.

May 5, 1961, Alan Shepard became the first US astronaut and the second human to reach outer space.

May 9, 1960, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the birth control pill for marketing.

May 11, 1997, IBM's super-computer Deep Blue made history by defeating Grandmaster Garry Kasparov.

May 14, 1796, to treat smallpox English physician Edward Jenner inoculated James Phipps with a small dose of cowpox.

May 14, 1973, Skylab, the first US

experimental space station, was launched.

May 18, 1980, the volcano Mount St. Helens in southwestern Washington erupted.

May 19, 1971, the former Soviet Union launched Mars 2, a spacecraft intended to land on Mars.

May 20, 1953, Aviator and entrepreneur Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier.

May 21, 1927, Aviator Charles A. Lindbergh completed the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight in history.

May 25, 1844, Turpentine Engine patented.

International Space Station (submitted by Jamie Rolle)

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Zvezda is scheduled to launch atop a Russian Proton launch vehicle between July 8 and 14.

The station has completed 7,645 orbits since Zarya was launched in November 1998.

The first crew of three includes Commander William Shepherd, Soyuz Commander Yuri Gidzenko and Flight Engineer Sergei Krikalev.

ASTROMETRICS

March 29, 2000: Scientists working at the Keck observatory in Hawaii, USA announced today that they have achieved a significant breakthrough in the detection of extrasolar planets. Until now, all of the approximately 30 extrasolar planets that have been detected have been huge planets (Jupiter mass or larger). Recently, the team of scientists at Keck have developed new techniques capable of detecting smaller planets (approximately Saturn mass). This marks a significant improvement in a field of science that is only 6 years old. 2 new of these smaller sized planets have been located so far:

1 orbiting 79-seti

1 orbiting HD-46375

These continuing refinements are part of the effort to achieve the ultimate goal of detecting terrestrial (Earth like) planets beyond our own solar system.

April 10, 2000: Two new photo mosaics, created with images from NASA's Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft now in orbit at Mars, may help scientists understand what materials make up the exotic,

multi- layers of the South Pole. The Global Surveyor images are available at <http://photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov/new> or <http://www.mssts.com>

April 24, 2000: APRIL 24 MARKS A TRIUMPHANT TEN YEARS IN SPACE FOR HUBBLE

TELESCOPE, A spectacular morning launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery ten years ago, on April 24, 1990, ushered in a new golden age of astronomy. The payload in Discovery's cargo bay, NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, was released by the crew into Earth orbit the next day and the Universe hasn't looked the same since. More information about the telescope and its anniversary can be found on the Internet at: <http://hubble.stsci.edu/go/tenth>

April 26, 2000: Scientists reveal first detailed images of early universe. A telescope lofted by balloon over Antarctica has captured the most detailed snapshot ever of the early universe, revealing an underlying cosmic geometry and structures that predate the oldest stars and galaxies. The first observations, to be made public Thursday, largely match theorists' predictions and suggest scientists are on the right track in their understanding of the earliest moments of the cosmos, its composition and ultimate fate. Full CNN Story at <http://cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/04/26/earlyuniverse.ap/index.html>

April 29, 2000: If you could point NASA's Hubble Space Telescope at any object in the sky, which one would you choose? The Hubble Heritage Project, a team of astronomers working with the space-based telescope, are asking you to answer this question: <http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0004/29pointthst/>

May 9, 2000: Eight new extrasolar planets are discovered. A list of news items is available at http://fullcoverage.yahoo.com/fc/science/New_Planet_Discovery/

May 12, 2000: NASA is drawing up plans for the first U.S. soft landing on the moon in nearly three decades. More information at http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/missions/space_planners_000511.html

May 15, 2000: In 2003, NASA may launch either a Mars scientific orbiter mission or a large scientific rover which will land using an airbag cocoon like that on the successful 1997 Mars Pathfinder mission. The two concepts were selected from dozens of options that had been under study. NASA will make a decision on the options, including whether or not to proceed to launch, in early July.

BIOLOGY

March 25, 2000: A recommendation has been made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that the oral polio vaccine be abandoned in favor of the injection version. Developed by Dr. Albert Sabine, the oral vaccine has been used for nearly 40 years and has played a major role in the elimination of polio. But because it is made with the live virus, it could cause people to become infected with polio. In contrast, the injectable vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk in the 1950's relies on a killed virus. Salk has insisted that his vaccine was safer. Other scientists, though, said it wasn't effective at providing lifelong immunity. But now that polio has been virtually eradicated on the United States, the CDC has decided the risk of the oral vaccine is not worth taking. Currently, children receive two oral vaccinations (a liquid that can be squirted in their mouths) and two injections. Under the new guidelines, which would go into effect next year, children would receive for all four doses of the polio vaccine. (Submitted by Kelly Mangum, from READER'S DIGEST, October 1999)

April 10, 2000: Scientists at the University of Toronto and St. Michael's Hospital have discovered that taking American ginseng before a meal can reduce a person's blood sugar - which has significant implications for those with and without diabetes. More information at <http://exn.ca/html/templates/mastertop.cfm?ID=20000410-54>

April 12, 2000: Scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, together with engineers from Cybersonics, Inc., Erie, Penn., have developed a small, lightweight ultrasonic device that can drill and core very hard rocks and also has possible medical applications, including extracting pacemaker leads, and the drilling necessary during surgical or diagnostic procedures involving the human skeletal structure. Images of the drill may be seen at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/pictures/tech/drill.html>

April 13, 2000: Designed to work like nicotine patches, the "Transdermal Nutrient Delivery System" would deliver nutrients, vitamins and even a chemical to make the wearers think their stomachs are full, even though they hadn't eaten a bite. More information at <http://www.lycos.com/health/flash/nutritionpatch.html?v=nv2k202URLpv=1>

April 20, 2000: Surprise images from inside a 66 million-year-old dinosaur show it had the heart of a warm-blooded animal, adding to evidence that dinosaurs were not slow and plodding but quick and hungry... (CNN, more at <http://cnn.com/2000/NATURE/04/20/science.dinosaur.reut/index.html>)

April 25, 2000: Clinical Micro Sensors Monday announced the results of a research study showing its technology, called the eSensor biochip, could allow doctors to quickly and accurately diagnose or help tailor medications to patients according to their genetic make-up. More at <http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,35861,00.html>

April 25, 2000: Call It the Gene Rush — Patent Stakes Run High. More at <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2000/04/25/MN70270.DTL>

April 28, 2000: Gene therapy is used for the first time to treat two human children with a rare genetic disorder. More at <http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,35973,00.html>

May 17, 2000: Sue, one of the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex specimens ever assembled, is now on display at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, IL More information at <http://www.fnmh.org/> and <http://www.fnmh.org/sue/> (there's also a live web cam, requires QuickTime)

May 23, 2000: A Rockville company and a team of publicly funded scientists are expected to make separate and competing announcements that each has largely completed the task of identifying and placing in order almost all of the approximately 3 billion bits of genetic code that tell a human body how to live and when to die. The entire article is available online from the Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A36634-2000May19.html>

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

April 10, 2000: Kelly Mangum reports on his vacation to Canyonlands Natl. Park and Arches Natl. Park in southeast Utah. There is a website for Moab/Southeast Utah at www.moab-utah.com

April 22, 2000: Evidence is accumulating that environmental pollutants may be damaging to human intelligence. Causes include poisons such as lead, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), and radiation. More at http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_722000/722907.stm

May 9, 2000: News on vanishing primate populations. <http://cnn.com/2000/NATURE/05/09/primatesonthebrink.ap/index.html>

May 11, 2000: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Botswana have asked to be able to resume the ivory trade. The proposals were to be considered by the 150 member nations at the eleventh

meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) April 10-20 in Nairobi, Kenya. More at <http://www.ecomart.com/ecology/articles/articles.asp?page=10>

May 12, 2000: More on the endangered primate species of the world, <http://www.abcnews.go.com/sections/science/DailyNews/apeconference000512.htm>

Environmental Science Fact for the Month (submitted by Dee Okolotowicz) THE AMAZONIAN RAINFOREST - Once a vast sea of tropical forest, the Amazon rainforest today can be compared to a moth-eaten carpet, the dense green pocked and scarred by roads, farms, ranches and dams. The Amazon Basin encompasses areas of Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia and the eastern Andean region of Ecuador and Peru, covering 484 million hectares. Almost all of South America's rainforests are found in the Amazon. Brazil is gifted with a full third of the world's rainforests. It is also one of the world's great rainforest destroyers, burning or felling 2,7 million acres each year. The Amazon Basin formed in the Paleozoic period, somewhere between 500 and 200 million years ago. The extreme age of the region in geologic terms has much to do with the relative infertility of the rainforest soil and the richness and unique diversity of the plant and animal life. There are more fertile areas in the Amazon River's flood plain, where the river deposits richer soil brought from the Andes, which only formed 20 million years ago.

METEOROLOGY

On April 1, 2000, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration celebrated the 40th anniversary of the launch of the world's first weather satellite. More at <http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/40th.html>

TECHNOLOGY

A report on Nanotechnology, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/NSTC/html/iwgn/IWGN.Public.Brochure/welcome.htm> (submitted May 6, 2000)

May 10, 2000: Survey says Net reduces isolation - NEW YORK (AP) - Far from encouraging social isolation, the Internet enhances communications with friends and families, according to a study released Wednesday. The study also indicates that women benefit more from Internet usage than men. More at <http://www.usatoday.com/life/cyber/tech/cth882.htm>



WESTERN CONFERENCE

October 19-22, 2000

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The 2000 Western Conference of Starfleet International is being sponsored by Regions 4, 5, and 17, and will be held at the Nevada Landing Hotel and Casino in Jean, Nevada. If you plan to attend, please check out the following information. We expect a large turnout, so please be sure to make your arrangements as soon as possible. This is sure to be a fun time for all, and one not to be missed.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Nevada Landing Hotel & Casino
2 Goodsprings Road
Jean, Nevada 89019

Phone: (702) 387-5000 or 1-800-628-6682

Located on I-15, just 12 miles North of the California border, or 30 miles South of Las Vegas.

- 300 Rooms and Jacuzzi Suites
- Heated Pool and Jacuzzi Available for Guests
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- Four Restaurants, Video Arcade, and Gift Shop
- Two Lounges with Live Music
- 24Hour Casino Action

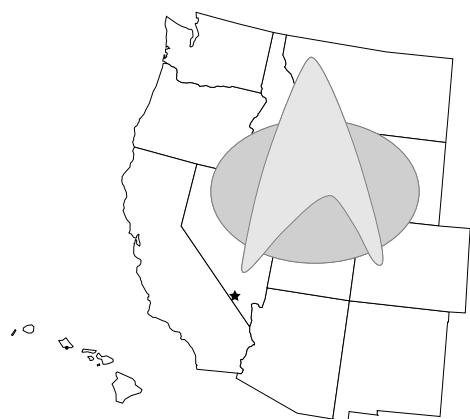
Daily Room Rates:

- Wednesday, Thursday, & Sunday \$18.00 + Tax
- Friday \$39.00 + Tax
- Saturday \$44.00 + Tax

To Activate Special Rates:
Mention Group Code "XS Trek"



CONFERENCE INFORMATION



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**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2000**

CONFERENCE PRICES:

- \$30 Conference/Awards Banquet (Until April 15th)
- \$35 Conference/Awards Banquet (Until September 3rd)
- \$40 Conference/Awards Banquet (After September 4th)
- \$20 Banquet Only (All Times)
- \$20 Conference Only (All Times)
- \$25 Kids Registration (All Times)

*All Banquet Requests MUST be Pre-Registered!

Specific conference events are being planned, but some of the highlights include a trip to Las Vegas to The Star Trek Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton on Friday and Sunday, as well as an awards banquet and regional conferences. We are in the process of setting up a website (<http://www.region4.org/wc2000/>) that will feature updated information as soon as it becomes available.

Please remember to bring an item
or two for the raffle!



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Make Checks Payable to: Richard Benker

Please Complete & Send To:

Richard Benker
433 A. North Lamb
Las Vegas, NV 89110

Phone: (702) 437-6585
e-mail: r4con2000@aol.com

*If you have a preference as to who you would like to be seated with at the banquet, please list their name(s) on the back of this registration form.

NAME:				DATE:	
MAILING ADDRESS:					
CITY:		STATE:		ZIP CODE:	
CHAPTER NAME:		NCC#			
RANK:		POSITION:		SCC#	
REGION (WHERE YOUR CHAPTER IS LOCATED):					
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:					
QTY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL	When would you like to attend the Star Trek Experience? <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> None	
	CONFERENCE & AWARD BANQUET*			When (approx) would you be arriving? _____ Do you need transportation to/from hotel? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	CONFERENCE ONLY				
	BANQUET ONLY*				
	KIDS REGISTRATION (12 AND UNDER)			What method are you using to get to the conference?	
TOTAL:					



VICE ADMIRAL CHRIS "TIGGER" WALLACE AND COLOBEL KIMBERLY "KIMI" BROOKS.
(Photo by Scott A. Akers)



LIEUTENANT GENERAL LES RICKARD AND SECOND LIEUTENANT DEIDRE SMITH.
(Photo by Scott A. Akers)



"WOULD YOU BUY A USED CAR FROM THESE GUYS?"
(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) COLONEL DAVID JAMES, BRIGADIER GENERAL BRIAN DAVIS,
FLEET ADMIRAL MICHAEL D. SMITH, MAJOR GARY "TINY" HOLLIIFIED.
(Photo by Scott A. Akers)



CAPTAIN JOAN PIERCE'S COMMUNICATIONS PANEL WAS WELL-ATTENDED.
(Photo by Joan E. Pierce)



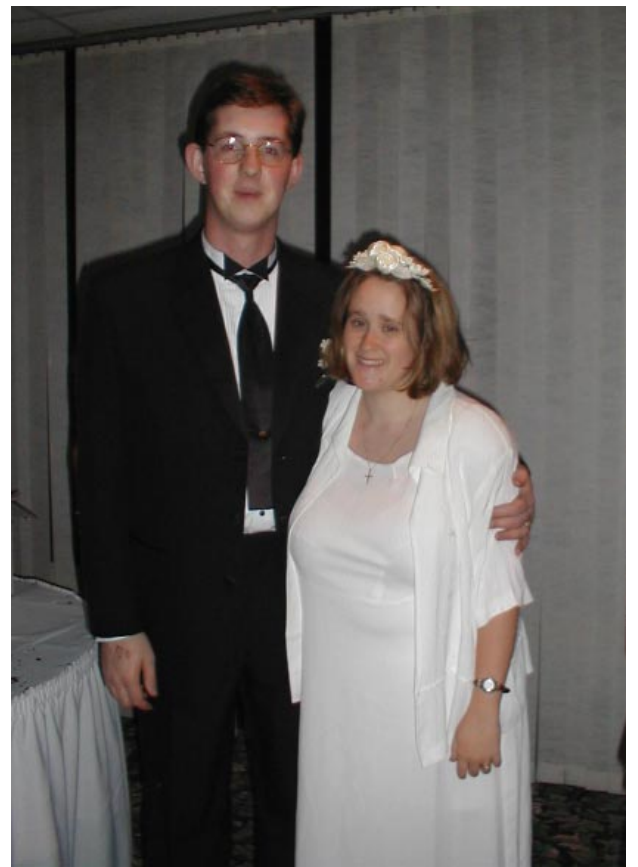
THE REGION ONE "GOLD" REPORTING TEAM FOR 1999
(Photo by Mary Kane)



MISTER AND MISSES RAGSDALE
(Photo by Mary Kane)



"THE GODDESS OF SUMMIT"
(Linda Oakley • Picture by Mary Kane)



MISTER AND MISSES BAILLIE
(Photo by Mary Kane)



DELENN AND KOSH PAY REGION ONE A VISIT
(IC2K Chair Cindi DiMagio and her husband,
(Photo by Mary Kane)



FLEET CAPTAIN BEN REDDING, COMMANDING BENNU
STATION AND MASTER OF CEREMONIES
(Photo by Mary Kane)



VICE ADMIRAL CAROLYN DONNER, REGION ONE COOR-
DINATOR and FLEET CAPTAIN GARY "THE GORN"
DONNER, CHIEF ENGINEER, USS JURRASIC
(Photo by Mary Kane)

STILL MORE REGION ONE SUMMIT PICTURES



STARFLEET WANTS YOU!

