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REGION ONE SUMMIT ROCKS PIGEON FORGE ONCE MORE!



The First Fleet puts on a first-rate regional summit! *More photos on p. 24*
Left: R1 Coordinator Greg Franklin with his crown and scepter. Photo by Mandi Livingston.

Members of the White Star and the Dark Phoenix participate in four Relays for Life! *Story on p. 5*

Right: The USS White Star Relay for Life Team Captain, from L to R: Mary Ferguson, White Star Executive Officer, and Relay Team Captain Barbara Durette. Photo by Michael Dugas.

SFI GULF QUADRANT - AT 4 RELAYS FOR LIFE!



USS EUROPE MEMBERS MEET IN ANTWERP, BELGIUM



You think the commute to YOUR chapter meeting is tough? Some members of the USS Europe crossed national borders to meet in person in Antwerp, Belgium, some for the first time. *Story on p. 4*

Left: Lt Stefan Wouters, Capt Michael 'Mike' Vermoesen, Lt Jonathan Oppeel, Lt Col Rik Rösken and Lt Wim Petrus. Photo by Michael Vermoesen.

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*Hey, that guy in the tube looks familiar. Is that Tim Curry?
Comedy is always at someone’s expense, this time our CS paid the tab.
Photo submitted by Willy Smith*



*The not-so-glamorous side of community service... the USS White Star
Relay for Life team... after the rain - on a flooded track. from L to R:
Laura Dugas, Bryn Dugas, Barbara Durette.
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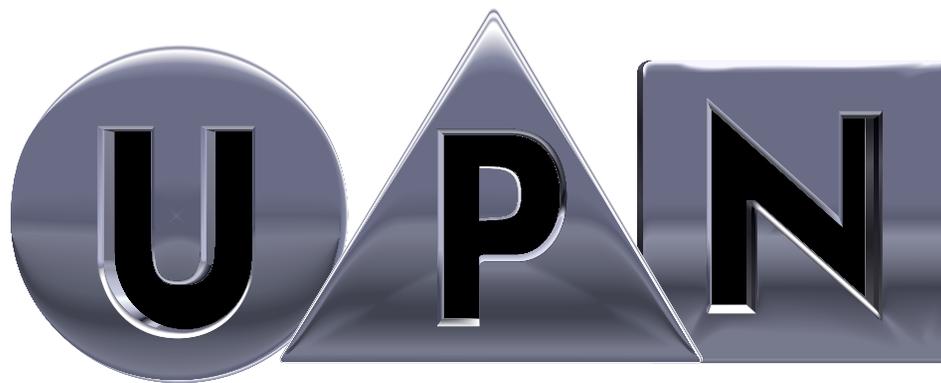
With all the rumors swirling about the uncertain future of Star Trek: Enterprise as well as the upcoming U.S. Presidential elections in November, it's a good time to talk about how we can make the internet work for us in getting our issues heard by "The Powers That Be". Like everything else, there are good ways to put the Internet to use, as well as not-so-good ways. By avoiding a few common pitfalls, you'll increase your chances to bring about the changes you want.

Let's start with the biggest pitfall: online petitions. Online petitions are useful for a few things, but, as a tool to demonstrate to a network that there are thousands of fans that enjoy the show they are trying to kill, they are worthless. I'll repeat that: online petitions are worthless when trying to catch the attention of a network. Why? They're easy to skew.

The online petition site I'm most familiar with, www.thepetitionsite.com, tracks email addresses to determine if a new signer has signed previously. Sure, it takes your other demographic information as well, and even has an option to for you to be displayed anonymously on the website, but it only tracks emails. I currently have six different email addresses, so I could add myself on there six different times. I can even make up different contact

BE HEARD BY THE POWERS THAT BE!

by Karen Mitchell • USS Richthofen, Region 7



information for each new "me" that signs. How is that a fair representation of the demographic? It's not. And there's no way you can force it to be.

E-mail petitions are even worse, because now the quality control of your petition is completely out of your hands. Some email petitions have been floating around cyberspace for years, long past their effective time period. They clog up email boxes, especially when people just hit "reply to all" and spam it back to 10 or 20 people they don't even know. And they have all the same inherent problems as the online petitions I described in the previous paragraph.

Hands down, the best way to get yourself heard is by directly writing to the official person in question, whether that's the CEO of Viacom or one of your elected government officials. Depending on the person, you may be able to use e-mail. I routinely e-mail or fax my elected officials. I know that someone in their office is reading these letters, because they've sent me responses (one of my U.S. Senators is now sending her responses back via e-mail). However, if the person you're trying to contact receives a lot of email, chances are they'll never see your note, especially if people have been publicizing the email address all over the 'net. That leaves you with the "old

standby": sending a letter through the mail.

Now, I know my article is about the effective use of the Internet in getting your voice heard, but it's easy for a network executive to ignore an email. A junior staffer deletes them, or sets up a bounce-back filter, and no one ever has to worry with them. Piles of paper letters, on the other hand, have to be dealt with, if only to toss them out.

I actually prefer postcards to letters, for a few reasons. You have to be to the point with a postcard, because there isn't a lot of space. It's also easy for the network to get an idea of where the viewers are if you pick a postcard with a scene from your hometown on it. With today's "heightened sense of security" in the US, a postcard doesn't need extensive screening for anthrax or other nasty things. And, generally speaking, the postage is cheaper than a letter. A coordinated effort to send hundreds of postcards to a network is at least going to show the executives that people are watching.

So go grab a few postcards and make your voice heard! If you really love the show, it's worth a few dollars in postage, right?

In recent months there have been continued epithets hurled from the fandom community at the admittedly uneven-in-quality Star Trek: Enterprise, and new (and wholly unrealistic) demands are being laid on Paramount's doorstep to "bring back Kirk" (<http://www.bringbackkirk.com/>), along with suggestions that they otherwise continue to mine The Original Series for new shows or movies.

There are a few interesting concepts here, like following the TOS Big Three through Starfleet Academy, but they would violate fandom's beloved canon. In this example, not only did they not go through the Academy together but I believe it's been established (possibly not canonically) that McCoy didn't even go to Starfleet Academy!

Like it or not, the time for The Original Series is over. Even setting a new series in the TOS era following a new ship and a new crew is unlikely, since – and let's not let sentimentality get in the way here – trying to recreate the look of TOS with modern technology would look ridiculous to

"LET IT GO, INDIANA . . ."

A Look at Fan Expectations & Demands and the Future of Trek

by Colonel Adam J. Bernay, USS Gallant, Region 4

the masses, to whom another series would have to be marketed. Fandom's not a big enough audience to support such a television series, even with UPN's low ratings standards.

That being said, one possibility – and I don't think it's a good possibility given the ages of the regulars who would likely be involved (64-74... and surprising me, Grace Lee Whitney's the oldest!) – could be a "Star Trek: Excelsior," with Capt. Sulu, Cmdr. Rand, and possibly Cmdrs. (Capts.?) Chekov and Uhura.

But, with an aging central cast, it would be a gamble that they would even all live through the series. I hate to say it, but these are the considerations made by studio executives. It's one thing to make a movie with them, but it's another to subject them to the rigors of television series production.

One possibility, and I think this could be a good idea depending on how they were written, would be to make a few Excelsior TV-movies, if for no other reason than to keep the franchise alive while trying to find a new series – should Enterprise go off the air without a viable substitute in the pipeline. (An important side-point here: I think it's critical to have some sort of Trek in production when Enterprise flies off into the sunset, otherwise – given the nature of the entertainment industry – the chances of future Treks happening are rather slim.)

It would be interesting to use such movies as a "passing of the baton" to a series covering what some call the Interregnum (the period from the end of Star Trek VI to the start of The Next Generation). There's a lot of interesting stories one could work with during this period, including the Breen War and

the long-term conflict between the Klingons and the Romulans, in one of whose battles the Enterprise-C was lost.

Another possibility could be a series following the missions of the Enterprise-B. I know, I know, most fans didn't like Captain Harriman... but let's be perfectly honest. This guy was given the biggest responsibility of his life, and before he's had a chance to adjust to it, not only does the media arrive in force, but three legends appear on his bridge – people whose boot steps one would probably feel unworthy of walking in, no matter how good an officer one is.

In my opinion, Harriman deserves a second chance... and now that Spin City is over, Alan Ruck is available! Seriously, though, all the main character captains so far have been relatively sure of their abilities. A captain having to grow into the job would be interesting to watch.

On the other hand, Paramount could play the hand it has dealt itself with (*cont. on p. 4*)

LET IT GO, INDIANA...

(cont. from p. 6)

Enterprise and simply try to turn it into a show people will be interested in. How does it do that? I've heard two possibilities after tying off the current "weapon of mass destruction" storyline:

1) Continue on with exploration and begin meeting the rest of the races that formed the United Federation of Planets and start forging relationships with them, or

2) Start the Romulan War.

Both of these storylines have very good points to them, so I would recommend they do both: continue on with exploration, begin meeting the future Federation races, and then, as those who explore further and further have historically done, bump into hostile foreigners (in this case, the Romulans).

Have the war develop naturally out of the continued outward push, over a couple of seasons, and then do two seasons of escalating war – which could lead easily to Enterprise movies (feature or TV) involving the war.

Other possibilities include:

• Starfleet Academy: The Series

No, I'm not talking about following our TOS heroes through the Academy, but a show – probably set post-Voyager – about cadets at our favorite fictional institute of higher learning. Although this concept has long been scorned as "Trek 90210" or "Dawson's Creek in Space," it could just as easily follow in the footsteps of serious college-related films and books like "The Lords of Discipline" and the short-lived "Class of '96," and also have elements of the earlier episodes of "Space: Above & Beyond."

• Captain Riker & the Titan

Yes, the Titan's first mission was to begin to lay the groundwork for a formalized treaty with Romulus, but I can't see Starfleet keeping Riker's command in that job for very long. It would be a waste of his skills. Riker's experiences as First Officer of two successive starships Enterprise make him the obvious choice to command a mission of exploration in heretofore uncharted space. This would be an ideal show to put Trek back on its original premise: "wagon train to the stars," exploring the furthest galaxies, far away from the politics of the

Federation, the Klingon and Romulan Empires, etc.

This also has the same sort of attraction of the "Captain Sulu & the Excelsior" concept (beloved character gets his own command and brings some other beloved characters with him), with a much younger cross-over cast. Of course, they've played these roles on and off for almost twenty years. They may not want to return to playing them on a weekly schedule.

• MACO: The Series

Before you scoff, stop to consider it a minute: the U.S. is in a war; there's been a rebirth of viewing soldiers as heroes. This show would have a great deal of appeal outside of Trek's normal viewing audience, and therefore could keep the franchise humming while a new Trek more in line with "exploring strange new worlds, seeking out new life and new civilizations, boldly going where none have gone before" could be arranged.

And there are many, many more such possibilities. If Star Trek has created a fictional universe that we enjoy viewing, these and many other permutations of the concept are viable series. Of course, maybe a new TV series is the wrong way to go. Maybe Trek needs some time off to rebuild its

fan base, like it did between TOS and Star Trek: The Motion Picture.

But, either way, I believe it's a mistake for many reasons to look back to The Original Series as a way to save the Star Trek franchise, both with regard to frank issues of business and age and for reasons of story.

And as for Kirk's death not being grand and glorious enough for people... He died saving lives, making a difference. If fandom demands the character be resurrected to satisfy their desires for one more trip down memory lane, you've devalued the good captain's sacrifice and made his death mean virtually nothing.

So, as Sean Connery said in a film from another one of Paramount's franchises, "Let it go, Indiana." While Trek certainly needs to recapture the spirit of The Original Series, it needs to do so with new characters, new situations, and new frontiers.

On 17 April 2004 five members of the USS Europe met in the Belgian city of Antwerp. It was the first gathering of what will hopefully become a quarterly opportunity for local members to learn about those who are hiding behind their names in the digital world.

Three Belgian and two Dutch members met at the Central Train Station in Antwerp - this was a logical choice, since the majority of the members would arrive by train. People arrived between eleven and one o'clock at the station, and there was some time left in between to get to know each other better.

Most of the Belgian members had met each other before, as had the two from the Netherlands, and discussion varied from working together at the USS Europe to the higher grammar of the European languages.

After a short stop at the restaurant for refreshments and learning each other better, the whole group went to a cinema in the outskirts of the city to watch a movie together. The movie, called "Timeline," sparked some

MEETING SFI MEMBERS IN ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Story & Photo by Captain Michael Vermoesen • USS Europe, Region 9



interesting discussions about timeline paradoxes and the discussion itself was a good concurrent of a rather predictable film.

Afterwards there was just enough time to eat together and return to the station before the rigid international train schedules became a problem for those travelling.

Although only five SFI members may seem a small amount for a meeting, for Region 9 this will be counted as a success of its recent history and hopefully the next meeting will bring even more members together. It was fun.

STARFLEET GULF QUADRANT COVERS FOUR RELAYS FOR LIFE: THREE IN ONE WEEKEND

By FCapt. Ralph F. Planthold and Col. Larry K. Morris • USS Dark Phoenix, Region 2

Photos submitted by Ralph F. Planthold

Region 2's March, 2004 Summit charitable donation of \$1,500 to the Gulfport, MS, chapter of the American Cancer Society (pictured on the front page of CQ #122) has really opened some doors! It merited a glowing thank you letter from John Fitzhugh, Co-chair, American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Gulfport, part of which read, "Starfleet International Region 2 will be honored at the Gulfport Relay For Life as a Lane Sponsor."

This sounded good; but beyond recognition on the Gulfport Relay's banner as a corporate sponsor, we wondered what else we might be entitled to as a Lane Sponsor. So we presented this question to Janie Kuperstock, the South Mississippi Director of Communications for the American Cancer Society: If several members of the USS Dark Phoenix, on behalf of Region 2, did accept Mr. Fitzhugh's invitation to attend the Gulfport Relay For Life and offered assistance in whatever way was needed, would they be permitted to do some "Recruiting by Attraction" in uniform? She responded by not only welcoming us to attend the Gulfport Relay, but also by informing us of the Relays For Life schedule for other communities in south Mississippi this spring.

That was all we needed to hear. The

CO and XO of USS Dark Phoenix, the SFMC husband and wife team of COL Larry K. Morris and COL Mary Ann Morris, arrived early on May 1st to help set up the event site. More than once during setup Mr. Fitzhugh was heard to shout, "STARFLEET!" when he needed help, and the USS Dark Phoenix responded every time.

Torrential rain pelted the Gulf Coast that weekend. In Milton, FL's, Relay For Life on Friday night it never let up on the CO and XO of the USS Continuum, the husband and wife team of FCAPT Bruce Dolan and CAPT Sandy Dolan, who this year were walking as members of a team fielded by Sandy's employer, First National Bank of Florida. It was so bad that it caused the Dolans to cancel their original plan to drive to Gulfport to assist the USS Dark Phoenix in recruiting at Saturday night's Relay. It was probably just as well, since Saturday night's weather was a rerun of Friday night's, and the Gulfport Relay was called off at about 10:15 p.m. due to the rain.

Meanwhile, another USS Dark Phoenix husband and wife team, COMM Sunnie Planthold, the Region 2 VRC, and, FCAPT Ralph Planthold, the Mississippi Zone Coordinator, together with the USS Jubilee XO, CDR Henry Terry, Jr., were *(cont. on p. 6)*



Fleet's In at the Mobile, AL, ACS Relay For Life 2004! Left to right: Comm. Sunnie Planthold, FCapt. Ralph Planthold, S&S Sprinkler Co. CEO Leland T. Moore, Sr. (Capt., USN Ret. and a former sub commander), and Cmdr. Henry G. Terry, Jr.



Col. Mary Ann Morris and Col. Larry K. Morris pose before the Corporate Sponsors banner for the Gulfport, MS, ACS Relay For Life 2004. The size and prominence of "Starfleet International" on the banner is in recognition of Region 2's large donation.



"Recruiting by Attraction," as conducted "under the small top" at the Gulfport, MS, Relay.

STARFLEET GULF QUADRANT COVERS FOUR RELAYS FOR LIFE: THREE IN ONE WEEKEND (continued)

splitting their 24-hour day between two other events. The threesome departed at 7 a.m. for Jackson, MS, to assist the USS Haise CO; RADM Bethany Theilman, Chief of Communications CDR Lucy Ferron, and Chief of Engineering LT Kaith Rush with their ship's annual appearance at Space Day, hosted by the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. After "showing the flag" for 4 hours (and enduring a 3-hour drive each way), the Dark Phoenix and Jubilee threesome arrived in Mobile, AL.

They were in Mobile to walk (and walk, and walk) in its Relay For Life as members of a team fielded by Henry's employer, S&S Sprinkler Co., LLC. Fortunately for all concerned, as of Friday morning the Mobile Relay had been moved indoors. In the wee hours of Sunday morning, Ralph and Henry talked to Lindsey Campbell, the South Alabama Director of Communications for the American Cancer Society, and using the same approach as with the South Mississippi ACS Communication Director, asked permission to do some "Recruiting by Attraction", in uniform, at future south Alabama Relays this spring.

As a result, the Lucedale, MS Relay For Life chairperson contacted us to request our assistance at their Relay on May 28th in exchange for a booth with electricity and permission to recruit. We immediately accepted, and when the event arrived, we were blessed with weather much more to our liking than we experienced in our previous efforts, as the skies were warm, sunny, and windy in the afternoon and cool and breezy overnight.

The turnout from STARFLEET Gulf Quadrant was all you could ask for as representatives from four sister ships converged on the George County High School stadium to help recruit. Included were the USS Haise CO; Bethany Theilman; and son Evan, the USS Okatoma CO; COMM James Brunton, and three prospective members of the Dark Phoenix.

We couldn't have asked for a better reception. We met and talked at some length with Lucedale Relay chairperson DeWanda Platt. She

provided valuable advice on how RADM Theilman might contact the chairperson for the Meridian, MS Relay, which is scheduled to follow the Lucedale Relay in just two weeks. We were also interviewed and photographed by a reporter from the Mississippi Press for a follow up article on the Relay. The fireworks display after dark at the Lucedale Relay was not to be believed, and we were very satisfied with the results of our recruiting efforts. We handed out business cards and STARFLEET applications to a scoutmaster, a shipyard worker, and a deputy sheriff among many others. We recommend that you try the method which we have used. Listed below for your possible use is a copy of the text of the letter we have used to approach the directors of these events:

"We are members of STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., a not-for-profit organization with chapters around the world. Our local chapter would like to field its own team to walk in next year's Relay For Life, but right now we don't have enough members to accomplish that. What we would like to do for this year is 'Recruiting by Attraction': Set up a table; display photos, memorabilia, and brochures about the organization; and answer questions of anyone who comes to talk with us. We are not a political organization, and we are not a cult. We will not accost passersby in an effort to entice them to join our organization. We will sell nothing during the Relay; we will not even accept membership dues during the Relay from anyone who wishes to join. We will arrive early to help with setup and stay late to help with cleanup. May we have permission to set up a table somewhere at this event?"

You might consider trying this yourself. It works for us

*STARFLEET Gulf Quadrant is an unofficial group of Region 2 chapters spanning portions of Mississippi [USS Haise, USS Okatoma, USS Odyssey, USS Dark Phoenix], Alabama [USS Jubilee], and Florida [USS Continuum], with two things in common: We are geographically close, and we enjoy working and playing together. Towards that end, we maintain a consolidated events calendar, accessible by a link from our group home page, <http://www.region2.org/starfleetgulfquadrant/>.

A STAR TREK GUARDIAN LOST

By Douglas Mayo • USS Nelson, Region 15

A few months ago, Star Trek lost one of its guardians when Shirley Maiewski of Hatfield, MA passed away on April 13th 2004.

Star Trek fans around the world have much to thank Shirley for – she answered the call from Star Trek's creator, Gene Roddenberry, in 1968 when Desilu Studios wanted to pull the plug on Star Trek, and she was part of one of the biggest letter-writing campaigns by fans of the show to those then in power at the studio.

Over a million letters flooded in from ordinary fans from across the world; the result was that Star Trek was saved, if only for a season more. But the bigger message of that successful campaign was not lost, as fans near and far now knew that there were many who shared a fondness for Mr. Roddenberry's vision. From that fan support came ten movies, four additional TV series, and countless books still being published every month.

As a nine-year-old boy, I too wrote a letter to the studio asking them to save Star Trek, because it did make a difference in my life. It gave me hope and a vision that life could be better, something I had wished for daily as a child born with cerebral palsy. Over the next couple of years I wrote several more letters in support of the show, and one of the letters I received back pointed me the direction of the Star Trek Welcommittee (STW), of which Shirley was Chairman.

The Star Trek Welcommittee was a central information service which would answer questions about Star Trek. The Welcommittee was not a club to join, nor a social group, but rather a collection of fans scattered throughout the world who were willing, ready and able to answer all sorts of questions about Star Trek – from trivia to information on clubs, fanzines, conventions, how to make your own costumes and so forth.

I became a member of the Welcommittee team, in the early 90's, answering Star Trek questions from fans all over the world. Every couple of months Shirley would send me a packet of letters from fans that needed to be answered, and I would delve into my extensive Star Trek collection to seek the answers to the questions asked. The information age and the Internet took its toll on the Welcommittee in the late 90's, and it closed up shop.

As always happens, life moved on. In 2001 I rejoined Starfleet International, and in 2003 started my own chapter/ship in Northampton, MA called the U.S.S. Nelson. One of my crew had heard through the grapevine that Shirley had not been feeling well lately, and a call had gone out for fans of Star Trek to write to Shirley to help bolster her spirits. I wrote to Shirley that same day and told her that

I remembered the work she did to keep Star Trek alive, until other fans picked up the torch that she had lit those many years ago. She wrote back to me asking questions about the Nelson, and spoke about the fun we had at the Welcommittee.

She said in the letter, "I think we [the Welcommittee] were responsible for keeping Star Trek alive for a long time!" When I wrote her back, I said most assuredly that the Welcommittee played a large part in saving Star Trek and keeping it alive for future fans.

On April 6th the Nelson crew unanimously voted to make Shirley an honorary crewmember of the Nelson, and I sent out a certificate signifying that vote. I was awaiting Shirley response when I read in the newspaper of her untimely death.

Immediately, I had two thoughts. One was of a grateful nine-year-old boy so many years ago who learned that he was not alone; the other was the thought she conveyed to me in her last letter to me, that the Welcommittee had made a difference. Of that I have no doubt.

May thoughts of what Shirley accomplished "live long and prosper."

FROM THE CENTER SEAT

FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE MALOTTE
COMMANDER, STARFLEET



Greetings STARFLEET!

Welcome to CQ#123. I hope this article finds all of you doing well and enjoying the summer. It's certainly been busy here.

The Region 1 Summit was a blast, as usual. Hosted by Ben Redding and Linda Olson, it was the first chance for many R1 members to get to know their new Region Coordinator, Greg Franklin, a little better. Greg did an outstanding job, making sure that all attendees knew who had made it there and recognizing those who have worked so hard.

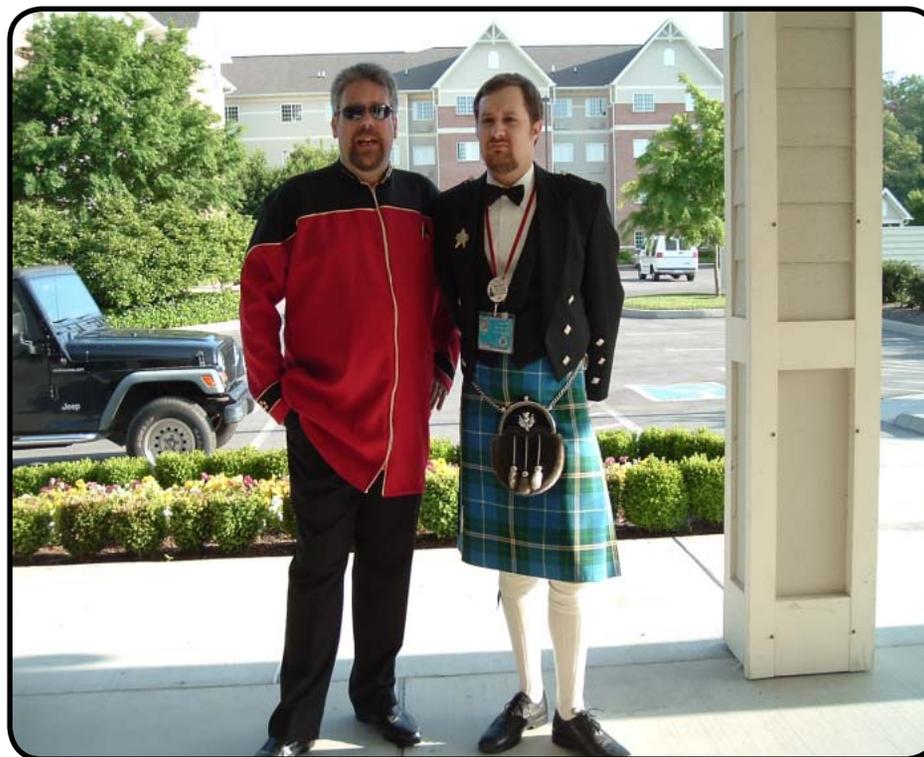
The Saturday BBQ was as fun as always. I'd like to give a big thanks to Mark Anbinder, Joost Ueffing, Dixie Halber, Jerry Tien, Mandi Livingston, Les Rickard, Chris Wallace, Wade Olson, Sarah Bolick and anyone else I might have missed for helping out and making this annual event a success. Participating in this continues to be one of the highlights of my R1 Summit experience. Kudos to Ben and Linda for a great time and to Greg Franklin for the hospitality.

As some of you know, due to a transportation issue, I missed my flight home Sunday night from R1. Fortunately, Fleet came through, as always. Thanks to Wade and Linda Olson for a great dinner Sunday night and making sure I had a way to get home the following Monday. Thanks to Susan Fugate and Joost Ueffing for putting me up Sunday night and getting me to the airport at 0 dark thirty the next morning. Thanks also to Joan and Ricky for joining us for dinner and to Wade and Missy Larkin for the additional company Sunday night. Special thanks to Mark Anbinder for the "support" he left with me before his flight took off.

Looking forward, and as mentioned in a previous column and in a number of other places over the last few months, 2004 is an election year in STARFLEET. By the time you get this CQ, the election season will be in full swing. While I'm not running, I am looking forward to participating in this process.

There will be a tremendous amount of information offered to the membership in the coming months. The candidates will have their platforms for you to look at. There will be an opportunity to subscribe to an e-list and ask the candidates questions. There will be things sent to you via the US Postal Service. In short, there is going to be a lot to learn and a lot of opinions - on what is right for Fleet and what isn't - to go through. And with this process comes a responsibility.

Coordinator, Greg Trotter. If you want to join, send an email to <http://lists.sfi.org/mailman/listinfo/election-I> and sign up. I highly recommend joining this e-list as it affords you an excellent opportunity to ask your specific questions to all of the candidates and see how they respond to the questions of others. There will also be information available on the web, in mail outs, at the International Conference, on IRC and many other avenues. The information necessary to make an informed decision is out there. Take advantage of it.



*A stylin' Mike Malotte & Joost Ueffing.
Photo by Mandi Livingston*

Regardless of whom you support in this election, each member of STARFLEET has a responsibility to be in the know. Know who the candidates are. Know who their teams are. Know what they stand for. Know what their platforms are. And, if you don't understand a platform point, ask. If you're not sure what someone means or is talking about, ask. If you want to know something specific, ask. There will be many ways of finding out these things.

As stated above, there is an election list run by this year's Election

This is one of the most important times in STARFLEET. Every election cycle, we, the membership, have the power to shape the future of our organization. We have the ability to choose who will guide this club for the next three years. Make your choice wisely, considering all sides of the issues. Don't vote for someone just because they are your friend or because you've heard their name. Get to know them, their team and what they plan on doing with Fleet. Learn what they've done in the past, what they are doing now and what they want to do in the future. Most importantly, no matter

how you do choose who you think is the best candidate - VOTE! Make your voice heard. Don't let someone else make the decision for you by discarding your ballot. It can be the most important thing you ever do as a member of STARFLEET.

Over the last few months, we've had some changes to the personnel on STARFLEET's Admiralty Board. In January, Greg Franklin was voted in as Region 1's new Region Coordinator. In May, Adi Jones took over the reins in Region 20.

Also in May, Carl Johnson tendered his resignation as the Region 12 RC, leaving Chris Rossman as interim RC. I'd like to offer my thanks to Robin Pillow (R1), Marie Wilson (R20) and Carl Johnson (R12) for their time during their respective administrations and formally welcome Greg Franklin and Adi Jones to the AB. Special thanks to Chris Rossman (R12) for stepping up to the plate and managing his Region during the transition - a job made a little rougher due to the fact that the R12 RC needed to step down 2 days before the R12 Summit.

Coming up for me is a much anticipated trip to Region 15 for their annual Summit. I've never been to Massachusetts (flying in to Boston) or New Hampshire (Seabrook, where the Summit is being held) and am looking forward to my first trip to this Region. After that is a trip down to Birmingham for Fleet's biggest party - the International Conference. I'll write up a full report on both of these events for the next CQ.

That does it for me this issue. I hope to see many of you in the near future. Until then, take care and I'll see ya in 60!

