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Above: At IC2004 in Birmingham, AL, the entire EC (and both Chiefs of Staff) were present - for the first time in years... and we enjoyed a "blue moon" during the IC weekend. Coincidence? Don't tell that to these folks! Photo submitted by Mike Malotte.

Right: SFI's Junior Member of the Year : Juliana Hoolihan of the USS Matrix, Region 7. Photo submitted by Joe Hoolihan.

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A WEEKEND OF PARTICIPATION AND FUN AT THE R15 SUMMIT



Left: RADM Garrick Halverson looks on as FADM Mike Malotte hands the commissioning certificate to the Kasimar's CO, Mark Libby.

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TEN SIGNS "YOU MIGHT BE AT THE 2004 IC"

by Danny "JOHN DANIEL!" Potts • Coordinator, Region 2

[This speech was given during the 2004 IC Opening Ceremonies.]

If you've ever fled in fear of 'The Whip,' you might be at the 2004 IC.

If you know what CQ/ECAB/EFCEP/DTS and START stand for, you might be at the 2004 IC.

If you're on a first name basis with the maintenance workers at Dallas/Fort Worth, you might be at the 2004 IC.

If you've heard the phrase "Qa'pla', y'all," you might be at the 2004 IC.

If you've seen the charity, and wondered if the banquet would be McDonald's Happy Meals, you might be at the 2004 IC.

If you know who "John Daniel" is, you might be at the 2004 IC.

If you didn't realize the hotel you were in had rooms for *sleeping*, you might be at the 2004 IC.

If you've been warned more than twice about making "that 'Gumby/ Pokey' joke"... you might be at the 2004 IC.

If you've ever made the mistake of saying "Fleet Admiral Dyar," you might be at the 2004 IC.

and...

If you've looked around, and see two hundred or so people, people that would spend their hard-earned money, fly around the world, for no other reason than to spend the weekend with a group of friends that they think more of as family than some of their own family members? You are definitely at the 2004 International Conference.



Danny Potts takes the podium at the IC Opening Ceremonies..



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My fellow 'fleeters, I come to you not as a candidate for election, but as an Executive Committee member, who soon will be going into that good night. However, as Fleet Historian I will not be going gently, especially if I am to see the time come when I must write the last chapter of STARFLEET's History.

STARFLEET is in a battle for its very existence, not due to the outside influences that oppose Science Fiction fans, not due to the boogey-man of apathy, nor even to evil designs by members internally. Our battle is brought on, to quote Fleet Admiral Malotte, by the absence of Dragons to slay. We have no enemies left to fight who will unite us all under one banner. The dragons are dead, and 'Fleet is adrift. But this does NOT HAVE TO BE.

Fandom outside of STARFLEET is still growing and growing; television and cinema productions in our chosen genre multiply every year. Attendance at conventions increases five to ten percent a year, but yet STARFLEET shrinks. We bring in hundreds of new members every year, and yet we lose even more due to lack of interest. And that is the crux of our dilemma.

We have little left to offer.

And yet this can be fixed. This is the one thing that every member in STARFLEET can do, can support, can strive, for that

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

by General Scott Akers • USS Jaguar, Region 1

will be the salvation of our organization. Nearly four thousand members can strive to reach a goal, that if sufficiently large enough, can inspire all of us, can inspire former members to return, can inspire new members to stay, and inspire non-members to join.

What should this goal be? It is my belief after talking to hundreds of 'Fleet members that no one goal can be enough, we are such a diverse group, and we, like Trek, appeal to such a large diverse population, that one goal cannot be enough. However, if we choose a Palette of Goals, at least four different New Frontiers to reach for, we can aspire to such heights for ourselves, for fandom, for our communities, for our world, that STARFLEET will be THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE. It is my belief that these four frontiers should be one each in the fields of Charity, Community Service, Space Exploration, and Star Trek itself.

These cannot be simply accomplished goals, annual campaigns, or simple programs. There are vital to 'Fleet's daily existence, but they are not enough. Instead, they must be difficult long-range pinnacles of achievements that will bring 'Fleet into the Future.

More than forty years ago President Kennedy challenged us to go to the Moon, BUT he challenged more, to go to the edge of our Solar System. [This gives promise of some day providing a means for even more exciting and ambitious exploration of space, perhaps beyond the moon, perhaps to the very end of the solar system itself.] We are Star Trek fans, and reaching for the Stars is our most basic belief. I cannot and will not be able to choose the specifics of each Frontier, but I believe that the underlying strength of 'Fleet can help me do so, because Fleet Matters.

It matters to the young couples who met only because of Fleet, and the experienced couples who met only because of Fleet, twenty years ago. It matters to the parents of Julian and Crystal, and the spouses of Don and Rick and others. It matters to the nearly hundred recipients of Fleet scholarships over the years. It matters to every member who has made a new friend, spent a night in a strange city with a friendly face, who share a book, a video, a chat, a cola. The relationships we have built in our first thirty years our just a bedrock of those we can build in the next thirty. Because Fleet Matters.

What we need are ten year goals, twenty year goals and even thirty year goals.

As I asked individuals and groups and the closing ceremonies at the 2004 International Conference, I invite every member of STARFLEET to give me their input, their ideas, their visions and dreams and hopes, and together we will make this work. We can do these things, and in the doing we can save not only Fleet, we can make Fleet Grow, and Make Fleet Matter to more than just ourselves.

To paraphrase President Kennedy: We need to do these things, not because they are easy, but because they are difficult, and in the doing we will Matter*.

Fleet Matters

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We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.

On Sunday, June 20th, while returning to their home in Georgetown, TX after attending a family wedding in Wisconsin, Larry, his wife Shelley, their oldest son Ryan, age 8, and Quark, the family dog (a Sheltie), were involved in a solitary car accident on Interstate 35 near Cameron, Missouri. For Larry and Shelley, this was a fatal accident, killing both of them. Ryan was hospitalized with minor injuries and has since returned to Georgetown, along with his younger brother Eric, age 6 (at the time) and their grandmother.

On June 24th, after being lost in Cameron following the accident, Quark was found playing with other dogs in the area by Amber, a 14 year-old Cameron High School student. Amber looked at his collar and brought him back to her family's home. She and her stepfather made a call to the veterinary clinic listed on Quark's tag and helped reunite Quark with his owner Ryan.

For over five years, Larry, Shelley and their children have been active members of the USS Rhyanna in Austin. Larry, who joined in 1997 as a member of the Freedom III, served as Chief Engineer and as XO for a two-year term prior to that. Larry had stepped down as XO two years ago to concentrate on his leadership position in Ryan's Boy Scout activities. During his time with STARFLEET, Larry took, and passed with honors or distinction, 30 of

A TRIBUTE TO LARRY AND SHELLEY GOLDMAN

by Gigi Jacobson • USS Rhyanna, Region 3



Larry and Shelly Goldman of the USS Rhyanna.
Photo submitted by Gigi Jacobson

the STARFLEET Academy and SFMC Academy courses. He has received numerous awards, both from his chapter and Region Three, including the Region Three Scholastic Achievement and Officer of the Year awards. He was also responsible for setting up the Rhyanna's web page.

Shelley was a quieter influence. She refused to take OTS or OTC, citing work pressure. She liked being a "grunt." She was a labor and delivery nurse at Georgetown Hospital but mostly she was a mom. When she wasn't at the hospital, she was busy with the boys. Ryan turns 9 on October 29, and Eric turned 7 on June 29th. They were both involved with scouting, karate, t-ball, soccer and basketball. They were the pride and joy of both their parents.

Larry and Shelley were two of the nicest people anyone could have had the privilege of knowing. They touched our lives in many ways and will be sorely missed. If you would like to acknowledge their passing, Shelley's parents have asked for donations to your own churches for future works, in their names. Their faith was strong and Shelley's mother reports that the boys' faith is just as strong. They are comforted with thoughts that their parents are watching over them.

It was the “Momma” of all IC’s
Yes Denby... that means you!