(Photo by Scott A. Akers)



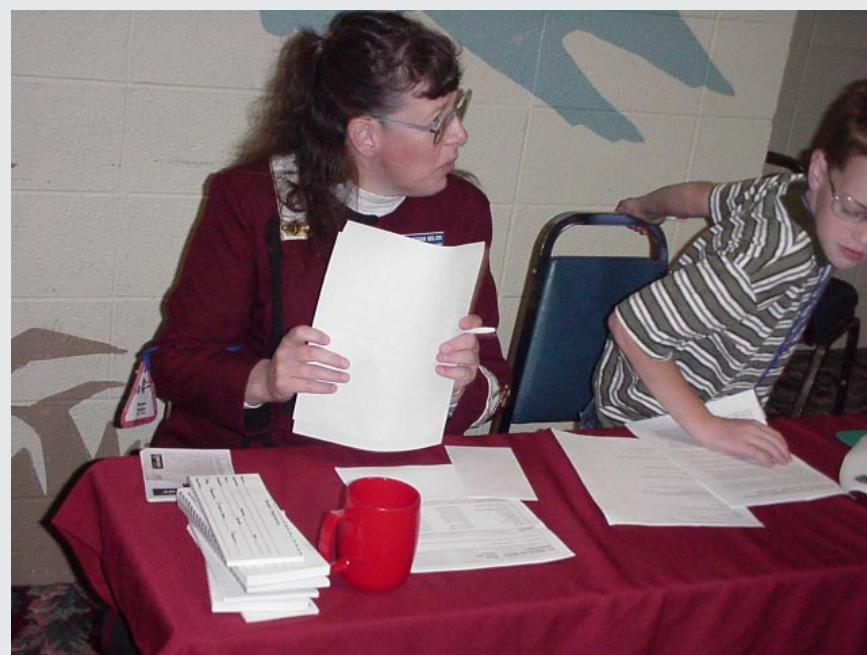
Commodore Mark H. Anbinder, Chief of STARFLEET Computer Operations

(Photo by Scott A. Akers)



Richard Hewitt (foreground) and Blair Learn (right)

(Photo by Scott A. Akers)



Susan Bolick Assists With Registration

(Photo by Scott A. Akers)



◀ The Bennu Station
and Region One
Summit Posters
(Photo by Richard
Hewitt)

Fleet Admiral Mikey ▶
after biting into a
jalapeño.
(Photo by Richard
Hewitt)





The Baillie Wedding Party
(Photo by Scott A. Akers)



George Farmer (top) and Marlon Ragsdale (bottom)
receive their Flag Promotions from Region One
Coordinator Carolyn Donner.
(Photos by Scott A. Akers)



THE PROPOSED REGION ONE SUMMIT LOGO

Artwork by:
David Pipgras, Chris Wallace,
Kurt Roithinger

The "6" denotes the sixth time the event has been held in Gatlingburg, TN. The bridge was put in by request (with apologies to Starfleet Command in San Francisco). The logo of the USS Bennu is above.

If you like what you see here, please e-mail us a line at:
team@ssnexus.org



The Crew of the USS Reprisal • NCC-1896
(Photo by Mary Kane)



STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY/JUNE 2000

COMPILED BY VICE ADMIRAL ALLYSON M. W. DYAR

2000.05.31: Captain Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., Director, STARFLEET Academy College of Medicine, (kevknng@yournet.com), wishes that each individual Regional Awards Director or RC of a region with an awards department contact me concerning a project he is doing for SFA. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).

2000.05.30: Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications, announces an update for Communiqué Deadlines: CQ 100: AUG/SEP 2000, Deadline for Submissions - July 25th, 2000 * CQ 101: OCT/NOV 2000, Deadline for Submissions - September 25th, 2000 * CQ 102: DEC 2000/JAN 2001, Deadline for Submissions - November 25th, 2000.

2000.05.29: BGR Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announces that to circumstances beyond control, our new Senior VFDC-Counselors is taking an extended leave of absence. Because of this, the Chaplains/Counselors department of STARFLEET is taking applications for an Acting Senior VFDC-Counselors. The requirements for the position are: (1) Member of STARFLEET in good standing; (2) Either a currently serving Counselor, or a former one (3) OTS graduate. If you meet the above and are interested, please email him *privately* at stoncold@wk.net with a real world resume and a fandom one. Fandom resume must include contact information for your CO.

2000.05.28: VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces that SACOM Director Wayne Killough, Jr., and the Starfleet Academy College of Medicine are moving to: 321 N. Main Street, Harrison, AR 72687. New e-mail: (kevknng@yournet.com). STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).

2000.05.27: Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications, announces the Commander, STARFLEET Nomination Guidelines. These guidelines are available in several formats: text, html, or rtf at: (<http://www.sfi.org/comm/comlink.html>). Each Chapter CO and RC should read them carefully. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

2000.05.27: VAdm Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy, (academy@sfi.org), announces that the Starfleet Academy Canadian Campus has added the Ships Counselors College (SCC) to the Curriculum. Those who would like to apply to SCC-Canada should contact Donna Jean at: Donna Jean Noddin, P.O. Box 4501 STN - A, Nanimo, BC Canada V9R - 5J9. Since this falls within the SFA Canadian Campus, please make checks and money orders payable to: "Donna Jean Noddin." Payments should be drawn on Canadian Funds. Starfleet Vouchers and Starfleet Academy Vouchers are welcome and encouraged! STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).

2000.05.26: Fleet Captain Dustin Williams, Director, Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC), (Syn147@cs.com), announces that the FDC Web Page is up and running: ([HTTP://syn147.freesevers.com/](http://syn147.freesevers.com/)).

2000.05.24: LT. Rick Driver, Director, FDC Science, (fdc@starfleetscience.org), announces an update to the FDC Sciences Web Page: (<http://www.starfleetscience.org/index.html>).

2000.05.22: Fleet Captain Jeff Higdon, Editor & Compiler, Official STARFLEET History, (captshiloh@hotmail.com), has produced, with the permission of the Historian, LGen Scott Akers, a STARFLEET History Web site: (<http://www.interplanetary.net/blackhawk/sfihis1.htm>).

2000.05.16: Admiral David E. Ryan, IC 2000 Computer Operations Chair,

(ic2000compops@hotmail.com), has the following announcements. The IC2000 website is (<http://www.sfi.org/ic2000>) there is *no* other website. The IC2000 Has two List serves available to NON-Committee members. ic2k_announce — to Subscribe: (ic2k_announce-subscribe@egroups.com) and ic2k_rap — to Subscribe: (ic2k_rap-subscribe@egroups.com).

2000.05.15: Commodore Ed Nowlin, Director of the Office of Web Consultants, (owc@sfi.org), announces that if you interested in a Vanity URL, thus far they are only being issued to chapters in good standing (Gives you shuttles more of an incentive to get those 10 people and commission) and the URL must be in the following format: ussyourship.sfi.org or uss-your-ship.sfi.org or yourship.sfi.org or ncc12345.sfi.org. He also needs the link to which the URL is to be connected to, and the person making the request *must* either be the chapter CO or the chapter Webmaster. Also keep a look out for a Memory Alpha update within the next week, as well as an announcement regarding this years annual STARFLEET Web Awards!

2000.05.14: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), announces the appointment of Commodore Mark Anbinder as STARFLEET's newest Chief of Computer Operations and can be reached at either (compops@sfi.org) or (mha@ussaccord.org). Mark has served STARFLEET in the CompOps Department for some time now, most recently as Vice Chief/Administration. Greg Trotter will continue in his role as Vice Chief/Network Infrastructure, continuing to provide the high level of technical expert and Teri will return to her position as Vice Chief of Membership Processing.

2000.05.11: Fleet Captain Dustin Williams, Director, Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC), (Syn147@cs.com), announces the appointment of Matt Black, (mattblack@email.com), as Director of Special Services, a department that ranges from fundrasing to keeping you officers cool.

2000.05.10: Fleet Captain Dustin Williams, Director, Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC), (Syn147@cs.com), announces that he is taking applications for FDC Security. Please send a fleet resume as well as real life resume to (FDCP@sfi.org). If you have applied for a previous open position, please e-mail him. Communications is still open. More openings coming soon.

2000.05.10: Major Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, SFMC, (Trek4evr@aol.com), FDC Operations, is building a staff: Deputy Fleet Division Chief, Ops, Senior Vice Fleet Division Chief (SVFDC), and Vice Fleet Division Chief (VFDC). For criteria, please reference the full text of this message.

2000.05.08: Lt General Scott Akers, STARFLEET Historian, (chunone@nwlink.com), asks if anyone have a copy of CQ #66 they would either part with or copy for the Office of Fleet Historian... if so, contact Scott directly.

2000.05.07: Fleet Captain Dustin Williams, Director, Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC), (Syn147@cs.com), announces the resignation of Dave Klingman and the appointment of Rick Driver (rtdriver@erols.com) as the FDC Sciences Director.

2000.05.06: FCapt. Richard Heim, RDC Sciences, Region One, (AlaricRH@sprynet.com), announces that Region One Sciences Soliciting Applications for New Science Newsletter Editor Position and you need not be a member of R/1 to apply. For a list of duties, qualifications and how to apply, please reference the message. Applications are due by 31 July, 2000.

2000.05.04: Captain Warren Price, (wormmy@aeneas.net), announces that the Region 1 Fall Conference/Convention will be held in Jackson Tennessee, October 20, 21, 22, 2000. The conference is being held in conjunction with a Sci-Fi Convention.

Our Special Guest for the weekend will be Eugene Roddenberry Jr. and Dragon Dronet. Eugene Roddenberry is the son of Gene and Majel Barret Roddenberry of Star Trek fame and is a technical advisor for "Gene Roddenberry's Earth: Final Conflict". Dragon Dronet is a Special Effects, Props Master, Stunt Man for Star Trek, Babylon 5, etc. For more information on all the Guests and the festivities, Please visit the web site at: (<http://home.aeneas.net/~wormmy/r1y2k.htm>).

2000.05.03: Fleet Captain Dustin Williams, Director, Fleet Division Chiefs (FDC), (Syn147@cs.com), announces the appointment of Major Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, SFMC, (Trek4evr@aol.com), to the position of FDC Operations and Charles Via, (ncvia@esper.com), as the Director of FDC Medical. Communications and Special Operations are still open at this time. Please send a Real/Life and Fleet resume and note which position you are applying for if interested. All resumes must be in standard .txt format. If you have any questions or are sending electronically, please send them to (FDCP@sfi.org).

2000.05.03: Captain Dave "Maverick" Blaser, Region 13 Chief of Communications, (blaser@netcom.ca), reminds everyone that the Region 13 Summit is in June. Visit (<http://www.region13.org/summit/>) for more information and details.

2000.04.22: David E. Klingman, (mirodon@carolina.rr.com), Fleet Department Chief of Science announces that he has opened voting on the Leonardo Davinci Award which recognizes those individuals who have made a significant contribution to Science in Starfleet. Voting ends midnight August 20 (US EST). In order to be eligible to vote: - you must be a member of Starfleet-Science@egroups.com; - you can be ANY department or none or not even in Starfleet. In order to be eligible to receive an award: - you must have made a contribution to the electronic list; - you must be a member of Starfleet: The International Star Trek Fan Association; - you can be in any department. You may submit UP TO THREE INDIVIDUALS you feel are deserving and may change your votes as often as you like. Send votes to (davinci@carolina.rr.com).

2000.04.20: FCapt. Michael Dugas, Keeper of the Fleet Online Directory, (glithndr@whitestar.org), announces that it's time once again to update the Fleet Online Directory. It's a web page where we try to list the e-mail addresses and IRC Nicknames of Starfleet members. You can access it at: (<http://www.sfi.org/directory/>). Starting next month, he'll add a section for Fleet ICQ #'s and Fleet Star Trek Communicator #'s...Send: Your Name, Your E-Mail Address, and Your ICQ Nickname & Number, and / or Your Communicator Nickname & Number to (directory@sfi.org).

2000.04.19: Commodore Carol Thompson, (betazoid@mosquitonet.com), announces that the Vessel Readiness Certification Program website has added a Diplomatic Corps department and moved the KWA requirement into that certification, along with another pending School. The EDREC (Education-Recreation) department is currently a catch-all for Academy courses that don't fit into another department. Departments will be added as ships apply for them. Web site: (<http://www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/vrcp.htm>). STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).

2000.04.19: Fleet Captain Mike Wilkerson, USS Atlas, (CPTMIKE@epctech.com), announces Summit in Region 12 pictures featuring pics of the Fleet Admiral, to images from the Talent Show, to luxurious views of the area visited, to pictures of friends from around the Fleet, it's all there. Point your browsers to: (<http://summit.ussatlas.org/>).

2000.04.17: Fleet Captain Kurt E. Pfeiffer, Region 12 Vice Chief of Communications, (co@usscydonia.org), announces updates to the R/12 web site: winners of the R12 awards (not all of them are up yet, but most are) and the Bortas and Tiospaye are updated to reflect their USS status. Also included in this update are changes in some chapter info and ranks of Region officers. He also added an R/12 summit photo page. Region 12 Web Page: (<http://www.region12.org>).

2000.04.17: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), reminds everyone that STARFLEET policy states that use of listservs/ mailing list is considered unofficial, and that no punitive actions can be taken by STARFLEET (nor requested be taken by STARFLEET (in its entirety) against anyone for any conduct related to the use of said listservs/ mailing lists. This policy has been stated many times on various listservs. No punitive actions can be taken by STARFLEET (in its entirety), nor can any actions be demanded of STARFLEET (in its entirety) for any transgressions (real or imagined) that take place on any listserv/ mailing list. This policy has also been stated many times on various listservs. No one is saying that any one group/ unit cannot consider thier listserv "official." However, STARFLEET does not consider it official. The only lists that STARFLEET (in its entirety) considers official are the EC/ AB ListServ, the Admiralty Board voting listserv, and the Executive Committee ListServ.

2000.04.15: Peg Pellerin, SFA Dean of the Institute of Leadership, (pilgrim@ctel.net), reminds Canadian SFI members who haven't had the opportunity to take OTS, yet, which, as stated below, is a prerequisite for OCC, there is also a Canadian office. You may contact Manon Lessard-Belanger, Canadian OTS Director at (lessard-

belanger.manon@hydro.qc.ca) or write to her at 542 Regaudie, Rouyn-NOranda, Quebec, Canada J9X 3W6. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).

2000.04.15: Commodore Carol Thompson, (betazoid@mosquitonet.com), announces that a new academy program available for downloading. Unlike a regular Academy course, it requires no tuition beyond postage, has no manuals, and has no separate written exam. The Vessel Readiness Certification Program gathers all the diplomas on a ship and sorts them into departments. Each Department receives a Readiness Certification. When all departments on a Vessel are certified, the Vessel receives a Vessel Readiness Certificate, which means that it is deemed spaceworthy. Until a link is put onto the Academy page, please point your browsers to the following link and print out the vrcp webpage and the forms hyperlinked at the bottom of the page. (<http://www.mosquitonet.com/~betazoid/vrcp.htm>). STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).