OFF CENTER VIEWPOINT

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MARK H. ANBINDER
VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET



At the beginning of May, Matt Copple let me know that it was time for him to step down as Director of the Fleet Divisions Program. He's starting college this summer, and wants to be able to focus on that and other things he's never had time to try.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Matt for his long and tireless efforts in managing a program that gets little attention of its own, but that encompasses several of STARFLEET's most active or most visible programs, such as our Cadet Program, Morale Office, Medical Program, Chaplain and Counselors Program, Science Department, and Diplomatic Corps. Matt has also been instrumental in getting new programs off the ground, like STARFLEET Special Operations and STARFLEET Gets Fit for Duty. Without Matt, I'm confident that most of this would either not exist, or would not be in anywhere near as good shape as it is. Thank you, Matt!

Since my term as Vice Commander, STARFLEET will expire at the end of this year, and the process of selecting a new Director to fill out that term would take up enough of it as to make little sense, I've decided to ask Matt's assistant director, Wade Hoover, and my chief of staff, J.C. Cohen, to step in and keep the Fleet Divisions Program running smoothly for the rest of 2004. It will be up to the next VCS to select a new director with whom he or she will be comfortable working.

Staff Updates

I'm pleased to see Gary Hollifield's "STARFLEET Gets Fit for Duty" program off to such a good start, and I encourage everyone to participate. You can join the YahooGroup (SFI-GFFD), visit the IRC channel (#sfi-gffd), or partake of the related panels and activities scheduled for this summer's International Conference.

Claire Halber, Director of STARFLEET's Office of Accessibility Resources, has finished putting together the first course in STARFLEET Academy's School of

Accessibility, under the Academy's Institute of Leadership. This course is designed for everyone in STARFLEET who helps to plan or run events, or design web sites or publications, so as to make as many Fleeters as possible aware of how they can make their projects and events accessible to those with handicaps or disabilities.

Tell it to the Marines

In addition to my role as USS Accord's Chief Engineer since

rank of Vice Admiral. There'll be little difference most of the time, though you're more likely to see me wearing stars than pips in the future.

Thanks to a loan from my friend Les Rickard, I was even able to wear "monster blacks" at the 1st Brigade Muster and at the delicious Scottish-themed banquet our Summit organizers had planned for that night. If you've seen me in uniform before (and let me tell you, it's a rare occurrence),



Mark Anbinder with COFORCECOM Linda Olsen and SFMC Commandant Wade Olsen. Photo by Mark Anbinder

stepping down as CO this winter, I've been serving for a couple of years as acting Officer in Charge (OIC) of the 771st Marine Strike Group, associated with our chapter. Acting, because in addition to being busy as chapter CO, I was a reserve member of the STARFLEET Marine Corps instead of an active member.

No longer! At the 1st Brigade Muster alongside this spring's Region 1 Summit in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, I became an active-duty member of the SFMC. My thanks to the 1st Brigade and Corps members and leaders present who were so welcoming, helping to make my decision that much easier. For most purposes, I'll now use the rank of Lieutenant General, whereas before I was mostly using the

it's most likely been a DS9-era or TNG-movie-style uniform, despite my chapter's timeline location in the movie era, alongside our mothership, USS Avenger. Finally putting on a uniform of the right era felt like the right thing to do! Now all I need is my own.

The Region 1 Summit was such fun that it wasn't hard to convince a couple of area friends, who popped over to the hotel to visit me for a bit, that they should join STARFLEET. Avi and Jyll had a great time at the banquet and the evening's dance, and even helped devise a couple new drinks for the STARFLEET Bartenders Guild guidebook.

Where to next?

The trip to Pigeon Forge began

the 2004 VCS World Tour, and I'm looking forward to other upcoming travels. My plane tickets are booked for my first visit to Region 3 since the 1998 International Conference, for the mid-June Region 3 Summit in Lubbock, which will probably have just occurred when you read this.

When she heard I was planning to go, Liz Wolf "reminded" me of the sweet potato pancakes at the Pancake House, across the street from the Lubbock Holiday Inn where that IC was held. Don't tell anyone, Liz — but why do you think I'm really returning to Lubbock!?

Unfortunately, I'll be missing the Region 6 and Region 15 events this year, both of which I was fortunate enough to attend last year. I'll miss you all!

Shore Leave XXVI is the second weekend of July, as usual, and we've just increased our room count to two for the Accord members and friends traveling south this summer for the usual good time in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Not long after, I'll be winging my way to Birmingham, Alabama, for this year's International Conference. I've got those plane tickets ordered, too, and the IC and R3 Summit trips are the first three-leg voyages I can ever remember taking! Looking on the good side — at least I'll be racking up extra frequent flyer miles along the way.

Meantime, I've been convinced that I should try real hard to attend the 2004 Region 7 Conference on November 5th-7th, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, despite the schedule conflict I reported in these pages two months ago. Since the conflict is Friday evening, I may yet be able to attend if I don't mind hopping in the car at 9:30pm or so, and arriving in Bethlehem after midnight.

When and where is your chapter's or region's event? Let me know at vcs@sfi.org and I just might try to attend! Just don't be too surprised if I take the opportunity to tell your crew about my chapter's event, USS Accord's 15th annual Watkins Glen Weekend. It's October 1st-3rd, right here in Central New York, and there's plenty of info at www.ussaccord.org. Make your hotel reservations now!

EC/AB NEWS

By Commodore JC Cohen • Chief of Staff to the Vice-Commander, STARFLEET

Greetings, STARFLEET. It is time once again for the AB round-up; this is your summary of all AB activities that have occurred in the last two months and your chance to see how your leaders acted on your behalf. This period has been a busy one indeed.

Item one was a proposal by the EC to modify an already awarded honor to a member when the EC believed one aspect of the honor to be in error. The AB discussed the request of the EC and came to the conclusion that no modification was needed.

The AB implemented a system by which the Membership Handbook could automatically undergo updates when the updates were mandated by changes to the STARFLEET constitution, and to increase the speed of changes to the MHB when such changes were required by state or federal law. At the same time, they also noted that the CS could change the Welcome from the CS as the CS sees fit and Appendix F (vital URLs / emails) could change as needed. The AB took steps to modify the original proposal to ensure that their roles in regards to oversight was not diminished, and passed the motion to allow such changes.

The AB began discussion, at the CS's urging, of what would happen if an RC election process began and no one ran for office. While this should not be a common occurrence, it is a possibility. Discussion has not moved forward on this matter as much as it might have, due to other issues of import arising.

Two FLEET staffers also made requests of the AB. The OCC director asked the AB to beta test the new OCC. Those AB members that did so were also invited to offer up suggestions for alterations; your new OCC is a group effort. Additionally, the Awards director has been taking steps in the form of email reminders for the RCs to submit the regional awards to her for judgment on the various annual awards for FLEET.

The AB was also informed, and in returned advised and took action, regarding the MP changeover. As some of you on STARFLEET-L already know, the Membership Processing changeover was not the smoothest process possible. In order to ensure that STARFLEET was acting properly with regards to the transfer of material, the EC, especially the CS and CompOps, kept the AB informed on

every development in the sequence of events. The AB also discussed what would happen if material transfer did not occur. Regrettably, the issue of leaks from the EC/AB mailing list also had to be discussed; while the EC/AB makes an effort to be transparent in their deliberations through such things as this article every CQ, it is important for many reasons, including each and every member's right to privacy, that certain discussions or aspects of discussion remain private. The issue of membership processing has been for the most part resolved, though there are one or two issues that are still open.

The AB welcomed Adrian John Jones as the new RC of Region 20.

As always, if you want to discuss any matter before the AB, you should talk with your representative on the AB, your duly elected Regional Coordinator. A listing of RCs can be found in the back of this and every issue of the CQ.

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

By PO3 Claire Halber •

Accessibility Resource Coordinator

We have recently established the School of Accessibility at STARFLEET Academy. The school is part of the Institute of Leadership Studies. The Basic Course is available online, and a companion course for the Cadet Corps is being developed by Jamie Delantonas. This real world program is designed to assist members in living up to the Trek ideals of Infinite Diversity by promoting tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion.

Cheri Rosen has been compiling information for a database on community resources. We hope to be able to provide more information to the members on services that are available.

Through the List and the Chat Room we discuss issues of concern, brainstorm, problemsolve, and provide moral support to each other. Anyone who is interested can join our group.

If you have any suggestions on how this department can best serve the needs of our members, please contact me at chalber@comcast.net. Thanks.

"With my arms wide..."

Claire

STARFLEET FLAG PROMOTIONS

By Colonel Deborah Malotte • STARFLEET Director of Promotions

Hello from the Office of Promotions! Here are those who have been promoted since the last CQ - Congrats to all the recipients!:

Captain / Colonel

Robert Torres	Jessica Flores
Curtis Bellman	Jill Tipton
Fred Martin	Sharon Rose Russell
Tonya Martin	Joseph Gallagher, Jr.
Brian Caton	Cheri Rosen
Bran Duncan Stimpson	Kevin King
Tracy Andrews-Isquith	Dale A Kagan
James J. Cecil	George Padovan
Larry Morris	Solomon "Sonny" Wright
Rodney Davis	

Fleet Captain/Brigadier

Gary Hollifield, Jr.
Garrick L. Eppinger, Sr.
Adrian Jones
Anne Bellenger

Rear Admiral

Rick Giles

Admiral

Willy Smith

Commodore / Brigadier General

Paul Fest

Vice Admiral

Roger H. Scritchfield

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BRIGADIER GENERAL JOOST UEFFING
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET



Chapter Commissioning Certificates

Any chapter that wishes the new color certificate and was commissioned between Jan 1st, 2003 and now please e-mail me at ops@sfi.org with your chapter name, NCC #, your shuttle name and SCC # (if it was different) and the date you commissioned. Please allow some time as these certs are now being mailed from NS, Canada, to KS, USA, to be signed by the Fleet Admiral and then sent to the chapters.

Greetings Fleet!

Repeat after me:

There.... Is.... No.... Snow.

It's been a rough winter in NS this year, but all the snow has finally been melted and I can see the grass again! This is a good thing to say the least. I think this year my cup runneth over with the white stuff so Spring was long overdue. Still a little chilly right now, but it's nice to look forward to warmer temperatures.

And speaking of warmer temperatures, the summit season opened up for Operations this year with a visit to sunny Tennessee (well, sunny for most of the weekend) and the Region One Summit. The summit, again, was a huge success and I want to thank everyone involved with the summit for pulling off a fantastic weekend.

I'm not going to name everyone because I'll probably forget some names, but you all know who you are and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I really am beginning to think of Tennessee as my US home away from home. I know that this was the final summit for TN for a bit so I look forward to traveling to the next summit, wherever it will be held.

Next up will be the R13 Summit in Port Huron, MI from June 4 - 6, and then the International Conference in Birmingham, AL, which I am really looking forward to!

Welcome To the Fleet:

STARFLEET Operations welcome the latest additions to the fleet:

USS Commonwealth, Region 1,
Captain James Cecil commanding.

USS Hell's Fury, Region 1,
Fleet Captain Gary Hollifield, Jr.
commanding.

USS Indiana, Region 1,
Captain Rodney Davis commanding.

USS Firestorm, Region 12,
Brigadier General Brian Davis
commanding.

MSR REPORTING

MARCH 2004:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	44	52	85%
R2	25	31	81%
R3	20	22	91%
R4	16	18	89%
R5	5	8	63%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	27	31	87%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	4	75%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	24	30	80%
R13	5	5	100%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	8	9	89%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	198	231	86%

APRIL 2004:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	49	56	88%
R2	27	31	87%
R3	20	21	95%
R4	15	19	79%
R5	6	7	86%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	26	30	87%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	4	75%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	20	29	69%
R13	5	5	100%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	201	232	87%

Just to review Ops policy on reporting: reports are due by the 5th of the next month for the month you're reporting for (April MSR's are due May 5th for instance) and late MSR's are considered between the 6th and 10th of that month (April MSR's are late between May 6th and May 10th for instance). Four failures to report (FTR) or eight late reports in one year will result in a contact from me. Another FTR or two more late reports will be cause to put the chapter on 60-day standby.

A note on the DB: for those of you that submit via normal e-mail, you may notice another e-mail come to you that looks like a MSR from the DB, this would be the staff of Operations inputting the MSR into the DB and the DB spitting out a "record" for Ops, your RC, and you. So if the submitter has listed as someone other than the CO or designate, no worries. Any questions about this are welcome, but hopefully this will clear up some confusion.

Chapter Care Program

The Chapter Care Program is designed to make sure the chapters of SFI are being fully taken care of to the best of the ability of Operations. The dedicated staff of the CCP will do their best to make sure any questions or concerns are taken care of and followed up on if necessary. I ask that all COs that when you are contacted to please respond to the letter, even if it's to say "all is well, no problem."

Currently, the staff of the CCP is:

Kandyleigh Provencher,
Director, CCP
justkandys@metrocast.net

Guy Champagne, Assistant, CCP
gchamp@lamere.net

Mark Craft, Assistant, CCP
pudgnutt@metrocast.net

Any CO having questions about the program can direct it to the new director of the Chapter Care Program, Kandyleigh Provencher, at justkandys@metrocast.net.

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Vessel Registry

The VR is available for your downloading pleasure. Any changes of chapter information can be sent to chapterinfochange@sfi.org or to ops@sfi.org directly. The document itself can be downloaded at <http://documents.sfi.org/downloads/vr.pdf>.

And as a reminder, if anyone wishes a printed copy sent to them please contact me with your name and address.

Understrength Program

Those chapters that are below strength should have been contacted by e-mail by the Understrength Chapters Program run by CompOps. This program is for you: they're there

to help you in any way to get your chapter back up to strength. If they have contacted you this means your chapter strength has fallen to below strength. Don't let the opportunity for help pass you by.

Corry Operations

Michelle Fanelli and Joe Hoolihan are doing a fantastic job with Correy Ops. Remember that they are great resources for corry chapters or those chapters looking to become correy chapters, so use them if you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc., Michelle can be reached at mrbasil@flash.net and Joe at johooli@erols.com.

Reminders

Please remember that when you use the Change of Command tool on the DB to make sure your passwords are as correct as you can get them. If there is a wrong p/w I will reject the CoC and ask you to resubmit.

Please also remember that

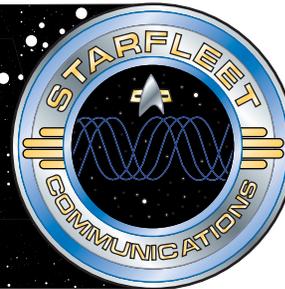
Operations does not recognize temporary changes in command for chapters. If you chapter has lost its CO and you expect the interim CO to be in charge for more than a month than it is best that the chapter submit a change of command to make the temp CO the permanent CO until such time as a new CO is chosen. This is especially important for any RC elections or the upcoming election for CS/VCS because Operations will use the data it currently has on hand for mailing and voting purposes.

That's about all I have to say this turn of the page. The sun is coming out more. Warm times ahead!

Till next time...



IN COMING... COMMODORE DIXIE HALBER CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET



Hello STARFLEET! It's been a busy time in Communications since we last chatted so let me take a few moments and catch everyone up. Stellar Visions is completed and being proofed and should be going to print soon. My goal is to have copies on hand at IC so get your order in now! There will be a paper and a CD version available. All proceeds from the sale will go to the STARFLEET Scholarship fund.

I've been receiving many comments about the length of time it takes the CQ to reach our overseas members. I am looking into this and am working to get this issue resolved. I have identified one slowdown in the process and will work to get that end buttoned up. I've been working with the RC from Region 20 to time the departure from the US and the arrival in Europe to make sure that the mailing service is still delivering the CQs in a timely manner. I am also aware that a similar situation exists for our Canadian members. I'm also investigating a solution for Canadian mailing. I would like to remind everyone that the current issue of the CQ is available for viewing through the STARFLEET

database as soon as it is sent to print. So if you need to see it now and don't want to wait for the mail, simply log into the database, click on Comm (located on the lower right hand side of the screen) and then click on Latest CQ. A current CQ will open in a pdf. It is a large download though so if you're on dial up, you may want to relax with the beverage of your choice while it opens.

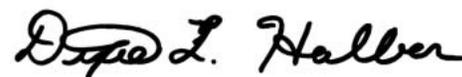
Another area Communications has been focusing on is the website. The web team has been cleaning up old information and correcting bad links. It is a big job however and we can't always find everything. If you seen information on the website that is incorrect, out of date or a link that doesn't work, please open a HelpDesk ticket for it so that we can get it corrected. Simply copy the url into an e-mail and send it to HelpDesk@sfi.org along with your name and the nature of the error. We'll get it fixed up as soon as we can.

The Office of Graphic Design has been receiving many requests of late and unfortunately, our little team of

people have been too busy to keep up. So it's time to expand! That's right, we're looking for graphic artists to help out in OGD. So if you are one of our many members with graphic skills, we want to hear from you! Send me an e-mail at comm@sfi.org. I'd love to hear from you.

Finally I'd like to offer a word of thanks to the members of Region 1 and Region 12. I had the opportunity to travel to both regions and attend their summits in the past month. I had a wonderful time at each. I appreciate that you made me feel welcome and look forward to attending future summits. One of the best parts of being in Fleet is having friends world wide. I enjoy getting out and getting to me them.

Well that's all for this time, see you all in 60.



IC2004 UPDATE!

Greetings from the Starfleet International Conference 2004 Committee!

We now have more than 130 registrations, and they continue to come in almost daily. This year's IC is well on schedule to have more than 200 people in attendance. The vast array of activities, guests, and events is really bringing in the crowds.

Please note that even if you aren't coming, you can still order IC items, including t-shirts and enameled pins. The shirts are available in black and maroon, with the IC logo on the front left, and the Starfleet logo on the back. The pins have the IC logo, and are 2 inches high – quite large! Shirts are \$15, for \$17 for 2x, 3x and 4x sizes; pins are \$5 each. Postage is \$2 per shirt, or \$1 for each 3 pins. Don't miss out on these items, as they will be available in very limited quantities at the IC itself. Pins will be mailed as soon as payment is received; shirts will be mailed after the IC or available at the door.

The program book is coming along nicely, with most of the sections complete or nearly so, and the last few details being worked out. A limited amount of advertising space is left, so if you plan to get an ad in, please send it ASAP with payment (check or PayPal is fine). We can handle just about any sort of image type, document, or Publisher file.

There are a few unused panel slots, but the schedule is just about full and set in stone. If you would like information on the current schedule, please check the IC web page at www.ic2004.org.

Hotel rooms at the IC site are still available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Thursday night is sold out for our group block, though rooms may still be available at regular rates or if you have an AAA membership. If you can't get a room, please check the IC web page for over flow hotels, or contact us for information. We'll see you in Birmingham in July!

Pete Mohny
IC 2004 Chairman
chair@ic2004.org

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY



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*The Sphinx spoke only once,
and the Sphinx said,
"A grain of sand is a desert,
and a desert is a grain
of sand; and now let us
all be silent again."
I heard the Sphinx, but I
did not understand.*

*Kalil Gibran
Sand and Foam*

Well summer is nigh now upon us, our sweaters and windbreakers are put away, even the Vice Commandant Carol Thompson up in the bitter wilds of Alaska has been known to see the exploding colors of new flowers. What does that mean for the Academy and our Students? SUMMER CRUISES. That's right 'Fleet, thousands of Academy Cadets are being released upon unsuspecting ships to get their first taste of life in space. Please, Cadets, do not break the ships, and please, Captains, do not space the cadets. It also means that those of us with children and those of who are children (at heart or otherwise) may have a large amount of time on their hands.

What better time and opportunity is there to take advantage of the courses that the Academy has to offer. Vulcan Academy of Science offers both youth and adult level classes on every known science, and a huge plethora of electives. Want to try out your hand at writing stories and character analyses? Then feel free to visit the School of Literature. And if you are here just because you like Star Trek, visit one of our several schools that are dedicated to the trivia and analyses of the varied shows, to include the College of Science Fiction (formerly the School of Treknology), the College of Delta Quadrant Studies, or the College of Federation Studies.

Come in, visit, stay a while, who knows you may learn something while you're having so much fun. Also read on, as we cover our usual topics such as: New and Changing Directors/Deans/Staff, New Schools and Courses, New Features, the upcoming International Conference,

and the Future of Starfleet Academy.

Now on to the Academy. First, I would like to welcome the following new personnel to the Academy

PERSONNEL

DIRECTORS

Please join me in not only welcoming Air Force Captain David E. Klingman back to the United States from his tour overseas, but also welcoming Commodore David E. Klingman as the NEW Starfleet Academy Director of Flag Officer School. Dave will handle both the ground mail (USA) courses as well as the Electronic Courses for all of FOS. For further information contact Dave at d.klingman@cox.net, and see below for a more elaborate explanation of the plans for updating FOS, which has not significantly changed since 1995.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Claire Halber to the Academy. Claire and her team have created a new school for the Institute of Leadership the "School of Accessibility". The plan is to use this School as a resource by Fleet, Regions, Chapters and individuals in providing a welcoming environment for all Star Trek fans, and to cherish the gifts they have to offer, more on that school below.

I would also like to extend kudos to Commander Tracy Andrews-Isquith, who not only opened up the new school of the Graduate School of Xenanthropology last year, AND added three new courses this year, BUT in late April added ANOTHER three new courses: Beta Quadrant: Extension Exam, the Cetacean Institute: Baleen. And the, Cetacean Institute: Odontoceti.

DEANS & DANTS

Here is an introduction from Captain Matt Baillie, the Academy's Assistant Commandant for International Campuses about the International Program.

Greetings fellow 'Fleeters!

I'd just like to take a moment and

update you as to the goings-on here with the Academy's international campuses.

First off however, I'd like to thank my predecessor, Comm. Dave Blaser for his hard work with the International Campuses and wish him well in his future endeavors. I've recently taken over from Dave as he stepped down to concentrate on real world responsibilities and activities.

Our International campuses are currently undergoing a period of growth, and we're working to add more courses to our repertoire for the enjoyment of our international members. In that vein, we're looking for international directors to help us out! Current requirements are that you need to have graduated both OTS and OCC as well as the course that you are looking to administer and be a resident of the campus that you wish to administer your course in.

If you are interested in becoming a director for an international campus, please contact the appropriate campus director – Europe: Michael Vermoesen (michael_vermoesen@hotmail.com), Australia: Alan Yates (meworth@yahoo.com.au), Canada: Matt Baillie (mattrib@charter.net).

Both our European and Australian campuses offer courses unique to them in that they deal specifically with those two continents or Star Trek-related information pertaining to them. All campuses currently offer OTS & OCC while the Australian campus also offers FOS to its members. Look forward to new courses being added to the international campuses in the near future!

STARFLEET Academy is currently seeking a new Canadian Campus Director. Successful applicants will have completed OTS & OCC as well as having completed FOS (or be willing to complete it within a 6month period), be a resident of Canada and be a member in good standing with STARFLEET. Applicants are requested to forward their real world and STARFLEET resumes to mattrib@charter.net or by snail mail to:

STAFF KUDOS

I would now like to extend a huge thank you to Todd Brugmans, the Course Development Director for the Academy. On top of his own activities as a very proficient student at the Academy - as of this writing, Todd has over a hundred course completions from the Academy and isn't slowing down much - he is hard at work helping develop new schools/colleges, as well as new courses at existing colleges. Todd's worked to bring online the Graduate School of Xenarchaeology, the New School of Accessibility, the School of Europeya, College of Trek Chronology, the School of Cryptography, as well as the new SACOM course on Pediatrics, and the new Delta Quadrant courses. On behalf of the students at the Academy and all of the membership, I thank you Todd, and salute you. Qa'pla!

NEW COURSES

DELTA QUADRANT

Announcement to all DQC Graduates as well as other STARFLEET Academy students: Three new courses have been added to the Delta Quadrant College of STARFLEET Academy: Vidiian* Course: Takes an in depth study and analysis of the Vidiian Sodality and the interaction that the USS Voyager had with them. This is followed by the Kazon Course, which looks at the various Kazon sects, their history, their culture and again how they came into conflict with the crew of the Voyager. The final course, The EMH Course, studies the new lifeform known as "The Doctor", a look at Photonic Lifeforms in General and the evolution of EMH in specific.

*Special thanks go out to David Klingman for authoring the Vidiian course.

ACCESSIBILITY

I will quote Todd Brugman's news release on this course: "It is indeed my honor to announce the completion and readiness of this course for inclusion to the Academy's lineup. Claire Halber has been working on developing a course designed to increase awareness and sensitivity toward persons who are (*cont. on p. 13*)

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chronically faced with physical, mental, or emotional challenges. To quote the course's introductory statement, "This course is designed to help 'Fleeters to live up to the Trek ideals of Infinite Diversity by promoting tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion." Claire will be the point of contact for this course, her email is chalber@comcast.net."

SCHOOL OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

Course Director Victor Swindell has added an additional course level to the school of Cryptography for those who wanted more challenges. The School of Cryptography is an intense and challenging institution that covers the history, uses, and application of cryptography from the 19th century to the 24th century. For more information contact Victor at SFA_Crypto@comcast.net or direct your Internet web browser to <http://academysfi.org/courses/crypto/index.shtml>.

NEW FEATURES

BOOTHBY AWARD

As a recognition to those students who have consistently attended and worked at a large number of Academy classes, we are creating the Boothby Awards. (Thank you Region One Awards Guru Victor Swindell for the idea). Once a student passes his fiftieth academy class, he will receive the Boothby Award Certificate sent to them. For each fifty classes thereafter, he will receive an endorsement to attach to that certificate per the following schedule:

- Basic Bronze level (50)
- Intermediate Silver level (100)
- Advanced Gold level (150)
- Latinum Level (200)
- Diamond Level (250)
- Dilithium (300)

The first set of award achievers will be announced/posted at the International Conference and thereafter on the Web Page, with new and or advancing students being announced in these pages hereafter.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION

Another new feature is the combining of the closed School of Treknology and the closed School of Science Fiction into one new College of Science Fiction, from Director Michael Timko's press release: "Today (April 16th) marks the first day the College of Science Fiction is officially open for business. The COSF takes the place of its form predecessor, the School of Treknology. The new Star Fleet Academy school has a website which can be found at <http://cosf.usnebula.org>. From the site



you can download all courses offered in text format. You can also take all the currently offered exams directly over the Internet.

Exams take over the Internet are forwarded directly to my email. Currently, COSF offers all the former Treknology courses and to kick off the new school, we have chosen to add Babylon 5 as our first science fiction based course other than Star Trek. In post-production, we have courses in Galaxy Quest, Space Balls, Star Trek: Enterprise, and V. In the near future, we will be adding Star Wars, Aliens, Star Gate SG-1 and many others. Thanks for your time and I hope to see some of you take courses from our school in the future."

STARFLEET ACADEMY WEBSITE TUTORIAL

On the SFA homepage, and every page of the SFA Web site, there is a navigation menu on the left hand side. The following menu items will guide

you to the information you need:

- About the Academy - Who we are, SFA history, and our school policies.
- Course Catalog - Browse courses catalog, read course descriptions, and register via email.
- Applications - Get scholarship applications, print versions of the SFA application, or purchase vouchers.
- News - News, announcements, and openings in SFA staff & faculty.

• Student Services - Graduate records, student honors, Red, Blue and Gold

• Squadrons, purchase SFA merchandise, or get assistance from SFA staff.

• Staff - Listings of current SFA faculty and staff.

• Contact SFA - Contact SFA Staff, faculty or the webmaster.

IC PREPARATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

By the time this issue arrives, we will most likely already have selected the Scholarship winners, but please if you have any questions about availability feel free to contact Wendy Fillmore, the Starfleet Scholarship Coordinator. She is hard at work organizing the entire program, and feels a certain ownership in helping out as many of her fellow members as possible. Wendy can be gotten a hold of at: kitten63@cox.net, or by sending a

letter via ground mail to Starfleet Scholarship, c/o Wendy Fillmore, 6770 E. Judson Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89156.

RED SQUAD, BLUE SQUAD AND GOLD SQUAD

Once again we will be announcing the various Color Squad Award winners. Each Director chooses their best student from the last year (IC to IC) and sends in a nomination on why they are the most qualified. Each nominee automatically becomes a Red Squad Member and will receive a BEAUTIFUL Certificate suitable for framing.

We at SFHQ then take all of these nominations, and with input from the Deans, select the top student in each Institute and they are elevated to Red Squad Assistant Leader. Of these four candidates, one is selected by HQ to be the Red Squad Leader for the next year.

Likewise the Cadet Academy Schools may nominate one Blue Squad Member for each Cadet School, of which one will be selected as the Blue Squad Leader for the next year.

Finally, the Gold Squad Award will be presented to multi-generation FAMILIES of students, Mom and Child, Dad and Child, Grandparent and Grandchild, etc.

In the next issue of the Communiqué we will announce all of the winners.

DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Our last award we will be giving out at the IC will be the Marlene Miller Memorial – Director of the Year award. And this is where you the membership have input. I have been collecting all year, the letters and e-mails I receive from students and their CO's about the Directors, and from these I will nominate five top directors.

I will also accept nominations from the other Directors on who they think has been an inspiration to them. From this list, I and my fellow HQ team will select the Director of the Year and honor them for their commitment, dedication and hard work, in front of all of their peers while at the International Conference.