This past weekend, over 200 members from STARFLEET attended the 2004 STARFLEET International Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. This year’s IC saw old friends and new ones coming together in a massive show of support for the organization. Many things were discussed and much progress was made toward making STARFLEET even bigger and better. This IC also was a first for my wife, Frances. Thanks to some last minute help from some friends we never knew we meant that much to, Frances and I were able to have our long overdue honeymoon at this year’s IC. And what a honeymoon it was!

I have searched within myself for just one word that can describe this year’s IC. I thought about it from the time I showed up in Birmingham until this very moment and I believe that I can sum up this event in just one very meaningful word...

Productive.

And here’s why...

It’s all in the cards...

The first card was given in the ECAB meeting. It was in reference to the “Whip” and gave Danny Potts the opening he needed to explain the card game they had created for the weekend’s event. Based on the history of ICs past, Danny and company had used significant events that had merit to award points based on what happened over the weekend: Things like “being the first attendee to request medical attention” or “wearing Hawaiian clothing to the General Session.” The ones who collected the most points were given prizes and accolades. The neat thing was that you never knew when you were going to say or do something that would get you a card. Everyone got points just for showing up! It was a uniquely fun idea that I hope will be picked up by all ICs in the future.

MHA Compliance...

One of the items that I had worked hard to address since the last ECAB meeting was the issue of our “Corporate Identity.” I had SFI replaced with STARFLEET in an effort to bring more attention to the correct wording of our organization as brought up by Mark H! Anbinder at last year’s meeting. I was proud to announce that I had corrected the Region 17 website and recruitment items and the new R17 polo shirts and that as of this ECAB meeting, Region 17 was now 100% MHA Compliant. This got a giggle and then someone contacted Kurt Roithinger and he whipped up the “Mark H! Anbinder Seal of Approval” and, as it started showing up on the laptops in the ECAB meeting, the laughter of the ECAB broke the tension and the meeting became what I feel was the most productive ECAB meeting in the history of this organization. If you’d like to see this logo yourself, just ask Mark H! Anbinder. Oh, and while you’re at it, ask Mark about Watkins Glen Weekend.

IC AFTER-ACTION REPORT

by Admiral Jonaathon “Gumby” Simmons • Coordinator, Region 17

The Kobesushi Maru...

Friday evening saw about 40 of us invade the Kobe Steakhouse. This is like a Benihana where the chef provides a floorshow while he prepares your meal. We were amused that our Japanese Chef was a really talented guy named Andy. He wowed the crowd at table two with his truly Klingon Kulinary skills. The sushi appetizer was fresh and the wasabi was thermonuclear. The entrée was simply amazing. Entertainment Services were taken to a new level when our Kanadian Kontingent broke into a rendition of “Oh Canada” in both French and English. We capped off the trip with the fortune cookies and the mass hysteria that ensues when you add a couple of words to the end of your fortune while reading it. It was truly the Kobesushi Maru. There was no

decided that Scott would be proclaimed by the CS as the Dahar Master of STARFLEET. We gathered at the bar to toast him and I brought out the Phaser Shotgun known as “Mjolnir Mk II.” That we presented as his badge of office. I was adorned in a Klingon headpiece and together with FAdm Malotte, proceeded to make a small presentation to Scott that touched his heart. I don’t think I ever saw his face so red, even in olden times.

May I have the envelope please...

Ever since Ed Nowlin started the tradition in 2000 with the Gilded 2X4 we gave to Mike Smith, we have presented the CS with a badge of office that is unique to the person. Les Rickard was presented the Gilded Nightstick at the IC in 2002.



**Is it a raid? Gumby makes an unforgettable entrance at IC’s General Session, in full STARFLEET Troopers gear.... Momma Denby, that boy ain’t right...
Photo submitted by Jill Rayburn**

correct solution, it was a test of character.

“What do you mean by ‘out of Guinness’?”

As has become customary, the west coast folks met in the bar late Friday evening to partake of this delightfully dark draught. We drank and talked and anticipated the events of the General Session and the panels. But lo and behold, before the first hour was up, our bartender told us that the bar had run out of Guinness. My first thought was “This would not be so if Chris Wallace was tending bar.” But this thought soon faded when the CS introduced me to my first ever Caramel Apple... and my second... and my third... and mmmmmmmmmmm.

The Dahar Master of STARFLEET...

Everyone knows Scott Akers. Few know about his Klingon side. Scott has always had an affinity for the ways of the Klin and the CS approached me with a way to honor Scott in a way that was truly unique. Dahar Master means “weapons master” and is more of a title than an actual rank. Kang and Koloth were Dahar Masters and we

This year was no exception. We had given Mike Malotte the Gilded Flip Flop last year and I was gilding the other for this year so that I could make jokes about the Flip Flop is on the Other Foot and other podiacal pokes. Needless to say that I left that flop (or is the left one called the flip?) on the painting table and had to present him with another item. Luckily I had planned for this. We lampooned Mike Malotte in an issue of our magrag, The Vortex, by stating that Tim Curry was to portray him in the big screen adaptation of STARFLEET: The MOTION PICTURE. You can download the issue at <http://www.region-17.org/stormbringer/vortex/vortex.htm>. I had obtained a mock Oscar Award and gilded it to the appropriate sheen (which in this case would be a Martin Sheen and not a Charlie Sheen) and we presented it as the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Fan Club. The crowd went wild. Mike flushed and blushed at the same time. It could have just been that he was looking forward to the orgy that would follow (more on that in a bit) but I would really like to think that the red cheeks and the goofy smile came more from the heart

than the tequila.

Enema at the Gates ...

The Commissioning of the Pride of Scotland was an impressive gala. After stunning the crowd with the presentation of the flags and the bagpipes during their commissioning, Sandy Berenberg and his Partners in Crime hosted a luau on the 8th floor. I was deeply touched when I saw Sandy hold up the enema bag and I immediately assumed the position on the floor to receive the liquid. Tony “Huzyur” Lopes has just drunk a whole bag of this and I was going to one up him by doing it in a supine position. Karen Goldbach held the bag high and let the tube go. The bag sparkled in the light as the specially concocted “Romulan P*** Water” flowed into and down the long tube to my mouth. Romulan P*** Water, Good. Air In The Line, Bad. The Pressure built up and exploded the drink from the tube. My mouth runneth over. I contemplated the immortal words of Socrates for a moment as it sunk in what I had just done. Thanks PoS crew. I never had a fetish before. Cool. And that’s about all I have to say about that.

What to drink...

Caramel Apple Shots.

What not to drink...

Whatever Larry Barnes Had.

STARFLEET TROOPERS...

Ed Nowlin, Mike Malotte, Allyson Dyar, Dustin Williams and Greg Trotter were riding in the Rayburns’ Van, and as they were bumping down the road with the van rattling (Cargo Van) Ed screamed out, “REMEMBER YOUR TRAINING, AND YOU WILL MAKE IT BACK ALIVE!” I think that was the Catalyst for the new Mobile Infantry Land Forces. I had been working on a suit of armor for months that I would wear to the General Session and little did I know that Ed had unknowingly set the stage for what would become the prototype armor for the MILF, aka STARFLEET TROOPERS. Anyone wanna hunt some bugs?

The formal banquet aka... The “jimmy” buffet...

I personally have never seen a better spread at an IC! Folks, this mall had EVERYTHING! We had salads and beef and pork and chicken and lasagna and tortellini and veggies and bread and cake and pie and most importantly, seconds!

Region 17 Rocks...