2000.04.14: Vice Admiral Allyson M.W. Dyar, (comm@sfi.org), Chief of Communications announces that due to the pending closure of her old halcyon.com account, the sfi.org back up pages are now located at: (<http://www.ssnexus.org/starfleet/>). If you have a link that points to the backup pages (and please specify that this is a link to the back up pages), please use the above url *not* halcyon which will cease to exist come 30 April 2000. Please note that the backup pages are just the html pages that the 'fleet webmaster is responsible for and not all documents and related html pages are on the back up site.

2000.04.12: IC2000 Update — STARFLEET IC2000 SEPT 1-3 2000, (<http://www.sfi.org/ic2000>). There are only 3 weeks left to get in on the savings for your trip to IC2000. On May 2nd the Registration Price for the IC goes up to \$30! Get registered and save \$5 now and \$10 less than the at the door price! And don't forget to register for the banquet. Merchandize available: t-shirts, earrings, and mousepads. Advertising rates: (Please have your ad for the Program Guide in by June 15th for assured inclusion in the Guide). They are giving a special STARFLEET ONLY price to StarFleet Regions / Chapters / Members. \$15 for Business Size, \$25 for 1/4 page, \$45 for 1/2, and \$75 for a full page. New this year: STARFLEET BOOSTER CLUB: Your special message in the IC2000 Program Guide. Text only. 2 lines. \$5 for a booster. THE STARFLEET IC REMEMBRANCE WALL: To remember fellow Starfleeters, friends & relations who have boldly gone on before us. \$2 per name. The Names Of All The Remembered to be placed together in a visible area at the IC. ALL Proceeds from the Remembrance Wall go DIRECTLY to our Charity. Check, Cash or Money Order Only For Boosters or Remembrance Wall Please. Online Registration at: (<http://www.sfi.org/ic2000/>). Snail Mail Registration at: IC2000 C/o Richard Nacaula, 32 Macy Ave., Brockton, MA 02302-3612. Please make Checks or Money Orders payable to "IC2000". They also take Mastercard, Visa & Discover.

2000.04.12: Captain Dave "Maverick" Blaser, Director, OCC Canada, (blaser@netcom.ca), has an announcement for all Canadian SFI members. Starfleet Academy has a presence in Canada. The Officer's Command College is open for Canadian Students here in Canada. The prerequisite of the Officer's Training School is obviously in effect. So, if you've got your OTS, and need to take your OCC, and are a Canadian member of SFI, you can send in for your OCC! Here's the info: Cost: \$4 if taken through mail; \$2 if E-Mailed to you (for the certificate and mailing of certificate). Requirements: A *photocopy* of your OTS Certificate before the OCC exam is graded, and Certificate is mailed. Send those to: OCC Canada, C/O: Dave Blaser, 74072-260 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 5L1. STARFLEET Academy Web Site: (<http://www.sfi-sfa.com>).

2000.04.12: update — Commodore Wendy Fillmore, Region 4 DinkyCon Press officer - (kitten@gv2.com), announces that anyone wanting a room for the Western Conference can do so starting 08 April. Just ensure that you use the "XS TREK code." Also, the price goes up after 15 April. Don't forget you can use your credit card via the Web Page. (<http://www.lightlink.com/mha/wc/wc2kreg.html>). Western Conference web site: (<http://129.8.153.49/ic2002/>).

2000.04.11: David E. Klingman, (mirodon@carolina.rr.com), Fleet Department Chief of Science announces an update to the science web page: (<http://science.sfi.org>).

2000.04.10: Captain Gary M. Ensey Jr, Region Seven Conference Chairman, (cos@region7.com), announces that the 2000 STARFLEET Region Seven Conference web page has been completed. You can find all the price information along with an on-line registration, a printable form, hotel details, a tentative schedule of events, banquet menu and other important information. There is also a section on the Triton's Trek Olympics where you can vote for you favorite games and suggest new ones. Web Page: (<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Comet/6029/index.html>).

2000.04.09: David E. Klingman, (mirodon@carolina.rr.com), Fleet Department Chief of Science announces that he is asking folks from the chapters who have fiction on the archive to send him information on any new aliens they may have encountered or thought up. What he needs is: - name, - what quadrant (alpha, beta, gamma, delta, or other which would include energy beings and such), - a short paragraph

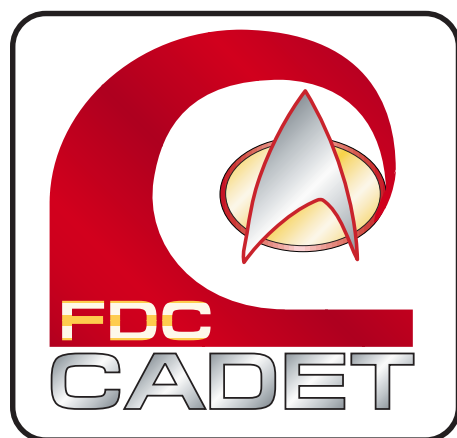
about them (physical attributes, technology, etc.). He doesn't need to know what era they are from.

2000.04.07: LGN Les Rickard, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announces the commissioning of the USS SAGA NCC-71202.

2000.04.05: Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, (cs@sfi.org), provides an update to 'fleet's financial status: Beginning balance on Jan 1st—\$4988.32 and 4) Ending Balance on March 31st—\$5398.56. The scholarship fund current has \$1500.

2000.04.04: Col. Dennis Rayburn, FDC-Chaplains/Counselors, STARFLEET, (stoncold@wk.net) announces that the Chaplains/Counselors department is al-

ways looking for Counselors and Chaplains who for whatever reason has not been in touch with us, especially now as we are in the process of filling some vacancies in various positions all over the fleet. To be a part of the department, you either have to be an active Chaplain or Counselor, a past one, or interested in being one in the future. Their purpose is to be a support arm for those who hold the Chaplain or Counselor office on our ships. To further this, they have a listserv on egroups.com and hopefully will soon have a channel on Fleetchat. If you are interested, contact him privately at (stoncold@wk.net), or either of his Senior VFDCs, Kimi Brooks at (kimi@mindspring.com) or Susan Fox-Davis at (selene@earthlink.com).



FLEET DIVISION CHIEF CADETS

Colonel Dallas Vinson • Fleet Division Chief, Cadets

I think it's about time that I finally send in this article to try and dispel some of the misconceptions that seem to be running rampant around 'Fleet regarding my FDC Cadet Program.

First of all, let me state this right up front, The FDC Program is NOT here to tell you how to run your chapters. This goes for ALL of the FDC Programs, not just Cadets. We are here to Help and advise the corresponding departments on the ships, and that is all. I know that there are some members of fleet who are feeling threatened by our programs. There is no reason for this. There are also those that feel the FDC Program is a duplication of efforts, doing the same thing that the RDC programs do. Well, this may be so, but not all regions HAVE an RDC program. Plus, while the RDC's work within the regions, the FDC's work within STARFLEET as a whole. The main purpose of the FDC program is as a clearinghouse of information for the entire fleet. This is information that we receive from you, the chapters.

<Ok, please excuse me, but I must climb up on my soapbox for a moment>

I have heard a LOT of people complaining about policies that are being set by the FDC's and being forced upon the chapters. To take for example, the Cadet Age issue. I am well aware that this is a very explosive issue, but one that we HAVE to stop skirting. People are complaining that I have unilaterally decided to lock down a set age for cadets in fleet. First of all, this age cutoff is for use within the FDC Cadet program. NOBODY is holding a phaser to anyone's head and forcing them to participate in the program. Plus

I have NEVER said that this is a hard and unmovable wall. Ships will still be able to set their own cadet specs based on what works best for them. But for the Annual Cadet Awards that I was asked to create, there HAS to be a uniform set of age guidelines.

I have been asking people to send me information about any/all cadet programs that are already operating on the chapter level, and have gotten little to no response. This has been going on for over a year now. So if you don't send in your suggestions and ideas, then you have no room to complain when decisions are made. Just like you have no room to complain about an administration if you do not vote and let your voice be heard.

I am aware of the fact that there are some cadets that are more mature than some adults, heck; my chief Science Officer on the Draco is a Cadet. Nothing gives me more pleasure than to give cadets a position of authority and responsibility if they show they can handle it. And I think one of the best examples of this would be Fcapt Dustin Williams. He was Chief of Security for the USS Wernher von Braun while still a cadet and did a better job at it than the adult who previously held the position. So I am in NO WAY saying that cadets can't be department heads as some people have suggested.

<Climbing off soapbox>

ANYONE who would like to join the discussion of the FDC Cadet program is welcome to join our listserv over on onelist. It is an open list. There are also copies of all of the PROPOSED

documents available on the lists home page. Remember folks, these documents are PROPOSALS, NOTHING has been set in stone.

ANY chapters that have Cadet departments PLEASE send me information about how your departments are run. It's extremely difficult to run an information source when nobody sends you any information.

I apologize for the rant, and for any feathers that got ruffled. But like the saying goes, "you can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs." And the FDC Programs are here to help you make the best 'omelet' you possibly can.

I am probably the most contactable person in the fleet as I can be contacted via any of the following means:

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TOLL Free Voice Mail: 1-877-266-5929
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So as you can see, there is absolutely NO reason why people cannot get in touch with me.

SHIP COUNSELOR COLLEGE SEEKING COURSES

**Rear Admiral Helen M. Pawlowski •
Ship Counselor College Dean**

The Ship Counselor College at present is offering seven (7) courses: Alzheimer's, Anger, Diplomacy, Grief, Jealousy, Listening, and Stress.

At this time I'm preparing to do the research for a course on Depression.

I need some input from the Membership in reference to what other topics you feel would be of benefit to a Ship's Counselor (no Psychology or Psychiatry, Please!)

I went through over 25 books, thinking of doing a study of Ethics, but it turned out to be a philosophical riddle, changing with cultures, moral attitudes and author. Don't look for a course in Ethics from me! Just follow the Prime Directive if anyone asks.

One person suggested "Aging", another "Tolerance". I need ideas - got any??

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FUTURE COMMUNIQUE DEADLINES

CQ 100: AUG/SEP 2000

**Deadline for Submissions:
July 25th, 2000**

CQ 101: OCT/NOV 2000

**Deadline for Submissions:
Sept. 25th, 2000**

CQ 102: DEC 2000/JAN 2001

**Deadline for Submissions:
Nov. 25th, 2000**



FLEET DIVISION CHIEF SCIENCES

Lieutenant Rick Driver • Fleet Division Chief - Sciences

Greetings fellow members. My name is Rick Driver and I have just returned to the position of FDC Science. My job as FDC Science is to facilitate better communications between the regions, local chapters, and individual members of STARFLEET. Another goal of mine is to generate more interest in Science education and Science fun.

Let me tell you a few things about the FDC Science program. First off, no one is required to report to me. You report to your local chapter and your region as required by your bylaws. FDC Science is not part of your chain of command. FDC Science is an information resource.

If you hold a science fair, host a science related away mission, run a science program or anything along those lines, I do encourage you to write an article describing what you are doing and send it to me. Then I can post it on the FDC Science web site and include it in a printed Fleet Science Newsletter, which I will be putting out periodically. Reading about what you and your fellow STARFLEET members are doing will encourage others to participate in your programs and events, or to start their own.

I encourage everyone who is interested in science to get involved. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me. This program can only thrive with your participation. Some of the things going on in FDC Science are:

I have invited a scientist from the Space Telescope Science Institute to host a science chat in STARFLEET's Internet chat and she thinks it's a great idea. As soon as we can work out a time and date, I will let everyone know. (If you can't get online for the live chat, don't worry. I will be publishing a transcript of the event in the CQ)

I am in contact with STARFLEET Academy and the FDC Cadet to enable us to mutually support each other's programs.

We have a new STARFLEET Science brochure available for download at

the STARFLEET Sciences Website.

We have a new FDC Science web site with: over 100 links to science related resources on the Internet, a listing of science shows on TV, a recommended reading list, reminders of upcoming NASA missions, articles from fellow members describing their science endeavors. We also have an entire section of ongoing scientific programs that you can participate in.

FDC Science is constantly searching for projects of a scientific or technological nature that might be of interest to STARFLEET members. These are projects that amateurs can get involved in. Most of these projects allow you to contribute to real, ongoing research programs while you learn about the science involved in the project.

Please check out the following projects:

SETI@home is a scientific experiment that harnesses the power of hundreds of thousands of Internet-connected computers in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). You can participate by running a FREE program that downloads and analyzes radio telescope data. There's a small but captivating possibility that your computer will detect the faint murmur of a civilization beyond Earth. Be sure to join the STARFLEET International SETI@home Team. The STARFLEET International team currently has over 260 members.

Save Our Streams (SOS) is best known for its biological stream monitoring method, the program has grown to address stream corridor restoration and wetland stewardship. In 1994, SOS started the Stream Doctor(tm) Project to provide citizens with the necessary tools to diagnose stream health, write a prescription for recovery and institute long-term care for the watershed. Started in 1996, the Wetlands Conservation and Sustainability Initiative teaches citizens wetland ecology, function and values, and gives them the tools to participate in wetlands conservation activities such as monitoring.

Thursday's Classroom. The aim of Thursday's Classroom is to provide a lasting connection between NASA's latest research and the classroom environment. We hope you'll become a regular weekly customer by subscribing to our Express News email service! If you're looking for an old episode or a schedule of upcoming lessons, please visit our archive. — Dr. Tony Phillips, Production Editor

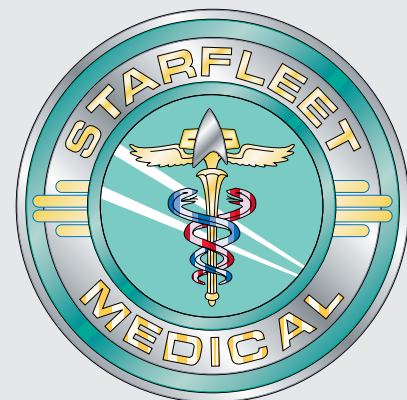
Radio Jove. Jupiter is a source of powerful radio bursts that can produce exotic sounds on ham radio receivers. NASA scientists are helping students tune in to the giant planet as part of an innovative educational program called Radio JOVE.

Project STARSHINE teaches you how to predict when satellites will pass overhead and how to visually track them. Thousands of adults and students around the world report their observations on the STARSHINE web site. The project started when the highly reflective STARSHINE satellite was launched into orbit in June 1999. Now the program has expanded to include tracking and observation of the International Space Station and the Russian MIR Station. Both MIR and the ISS are large enough to be easily visible with the naked eye. The program is FREE. You sign up for the program and report your observations on the web site. All the information you need can be found on the Project STARSHINE web site.

The FDC Science web site is located at:
<http://www.starfleetscience.org/>

If you would like to receive printed material from the FDC Science program (articles, descriptions of science projects, a recommended reading list, etc), please contact me and I will be happy to provide them.

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FLEET DIVISION CHIEF - MEDICAL

**Lieutenant Commander Charles Via •
Fleet Division Chief - Medical**

Hello, my name is LCDR Charles Via. I am the new FDC of Medical. My plans are to start up a newsletter, start a one-list, and a home page. A little background info on me is as follows: I have been with fleet for six years. I currently assigned to the USS TRISTAR out of Knoxville, TN. I am there Safety Officer. I am also the RDC of Medical for Region 1. I am married with three stepchildren. I am currently employed by the State Forestry Division as a Fire Resources Coordinator for the Knoxville District. I am currently looking for the Medical RDCs of each region to contact me. I currently have Regions 1, 2, 11 and 17 signed up. If your region would like to participate have the RDC contact me at:

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USS BLACKHAWK CADET CHOSEN AS MISS JUNIOR WINNEBAGO COUNTY TEEN

Fleet Captain Jeffery Higdon • Commanding, USS Blackhawk



Rockford, IL - May 10, 2000 -

Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Randal Cook and Janie Wilson-Cook, 1622 Montague Street, Rockford, recently won the title of Miss Junior Winnebago County Teen and will be competing for the title of Miss Junior Illinois on May 14th at the Hyatt Regency in Oakbrook, IL. The winner of the state title will travel to New York, NY in July to compete for the national title of Miss Junior America.