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THE FUTURE

ILS REVAMP

As discussed earlier, we have been hard at work updating the Academy, and focusing first on the Institute of Leadership Studies. Officer Training School, and Officer Command College, are the two courses required to be Chapter Officers or higher in this organization. What we have done then, is to gear the questions to reflect those requirements. Starting in January of 2003, OTS has been updated to reflect changes in the Membership Handbook and Constitution that had occurred over the previous six years, and is now fills the role as an Introduction to Starfleet.

We now include an OTS exam in every membership packet, it is available free for download, or can be ordered from the OTS Director, Sergeant Major of the SFMC Scott Grant. Our goal is to get every member who is interested to take the test, and to have the basic and rudimentary knowledge of what STARFLEET is and their role therein.

OCC then is our Commanding Officer / Executive Officer training Course. This test will cover more chapter leadership/management matters, AND have the student answer Essay type questions showing they understand the material covered in the MHB and Constitution. Questions will be updated on an ongoing basis reflecting real world situations that have come up.

Flag Officer School has for the first time since its creation by Helen Pawlowski back during the McGinnis administration has been immensely updated. It is now designed to help guide 'Fleet Leadership above the Chapter level in understanding their roles, and responsibilities. Dave Klingman is passing on lessons he has recently learned both via book knowledge and real world applications while assigned overseas with the United States Air Force.

No longer is FOS a course that will tell you that if you don't own a Trek Costume you are ineligible for command, but rather focuses on how to deal with conflict between chapters using the CURRENT Handbook and Constitution.

Our first non-OCC 200 level course to support the Chapters is the Recruiting Course, developed by Bob Vosseller. It is a basic introduction on chapter and fandom recruiting techniques. This is followed up by the recently announced Accessibility Course, another 200 level course to help the Chapter thrive and become open for all members of fandom, even those with disabilities.

Officer's Leadership Thesis is a yet underutilized tool that allows the OCC graduate to write an essay about ANY, yes ANY aspect of Fleet, they feel is insufficient, AND provide a solution to this problem. Got a problem with the Academy's handling of Database input, and you know a better way? Then tell us, you'll get credit, and will help fleet be better for all concerned.

Finally I want to thank the Dean of the Institute of Leadership Studies, Fleet Admiral Les Rickard. Les has put in many hours coordinating a bunch of type-A personalities, and doing a great job keeping them on task, and being able to get the entire ILS ready for its new unavailing by the IC. If you see Les in person or online, please thank him for the work he has done, and continues to do, to make 'fleet easier on the membership, and more fun for them too.

IMS REVAMP

Our next update will be to the Institute of Military Studies. Now that we have a new Dean, and a plethora of new Directors, it is the right time to make effective changes in organizing and streamlining that institute to make it more fun for the students, more efficient for both the membership and the directors, and to follow the example of the ILS in becoming an even more "Academic" portion of the Starfleet Academy. More details on the specifics will be available at the International Conference as well as in the next issue of the Communiqué.

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Unfortunately this program has been delayed time and time again. Thus I am asking if any member who is not currently a director who is both interested in getting this set up, AND has a wide experience with many different schools at the Academy, to please contact me.

The ICP Director will be responsible for setting up the program, determining degree tracks and the courses required, having certificates developed, and marketing the program

to the membership. In addition other Fandom organizations have been contacting us, impressed with both the SFA website and our course offering and the ICP Director would be the liaison with those organizations.

CLOSING

Following is the list of graduates for the March/April timeframe. Again, please take time to congratulate your shipmates for work well done, and if you see one of the Directors, let them know as well that you appreciate the time and effort they have given to our club.

Again all of us at SFA Headquarters hope to see you at the International Conference in Birmingham this summer, keep studying, keep happy and keep reaching for the stars, and remember ... *Fleet Matters*

Boothby notices something different about Picard.

Picard: Boothby.

Boothby: Hmm?

Picard: Jean-Luc Picard. Class of '27.

Boothby: I know that. What happened to your hair?

—The First Duty



STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE by RAdm. Wendy Fillmore • Scholarship Director

Greetings!

We still need all Starfleet members who are students to consider applying for a scholarship. I have the beginnings of a few packets, but no one has sent me *everything* yet (as of this writing on 5/24, that is). Remember that you have until July 1st to postmark your application submissions. You can send everything via e-mail if you need to (scholarships@sfi.org), and I also have a FAX number if that's easier (1-425-799-4880, through eFax). The USPS address for submissions is:

SFA Scholarship
c/o Wendy Fillmore
6770 E. Judson Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89156

Questions can also be sent to me at scholarships@sfi.org or kitten63@cox.net.

We also still need your help with the financial end. Most people don't realize that the Scholarship program is funded solely by contributions. It is not *guaranteed* that any money will come in to fund the scholarships. Donations can be mailed to Tammy Willcox at 1909 Stillwood Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23456, or you can use PayPal to send it to epayments@sfi.org. Just be sure to include that the money is a donation to scholarship fund so the folks on the other end know where to credit it.

We're still looking to award five \$500 scholarships this year. We are keeping the ten scholarship titles, so please apply for whichever scholarship you would like, and we will choose the five best applicants no matter which scholarships are applied for. The application is available on-line at <http://academy.sfi.org/student/scholarship.shtml>. You can click on either the MS Word or PDF format of the application. Print out all of the pages, follow the directions carefully, and remember that you can use USPS, e-mail, or FAX to submit everything.

It is my pleasure to serve, and I hope to hear from you all soon.

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES - MARCH/APRIL 2004

By Carol Thompson • Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

James Metzendorf	Harry Custer	Karen Hasker
Djura Bucko	Brain Swift	Juan Nocedo
Chesley Allen Northrop	Shavon Carmer	Ernest Rodriguez
Brandon Smith	Matthew Teets	William Preston
Tim Wagner	Craig Porter	Mark Anderson
Scott Stevens	Tanya Schechter	Joe Keeler
Harold Spears	Erik Wenson	Rafael Santana
Brain Jordan	Alice Satterwhite	Andy Kodger
Dawn Jenkins	Jeff Schoor	Kristi Stapleton
William B. Swift	Kathy M. Mullins	Michael C. Thomas
Evan Golding	Rosy Dorffner	Debbie French
Robert Stronach	Robert Swinger	Michelle Podesta
Tim Johns	LaDonna Knapp	Amanda Moore
Gloria Rodriguez	Andrew Schechter	Becky Slater

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE

Tim Wagner	Jeff Schnoor
Tim Johns	Edward deGruy
Carl F. Gosline	Andy Kodger
William B. Swift	Mark Anderson
Martha Ingles	Scott Grant
Frazier L. Smith	Jennifer Allison
Harold Spears	Vaughn
Craig Porter	Amanda Moore
David Kennedy	Stacy Harris
Kyle Schugart	Gregory Kleiner
Rose Armstrong	Stephanie Harris
James Metzendorf	Christina Doane
Dale Ann Kagan	

FLAG OFFICERS SCHOOL

Matt Copple
Dennis Relyea
David Hines

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Debbie Artrip	Ray Kinserlow
Shavon Carmer	Belynda Reardon
Greg Franklin	Steve Mirick
Evan Golding	Jill Tipton
Tim Johns	Carolyn Woodruff

COLLEGE OF AUSTRALIANA

Michael Worth
Scott A. Akers

DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC)

Scott A. Akers
Howard Knapp

SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA

Scott A. Akers
Greg Franklin

COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES

Scott A. Akers
David Hines
Eric W. Larkin

SCHOOL OF LAW

Scott A. Akers	Larry D. French, Sr.
Dean A. Rogers	Robert Torres
Antonio J. Lopes, III	

SCHOOL OF LITERATURE

Ann Marie Reilly
Craig Wood III

COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Thomas Pawelczak
Glendon Diebold

COLLEGE OF TREK CHRONOLOGY

Darlene Topp
Scott Grant

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION

Jeffrey Crumpley	David Hines
Gary Davis	Shawn Levesque
Stephen Farris	Darlene Topp

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF XENOANTHROPOLOGY

Debbie Fee	Truman Temple
Robin R. Smith	Dean A. Rogers
Glenn D. Martin	
Scott A. Akers	

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Tim Johns	Michael Balewitz
Susan Mahaffey	Ann Marie Reilly
David Hines	Darlene Topp
Sean Meyer	Susan Mahaffey
Evan Golding	

COLLEGE OF COMPUTER HISTORY

Shawn Gregory

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Gary Hudson	Craig Porter
Jonathan Hogan	Truman Temple
William Swift	

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Thomas Pawelczak	Leo A. Rogers
Glendon L. Diebold	Becky Clement
Kathy McCartney	Gregory A. Franklin
Katrina Kirk	Shawn P. Levesque
Ed Nowlin	Monika Reinholz
Truman Temple	

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL

Martin Lessem
Glendon Diebold

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (VAS)

Todd Brugmans	Thomas Pawelczak
Glendon Diebold	Larry French
Glenn Martin	Monika Reinholz
Shawn Gregory	Truman Temple
Nancy Rabel Hall	
Sharon Carmen	

INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

SCHOOL OF CRYPTOLOGY

Joseph Sare	Sean Meyer
Jill Tipton	Joseph Podesta
Danny Potts	

THE GORN ACADEMY

Steve Mirick	Michael Vermoesen
Antonio Lopes III	Susan Mahaffey

KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY

Monika Reinholz	Jennifer Mawkinney
James Cecil	David Mullins
Charles Parks	Kathy Mullins
David Kennedy	Douglas Mayo

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM

USS Anasazi: AE, AEROMED, AR, CE, IN, ME, MD, PD, SO, MO, SU, NCO
Shuttle Vanguard (PD, NCO, LD)

SECURITY SCHOOL

David Hines	Adam Souza
Susan Mahaffey	Bran Stimpson
Tommy Matty	Dave Kennedy
Ann Marie Reilly	Ed Nowlin
Joseph Sare	

SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS

Craig Porter
Jeff Schnoor

SCHOOL OF SURVIVAL STUDIES

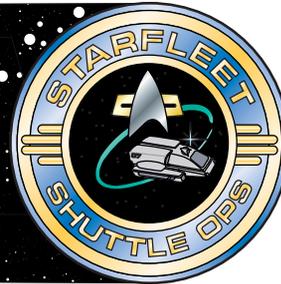
Sean Meyer

VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION

USS Omega Glory (1 depts)
Shuttle Vanguard (2 depts.)

THE SHUTTLEBAY

COMMODORE JERRY TIEN
CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS,
STARFLEET



One of the greatest joys in fleet is meeting new friends. Working at Shuttle Operations Command has been an incredible opportunity to do just that. Since I heard a lot of good things about the Region 1 Summit, I decided to venture over there at the end of April. It was a long trip (12 hours) but it was well worth it. What a great weekend I totally enjoyed the beautiful countryside of Tennessee as well as the wonderful folks who made the summit possible. It was fun, but we managed to get some serious work done too.

I was very excited to meet the crew from the following vessels which commissioned at Region 1 Summit on 5/1/04:

USS Commonwealth (R1)
USS Hell's Fury (R1)
USS Indiana (R1)

Since summits are popular occasions for commissionings, I imagine we will have a few more ships commissioning soon as more summits take place in the summer. By the time you read this, the following chapters should have commissioned at their respective regional summits:

USS Firestorm (R12)
USS Kasimar (R15)

Back at ShOC Headquarter. It's time to give folks some helpful reminders. Whether it's commissioning or shuttle launch, one of the most critical things is headcount. To ensure sufficient crew strength, you can either sign up / renew memberships online at <https://database.sfi.org/secure/signup.php>. If you prefer to do things by mail, be sure to use the new Membership Processing address below:

STARFLEET MEMBERSHIP
PROCESSING
P.O. Box 1708
Lima, OH 45802-1708

Once you have sufficient crew strength, be sure to get the right paperwork to speed things along. Some groups are still submitting old revision forms, which lack some critical information needed to process launches and commissionings. The latest ShOC related publications can be found at <http://www.pcisys.net/~biff/downloads.html>. This is particularly important on paperwork that require multiple signatures of approval.

ShOC also needs regular status reports to monitor shuttle progress. As a friendly reminder to all shuttle COs: be sure to file MSR every month. You have three basic options, in descending order of preference:

Online MSR at
<http://database.sfi.org>
E-mail to ShOC at shoc@sfi.org
USPS hard copy

One thing many COs might have overlooked was the Reporting Officer position. Although most COs also file the ship's MSR, that's not a "captain only" task. Most COs have their hands full managing their chapters. Why not delegate a few things? You can always designate a Reporting Officer. I think you'll find this very helpful, especially for COs who are frequently on the road or have long work hours.

Like I said before ShOC is always looking for ways to enhance our service. In order to do that, we decided to expand our staff to address the increasing design workload of a growing fleet. We have been looking for more schematic artists who can help members with ship design drawings. This position was more

challenging to fill than most people realized. The reason was that the position required drafting experience more than rendering / CGI experience. I am glad to say we finally found someone for the job. Please allow me to introduce the new schematics artist for Department of Technical Services, Cmdr. Gary Barclay. Gary hails from Region 15, USS Kasimar. If you need schematic related help, you can reach him at:

Gary Barclay
119 Foss Street
Biddeford, ME 04005
gary.barclay@verizon.net

Last but not least, STARFLEET International Conference is coming up. I urge all of you to sign up for this great event as soon as possible. This year's event is conveniently located in the major metropolitan area of Birmingham, AL. I hope to see many of you there especially the shuttle and recently commissioned crews. Have a great summer see you in July!

COMPUTER OPERATIONS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MANDI LIVINGSTON
CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS,
STARFLEET



Greetings, STARFLEET!

What an interesting couple of months it has been since my last CQ articles. First and foremost, I need to announce some staff changes in Membership Processing. In late April, we had to change MP Teams. In that vein, I'd like to welcome Robin Pillow, former R1 RC and CO, USS Pathfinder, as the new Vice Chief of CompOps, Membership Processing. His assistant is Patty Heany from the USS Pathfinder.

Currently, they are working like crazy to keep up the 2 week average turn-around time that the past couple MP Teams set as standard. If you need to send in a renewal or new member application by postal mail, please make sure you are sending them to the correct address for the new MP Team.

The *NEW* Membership Processing address is:
Starfleet Membership Processing
P O Box 1708
Lima OH 45802-1708

If you need to contact Robin via email, please use membership@sfi.org. If you have any questions about the MP changes and the status of your membership, please contact helpdesk@sfi.org or membership@sfi.org. There is a forwarding order in place from the old box to the new one in Lima, OH. So, mail should continue to flow smoothly at this point forward to the new Membership Processing Team.

At this point, I am becoming more and more convinced that STARFLEET

needs a stable PO Box for membership processing. Due to this, after discussion with the rest of the EC and several AB members, we are initiating plans to pursue outsourcing of part or all of STARFLEET's Membership Processing. We are looking at several options at outsourcing currently. These include outsourcing the initial receipt of the application and data entry (allowing for a customer service hotline for inquiries), outsourcing the packet fulfillment, the whole process. Several members, including former CS Les Rickard, are working on this along with us.

As Chief of Computer Operations, I am constitutionally tasked in making sure membership processing operates efficiently, effectively, and at the best cost available. This process of looking at all our outsourcing options will not occur overnight. It could take some time to make sure the best (*cont. on p. 17*).

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option is selected at the best price. Or, it may turn out that keeping the current system is the best option. But, we will make sure that in the end, what is best for STARFLEET is done.

The CompOps department website at <http://compops.sfi.org> is currently undergoing a facelift thanks to the CompOps webguy Mike Dugas. So, at this time, several features may be under construction. Please be patient during this time. If you need assistance with a document that was on that page currently, please let me know at compops@sfi.org. I like the new feel to the page and look forward to seeing it completed soon.

Also, we're implementing a new program in CompOps on the Recruitment side of the house. The flip side of recruitment is membership retention. It is important that we focus our efforts there as well. Due

to the change-over in membership processing and the time it took to accomplish and coordinate the transfer of MP supplies, these programs had to wait about a month before getting announced and rolling out.

The first one is an idea that was brought to me by Michael Vermoesen of Region 9. It is a New Member Orientation office. We've worked out several of the details, and I'm really looking forward to seeing this office do great things. We've had a good number of new members express that they feel "lost" when they first join SFI. They aren't sure who does what, who to contact, where to find the online social areas, how to find a chapter, etc. So, Michael will be putting together a small team to help with the transition into STARFLEET. Through inquiries into those who chose not to renew after the first year, it has been discovered that many people felt lost in the crowd.

So, we hope this new office will in

this area. If you are a new member and have questions, you can email Welcome@sfi.org and someone from the New Member Orientation office will contact you. Ask anything you'd like.

We were all new once to fleet, so we understand that it can be a bit intimidating at times. Also, if you are new, don't be surprised if someone contacts you to make sure you've settled in comfortably for what could be the ride of your life - STARFLEET style!

We're also looking at implementing an oldie-but-goodie in CompOps. Currently, the membership database sends out renewal reminders by e-mail. These e-mails are generated and sent to the e-mail address on file in the database.

However, some people don't always keep a current address on file. Others don't have email at all. I feel that anything we can do to help

with membership retention is worth it. We may start sending out post card renewal reminders in the near future. We're working on a system that will be effective and efficient.

In closing, I had a great time at R1 Summit, and I enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones. I'm hoping to make a couple other summits around the fleet, but if not, I will definitely see you at the IC in Birmingham, Alabama! See you around the net and in the next CQ!



Q: What means are available for submitting my membership application?

A: New and renewing STARFLEET Membership applications should be sent to the Membership Processing team.

If you renew before your current membership expires, you can log in to the database at <http://database.sfi.org> and use the Member Tool - Online Renewal. If you need a username and password, please contact helpdesk@sfi.org and this information will be sent to you.

However, the online membership forms are also available outside of the database as well.

<https://database.sfi.org/secure/signup.php> - For New Memberships (please do not use this for renewals, as it will generate a new SCC#)

<https://database.sfi.org/secure/renewal.php> - For Renewals of Existing STARFLEET Memberships. If you are unsure of your SCC#, please e-mail helpdesk@sfi.org for assistance.

Membership applications being submitted via the US Mail should be sent to:

STARFLEET Membership Processing
P O Box 1708
Lima OH 45802-1708

Printable membership applications, in several formats, are available from the online STARFLEET Document Archive, located at <http://documents.sfi.org/>.

Q: What kinds of payment does STARFLEET accept for my membership application/renewal?

A: STARFLEET accepts several payment methods.

Online applications can be paid via Debit/Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard/Discover) or Paypal.

COMP OPS Q&A: HOW DO I JOIN OR RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP

By LGEN Mandi Livingston • Chief of Computer Operations

If using Paypal, please be sure to fully complete the Paypal transaction, as your membership may be put on hold if the CFO's office has no record of your Paypal payment.

Also, in the notes section of the Paypal transaction, please include the member name and/or SCC# of the applicant. This is extremely helpful to the CFO's office in the case of CO's handling crewmember renewals through a chapter and/or personal Paypal account.

When using a credit card, if the name and address on the credit card is different from the member's name and address (for example, a CO handling crewmember renewals on a personal Credit Card) then the cardholder must send a message to Membership@sfi.org within 24 hours

of the time of submission from the online application web page stating:

- 1) their name as it appears on the credit card,
- 2) their correct current credit card billing address,
- 3) the last four digits of the card number, and

- 4) a statement declaring that (s)he authorizes the transaction, granting permission for STARFLEET to charge the credit card in the full amount of the submitted transaction, and agreeing to be responsible for the charge according to all of the terms of their credit agreement with the issuer of the credit card used.

Applications sent through the mail system to the PO Box can be paid with check, money order, or credit card. We ask that you not send cash through the mail system.

The 2004 Recruiting Contest is coming along well, with eleven regions showing growth since January 1. That shows some good work on the part of the members and chapters of the regions. Congratulations! Remember, the regions with the largest growth will receive prizes of STARFLEET Quartermaster Gift Certificates, to be presented at the International Conference.

In this last article in my four-article series about recruiting, I am going to discuss a subject that has become more and more commonly discussed around STARFLEET – the changing nature of science fiction and fandom. A very famous and successful book came out a few years ago, called “Who Moved My Cheese?” The title is from a parable that takes place in a maze. Four beings live in that maze: Sniff and Scurry are mice - non-analytical and nonjudgmental, they just want cheese and are willing to do whatever it takes to get it. Hem and Haw are “little people,” mouse-size humans who have an entirely different relationship with cheese. It’s not just sustenance to them; it’s their self-image. Their lives and belief systems are built around the cheese they’ve found. Most of us reading the story will see the cheese as something related to our livelihoods - our jobs, our career paths, the industries we work in - although it can stand for anything, from health to relationships. The point of the story is that we have to be alert to changes in the cheese, and be prepared to go running off in search of new sources of cheese when the cheese we have runs out.

For many of us in STARFLEET, the organization and the way we learned to operate within it can be our “cheese” – maybe not such a big part of our self-image, but certainly a part of it that we find important. After years of being part of STARFLEET, and perhaps even working our way up into the leadership of some part of the organization, we have gotten comfortable with how to run our chapters, how to write our newsletters, how to author our web pages, and how to recruit new members.

However, just like in all other aspects of our lives, things have changed! There aren’t just one or two science fiction shows on television now – there are many, especially if you count the various fantasy shows, mini series, and so on. Star Trek had a virtual stranglehold on science fiction television for many

COORDINATED RECRUITING

By Pete Mohney • Computer Operations Recruitment Coordinator

years, but that’s simply not true any more. There was once a day when there were few options in fan clubs for science fiction fans, and STARFLEET could count on gaining members by its mere existence. Even in the early days of the Internet, STARFLEET had a dominating presence as one of the first science fiction clubs to take advantage of e-mail lists, groups, web pages, and so on.

Our “cheese” has moved, and we must move with it – or fall by the wayside, to join other small and dying fandom groups that could no adapt to the increasingly fast pace of change in the science fiction fan world.

How do we do this? First, we must figure out just what is different. Two items stand out immediately about the nature of fandom in the twenty-first century, compared to ten or more years ago. First, it’s the Information Age! The Internet has revolutionized everything, and while STARFLEET has taken advantage of that fact, we haven’t always adjusted to it completely. Years ago, our monthly and bimonthly newsletters could print news about Star Trek and have us all waiting eagerly to read it – because for most of us, it was our only source of such information. We could keep pace with the best sources of science fiction information, because they were all monthly at best. Today, most of our audience is able to access the internet and specialized cable television channels (like the SciFi channel) and get all of the fandom news while it’s hot – and that can make our newsletters horribly dated by the time they reach our mailboxes.

How do we adjust to this? Our “cheese” is gone! We have to look for something else to put in our newsletters in order to get the interest of our readers back up high again. If you read your Communiqué, you can see some of this being done, and being done well. The emphasis over the past few years has shifted away from science fiction news back to STARFLEET news. The chapter reports are back, and every issue has convention reports, photographs, reports about chapter events, and articles about future events. There is an illustrated story, classified ad section, and critical information from the various members of the Executive Committee. This is

stuff that is important to the members of STARFLEET, that may not be available on the Internet, and it makes the Communiqué a much more viable read than it would be if it concentrated on what would be stale news stories about Star Trek and other science fiction.

The second thing we have to adjust to has already been touched on in this article – that Star Trek is no longer the dominant force in television science fiction. No matter how good the show may become, it will never again be the only game in town for fans. If STARFLEET were to continue to have Star Trek as its sole focus of fandom, it would only be cutting out the majority of fans from its recruiting base. You may have noticed this already happening in the Communiqué, at STARFLEET conventions, and in some chapters. It can be a subtle thing – such as discussing other science fiction at chapter meetings or publishing news from other science fiction in newsletters – or it can be a larger thing, like listing your club as the USS Grand Moff Tarkin, Louisiana’s Premiere Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Club. Star Trek can be the frame around which your chapter and its activities are structured, allowing you to bring in fans of everything from Star Wars to Lord of the Rings. Nearly every science fiction or fantasy fan group has some sort of organization in the stories, from the Jedi and Storm Troopers of Star Wars, the Queen’s Own of Mercedes Lackey’s books, Hogwarts School for Harry Potter fans, the Army of Gondor in the Lord of the Rings – and on and on. Several of STARFLEET’s most successful chapters have divisions for other branches of fandom, allowing their members to explore the aspect of fiction they most enjoy, inside of STARFLEET’s organization.

There are more ways we can adjust to the changing nature of fandom beyond those two. Our conventions, regional and international, in the past focused on STARFLEET business. They were the one time in the year when our leaders could assemble as a group and take care of items that simply couldn’t be handled easily by phone calls or emails. The necessity of this focus has all but disappeared, as online meeting rooms can serve the same function at a tiny fraction of the cost of meeting in person. So, what purpose can our conventions serve now? They can still

allow the most important business decisions to be made in person, but they can shift their focus to more of a social gathering, with much more varied schedules of events than was possible years ago. Look at the schedules for regional summits and the International Convention over the past years (and in the near future), and you will see this happening. There are many more social events, panels on subjects not strictly about running a chapter, and items that are of interest to the more casual fan, and even for their spouses and children who may have just tagged along. If your event appeals to a broader audience, then a broader audience is exactly what you will get.

The final adjustment we must make, as an organization, is that our demographic has changed. Since Star Trek has lost its virtual stranglehold on science fiction television, the average age of our membership has gradually risen, and the number of family groups has increased. The membership has changed from being largely younger members, with a predominance of single males, to a large percentage of our members being thirty or older, married, with children. STARFLEET must adjust to this, by having programs and traits which are appealing to the spouses and children of our devoted fan base. Our events and publications need to interest all the members of the family, and people of more varying levels of interest in STARFLEET.

Our “cheese” has moved! It’s no longer one big, bright hunk, dominating our fandom maze. It’s a hundred flavors, hidden, everywhere, with pieces appearing and disappearing. As an organization, and as chapters, we must pursue a variety of ways of gaining and keeping members. The mission of the Enterprise was, “Its continuing mission: to explore strange new worlds; to seek out new life and new civilizations... to boldly go where no one has gone before.” We have an opportunity to seek out some new life by extending our reach into other fandom; we have the chance to explore the strange new worlds of Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, and everything in between – and we will boldly go where we have not gone before, bringing new members into STARFLEET in ways we never imagined!

Since Pete Mohney is quite busy with IC, I was asked to fill in by writing an article about some aspect of recruiting. Since I have had many questions about how to retain members in the group, I am going to write about that.

How DO we keep members once we get them in the group? Well, you know that saying that "idle hands cause mischief?" It actually fits here. What you want to do is keep the members of your organization busy and happy with being there by including them in what is going on, and having activities they want to see. Some ways you can do that include:

- **Never ignore your members.**

Get their input on what they want to get out of the group. Ask them for suggestions on programs and activities they would like to see. Make sure you stay in communication with them whether it be newsletter, email, or plain old talking to them face to face at the meetings.

- **Programs at your meetings.**

Who wants to just attend a business meeting then go home? Not anyone I know of. Have a program along with the business meeting. Especially

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

By Ron Novak • RDC Recruiting, Region 1

something most of the group is interested in, like how to make a model rocket. Advertise these programs along with advertising the meetings. This can serve two purposes, it keeps your present members interested in the group, and it can attract new recruits in the process.

- **Programs outside of your meetings.**

On the other hand, who wants to be in an organization that just has meetings?? Plan picnics, role playing game sessions, and outings to promote pleasurable and social situations. In the chapter I am on (USS Renegade) at one time we had our own softball team. We were not very good as a team, but who cares?? It was loads of fun, and the members that didn't play got a kick out of seeing the "Bad News Renegaders".

- **Charitable Events.**

Remember, along with being a Fan Association, we are also a Service

Organization. This means we go out and do things for charity and help others in the community. Besides the Trek aspect of STARFLEET, this is the other thing that makes being in this organization fun for me. One year, we actually made food baskets for those less fortunate at the December Holiday Season.

It wasn't just gratifying to me to make the baskets and know they were being distributed, but to actually go to these folks' homes and present them to the families we were helping. Charitable events are also good for Public Relations, and sometimes can get you on television so you get the word out that you exist.

Getting the word out there by use of charities accomplishes two things: Shows that you are a viable resource in your community, and can be another way of recruiting new members.

Finally, don't stress over much if you find someone who is leaving the group over reasons you can not control.

This may include a new job changing their schedule, they are moving to take another job, or even work keeps them from attending events. If they are moving, suggest a chapter near them or even that they become a correspondence member of your chapter or a correy chapter. If you can't keep them on your ship for one reason or another, then at minimum, try to keep them a member of STARFLEET.

Even retaining members in a chapter can be a good way to recruit new members just by doing the very things that we do that makes STARFLEET what it is. Our events get us out in the open and accessible to others who are like-minded seeing us.

Remember that when you plan your next charity event or baseball outing, and don't forget to take some recruiting materials with you, or even passively recruit by wearing your chapter's T-shirt or even a STARFLEET shirt or hat. One never knows when that next new member is going to walk around the bend.

DOLLARS & SENSE
COMMODORE DENBY POTTS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STARFLEET



Greetings one and all, it is good to be back to work! Now the fun part of getting caught up! I would like to take a moment and thank Tammy for stepping in and covering for me with the last CQ article. And thanks to every one of you who sent cards and e-mails during our recent loss.