The Rocky Mountain Fleet made an impressive showing at this year’s IC. I was absolutely flabbergasted by the standing ovation when my name was announced as Officer of the Year. And as much as that means, it pales in comparison to our award for first place in the recruiting contest. I had many come to me with praise for the members of my region that worked so hard over the last year helping us grow bigger and brighter, and this year it showed. John Roberts of the USS Anasazi was awarded Marine of the Year and David Cerame from the same chapter was awarded Marine NCO of the Year. Biff Bassett of the USS (cont. on p. 5)

IC AFTER-ACTION REPORT

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Wind Spirit and Debby Horst of the USS Pioneer were both promoted to the rank of Commodore. Frances Simmons of the USS Stormbringer was promoted to the rank of Captain. Brooks Williamson of the Shuttle MoonType and Monika Reinholz of the USS Stormbringer won scholarships. Region 17 was awarded Regional Website of the Year for the second time and our April Fools day joke for the hostile takeover of Regions 4 and 5 and the corporate merger into Region 26 won the much coveted Fun Website of the Year award. At the ECAB meeting, the RCs for 8 other regions asked me to send them the materials that R17 uses to grow and prosper. R17 was the region of the year and the talk of the Fleet. With recruiting and retention at the core of this year's election, folks will be looking to Region 17 as a shining example of growth. Needless to say I am very proud of our region, our chapters and our members.

JOHN DANIEL!!!

If you answered to this name, you are also known as Danny Potts. I think that by the end of the IC, every attendee (including Larry who might have heard it all the way at the hospital) knew Danny's real name. Danny was the consummate co-host, always visible and always approachable and always ready to go to the end of the Earth (in this case the ends of Birmingham) to help the attendees get anything they needed to make their IC even better.

BEST IC LINE...

"If you know what the acronyms CQ, DTS, ECAB, and START all stand for... You might just be at an IC!" - Danny Potts

The Show Must Go On...

The entire gang from RadioStarfleet (RSF) was in attendance, but we soon lost the boss to an ailment that landed him in the hospital for the remainder of the IC. Then something amazing happened: the RSF team united as never before and stepped up to make sure that the coverage made it to the members of STARFLEET that could not be there in person. Neal Fisher, Dustin Williams, Boyd Harmon, Mike Dugas, Mike Smith and the Admiral Formerly Known as Gumby rallied for the cause and really made a great addition to the fun that we all shared this year. Larry was constantly missed and it was decided that next year we would award him with "The Garrick Halverson Award for Abdominal Dystension" and that it would come with a certificate and a \$30 bowl of chicken soup.

The Hunt for Red October in 30 Seconds... and Synchronized Drowning...

One of those impromptu moments at the IC was the idea from Neal that RSF do a live webcast of a pool party. We gathered a few of us and set up for even more fun. Neal did a rendition of Man from La Mancha and we laughed heartily as Jerry Tien came over and stuck his finger in the water as we shouted "ShOC the pool! ShOC the pool! ShOC the pool!" Then we all jumped around like we were being electrocuted. It was live. No Memorex here. We did the Hunt for Red October in 30 Seconds and

the Nestea Plunge (role of the Nestea played by Dr. Pepper) and added a new STARFLEET Olympic Event: Synchronized Drowning. Folks, it was wet mayhem at its finest. Luckily, the members of RSF do not go anywhere without their towel.

The Ronald McDonald House...

Although the numbers are not in yet, I was told that the monies raised for the charity will be no less than staggering. The Ronald McDonald House is a very worthy cause and I was shocked to learn the amount of help that they need. I went back to R17 with the intent of supporting the local RMH as best I can.

DeadIRC...

There was no LiveIRC scheduled this year. Hey, no con is perfect.

Section-31...

There is no such thing as Section 31. Well, actually there is and it is going to become one of the most talked about fun parts of STARFLEET. At the closing ceremonies, I was given command of the most secret unit of the organization, and it's not a PayPal account. I would tell you more on this but since it doesn't exist, it's kinda moot. But rest assured that you will hear about Section 31 in the dark, smoke filled rooms that some perceive as the halls of power. I will cover this in much detail later as we go live with a new "Secret Agent Man meets Get Smart" concept and covert correspondence operations that will set a new standard in fun. Keep your sensors sharp and your communications open and remember: Big Brother is watching.

The Wall of Honor...

Wade and Linda Olson unveiled the Wall of Honor to a standing ovation at the General Session. A lot of detail and effort was greeted with tears of joy and pride as we honored the fallen and the service members of our organization.

Jimmy Whatley...

The Man of Morale was in attendance and spreading warmth and smiles throughout the con. Please be sure to send your birthday reminders to him so that he can help make folks feel good, as he did with many at this IC.

The CommoDaves...

The CommoDaves lost one of their number to promotion as Dave Blaser took a step up to Rear Admiral. This has put their plans for the 2005 Brick House Tour on hold as they search for a new combination vocals/bassist/token nazi. Interested parties should email Dave Klingman, Dave Pitts, or Dave Lynch. Anyone not named Dave need not apply.

Love, STARFLEET Style...

A warm engagement party was held at this IC for 3 very special couples that will become bonded in their love for one another before the next IC comes to pass. Score another point for the IC Staff and bonus points to PJ Trotter for the party. Congratulations to the upcoming nuptials of...

Joan Pierce and Ricky Bruckman
Lauren Milan and Martin Lessem
Susan Fugate and Joost Ueffing

Pete Mohney... for CS!!!

Pete was the best IC Chair ever. Not to say

that previous ones were bad, but Pete had a lot of experience to draw upon for what to do and what not to do for this year's IC. It showed throughout the weekend as Pete was EVERYWHERE! I am telling you that he must have one of those beamer thingies or he is part of the Area 51 Motorpool. Everytime I needed something from him or I had a question, all I had to do was scan the area and there he was. Along with Danny Potts, they made a formidable and professional team of hosts. After the amazing display of cooperation and teamwork we all saw at this IC, I think I could really get behind a 2007 Mohney/Potts CS ticket. How about y'all?

Momma!

Denby Potts. Denby's role in this IC was twofold: one, to make sure everything got done; and two, to make sure that everyone knew Danny's real name. Denby went so far out of her way for the attendees that I thought she was going to be issued a green card. It was due to a lot of Denby's efforts that this IC was the best ever. We love you Denby and we thank you for everything you did!

About the Hotel staff...

This was by far the best hotel and staff that we have had the pleasure of dealing with. The amenities were outstanding. Everyone was prompt and helpful, even when special needs were concerned. Should another major STARFLEET event occur in Birmingham, the Marriott should be the hotel chosen!

About the IC staff...

Michelle Muench made a fantastically informative program guide. Her husband James handled the IC store and auction and was very adept at getting that last second bid to prosper that extra few bucks for charity. Thanks also go to Larry Morris for coordinating the SFMC side of things, Sue Ellen Mohney for exhausting herself with our cadets and for including them in all the things mommy and daddy do that weekend, Leslie Ryan for whipping us into shape, Neil Yawn for taking care of our medical needs, Bill Hart for having his eyes everywhere and making sure nothing needed additional security other than me on my flight home, Rich Trulson for making sure the computer operations responsibilities were not only met, but exceeded. The entire IC staff has not raised the bar - they raised the standard the bar rests on. A paradigm shift for all future ICs and the standard by which they will be judged.

From the heart...

I think I speak for many when I say "Thank you, IC2004, for giving us the avenue with which we made progress as an organization and strengthened our bonds as a family."

Productive.

I'm so glad we've had this time together...

Just to have a laugh and sing a song. And wouldn't you know it just before we've started, comes the time we have to say "so long".

Until San Antonio, that is.

Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons
Proud Member, STARFLEET

A COMMANDER'S RESPECT AND PRAISE

by Admiral Jonaathon "Gumby" Simmons

Coordinator, Region 17

To all the members of the Rocky Mountain Fleet,

I come to you today with praise for your efforts and respect for your accomplishments and contributions. Your efforts have put our region to the forefront of STARFLEET, and those efforts are rewarded. I have long said that "when the train comes in... everybody rides."

Today is that day.

To the chapters Alioth, Anasazi, Arc Royal, Mir, MoonType, Omega Glory, Orion, Pioneer, Stormbringer and Wind Spirit: I thank you for your dedication and your hard work to make Region 17 the region that was most talked about at this year's International Conference. It is because of your combined efforts, that we as a region enjoy the limelight and respect of our STARFLEET Peers.