Elizabeth is a freshmen in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Auburn High School. She is an honor roll student, an accomplished pianist and vocalist and an athlete on the

Auburn Volleyball and Softball teams. Elizabeth is active in The Martin Luther King Youth Unity Choir, the Baptist Youth Fellowship at Pilgrim Baptist Church and the Stateline Macintosh Users Group. Elizabeth also is a member of the USS Black Hawk, NCC-74683, out of Rockford, Illinois. Her rank is Cadet Ensign and she serves as a Cadet Science Officer.

Elizabeth is sponsored by eZone, Inc., Home of Refurb Madness, an internet-based reseller of refurbished computers. For more information, please call 815/968-1108 or refer to Elizabeth's web site at <http://www.interplanetary.net/elizabeth>.

The Miss Junior America Pageant has been in existence for 16 years and offers its contestants an experience of a lifetime with opportunities unlike any other pageant today. Many previous pageant winners, like Tiffany Amber-Theissen on "Beverly Hills 90210" among others have been discovered in the Miss Junior America pageant by well respected agents, managers, and casting directors who judge the competitions.

For more information on the Miss Junior America Pageant, please call 1-800-783-1115.



REGION 4 SUMMER CHALLENGE

Fleet Captain Pete V. Briggs • Commanding, USS Simonov

On 7 May 2000, eight Starfleet chapters converged on Vacaville, California, to compete in the annual Region 4 Summer Challenge. Formerly known at Starfleet WOOZ day, this has been an event in Region 4 since the USS Defiance (a former Starfleet vessel) used to run it back when Rob Lerman commanded her.

The WOOZ closed late 1998 and the event was made more general in nature to accommodate a wider variety of events. This event was hosted by the USS Simonov, the local Starfleet chapter. On this particular day, the

following Region 4 chapters from various cities had representation present:

Shuttle Augusta Ada (San Francisco), Shuttle Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz), Cascade Station (Redding), USS Eagle (Fremont), USS Onizuka (Chico), USS Peacekeeper (Fresno), USS Simonov (Fairfield), USS Tikopai (San Jose)

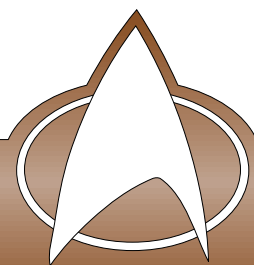
It was a truly incredible turnout despite various changes that occurred due to inclement weather. You see, it was planned as a miniature golf tournament, but a rainy weekend changed that. So

some last minute scrambling and hasty e-mails later, the event was moved from Scandia Family Fun Center in Cordelia to Zap City, a Lazer Tag arena in Vacaville.

Two lazer tag games were played, and the scores added, then divided by the number of participants from that vessel. Also, many video and arcade games were played, and a raffle held to raise funds for Region 4. We raised \$99 and it was decided to apply it towards the Western Regions Conference in October 2000 at the Nevada Landing.

The winner of the Region 4 Challenge was the USS Tikopai (score: 10,553.7) followed by the USS Onizuka (10,275), then the USS Eagle (10,150), Cascade Station (9,7500), USS Simonov (9,419.2), USS Peacekeeper (8,850), Shuttle Augusta Ada (8,600), and finally the Shuttle Santa Cruz (8,550).

As the winners, it is now up to the Tikopai crew to host next year's Summer Challenge. Some finished the day up with dinner at Applebees, a nice restaurant near Zap City. All in all, this was a great day for Region 4 and Starfleet.



UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

COMPILED BY CORPORAL CAPTAIN BLAIR LEARN

Jun 29-Jul 2 Dragon*Con 2000, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: P.O. Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/> Guests: Jason Alexander, Apollo Smile, Richard Biggs, David Allen Brooks, Terry Brooks, David Carradine, Jason Carter, Angela Cartwright, Tim Choate, Ann C. Crispin, Peter David, Alan Dean Foster, Richard Hatch, J.G. Hertzler, Andreas Katsulas, Walter Koenig, Dawn Marie, Chase Masterson, Rebecca Moesta, Bill Mumy, Jody Lynn Nye, Robert O'Reilly, David Prowse, Brinke Stevens

Jun 30-Jul 4 Costume College 2000, Van Nuys, California; Info: Post Office Box 3052, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670-3052 <http://www.costumecollege.org/> Guests: Jean Hunnisett

Jul 1-2 Slanted Fedora, Roswell, New Mexico; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/> Guests: Tim Russ, Stephen Furst

Jul 1-2 Creation Fangoria Weekend of Horrors, Chicago, Illinois; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Michael Williams, Kane Hodder, Chris Durand, Denice Duff, John Vulich, Tony Timpone

Jul 1-4 Conolulu, Honolulu, Hawaii; Info: 42 Aekai Place, Lahaina, HI 9676 <http://www.mauinet/~tropo/> Guests: Dan Simmons, Ctein, John Lorentz

Jul 7-9 Nexus 2000, Bristol, United Kingdom; Info: 280 Southmead Rd, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, England, BS10 5EN Ph: 0117-983-9603 <http://www.cosham.demon.co.uk/> Guests: Walter Koenig, Nicholas Courtney, Danny John Jules, Richard Arnold, John Freeman, Dr Phil Atcliffe

Jul 7-9 New Pacificon 2000, Los Angeles, California; Info: Attn: NP2000,

PO Box 1206, Taylor, MI 48180-5606 <http://members.xoom.com/marymb/np2000.html> Guests: Jessica Steen, Joey Zimmerman

Jul 7-9 CONvergence 2000, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 13208, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414 Ph: 612-996-9224 <http://www.convergence-con.org/> Guests: Neil Gaiman, Ruth Thompson, Peg Kerr

Jul 7-9 Shore Leave 22, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: P.O. Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809 Ph: 410-496-4456 <http://www.shore-leave.com/> Guests: Claudia Christian, Denise Crosby, Gerrit Graham, Richard Herd, Marj Dusay, Marjean Holden, Lawrence Montaigne, Mojo, Dennis Bailey, David Batchelor, Kirk Borne, Tye Bourdony, Ann C. Crispin, Peter David, Keith R.A. DeCandido, Tim DeHaas, Michael Jan Friedman, Robert Greenberger, Helen Hart, Leslie Katznel, Jaqueline Lichtenberg, Mario Livio, Jesco von Puttkamer, Roberta Rogow, Ray Villard, Howard Weinstein, Joan Winston

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Jul 14-16 Toronto Trek 2000, Toronto, Ontario; Info: Suite 0116, Box 187, 65 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 1E6 Ph: (416) 410-TCON (8266) <http://www.icomm.ca/tcon/> Guests: Alexandra Tydings, Gil Gerard, Deborah L. Warner, John de Lancie, Eric Stillwell, Larry Stewart, Joël Champetier, Julie Czerneda, Peter Halasz, Tanya Huff, Mark Leslie Lefebvre, Derwin Mak, Sally McBride, Fiona Patton, Aaron Sheedy, David Shtogryn, Dale L. Sproule, Isaac Szpindel, Jean-Louis Trudel, Edo van Belkom

Jul 21-27 Hollywood Theater Benefit, Portland, Oregon; Info: 4122 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland OR Ph: 503-493-1128 <http://www.hollywoodtheatre.org/> Guests: George Takei, Grace Lee Whitney

Jul 22-23 Creation Hercules & Xena convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Bruce Campbell, Ted Raimi

Jul 27-31 MillenniCon Hand and Shrimp, London, United Kingdom; Info: The Discworld Convention, PO Box 189, Patchway, Bristol, BS32 8YE, United Kingdom <http://www.co.uk.lspace.org/fandom/cons/dwcon2k/> Guests: Terry Pratchett, Josh Kirby, Paul Kidby, Stephen Briggs, Bernard Pearson, Graham Higgins, Colin Smythe

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Jul 28-30 Rivercon XXV, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: P.O. Box 58009, Louisville, KY 40268-0009 <http://members.aol.com/rivercon/> Guests: Forrest J Ackerman, Arlan K. Andrews, Michael A. Banks, Ned Brooks, Annette Carrico, Doug Chaffee, Jack L. Chalker, Alan Clark, Hal Clement, Juanita Coulson, Jane & Scott Dennis, Don & Jill Eastlake, Darryl Elliott, Jan Howard Finder, Frank Kelly Freas, Esther M. Friesner, Mike Glicksohn, Joe L. Hensley, Rusty Hevelin, Debbie Hughes, Samantha b Jeude, Julee Johnson-Tate, Chris Tate, David A. Kyle, Dick & Nicki Lynch, Laurie Mann, George R.R. Martin, Sandra Miesel, Larry Niven, Andrew J. Offutt, Jodie Offutt, Bruce Pelz, Carol & Mike Resnick, Julius Schwartz, Pat & Roger Sims, Dick Spelman, Allen Steele, Somtow Sucharitkul, Kevin Ward, Lawrence Watt-Evans, Gary M. Williams

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Aug 2-6 Eurocon 2000, Tricity, Poland; Info: Europe: Krzysztof Papierkowski, Chlopska 7/107, 80-362 Gdansk-Przymorze, POLAND USA: Lance Oszko, 6176 Edsall Rd., #73, Alexandria, VA 22304 UK: Bridget Wilkinson, Ground Floor Flat, 8 West Avenue Road, Walthamstow, E17 9SE United Kingdom Ph: Europe: Phone: 703-823-0514 USA: +48-58-553-1073 <http://home.interstat.net/~slawcio/eurocon/> Guests: Kir Bulychhev, Walter Jon Williams, Michelangelo Miani, Wojtek Siudmak, Slawek Wojtowicz

Aug 5-6 Creation Star Trek and Sci-Fi Convention, San Francisco, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

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Aug 11-13 Con-Version XVII, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Info: P.O. Box 20098, Calgary Place R.P.O., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 4J2 Ph: 403-231-8465 <http://www.con-version.ab.ca/> Guests: Mike Resnick, Julia Lacquement, Thor Osborn, Mike Dale, Michael McAdam

Aug 11-13 STARFLEET Region Seven Conference, hanover, Maryland; Info: C/O Gary Ensey, 7848 Americana Cir. Apt. 101, Glen Burnie, Md 21060 Ph: 410-760-8024 <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Comet/6029/>

Aug 12-13 Creation Fangoria Weekend of Horrors, Pasadena, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Moustapha Akkad, Rick Baker, William Lustig, Kane Hodder, Jim Isaac, Noel Cunningham, Don Mancini, Udo Kier, Mike Mendez, Chaton Anderson, Kevin Blair Spirtas, Adrienne Barbeau, David DeCoteau, Patrick Tatopoulos, Chiodo Brothers, Pamela Susan Shoop, Steve Railsback, Tony Timpone

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Aug 25-27 Expo Trek, Hanover, Germany; Info: Schisslerstr. 4, 86154 Augsburg, Germany Ph: +49-821-219-1935 <http://www.expotrek.de/> Guests: Peter Mayhew, Alice Krige, Robert Duncan McNeill, Nicole deBoer, Eva Pflug, German Astronaut Ulf Merbold, Robert Picardo, George Takei, Chase Masterson, Andrew J. Robinson, Max Grodenchik

Aug 26-27 Creation Hercules & Xena convention, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Ted Raimi, Ebonie Smith, Adrienne Wilkinson, Jeremy Callaghan

Aug 26-27 Creation Star Trek and Sci-Fi Convention, San Antonio, Texas; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Marina Sirtis, Garrett Wang, Grace Lee Whitney

Aug 31-Sep 4 ChiCon 2000 (58th World Science Fiction Convention), Chicago, Illinois; Info: Box 642057, Chicago, Illinois 60664 <http://www.chicon.org/> Guests: Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton, Jim Baen, Bob & Ann Passovoy, Harry Turtledove

Sep 1-3 STARFLEET International Conference 2000, Burlington, Vermont; Info: c/o Richard Nacaula, 32 Macy Avenue, Brockton, MA 02302-3612 <http://www.sfi.org/ic2000/> Guests: Tyrone Bourdony, Jim & Jack Weiner, Chuck Rak

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Sep 8-10 Slanted Fedora, Durham, South Carolina; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/raleigh.htm> Guests: Leonard Nimoy, John de Lancie, Alexander Siddig, Andrew Robinson, Gweneth Welch, Barbara March, Richard Biggs, Mary Kay Adams, Jeremy Bullock

Sep 9-10 Creation Fangoria Weekend of Horrors, Orlando, Florida; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Angus Scrimm, Clint Howard, Tom Savini, Kane Hodder, Richard Liberty, Tony Timpone

Sep 22-24 ConChord 14, Van Nuys, California; Info: Zen Nine Productions, P.O. Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116 <http://sundry.hsc.usc.edu/conchord14.html>

Sep 29-Oct 1 Archon 24, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 636-326-3026 <http://www.stlf.org/archon/24/> Guests: Larry Niven, Larry Elmore, Dana & Bruce MacDermott, Jim Baen, Genie Yaffe, Amy Verseman, Dave Verseman, Jerry Pournelle, Vic Milán

Sep 30-Oct 1 Slanted Fedora, Charleston, West Virginia; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/>

Oct 6-8 Farpoint 2000, Hunt Valley, Maryland; Info: 6099 Hunt Club Road, Elkridge, MD 2107 Ph: 410-579-1257 <http://www.bcpl.lib.md.us/~wilsonr/> Guests: Andreas Katsulas, Max Grodenchik, Aron Eisenberg, Cecily Adams, Chase Masterson, Tucker Smallwood, Astronaut Ed Mitchell, Lolita Fatjo, Tim DeHaas, Michael Jan Friedman, Bob Greenberger, Marc Okrand, Howard Weinstein

Oct 7-8 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/>

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Oct 21-22 Creation Star Trek & Media Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Oct 26-29 World Fantasy Convention 26, Corpus Christi, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Guests: K.W. Jeter, John Crowley, Joe Lansdale

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Nov 4-6 Creation Star Trek, Xena, & Sci-Fi Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/>

Nov 10-12 United Fan Con X, Springfield, Massachusetts; Info: 26 Darrell Dr, Randolph MA 02368-4810 Ph: 781-986-TREK <http://beam.to/unitedfancon/>

Nov 11-12 Creation Xena Convention, Palo Alto, California; Info: Creation Entertainment, 100 W. Broadway Suite 1200, Glendale, CA 91210 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/> Guests: Hudson Leick

Nov 17-19 Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: c/o Joe Motes, PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/>

Nov 17-19 Philcon 2000, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Info: PO Box 8303, 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8303 Ph: 215-604-3980 <http://www.philcon.org/> Guests: Vernor Vinge, Bob Walters, Poul Anderson

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Nov 24-25 Slanted Fedora, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 11916 W. 109th Street, Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-8735 <http://www.sfedora.com/> Guests: LeVar Burton, Marina Sirtis, Michael Dorn

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HOW TO BLOW UP STARSHIPS REAL GOOD!