Now to the business. As I stated above, I am a bit behind schedule, so please be patient with me. Everyone's been very supportive so far, and I appreciate it. I am almost caught up, but not quite there yet. I would like to start off by announcing a new member of the Financial Department. Deb Malotte has agreed to join us in the Loss Prevention area, where she will be helping out in the same capacity that Dee has been doing for the past few years.

So, if you get an email from Deb, don't run and hide, as she is working for me. With this new appointment, the 'Loss Prevention Director' name has changed to the 'Loss Prevention Team'!

Moving on to PayPal: this is a topic that I get a lot of questions on, so I would like to take a moment to shed some light on the PayPal process. When you are using the online renewal page to renew a membership, and you select to pay via PayPal, don't forget to complete the task.

There have been several members who have completed all the way through the renewal process, but then forget to actually follow through with PayPal. There are also members who send a PayPal payment to

epayments@sfi.org, but they don't go through the online renewal system to match them up. Either method will result in your renewal not being processed in a timely manner, because there is nothing to link your payment and your renewal. If you're having an issue that you're trying to resolve through one of these methods, contact me and I will be glad to work with you and get the situation resolved.

One last thing pertaining to PayPal: I can't stress enough how important it is that you use the Note Section of PayPal to list the name and SCC number of the person you are renewing, even if it is yourself. Several chapters use the same account to renew multiple memberships, which is fine, but I often have no idea who

those memberships are for.

By including the Name and SCC number of the person being renewed, I can quickly process the membership.

If you ever need the Treasury Department, or need to contact me, I can be reached at the address, phone number or e-mail below.

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Cents-cerely,
Denby Potts

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — APRIL/MAY 2004

SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - APRIL

04/01/2004 through 04/30/2004
Opening Balance: \$25,169.63

4/2/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$109.78)
4/2/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$1.83)
4/7/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
4/12/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	(\$19.90)
4/13/04	QM Purchases	Quartermaster Purchases	\$308.00
4/21/04	BB&T	Bank Charges : Service Charge	(\$15.00)
4/29/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$765.00
4/29/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	\$382.38

Ending Balance: \$ 23,880.13

* MP = Membership Processing

All transactions in parentheses, such as this (- 5.00) are deductions/expenses.

All other transactions are additions/deposits.

SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - MAY

5/01/2004 through 5/31/2004
Opening Balance: \$23,880.13

5/3/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$45.42)
5/4/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$357.00
5/4/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$15.00
5/6/04	NPC	Refund of overcharge	\$65.00
5/6/04	Int'l Mail Service, Inc.	Mailing International CQs	(\$1,000.00)
5/6/04	Edmond Sun	CQ Printing	(\$2,763.06)
5/6/04	Countywide News, Inc.	CQ Expense	(\$294.41)
5/6/04	Steve Halbert	CQ Expense	(\$40.00)
5/6/04	Neely, Craig & Walton, L.L.P	Bonding	(\$235.00)
5/6/04	Viking Office Supply	MP Expenses	(\$209.45)
5/6/04	Wesmo	COMM Expense : Helpdesk Hosting	(\$130.80)
5/6/04	Kurt Roithinger	CD-ROM copies of CQ	(\$33.22)
5/7/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
5/10/04	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$200.00)
5/11/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	(\$11.90)
5/14/04	Paypal.com	CompOps Expense	(\$193.00)
5/18/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$1,061.00
5/18/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$22.00
5/20/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$434.00
5/21/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$1,444.00
5/24/04	Membership Processing	Membership Processing	\$1,510.00
5/24/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$44.00
5/26/04	BB&T	Returned Check	(\$15.00)
5/28/04	BB&T	Returned Check	(\$34.00)
5/28/04	BB&T	Returned Check	(\$15.00)

Ending Balance: \$24,882.76

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

4/01/2004 through 5/31/2004

Scholarship Account:

Opening Balance: \$4,070.77

Interest Gained: \$1.38

Ending Balance: \$4072.15

SFI Savings:

Opening Balance: \$5,664.38

Interest Gained: \$1.387

Ending Balance: \$5,666.30

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

4/01/2004 through 5/31/2004

No Transactions

Ending Balance: \$3,517.24

STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING

Opening Balance: \$2,947.80

April:

4/17/04	Monika Reinholz	Director's Expenses	(\$25.60)
4/17/04	Antonio Lopes	Director's Expenses	(\$4.93)
4/19/04	void	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
4/19/04	Dawn Lee-Akers	Academy Expenses	(\$215.00)

May:

5/28/04	Tuitions	Other Income	\$37.00
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Ending Balance: \$2,739.27

Greetings and felicitations.

FLEET BUSINESS

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Commander, STARFLEET Election.

REGION BUSINESS

REGION 07

The Nomination Phase of the RC Election Process commenced the week of 01 April 2004 with the official Nomination Announcement to the Chapter Commanding Officers. It concluded 01 May 2004.

There were two candidates nominated – Michael Smith and Martin Lessem. The Election Phase of the Election Process commenced on 03 May 2004 and is scheduled to conclude 03 June 2004.

REGION 10

The Nomination Phase of the RC Election Process commenced the week of 26 January 2004 with the official Nomination Announcement to the Chapter Commanding Officers. It concluded 26 February 2004.

With only 1 nomination received for the current sitting Regional Coordinator, the process moved into the Vote of Confidence Phase, which commenced on 12 March 2004 and concluded 12 April 2004.

As of 12 April 2004, with only two ballots cast, the VOC Balloting was officially closed. The tally for the VoC forms was as follows:

- 02 - Votes of Confidence
- 00 - No Confidence Votes
- 00 - Abstention
- 02 - Did Not Vote
- 04 chapter/shuttles that were eligible to vote.

Therefore, pursuant to the rules and regulations of STARFLEET, and by the authority vested in me as Inspector General, STARFLEET, it was my duty and privilege to declare a Vote of Confidence for Rear Admiral Paul M. Reid, Regional Coordinator of Region 10.

Congratulations, Coordinator Reid.

REGION 12

The Nomination Phase of the RC Election Process commenced the week of 03 May 2004 with the official Nomination Announcement to the Chapter Commanding Officers. It is scheduled to conclude 03 June 2004.

REGION 17

The Nomination Phase of the RC

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

By Maj. Gen. Robb Jackson • Inspector General, STARFLEET

Logo by Ben Kokochak • USS Dominator

Election Process commenced the week of 19 January 2004 with the official Nomination Announcement to the Chapter Commanding Officers. It concluded 20 February 2004.

There were two candidates nominated – Johnathan Simmons and John Roberts. The Election Phase of the Election Process commenced on 08 March 2004 and concluded 08 April 2004.

As of 08 April 2004 I received 10 ballots from the Commanding Officers of Region 17. As this was 100% of the Regional Chapters eligible to vote, the Election Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator was officially closed. The tally for the nominations returned were as follows:

- Johnathan Simmons – 7 (70%)
- John Roberts – 3 (30%)

With a plurality of the returned ballots as per the rules and regulations of STARFLEET, and by the authority vested in me as Inspector General, STARFLEET, it was my duty and privilege to declare Admiral Johnathan Simmons the winner.

Congratulations to Coordinator Simmons.

REGION 20

The Selection Phase of the Election Process for Regions with one (1) chapter began with notification to all members of Region 20 and commenced on 15 March 2004. It was scheduled to conclude 15 April 2004, but this date was extended to 01 May 2004 to allow for additional contact to the Regional members.

As 01 May 2004, I received 2 votes from the members of the Region to select or designate the acting Regional Coordinator for Region 20. As 01 May 2004 was stated as the end of the voting period, the Selection/Designation Phase of the Election Process for Regional Coordinator was officially closed. The tally for the nominations returned were as follows:

- Adrian John Jones - 2

Therefore, per the rules and regulations of STARFLEET, and by the authority vested in me as Inspector General, STARFLEET, it was my duty and privilege to declare Captain Adrian John Jones the winner

of the Selection/Designation Phase and therefore the Election for Acting Regional Coordinator of Region 20.

Congratulations, Coordinator Jones.

OTHER ISSUES

There were no other issues at tl time.

OIG PERSONNEL

Here is a current list of personnel.

Lee Shamblin
– Deputy Inspector General

Paul Wheeler II
– Assistant Inspector General,
Region 01

Joseph Perry - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 02

Jess Neumann - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 03

Michael Butwinick- Assistant
Inspector General, Region 04

OPEN - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 05

Ben Johnson - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 06

Don Burke - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 07

OPEN - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 09

OPEN - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 10

OPEN - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 11

Ray Brown - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 12

Richard Smith - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 13

OPEN - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 14

Rich DeMidio - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 15

Chris Chontos - Assistant Inspector
General, Region 17

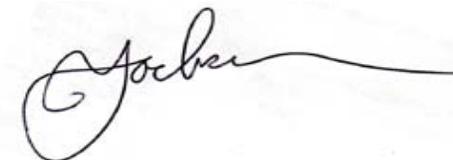
Jay McPherson - Assistant Inspector
General, SFMC

Glenn Overby II - Deputy Assistant
Inspector General, Governing
Documents

Parties interested in the open positions should read the OIG Ops Manual to understand the duties and if qualified, send a Fleet/Real Life resume to my attention.

Your most humble & obedient servant.

In Service to the Fleet,



Lieutenant General
Robert J. Jackson, SFMC
Inspector General, STARFLEET
lg@sfi.org

CADET PROGRAMS VS. YOUTH PROGRAMS: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

By Robin van Cleave
Director, SFI Youth Services

Many people have asked me, "Robin, why do you sign the end of your emails and other correspondence with Cadet/Youth Services?" The answer is simple. Not every chapter calls the programs for their kids the same thing. Some prefer to use Cadet Corps, keeping in line with Star Trek and the feel of Star Trek that STARFLEET tries to embody. Other prefer a more PC term of Youth Program. Some of the reasons include not wanting to sound paramilitaristic and it can involve less explanation when recruiting.

So, to not leave anyone out, I use both. The choice is to each individual group, but most importantly it's up to the kids participating in the program how they would like to be referred to. Services is appropriate for both. I am here to be a service to you, your chapter, STARFLEET, but most importantly I am here to serve the Cadets, Youths, and children of STARFLEET.

If you have any questions on how I can serve you better, or even comments - I gladly welcome them and answer your emails as quickly as possible.

One of the more fascinating aspects of how the Star Trek universe is organized is that of its 'geography' or 'topography' (depending on whether one is looking at the 'universe' in 2 or 3 dimensions.) Certainly, we are all familiar with the 'quadrant' system utilized in the Star Trek fictional universe (i.e. the Alpha and Beta Quadrants being the home to the Federation, Klingons, and Romulans, the Delta Quadrant being the home to the Borg, and the Gamma Quadrant being the home to the Dominion.) As I have written and have read the plethora of fan fiction and novelizations set in the Star Trek universe, I have come to wonder if it is possible to relate the geographic delineations of the regions of STARFLEET to the fictional quadrants, and so I have come up with a representation that I believe does this justice. I've done this once before in a cursory fashion, and now I have made a more detailed attempt at representing the Earth as the Milky Way galaxy.

I first began with the notion that North America, particularly the United States, based on the majority 'role' it plays in membership numbers in STARFLEET, would represent the United Federation of Planets and closely associated territories. From this, I have determined that:

- The Alpha Quadrant is composed of North, Central, and South America, excluding Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland (the territories of R14) and also excluding Baffin Bay and the islands of the Arctic Circle (including Greenland.)

- The Beta Quadrant is composed of those islands excluded (as mentioned above,) Greenland, and the territories of R14. Also included in the Beta Quadrant are Iceland, the United Kingdom, the territories of Scandinavia, all of Europe, Africa, and Madagascar.

The separation line between the Alpha and Beta Quadrants runs along the northern border of Alaska, Baffin Bay, between Ontario and Quebec, along the border between Canada and New England, along the southern coasts of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and then east and south along the mid-Atlantic ridge.

- The Delta Quadrant is composed of the Arabian Peninsula, the Middle East, through Pakistan and Afghanistan into India, China, Korea, Mongolia, and through Southeast Asia into the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand. Also included are Taiwan and Japan.

The separation line between the Beta and Delta Quadrants runs,

INTERSTELLAR TOPOGRAPHY:

The Quadrant System To The Geographic Organization Of Starfleet

by Dave Klingman • USSJaguar, Region 1

therefore, from the Arctic Circle, across the northern Atlantic, down the eastern border of Scandinavia (Finland,) the border between Europe and Russia, along the western and southern coasts of Turkey and the eastern Mediterranean Sea, the Arabian peninsula (western and southern borders,) then east along the coast of India to its tip, then more or less 'south' through the approximate center of the Indian Ocean (Ceylon, along with India, is included in the Delta Quadrant.)

- Finally, the Gamma Quadrant includes all of the former Soviet Union and more or less all of the Arctic Circle. The separation line between the Delta and Gamma Quadrants is represented by the southern coasts of the Black Sea and Caspian Sea (and the borders between the former Soviet Union and Turkey, Iran, and Afghanistan,) and the border between the former Soviet Union and Pakistan, China, and Mongolia. The separation line between the Gamma and Alpha Quadrants would be the northern coast of Alaska, through the Bering Straits, and approximately south from here (the Pacific Ocean therefore would contain regions of 'space' that include the Alpha Quadrant [eastern Pacific], Gamma Quadrant [Northwest Pacific Basin] and Delta Quadrant [southern Pacific and Micronesia.]) The Antarctic is not included in this representation, but could in fact be considered to represent the 'southern' aspect of the center of the galaxy (granted, based on this 'top view' of Earth, the center of the galaxy is somewhere in the Arctic Circle.) With these boundaries set, it is relatively easy to locate the various races of the Star Trek universe in the scope of Earth, STARFLEET, and its regions:

- The United Federation of Planets is contained within the continental United States and includes Regions 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,12,13,15, and 17. The Bajoran wormhole, Deep Space Nine, and Cardassian Space would be represented by the area off the Pacific coasts of R4 and R5.

- Klingon Space runs along the border between the United States and western Canada and runs north through Baffin Bay and the islands of the Arctic Circle (and therefore includes both Alpha and Beta Quadrants.)

- Romulan Space includes northern Quebec, Greenland, and the waters of Hudson Straight and Labrador Sea (the northern border of R14) - R14

is therefore located within the Beta Quadrant.

- The Tholians and Breen and all the other aggressor species we have seen throughout Star Trek's long history would be clustered around the Great Lakes or somewhere within North America.

- The Slobodan Hegemony, a fictional race featured in several STARFLEET fan fiction pieces, would be represented by Vancouver Island, off the Pacific coastline

- R10, though contained in the Alpha Quadrant, would represent a 'frontier' area of space (which is consistent with some fan fiction that has included the 10th Fleet).

- Regions 9 and 20 (Europe and UK) are located within the Beta Quadrant; presumably these are also 'frontier' territories.

- Regions 18 (Central and South America) and 8 (the African Portion) are presumed to be 'frontier' territories within the Alpha and Beta Quadrants, respectively.

- The Middle East, though also part of R8, is contained within the Delta Quadrant (presumably its closest approximation to the Federation.)

- The Delta Quadrant is perhaps the busiest and most interesting location as we relate the map of the Earth to the 'quadrant' system: USS Voyager would have begun its voyage home somewhere in northern Japan (it's about as far away as we can get on this particular topographic representation of the Earth.) The Kazon and Vidiians would have terrorized USS Voyager through a voyage 'south' through Japan until the ship crossed the Nekrit Expanse (the Japan Sea.) Along the way, Voyager would have encountered the Voth (north and west from the Korean Peninsula) before the ship entered the vast expanse of Borg Space (China and Mongolia.) A brief period of relief, if you could call it that, would have come along the 'Northwest Passage' (the Great Wall of China) as the Borg were themselves decimated by Species 8472. Voyager would have encountered the Hirogen somewhere in Tibet or along the Himalayas ('the 'Hirogen Array') and would have run across the Borg on and off throughout the rest of their journey until they approached the Delta/Beta Quadrant border (the Middle

East) and utilized the transwarp hub (one could suggest that Baghdad is the location of the Borg transwarp hub) before returning to the Alpha Quadrant. Based on this scheme, Regions 16 and 11 are located in the Delta Quadrant (and given Chris Wallace's own theories on quantum slipstream, the USS Bright Star, and his obsession with the Orient, this seems to make some sense.) As for R11, I can only offer my apologies... you're just so far out there, I didn't know what else to do with you.

- This leaves, finally, R19 and the Gamma Quadrant. I am supposing that the Gamma Quadrant terminus of the Bajoran wormhole ends somewhere in the southern tip of the Kamchatka Peninsula, and that Siberia is the domain of the Dominion.

Certainly, there are going to be flaws with this representation of the Earth and its organization into quadrants - there really is no 'center of the galaxy' though one can suppose that it is located somewhere in the Arctic (it was the reason I chose a 'top down' view of the Earth.) The other major flaw is the difficulty in relating a 'flat' map of a 'spherical' earth presented in 2 dimensions to a 3-dimensional galaxy that is itself portrayed in most references as a flat circle cut into quadrants. It does not accurately take into account the fact that the Milky Way is a 3-dimensional place. Why am I doing all this? Well, as more and more of us get prolific writing fan fiction, I thought it would be a nice idea to have a fictional representation of the Earth so that we could relate our own fan organization to the universe of Star Trek in which we like to play. The purpose is therefore that of a 'guide' for the writer, and this supplements the other guides, which include:

- The Stardate Calculator at <http://blaser.tzo.com/stardates/>

- The USS Jaguar Fiction at <http://www.ussjaguar.org/stories.html>

- The Xenoarchaeological Database The Combined Chapter, Regional, Starship and Vessel Histories 1996-2496

Please note: some of this information is based upon the fan fiction written by members of the USS Jaguar and serves merely as a guideline. Suggestions are welcome!

From the latinum carpet, David E. Klingman, Commodore Chief of Operations, USS Jaguar, NCC-74750 d.klingman@cox.net

Let me start this by saying that Ann and I are handicapped. We were used to working within the system. As problems developed, we learned how to get help when we needed it. But we did not expect what was about to happen to us, both the good and the bad. Ann and I had been sharing a house in Houston TX with a friend for nearly 5 years. It was a situation that helped save our lives. When we faced homelessness in Pennsylvania this internet friend in Houston offered to let us share his house. Five years later, in the middle of December 2003, as much of the world was preparing to celebrate Christmas, our friend informed us that we had to move sooner rather than later. He was in danger of losing the house due to financial problems. Immediately, Ann Redding and I got started trying to find affordable housing in Houston. Over the weeks we learned that there was no housing we could afford, much less, immediately move into. As a friend said, it sounds a bit like the Christmas story, no room at the inn.

Rents were higher than we could afford and special housing for the handicapped had waiting lists of over 4 years. The only help the social service system offered was to inform us that we could be put up in shelters, space available, but we would have to give up our cat. That was not an option. The social service system in Houston, Harris County, and Texas did not work. Even private organizations like the Center for Independent Living, that claimed to help the handicapped find housing, were no help. During a somewhat routine communication with our department head, Commodore Margaret Grunwell, on the USS Appomattox we reported our dilemma. We were considered by our ship as the Texas Away Team.

CREWPERSONS FACING HOMELESSNESS ARE RESCUED BY THEIR SHIP'S RESCUE AWAY TEAM

by Ensign Mike Edelson • USS Appomattox, Region 1
Photos by John Sprouse • USS Appomattox, Region 1

At the darkest point in this situation we feared we were really going to be homeless and hopeless. Suddenly the phone rang and it was Commodore Grunwell. She was calling to tell us that she found us a wonderful apartment in a wonderful complex in Lynchburg VA. It was like a great weight was off of us. We had renewed hope. Margaret hurriedly formed a rescue away team of 4 of our shipmates, rented a van, and headed to Houston. Alan Provo, Chris Johanson, John Sprouse and Margaret Grunwell left Lynchburg, VA around 10:30 P.M. on a Thursday night. They arrived less than 22 hours later having driven straight through. Their idea was to rent a truck in Houston, load our belongings into it, and get us all back up to Lynchburg.

This became a serious matter, as weather reports for the Lynchburg VA area were for ice and heavy snow. By this point, Houston was getting ready for the Super Bowl. Not a single truck rental was available for out of state, one way moves, unless we were willing to pay \$1000. An assurance I had gotten that a truck would be available by a local truck rental agency proved to have been a lie. In the end, all the rescue team could rent was a Cadillac that appeared to have all the amenities.

We grabbed what we needed and

could find, threw it all into the two vehicles and set off from Houston. Sadly, most of the papers Ann needs were not found when we got to Lynchburg. Ann also forgot her crutches. She can walk SHORT distances without them, but how this happened, during the chaos of packing, is beyond any understanding. Luckily our friend shipped them up to us. Our cat was put into her carrier for the trip. Luckily she slept through most of the trip, a trip of well over 24 hours. When she did come out of the carrier she refused to eat, drink, or use her litter box. This had us concerned but luckily she adjusted to her new surroundings and is just fine according to her new vet.

Around Tennessee we ran into the beginning of the storm. It was raining heavily and the roads were getting slicker by the minute. The farther north we got the more the precipitation turned into ice and then snow. It also became heavier and heavier. In the best tradition of STARFLEET, this away team worked to drive safely and get us all to safety. We arrived in the middle of a blizzard. Ann and I had not been in snow for over 5 years. Margaret made sure to have warm jackets for us. We had hoped we would never see ice or snow again. We hoped that we had finally found a safe and good place for us to call home in the Houston area. But it was not to be. It looks like Lynchburg

is going to have to be that place.

Chris Johanson and his wife Sue, also a ship member, offered to let us stay in their home. This proved to be a true blessing. Once we were settled into their home contact, was made with the agent for the apartment complex we were to move into. He assured us that everything was in order. He needed us to sign one more form. He further assured us that we were going to be moving into an apartment the next morning. That morning we learned that it was not to be. This agent was told by the apartment manager that the paperwork was not acceptable until the week of the move.

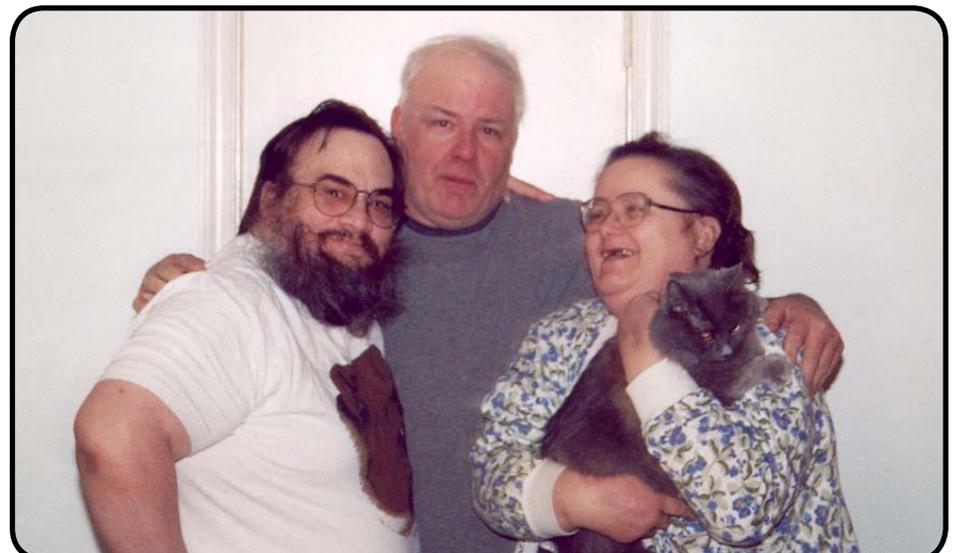
Luckily, there was an opening two doors down from our hosts. They contacted their landlord, who was kind enough to allow us to rent this apartment. Our shipmates and their family members have worked hard to help us make this apartment our home. Plans remain to make a trip back to Texas to get the rest of our belongings out of storage and up here where we need them.

There are problems here, but we have found a social service system that works. People are as friendly and helpful as they were in Texas. I am told this is a southern thing, not just a Texas thing. The only problem is that we are on the wrong side of a county border to get public transportation. This means that we have to rely on our shipmates for anything like shopping. They have been wonderful about helping us this way. Many people in the ship and some from the area have helped donate furniture and household items so that we could have our own home.

It is good to belong to an organization and a ship with such caring, kind, loving, supportive people.



From left to right: Alan Provo, Chris Johanson, Margaret Grunwell.



From left to right: Mike Edelson, John Sprouse, Ann Redding and Ashley.
Photo by John Sprouse, USS Appomattox, Region 1



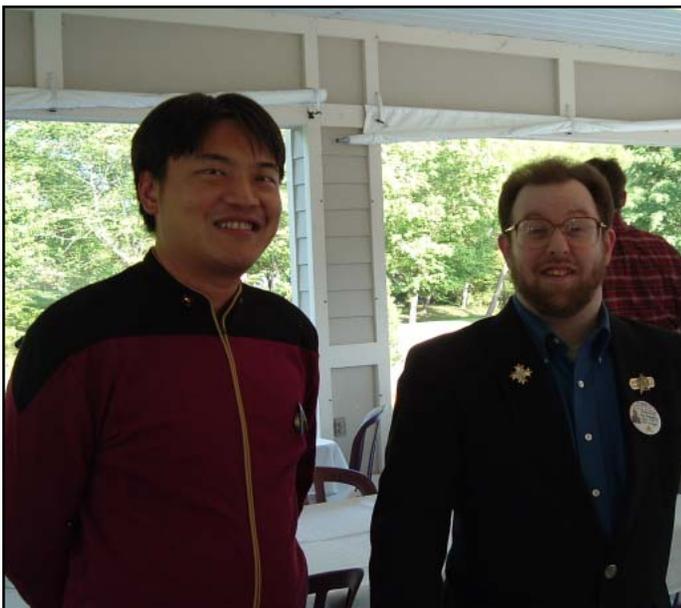
R1 SUMMIT HIGH



Saturday Night Masquerade at R1 Summit. Submitted by Mark Anbinder



Crew of the USS Tristar.. Submitted by Mandi Livingston



*Jerry discusses some ShOCing topics with Alex Rosenzweig.
Photo by Mark Anbinder*



Summit attendees at the General Session. Submitted by Mark Anbinder



*And this issue's Favorite
this shot of Scott Grant giving a
curious Klingon guest! Photo s*



*The USS Alioth participates in the March of Dimes Walk America:
Robbie Lawrance, RADM Keira Strong, Ensign Randy Bateman,
CMDR Nathan Shumway, RADM Lynnette Knox, J J Ercanbrack,
Katherine Ercanbrack, (front row) Fleet Capt. Janet Shepherd, Ann
Edmunds, Capt. Tiffany Knox. Submitted by Keira Russell-Strong*



*Fleet Capt. Janet Shepherd, Alyssa Clawson,
and Maggi, USS Alioth Volunteers for Walk
America. Submitted by Keira Russell-Strong*



*Members of the Alioth went to the Clark Planetarium, sitting on
"Mars" for a photo op. Capt. Tiffany Knox, Alyssa Clawson, RADM
Keira Russell-Strong, Fleet Capt. Janet Shepherd, and RADM
Lynnette Knox. Submitted by Capt. D. Justin Taylor*

HIGHLIGHTS AND MORE!



Dominator CO Carl Lewis & his wife Rita Lewis.
Submitted by Mandi Livingston



Joost Ueffing and Mike Malotte man the grills at the Friday Night BBQ. Submitted by Mark Anbinder



Linda Smith and R1 Awards Director Victor Swindell sitting down to lunch. Submitted by Mark Anbinder



The Photo Award goes to...
...crash course in bagpipes to a
...submitted by Mark Anbinder



Avionne Frye and Jyll Taylor dancing up a storm.
Submitted by Mark Anbinder



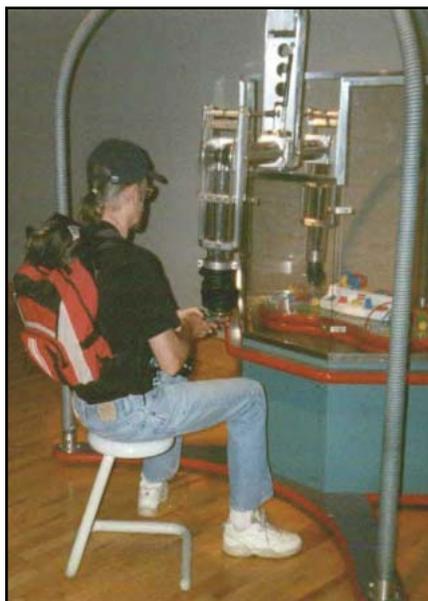
Special guest and alien actor Bill Blair speaking to the summit attendees. Submitted by Mark Anbinder



Former CS Les Rickard and son Zach. Submitted by Mark Anbinder



USS Challenger member Pat Comune succeeds in handcuffing Erik Bishop at their weekly Enterprise night. Submitted by Bob Vossellor



Commander Steve Farris of the USS Shawnee at Science City in KC
Submitted by Steve Farris



The USS Shawnee hosts a bake sale.. Submitted by Steve Farris

Whether you love it or hate it, the Internet is here to stay. People are turning to the 'net with increasing frequency for their every need, from buying a car to finding a neighborhood church. In this "information age", a well-managed website may be your chapter's best recruiting tool.