To the members of our Region: I applaud your involvement and your constant support of your chapters and STARFLEET. All of you are what makes the difference. It is directly because of your participation and your feedback that we have made Region 17 shine in the face of member retention issues, waning Star Trek ratings and the apathy that has been experienced by the politics of human interaction, no matter what the organization is focused on.

All Region 17 members are now hereby granted 30 days paid shore leave. Go out and celebrate. You've earned it. Go out and wahooo until you can't wahooo no more, then report back to your ships, because there is even more to accomplish and even brighter frontiers await us.

You have challenged the concepts of fandom. You have raised the standard that the entire Fleet regards as "par." You have helped take Region 17 from the brink of complacency and put us directly in the spotlight of STARFLEET.

I am proud of your accomplishments. I am proud to be your humble RC. I am proud of the praise that was given to me at this year's IC on behalf of many other fellow regions and chapters.

And most of all, I am proud of you!

Admiral Johnathan
"Gumby" Simmons
Commander, Seventeenth Fleet
STARFLEET, The International
Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.

Some may say that Star Trek is losing its popularity, but you would never have heard such comments at the recent Region 15 Summit. Times have certainly changed for Star Trek and its devoted fans: major motion picture attendance has steadily declined, conventions are rapidly becoming extinct, and membership numbers in organizations such as STARFLEET have been decreasing at a steady pace year after year.

But as Region 15 met for its annual gathering, it became evident that there are people who remain passionate and enthusiastic about Star Trek, a core group of loyal fans that refused to go the way of the dodo bird — just as there were similar groups in the 1970s.

Our Summit received an extra boost by the attendance of Fleet Admiral Mike Malotte and Computer Operations Chief Mandi Livingston. Many Region 15 members had a chance to meet them at the Summit's first official event, an informal mixer held Friday, at Regional Coordinator Gary Halverson's house. More than 30 people enjoyed the good food and friendship.

The following day's program began with Convention Chairman Dave Forrand's opening remarks and introduction of the Region 15 Marine Color Guard. There was not a dry eye in the place as Laurie MacFarlane sang "God Bless America" in tribute to the Armed Forces stationed overseas. After the colors were posted, Regional Coordinator Gary Halverson led the assembly in a moment of silence for Shirley Maiewski, a pioneer in the "Save Star Trek" movement of 1970s.

To set the tone of friendship that would be prevalent throughout the Summit, the USS Kasimar, a Trek club that left STARFLEET more than 10 years ago, returned to the fold

GROWING TOGETHER THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND FUN: THE REGION 15 SUMMIT

Story & Photos by Trey Isquith • Region 15 Public Relations

through the Existing Fan Club Program. At the chapter's commissioning — led by Fleet Admiral Malotte — the Kasimar's members presented a large map showing the locations and logos of the region's chapters, as well as all Marine units.

Regional Coordinator Halverson's keynote address, "Growth: The Key to Our Success," outlined the need to be innovative, change with the times and develop an atmosphere that would be attractive to those outside STARFLEET and stimulate growth.

The keynote address was followed by a symposium titled "Growth in Action." Speaking through the magic of videotape, Vice Regional Coordinator Joe Ruttar encouraged members to attend regional events. Public Relations Officer Trey Isquith spoke about how the Region can help her cultivate its image through communications, including Communiqué articles. Finally, Recruiting Officer Corey Grant presented recruiting ideas for the future.

The symposium was followed by a roundtable discussion featuring Fleet Admiral Malotte and CompOps Chief Livingston. The questions came fast and furious and concentrated mostly on membership processing issues, but both Mike and Mandi held up well under the barrage of questions and were very informative.

The regional map presented by the USS Kasimar was among a number of items featured at Saturday afternoon's charity auction. The map went for \$200, part of the \$2000 raised for the Summit Charity.

A highlight of Saturday's program was the awards presentation, with the following chapters or individuals recognized:

Ship of Year:
USS Ares

Member of the Year:
Ellen Majka of the USS Nelson

Officer of the Year:
Paul Fest of the USS Ares

Newsletter of the Year:
The Crows Nest (USS Nelson)

STARFLEET Student of the Year:
Scott Grant of the USS Hood

Cadet of the Year:
Branden Sparks of the USS Avalon

Communications Award:
Louisa Scherma of the USS Ares

Engineering Award:
Brian Caton of the USS O'Bannon

Science Award:
Guy Champagne of the USS O'Bannon

The Region 17 Buffet and Party topped off a very busy and rewarding day of activities. The USS Darwin provided good food and a relaxing atmosphere. The newly-commissioned USS Kasimar showed us all how to celebrate with style as they danced the night away and members of the USS Ian Fleming showed their karaoke talents. Mike Malotte and Mandi Livingston even got into the spirit of things by joining with others to pay Gary Halverson to sing some karaoke, including "Dancing Queen" by ABBA, "I am Woman" by Helen Redding and "She bangs" by a singer whose name I can't remember. To make matters worse, this spectacle was broadcast on one of the STARFLEET IRC channels! To the conspirators, it was well worth the pain.

Sunday morning's activities included the regional Marine Muster and two panels, including "On the Set of Deep Space Nine" hosted by Linda Fury, in which she detailed her experiences on the set of the last episode of Deep Space Nine. The second panel discussed much needed upgrades to our Bridge set display.

Particularly moving was the tribute for Shirley Maiewski given by Doug Mayo. Doug presented some touching letters and accounts of the effect Shirley had on so many people. Finally, Regional Coordinator Halverson thanked everyone for their outstanding efforts in making the summit a huge success.

After a weekend of fun, friendship and camaraderie, I don't foresee the demise of Star Trek in our region any time soon. We walked away with a renewed spirit to carry on with the fight, just as those pioneers of the early 1970s did. We know that with hard work, dedication and fun, we can continue to be ambassadors to the passion we call Star Trek for years to come.



The crew of the Ares pose after being named Region 15 Chapter of the Year.



Mandi Livingston and Mike Malotte field questions from the bridge.

I have a few things to say about the 2004 STARFLEET International Conference.

Typically, we talk about how nice the hotel was, or how great the IC Staff performed, or how great the weekend was. But I'm not going to do that.

I want to tell you what going to the IC meant for me, share a few photos, and hopefully give you a flavor for how important this entire group we call STARFLEET can be to people.

I haven't seen a lot of Fleet people for some time (there's a shocker, he said, thinking back to his deployment), so going to IC was a chance to see a small group of people I knew would be there. For example, I hadn't seen Scott Akers in almost four years, so having the opportunity to see him, room with him [<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/9.jpg>] and be his assistant for the meeting of the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board (ECAB) was definitely worth the four-hour trip on Friday.

The highlight for me for the weekend was that simple... connecting with people. I'd like to share with you just a few of those stories and paint a little picture...

Dave Blaser, Always a Commodave

It's no secret at this point that my good friend Dave Blaser was promoted to Rear Admiral this weekend, so being able to see him receive that kudo and many others, and also to see my unofficial Canadian family (Dave, Mike and Laura Dugas, and Paul Stevens, whom I was able to meet face to face for the first time) was absolutely terrific.

The fact that Dave went and broke up the band is a small price to pay for seeing his reaction (we need to record that scream, Dave!)

A picture is worth a thousand words...
<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/1.jpg>

The USS Jaguar Most Wanted List

I was equally excited to see the entire board of directors of the USS Jaguar — Scott Akers, Allyson Dyar and Susan Fugate. As the Chief of Operations, it was nice to have the "command staff" of the chapter all present and accounted for (apparently Kurt was left home to make a few thousand certificates for the weekend festivities).

I can't begin to express the importance of seeing those three people and having the opportunity to spend time talking to each of them face to face: Scott, for the opportunity to be his lackey for the weekend and to share a vision for the organization; Allyson, for the opportunity to share enthusiasm for medical illustration on Sunday morning; and

Susan (and Joost) just to see two people being happy together. Just fantastic.