Lieutenant Don Willits • Stellar Cartographer, USS Jaguar

Imagine, if you will, a Shuttlepod, a happy little Shuttlepod, careening wildly around its parent vessels, the Enterprise E and a Defiant Class ship. Such a cute little Shuttlepod! But then, something evil materializes above, and immediately dispatches the Enterprise-E with a vicious cutting beam! It looks like a cross between a... Pokemon and a Shadow Vessel? Pikachu from Z'hadum??? It then pursues the hapless Defiant class and destroys it in a rolling maneuver. Poor little Shuttlepod, its parent vessels are gone, left alone in a hostile universe with a vicious Shadow Pikachu out there hunting it. Will it be vaporized? Will it be sliced in two? NO! It's going to be spun on the tip of a Shadow spine like a basketball player spinning a ball on their finger, batted around the spines, and finally slam dunked into an asteroid in a brief if spectacular explosion!

This is, of course, a parody of the second movement from Fantasia 2000 that I have titled A-Poke-Lypse Now. I enjoyed Fantasia 2000, but that insufferably cute little whale annoyed me, and it just had to pay. Alas I don't know how to animate a whale, I do know... or rather, am learning how to animate Starfleet vessels. Even Babylon 5 Shadow vessels, but first modifying them to look like a Pikachu (something else that deserves to be parodied at every opportunity)!

So, in winter of 1999 I embarked on my latest animation project, this time also as an exercise to polish my skills with a newly purchased copy of LightWave version 5.6. LightWave, as you may know, is the same mid-range 3D animation product used first on Babylon 5, then later on Star Trek Voyager, and the animated series Roughnecks (The Starship Troopers Chronicles), just to name a few. It offers high-end workstation functionality at desktop PC price.

Polygons, Points and Surfaces, Oh My!

A 3D object typically is some kind of wireframe, composed of polygons. These polygons can be given attributes, individually, or en-masse (although typically en-masse). A group of polygons with the same attributes is called a surface, and you can apply bitmaps to a surface in order to give it texture. Or you can just set

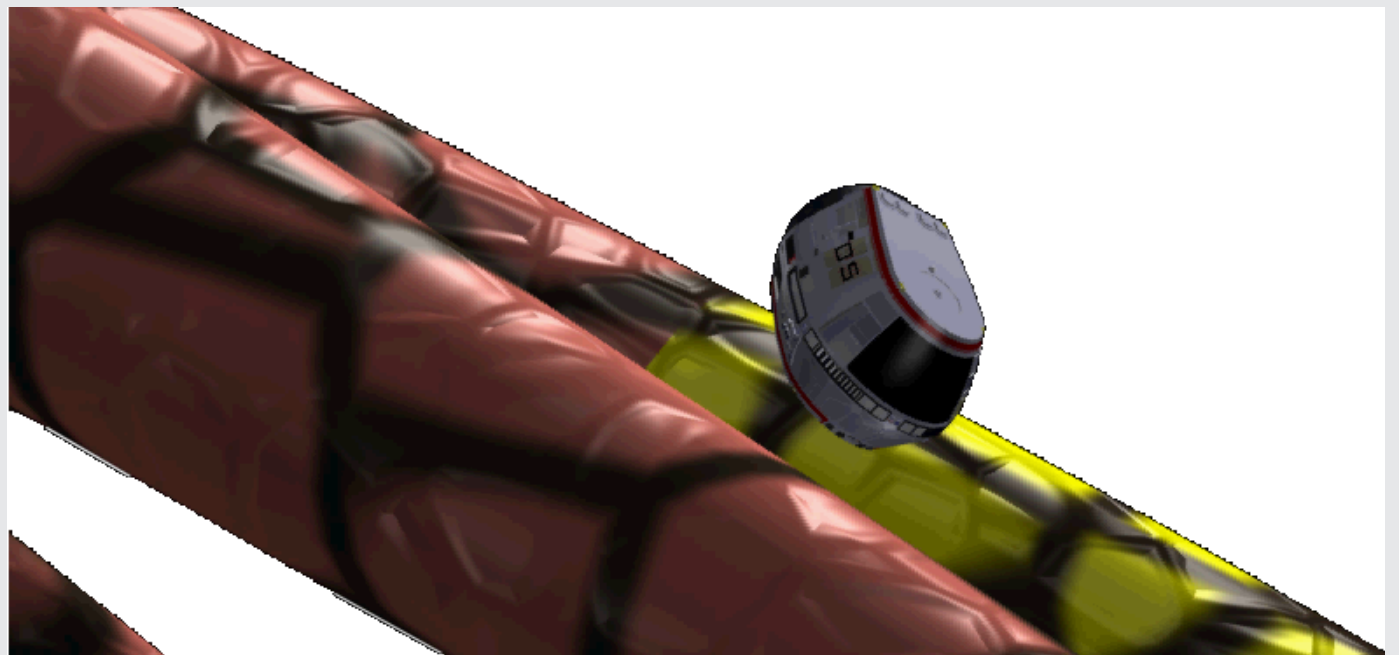


Figure 1: A hapless Shuttlepod is batted around the spines of the Shadow-Pikachu

attributes of the surface, and still have a pretty kewl looking mesh. Shadow vessels, from Babylon 5, use a procedural texture, calculated at runtime, called Veins. I remember the first time I saw a shadow vessel, with glistening, moving surface texture, and thought it was probably pretty difficult to create. In fact, it's one of the easier textures to apply using Lightwave. (I had far more difficulty creating luminescent fireballs reliably).



Figure 2: Shadow-Pikachu — I choose you!

Lightwave offers attributes such as surface color, diffusion (how much light is reflected), specular (how much of a kick — or bright spot — is reflected from a light source), transparency, luminosity (does it glow?) or a bump map. A bump map is just a grayscale image that creates impressions in the texture whose depth is based on whether the pixels in the bump map are light (shallow) or dark (deep). With Lightwave you can also layer textures for a given attribute. I'm using this trick now with a Stardock mesh to give its surface more of a constructed look. (You get the impression of a larger structure/skeleton underneath the surface). You can also give a texture movement, specifying how far it moves each frame. The Shadow vessels vein surface has a slight motion applied to it

in order to give it more of an organic feel (in addition to the fact that the veins themselves shift and change shape).

You can also apply texture maps in different ways. Spherical, cylindrical, cubic projection, etc. A planet, for example, is just a sphere (the more polygons, the smoother it is), with a texture map of the Earth's surface applied using spherical projection. Trust me, cubic/cylindrical projection would create a very odd looking planet!

Energy Beams—Made Simple!

For shadow cutting beams, I went back and studied early episodes of Babylon 5, and Dave Scott's work on a publicly available Shadow mesh, and discovered a surprising fact. The Shadow beam is actually two octagons nested inside of each other, and extruded like a straw. The outer "straw" is semi-transparent, with a red fractal noise texture and some luminosity applied. The inner straw is purple and glowing fractal noise surface color textures, with more luminosity applied. Because the outer straw is semi-transparent, it gives a nifty beam effect. Go back and watch "Signs and Portents" and you can see it very clearly (if briefly!) when the Shadow beam cuts the Raider ship into pieces.

Prelude with Bryce

Previously I had been working with MetaCreations Bryce, an excellent and relatively low cost 3D tool for creating landscapes. It also makes a decent animation engine, however it is limited in its ability to import meshes from other packages. My first effort discovered either a limitation in the product, or in my ability to use it, and centered on control of the camera. If the camera moves at all during a scene rendered by Bryce, it does so on a smooth curve. This is not always a good thing, sometimes you want the camera to move, stop, move some more. Bryce would not allow this to happen and you could end up with a rubber-band effect yanking the camera in unexpected directions if you tried to do too much.

Fun With Key Framing and Forced Perspective

How does animation work? Bryce and Lightwave both use key framing. That is, you set the position, orientation, size of your meshes at specific time intervals, and the rendering engine will "fill in the blanks" for all of the frames in between. Typically I animate for 30 frames per second, and will create keyframes for objects about every 4-10 seconds. Even the camera can be positioned (adjusting the focal length instead of the size) using keyframes. The more sophisticated animation tools will provide tools to graph position (X,Y, and Z dimensions), orientation (heading, pitch, and roll) and size (in the X, Y, and Z axis), and even allow you to repeat the graph. One trick I use frequently is set up a scene for 200 frames (about 6 seconds of animation), and set it to repeat itself, and make the scene 600 frames long. Then I'll change the camera position dramatically at frames 201 and 401, so that I get three copies of the same sequence, but with different camera angles in each sequence. In A-Poke-Lypse Now, this is most obvious in the first 45 seconds as I switch position from behind/to the side/and in front of the Shuttlepod as it careens happily around the Enterprise E and Defiant-class vessel.

One of the neat tricks key framing gives you is the ability to use forced perspective. One of my earlier projects showed a fast flyby of a Danube class runabout. At frame time index 0:00 I sized it down to size 0 at some distance from the camera. At time index 4:00 (seconds), I sized it to full size and positioned it right in front of the camera. At time index 16:00 seconds I sized it back down to zero. This gave the

result of a real fast approach, but a long, lingering withdrawal. I also moved the camera from time index 4:00-16:00 to give the impression we were following the Danube as it entered a nebulae.

By using forced perspective, I did not have to scale the nebulae sphere the Danube was entering to the same scale as the Danube. In fact, it's not that much larger, but the finished product gives a much different impression (it's light-years across, baby!) thanks to the forced perspective of the Danube.

Lightwave's NULL Objects and Motion Graphs

When I migrated to Lightwave, one of the earliest features I discovered was the NULL Object. NULL object's have all the properties of meshes: size, position, and orientation—but do not render in the finished product. Further, you can parent objects together, and child objects will inherit any changes over time made to size, position and orientation. This cannot be overestimated in its usefulness, as when I was destroying the defiant class vessel, I actually had a set of about 8 null objects, parented to a single null object. To each null object I had parented portions of the Defiant mesh that I had already cut apart. Then I could spin one null object, and the warp nacelle would break away, but still be moving with the same forward velocity as the parent null that represented the ship's motion over time.

Another neat feature, fixing the aforementioned path problem in Bryce, is motion graphs. In Lightwave you have complete control of position, orientation and size. You can let Lightwave fill in the blanks between two keyframes, or you can tell it to ignore the previous keyframe, just look at the settings for this keyframe and use them. In other words my camera and my objects no longer have to move in smooth, sweeping curves. They can start, stop, pivot, grow, shrink, spin on any axis with

complete impunity. Further, you can save these keyframes as a "motion graph" and then reuse the graph with other objects.

Another useful instance of NULL objects and motion paths came when I cut the Enterprise-E in two. I parented each piece to a null object (since each piece was actually made up of several

meshes). I saved the motion of one null object, when I had it right, and then loaded it onto the other half of the ship's null object, and inverted the motion in the x axis and rotational heading. This gave the impression that each piece was moving away from each other, but while at the same time sharing pitch, bank, Y and Z axis motion.

You can also target lights and cameras at objects, null or otherwise. One thing I do now for every new scene I create in Lightwave is target the camera at a null object called CAMERATARGET. In one scene, I wanted to follow the path of the Shadow-Picachu's energy beam from the Shadow vessel to the Enterprise E which was in the process of blowing up at the time. I kept the camera relatively motionless in space, but slammed the CAMERATARGET null object from the Shadow-Picachu's position across the scene to the exploding Enterprise-E. The camera, using that null object as the target, kept it centered the whole time. Add some zoom in/out and you have a nice whiplash camera move that keeps it pointed exactly where I want at all times. To manually position the camera and have it go exactly where I want with keyframes alone would have been much more difficult (as I learned using Bryce).

Between null objects and motion graphs, the rubber band effect in Bryce is completely eliminated and controllable in Lightwave.

Making Things Go Boom REAL GOOD!

Explosions are, of course, one of the more enjoyable and popular parts of animating

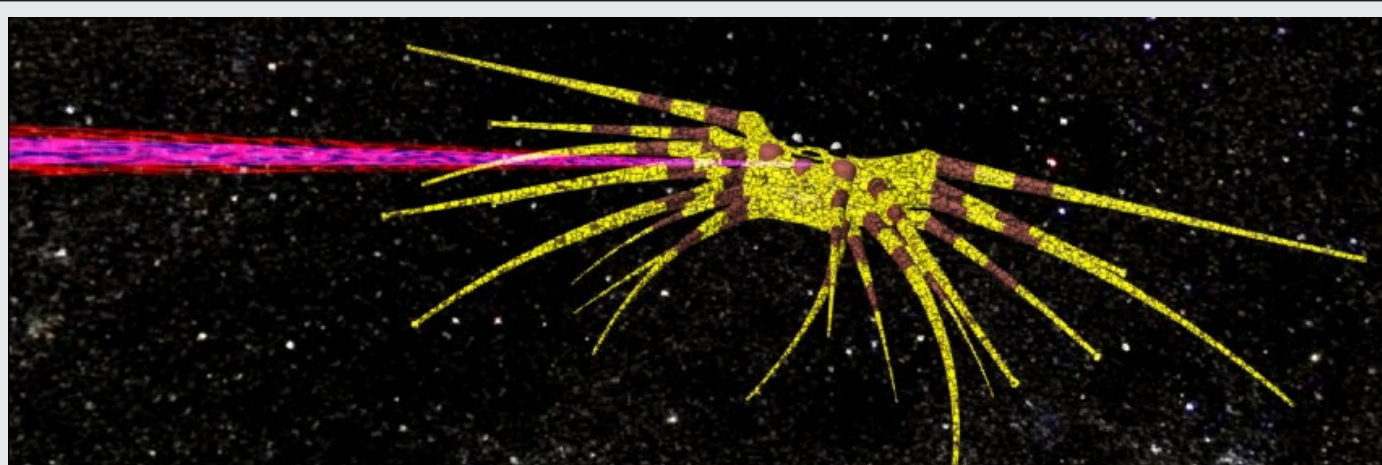


Figure 3: The Shadow-Picachu strikes!

space scenes. I started with inspiration from a column by former Foundation Imaging guru Mojo, who did a lot of the early work on Babylon 5. He wrote a column about how he accomplished the destruction of a Narn ship in the second episode of Babylon 5's second season ("Revelations" and used in the season 2 opening credits). I emulated his work in the death of the Enterprise E, when a ShadowPicachu beam slices the vessel in two. The trick is to take a sphere, and shrink it down to size zero, and parent a light to it with lens flare enabled. (Lens Flare gives a halo effect around a light, enhancing its glow). The trick is to make the lens flare so its range of casting light is very small, like 1mm, otherwise one you parent about 200 of them onto the edge of the ship, it will wash the entire scene out in white light. Which is exactly what happened the first time I tried it! I positioned my lights along the cut between the two pieces of the ship, and timed them via motion graph to come on at specific key frames (frames 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70). The shadow beam would slice through the ship between frames 25-75, and this gave the effect of glowing, vaporized hull plate that tracked the progress of the beam. I also adjusted the motion graph of each piece of the Ent-E to "snap" between frames 70-75, moving very rapidly, and then moving slower following frame 75. This gave the impression of the keel breaking. Finally, I placed a swarm of one point polygons, particles really, in between the two pieces and had them expand in size rapidly over about 15 frames, adding glow effects, to look like a debris cloud.

Flaming Balls of Gas

For the death of the Defiant class vessel, I had cut it up into about 8 pieces, and timed them so that they would start spinning away from the ship in sequence. Each piece would start moving, and then after about 10 frames, I set its transparency to zero. At the same time, I added a number of spheres with layered textures to create the effect of exploding balls of gas and flame. Each sphere had the same texture, but was sized and positioned differently, semi transparent, and created a nice effect.

Just Call Me (Render) Farmer Don!