A good website doesn't need to be flashy, with a lot of slick graphics and music. True, those things do draw your attention, but the skills needed to produce such a site are beyond your average Internet user. Besides, too much of a good thing ends up being annoying, especially to people who have slow modems or who are new to computers. The best websites are easy to navigate, with a high ratio of content to eye candy.

So you don't need to have a website with a fly-by of the Enterprise-C on

USE THE 'NET TO RECRUIT!

by Karen Mitchell • USS Richthofen, Region 7

your index page. However, you do need to show that you put effort into keeping your web presence current. If the last item on your calendar of events is from three years ago, and your list of chapter officers is even older, what impression does that give a potential chapter member? At best, it tells them that your chapter isn't all that dedicated at projects. At worst, it makes them think that the chapter is defunct.

Keep things current. I can't stress that enough. A chapter website with a few basic pages of frequently updated information will draw more people in than a website that's really pretty. New members want to know how and

where they can find you. They want to see the sorts of activities you're doing. A calendar of upcoming events, a contact info page, and photos of your group having fun will do more to recruit new members than just about anything else.

There are lots of other good things you can include on a simple chapter website. Links to other chapter, your regional site, the main SFI site, etc., are an easy way to make your site a resource for the local fandom. Just be sure to check the links periodically to make sure they're still live. You can also include downloadable membership packets with forms and flyers and

other materials. Be sure to keep the file sizes as small as possible for those with slower modems. Consider adding a message board to the site, so your crew can interact with new folks.

Cyberspace is always open. A good website will allow your group to recruit 24/7 and reach countless numbers of more folks than you'll ever bump into at a convention. Don't let the opportunity pass you by, when maintaining a good website is actually pretty simple.

It has been said that one of the greatest traits of STARFLEET is our willingness to step forward and volunteer. The willingness to work hard for any given cause, whether in time or finances, has been a staple of Starfleet members now for many years. This was certainly the case with Region 15 as we came to the aid of friends who, for many years, had given so much to our organization and overall science fiction fandom.

For the past 14 years United Fan Con, a mainstay in the New England area for sci-fi conventions and entertainment, has provided us with some of the fondest memories that we as a region have had. Region 15 was in fact born at UFC back many years ago when it was called WishCon. It was at that convention that Alex Rosenzweig made the announcement turning the New England states into Region 15. As you can see, the friendship between United Fan Con and Region 15 is a very special one, and year after year we as a Region would attend UFC, enjoy the convention and just have a great time.

In recent years, times have been tough for all convention organizers as rising operating costs, an uncertain economy, and the world situation have taken their toll. One by one, sci-fi conventions are going the way of the dinosaur. Despite all the pressures and complications UFC is among a handful of events that have been able to survive. So, when the call came out that UFC needed help, our region jumped at the opportunity. In a truly unselfish volunteering spirit we willingly did whatever was needed to help – paperwork, leg-work, giving up precious days off from our regular jobs,

UFC EAST & R15 VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!

By Gary Halverson, Paul Fest, Corey Grant, and Ellen Majka • Region 15



Doug & Ann Mayo, El Majka and Gary Halverson

we did this for no other reason than our friends and fellow sci-fi fans needing the help.

We went through the arduous task of transporting and assembling our bridge set for display, which provided the convention attendees with a stunning addition to the main convention area adding to the overall feel and flavor of the convention. Attendees also had the opportunity to have their pictures taken on the starship bridge set, the smiles on their faces made the entire endeavor

worthwhile. In addition, members of the Region hosted panels such as "Is Trek Dying?", "Ghost Hunting 101", "Building a Starship", "So You Want to Run a Fan Club", "Geocaching" and others. The enthusiasm and hard work the members put into their panels were outstanding, and a credit to Region 15 and STARFLEET as a whole. As if all that wasn't enough, we were also asked as an organization to coordinate and provide security for the entire convention; I must say that once again the region was more than

ready for the challenge. Despite long hours and sometimes frantic situations our volunteers responded with a calm and polite demeanor as well as a superlative willingness to work hard without complaint.

Of course, it wasn't all work and no play. During our duties we were able to have up-close and personal time with some of the convention's guest stars, something we wouldn't have had access to had we not been volunteers at UFC. We were able to meet at the hot tub on several occasions and have a go at karaoke, and we later danced with our Region 15 friends and family at the Saturday night party. As is the Region 15 tradition at UFC, there were still some of our members there at the wee hours of the morning to close out the party.

As is the case when you stay busy, time seems to fly by. Suddenly there we were on Sunday evening preparing to pack up the bridge set and go our separate ways. It wasn't until then, when we actually had a chance to catch our breath, that the sheer enormity of what we had accomplished hit us. Never had we been as proud and as close to a group of people as this one. Our experience at United Fan Con had provided us with memories for years to come. Despite being exhausted physically, mentally, and emotionally in its aftermath, we would all do it again in a heartbeat.



ATTENTION ON DECK

SFMC

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FROM THE 'DANT

By LGen. Wade Olson • Commandant, SFMC

Well, my report is kinda short and sweet this time.

I really enjoyed myself at the Region One Summit and am really looking forward to the International Conference.

No awards were issued since the last CQ as I had computer problems and my mail went AWOL. It took me quite some time to restore the e-mails to my computer and I am just now catching up on those.

Recently the General Staff approved five proposals sent in by Marines for consideration.

Naval Unit Citation, is an award given to STARFLEET Chapters, Region Staff or other non-Marine units which give exemplary support to SFMC Units, Battalions, Brigades and/or the General Staff.

20 Year Service Ribbon. A little while back we approved a separate ribbon to recognize 20 years of service to the SFMC. It was named the Ueffing Ribbon. A suggestion sent in recently suggested that we simply change that by adding a Good Conduct Knot to the already existing Good Conduct Medal and the discontinue adding devices. So the decision was made to allow up to 5 Good Conduct Medals, equaling 15 years, then add the Knot after 20 years with no more devices beyond that.

The Sword of Honor/Valor was changed to represent the "Officer" of the year. This was suggested due to there already being a "Marine of the Year", the Cross of Honor/Valor and there being an "NCO of the year". The original wording by nature included the NCOs when they already had a ribbon of their own.

It was decided that a standardized Certificate system be put in place for all levels above the Brigade level. Eventually we expect this to extend to the lower levels.

Due to extreme delays in requests for awards a time limit was put in place for nominations. This statute of limitations is set at no later than six months after the action/event. Honor and Valor awards will not apply to this criteria as they are for ALL actions within the 12 months preceding the award.

If you have any proposals you would like considered please send them up the Chain of Command to the General Staff and they will be put on our list of items to discuss.

Since the last CQ we have had two financial reports released:

March

We started the month of March with \$1353.24. There were two deposits made during the month. The first one was for merchandise sold at the Region Two Summit in the amount of \$239.50. The second was for merchandise received in the mail in the amount of \$8.10. There was one check cashed on the account during the month on 3/3/04 in the amount of \$114.00 for a ribbon order. The Service Charge on the account for the month totaled \$0.79. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$1478.74.

We started the month with Petty Cash in the amount of \$14.81. We had two expenditures for postage, one on 3/23/04 in the amount of \$0.60 and another on 3/26/04 in the amount of \$0.49. This leaves a total in petty cash at the close of the month in the amount of \$13.72.

We have funds earmarked for donation in the amount of \$80.17. A new recipient is being discussed for these funds.

This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of the month in the amount of \$1492.46.

April

We started the month of April with \$1478.74. There was one deposit made during the month for merchandise sold in the amount of \$81.30. There was no Service Charge on the account for the month. This leaves a total in the checking account at month's end of \$1567.35.

We started the month with Petty Cash in the amount of \$13.72. We had one expenditure during the month totaling \$1.66. This leaves a total in petty cash at the close of the month in the amount of \$12.06.

Due to the deposit of a CafePress check during the month of May, we have funds earmarked for donation in the amount of \$96.55. We'll be issuing this as soon as the GS discusses the charities we have been submitted.

This leaves a grand total of SFMC funds at the end of April in the amount of \$1579.41.

See you in the next CQ and I hope to see you all at the International Conference.

Lieutenant General Wade Olson
Commandant, STARFLEET Marine Corps

FROM THE DEPDANT

By BDR Aaron Murphy •
Deputy Commandant, SFMC

Greetings Marines,

First of all, there were several proposals, received from Marines in the field, which were debated and approved by the General Staff. These proposals were posted to the SFMC Mailing List on 07 May 04.

1. Naval Unit Citation

In reviewing the awards issued by the SFMC, there are none authorized to recognize an SFI chapter or other non-marine group that has contributed significant effort in an SFMC-sponsored activity.

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC (for BN and below) COFORCECOM (for BDE or above)

Frequency: As needed (one award per unit per year maximum)

SFMC Ribbon Name: None

This award is given to an STARFLEET Chapter, a Regional staff, or other non-marine unit which exemplifies meritorious service either by demonstrating consistently outstanding performance over time, or by performing a particular task or service to a high standard of excellence, while in support of an SFMC unit.

2. 20 Year Service Ribbon

Previously, it was announced that the Corps would instate a ribbon to recognize 20 years of service in the STARFLEET Marine Corps. This was to be a separate ribbon. However, an alternative has been suggested that seems to make a lot more sense than adding an additional ribbon to the ribbon bar.

Due to the similarity between this award and the current Good Conduct Medal, we have decided to merge the two awards. These regulations will supersede the regulations for multiple awards of a ribbon given on p. 29 of the MFM.

For the first 5 issuances of the Good Conduct Medal (yrs. 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15), standard regs will apply. After the 15th year, no further GCMS will be awarded until the Marine reaches the 20th year of service. At this point, rather than adding a gold star, a Good Conduct Knot device

FROM THE DEPDTANT (continued)

will replace the stars on the ribbon. Once this is done, no further devices will be added to the ribbon.

3. Change to the Sword of Honor/Valor

Changed to Brigade/SFMC Officer of the year. This award is given to the Marine Officer...

This change in wording will take effect after IC 2004 in order to keep the current awards under the same guidelines.

Also, in the Sword of Honor, "Steering Committee" is changed to "General Staff."

4. Standardized Award Certificate

The General Staff has decided to use a standardized award certificates for all GS issues awards meriting a ribbon and certificate. As time allows, these certificates can also be created for BDE staff and below. This is assuming that enough notice is give for the certificates to be created. Until the demand for these certificates is gauged, appropriate lead-time estimates can not be given. For more information, please contact BDR Aaron Murphy at depdant@sfi-sfmc.org.

5. Policy on Award Nominations

We have had instances throughout the SFMC on award nominations for actions one year or more previous. To keep this from happening, all award nominations must be submitted no more than six months after the qualifying events. The only awards not affected by this are the Valor and Honor awards, which cover the previous 12 months.

Now, policy number 5 segues into my next announcement. As I announced in my last post, the deadline for the 2004 Honor awards is 2359 hrs on 15 Jul 04. Any awards received after this date will NOT be considered. I wish all the 2004 Valor award recipients the best of luck. See you again in 60.

In Service to the Corps,

BDR Aaron Murphy
Deputy Commandant
STARFLEET Marine Corps
depdant@sfi-sfmc.org

SENDING PROPOSALS TO THE GS

By BDR Aaron Murphy • Deputy Commandant, SFMC

Recently, the General Staff has had several proposals brought to its attention. We've had them sent in via phone conversations, e-mails, unit reports, just about everything except a restaurant napkin (watch, that will probably come in next week). I thought it would be a good time to touch on proposals and ways to help them get through the Chain of Command as quickly as possible.

It is always good for us to hear from the Marines in the field. The GS is always looking to see who is doing what and getting new ideas from active units. Passing your ideas up in your unit reports helps us to see what the common interests are and possibly to spread them to others in the Corps who might be struggling for ideas.

However, sometimes good ideas or proposed policy additions/changes get lost in the mass of information. To help make sure that your ideas get to the right people in a clear, concise fashion, we recommend that you write up an official proposal and send it up the CoC. It doesn't have to be long or in legalese, but it should be clear, complete, and concise.

I would recommend the following format: Title, Issue, and Proposed Solution. The title can be short. Three to five words should do. The issue should explain, factually, the issue that you see. We do not need specific names or events, but examples, even fictionalized, would be helpful, if it assists in illustrating or clarifying the issue. Finally, the proposed solution is the most important part. This should provide a detailed and realistic solution to the issue presented.

Here is an example:

Title: Naval Unit Citation

Issue: Within the SFMC Awards structure, there is no award available to recognize non-Marines who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist SFMC personnel or units in projects to benefit the Marines or one of their causes.

Solution: Establish an award similar to the Meritorious Unit Citation for non-Marine units in support of SFMC personnel. This award would not need to be accompanied by a ribbon, since the ribbon system is not commonly used among non-Marine personnel. A certificate should suffice. The same description and requirements in the MUC should apply to the NUC.

Now, once you are done with your proposal, be sure you put your contact information at the bottom of the proposal (or, if you use the standard memo format, this could also be in the header) and send it up the CoC. Contact info should, at the least, include your name, rank, unit, and e-mail address. Any SFMC titles held can be added, but are not required.

The reason for the contact information is simple; sometimes proposals get separated from the original e-mails, especially if they are forwarded multiple times. This allows us to contact you with the status of your proposal and gives us the ability to ask questions if clarifications are necessary.

When writing your proposal, try to keep a few things in mind:

1) It doesn't need to be a novel. Make sure your proposal is long enough to get your point across without going through multiple reams of paper. Most proposals can usually be done in 3-4 paragraphs, at most.

2) Stick to the facts. There are times when issues, especially if they've gone on for a while, can get extremely frustrating. Try to keep a neutral tone to your post. If your reader starts through a proposal and it has more venting than substance, it is likely that the person responsible for the policy is going to send it back to you for a re-write. Try to put yourself in their shoes. If you don't think you'd like to be talked to that way, don't do it to them.

3) Try to write one proposal per submission. When you write up idea, after idea, after idea, it's sometimes hard to tell where one ends and the next begin. There are also cases where you might have multiple ideas and they chain off on another. In this case, if one idea is denied, it becomes necessary to deny the entire thing.

Thank you for your patience in reading through this article. I hope it provides some insight into the process and gives you some ideas on ways to help ensure that your ideas get seen and discussed in a timely manner. If you have any questions or proposals that you would like to see initiated, send them to your OIC or if you still haven't heard anything back, you can e-mail me at depdant@sfi-sfmc.org.

BDR Aaron Murphy
Deputy Commandant
STARFLEET Marine Corps

Marines:

I am excited! This period showed a lot of activity in the SFMC. Reports were very informative for the most part, and I am proud to announce that members of the SFMC units are active with the following events and organizations.

Summits/musters, Courses (academy and real life), Commissionings and Promotions, Blood Drives, Book Drives and Food Drives. We supported Operation Eagle, the Stampede, and the OCP. We raised money for Ronald McDonald House, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Puryear School, Nahunta Elementary School and Babler Elementary School.

Marines attended Galacticon, Oatland Island Sheep to Shawl event, SOLV Oregon Beach Clean up, Rad Con 4, Steelcon 04, GrandSlam Con, walks for MS, and Relay for Life. We supported the Union Gospel Mission Project, the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society, the Red Cross, the Confederate Memorial Library, Wiggins Confederate Memorial Cemetery, the DAV, and Lowell observatory. We also helped the Salvation Army, the Elks Lodge, Kirkwood Recycling Center, the Virginia Air and Space Center and the Kiwanis.

SFI Marines also enjoyed bowling, camping, movies, dinners out, putt-putt golf (in black light, no less,) baseball, hockey, poker, roller skating, and martial arts. We participated in CPR and First Aide training, collecting coupons, Campbell soup labels and

FORCECOM REPORT

By BGEN Linda Olson • CO, FORCECOM

Betty Crocker points. There were regular meetings, parades, unit drills, recruiting, egg hunts, motorcycle poker runs, and all kinds of parties.

With all this going on it is not hard to understand the list of awards issued and requested this period.

My congratulations go out to each of you who have helped another this past 60 days. No matter how small, no act of kindness goes unnoticed. I applaud the good works of the Marines in the STARFLEET Marine Corps and I look forward to receiving the next set of reports.

I would also like to take a moment to congratulate Adam Copple on his wedding day May 21, and Wade Hoover and Jenn Colpitts on their new home. I am sure that there are many others who deserve recognition, but unless you tell me who they are in your reports, I am unable to pass along the news.

Thank you reporting officers for your very informative reports.

Brigadier General Linda Olson
CO Forces Command
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Linda Olsen at the R1 Summit.
Photo submitted by Willy Smith

Greetings, I hope all of you are doing well.

I would like to remind everyone that the Army Field manual called for by several SFMCA courses can be found on the SFMC site at <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/tracom/fm.shtml>. If you have any questions or problems, please let me know.

We are STILL in need of your help in various positions in TRACOM. We still have the following staff positions open and waiting for dedicated Marines like you to fill them:

Combat Engineers Branch
Director

Maritime Operations Branch
Director

Xeno-Studies Borg School
Director

STATE OF TRACOM

By BDR John Roberts • CO, TRACOM

The requirements for the above positions require the applicant to have completed the following:

OTS (need not be an officer)

PD-10 (PD-20 is desired, but not required)

All courses in that school, except the -30 course can be completed within 60 days of appointment)

I am pleased to announce what I hope will be a regular part of my State of TRACOM posts in the coming months: The SFMCA Student of the Month. This honor carries nothing except the recognition in this post and is based upon the student who

completes the most courses during the preceding month at the SFMCA.

The Student of the Month for March 2004 is our very own Fleet Admiral, GEN Michael Malotte. Mike completed 15 courses, 9 of them with Honors, during March.

The Student of the Month for April 2004 is, once again, our very own Fleet Admiral, GEN Michael Malotte. Mike completed 9 courses, 7 of them with Honors, during April.

The total number of SFMCA courses completed by Marines in March was 103, 59 of those were completed with Honors. The total number of SFMCA

courses completed by Marines in April was 59, 31 of those were completed with Honors.

Congratulations to all the fine Marines who completed courses. I hope they were fun and enjoyable for you.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, ideas or need to chat, my email inbox is always open and I respond rather quickly.

In service to the Corps,
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INFOCOM REPORT

By LGN Wade Hoover •
CO INFOCOM

It's that time again, huh? So, how's everyone enjoying the spring weather? I'm not sure, but I think I blinked and missed it. But then, looking at the weather patterns in the country now, I think everyone is saying that.

Anyway, on to business. First off, I would like to thank both Bruce Sommer and Matt Copple. I recently received their resignations from the SFMC web team. I'm sorry to see both go, but I understand that real life has precedence, so I would like to offer my heartfelt thank you to both of these individuals. You will be missed.

With their resignations, I am now seeking new members for the SFMC web team. Specifically, I am looking for one or two people to help maintain the SFMC site. The qualifications are as follows:

- 1) Must be a member in Good Standing of STARFLEET
- 2) Have a good working knowledge of HTML
- 3) Must be able to work in a team environment, and be able to work under deadlines.
- 4) Must have reliable Internet and E-mail access.

If you have the desire to serve the SFMC, please send your resume, including examples of your work, to infocom@cablone.net.

The SFMC website continues to be updated. I know that there are errors on the site, and I am starting to work on a review of the site, to clean out redundant files, and to verify that all links are correct. If you find items that need to be addressed, please e-mail webmater@sfi-sfmc.org with the exact URL of the page, and what needs to be changed. Things will be addressed as soon as possible.

Well, I believe that's all for now. Until next time.

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"I THOUGHT SHE WAS WITH YOU!"

By Fleet Captain Michelle Muench • USS Gasparilla, Region 2

I have always found Region 2's summits to be wonderful for many reasons. Not only do they inject a renewal of delight in belonging to SFI, but they also provide the opportunity to renew and deepen relationships with so many friends. A common comment made by members in this region is that we are family. This fact was certainly put forth following this year's Summit, when Sandy and Bruce Dolan took six Summit attendees home with them for the night.

To explain, the Dolan's place is closest to the Florida-Alabama border so, when traveling that route on I-10, their home has fast become a natural stop-over for folks living further south (or east) in Florida. Aside from this, anyone in Region 2 can tell you that you do not argue when Sandy suggests that you come to eat and get a little rest before moving on.

In this manner, she can rival "Mamma" Denby Potts. Needless to say, my husband and I accepted the offer of food and lodging on our return trip from Summit. What was not anticipated, however, was that my sweet, dear, husband might attempt to leave me in Alabama; was it something I said? Thus lay the foundation for a short story, nay, comedy of errors...

After our caravan of six cars had shrunk to merely four, it became needful to pull off the road for a short pit stop. When we all arrived at the first gas station, it became apparent that they would not allow us to use their restrooms. Why? Who knows? Though they apparently didn't have a problem with us pumping and paying for gas at their station, this was all that was allowed. It should be noted here that James Muench took the opportunity to pump gas.

As the Dolans and Rosburys headed across the street to another gas station, I hopped into the spare seat in Pat Malone's truck as he headed over to the BP station across the freeway. Thus explains the initial separation, James, knowing I was with Pat, headed over to the BP after finishing pumping gas. Please note, husband, wife and friend all in the same place; very important.

As I was heading into the store, James drives up and says something to me. It was a bit loud outside and I couldn't hear all of what he was saying;

I thought he was just telling me he was there. But, alas, I was in a bit of a "hurry" and didn't catch everything; a fact that has been pointed out to me more than once since.

So I continue on with my business, walking out of the Stuckey's a few minutes later, feeling miffed that I didn't have my wallet with me because, well, it was Stuckey's and they always have nifty things to buy. I should point out here that James was SO lucky I'd forgotten my wallet, as will be made clear in a moment.



Looking around the parking lot, I find nothing; no husband, no friend, not even my credit card to keep me company. Well, a very helpful and very dirty trucker winked warmly as he offered to "give me a ride anywhere I wanted." I declined politely, still bemoaning the fact that I did not have said credit card. Three to four minutes had passed as I kept looking up and down the parking lot; no James, no Pat anywhere. Hands have just been placed on hips as I begin to become a bit peeved when, lo and behold, up drives Pat who, as we all know, is NOT my husband...important point here, with which, I'm sure all the ladies in the audience will agree.

Apparently, James headed back to the other gas station and Pat must have assumed that he was staying at the BP to get me. They also, apparently, never discussed this amongst themselves. Pat finished pumping gas at the BP

and returned to the other gas station where James immediately (this point was stressed to me MANY times on the return trip home) asked, "Where's my wife?" To which, Pat replied, "I thought she was with you!?"

At this point, Pat jumped back into the truck before (and this has also been pointed out more than once) James had a chance to get into our car, came back to the BP and rescued me. I must point out the following: Pat was immediate in telling me what happened...smart move when a man is not familiar with the temper of the woman he is rescuing.

Upon return, James was also immediate in apologizing and explaining himself fully...smart move on the part of a man who DOES know his wife's temper. Also relevant to point out is that both men remained quick to discuss the other's failure in the incident every time it came up during the course of the evening which, as you might guess, led to more than a few laughs amongst everyone else.

The fact remains, I was left at a truck stop in Alabama without even my credit card to allow me to purchase a little trinket or two, or three to remind James of this little comedy of errors in the future. I must also admit that Pat was nice enough to arrive before the trucker had the chance to come back out of the store to offer again, and I was thankful for that little fact.

Still, since I was unable to express my displeasure with this little incident through the art of bolstering the economy, I will have to come up with another appropriate method. Ye be warned, gentlemen, as a Wench of Risa does NOT forget! Forgive? Yes, but not without plotting appropriate revenge, of course.

Forget? Maybe after next year's Region 2 Summit...we'll see.

As I was reading an article about BURPS, Bill's Unique Recipe Preparatory School, a STARFLEET Academy course, I became interested in it, as I have already participated in a 12-week culinary arts program for DC Central Kitchen. I took part in the April-July program after I settled into CCNV.

My 12-week assignment began in hot foods. There are several chefs, or members of the training staff, who teach everyone how to cook and prepare foods. One of those teachers was Chef Karen Lewis. While under her leadership, several trainees and myself, learned to stir hot foods in a very large 50-gallon kettle. This was a part of mass-producing over 4,000 meals a day for various locations in the Washington, DC area. Those foods were properly cooled and packaged by us to feed the residents of CCNV, which was located upstairs.

The next chef was Dorothy Bell, one of the most distinguished chefs in the kitchen. There is even an award named after her, for her tireless service to the kitchen. She was another chef in the cold foods department. Under her guidance, we learned to make salads, desserts, such as bread pudding, a favorite among the kitchen staff, and various cakes and pies.

STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

By Commander Eugene Sanford • USS Highlander, Region 7

Another chef who became our instructor was Chef Gary Bullock. He was the Executive Chef for Fresh Start Catering, and is now a chef instructor for DC Central Kitchen. Both he and Chef Karen are also a part of Contract Foods, which is another affiliate of DC Central Kitchen. While taking classes every Monday-Friday, Chef Gary taught an afternoon class, which dealt with filleting fish and salmon. One time, he brought in a huge female snapper, and showed us how to properly filet it.

During our 12 weeks at DCCK, our classes would be in the mornings from 8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. or later. Afterwards, we would head into the kitchen and begin our tasks of making various meals for different shelters in DC. Most of the time, we would have a Life Skills course, which would help the trainees to succeed throughout the program, and thereafter. Part of the program also, would be to travel to different areas involving food service.

One of several trips we went on was to Georgetown University/Hotel

and Conference Center. We met one of the Sous Chefs there, and another graduate from DCCK, Tamioka, while exploring the food service section. All of us toured the kitchen, and saw how the chefs worked and the meals they prepared.

Another field trip was to Stratford University. This one was very interesting because there we had a meal during our trip. The kitchen there is fascinating, and the chefs there are very disciplined and organized in preparing meals. Our meals came from the menus on campus, and they were absolutely wonderful. Dessert included cheesecake and pies. After several pictures, laughter, and a few smoke breaks, we headed back to DC. Other trips included Kitchen Match and Food Team, which are temporary agencies.

Our afternoon classes included practice exercises for a major exam at the end of our 12 weeks. Our entire class passed and graduated, despite the numbers being small. Our class

started out with 25 people, then it dwindled to 16, then 8. A few were dismissed, and one or two decided to drop out. As graduation day came on the horizon, I had several objectives to fulfill while job hunting. I received a Training Staff Award for my efforts in finding a job, and being the first one hired in my class, while still holding a job with Target. During the final two weeks before graduation, I went out to eight different places with resumes, and dropped them off, while visiting those places. The last stop was TGI Fridays in downtown DC.

After showing my resume to the head chef, I was told to come back during the 4th of July weekend. When I arrived, it was very, very, very, busy, and I officially started the next day for two months, until they closed down on Labor Day 2003. On Stardate: 0318.7, we, the 52nd class of DC Central Kitchen, held our graduation ceremony at the Hyatt Regency of Washington, DC. We received our certificates of completion and food handler's cards. Our class, out of all others, was the most memorable ever. DCCK gave me a chance in food service that other places would not, and I hope to perfect my culinary skills in other places for a rewarding career.

The other day I happened to be researching the history of our chapter's namesake O'Bannon and stumbled across this report by a crewman from the USS O'Bannon, dd-450 that served in WWII. It struck my interest because the O'BANNON NCC-5372's mascot is a potato, He is named Lt. Spuds. When it was first explained to me why, I found it quite funny. Enjoy.

On 5 April 1943, DESRON 21 was returning from a night of shelling Japanese shore installations deep in the New Georgia area of the Solomon Islands. Our destroyer, the O'Bannon, as part of this force, picked up a radar contact that turned out to be a large Japanese submarine cruising on the surface and apparently unaware of our presence. The Japanese lookouts undoubtedly were fast asleep.

We approached rapidly and were preparing to ram the sub. Our captain and other officers on the bridge were trying to identify the type of sub, and decided, at the last minute, that it could be a mine layer.

THE MAINE POTATO INCIDENT

By Brian Caton • USS O'BANNON, Region 15

Not wanting to blow up ourselves along with the sub, the decision was made that ramming was not a wise move. At the last moment, the rudder was swung hard to avoid a collision and we found ourselves in a rather embarrassing situation as we sailed along side of the Japanese submarine.

On board the sub, Japanese sailors, wearing dark shorts and dinky blue hats, were sleeping out on deck. In what could be considered a rude awaking, they sat up to see an American destroyer sailing along side. Our ship, however, was far too close to permit our guns to lower enough to fire, and since no one on deck carried a gun, not a shot was heard. Ditto on the Japanese sub. No one there had a gun either. In this situation, no one seemed sure of the proper course of action and it probably would not have been covered in the manual anyway. Therefore, everyone just stared, more or less spellbound.

The submarine was equipped with a 3-inch deck gun and the sub's captain finally decided that now was probably a good time to make use of it. As the Japanese sailors ran toward their gun, our deck parties reached into storage bins that were located nearby, picked out some potatoes and threw them at the sailors on the deck of the sub. A potato battle ensued. Apparently the Japanese sailors thought the potatoes were hand grenades. This kept them very busy as they try to get rid of them by throwing them back at the O'Bannon or over the side of the sub. Thus occupied, they were too busy to man their deck gun, which gave us sufficient time to put a little distance between our ship and the sub.

Finally, we were far enough away to bring our guns to bear and firing commenced. One of our shells managed to hit the sub's conning tower, but the sub managed to submerge anyway. At that time our

ship was able to pass directly over the sub for a depth charge attack. Later information showed that the sub did sink. When the Association of Potato Growers of Maine heard of this strange episode, they sent a plaque to commemorate the event. The plaque was mounted in an appropriate place near the crew's mess hall for the crew to see. Well, it was the crew's battle.