Again, a picture is worth a thousand words...
<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/9.jpg>

[The Jaguar Most Wanted]

<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/10.jpg> [The Jaguar Crew, before their rear-end mug shot]

The Keeper of the Whip

It's fairly common knowledge at this point that Allyson's Whip (or would that be more appropriately described as "The Whip that Owns Allyson?") tends to get into trouble

gentlemen, either to share a fine glass of white port (Mark) or talk about life and our plans and hopes and dreams (JC). Simply having dinner with them on Friday, sharing time at the hibachi grill, exchanging stories of gourmet food around the world (not to mention dropping down some sushi) was sheer and simple delight.

I thank both of them for being there and making my trip worthwhile.

Enough Cannot Be Said...

...About the hospitality that Region 2 members show their guests. I've been to three Region 2 events (two summits and an IC) and I currently reside in the region (for as long as the Air Force sees fit to keep



*Yep, it's the Commodaves, live at IC!
Photo submitted by Allyson Dtar*

during the room parties at ICs. As such, Allyson charged me with the care and proper feeding of The Whip for the entire weekend. So I kept him out of trouble, on a strict regimen of Air Force physical fitness. I also made sure that he got three square meals a day and got to meet his good friend, the Poobah Hat.

Again, a picture is worth a thousand words...
<http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/4.jpg>

My Extended Family From Ithaca

I have come to think of the people from the USS Accord, particularly Mark Anbinder and JC Cohen, as close members of my extended STARFLEET family.

I always look forward to seeing both

me here, anyway) and I can say without hesitation that with few exceptions:

- Region 2 members give the best hugs (I know, having the stuffing squeezed out of me by "Momma" Denby Potts at 7:15am on Friday morning)
- Region 2 members think always of others first and NEVER hesitate to thank people for just being there
- Region 2 members always seem to have excellent food on the plate (and this IC was no exception)
- And finally... Region 2 members make you want to come back for more.

I thank everyone in Region 2 and those individuals who all worked hard on the IC

for everything they do

Going to the Chapel and We're Gonna Get Married

Another reason that this IC was special: three couples, all of whom happen to also be people whom I consider part of my extended family, were honored with an engagement/wedding party on Friday night: Joan Pierce and Ricky Bruckman, Lauren Milan and Martin Lessem, Susan Fugate and Joost Ueffing.

It doesn't get any better than seeing people find each other. Enough said.

You Pretty Much Could Thank Everyone...

...But the truth of the matter is that we all come to these events wanting to see as many of our friends for as long as we possibly can before the weekend ends. The truth is that there simply isn't enough time for everyone to see everyone else, and so the moments at these events — every one of them — are precious.

Each hug we give as we pass in the hall, each handshake we exchange as we meet and greet each other, each panel we sit on, and each photo we pose for are all part of the important moments that we come to these events for.

I think if you asked people what this all means — what STARFLEET is — they wouldn't tell you that it's about the Communiqué or the membership packet or taking Academy Courses or getting promoted or winning an award. I think the people who stick around would tell you that it's about those that we see face to face far too infrequently, who we often forget about much too quickly, or who we are quick to judge because of something said in an email, a chat room, or in passing.

Then reality sets in, and we begin to understand that as we've reached the 30-year point in this organization, it's a lot like a child that grows up and leaves home. In this case, the child is both STARFLEET the organization and its members, who grow, get older, meet companions, establish relationships, sometimes get married, and have children of their own.

So for me, this was just a simple, quiet weekend away from my primary family and a chance to spend some time with my other family. It's what keeps me coming back for more. I hope it feels the same for you.

Stay the course.

Twenty-five years ago, on an utterly insignificant blue-green planet in the unfashionable end of the outer western spiral arm of the galaxy, there was a BBC Radio production of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

On September 21st, 2004, BBC radio will be airing a brand new series, updating the Radio Show to include material from all five books of the trilogy. (As a note to the uninitiated, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is well known for redefining the word "trilogy.")

You can read the announcement (and play an audio preview) by visiting the BBC's web site at http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/hitchhikers/index_new.shtml

That's not the interesting part.

You may recall that when The Heart of Gold was approaching the legendary

THE RETURN OF ARTHUR DENT

by Corporal Captain Blair Learn • Region 1

planet of Magrathea, the planet's computer network launched two missiles at them. (According to the message on the planetary answering machine, the nuclear warheads were included as a courtesy detail.)

The Infinite Improbability Drive was subsequently used to turn the missiles into a bowl of petunias and a rather startled looking whale. The whale's thoughts were a rather long stream of realizations concluding with, "What's this coming up at me? It so big and flat, it needs a big name like ow...wow...round...Ground! I wonder if it will be friends with me?"

The Bowl of Petunias on the other hand merely thought, "Oh no. Not again."

Several books later, right about the time Arthur learns how to throw himself at the ground and miss, he encounters a creature named Agrajag who wants to kill him. It turns out that Agrajag has been repeatedly reincarnated and each time, just as he gets used to being alive again, along comes Arthur Dent and Agrajag gets killed (including one time when he was quite happily dead and suddenly Arthur Dent was responsible for him coming to life in mid-air as a bowl of petunias). So now Agrajag has decided to take his revenge

by killing Arthur Dent.

That's all covered in the books and it's still not the interesting part.

According to a BBC news article (<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/3827181.stm>), Douglas Adams will be providing the voice of Agrajag for the upcoming BBC radio production.

Here's the interesting bit: Douglas Adams died in 2001. But back in 1999, he recorded an audition tape for the role back of Agrajag and that's what they'll be using for his part in the new radio production. It's a role Douglas Adams very much wanted to play and one can only imagine that he'd enjoy the idea of being "reincarnated" in order to play the role of a man who's been reincarnated.

"It was the best of times and it was the worst of times"...

This quote should be familiar to all of us, because it was uttered by arguably the most famous character of the Star Trek universe. If you remember when James T. Kirk said those words, it was on his birthday and he was a little bit down. Why? Because he was getting a little bit older, a little bit tired and things did not work out quite as he had planned.

Similarly, we as an organization and as a fandom are also experiencing the best of times and the worst of times. For close to 40 years now, the Star Trek phenomenon has experienced the best of times: five television series, nine major motion pictures, countless books, merchandise, memorabilia, and a loyal and enthusiastic fan base with hundreds of clubs worldwide. It has been so powerful a force that it has even made its mark on the American lexicon.

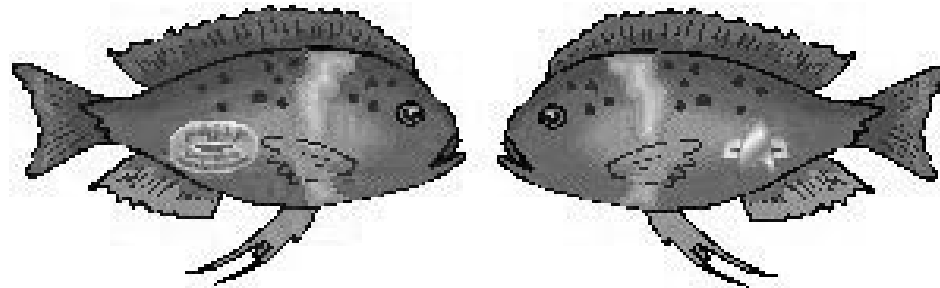
But in recent years we may have been starting to experience the worst of times. Declining interest in Star Trek is evident everywhere. Motion picture attendance has steadily declined, conventions are rapidly becoming extinct, and more importantly membership numbers in fan organizations like ours have also been in decline. Does this mean that Star Trek is dead? In my opinion, no; I think there are individuals and groups out there, just like ourselves, who are just as passionate about Trek.

So why are we having such a problem? Maybe I can explain this by the use of a parable.