Render times were slow. I started out using a Pentium Pro 200 Mhz, and it was not uncommon for some scenes to take days to render out. By the end of the project I actually had a small network of machines and could actually create a fair amount of animation (10-30 seconds worth) overnight instead of over a period of days. This is a process known as render farming, and Lightwave supports up to 1000 processors working on the same scene at once. There is, of course, diminishing returns after probably about 25, unless you have scenes that take forever to render. On average, I tried to keep each frame down to about 1-5 minutes. Anything more than that and you probably need to go back and seriously simplify what your trying to do. Or do it in pieces and composite the results together in an editing package like Adobe Premiere. Lightwave also had some composting features, so you could "mask out" parts one image, and overlay it onto another. Sometimes this is the only way to get lighting on more complex scenes to work.

Flaming Logo's Are Not That Hard

The final thing I did was the titles. Video Concepts is a company that has photographed various types of explosions, and then turned them into a sequence of

image files. You can probably see their work most blatantly in South Park, the Movie, as the flames erupting in Hell are from Video Concepts Pyromania series of CD's. I used one sequence, a "fire wipe" of flames rising from the bottom of the screen to the top, as the background image for the title. I then used an alpha image (a black and white image that determines what is visible and what is not) to limit the flames just to the shape of the letters of the title. Using Adobe Premiere, I composite this as a matte onto the opening three seconds of the animation, with the results shown below.

I had taken the Apocalypse Now movie logo, and replaced three of the letters with a Pokemon font. The results were a bit jagged, because I didn't have a high resolution Apocalypse Now movie logo to work with, but the flames catch the eyes attention and only an astute observer would notice the resolution of the letters themselves is a bit weak.

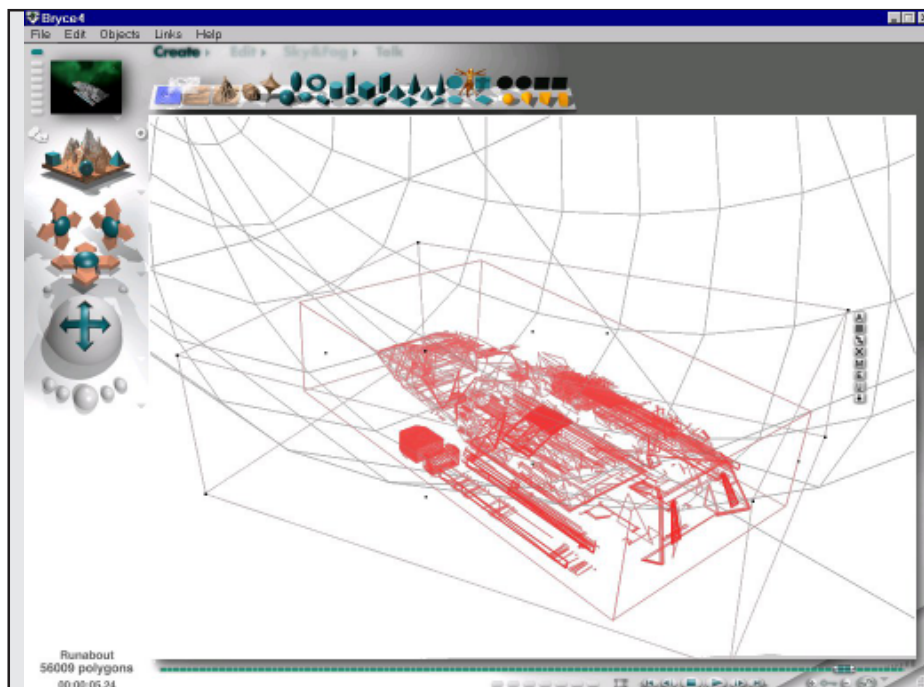


Figure 4: Bryce in a scene rendering a DS9 Runabout against a sphere that will be rendered as a gassy nebulae.



Figure 5: The Finished Product (Danube mesh by Mike Wright)

laser effects that I can recycle in future efforts. I have several other animations planned, including a sequel to A-Poke-lyspe Now in which the ships of Region 5 exact their revenge for the destruction of the hapless little shuttle pod.

I'm not entirely convinced my DSL service is reliable, but for those of you with fast internet connections, you can download it from <http://63.226.248.113/3DGallery.html>.

For More Information:

The Gods of CGI work on the Internet hang out at <http://www.scifi-art.com>. You

What Do You Mean 1.6 Gigabytes is Too Big???

I made the choice early on to make this project letterbox (actually cinemascope resolution), a choice that came to haunt me in the end. The files were just huge. I managed to get some nice benefits from Intel's Indeo codec, but the final 2 minutes and 41 seconds of animation came out to be 1.6 Gigabytes in size (800 Meg zipped). Just way too big, and frankly, anything less than a Pentium III 500 Mhz Dual Processor box isn't going to display it gracefully.

Thanks to Region 5's Gawd-like Regional Coordinator, Kurt Roithinger, I discovered a nifty video/audio compression tool called BINK, which cut that 1.6 Gig bad-boy down to 38 meg in size (37 meg zipped). Bink claims that I can run this on a Pentium 133Mhz, but you still need a little more processor UMPH to pull it off. I'm going to try minimizing the sound quality a bit and see if that makes it both smaller and able to run on slower machines.

Even better, Bink does not require you to install any codec's. It creates a self-executing animation that does not depend upon what you have installed on your machine — as long as its running Windows 9x or NT — your fine.

Coming Soon: A-Poke-Lypse 2000! The Revenge!

Overall, it took about four months of work, and probably a good 2+ months of solid rendering across three machines. Unlike previous efforts with Bryce, I also generated a nice library of explosion and

can learn a lot there just be hanging out in the forums, and occasionally they give away some of their kick-butt meshes (May was a very good month for this).

I also have to say that most of my work in A-poke-lypse Now was setting up the animations, and very little actual creation of meshes. I modified the Ent-E mesh to cut in two, and Picachu-ified the Shadow mesh, but without the generous attitudes of a lot of folks, this would still be a work in progress.

Good Star Trek Mesh Collections:

<http://trekmeshes.starfleet.ch/>
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Nebula/1372/>
<http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Village/1210/index.htm>

Bryce Tutorials/Resources:

<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Program/3093/index.html>
<http://www.petersharpe.com/Tutorials.htm>

Computer Mesh Credits:

Shuttlepod mesh by Matthew Parker
Original Shadow mesh by Dean Scott
Sovereign class mesh by Chris Serrington
Defiant class mesh by James Ljungberg

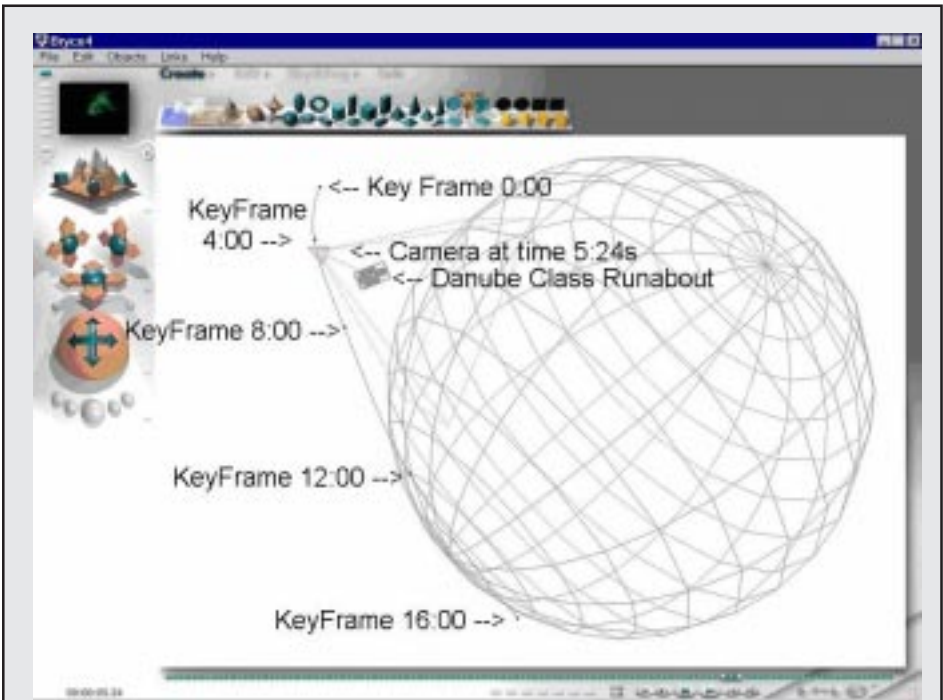


Figure 6: Bryce and the Continuous Camera Path Across Key Frames



Figure 7: The Enterprise E Gets Cut In Two

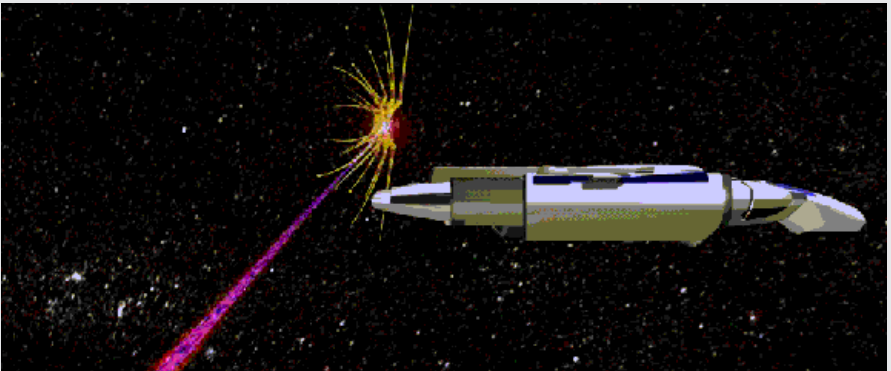


Figure 8: Ouch! That's Gonna Hurt!

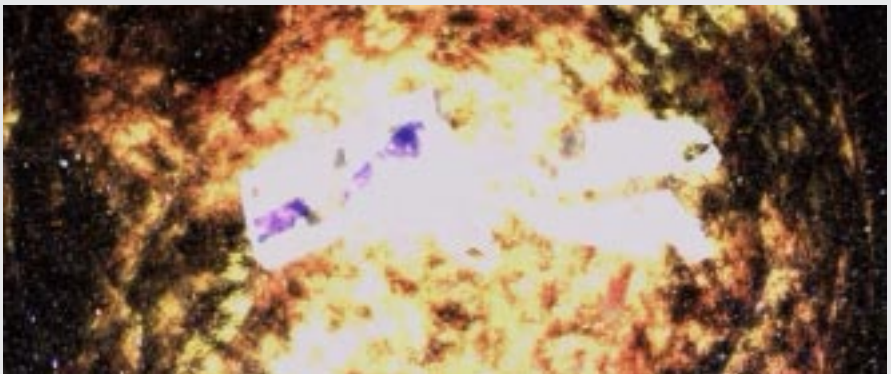


Figure 9: CRASH & BURN!



Figure 10: Flaming Logo's Made Easy

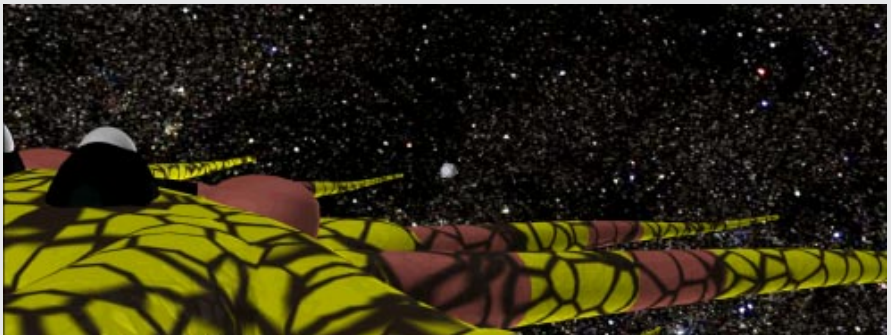


Figure 11: The Shadow Picachu sneaks up on the Shuttlepod



REGION ONE SUMMIT REPORT

Captain Joan Pierce • Region One Chief of Communications • XO, USS Questar

Yet another Summit has come and gone, and I survived again! (Note to self: Get the big room next time. It's very nice. But make time to get in the darn jacuzzi tub!!!) Ok, to business!

FRIDAY

I stopped at the Knoxville TN area airport to pick up Admiral Alex Rosenzweig (Avenger), who was also attending the Summit, and we had a nice albeit slightly confusing drive through the Great Smoky Mountains to Gatlinburg. (Note to any interested parties: Get a really GOOD map if you want to figure out the sneaky way to Gatlinburg.) The day was lovely and the park seemed oddly smaller than I remembered as a child. We made the hotel in good time and were greeted (and hugged <G>) by the Fleet Admiral. As we got our keys and prepared to drive up the hill to our parking area, we saw and waved to Bennu Station Captain Kimberly Brooks and SFMC 'Dant Brian Davis, who were on their way to the airport to pick up another R1 Summit attendee. At the parking area, we ran into Dennis Rayburn (Nikola Tesla) and Dave McCabe (Lewis B. Puller) who also corralled Jill Rayburn and helped us carry our luggage up to our room. The third person in the room, Commodore Mark Anbinder (Accord) wasn't coming in until the late evening. We had a nifty suite and I had the entire loft area to myself while the guys were in the downstairs area. We also had a dinky bar, a mini fridge, microwave, coffee pot, fireplace, balcony overlooking the river and the town, and a jacuzzi bath tub up in the loft area (which I only showered in, alas!)

After checking in, wandering about and greeting the folks already there (now becoming too many to mention ...) Alex and I headed into town for dinner. (I can recommend the Brass Lantern. Not real cheap, but nice food, and we got in right away.) We headed back and enjoyed opening ceremonies.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Well, no one tried to kill Mike Smith this time, but we were warned about a potentially explosive device on the station. The USS Aires warned us of the danger and assisted throughout the weekend in the defusing (pun intended) of the situation. Well, after that, the meeting broke up. The RDCs met with RADM and RDC Head Willy Smith for an RDC meeting. Most of the rest of the folks there broke up, some going to the bar, some going off to just catch up and chat. A chocolate party for Matt Baillie and his then-fiance Alice Rayburn (Nikola Tesla) was to be held later in the evening (hosted by best man Dave

Klingman (Hornet) once Dave got out of the RDC meeting.

As I was preparing to leave the RDC meeting, I heard that there had been an incident. It seems that someone from the bar (a non-Fleeter) had followed a Fleeter back to the vicinity of her room, struck her on the head, and then fled. The Fleeter was bruised and shaken up, but not too badly hurt, and made appearances for the rest of the Summit. Still, it put a sobering damper on the weekend. The other good thing about the incident (besides there being no lasting injury) was that the Region really pulled together. The 1st Brigade immediately offered to do escort duty for the rest of the Summit. People were encouraged to take advantage of their offer, and many did. For me personally, I got an escort back to the room (thanks George Farmer!), then phoned over to the chocolate party to see if I could find any of my roommates. I got an escort over there and congratulated the soon-to-be happy couple, had some chocolate and met a few more folks I'd been wanting to meet. All in all, I think we ended up back at the room around 2 AM getting everyone situated and agreeing to hit the restaurant breakfast bar at 7:30 AM.

SATURDAY

Ughhhhh, morning. Alarm clocks ... and it wasn't a work day! :/ Well, it had to be done. I woke up the guys (I debated about dropping things over the railing, but was good), hit the shower and we all headed to the breakfast bar. CQ editor Chris "Tligger" Wallace (Jaguar) joined us at our table and we saw quite a few other folks braving the early morning hours for the Captain's Call at 8.

We have lots of good COs and other folks who attended the Captain's Call. Caro discussed a variety of issues, including the Treasury. I had to leave early to set up for my panel...