That plaque is now located on the current O'Bannon's quarterdeck, commemorating the event. It reads:

A tribute to the Officers and Men of the USS O'Bannon. for their ingenuity in using our now proud potato to sink a Japanese submarine in the spring of 1943.

Presented by POTATO GROWERS of the State of Maine. June 14, 1945.

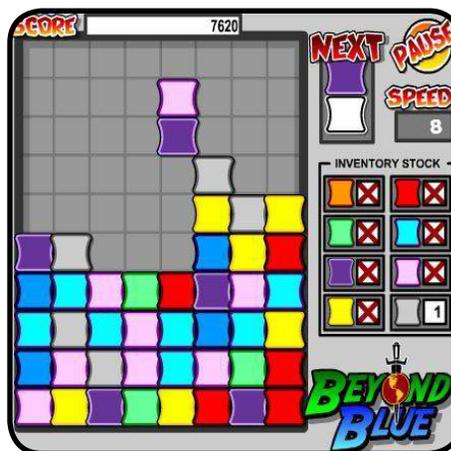
Now released for all Fleeters to play, the Shuttle Kerberos (currently the only game developing chapter in STARFLEET) now makes available for public pleasure, their current library of online games based on listserv fiascos, E-larps or just general mayhem and silliness. Since Month 2 of the launch of the shuttle Kerberos, its crew and command have been releasing one game per month on their website (<http://www.isskerberos.org>). These games were being utilized solely by the mother ship (ISS Lexington) and several others, but public knowledge was passed on by word of mouth. We hope to now publish general notice in the CQ of the current period's games as well as give you a glimpse of any future ideas or releases. Being the first time that the Kerberos is making this public notice, we have a listing of several games to inform you about. All of these games are available to play at our website (<http://www.isskerberos.org>), and some of them allow for the best players to mark their name into a Top 5 high score listing. We hope that these games provide you with some hours of enjoyment and if you are interested in ventures or use of any of the games on the Kerberos website, we encourage you to utilize our "Join Us" page to submit feedback, requests, complaints or other various brain droppings.

October 2003 saw the release of our first game: Imperial Tiles. For those online gamers, this is based on the popular Bejeweled and Diamond Mines. You are given a grid of different symbols. The object is to swap pieces by clicking on them and their neighbor. When you swap pieces to line up 3 or more of the same vertically or horizontally, they will be removed and ratchet the columns down with more symbol boxes. However, time works against you. You start off with 2 minutes and it counts down. Once the clock hits zero, you are done unless you match up the imperial tiles. Imperial Tiles are the representation of the Imperial Starfleet logo that was made popular by the Mirror-Mirror episodes of TOS and DS9. These tile matches will allot you 15 seconds more. You'll find this a truly addictive game that will have you playing till your wrists in pain.

November 2003 was the start of the annual E-larp that precedes a Region 7 paintball game. The larp was based on a fictional storyline labeled Operation Crimson File. This e-larp can be read at our mother ship's website (<http://www.isslexington.org>).

ONLINE GAMES FROM THE ISS KERBEROS

By Fleet Captain Dino Gravato • ISS Kerberos, Region 7



Team Kerberos released Crimson File the game to run tandem with the larp. The game is based on the flash card game of matches with some peculiar twists. This game was the start of the Top 5 score board, so see if you can get your name in lights.

December 2003 had the fictional storyline that was started in Crimson File leading the Prometheus Class ship, the ISS Kerberos, heading into Borg space. Though the storyline is still in writing, the game Assimilation was released to accentuate certain events in it. Based on a classic game style dubbed "Same Game", this game has caused a heated competition to see who can be the highest scorer. Will you conquer the Borg firewall, or will you be assimilated? January 2004 saw the first sequel to an existing game. Assimilation 2: Passive Resistance was released to challenge those experts on Assimilation 1.

Attention and praise for Assimilation 1 resulted in this candidate being released. Just when you thought the hole was open to hack the Borg, their automated systems decide to get a little aggressive on you. Can you keep the hole open long enough for the Kerberos to get in and finish the mission? Or will you trigger the alarms? Will you see the final 11th colored block?

A great sequel to the first assimilation game, the Kerberos promises a third to this series that will make this game feel like a walk in the park, so we suggest you hone your skills now. You cannot not play this one, for as we all know: resistance is futile and passive resistance is just a defense mechanism.

February 2004 had a friend of the Kerberos start a new chapter in Starfleet. In honor of the new luxury liner the USS Pride of Scotland launched by our friend Sandy Berenberg, the Kerberos releases the following for your enjoyment: POS PERKS. It will be sure to give you hours of enjoyable game play. The game play is based on variation of mini-golf solitaire or the existing game of tripeaks on pogo.com. The launching of the Pride of Scotland gives Team Kerberos a new venue of game fiction that will allow the making of casino style games for publishing, so consider this the first of many games of chance that will reference the Pride of Scotland's casino deck.

March 2004 had a buzz abound, as the (cont. on p. 33)

ONLINE GAMES FROM THE ISS KERBEROS

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release of POS PERKS was overwhelming welcomed by the crew and associates of Pride of Scotland. To add another tie in, Team Kerberos published a game based on the fictional Beverage Distributors that the Kerberos's mother ship commander had started to write up. Following the fiction storyline of the POS/IMPERIAL ALE Beverage Distributors, you are a shipping clerk for the Imperial Ale, Wicked Spirits and Illicit Fun Corporation.

They distribute legal and illegal beverages throughout the alpha quadrant. You have to align the orders and transport them off to their destination. Failure to fill out the order in full will result in severe reprimand from your superiors, (and severance packages are not what they seem). In the mood of that classic Nintendo game: DR MARIO.

You will spend your time combining various colored containers (each color represents one type of beverage) to match up in sets of 3 or more for direct transport. Some orders are simple. Some require a complex strategy of container removal. All are fun. Can you get to the final level? Can you find out who the order is for? Can you stop the screen from bugging out your eyes? It's beyond Dr Mario because it is: BEYOND BLUE.

April 2004 game release was shelved in honor of a late march release to run tandem with the real election campaigns going on in region 7. The issue at hand was apathy and how can you swing a chapter to be involved. The Kerberos dusted off a game style dubbed "Chasing Lights" and redid it to represent the chapters of region 7 and 2 fictional candidates who sought the votes to get them the Regional Coordinator position.

SWING VOTE: Battle for Region 7 2004, was the first release to spark a moment of humor into a sometimes too serious campaigning run. At first the game was logically unbeatable, but now adjusted to have 2 final results: FULL REGION SUPPORT or FULL REGION APATHY. Do you have the ability to swing all the votes to you?

May 2004 will see the release of 2 games, Defiantly Demented and Hypothetical Death: Battle for region 7 2004. Deep in the bowels of the ISS Lexington resides a cryogenic coffin

whose inhabitant was sealed in for the good of the alpha quadrant by then Lexington Commander Dino. Captain Steve Bowers in his Engineering spring cleaning, stumbles upon the crypt and releases the contents of the chamber. Pandora box is released upon the unsuspecting alpha quadrant and the evil DINO clone, created to be a member of the failed

Lexington boy band AGON'Z named NOID escapes in one of the Lexington's weapons loaded shuttles. He has a score to settle and all the defiant class ships in the federation are his target. Can you coordinate all the defiants into order and warp them into the gamma quadrant or will NOID have his revenge, (though we aren't to sure why he hates the defiant class). Sanity is out the window when your: DEFIANTLY DEMENTED.

Hypothetical Death is a funny jab at the current thread in the Region 7 elections listserv where the question was asked: Hypothetically, what would happen if you were to be hit by a bus, what would happen to your platform. This question had Team Kerberos scrambling for a unique way of showing this question. We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed developing it.

The Kerberos Team is geared to make fun and enjoying online games for sci-fi fans to play. We do not in any way mean to harm or slander anyone or organization with themes, storylines or characters in the games we release. If you have a good idea or story line that you feel could be more enjoyable with a side game, please contact the command of the Kerberos via the link below:

<http://www.isskerberos.org/join.php>

We encourage the sharing of the links that point to the game addresses. If you like to place Kerberos games on your website, please contact the command via link above.

"SHUTTLE KERBEROS... Waste your online time with us"

IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE . . .

by Stephen Skacall • USS Ronald E. McNair, Region 1

On March 24th, I embarked on a mission: to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man had gone... Oh, who am I kidding! I was on a mission, but it definitely wasn't that one.

First I suppose I should introduce myself. My name is Stephen Skacall, and I was recently appointed the Director of the Region 1 Newsletter Exchange Program. I've been a member of STARFLEET for almost 3 years, and am stationed on the USS Ronald E. McNair in Columbia, South Carolina. I'm a member of the Airport High School Model United Nations team, and I spend all year preparing for the annual Model UN Conference at Winthrop University, held each March.

This year, I was assigned as our delegate for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in the Organization of American States, a sub-division of the UN responsible for discussing matters of interest to North and South America. For three days I debated my way through such issues as whether the United States should lift sanctions against Cuba, tough new anti-drug laws, terrorism prevention, and an oil spill in Chile.

Having led the battle to lift the sanctions against Cuba, and supported the anti-drug measures, written a successful resolution that created the Anti Terrorism Task Force of the Americas, and helped to narrowly avert World War Three, the final day of the conference arrived.

As my delegation was ushered into Tillman Auditorium, I watched as delegations from 115 other nations were seated, and the Secretary General took the stage. We had one more crisis to solve before the awards were given: Ukrainian rebels had overthrown the government, and claimed control of the country.

We had two choices: Allow the rebels to stay in control, or put the old government back into power. The United States led an aggressive campaign to see the rebels put in charge, but I, along with Cuba, Vietnam, and France, formed a resolution that put the old government back into power, while

UN peacekeepers tried to defuse the situation.

My resolution seemed on the verge of defeat, when just prior to the vote I delivered a speech in which I motivated the delegates of every nation to unite for peace and order, and to restore the former government. We voted, and the resolution won by a wide margin.

The crisis was solved, and the awards came. I listened intently as they announced the awards:

"Third place: From AC Flora High School, the delegation from Brazil!" ...

"Second place: From Northwestern High School, the delegation from The United States!" ... "

And, last but most certainly not least, after an amazing showing this week, in first place: From Airport High School, the delegation from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines!"

The room roared with applause as I walked to the stage; I was shocked. My friends were jumping up and down, screaming at the top of their lungs, and my teacher was crying.

This was, to say the least, amazing, shocking, delightful all at the same time. How? How did I win? For five years in a row, Northwestern High School got first place. And yet, somehow, I managed to receive this honor. Airport High School has its first award from the Model UN team now, its likely to be a tradition that continues for many years.

And what about me? Well, I'll humbly continue my career in STARFLEET, where I hope to someday have the success I have had this past week.

DULLES ANNEX AWAY MISSION

By Commodore John Sprouse • USS Appomatox, Region 1

Photos submitted by Margaret Grunwell

On March 6, 2004, the away team from the USS Appomatox comprised of John Sprouse, Alan Provo, Meg Roach, Chris and Sue Johanson, Margaret Grunwell, and our camera shy guests, Stuart Porter and Matt McDaniel, left Lynchburg, Virginia for the rendezvous with the USS Athena and anyone else who wanted to make the journey.

The group arrived at the Dulles Annex, or the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, around 9:30 A.M., and joined the line for entrance. The weekend before our trip, the center reached the half-million visitor mark. From the outer area, even before gaining entry, we could see the space shuttle straight inside. After being checked through by security, the group divided, leaving Margaret to watch for any others from STARFLEET to come, and notify her team via walkie-talkies.

The USS Athena was represented by Lisa Berkenbilt, Pete Dowty, Martin Bonica, and Tom & Karen Donnelly. Later Karen "Terpette" Mitchell from the USS Highlander and her guest, Chris Caruthers joined us. We mixed and matched groupings looking at different exhibits and displays. As expected, one of the first stops for us all was the Space Shuttle Enterprise, which definitely gave us photo opportunities.

Here is a brief description of the facilities. As you enter the building, the first section runs from left to right. Starting at the right is the IMAX Theater, the tower, the information areas, tickets, and bathrooms. In the middle were the entrance, the museum store, and future food

court. Then came offices and other official areas, entry to a perpendicular hanging ramp crossing the hanger and more bathrooms. From the entrance, continuing straight, is an entry hall with access via the stairs to the lower level and a few displays. At the end of the hall is the second floor overlooking into a vast hanger that runs almost parallel to the first. This is where the majority of planes, etc. are displayed. From the overlook and to the right is a downward ramp approximately forty to fifty feet long. Then it turns outward towards the hanger and continues down to the base level, running parallel to the first section of ramp. Straight across, on the other side of the hanger, is an elevator that will take you up to the second and third floors, which are also connected to each other by a similar ramp. There are bathrooms here too. The upper ramp runs almost the whole length of the hanger and has another elevator at the end, furthest from the entrance. There are also stairs for the more ambulatory. Last, but not least, is the hall going from the hanger to the section of building that houses the space shuttle.

There are many exhibits to check, four IMAX shows, at least fifty types of air locomotion; from hang gliders to gliders, from jets to the space shuttle. A whole variety of aircraft on display includes vessels from America, Germany, Japan, and Russia. A guide even told us there were one hundred twenty more planes to come. There is a seven story tower for observation of

planes taking off and landing at the nearby Washington Dulles International Airport and the sixth floor houses a mock-up of a control tower and what controllers look at all day.

There was a Subway restaurant in the main part of the building/hanger, but it most likely will be moved upstairs to the, soon to be completed, Food Court next to the Museum Store. This will free that area up for future displays. There are to be two more buildings constructed in conjunction with this facility; a Future Restoration Hanger and a Future Archives Center and Conservation Lab with Artifact Storage. Additional planes and the restoration equipment will continue to arrive from the Suitland, MD facility.

From the ceiling, the first plane display you see, a Pitts S-1C, was flown by the first woman acrobat pilot, Betty Skelton, and was restored by a completely female team. Next displayed from the ceiling were the Tomahawk P-40 and the F4 Corsair, both World War II vintage planes. The Tomahawks were used in China before the United States entered into World War II. The group, known as the Flying Tigers, was from the American Volunteer Group, independent pilots that had been recruited for the Chinese Air Force. Downstairs, in one of the display cases, was one of the former pilot's flight jackets that had a Chinese flag on it and Chinese writing to identify the pilot as a friend to civilians if he were ever shot down and in need of

help. The Vought F4U-1D Corsair was well used in the Pacific Theater. It was a land-based plane that could also land and take off from a carrier. It is the plane that the VMF-214 Squadron used to score the highest kill ratio in the Pacific Theater. The Commander of the Squadron was Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington. He flew with the Flying Tigers before the United States entered into the Second World War, then signed up with the United States and with a squadron of pilots flying F4 Corsairs, and the Black Sheep Squadron was born.

Going slightly further into the museum, you can see the hanger open up with the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird in front and below you on the hanger floor. This is the world's faster jet. It cruises about 75,000 feet at Mach 3.3. To the right of the Blackbird, they have an exhibit of jet fighters from the Korean and Vietnam wars. The Bell UH-1H Iroquois Huey helicopter is also exhibited in this area. One of the jets is a MIG-15, which was considered one of the first sonic jets. Beside it is an American F-86 Saber, the MIG's counterpart. Across from these two jets is the MIG-21 and a Douglas A-4C Skyhawk and, the newest jet to soon be in production, the F-23 Raptor. Other weapons were on display from this time period that went with these planes and jets.

On the other side of the Blackbird there is an assortment of vintage aircraft, from all time periods of flight, including the Boeing B-29-45-MO Superfortress Enola Gay. The walkways even enable one to see right into the cockpit. This is the first time the *(cont. on p. 35)*



From left to right: (Rear) Chris Caruthers, Tom Donnelly, Alan Provo, Margaret Grunwell, Pete Dowty; (Middle) Chris Johanson, Martin Bonica, Karen "Terpette" Mitchell, Karen Donnelly; (Front) Sue Johanson, Meg Roach and Lisa Berkenbilt.



Space Shuttle Enterprise

DULLES ANNEX AWAY MISSION

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historic aircraft has been seen in its entirety. Prior to the opening of the museum, the aircraft could be seen in pieces in different buildings of the Paul E. Garber Preservation, Restoration, and Storage Facility in Suitland, MD. Tucked back towards the entrance side of the hanger on the ground floor are simulators and flight wear, including one worn by Amelia Earhart. These planes include, but are not limited to, the Lansing, the Boeing 307 Stratoliner, the Concorde and the prototype Boeing 707 known as the Boeing 367-80, which is the only passenger jet to do a complete roll. An impressive assortment of gliders and small engine planes are represented. A section at the furthest end of the hanger included items from the space program and even a model of the mother ship from *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

This model showed how the team that made it was creative in the way they included modern bits and pieces into making something

extraterrestrial. Some of the items to look for are R2D2, a tie-fighter, a submarine, the Alvin, a cemetery plot, a VW minivan, jet fighters, assorted street signals, hair curlers, a mailbox, a machine gun, three or four 55-gallon drums, and three propellers from a Titanic model. The model is a reminder that through creativity dreams can be made into reality. The furthest section of the building, the James S. McDonnell Space Hanger, is the home of the Space Shuttle Enterprise, the Mercury capsule 15B Freedom 7II, and the Gemini VII capsule, from which the United States had its first space walk mission.

This, of course, is just a brief description and some history of what the newest Smithsonian facility has to offer. More visits will be planned, not only to this facility, but to others in Washington, D.C., and possibly Maryland, too. For more information you can visit their website: <http://www.nasm.si.edu/museum/udvarhazy/>.



Top side view of the Enola Gay



Sopwith 7F.1 Snipe

TREK NOVEL REVIEW:

"Requiem" by Michael Jan Friedman and Kevin Ryan

Reviewed by LT.j.g. Steve J. Mirick • USS Jurassic, Region 1

While commanding the *Stargazer*, Capt. Picard is sent on a mission to the Gorn home world to answer a request from the Gorn. A reluctant crew tries to persuade Picard not to proceed with this mission, they feel it too dangerous. Little is known of the Gorn civilization. They had only the reports from the original encounter that had taken place 75 years earlier, when Capt. James T. Kirk and the *Enterprise* battled the Gorn. However, those records had been sealed and classified.

Upon reaching the rendezvous point with the Gorn vessel, the *Stargazer* receives a hail requesting that Capt. Picard transport to the Gorn vessel. They inform the *Stargazer* that they will proceed to the Gorn home world, with the *Stargazer* is given orders to stay where it is and hold position. The unwilling crew obeys the orders and watches as the Gorn vessel and Capt. Picard leaves the *Stargazer* behind.

Upon reaching their destination, Picard is led to the leader of the Gorn. He hands Picard a small device and is told to return to STARFLEET and give it to his leaders. The Gorn explains to Picard that they are declaring war against STARFLEET. Picard refuses to be the bearer of such bad news and insists on negotiating with the Gorn leader.

Twenty-five years later Picard, commanding the *Starship Enterprise*, once again finds himself on his way to the Gorn home world for treaty negotiations. Before the *Enterprise* reaches its destination of the Gorn home world, they find an abandoned space station. While Data, Geordi, and Riker all show interest in the station, Picard's interest in archeology convinces him to stop to investigate the station. The first inspection shows no life signs and minimal power. Riker takes an away team over to the station to determine if it is safe for Capt. Picard to make a personal visit to the station.

Due to power buildups in the station, Picard gets transported through time to Cestus III; hours before the Gorn attack the outpost. Picard finds himself torn between trying to escape without letting the people know of their impending death or telling them the facts and changing the history of the Federation, and possibly losing all

chances of returning to his own time. Meanwhile, back in his time, Riker takes command of the *Enterprise* and appoints Ensign Ro Laren as Acting First Officer. With his own dilemma of trying to locate Capt. Picard, Riker has everyone doubling his or her efforts to locate the Captain.

With pressure mounting from the away team, having potential problems of being transported off the station, the pressure mounts further as Riker is given orders from a STARFLEET admiral that he has 36 hours to complete his search for Picard. Whether Picard is found or not, Riker has to abandon the search and continue on Cestus III. As tensions are rising on Cestus III and time is running out for the *Enterprise* crew to find their Captain, Ensign Ro brings an option to Riker that tests his loyalties to both Picard and STARFLEET. Riker makes a choice that could get him court-martialed.

Riker accepts Ensign Ro's plan to contact the Bon Amar, a Bajoran group of outlaws that STARFLEET has ordered to be arrested on sight and their ship seized in an attempt to get their help to search for Captain Picard.

While the *Enterprise* is jumping from planet to planet scanning for Picard, the away team, still back on the station, finally figures out how to work the transporter systems. However the memory banks had gotten erased due to a power-surge, so they are handed another setback in locating Picard.

With only a couple hours left Ensign Ro explodes onto the bridge and tells Riker, "They found him, they found the Captain. His communicator was found on Cestus III."

I really enjoyed the story and feel the story was written well. The story bounces back and forth in just the right spots to give you the feeling you are watching a new TV episode. I started reading this book and couldn't put it down. I recommend this novel to all Star Trek fans. Enjoy.

Whether you are a Star Trek fan who wants to make a model of your favourite subject or a modeller who has an interest in Treknology, your options for commercial model kits are not as broad as they used to be.

I for example have a burning desire to model a Klingon Bird of Prey, but my only chance of getting such a model has been to watch the eBay listings to pick up a model offered for sale by a collector. One option you might not be aware of that is fast gaining popularity is paper modelling.

Why paper?

Paper models have been around as long as there has been paper, I suppose. The Japanese art of paper folding, Origami, was first heard of in the Muromachi era (1333-1573), albeit in an entirely different form. Paper models enjoyed a particular vogue in the years during and following WWII when the resources for more traditional models were rationed. It was the advent of the plastic model that seemed to toll the death knell for them, when cheap, mass produced models became available that offered accuracy with ease of construction.

Strangely enough, it has been new technology that has turned out to be the saviour of paper modelling. The development of the Internet, coupled with the availability of colour printers, has fuelled a revival of interest in paper as a construction medium. Just as the Internet has generated a surprising revival in writing skills, websites are springing up all over the world where amateurs are offering paper models of an amazing variety of subjects for free!

Whilst no one is suggesting that they will take the place of plastic models, they are fast carving out a niche in the hobby of scale modelling. They are very much a craft item that depends upon the skill of the designer and the skill of the modeller, but because of this there is immense satisfaction in your completed model.

After saying that it's not hard to do: cut it out, fold it and glue it together! Painting isn't an issue since surface details and textures are pre-printed and the accuracy of the finish depends upon the quality and calibration of your printer. Haven't

TREKNOLOGY IN PAPER

By LT Alan Anderton • USS Magellan, Science Liaison Officer, Region 14

got a printer? No sweat! You should have no problems getting it done at a local printer or office supplies store like Ginko's.

Still not sold? Ever had a model you have slaved for months over trashed by a visiting kid? Lost a vital part and the makers have discontinued that model? Can't afford a model of the ISS or want to model all the variants of the Delta launch vehicle? For the cost of printing you have replacements of individual parts or whole models. By developing a few computer skills, you can do "repaints" of existing models. You like the model but it is in 1/100 and you want it to fit in your 1/72 scale collection? With a little trial and error you can scale models up or down and then print them out!

What is available?

The range of subjects available for download on the Internet is nothing short of staggering! From spacecraft right out of the news (a MER rover has been available for nearly six months) to the wonders of the ancient world; from the ridiculous, such as a vacuum cleaner and a soapbox, to the intricately sublime, like cathedrals, castles, ships, animals. The variety of subject matter is huge!

Ah! But what, I hear you say, is available in the way of Star Trek models? Whilst the range is not comprehensive, it is sufficiently varied as to offer something to cover most tastes and range of abilities. This is a summary of what is available in roughly chronological order...

As you would expect there are a large range of examples of the Enterprise. Christian "Chippy" Chua has a good model of the early NCC 1701 from TOS at his web site, as has Ron Caudillo. There is even a tiny Japanese example with the name in Kanji! The NCC 1701-A, the refit of the later seasons and movies, is a particular favourite having a version designed by Diego Cortes of Spain, and another by Shunichi Makino of Japan. Shunichi's "Shun Pop" web site has it in two scales: a small but novel model for beginners/kids, and a detailed master-build!

Perhaps the second most easily recognised ship from TOS would have

to be the Miranda class and once again Shunichi has the USS Reliant, famous for its battle with Enterprise in "The Wrath of Khan". Diego Cortes has the USS Majestic and USS Lantree.

Feel like something different, a challenge? How about the Starbase Ournal, from which Kirk and his crew hijacked the Enterprise in Star Trek III? Jan Růkr, a prolific Czech model designer, has a beautiful design available on his web site, which also includes designs from "The Planet of the Apes" and "Alien." Other models to fill out your Federation fleet include the SS Botany Bay (Khan Noonien Singh's 20th century sub-light space ship) and the SS Aurora.

There are also USS Essex, Xerxes, Grissom and Stargazer, the Hermes class destroyer, Saladin class scout, Ptolemy class tug and shuttle Galileo. Non-human ships include the Vulcan Science Institute Shuttle Surak, the Tholian Webspinner, and from the Romulan Empire the original Bird of Prey and a scout ship. There is even a new model of the Nomad probe from "The Changeling."

Star Trek: The Next Generation is not so well represented. No one has yet attempted to recreate Picard's NCC 1701-E, the Sovereign class starship, perhaps because of the complex curves involved. There is a model of the shuttlepod El Baz though, and the Type 6 shuttle, Magellan. An absolutely excellent Nebula class cruiser, the Sutherland, is available from a Taiwanese designer known only as Edward. The only non human craft is the Borg Cube, of which there are two versions, and yes, this would have to be one of the easiest models!

From Deep Space Nine there are the USS Defiant, its Shuttle Chaffee and the Danube class runabout. The Voyager series is represented by a great model of the Intrepid Class starship itself from Chippy Chua, plus her AeroShuttle and Delta Flyer as well as the Prometheus from "Message in a Bottle."

Phew! Let's see, what else is there? How about a full sized prop – looking for something to finish off your uniform for the IC, Doctor? How about a hypospray? Perhaps some

of the cadets out there (young and not so young) might like a Type I or II phaser from TOS or the Type II "Cobra" phaser from TNG to VOY.

See something missing that you would like to take a crack at? Paper model designing is pretty accessible. You can do it the traditional way with pen and paper but with a computer you can use a draughting program or one of the specialised 3D programs such as Pepakura.

Render them in a graphics package like Photoshop or CorelDraw, reduce them to Adobe Acrobat or zip files, upload them to the Internet and watch the web site stats click over into overdrive. Yes, there are commercially available models on the Internet, although none for Star Trek subjects – copyright holders don't mind amateurs offering models of their ships for free but would be quick to pounce on anyone trying to make a profit.

There are a few designers who have set up home businesses supplying paper models but I don't think there is a market out there to make a million just yet! One interesting concept is the Lower Hudson Valley Challenger Center website run by Jon Leslie. His web site is packed with paper models of space subjects which are "charity-ware" – free for download, but you should donate to the centre if you're satisfied.

As part of our Science Department, the USS Magellan of Region 14 has created an index page of "Treknology in Paper Models" at:

<http://www.geocities.com/andertonbargo/Magellan/scitreke.html>

which will be updated with new models as they come available. Watch out for a Steamrunner class from Diego Cortes and Voyager's Type 9 Shuttle from "The Haggard"!

STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compiled By Robin Smith • Announcements Coordinator

May 2004

2004.05.31 : VAdm Mandi Livingston, Candidate for Commander - STARFLEET, (ussrutledge@sc.rr.com) provided an opening statement for Team STARFLEET.

2004.05.31 : FADM Les Rickard, Candidate for Commander - STARFLEET, (erickardjr@triad.rr.com) provided an opening statement for Team FleetFirst.

2004.05.31 : VAdm Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org) provides us with some quick tips on the use of the SFI Database.

2004.05.31 : Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Election Coordinator, (election@sfi.org) reminds us that access to the STARFLEET Elections list is open to all.

2004.05.31 : VAdm Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org), announced the opening of the New Member Orientation Office.

2004.05.28 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the United Star Ship Indiana, NCC-79158.

2004.05.28 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the United Star Ship Hell's Fury, NCC-74304.

2004.05.28 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the United Star Ship Commonwealth, NCC-74670.

2004.05.28 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of the United Star Ship Firestorm, NCC-36005.

2004.05.24 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Starfleet Academy - Scholarship Coordinator, (Scholarships@sfi.org) reminds us that scholarship applications must be postmarked by July 1st.

2004.05.24 : COMM Dixie Halber, Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org), announced that she is now accepting nominations for Newsletter of the Year awards.

2004.05.22 : FADM Les

Rickard, Institute of Leadership Dean, (ILSDean@triad.rr.com) announced the opening of the first course in the School of Accessibility.

2004.05.21 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org) provides information on the cadet friendly aspects of the upcoming IC.

2004.05.20 : Adm Brad Pense, Region 3 RC, (rc@region3.com) reminds us that Region 3's summit is only 21 days away.

2004.05.20 : VAdm Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org) gives us a brief reminder on the methods for submit new and renewal member applications.