There was once a big fish named Trekkie that lived in a small pond. This fish was a beautiful fish. People from all around would travel great distances to

LEARNING FROM A BIG FISH CALLED TREKKIE

by RADM Gary Halverson • Coordinator, Region 15



see and feed this big and beautiful fish. One day Trekkie said to himself, "Why should I go to the surface for the food? I'll sit at the bottom and wait for the food to fall down to me."

Years went by, and Trekkie had it made. Then one day Trekkie was shocked to see another big and beautiful fish. "Hi, my name is Skywalker," said the fish. "How did you get here?" asked Trekkie. "People thought the pond was too big for just one fish, so they threw me in." "Well, I guess there is enough room for the both of us." Trekkie still stayed at the bottom of the pond, and even though it wasn't quite as before, he still had enough food to satisfy him.

As the years went by though more and more people kept throwing more fish in the pond. One day while sitting at the bottom

of the pond, Trekkie noticed that there was not enough food dropping to the bottom, so he went to the surface to find out what was going on. When he got to the surface the pond was teeming with fish, large fish, bright and beautiful. "What happened!" yelled Trekkie. Another fish by the name of Frodo answered, "You became a small fish in a big pond."

Star Trek has become a small fish in a big pond. It's still as big and beautiful as it always has been, but now there are other fish, just as big and as beautiful. In other words we have competition for the time of the average sci-fi fan. Times have changed for today's families – their time is precious to them, the cost of living is higher, both parents have to work, life is more complicated and uncertain. Couple that with the fact that with today's technology you don't even have to leave your home

to conquer the Universe. You can do it right in front of your computer.

So the point here is that they have so little time, yet have so many choices. The key to our success as a fandom is new ingenious ideas that will stimulate growth. To do something that will make our organization more attractive to them. The days where we wait at the bottom for the food to come to us are over. Star Trek on name recognition alone is not enough. We have to start thinking out of the box, to do things differently both at regional level and chapter level.

In conclusion, is Star Trek dying? No, it still can be as attractive and fun as always. But we need to remember that we are no longer the only fish in the pond. We need to cooperate with one another, develop friendships and put aside the petty gossip and grudges that have plagued us in the past. Stop playing the political games that are so unattractive to our organization. Make our Regions fun, places which people want to be a part of. Encourage participation in regional events and use them as an opportunity to get to know each other better and help foster a family atmosphere.

When that family atmosphere is fostered, it becomes a birthplace of great ideas. It happened in the 1970's, and it can happen today. If we do this, then growth will come naturally and we will have successful organization that will last for years to come.

FROM THE CENTER SEAT

FLEET ADMIRAL MIKE MALOTTE
COMMANDER, STARFLEET



The 2004 International Conference. What more can be said other than the fact that it was an absolutely awesome time. The hotel was excellent, the food wonderful, the AC in working order on all floors and the facilities were perfect for what we were doing. The IC staff had everything under control and you couldn't turn around without running into one of them or stop a moment without one of them seeing if you needed help or directions. Even with all the screw-ups with arrivals due to flight issues, they rolled with it and got everyone there.

As you know, for the Executive Committee and Admiralty Board, this was a working weekend. Friday, we got into the real meat and potatoes of the weekend, business-wise. At 10:00 am, the annual ECAB meeting got started. As has become the rule instead of the exception, it was an informative and friendly meeting and we accomplished a lot. JC Cohen, VCS Chief of Staff, will bring everyone up to date on the AB decisions later on in this issue. I'd like to take a moment and thank Allyson Dyar, my most fantastic Chief of Staff, for all she did to prepare for this meeting. Typical of her entire tenure, she was the reason I was as organized as I was.

As with all ICs, awards were plentiful. I'd like to take just a moment and apologize to both the USS Claymore and the USS Hell's Fury. In my posting on the Fleet list, I inadvertently named the Claymore as winning Shuttle of the Year when it was actually the Hell's Fury. My notes were incorrect and I'm sorry to both chapters for any hassle this may have caused.

Here are the International Award winners for 2003:

Helping Hands - USS Hadfield

Junior Member of the Year - Juliana Hoolihan

Enlisted Member of the Year - Mark Nichols

Shuttle of the Year - Shuttle Hell's Fury

Chapter of the Year - USS Hadfield

Officer of the Year - Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

Member of the Year - Larry Barnes

Exemplary Service Award - Allyson Dyar

Honorary 3 year Membership - Robin Smith

Lifetime Membership - Dave Ryan

We ended the awards ceremony with the announcement of the winner of the 2006 International Conference. The EC was pleased to award this to Mike Smith of Region 7 – we'll see all of you in Philly in 2006.

There were also a number of promotions handed out:

Promoted to Captain: Steve Halber, Fran Simmons

Fleet Captain: Rodney "Neal" Yawn, Robin Smith

Commodore: Sharon Lambert, Warren Price, Debby Horst

Rear Admiral: Dave Blaser, Jerry Tien, JC Cohen, Danny Potts

Vice Admiral: Greg Trotter
Lieutenant General: Jill Rayburn

One other honor the Commander, STARFLEET has is to award the STARFLEET Cross. This award is given to recognize a Marine who has rendered exceptional service to STARFLEET in general – either by demonstrating consistently outstanding performance over time or by performing a particular task or service to a high standard of excellence. Anyone can nominate someone for this award and the Commander, STARFLEET can also choose the recipients. For 2003, the following Marines were awarded the STARFLEET Cross:

David L. Kania, Patrick McAndrew, Chris Esquibel, Jill Rayburn, Wade Olson, Aaron Murphy, John Roberts, Linda Olson, Scott Grant, Wade Hoover, Dennis Rayburn, Sandy Berenberg, DJ Allen, JD Clancy, Mark Anbinder, Joost Ueffing, Scott Akers and Mandi Livingston.

To Pete, Danny and Denby Potts and all the staff who put on IC - you folks were fantastic. To those who showed up – I know a great time was had by all. Thanks for an excellent time. I couldn't have asked for a better one to serve as my last as CS.

And finally, I put this in my last article but it bears repeating: 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 3 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. You know now who the candidates are. Get to know more about 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. I want to personally thank both Mandi Livingston and Les Rickard for being willing to give of themselves and run for this job. It's a lot of fun, at times, but it is more work in the background than you can imagine.

To that end, I have created what I fondly call "The Organized Commander, STARFLEET Instruction Manual". This manual details both the legal and 'Fleet obligations the president has to attend to throughout their administration. If you are interested in it, you can find it on the Documents Center on the STARFLEET web site. Each RC also got a copy of it at the ECAB meeting at IC. Check it out when you get the chance.

That about does it for me this time. See ya in 60!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Malotte".

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

Ray Gale
Scott Frederickson
Jason Weingartner
Dave Forrand
Ronald Smith
Paula Kesler
David "Zawg" Phelps
Fran Simmons
Steve Halber

Fleet Captain/Brigadier

Robert Graham
Kathy Hench
Gigi Jacobson
Alice Arnold
Mary Ann Morris
Donald A. Glenn
Benjamin L. Johnson
Rodney "Neil" Yawn
Robin Smith

Commodore / Brigadier General

Billie Clifton
Heather Ford
William "Biff" Bassett
Debby Horst
Warren Price
Sharon Lambert
Aaron Murphy

Rear Admiral

Joyce Fink
Raymond Ford
John A. "J.C." Cohen
Danny Potts
Dave Blaser
Jerry Tien

Lt. General

Jill Rayburn

Vice Admiral

Greg Trotter

OFF CENTER VIEWPOINT

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MARK H. ANBINDER
VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET



What a difference a summer makes! As I write this in the residual warm glow of this year's International Conference in Birmingham, more of the 2004 VCS World Tour is behind us than ahead of us. No doubt there are lots of photos and comments from the IC in these pages, so I'll focus on my great visit to the Region 3 Summit in June.

Lisa Pruitt picked me up at the Lubbock airport, bringing back fond memories of my last (and only other) visit to R3, the 1998 IC. We stopped on the way back to the hotel for supplies, and I got to meet some of the summit organizers after checking in and before the BBQ dinner at a nearby restaurant.