Nothing like *finally* doing the Communications Panel as the actual RDC of Communications. Well, nothing like it til you realize the CQ editor is going to be in attendance. <G> But Chris was good. Actually, it was the best attended panel I've been to, and I've been to all but the first one! A lot of good discussion was had, and one person came up after the meeting and said she had gotten some good ideas for their ship newsletter. That's the kind of thing that makes doing panels so great. Knowing that you helped folks in some way.

There were many panels offered throughout the day. The other one I

managed to hit was the Graphics Design panel. Offered by Kristi Fell, it was an overview of the various things the Dept can do for Fleeters in the way of logos. Kristi also discussed the difference between vector graphics and raster graphics, and the importance of choosing one's colors carefully. The latter is important if one wants to make a banner featuring the logo. After this session, a bunch of us decided lunch (which WASN'T on the schedule) was needed, so we hoofed it (and I mean *hoofed it*) down to the end of the street to a good BBQ place. We barely got back in time for the afternoon session!

We got there just after the session started, actually. Breathless and stuck in the back of the room, standing, I wasn't able to take notes. In fact, I was trying to catch my breath since I had to hand out the Communications Awards. (See the list of award winners elsewhere in the newsletter....) Although I did manage a "Hey!" when Carolyn mispronounced the Questar name. <g> There were lots of other awards presented, as well as promotions granted.

After the General Session, there was the Tug of War, but I missed that, instead going back to the room to relax just a bit before getting spiffed up for the two weddings and then the banquet a bit later.

There were two weddings held at the Summit this year. The first was a renewal of vows between Marlon and Karyn Ragsdale and the second was the actual marriage of Alice Rayburn and Matt Baillie. Both ceremonies were performed by Dennis Rayburn. There was a color guard of Marines with swords that enhanced the ceremony. The room, already decorated for the dance, looked lovely and the ceremonies for both were lovely too. All parties looked delightfully in love and it was quite nice to be participating in them. :) We had to wait for a while to be allowed in the banquet, so a bunch of us parked ourselves on the sofa/chairs outside the main Summit area and chatted. One we were allowed up, the same bunch was gestured to sit at the same table and we all got comfy.

Dinner was pretty good (although I still wonder if the tummy probs I had afterwards were related), the company was good and once we got lots of pink packets for tea, we were set. After dinner came the auction. Unfortunately our prime spot, particularly mine, was right near the speaker, and everytime someone spoke loudly, I was practically deafened. After about an hour of auctioning, I decided my eardrums had had enough. I ran into Rachel Peterson (Normandy) on the way

out of the banquet hall and we ended up back on the sofas downstairs chatting til we went back to my room so I could change for the dance.

The dance wasn't bad. The music was varied and the DJ kinda humorous. He got a bunch of people to mimic the Village People (without telling them first what he was doing. <big grin>. I had volunteered to have a fund-raising dance card and had four dances purchased. One of the dancer buyers didn't catch up with me, but I got to dance with the rest. Strangely enough, there was no fire drill this year (gasp!) but the dance was still good despite that. After it was over (around 2 AM) and folks were escorted to their rooms, my roomies and I trudged back to ours and made plans to go to the Pancake Pantry for breakfast Sunday morning.

Sunday

All too early, the alarm shrilled. We hit the showers. My tummy was unhappy and Mark was kind enough to go hunting for a Sprite. We went to the Pancake Pantry and found we'd timed it just about right. We got seated right away. (While we were eating, I noticed the line had *really* grown.) Mark recommended trying sweet potato pancakes, while Alex went for the Sugar and Spice pancakes. Folks, if you like pancakes, this is the place to go. Portions were HUGE! We got 5 large pancakes for about \$5. And they were *good* too. We waddled back to the hotel for closing ceremonies. There were a few additional promotions, the solving of the mystery and the winners of the model contests and the other activities awarded, then we were set free. It was time to go. A group of about 15 of us decided to hit the Cracker Barrel for lunch. Much mirth resulted from that dining experience. Live IRC (Internet Relay Chat) was carried out between our two tables (at different ends of the restaurant) via the old-fashioned way of passing notes. <g>

After lunch, most of the folks left for their journey home. Mark dropped Alex and I back at the hotel and my car in preparation for his flight home. Alex and I were staying an extra day to explore the Great Smoky Mountains.

All in all, other than the fright we had on Friday night, it was another great Summit experience. Great applause to the Bennu crew and the other folks who did all the hard work so we could get together, mingle and have fun.



ALUMINUM - THE REST OF THE STORY

Rear Admiral Sherry Ann Newell • USS Morning Star

Many moons ago, before what is now the USS Morning Star was officially launched as a shuttle, five Starfleet crewmembers (three newly enlisted) came together in the late August heat of SW Oklahoma to carry out our first recycling for charity endeavor. Odds and ends of scrap metal, some glass bottles, and bags and bundles of newspapers, as well as a few aluminum cans netted us a grand total of \$2.79. I had just received a brochure from a Caribbean-based non-profit organization known as Food for the Poor, committed to providing food, medicine, and shelter for some of the poorest inhabitants of Planet Earth. At the bottom of the last page was a photograph of a simple wooden hoe (for \$2.79!), and beside it a picture of an impoverished man who could not afford even this basic agricultural tool. We shall probably never meet the farmer for whom our small effort made possible the gift of the wooden hoe, but we had the pleasure of knowing that we had helped to give life to our cherished Star Trek ideals and to our Morning Star motto, "Whatever it is, let me help."

Over the more than six-and-a-half years since then, we have continued our recycling efforts, with all proceeds still going to charity. Thanks to an enterprising citizen in our local community, we have lately been able to add #1 & #2 plastic to our cash-generating items, and more recently still,

computer paper (and we all know how THAT piles up!). We no longer receive money for "tin" (steel) cans but are able to recycle them anyway, thanks to the facility at adjacent Fort Sill. The recyclables for which we are paid—clear and brown glass, newspaper, computer paper, occasional scrap metal, plastic, and, above all, ALUMINUM, continue to produce the "clink of coins in the cup," enabling us, for the past six years, to adopt a whale (via the International Wildlife Coalition) and always have a little extra cash on hand to give added help to the local Humane Society, to which we regularly contribute—apart from recycling funds—food, bedding, litter, and toys. This year we are thinking about a recycling donation to Bat Conservation International, to help spread "the good news about bats." Most of these contributions come from the crew. Of course, some are much more involved than others, but "Infinite Diversity" is one of the basic tenets of Star Trek, and there are MANY ways to help. As CO, I oversee the collection and distribution of all funds. (So far, no one else has requested assumption of THIS responsibility!)

My own recycling has continued chiefly in the direction of our initial charity effort. Some years ago I organized and still maintain a Corps of Civilian Contributors (CCC) made up largely but not entirely of little old persons like me who toddle up to my carport with

offerings of newspaper, glass, plastic, and aluminum. Thanks to their assistance in contributing and my commitment to toddling off twice a week or so to one or more recycler's, a modest but steady sequence of cash contributions has made its way to the desperately impoverished Caribbean. Because FftP buys and ships in bulk and receives fairly frequent matching grants, a little money can go a long, long way, not only toward helping to provide the basic necessities of life but also, in the words of Edith Keeler (TOS, "City on the Edge of Forever"), toward helping to move us a little closer to giving "each man hope and a common future."

My reason for emphasizing aluminum (paragraph two, above) is twofold: (1) the simple arithmetic of recycling proceeds and (2) Starfleet's involvement with Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). Glass brings in only 1/2 cent per pound, newspaper 1/2 cent at one recycler's and 1 cent at the others. (Guess which one I go to!) Plastic brings in 1-2 cents per pound. Computer paper runs at 1 cent per pound or thereabouts. In the years that we have been recycling for charity, aluminum has never gone below 30 cents per pound, and is presently at 42 cents—84 times what we are paid for glass, 42 times what we earn for newspaper. So why go to all this trouble and spend all this money for transportation of goods when the returns—except for aluminum—are so

small? Well, it all depends on perspective. As I see it, we're engaged in carrying out our mission of serving Starship Earth, and the time, effort, and money are simply added contributions toward the fulfilling of our mission. As to the RMHC involvement, last year the USS Morning Star delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City 10.5 pounds of aluminum tabs, every one of them pulled by SOMEBODY from aluminum can. I don't know what happened to the other cans from which the tabs were pulled, but I know what's happened to the cans from which *I* pulled 2,291 tabs because I recycled them—all 132 lbs, with every precious penny going to Food for the Poor. Aluminum recycled by the rest of the crew combined added up to 31 lbs, with the proceeds directed toward various charities.

Starfleet's RMHC Director, Lorrie Nelson—whom I thank for helping inspire me to write this article—asked me recently what my secret is for doing what she called an "absolutely fabulous job" of recycling aluminum. In response, I said that my secret is threefold: 1. an unflagging love for Starfleet, 2. a strong desire to serve my fellow-beings, and 3. plain mule-headed determination (BORN to it in my beautiful home state of Missouri!) Right now, five over-stuffed bags of newspapers, assorted glass bottles, a few "tin" cans, a moderate stack of computer paper, odds and ends of plastic, and a small sack of aluminum cans (tabs pulled!) reside temporarily on my carport, in front of a sign bearing the inscription "21st Street Mission." Inside, atop my diminutive refrigerator stands a miniature replica of Sister Edith Keeler, arms outstretched, coffee cup in hand, serving as an enduring motivator when my energy flags, which it seems to do more and more often as the years go by. Am I tired FROM recycling for Starfleet? YES—frequently. Am I tired OF recycling for Starfleet? Not yet! And, the Great Bird willing, I won't be for a long, long time.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Lorrie Nelson • Director STARFLEET Ronald McDonald House Charities Program

The Website has a new address:
www.inkeaze.com

In addition to the website there are some changes to the program.

1) If you are sending a check to me for your contribution, make the check out to: *The Ronald McDonald House Charities Inc*

2) To get more buck for your clang, so to speak, please recycle the whole can. If you donate directly to a local house and they won't take the whole can, give them the tabs and either send me or the house a check for the recycled cans. I will also take cans in the mail

3) You can now send in your report via the web site. No more need to look up

my address, or use a stamp.

See you at Shore Leave!

Bring your washed, sprayed, cans, tabs to the USS Sovereign display site down by the main rooms, where Ten forward is held. The crew of the Sov will gladly take them off your hands.

While you are there, check out the truly

great work of Sonny Wright. It will be worth bringing the cans and tabs down.

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BEACH BASH 2000

Captain Charles Smith • XO, USS Freedom

This year the USS Freedom will be a co-sponsor of BeachBash 2000. This is a SCI-FI/TREK FAN convention located in Myrtle Beach SC.

The convention is in it's third year and has grown to include aspects from all types of Sci-Fi and Trek. Held in one of the south's best vacation capitals, (Myrtle Beach) it has drawn fans from a wide variety of areas. It's gained sponsorship from members of SFI Region One, KAG, RSE, the SCA, Wing Commander and Anime of Norca. It's not easy getting to be a sponsor, only those who are serious and dedicated at working hard toward the goal of providing information, participation and group support are allowed to act as sponsors. The members of the USS Freedom volunteered thier support last

year. We performed so well as security, help advisors and activity coordinators that we impressed all the staff of the BeachBash council. We were specifically invited to act as co-sponsors this year to represent our area of Trekdom during this years BeachBash. This is a great honor for us, and we hope for all of SFI as our members represent what StarFleet is all about. Helping others and having fun doing it!

Here is a list of some of this years scheaduled events:

FRIDAY

Docking Party at the bar in Breakers. Recognition of Bash charter members. Celebration of Bash Virgins. Slave Auction (tentative 100% of money

to charity).

Jail & Bail (tentative 100% of money to charity).

Exotic Swimwear competition scheduled (prizes).

Group Photo!

Mini Golf Warrior Challenge. (11pm till Midnight?)

Whirlpool party (midnight 2 am?)

SATURDAY

Warrior Challenges:

Scavenger Hunt at Broadway at the Beach.

Pool Ship Wars.

Super Soaker Water Wars.

Target Skills Test.

Possibly a few more!

Cook out (BYOB style - more to follow)

Great Hall, Breakers, bar is pay as you go: Formal introductions.

Shadows of Fire Dance Show

Kisses from Risa

Warrior Cries (from competing Warriors)

Presentation of Warrior Honors

Group Photo!

Midnight Cha'ouw ceremonies on the beach.

Room parties (prizes!) to be awarded!

Trek Comedy Show performance by "GrowlON" live from Europe for one night only!

SUNDAY

Blood wine brunch at Planet Hollywood (extra charge of \$25 - negotiating to reduce this cost) 11am - 2pm. Costume requested.

One group photo (free) will be available for pick up at the brunch. Additional activities for those staying till Monday.

The members of the USS FREEDOM invite all SFI members to come out and show what SFI is all about, after all the more the merrier.

For more information surf over to <http://beachbash2000.virtualave.net> or send snail mail to: Linda Benedik - phone: 910-425-9489, address: PO Box 71129, Fort Bragg NC 28307

There is also a club on Yahoo.com search for BEACHBASH

Hope to see you all there, so we can show the rest of fandom what StarFleet is all about!



SFMC MEDICAL

Major Gary "Tiny" Hollifield • Chief of Staff, Office of the Surgeon General

After sending out two or three announcements over several listservers looking for my quarry, I realized that maybe 10-15% of the actual membership are on the lists. So I decided to put what I am looking for into the Communique, which every member in SFI receives.

I am in the process of making a contact list for the Surgeon General's Office and for my personal use. I would like to have all Brigade Chief Medics and, if they exist, Battallion Medics, send me their information. When I say information, all I need is their e-mail addresses, or if no e-mail, then their snail-mail address or some way of contact.

If you are a Brigade Officer In Charge (OIC) and you do not have a Chief Medic for your BDE, please let me know and I will help you get one appointed or elected. If you want me to stay out of your

BDE business, I will, but I hope things do not come to that.

I have the blessing of Commanding Officer, Forces Command Wade Hoover to carry through on this project. I have also already received notification and responses from several of the Brigade OIC's or DOIC's telling me they will tell their Medic or that they do not have one and will stand in as point of contact until they get one appointed.

The Office of the First Brigade Chief Surgeon is now accepting applications for the following two positions:

Sergeant Major, Medical Corps, 1st BDE
Chief of Staff, Medical Corps, 1st BDE

As SGM, Med Corps, you will be responsible for reporting to the Chief of Staff on all units with a non-com as the

Chief Medic (mostly all units) in the Brigade. You will also keep all non-com medics informed of any new changes to the TRACOM facility. This is an open ended job description, meaning whatever the Chief Surgeon or I ask you to do, it must be done.

A CoS, Med Corps, you are responsible to me for ALL unit reports that have a medic. The units with a non-com Chief Medic will report to the SGM, who will compose a report to be made to you. You are then responsible for obtaining a report from all other units with an officer as the Chief Medic. You are also Vice Editor-In-Chief of a newsletter when we get one started. As CoS, you are considered part of the Chain of Command. If there seems to be a problem, you have the semi-authority to fix it. Also, if the BN OIC does not mind, you will have the authority, pending the

Chief Surgeon and my approval, to appoint a BN Chief Medic to aide you in your reporting. This is an open-ended job description, so whatever the Chief Surgeon or I ask you to do, it must be done.

These are not joking positions and they will not be tolerated as such. Please send both an SFI and a real life resume to me at trek4evr@aol.com as soon as possible. I don't need anything fancy: a description of who you are, what you have done, and what you plan to do if appointed will be sufficient.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Gary "Tiny" Hollifield
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Simpsonville, SC 29681



FLEET ACTIVITY REPORT

BY COMMODORE MICHAEL URVAND, CQ SUMMARIES COORDINATOR

Region One

VADM Carolyn Donner, Commanding

USS Alaric
Asheville, NC
Recycling aluminum. Supporting local children's home. Started new storyline in ship's newsletter. Sending away team to Region 1 Summit.