2004.05.13 : Pete Mohny, IC 2004 Chair, (chair@ic2004.org) provides an update on IC 2004 and the panels schedule.

2004.05.12 : Capt Robin Van Cleave, Director - FDP - Cadet/Youth Services, (EvilKitty73289@hotmail.com) announced an IRC gathering in #FDP-Youth this coming Saturday (5/15/2004).

2004.05.11 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) reminds us about the upcoming Region 12 Summit.

2004.05.11 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org) updated us on the latest info for the 2004 International Conference.

2004.05.11 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org) provided some urgent info on Room Pricing/Availability and announced a new mailing feature for IC Merchandise.

2004.05.11 : Capt. Robin E. Van Cleave, (EvilKitty73289@hotmail.com) announced that the new youth services website is delayed. She is also looking for a new webmaster.

2004.05.11 : VAdm/LGN Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org) announced that the CompOps department website at <http://compops.sfi.org> is currently undergoing a face lift and several features may be under construction.

2004.05.08 : Scott A. Akers, SFA Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com)

announced that the College of Mythological Studies and the Collete of Medicine will be closing temporarily.

2004.05.07 : Fleet Captain Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, (CBCommando@aol.com) announced a new list for Singles.

2004.05.07 : BDR Aaron Murphy, Deputy Commandant SFMC, (depdant@sfi-sfmc.org) announced several changes to the SFMC.

2004.05.06 : Brigadier General Linda Olson, CO Forces Command (ST_DragonLady@msn.com) announced that the Wall of Honor will be updated one more time before this year's International Conference. Any additions need to be submitted now in order to be included by IC.

2004.05.06 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) provides an update on the upcoming Region 12 Summit.

2004.05.03 : Cmdr Pamela Michaud, R/1 Deputy Awards Director, (pan_gia@hotmail.com) announced the recipients of the Region One Annual Awards.

2004.05.03 : Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Election Coordinator, (election@sfi.org) announced that the 2004 STARFLEET Election Discussion List is now available at <http://lists.sfi.org/mailman/listinfo/election-l>.

2004.05.03 : Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Election Coordinator, (election@sfi.org) provides some info on the upcoming election process.

April 2004

2004.04.28 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Starfleet Academy - Scholarship Coordinator, (Scholarships@sfi.org) announced that applications are now being taken for STARFLEET Scholarships and also reminds members that the Scholarship program is fundly solely from contributions.

2004.04.24 : VAdm/LGN Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (ussrutledge@sc.rr.com) announced the new postal address for Membership Processing.

2004.04.23 : VAdm/LGN Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (ussrutledge@sc.rr.com) announced some major staff changes for Membership Processing.

2004.04.22 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) reminds us of all the relevent info for the upcoming Region 12 Summit.

2004.04.21 : Pete Mohny, IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org) provides the latest update on all that is going on for IC 2004.

2004.04.21 : Vice Admiral Michael Urvand, Region Six Regional Coordinator, (commu@hotmail.com), announced the 2004 Region Six Summit from June 18-20 in Kimberly, WI.

2004.04.19 : Ben Redding, (trekscotty@iglide.net), provides an update on the R1 Summit, along with a reminder that those wishing to have a normal name badge must register by Wednesday, 4/21.

2004.04.19 : Pete Mohny, IC 2004 Chair, (chair@ic2004.org), announced the latest news regarding the upcoming 2004 International Conference.

2004.04.16 : Lt. Commander Michael Timko, College of Science Fiction Director, (mjtinko@ussnebula.org) announced the opening of the College of Science Fiction, formerly known as the College of Trekology.

2004.04.15 : Captain Gary "Tiny" Hollifield, STARFLEET Gets Fit For Duty Director, (CBCommando@aol.com) announced the new STARFLEET Gets Fit for Duty group under the Fleet Division Program.

2004.04.15 : Commander James J. Cecil, Director Starfleet In Cyberspace, (jcecil@eros.chapel1.com) announced the closing of the Starfleet in Cyberspace course.

2004.04.15 : FADM Les Rickard, STARFLEET Academy Institute of Leadership Dean, (ilsdean@triad.rr.com) announced that the postal address for OTS is incorrect and provided the correct address.

2004.04.15 : Capt Robin van Cleave, (evilkitty73289@hotmail.com) announced the formation of a new Yahoo Group, SFI-Wicca.

2004.04.13 : Pete Mohny, (PDMohny@aol.com) announced that the 2004 IC is looking for staff workers.

2004.04.13 : Adm Brad Pense, Region 3 RC, (rc@region3.com) reminds us that the deadline for the current registration rates for attending the Region 3 Summit is fast approaching.

2004.04.09 : Pete Mohny, Starfleet IC 2004 Chairman, (chair@ic2004.org) provided the latest information on the upcoming 2004 International Conference.

2004.04.06 : Gerri Wampler, Director STARFLEET Membership Processing, (trell@erols.com) announced the new address for Membership Process.

2004.04.05 : Capt Robin Van Cleave, co-owner SFI-Disabilities2@yahogroups.com, announced the opening of the Starfleet Disabilities Group 2 channel on the Fleetchat network.

2004.04.05 : Commodore Wayne Lee Killough, Jr., 2004 Region 12 Summit - "Survivor Summit" Coordinator, (killough@southshore.com) reminds us about the upcoming Region 12 Summit coming up May 21 - 23, 2004, in Joplin, Missouri.

2004.04.04 : David E. Klingman, Flag Officer School Course Director, (d.klingman@cox.net) announced the current plans for the Flag Officer School.

2004.04.04 : Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlinc.com) announced that David E. Klingman is the new Starfleet Academy Director of Flag Officer School.

2004.04.01 : SSGT Matthew Cople, (mcopple@ussproxima.org) announced the creation of a new chatroom for enlisted personnel, #sfi-enlisted, on the FleetChat IRC network.

2004.04.01 : BGN Dennis Rayburn, CO STARFLEET Special Operations, (co@sfi-specops.net) announced the first annual SFSO Practical Joke Contest.

CONVENTION LISTINGS

Compiled By Corporal Captain Blair Learn

Convention attendees: When calling conventions for information, don't call collect and don't call too late in the evening (many organizers list their home phone numbers). When writing for information, it's frequently a good idea to include a self-addressed stamped envelope. A worldwide listing can be viewed online at: <http://dactylmanor.org/fanboy>

Convention Organizers: Please send the convention's name, dates, location, and contact information to Blair Learn at 11604 King's Arrow CT, Germantown, MD 20876 or to Fanboy@dactylmanor.org. Please allow a minimum of three months time between your submission and the convention's date.

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Alabama

Oct 15-17 Con*Stellation XXIII, Huntsville, Alabama; Info: PO Box 4857, Huntsville AL 35815-4857 <http://www.con-stellation.org/constell@con-stellation.org> Guests: Lawrence Watt-Evans, Esther Friesner

Arizona

Sep 10-12 CopperCon 24, Phoenix, Arizona; Info: PO Box 62613, Phoenix, AZ 85082 Ph: 602-973-2341 <http://www.casfs.org/cucon/cu24@coppercon.org> Guests: Alan Dean Foster, Todd Lockwood, Leslie Fish, Catherine Wells

Oct 28-31 World Fantasy Convention 2004, Tempe, Arizona; Info: PO Box 26665, Tempe, AZ 85285 Ph: 480-945-6890 <http://www.worldfantasy2004.org/wfc2004@leprecon.org> Guests: Gwyneth Jones, Janny Wurts, Ellen Datlow

Nov 5-7 Tus-con 31, Tucson, Arizona; Info: PO Box 27307, Tucson AZ 85726-7307 <http://home.earthlink.net/~basfa/basfa@earthlink.net> Guests: Barbara Hambly, Carol De Priest, Ed Bryant

California

Aug 6-8 ConChord 18, Woodland Hills, California; Info: PO Box 61172, Pasadena, CA 91116 <http://www.nyx.net/~bgold/conchord/smithnik@mindspring.com>

Aug 27-29 Vulkan, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: James Marsters, Alexis Denisof, Andy Hallett, Mercedes Mcnab, Juliet Landau, Tom Lenk, Danny Strong, Adam Busch, James Leary, Robia LaMorte, George Hertzberg, Iyari Limon

Aug 28-29 Creation, Sacramento, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Sep 3-6 SiliCon 2004, San Jose, California; Info: 911 Camellia Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94117-2302 <http://Siliconventions.com> dann@siliconventions.com Guests: Tim Powers, Frank Lurz Benefits: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of San Francisco

Sep 4-5 Vulkan, Los Angeles, California; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com>

Oct 1-3 SiliCon, Foster City, California; Info: PO Box 61567, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-1567 <http://www.siliconventions.org/> chairma n@siliconventions.org Guests: Tim Powers, Frank Wu, Sara Bruce, Dann Lopez

Oct 1-3 Conjecture, San Diego, California; Info: PO Box 927388, San Diego, CA 92192-7388 <http://www.conjecture.org/> Guests: C.S. Friedman, Jess Heinig

Oct 2-3 Hollywood Collectors Show, Hollywood, California; Info: PO Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/hcs@atlantic.net>

Oct 18 PolyCon - Fall Minicon, San Luis Obispo, California; Info: University Union Box 168, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 <http://polycon.punk.net/polycon@polycon.org>

Oct 28-Nov 5 SuperTrek 2, Los Angeles, California; Info: 10370 USA Today Way, Miramar, FL 33025 Ph: 866-456-1263 <http://www.supertrek.com/> registration@supertrek.com

Nov 5-7 Bascon, San Francisco, California; Info: PO Box 282197, San Francisco, CA 94128-2197 <http://www.bascon.org/> info@bascon.org Benefits: Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center, Pets Are Wonderful Support

Nov 19-21 Creation, Burbank, California; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Nov 21 DragonFest, Glendale, California; Info: 2300 West Victory # C195, Burbank, CA 91506 Ph: 800-332-3330 x112 <http://www.dragonfest.com/> info@dragonfest.com

Nov 26-29 LosCon 31, Los Angeles, California; Info: 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 Ph: 818-760-9234 <http://www.loscon.org/loscon/31/Loscon31.info@loscon.org> Guests: Tim Powers, James Stanley Daugherty, Kathryn Daugherty

Dec 4 San Jose Super Toy Show, San Jose, California; Info: 532 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose, CA 95128 <http://www.timetunneltoys.com/toyshow.html> ttunnel@concentric.net

Colorado

Sep 17-19 Nan Desu Kan, Denver, Colorado; Info: 1552 Monroe St, Denver CO, 80206-1850 <http://www.ndk.cc> genkidenki@hotmail.com Guests: Crispin Freeman, Robert DeJesus, Emily DeJesus, Jason Martin, Heather Martin, Jan Scott-Frazier

Oct 22-24 MileHiCon, Lakewood, Colorado; Info: PO Box 101322, Denver, CO 80250-1322 Ph: 303-657-5912 <http://www.milehicon.org/> lindanel@ix.netcom.com Guests: Charles de Lint, Elizabeth Moon, Fred Saberhagen, Bob Eggleton, Robert Vardeman

Florida

Aug 20-22 Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: John Rhys-Davies

Oct 8-10 Ditto 17, Orlando, Florida; Info: 7030 Villa Estelle Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819-4246 Ph: 407-226-2127 <http://www.circlenk.com/ditto/> roger.sims@att.net

Oct 15-17 Necronomicon, Tampa, Florida; Info: PO Box 2213, Plant City, FL 33564-2213 <http://stonehill.org/necro.htm> RaggedyAnn@stonehill.org Guests: Spider Robinson, Jeanne Robinson, Lloyd Kaufman Benefits: Kids & Canines and The Francis House

Nov 6-13 Cruisetrek, Tampa, Florida; Info: 23852 Pacific Coast Highway #385, Malibu, CA 90265 Ph: 310-456-7544 <http://members.aol.com/cruisetrek/> cruisetrek@aol.com

Nov 19-21 Vulkan, Orlando, Florida; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: Leonard Nimoy

Nov 20-27 Cruise Events, Miami, Florida; Info: 81 Sharon Drive, Richboro, PA 18954 Ph: 800-695-5253 <http://www.cruiseevents.net/> Susan@CruiseEvents.net Guests: Erin Gray

Georgia

Sep 3-6 Dragon*Con, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 16459, Atlanta, GA 30321-9998 Ph: 770-909-0115 <http://www.dragoncon.org/> dragoncon@dragoncon.org

Sep 24-26 Anime Weekend Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; Info: PO Box 13544, Atlanta, GA 30324-0544 <http://www.awa-con.com/> awaweb@awa-con.com

Illinois

Aug 13-15 Wizard World Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/chicago.cfm>

Aug 13-15 Vividcon, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 301 E 62 St, #9-C, New York, NY 10021 <http://www.vividcon.com/> margie@trickster.org

Aug 27-29 Creation, Chicago, Illinois; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Sep 10-12 Chicagoland Entertainment Collectors Expo, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2376, Bridgeview, IL 60455 Ph: 708-430-8107 <http://www.nonsportcardexpo.com> paul@nonsportcardexpo.com Guests: Boris Vallejo, Julie Bell, Chris Achilleos, Warren Martineck, Kathy Garver, Dick Durock, Jeremy Bulloch, Christine Hewett, Gerald Home, Barbara Luna, Michael Dante Benefits: Chicago Hope Charities

Sep 30-Oct 3 Archon 28, Collinsville, Illinois; Info: PO Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132-8387 Ph: 314-326-3026 <http://www.stff.org/archon/> archon_hotline@zellich.net Guests: Alan Dean Foster, Vincent DiFate, Shane Hensley, Jacqueline Ward, Mike Glycer, Ben Bova, Vic Milán

Oct 22-24 Anime Reactor, Rosemont, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2403, Naperville, IL 60567-2403 <http://www.animereactor.org> reg@animereactor.org

Nov 5-7 Rock Con, Rockford, Illinois; Info: PO Box 241, Williams Bay, WI 53191 Ph: 262-245-1608 <http://rockcon.com/> Info@Rock-Con.com

Nov 12-14 Windycon XXXI, Schaumburg, Illinois; Info: PO Box 184, Palatine, IL 60078-0184 <http://www.windycon.org/> windycon@windycon.org

Nov 26-28 Chicago TARDIS, Arlington Heights, Illinois; Info: PO Box 2660, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60138

Ph: 888-734-7386/630-790-0905 <http://www.chicagotardis.com/> gene@chicagotardis.com

Indiana

Aug 19-22 GenConIndy, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 120 Lakeside Ave, #100, Seattle, WA 98122 Ph: 206-957-3976 <http://www.gencon.com/> events@gencon.com

Oct 1-3 Maquis Gras, Valparaiso, Indiana; Info: PO Box 1101, Portage IN 46368 <http://www.maquis.com/> mfa/gras1.htm bejen@maquis.com Guests: Todd Bryant

Nov 26-28 Slanted Fedora, Indianapolis, Indiana; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/> SFedora1@aol.com

Iowa

Sep 17-19 AnimeIowa, Des Moines, Iowa; Info: PO Box 5303, Coralville IA 52241 <http://www.animeiowa.com/> info@animeiowa.com

Oct 8-10 Icon 29, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Info: 308 E. Burlington St. PMB #201, Iowa City, IA 52240 Ph: 319-337-9098 <http://www.mindbridge.org/icon/> icon@mindbridge.org Guests: Beth Hansen, Rusty Hevelin

Kentucky

Aug 6-8 ConGlomeration, Louisville, Kentucky; Info: PO Box 32095, Louisville, KY. 40232-2095 <http://members.iglou.com/shadowr/conglomeration@iglou.com> Guests: Michael Williams, Tom Kidd, Tom Smith

Louisiana

Aug 6-8 Crescent City Con XIX, Metairie, Louisiana; Info: PO Box 52622, New Orleans LA 70150-2622 Ph: 504-488-0489 <http://crescentcitycon.com/cc/ccon@aol.com> Guests: Andrew Fox, Bret Funk, Danny Frolich, Darlene Bolesny, Wayne Hergenroder, Don Schermerhorn, Robert Asprin

Maryland

Aug 13-15 Horrorfind Weekend, Baltimore, Maryland; Info: 9722 Groffs Mill Drive PMB 109, Owings Mills Maryland 21117 <http://www.horrorfindweekend.com/> convention@horrorfind.com

Nov 26-28 Darkover Grand Council Meeting XXVII, Timonium, Maryland; Info: PO Box 7203, Silver Spring, MD 20907 Ph: 202-726-4396 <http://www.darkovercon.com/> Jaelle@darkovercon.com Guests: Tamora Pierce, Katherine Kurtz, Diana Paxson, Scott MacMillian, James MacDonald, Debra Doyle, Alanna Morland, Don Sakers

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Massachusetts

Sep 2-6 Noreascon Four (62nd World Science Fiction convention), Boston, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 1010, Framingham, MA 01701 <http://www.noreascon.org/info@noreascon.org> Guests: Terry Pratchett, William Tenn, Jack Speer, Peter Weston

Oct 3-8 Viable Paradise, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 253, Franklin, MA 02038 <http://www.sff.net/paradise/mvsfa@mail.com> Guests: Debra Doyle, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Steven Gould, James D. Macdonald, Laura Mixon

Nov 5-7 United Fan Con XIII, Springfield, Massachusetts; Info: 26 Darrell Dr, Randolph MA 02368-4810 Ph: 781-986-8735 <http://www.unitedfancon.com/infobot@unitedfancon.com> Guests: Gates McFadden

Michigan

Oct 22-24 Conclave 29, Lansing, Michigan; Info: PO Box 2915, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 <http://www.conclavesf.org/conclave@conclavesf.org> Guests: Tanya Huff, Heather Bruton, Barry Helton, Sally Childs-Helton, Marty Fabish

Nov 19-21 U-Con, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Info: PO Box 4491, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-4491 Ph: 734-930-6363 <http://www.ucon-gaming.org/info@ucon-gaming.org>

Minnesota

Aug 13-15 Diversicon 12, Bloomington, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station Minneapolis, MN 55408 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://www.sfminnesota.com/diversicon/> info@diversicon.org Guests: Mark Rich

Oct 1-3 Arcana 34, St. Paul, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408-8036 Ph: 612-721-5959 <http://pages.prodigy.net/rekal/rekal@prodigy.net> Guests: Tim Powers

Missouri

Nov 18-21 ShaunCon XXII, Kansas City, Missouri; Info: PO Box 7457, Kansas City, MO 64116-0157 Ph: 816-455-5020 <http://www.rpgkc.org/Shawn/Shawn22.htm> RPGKC@aol.com

New Jersey

Aug 7-8 Creation, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Aug 27-29 Monster-Mania Con

2, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: 816 N. Delsea Drive, Doubletree Center #133, Glassboro, NJ 08028 <http://www.monstermania.net/dhag@comcast.net> Guests: Robert Englund, Lupita Tovar, Ingrid Pitt, Robert Quarry, Dick Warlock, Michael Myers, Gunnar Hansen, Candace Hilligoss, Tony Todd, Danielle Harris, Ricou Browning, Ben Chapman, Betsy Palmer, Caroline Munro, Hazel Court, Alex Vincent, C.J. Graham, Sid Haig, Vincent Difate, Cortlandt Hull, Don Reese, Tom Weaver, Ed Long, Damien Glonek, Ted A. Bohus, Carfax Abbey

Oct 2-3 Creation, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Info: 217 S. Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91202 Ph: 818-409-0960 <http://www.creationent.com/tickets@creationent.com>

Oct 15-17 Ubercon IV, Meadowlands, New Jersey; Info: 370 Ramsey Rd, Yardley, PA 19067 <http://www.ubercon.com/kevin@ubercon.com> Guests: B.D. Flory, Bill Holbrook, Brad Guigar, Chris Moreno, CJ Henderson, Dead Gentlemen Productions, Jeff Darlington, Jim Alexander, MJ Young, Pete Abrams, R.K. Milholland, Tony DiGerolamo

Oct 29-31 Chiller Theater, East Rutherford, New Jersey; Info: PO Box 23, Rutherford NJ 07070 <http://www.chillertheatre.com/info@chillertheatre.com>

New Mexico

Aug 27-29 Bubonicon 36, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Info: PO Box 37257, Albuquerque, NM 87176 Ph: 505-266-8905 <http://bubonicon.home.att.net/bubonicon@att.net>

New York

Aug 10-15 Slanted Fedora, Manhattan, New York; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

Aug 13-15 Dark Shadows Festival, Tarrytown, New York; Info: PO Box 92, Maplewood, NJ 07040-0092 <http://www.darkshadowsfestival.com> / Guests: David Selby, Lara Parker, John Karlen, Kathryn Leigh Scott, Nancy Barrett, Marie Wallace

Sep 24-26 Slanted Fedora, Rochester, New York; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

Oct 8-10 Albacon, Schenectady, New York; Info: PO Box 2085, Albany, NY 12220-0085 <http://www.albacon.org/registration@albacon.org>

North Dakota

Oct 22-24 ValleyCon 30, Fargo, North Dakota; Info: PO Box 7202, Fargo, ND 58106-7202 <http://www.valleycon.com/>

valleycon@hotmail.com Guests: Terry Brooks, Ben Bova, Boris Vallejo, Julie Bell

Ohio

Aug 13-15 Vulkan, Cleveland, Ohio; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com> Guests: William Shatner, Bruce Boxleitner, Jerry Doyle, Kurt Wetherill, Cody Wetherill, Marley McClean, Dean Haglund, Don Franklin, Malachi Throne, Barbara Luna, Andrea Thompson

Oct 1-3 Context, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 163391, Columbus, OH 43216 Ph: 614-851-9977 <http://www.contextcon.com/mevans@concentric.net> Guests: Connie Willis

Oct 29-31 Ohio Valley Filk Fest 20, Dublin, Ohio; Info: 3824 Patricia Drive, Columbus, OH 43220-4913 <http://www.ovff.org/ovff@ovff.org> Guests: Ookla the Mok, Mary Frost Pierson, J. Elaine Richards

Oct 30-Nov 1 ScorpionCon, Columbus, Ohio; Info: PO Box 204, Blacklick, Ohio 43004-0204 <http://www.geocities.com/scorpioncon/scorpioncon@yahoo.com>

Nov 12-14 Dark X-Mas, Youngstown, Ohio; Info: 1485 North Rd, Warren Ohio, 44484 Ph: 330-609-6648 <http://www.darkxmas.com/travforever@aol.com>

Oregon

Sep 18-19 Hollywood Invades Portland, Oregon; Info: 14622 SE 7th Way, Vancouver, WA 98683 <http://www.northwestshows.com/info@northwestshows.com> Guests: Scott Schwartz, Lorenzo Lamas, Barbara Moore, Antonio Fargas, Candace Kita, Ernie Hudson, Camille Anderson, Vernon Wells, Chanel Ryan, Bill Blair

Nov 5-7 OryCon 26, Portland, Oregon; Info: PO Box 5464, Portland, Oregon 97228-5464 Ph: 503-774-1043 <http://www.orycon.org/orycon26/mel-content@comcast.net> Guests: Jerry Oltion

Nov 11-14 AmberCon Northwest, Troutdale, Oregon; Info: 8047 N. Syracuse St, Portland, OR 97203-4939 <http://www.amberconnw.org/simone@wyrdrune.com>

Pennsylvania

Nov 5-7 STARFLEET Region 7 Conference, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Info: 7720B Stenton Ave, Apt. 309, Philadelphia, PA 19118-3166 <http://www.region7.com/conference/index.html> Njel@aol.com

Tennessee

Sep 3-6 Mephit Furmeet, Memphis, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 190512,

Saint Louis, MO 63119-6512 <http://www.mephitfurmeet.org/registration@mephitfurmeet.org> Benefits: Tiger Haven and Locks of Love

Oct 1-3 National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tennessee; Info: 116 W. Main St., Jonesborough, TN 37659 Ph: 800-952-8392 x8208 <http://www.storytellingfestival.net/info@storytellingcenter.net>

Oct 9-10 Music City: Horror Fest, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: c/o Outer Limits Comics, 2082 N. Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37115 Ph: 615-855-1500 <http://www.musiccityconventions.com> comiccity@comcast.net Guests: Jackson Bostwick, Jesse Wayne, Jim O'Rear, Donald Farmer, Eric Powell, Dr. Gangrene

Oct 29-31 Vulkan, Nashville, Tennessee; Info: PO Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL 33029-7122 Ph: 954-441-TREK <http://www.vulkan.com/joemotes@aol.com>

Texas

Aug 13-15 Armadillocon 26, Austin, Texas; Info: Box 27277, Austin, TX 78755 Ph: 512-477-6259 <http://www.fact.org/dillo/ArmadilloConTX@yahoo.com>

Sep 3-6 AnimeFEST, Dallas, Texas; Info: PMB# 108, 3001 S. Hardin Blvd., Ste. 110, McKinney, TX 75070-9028 Ph: 972-569-8996 <http://www.AnimeFEST.org/info@animefest.org>

Sep 24-26 FenCon, Dallas/Forth Worth, Texas; Info: PO Box 560576, The Colony, TX 75056-0576 <http://www.fencon.org/info@fencon.org> Guests: Larry Niven, Michael Longcor, Rachel Caine, Cat Conrad, P. N. Elrod, Rhonda Eudaly, Lee Martindale, Gloria Oliver, Jeff Turner

Oct 8-10 Linucon, Austin, Texas; Info: PO Box 7966, Austin, TX 78713-7966 <http://www.linucon.org/contact@linucon.org> Guests: Eric Raymond, Steve Jackson, Eric Flint, Howard Tayler, Wil Wheaton, Rie Sheridan

Oct 23-24 Sci-Fi Expo & Toy Show, Plano, Texas; Info: PO Box 941111, Plano Tx 75094-1111 Ph: 972-578-0213 <http://www.scifiexpo.com/ben@hollywoodexpo.com>

Nov 5-7 Wizard World Texas, Arlington, Texas; Info: 151 Wells Avenue, Congers, NY 10920 Ph: 817-459-5194 <http://www.wizarduniverse.com/conventions/texas.cfm> conventions@wizarduniverse.com

Utah

Sep 17-19 Slanted Fedora, Salt Lake City, Utah; Info: 4623 Aminda, Shawnee, KS 66226 Ph: 913-441-9405 <http://www.sfedora.com/SFedora1@aol.com>

Vermont

Nov 5-7 Carnage on the Mountain, Fairlee, Vermont; Info: 64 County Road-Hartland, Windsor, VT 05089 Ph: 802-436-2004 <http://www.carnagecon.com/info@carnagecon.com>

Virginia

Oct 2-3 DC Bardfest, Alexandria, Virginia; Info: PO Box 6437, Falls Church, VA 22040 <http://www.dcbardfest.com/registration@dcbardfest.com>

Oct 15-17 Capclave, Vienna, Virginia; Info: 4030 8th Street South, Arlington VA 22204 <http://www.capclave.org/info@capclave.org> Guests: Butch Honeck, Nick Pollotta, Dennis McCunney

Oct 22-24 Rising Star 13, Salem, Virginia; Info: PO Box 10787, Blacksburg, VA 24062-0787 <http://www.rising-star.org/conchair@rising-star.org> Guests: Paul Dellinger, Barb Fischer, Peg Fisher, Mary Goad, Brenda Gressman, Thomas S. Gressman, Chris Impink, Ron Jarrell, Tim Mullins, Ted Reid, White Plectrum

Oct 29-31 Anime USA, Tysons Corner, Virginia; Info: PO Box 1073, Herndon, VA 20172 <http://www.animeusa.org/chairman@animeusa.org> Guests: Shimpei Itoh, Mio Odagi, Carol Jacobanis, Christopher Patton, Jamie McGonnigal, Amy Howard Wilson, Steve Bennett, Jan Scott Frazier, Christian Savage, Mark Brooks, Clayton Brown, Chris Burke, T Campbell, Greg Eatroff, Christina Chen, Jo Chen, Austell Callwood, Sanford Greene, Andy Lee, Pop Mhan, David Dandorf, David Newbold, Nick Nix, Shawn the Touched, Patrick Strange, Terry Tymczyna

Nov 5-7 NekoCon 7, Chesapeake, Virginia; Info: PO Box 41227, Greensboro NC 27404 <http://www.nekocon.org/info@nekocon.org>

Washington

Aug 13-15 Dragonflight, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 776, Seattle, WA 98111-0776 <http://www.dragonflight.org/convention@dragonflight.org>

Aug 28-29 Raining Hollywood, Seattle, Washington; Info: c/o Dream Logic Films, PO Box 45393, Tacoma, Washington 98445 Ph: 253-538-0883 <http://www.geocities.com/raininghollywood/dreamlogicfilms@aol.com> Guests: David Carradine, Richard Hatch, Lou Ferrigno, Russell Johnson, Dick Durock, Gary Graham, Gil Gerard, Erin Gray, Stu Phillips, Dermot Crowley

Sep 17-19 Foolsap VI, Bellevue, Washington; Info: PO Box

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2461, Seattle, WA 98111-2461
<http://www.foolscapcon.org/>
chair@foolscapcon.org Guests:
 George R. R. Martin

Sep 24-26 ConiFur Northwest,
 Fife, Washington; Info: 13619
 Mukilteo Speedway, Suite D5,
 PMB 172, Lynnwood, WA 98037-
 1606 <http://www.conifur.org/> cfnw-
info@conifur.org