The hotel was laid out a bit oddly; we had to walk through the pool area to get to the meeting rooms and banquet! Everything went smoothly, though, and I was very pleased both for the chance to meet guest celebrity David Gerrold and the opportunity to watch the legendary R3 casino night in action. Spiffy starship bridge simulator, too!

Ironically, with a weekend in Texas, the best BBQ was at the DFW airport, between my first and second flights home. After checking on my seats, I walked over to Dickies BBQ Pit, which I'd spotted on the way to the gate. I was going to eat a little lighter, and just have a BBQ sandwich, but I couldn't decide between sliced beef and hot link. So, the guy let me taste a little of each. That made it even harder! So I ended up with a two-meat combo plate, with some excellent cole slaw and potato salad.

I have to say, my trip to Lubbock was fraught with more travel difficulties than I've ever faced before on a single trip. Between flight delays and poorly run security lines and the airline shuffle, I was three hours late getting to Texas, and I was even stranded overnight in Newark, NJ on the way back! The trip was clearly worthwhile, though I'm hoping my future trips to R3 involve simpler itineraries. (Three flights each way probably made glitches almost inevitable.)

The trip to IC involved three flights each way, as well, but other than having to run through the Charlotte airport in order to get to my second flight on the way home, my travels were much smoother than those of many other IC attendees. Good thing the Longhorn Steakhouse had fueled me for the trip home.

International Charities Coordinator

At the IC, I was pleased to be able to welcome the latest member of the VCS staff, Trey Isquith, as STARFLEET's new International Charities Coordinator. I was delighted at how many qualified applicants came forward to offer to serve in this role.

I've never been more grateful to have such a difficult decision to make!

Trey has been talking about getting in touch with the network of regional charity coordinators, and I'm sure many chapter and regional charity officers will be getting in touch with her, as well. See the contact info pages of this issue for details on how to get hold of Trey.

One of the things the International Charities Coordinator does, to the extent possible, is collect chapter reports of money raised/donated or volunteer hours worked, to summarize into a Fleetwide total such as "Last year, STARFLEET members



did 422,000 collective hours of volunteer work!" or "In the 1990s, STARFLEET chapters collected a total of \$4,000,000 for charities!" (Yes, I just made those numbers up!)

The International Charities Coordinator also organizes a small staff who keep track of, or support, specific charities that have been "adopted" on a wider level, i.e. charities that many chapters support together. For example, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, the STARFLEET Stampede Program, and the Overseas Coupon Project are all handled on a Fleetwide level, with information and other resources available thanks to volunteers who help out the International Charities Coordinator.

My own chapter has been getting more and more involved in STARFLEET's Overseas Coupon Project, thanks to the efforts of Jenna Duerr. That's just one of many ways that many STARFLEET chapters participate in charitable and community service activities, and I hope you'll all share what you're up to, so the rest of us can benefit from your ideas.

Staff Updates

Claire Halber, Director of STARFLEET's Office of Accessibility Resources, reports that over fifty members have signed up to take her brand new course in STARFLEET Academy's School of Accessibility, under the Academy's Institute of Leadership. Claire and I are both hoping the course will make as many STARFLEET members as possible aware of how they can make their publications, projects, and events accessible to those with handicaps or disabilities.

Meantime, Claire is working on getting STARFLEET's Membership Handbook into large print and audio formats for the visually impaired, so the most basic information about the organization will be accessible to a wider range of members.

Where to next?

By the time you read this, I'll probably be in the middle of a series of September wedding trips, after which I think I'll mostly be sticking to Ithaca for most of October (especially considering Watkins Glen Weekend starts off the month right here) before getting back into the hockey travel swing.

I'm also planning to attend the 2004 Region 7 Conference on November 5th-7th, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, hopping in the car right after Friday night's hockey game. I've been promised that refreshments will be waiting when I get to Bethlehem!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MHA".

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

By PO3 Claire Halber •

Accessibility Resource Coordinator

The past few months have been very busy in this office. Over 50 people have registered for the Basic Disabilities Course at SFA. We also have a Cadet Corps version of the course. There has been a positive response to the material in the course. The Cadet Course is open to cadets over 10 years of age. We sincerely hope to see more cadets enroll.

We are currently preparing the Membership Handbook in a variety of formats for visually impaired members. Large print and electronic versions will be available soon. For those members who will need adaptations to SFA courses, when you register for a course, please indicate the type of adaptation that you prefer, so that we can prepare the materials for you. This will be done on an individual basis. We hope to have all the Leadership materials prepared in advance, as they will probably be the most in demand.

After the Handbook is recorded, we plan to broadcast it on RadioStarfleet (RSF) at scheduled times, thanks to the approval of Da Boss, Larry Barnes. Other RSF programs are in development. I would like to thank the following people for their time, support and ideas. Mark H. Anbinder has shown great leadership and provided me with direction. This is a new position that has been evolving, and he has kept me on track. Jamie Delantonas, my assistant and idea man, has been keeping me busy with his brainstorming. He is responsible for proposing the Accessibility Course and creating the Cadet Course. Thanks, son. His positive attitude is an inspiration.

At IC, I had an opportunity to discuss the future of this office with the candidates. They were all very positive and had great ideas on how to make STARFLEET more accessible to the members. I also met many members who made excellent suggestions. Thanks to you all.

When I joined this organization last summer, I had no idea that I would get this involved so quickly. I would suggest that you get on the lists, go on the chat rooms, listen to RSF, take SFA courses, and become active on your ship and at the regional level. If there are any barriers to your participation due to a disability, contact your CO or this office directly. If you have any questions about disability services in your community, please let us know. We have information on local resources. Thank you.

"With my arms wide..."

Infinite Diversity In Infinite Combinations

Claire

Obviously, with the IC happening within the time-frame of this AB summary, much work was done by the AB, hence a longer article than normal.

Before the IC, the AB continued deliberations on various matters, such as the membership processing change-over and taking steps to insure that future turnovers of all jobs in 'FLEET can go more smoothly.

One of the international RCs brought up ideas that could help raise international numbers, such as modular memberships. The AB discussed the merits and problems with these ideas. STARFLEET Communications and the international AB members also worked together to find out why CQs are taking a long time to reach international members.

The AB discussed a proposal to allow for methods other than USPS to be used in future elections. Note that they did not specify any specific method at this time, only created new verbiage to allow for the possibility that, in the future, a method of electronic voting may come to be acceptable in terms of reliability and security, and if that happens, STARFLEET will be able to take advantage of it.

EC/AB NEWS

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

The AB discussed and voted on a resolution to extend Sam Black's term as JAG until the IC, where the AB then voted on an Amendment (which now goes to the members) to alter the terms of the JAG's office to match the new three-year term of all other offices in FLEET. An amendment is also being offered to alter the IG's term of office in the same way. Sam Black was also, at the IC, reaffirmed for another term as JAG.

The AB discussed whether there is a need to modify the rules by which RCs are elected, noting recent elections in R1 and R12 and complaints generated by those proceedings. It was noted that the process is in the IG's manual and that it is the EC's responsibility to alter it, but that the EC welcomes AB input in to smoothing out the process. The possibility of future use of Instant Run-off Voting was raised, and a presentation was made to the AB about IRV at the IC. To find out more about IRV, go to <http://www.instantrunoff.com>.

At the IC, routine procedures such as discussing the format of the meeting and

approval of the previous years' minutes were quickly dealt with.

The AB was informed that our articles of incorporation incorrectly state we are a 501c3 organization, when we are in fact a 501c7 organization. This is being corrected. STARFLEET is in no danger from this error, as the IRS had us listed correctly, but it should not remain in error.

The AB approved STARFLEET joining the Association of Collecting Clubs for a nominal fee. We are going to explore what options this organization could give us as new opportunities for our members, or new recruiting venues.