USS Columbia
Wooster, OH
Discussed creating a chapter mission statement. Columbia is sponsoring a Starfleet-Ohio Summit and invites other Ohio chapters.

USS Heimdal
Madison Heights, VA
Hosted the local weatherman at the last meeting, who spoke about weather and weather forecasting. Held ship's car wash, which netted \$47 in cloudy, cold weather.

USS Hornet
Charlotte, NC
Held monthly meeting, which was run by the XO as the CO was out of town. Away team was sent to Region 1 Summit.

USS Jamestown
Hampton, VA
Jamestown ran the ImagineCon "Con Suite" and Green Room. CO attended the Region 1 Summit.

USS Maat
Virginia Beach, VA
The Maat crew bowled on April 8, 2000 at Indian River Lanes in Va. Beach. On April 16, 2000, the chapter held its monthly meeting at the Norfolk Professional Fire Fighters Union Hall. The crew discussed the upcoming Imaginecon and Casino Night 6. The winning candidates for CO and XO were announced.

USS Tempest
Harlan, KY
CO and XO attended and worked Region 1 Summit. Change of Command form Giving to Chief of Ops at R1 Summit. Please note new addresses as well as new XO!

Tycho Member of the Year

USS West Virginia
Charleston, WV
Watched tapes of Voyager brought over from Pennsylvania.

USS Dräkenfire
Odenville, AL
An Away team was sent to the Galacticon in Chattanooga. While at Galacticon, ship's Klingon vessel was recognized. Ship went to zoo. Members were given a tour and a picnic was held after.

USS Haise
Jackson, MS
Held 30th anniversary of Apollo 13 party. The crew has decided to visit local children's hospitals on the first Sunday of every other month.

USS Hephaestus
Birmingham, AL
Held a joint meeting with the Birmingham Science Fiction Club, and have made plans to hold a joint meeting with a local Science Fiction book club.

USS Khai Tam
Tallahassee, FL
Celebrated Ship's anniversary. Took a tour of local TV station. MSG held shooting range qualifications.

USS Paegan
Orlando, FL
Ship had a mini meeting as Tax day was approaching. Ship was represented at the Region 2 Conference.

USS Triumph
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Members volunteered at Federation display at South Florida Science Museum. Planning a game night in June. Also a bowling or Golf game to raise money for charity.

Region Three
VADM Brad Pense Commanding

USS Aurora Vulcanus
Houston, TX



The Farnham-class experimental Corvette design passes the newly rebuilt Golden Gate Bridge during one of its flight tests.

Artwork by James Murphy

USS Triton
Glen Burnie, MD
The crew of the USS Triton gathered in the quarters of the Captain and Chief Engineer for a Trek Night. Everyone brought some delicious and exotic alien food and gathered around the viewer and watched an old earth movie called Trekkies and shared the above-mentioned food.

USS Tycho
Fremont, OH
The Tycho sent a small away team to the Region 1 Summit. Jeff Lawson –

Region Two
COMM Pete Mohnney, Commanding

USS DaVinci
Columbus, GA
Making plans for third annual 4th of July bash. Making plans to volunteer in the Soup Kitchens, downtown Columbus. Had a small but enthusiastic turnout for Science Day 2000.

USS Draco
Cullman, AL
Biweekly BBQ's restarted for the summer beginning 0004.15 to be held had CO's house. All are invited.

Crew is preparing for fun at Region Three's Vegas Summit. Two members are offering an away mission to see Star Trek Voyage of Discovery.

USS Palo Duro
Amarillo, TX
Crew met at 15:30 hours on 4th Saturday in April at home of F.Capt. Freas for monthly meeting and Stargate:SG1 9 hour TV marathon.

USS Rhyanna
Austin, TX
Current Projects: Literacy Austin, Hill Country Ministries, Starfleet Overseas Coupon Project - We sent coupons to our Army Base in Germany this month. We had a Garage sale, and raised over 300 dollars for Safe Place.

Region Four
COMM Ed Nowlin, Commanding

USS Stormbringer
Tucson, AZ
XO is working on the MOM Manual finishing touches. Donated blood again with local blood bank. Readying numerous tabs, stamps, and food coupons for mailing to various SF Directors.

Region Five
RADM Kurt Roithinger, Commanding

USS Bright Star
Redmond, WA
Assisting in preparations for STARFLEET Western Conference.

USS Destiny
Salem, OR
Destiny attended an interclub "Wargames Challenge" and potluck. Away team helped with beach cleanup. Crew supported March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Chapter Mini-Golf tournament.

USS Jaguar
Redmond, Washington
CO and XO attended Region One Summit in Gatlinburg, TN.

USS Pendragon
Bellevue, WA
CO received numerous awards at the State Cake Show, which had a fantasy theme this year. Away team heading to Anglicon.

Region Six
ADM David Kloempken, Commanding

USS Czar'ak
Minneapolis, MN
Crew attended MarsCon 2. Hosted "Wheel of SciFi" as well as a room party. Crew making preparations for All Club picnic. Crew is preparing for 2nd annual Region 6 Summit.



USS Bright Star departs Spacedock to test new systems for the Advanced Starship Design Bureau.
Artist Unknown



USS Atlas returning to the 12th Fleet
Artist Unknown

USS Imperium
Fargo, ND
Crew participated in a local elementary school activity night which was sci-fi themed. Making preparations for Fall Region 6 Conference at Valleycon.

USS Thunderchild
Rapid City, SD
The design for the ship's flag was approved with alterations. The final design is expected to be finished shortly. Five members attended Starfest 2000 in Denver. Crew held their first highway pickup of the season.

Region Seven
VADM Jesse Smith, Commanding

USS Albany
Guilderland, NY
Crew attended Chocolate Festival. Had

bowling nights as well as a Albany Firebirds game.

USS Accord
Ithaca, NY
Accord was represented at the R1 Summit in Gatlinburg TN at the end of April. Accord Command has been working on meeting places and R7 award submissions. Sciences has been working on database modifications and updates to facilitate expiration stickers on mailings for expiring members.

USS Arthur C. Clarke
Cinnaminson, NJ
The crew organized and completed an away mission to sell our left-overs at a local flea market. The results were profitable for our general fund and participation was excellent. We have decided to delay until a future date our

plans for a multi-club miniature golf tournament. Election for a new CO was completed on April 30, 2000.

USS Northstar
New York City, NY
Crew had "Memorabilia Night 2000". Crew preparing for 9th Birthday party.

USS Thagard
Philadelphia, PA
Crew held annual picnic. Crew participated in "May Mall" day. Had a mini-golf day.

Region Twelve
BGEN Wade Hoover, Commanding

USS Bradbury
St. Charles, MO
Crew undertook an away mission to the Chicago Planetarium.

USS Discovery
St. Louis, MO
Members attended R12 Summit. Also Name That Con and the Discovery/Hexum Dinner. Voyager Nights continuing and planning the MO Sector Picnic for July 29th.

USS Hexum
Belleville, IL
Crew is working on a Green Hornet skit for ARCHON in September. Away team went to a showing of "U-571". Several members held a panel at Name that Con.

USS Marko Ramius
Fayetteville, AR
St. Patrick's Day/Ramius Anniversary; attended Celt 2nd Anniversary. Set date for next Klingon Games.

USS Matrix
Fayetteville, AR
The ship will be participating in the newest SFA course, the Vessel Readiness Program. The SETI@home support has logged over 9 years of CPU time on the project, for the USS Matrix! Reorganized and updated ship's website.

USS Morning Star
Lawson, OK
Readopted "Nurse" the whale. Monthly meeting followed by picnic in local park. Watched bat emergence together.

Region Seventeen
COMM Keira Russell-Strong, Commanding

USS Mir
Las Cruces, NM
Crew held picnic in Alamogordo. Met with prospective shuttle commander from Albuquerque. Made annual trip to Western Playland. Held first all-day anime festival.



FORSALE

25th Anniversary Chess Set. A little dusty, otherwise set is in excellent condition. Bought through Franklin Mint. Paid \$2,000 asking \$700.00 including stand. Shipping is included in price. The stand will cost some to pack and mail. Contact Deb Kern (505) 439-8266; kerndi@wazoo.com; or write: 2525 Enterprise Ave; Alamogordo, New Mexico; 88310-8024.

The Official Star Trek Checkers Set: Excellent condition. Asking \$100.00. Paid \$300.00. Shipping cost is included in price. Bought through Franklin Mint. In a very nice silver and chrome case and the checker pieces are heavily coated in 14 karat gold and sterling silver. No board. Contact Deb Kern (505) 439-8266; kerndi@wazoo.com; or write: 2525 Enterprise Ave; Alamogordo, New Mexico; 88310-8024.

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I have an extensive collection of Star Trek comics and paperbacks dating back to 1969. I am interested in selling them. Please send a SASE (\$.33) for a list of items to Bran Stimpson PO Box 1145 Bangor ME 04402-1145.

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R2D2 Rolling Pepsi Cooler (used but clean). As seen in stores. Has floating platform and drain tube. Available to the highest bidder, with shipping included. Contact David Crum 19 Twilight Lane Willingboro, NJ 08046 or Dtreker@aol.com.

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Dyar, 1209 SE 89th Ave, Portland, OR 97216-1715 or allyson@ssnexus.org

Region 5 in Review Video containing scenes and pictures from chapters around R5 set to music as well as information about all things R5. The price is \$12.00 with buyer provided video and \$17.00 without provided video. Prices include S&H. Send orders to (and payable to): Nat Saenz, 2301 Rouchelle Lane, West Richland, WA 99353 or e-mail: nat@televar.com. Any and all funds raised from the sale of this video will go to support the Region 5 Internet Domain.

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Joshua Bevil
3619 Pilot Grove LP
Ozark, Arkansas 72949
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moderatorone@hotmail.com

Correy chapter USS Stellar Wind, thought perhaps dead in space, has revved up her engines to once again ride among the stars. We are searching for officers and crew who would like to 'seek out new life and new civilizations', and boldly go with us once more. Capt. Ken Oziah, 1143 E. Cothrell, Olathe, KS, 66061, E-mail - NCC40513@aol.com.

USS JUSTICE, celebrating completion of its fifth year, invites any Starfleet members in the New Jersey area to join in the fun and excitement. The JUSTICE is one of the premiere Starfleet chapters, and excels in the great sport of paintball. Come join us for the Star Trek Live Action Role Playing Paintball games! Contact: Fleet Captain Edward C. Tunis III @ JUSTICECO@aol.com, <http://ussjustice.sfi.org> or 31 Keyes Street, Florham Park, NJ 07932

Attention non-assigned members in Colorado Springs, CO. The USS ArcRoyal is forming in this area. This ship will be servicing those with off-schedules, i.e.

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USS Aurora Vulcanus (Correspondence Chapter) is looking for members who like to write, draw, and role play. Join one of the most creative starships in the Fleet. Contact: Michelle Fanelli P.O. Box 591874 Houston, TX 77259 - 1874 or mrbasil@flash.net or <http://www.flash.net/~mrbasil>

If you are a Starfleet member who is unassigned and lives in Atlantic, Ocean or Monmouth County or the western portion of Burlington County, beam aboard the USS Challenger. Our chapter is celebrating its 12th year and meets monthly. Call 732/830-3262 or e-mail us at Chalngrcmd@aol.com

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ATTENTION Unassigned members!!! The shuttle Hokulani, an internet-based correspondence chapter that launched at the Region One Summit, is looking for members to join us in Cyberspace, for camaraderie, and story writing, and parties. If interested email us at uss18076@starmail.com.

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There is more to life than "Seeking out new life, and new civilizations..." Action, adventure, and danger on the sharp end await you. This ain't your mamma's StarFleet. If you have what it takes, contact us at robbyjackson@mediaone.net or ICQ# 47777999

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Scottish SWM, 29, seeks female Fleet member for fun correspondence. Interested in all types of Sci-Fi, music, and having a good time. Don't delay, write today! Contact: Ewan Chalmers 1 Tomail Place, Elgin, Moray, Scotland IV30 6YE or EwanAC@yahoo.co.uk.

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PHILLY AFTER MIDNIGHT

Rear Admiral Bob Vosseller • CO, USS Challenger

Cmdr. Ken Dohn and I enjoyed our visit to Philly Channel 6 meeting up with Philly After Midnight guests V.Adm. Tony Rowley, USS Malverne, Capt. Larry Neigut, USS Malverne and Capt. Kris Klufas, USS Thagard plus our fellow audience guests from the Malverne, Sovereign and Thagard.

The audience was too small for them to pan over (I think that was a mistake on their part, apparently they don't know how rambunctious a crowd, even a small one, Starfleet members are). None the less Kris, Tony and Larry enjoyed their time in the spotlight answering questions by show guest host Gary Pappas and better yet speaking with George Takei via satellite from LA.

It brought back memories of a certain

access cable TV show called "Spaced Out" when George was asked just before the premiere of a show called Star Trek: The Next Generation, how he "hoped that the new show would be something

like The Adventures of Capt. Sulu" but alas its going to be Star Trek: The New Generation." Well George said this way before ST: VI and he got the title wrong of the new show but fans still want to see him helm a TV series.

Larry, Kris, and Tony helped that effort tonight and George appreciated their help as well as those

who were in the audience. "I want to thank all the fans that are there with you tonight," George remarked.



USS Thagard member Capt. Mike Klufas helps Malverne CO Tony Rowley put on his monster maroon.



Ready for the TV audience, From left-right: USS Challenger Cmdr. Ken Dohn joins USS Sovereign CO Flt. Capt. Beryl Washington USS Thagard CO Capt. Kris Klufas, Sovereign members Engineer Sonny Wright, CEO Traci Giorgani, USS Malverne member and Excelsior Campaign Coordinator Larry Neigut, and almost hiding is Capt. Mike Klufas of the USS Thagard and R7 Communications Coordinator.

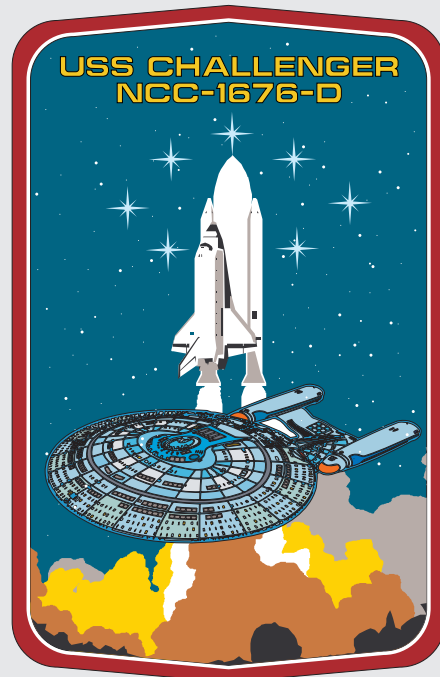
USS Challenger Logo

Artwork by:
David Pipgras, Chris Wallace,
Kurt Roithinger

The Logo was based on an original submitted by the USS Challenger and re-worked by the above three artists. The seven stars in formation around the tip of the Space Shuttle are in commemoration of the seven Astronauts - Michael Smith, Dick Scobee, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Gregory Jarvis, and Christa McAuliffe - who perished in the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster.

"We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them, this morning, as they prepared for the journey and waved goodbye and 'slipped the surly bonds of earth' to 'touch the face of God.'"

- President Ronald Reagan



The Malverne Boys! Capt. Paul Green, V.Adm. Tony Rowley and Capt. Larry Neigut prepare for their adventure at Philly After Midnight on April 21st