Oct 8-9 Sci-Fan Show, Lynnwood,
 Washington; Info: c/o Galaxy Hobby,
 196th & Highway 99, Lynnwood,
 WA 98036 Ph: 425-670-0454 <http://www.galaxyhobby.com/scifan.htm>
info@galaxyhobby.com

Oct 15-17 Anglison XVII, SeaTac,
 Washington; Info: PO Box 75536,
 Seattle, WA. 98125 Ph: 206-789-
 BRIT <http://www.anglison.com/>
anglison@rocketmail.com Guests:
 Virginia Hey Benefits: KBTC-TV
 (Television station)

Canada

Alberta

Aug 6-8 Con-Version XXI, Calgary,
 Alberta; Info: PO Box 20098 Calgary
 Place RPO, Calgary, Alberta, T2P
 4J2, CANADA [http://www.con-
 version.org/](http://www.con-

 version.org/) president@con-
 version.org Guests: George R.R.
 Martin, Spider Robinson, Jeanne
 Robinson, James Beveridge, Tiina
 Andreakos, Roy Bander, Lynn
 Barker, Renee Bennett, Kim Brown,
 Dario Carrasco, Leslie Carmichael,
 J. Brian Clarke, Carolyn Clink, Tracy
 Cooper-Posey, Roland Dechesne,
 Candas Jane Dorsey, David Duncan,
 Sandy Fitzpatrick, Andrew Foley,
 Susan Forest, Steve Fuller, Leslie
 Gadallah, Barb Galler-Smith, Amber
 Hayward, Jim Harington, Terri
 Harington, Richard Harrison, Lee

Easton, Robyn Herrington, Tim Hills,
 Marie Jakober, Paula Johanson,
 Nick Johnson, Corey Keith, Adrian
 Kleinbergen, Eden Lackner, Derek
 Mah, John Ross Mansfield, Linda-
 Ross Mansfield, Kaye Mason, Ann
 Marston, Judy McCrosky, Alan
 McDonald, Blair Petterson, Randy
 Schroeder, Alison Sinclair, Janis
 Svilpis, Hayden Trenholm, Dianne
 Walton, Elizabeth Westbrook,
 Ed Willett, Lynda Williams, Louis
 Zimmerman

British Columbia

Oct 8-10 V Con, Burnaby, British
 Columbia; Info: 4044 Parker Street,
 Burnaby, BC V5C 3B9 [http://www.v-
 con.ca/](http://www.v-

 con.ca/) vcon@shaw.ca Guests:
 Dave Duncan

Oct 19-24 Vancouver International
 Writers Festival, Granville Island,
 British Columbia; Info: 202-1398
 Cartwright St, Vancouver BC,
 V6H 4B7 Ph: 604-681-6330
<http://www.writersfest.bc.ca/>
viwf@writersfest.bc.ca

Ontario

Aug 27-29 SFX: Canadian National
 Science Fiction Expo, Toronto,
 Ontario; Info: 4 Varsity Road, Toronto,
 Ontario, Canada, L6M 4N4 Ph: 416-
 761-1760 [http://www.canadiannati-
 onalexpo.com](http://www.canadiannati-

 onalexpo.com) info@hobbystar.com
 Benefits: Ronald McDonald House,
 Childrens Wish Foundation, Hospital
 For Sick Kids

Sep 23-26 AmberCon North,
 Toronto, Ontario; Info: 434 North
 State Street, Concord, NH 03301
<http://www.amberconnorth.com/>
shadowplay@amberconnorth.com

Oct 1-3 Sunnysdale Central III,
 Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 21146,
 RPO Meadowdale, Mississauga, ON,

L5N 6A2 Ph: 905-820-3844 <http://www.primedia.ca/>
info@primedia.ca
 Guests: Jonathan M. Woodward,
 Carrie Grace

Quebec

Aug 6-8 Gathering of the Gargoyles,
 Montreal, Quebec; Info: PO Box
 18972, Cleveland, OH 44118 <http://gathering.gargoyles-fans.org/>
info@gatheringofthegargoyles.com

Nov 13-14 Con*Cept, Montreal,
 Quebec; Info: Box 196, Ste. Julie, QC,
 J3E1X6 <http://www.conceptsf.ca/>
conceptsff@conceptsff.ca Guests:
 Frédéric Ouellet, Pascal Forget, Joël
 Champetier, Hugh S. Gregory

Saskatchewan

Oct 15-17 Hero's Gambit,
 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Info:
 c/o Bridge City Operations Group
 Inc, 23-2105 8th Street East, PO
 Box 44, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 0T8
<http://www.herosgambit.com/>
wr.hughes@shaw.ca

Germany

Oct 1-3 Galileo7, Düsseldorf, ; Info: c/
 o Broadcast IT Services GmbH, Am
 Knill 6, D-22147 Hamburg Ph: +49
 40 64892306 <http://www.galileo7.de/>
info@galileo7.de Guests: Patrick
 Stewart, Roxann Dawson, Robert
 Duncan McNeill, Patti Yasutake,
 Jonathan Del Arco, Patrick Kilpatrick
 Benefits: Children's Smile e.V.

Oct 21-24 Spiel, Essen, ; Info:
 Friedhelm Merz Verlag GmbH &
 Co.KG, 53173 Bonn, Germany,
 Bismarckallee 8 Ph: +49 228 94 39
 70 [http://www.merz-verlag.com/e/
 spiel/](http://www.merz-verlag.com/e/

 spiel/) info@merz-verlag.com

Ireland

Oct 16-17 Octocon, Dublin, ;
 Info: Basement Flat, 26 Longford
 Terrace, Monkstown, Co. Dublin,
 Ireland <http://www.octocon.com/>
info2004@octocon.com

Nov 13-14 Phoenix Convention,
 Dublin, ; Info: c/o Yellow Brick Road,
 8 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1, Ireland
<http://www.slovobooks.com/phoenix/>
phoenixconvention@yahoo.co.uk
 Guests: Juliet E McKenna, Diane
 Duane, Peter Morwood, Charlie
 Stross, Steve Westcott, James P
 Hogan

New Zealand

Sep 25-26 Armageddon: Pop
 Culture Expo, Wellington, ; Info: PO
 Box 13419 Onehunga, Auckland,
 New Zealand Ph: +64 9 625
 8054 <http://www.pulpexpo.com/>
info@pulpexpo.com

The Netherlands

Oct 23-24 Utopia V, Scheveningen,
 ; Info: Postbank, Foreign
 Operations, PO Box 1800, 1000
 BV Amsterdam, The Netherlands
<http://www.utopiasite.com/>
utopia@club.tip.nl Guests: Robert
 Beltran

United Kingdom

Aug 20-22 Festival of Fantastic
 Films, Manchester, England; Info:
 95 Meadowgate Road, Salford,
 Manchester M6 8EN, England Ph:
 +44 (0)161 707-3747 <http://www.fantastic-films.com/festival/>
gil@manchesterfantasticfilms.co.uk

Aug 20-23 Discworld Convention
 2004, Leicestershire, England;

Info: PO Box 102, Royston, Herts.,
 SG8 7ZJ, UK Ph: +44 (0) 7092
 394940 <http://www.dwcon.org/>
info@dwcon.org

Aug 21 10th Planet, Essex,
 England; Info: Unit 36 Vicarage
 Field Shopping Centre, Ripple
 Road, Barking, Essex, IG11 8DQ,
 United Kingdom Ph: +44 (0)20 8591
 5357 <http://www.tenthplanet.co.uk/>
sales@tenthplanet.co.uk Guests:
 Daphne Ashbrook

Aug 27-29 Robin of Sherwood Legend
 2004, Swindon, England; Info: 41
 Roseheath, Hemel Hempstead, HP1
 2NG, UK <http://www.roslegend.co.uk>
roslegend@ntlworld.com Guests:
 Phil Rose

Sep 3-5 Wolf Events: SG-8, London,
 England; Info: PO Box 1419, Slough
 PDO, SL2 5WJ Ph: +44 01753 771
 078 <http://www.wolfevents.com/>

Oct 8-11 Cult TV, Weston Super
 Mare, Somerset, England; Info: PO
 Box 1701, Wolverhampton, WV4
 4WT, United Kingdom Ph: +44
 01733-205009 <http://www.cult.tv>
enquiries@culttv.net Guests:
 Vaughn Armstrong, Chris Barrie,
 Colin Baker, Bonnie Langford,
 John Levene, Nicholas Young, P.J.
 Hammond, Shaun O'Riordan, Peter
 Tuddenham, Peter Vaughan, Jenny
 Hanley, Pat Roach, Sally Geeson,
 Freddie Jones, June Hudson, Joe
 McGrath Benefits: UNICEF

Oct 14-17 Gen Con UK, Minehead,
 England; Info: PO Box 46, Callington,
 Cornwall, PL17 7XZ Ph: +44 7855 965
 271 <http://www.gencongamefair.com/>
UK@wizards.com

Nov 5-7 Novacon 34, Bentley,
 England; Info: Steve Lawson, 379
 Myrtle Road, Sheffield, S2 3HQ <http://www.novacon.org/xl5@zoom.co.uk>
 Guests: Ian Watson

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

Compiled By Commodore Dixie Halber

A note about this month's MSR's. Due to a heavy volume of submissions this month and left over from last, this month's MSR's have been greatly reduced. I've limited every chapter to one sentence and only included May's MSR's. My apologies if an important event was left out, if it was I would encourage you to write a CQ article about it! That way we can have this problem more often as we like having too much content! - editor

Region 1

Shuttle Essex

NCC-72402/01 Newark, OH
 Crewmembers enjoyed a social event.

Shuttle Pride of Scotland

NCC-1896/3 Louisville, Ky
 The ship sponsored a Memorial Day party who's guests included members of other regional ships and shuttles plus a tornado.

Shuttle Schweitzer

NCC-51896/01 Westminster, MD
 The ship sponsored a launch party.

SS Bennu

NCC-SFR-119 Gatlinburg, TN
 Crewmembers enjoyed a baseball event.

SS Nikola Tesla

NCC-SS005 Puryear, Tn
 Crewmembers enjoyed a Memorial Day cookout.

USS Aeon

NCC-75022 Memphis, TN
 Crewmembers enjoyed the regular monthly meeting.

USS Alaric

NCC-503 Asheville, NC
 Crewmembers enjoyed gaming.
 Recycling efforts continue.

USS Appomattox

NCC-75001 Appomattox, VA

Crewmembers participated in the Relay for Life.

USS Asgard

The ship donated food to Operation Feed.

USS Athena

NCC-51896 Reston, VA
 An away team participated in a Mars Civilization activity.

USS Bonaventure

NCC-102-A Thomasville, NC
 Plans for the summer underway.

USS Charleston

NCC-71813 Charleston, SC
 An away team attended the Region 1 Summit. Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic.

USS Chesapeake

NCC-1887 Glen Allen, VA
 The ship is sponsoring a new group that may become a shuttle.

USS Columbia

NCC-75017 Shelby, OH
 Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting and dinner.

USS Columbus

NCC-72401 Columbus, OH
 An away team attended a local convention. The ship donated food to Operation Feed.

USS Commonwealth NCC-74670 Richmond, VA

Reactivation of the MSG is underway.

USS Dark Wolf

NCC-75002 Kingsport, TN
 An away team attended the R1 Summit. Plans for the summer are underway.

USS Dominator

NCC-18076 Charleston, SC
 Collections efforts for OCP and Stampede continue.

USS Gallifrey

NCC-81631 Elyria, OH
 The ship sponsored a recruitment drive at a local fun fest.

USS Heimdal

NCC-1793 Amherst, VA
 Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 20th anniversary.

USS Hells Fury

NCC-74304 Simpsonville, SC
 An away team attended the section picnic. Recruitment efforts continue. Submitted

USS Hornet

NCC-1714-D Charlotte, NC
 An away team attended the sectional picnic.

USS Indiana

NCC-79158 Indianapolis, IN
 Preparations for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's Walk for the Cure are underway.

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USS Intrepid

NCC-74655 Mansfield, OH
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 5th anniversary with a banquet.

USS Jaguar

NCC-74750 Kingsport, TN
An away team attended the Region 1 Summit.

USS Jamestown

NCC-1843-D Hampton, VA
Crewmembers enjoyed a Casino Night.

USS Jurassic

NCC-3500 Hammersville, OH
Plans for the annual Amateur Radio Field day are underway.

USS Kitty Hawk

NCC-1659 Raleigh, NC
Crewmembers enjoyed a May cookout.

USS Lagrange

NCC-3916-B Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Crewmembers participated in a Memorial Day parade.

USS Liberator

NCC-75008 Akron, OH
Away team enjoyed several movie premiers.

USS MAAT

NCC-1794-A Virginia Beach, VA
The ship sponsored their 3rd annual casino night, raising money for a local women's shelter.

USS Maelstrom

NCC-74218 Bellvidere, NC
The ship was featured in a local paper and on the radio.

USS Normandy

NCC-36000 Winston-Salem, NC
An away team attended the Mountain Rally.

USS North Carolina

NCC-75019 Hickory, NC
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting and made plans for future events.

USS Ohio

NCC-75007 Barberton, OH
Crewmembers provided amateur radio testing to the community.

USS Pathfinder

NCC-2121 Lima, OH
An away team attended the Region 1 Summit. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Powhatan

NCC-1967-A Chesapeake, VA
Crewmembers cleaned the ship's adopted highway spot.

USS Providence

NCC-71796 Cedar Grove, TN
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Questar

NCC-75435 Louisville, KY
An away team visited a local museum.

USS Renegade

NCC-2547 Youngstown, OH
Crewmembers attended the Region 1 Summit.

USS Reprisal

NCC-1896 Fall Branch, TN
The ship sponsored its annual mountain rally.

USS Richmond

NCC-2003 Covington, VA
Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner meeting.

USS Ronald E McNair

NCC-61809 Columbia, SC
Collection efforts for coupons and pop-tops continue.

USS Rutledge

NCC-74215 Ladsen, SC
Collection efforts for Operation Eagle continue.

USS Star Chaser

NCC-74222 Greenville, SC
An away team attended the sectional picnic. Crewmembers enjoyed a camping trip.

USS Star League

NCC-2101 N. Augusta, SC
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. The ship sponsored a picnic.

USS Starward Fury

NCC-2122 Fayetteville, NC
Crewmembers enjoyed a golfing day.

USS Tristar

NCC-71829 Knoxville, TN
An away team attended the Region 1 Summit.

USS Tycho

NCC-59325 Toledo, OH
Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary with a dinner.

USS Wasp

NCC-1721 Shelbyville, KY
Crewmembers celebrated the ships newest shuttle at the Region 1 Summit.

USS West Virginia

NCC-2008 Charleston, WV
Crewmembers volunteered at a local library.

USS White Eagle

NCC-2302 Jacksonville, NC
Soup label collection efforts continue. Crewmembers continue to clean the highway.

USS Yeager

NCC-61893 Bluefield, WV
Plans for summer events underway.

USS Yorktown

NCC-1704-A Catawba, SC
Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic.

Region 2

SS Dark Silence Station

NCC-007 Florence, AL
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Continuum

NCC-71821 Milton, FL
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Dark Phoenix

NCC-74920 Lucedale, FL
An away team participated in several Relay for Life races.

USS DaVinci

NCC-74671 Columbus, GA
Crewmembers celebrated the 70th birthday of a fellow member.

USS Drakenfire

NCC-71822 Odenville, AL
Crewmembers enjoyed weekly shopping trips.

USS Gasparilla

NCC-74400 Apollo Beach, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming night.

USS Guardian

NCC-26244 Cocoa, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise season finale party.

USS Haise

NCC-74664 Brandon, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed space day at a local planetarium.

USS Hephaestus

NCC-2004 Birmingham, AL
Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout.

USS Jubilee

NCC-57299 Mobile, AL
An away team attended space day at a local planetarium.

USS Khai Tam

NCC-81000 Tallahassee, FL
Crewmembers cleaned a bike trail.

USS Myrddin

NCC-72172 Dunedin, FL
An away team enjoyed a dinner night at Medieval Times.

USS New Hope

NCC-50335 Montgomery, AL
Crewmembers enjoyed much deserved shore leave.

USS Okatoma

NCC-74695 Lake Mary, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming and fun night.

USS Pleiades

NCC-72388 Ellenwood, GA
Crewmembers said goodbye to one of their own in a memorial service.

USS Relentless

NCC-81001 Madison, FL
Crewmembers volunteered for Habitat for Humanity.

USS Republic

NCC-1371 Douglasville, GA
An away team participated in a civil war reenactment.

USS Shadow Hawk

NCC-74660 Opelika, GA
Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout.

USS Spiritwalker

NCC-31097 Decatur, GA
The ship donated pet food to a local animal shelter. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

USS Trident

NCC-74692 Jensen Beach, FL
The ship sponsored a very successful yard sale.

USS Triumph

NCC-26228 Davie, FL
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and dinner night.

USS Wernher von Braun

NCC-72069 Madison, GA
Plans for summer activities are underway.

USS Yamato

NCC-71807 Gardendale, AL
Recruitment efforts continue. Plans to attend the upcoming IC underway.

Region 3

SS Freedom III

SS-001 Euless, TX
Crewmembers looking forward to the Region 3 Summit.

USS Ark Angel

NCC-1889 Georgetown, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming after the monthly meeting.

USS Aurora Vulcanus

NCC-1888 Houston, TX
An away team attended a hurricane workshop sponsored by NOAA.

USS Bethel

NCC-74663 Justin, TX
Crewmembers prepared for the upcoming Region 3 Summit.

USS Bexar

NCC-71718 San Antonio, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Gunslinger

NCC-6019 El Paso, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed Memorial Day party.

USS Intangible

NCC-65421 Bryan, TX
An away team participated in a Laser Tag event.

USS Laredo

NCC-03 Laredo, TX
The ship held its monthly meeting.

USS Lone Star

NCC-73628 Lubbock, TX
Crewmembers prepared and served dinner at a local Ronald McDonald House.

Region 4

USS Panther City

NCC-74917 Benbrook, TX
An away team attended a local Renaissance faire.

USS Rhyanna

NCC-1892 Marble Falls, TX
Collection and volunteer efforts for a local food pantry continue.

USS SpiritWolf

NCC-74300 Houston, TX
Plans underway for attending the Region 3 Summit.

USS Tejas

NCC-9756 Vernon, TX
The ship made a donation to a local women's shelter.

USS Texas

NCC-74207 Killeen, TX
Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Trinity River

NCC-6425 Dallas, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed a bowling party.

USS Victory

NCC-74208 San Antonio, TX
Crewmembers enjoyed monthly poker nights.

ISS Pegasus

NCC-9755 Las Vegas, NV
The ship's pop top collection reached 40,000 with proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House.

Shuttle Gallant

NCC-1950 Fresno, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise season finale party.

SS Cascade Station

NCC-SS003 Redding, CA
The ship held a breakfast meeting.

SS K Ehleyr

NCC-009 Las Vegas, NV
The ship sponsored a potluck dinner for Mother's Day.

USS Angeles

NCC-71840 Los Angeles, CA
Crewmembers began volunteering at the Hollywood Entertainment Museum's Star Trek Exhibit.

USS Angelfire

NCC-75025 Tolleson, AZ
An away team attended the Region 12 Summit and even pitched in to help out at the last minute.

USS Augusta Ada

NCC-55011 Campbell, CA
The ship provided an Internet lounge for a local convention.

USS Centurion

NCC-74801 Highland, CA
Crewmembers collected food for a canned food drive.

USS Dragons Cub

NCC-81003 Shafter, CA
The ship sponsored a barbecue for mother's day.

USS Eagle

NCC-1719 Fremont, CA
An away team attended a local convention.

USS Highroller

NCC-23104 Reno, NV
The ship's website was updated.

USS Northern Lights

NCC-27001 Newark, CA
An away team attended a local convention.

USS Oberon

NCC-71820 Rancho Cordova, CA
Recruitment efforts continue. Plans for summer activities are underway.

USS PeaceKeeper

NCC-73200 Visalia, CA
An away team participated in a miniature golf challenge.

USS S L heya

NCC-1601 Fresno, CA
An away team attended a movie outing.

USS Tikopai

NCC-1800 San Jose, CA
An away team attended several local conventions.

USS Vanguard

NCC-75026 Fillmore, CA
Crewmembers enjoyed gaming.

USS William O Darby

NCC-12474 Grand Terrace, CA
Plans for the IC and the Region 4 conference are underway.

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Region 5

USS Crusader

NCC-74711 Otis Orchards, WA
The ship participated in the annual Postal Worker's Food Drive.

USS Destiny

NCC-97301 Salem, OR
The ship celebrated it's 10th anniversary with a party.

USS Rubicon

NCC-71816 West Richland, WA
An away team provided security at local Scottish games.

Region 6

USS Czar'ak

NCC-1798-A Richfield, MN
An away team visited a local zoo.

USS Imperium

NCC-2125 Fargo, ND
Plans for summer activities underway.

USS Saint George

NCC-63541 St Paul, MN
Collections efforts for OCP continue.

USS Thunderchild

NCC-3122 Belle Forche, SD
Crewmembers participated in a highway pickup.

Region 7

ISS Lexington

NCC-1703-C West New York, NJ
An away team toured various naval vessels during Fleet Week.

Shuttle Hathor

NCC-1860/18 Louisville, KY
The ship held a barbecue.

USS Accord

NCC-1842 Ithaca, NY
An away team hiked a local gorge. Crewmembers gearing up for Watkins Glen Weekend.

USS Adamant

NCC-3029 Hatfield, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly Cantina night.

USS Albany

NCC-587 Scotia, NY
An away team participated in an MS Walk.

USS Ari

NCC-1723 Buffalo, NY
Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Ascension

NCC-2520 Schnecksville, NY
An away team attended a convention in Louisville, KY.

USS Avenger

NCC-1860 Linden, NJ
Plans for the ship's 19th and 20th anniversary party are underway.

USS Edinburgh

NCC-77930 Glen Burnie, MD
An away team attended a convention.

USS Flying Fox

NCC-3116 Philadelphia, PA
Plans for summer activities are underway.

USS Highlander

NCC-10530 Westminster, MD
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

USS Inferno

NCC-15202 Pittsburgh, PA
An away team participated in a local Race for the Cure.

USS Justice

NCC-556 Florham Park, NJ
Crewmembers participated in a paintball event with other area Star Trek groups.

USS Malverne

NCC-2205 Upper Darby, PA
An away team attended a local Renaissance Faire.

USS Matrix

NCC-72296 Laurel, MD
Plans underway for the ship's 10th anniversary.

USS Northstar

NCC-10462 Bronx, NY
An away team participated in AIDS Walk New York.

USS Osiris

NCC-3092 Bronx, NY
An away team enjoyed a movie event.

USS Prevailing Wind

NCC-74667 Harrisburg, PA
The ship sponsored a yard sale whose proceeds benefited a local animal shelter.

USS Sovereign

NCC-75000 Philadelphia, PA
Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting and a birthday party.

USS Thagard

NCC-652 Philadelphia, PA
An away team participated in the MS Walk.

USS Triton

NCC-71819 Glen Burnie, MD
Crewmembers enjoyed beating the captain in at miniature golf.

Region 9

USS Europe

NCC-74668 Lisboa, Portugal
New website is underway.

Region 10

USS Crystal Star

NCC-1160 Eagle River, AK
Crewmembers preparing for a Renaissance Faire.

USS Majestic

NCC-78601 Victoria, BC
Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner and movie outing.

USS Sol

NCC-1733 Ester, AK
Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise season finale party.

Region 11

USS Southern Cross

NCC-1886 Harbord, NSW
The ship celebrated 22 years of STARFLEET service.

Region 12

USS Antonio Maria Valsalva

NCC-4101 Wildwood, MO
Collections efforts for the STARFLEET Scholarship fund.

USS Black Hawk

NCC-75004 Rockford, IL
Plans underway for the ship's 9th anniversary.

USS BortaS

NCC-74211 Urbana, IL
An away team attended the Region 12 Summit.

USS Claymore

NCC-72292 Midwest City, OK
Youth members participated in several Ronald McDonald House fundraisers.

USS Delta Clipper

NCC-72302 Atchison, KS
An away team attended the Region 12 Summit.

USS Discovery

NCC-1308 St. Louis, MO
An away team enjoyed a winery tour.

USS Firestorm

NCC-75006/01 Ottawa, KS
Crewmembers helped out at the Region 12 Summit.

USS Flying Fortress

NCC-31904 Broken Arrow, OK
Crewmembers collected and donated items to troops in Iraq.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone

NCC-3143 Emporia, KS
An away team attended the Region 12 Summit.

USS Hexum

NCC-2199 Belleville, IL
The ship sponsored a barbecue.

USS Jeannette Maddox

NCC-14514 Wichita, KS
Crewmembers enjoyed a game night. An away team attended a Renaissance faire.

USS Marko Ramius

NCC-23103 Fayetteville, AR
An away team attended the Region 12 Summit.

USS Morning Star

CC-4126 Lawton, OK
The ship delivered 72 pounds of pop tops to the local Ronald McDonald House.

USS Nomad

NCC-78500 St. Louis, MO
An away team attended the Region 12 Summit.

USS Phoenix

NCC-2155 Columbia, MO
An away team attended a movie event.

USS Royal Sovereign

NCC-72201 Shawnee, KS
Crewmembers enjoyed the ship's monthly happy hour.

USS Shawnee

NCC-71802 Lenexa, KS
An away team attended a movie outing.

USS Sunflower

NCC-74679 Augusta, KS
An away team attended the Region 12

Summit. Collections efforts for OCP continue.

USS Thunderbird

NCC-71845 Oklahoma City, OK
The ship donated to Infant Crisis services.

USS Titan

NCC-72303/1 Kansas City, KS
Crewmembers enjoyed the regular monthly meeting.

USS Titanic

NCC-75015 Lawton, OK
An away team attended a renaissance faire.

USS Umiak

NCC-3142 St. Louis, MO
Crewmembers volunteered at a Renaissance faire.

Region 13

Shuttle Aurora

NCC-62004 Dearborn, MI
An away team enjoyed a dinner and movie night.

Shuttle Sinclair

NCC-74209 Waterford, Michigan
Work on the ship's website is underway.

USS Banting

NCC-17220 Guelph, ON
Crewmembers enjoyed a movie and fondue.

USS Empress

NCC-15025-A Shelby Township, MI
The ship raised over \$2100.00 with the annual bowl-a-thon.

USS Hadfield

NCC-75020 Georgetown, ON
An away team visited a local theme park.

USS Valkyrie

NCC-74658 Clawson, MI
Crewmembers raised money for a local camp during a bowling marathon.

USS White Star

NCC-71012 Ft. Gratiot, MI
An away team participated in a Relay for Life.

Region 14

USS Magellan

NCC-72014 Rouyn-Noranda, QC
Work on chapter fiction continues.

Region 15

SS Ian Fleming

NCC-SFR-1501 Newburyport, MA
An away team attended the Region 15 annual Rockery and Astronomy Day.

USS Ares

NCC-26291 Boston, MA
An away team participated in the region's rocketry day.

USS Atlantis

NCC-71803 Litchfield, NH
Crewmembers participated in the region's rocketry day.

USS Avalon

NCC-74914 Standish, ME
Crewmembers enjoyed a D&D night.

Collection efforts for a local food pantry continue.

USS Endeavor

NCC-1716 Baltic, CT
The ship sponsored the second annual Region 15 Model Rocket and Astronomy Day.

USS Galaxy

NCC-70637 Springfield, MA
Crewmembers attended a reception and book signing with Leonard Nimoy.

USS Kasimar

NCC-1784 Bangor, ME
Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Nelson

NCC-74804 Northampton, MA
An away team attended rocketry day. Plans for summer events underway.

USS O Bannon

NCC-5372 Sanford, ME
An away team participated in the region's rocketry day.

Region 17

USS Alioth

NCC-72383 Orem, UT
An away team attended a movie outing.

USS Anasazi

NCC-62001 Albuquerque, NM
Crewmembers enjoyed the regular monthly meeting. An away team visited a local zoo.

USS Arc Royal

NCC-63546 Colorado Springs, CO
An away team attended a local convention.

USS Mir

NCC-73281 Las Cruces, NM
Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and the monthly meeting.

USS Omega Glory

NCC-NCC-26917 Denver, OC
Crewmembers enjoyed horseback riding.

USS Orion

NCC-74915 Colorado Springs, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed a rock climbing event.

USS Pioneer

NCC-5280-D Westminster, CO
Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights and bingo nights.

USS Stormbringer

NCC-74213 Englewood, CO
An away team participated in a Relay for Life.

USS Wind Spirit

NCC-14110 Colorado Springs, CO
Recruitment efforts underway.

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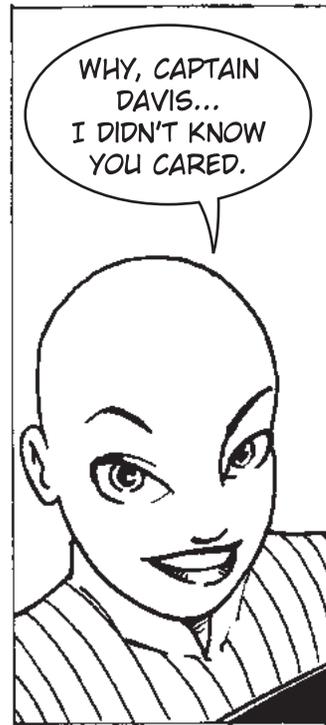
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