Committees were formed at the IC. One committee is going to deal with the RC election issues, including such questions as "What happens if no one runs for RC?" and "Do we need a campaigning period for RC, similar to that for CS?" Another Committee is investigating the legalities surrounding possible pitfalls in our membership policies, most specifically giving memberships to convicted sexual predators (as membership

is currently open to all) compared to STARFLEET's legitimate need to have members, including younger family members, feel safe as part of the organization.

The EC presented their candidates for Honorary and Lifetime member - Robin Smith and David Ryan, respectively. These were quickly approved by the AB.

The AB also bid over recent months a fond farewell to Alex Rosenzweig, and greeted the new RCR7 Mike Smith, as that transfer of power occurred, and welcomed Region 12's new RC Wade Hoover after the election occurred in R12. The AB thanks R12's VRC for their service as interim RC during the transition.

As always, if you have concerns about these or any issues, you should talk to your AB member, your Regional Coordinator. A list of each and every RC can be found in the back of this and every CQ.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL JOOST UEFFING
CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, STARFLEET



Greetings 'Fleet!

IC2004 is behind us. Wow. I'm sure other people will be able to describe the weekend better than I, but I must say I was extremely pleased with many things about this summit:

- The turnout was great! I saw a lot of people I hadn't seen in a year or more. It really made it feel like a family reunion than a convention.

- The *whole* EC showed up. I don't think that's happened in a long, long time.

- The IC itself was awesome. Kudos to the summit staff for the fantastic job they did!

- R2 throws a good party!

Yearly Review

First, I want to take time to thank a group of people who Operations works with on a monthly, weekly, and sometimes daily basis. These are the chapter COs. They are a hard-working and dedicated group of people without which Operations would not function with the ease and pleasantness it has been operating at over the past year

and a half. I would also like to take time to thank the other group of people that have made my work so much easier since I started: the database team. This piece of software has made my job 10 times easier and I can't even begin to phantom what my workload would be like before it.

Operations has had a decent year so far. In conjunction with Shuttle Operations, we've commissioned 21 ships this year. Sadly, however, Operations has also had to decommission 15 ships as well, leaving a net gain of 6 new chapters. We welcome all those ships that have commissioned and say a fond farewell to those chapters that have left.

Correspondence Operations has been moving forward with its usual hard work and dedication. Michelle Fanelli (mrbasil@flash.net) and her assistant Joe Hoolihan (joehooli@erols.com) have been keeping all the correys chapters informed as to what has been happening with other chapters and has helped those ships either looking to become a correys chapter or change into a meeting chapter. This year, Correy Ops is unveiling a new directory of Correy ships which will be available for download from the Operations website. Anyone wishing to see a copy of

the directory can talk to either myself or Michelle.

Operations also started the Chapter Care Program this year. Under the direction of Kandyleigh Provencher (justkandys@verizon.net) and her two assistants, Guy Champagne (gchamp@lamere.net) and Mark Craft (pudgnutt@metrocast.net), they have been contacting chapters to see how they're doing and if they need assistance with any concerns or issues. One thing I would like to mention is that a lot of the e-mail addresses chapter COs have listed for themselves have been bouncing when the CCP tries to contact you. I do urge all the COs here to make sure they check their chapter record on the Database and make sure their e-mail addresses are up to date.

Now Operations wouldn't function if it didn't have a staff that wasn't helping me with the daily and monthly tasks that makes the department run smoothly. So I would like to take this time to quickly acknowledge them:

- Over the past year, I realize that I wouldn't be able to function without this person. She's basically done everything I've done, executed tasks I've asked for

with efficiency and precision, and has basically made herself invaluable to me. With this in mind, I'd like to thank Chrissy Killian (chrissy.killian@comcast.net) for her service to Operations.

- As I mentioned earlier, Correy Operations wouldn't function the way it is without Michelle Fanelli and Joe Hoolihan at the helm. I'd like to thank them both for their service.

- With the rolling out of any new program, there are bound to be some snags. Kandyleigh and her staff, Guy and Mark, have done a great job smoothing out those snags and getting the program off to a good start. I'd also like to thank them for their service.

- And last, I know this encompasses a lot of people past and present and isn't really a department under Operations, but this group of people have made my life, and therefore Operations in general, so much easier. This group is the database team with Computer Operations.

Welcome To the Fleet:

STARFLEET Operations welcome the latest additions to the fleet:

USS Kasimar, Region 15, Captain Mark Libby commanding.

USS Hathor, Region 1, Captain Chris Underwood commanding.

USS Pride of Scotland, Region 1, Rear Admiral Sanford Berenberg commanding
(cont. on p. 12).

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ISS Kerberos, Region 7, Fleet Captain
Dino Gravato commanding.

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 MSRs are due May 5th for instance) and late MSRs are considered between the 6th and 10th of that month (April MSRs are late between May 6th and May 10th for instance). Four FTRs (failure to report) 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.

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.

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.

And finally, a reminder that I am in the US till the beginning of October. Any mail correspondence can be sent to: 813 Fain Ave, Kingsport, TN, USA, 37660

That's about all I have to say for this issue. Keep smiling, reporting, and making a difference. Till next time...



MSR REPORTING

MAY 2004:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	55	56	98%
R2	25	30	83%
R3	18	20	90%
R4	17	19	89%
R5	4	8	50%
R6	4	5	80%
R7	26	30	87%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	4	75%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	21	29	72%
R13	5	5	100%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	12	12	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals	203	231	88%

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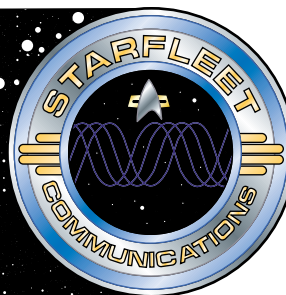
Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	46	55	84%
R2	27	30	90%
R3	18	20	90%
R4	17	20	85%
R5	4	7	57%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	28	30	93%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	4	4	100%
R11	1	1	100%
R12	23	29	79%
R13	5	5	100%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	13	13	100%
R17	8	9	89%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	202	231	87%

JULY 2004:

Region	Reported	Total	Percentage
R1	56	57	98%
R2	22	30	73%
R3	19	20	95%
R4	18	20	90%
R5	5	7	71%
R6	5	5	100%
R7	27	30	90%
R9	1	1	100%
R10	3	4	75%
R11	0	1	0%
R12	21	29	72%
R13	5	5	100%
R14	1	1	100%
R15	13	13	100%
R17	9	9	100%
R20	1	1	100%
Totals:	206	233	88%

IN COMMING...

COMMODORE DIXIE HALBER
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, STARFLEET



Hello everyone. I hope this column finds everyone well and enjoying your summer vacations. Except for those of you down under, hope you're having a nice winter!

It's been a busy couple of months here. Getting ready for and participating in the IC took up most of my time. And speaking of the IC, what a wonderful job the IC committee did this year. It was really fabulous. Many thanks to Pete Mohny, Danny Potts and the entire crew down in R2. Great job one and all.

It was good to get a chance to see everyone at the IC. It was the first time the entire EC has been present at one for many years. While we were extremely busy we got a lot of good work accomplished.

My favorite part of any IC is handing out awards. This year was no exception. One change that I made this year was to the

first place award winner. For so many years the standard for newsletters was the USS MAAT's newsletter. This year we decided to honor that publication permanently, and create the first ever USS MAAT Award of Excellence. And now without any further ado, the 2003 Newsletter of the Year awards:

Honorable Mention - The Shunt Squirt
- USS Thagard, Steve Mauch editing

Third Place - The Anvil - USS
Hephaestus, Pete Mohny editing

Second Place - The Lunar Times - USS
Rising Moon, Arthur Sheffield and Loma Brown, editing

and the USS MAAT Award of Excellence goes to:
The Avenger News - USS Avenger,
Lauren Milan editing

Also handed out with the 2003 Web Awards presented by Vice Chief, Ed Nowlin. The awards were presented to:

Awards of Excellence:
USS Archer - Region 7 -
<http://www.ussarcher.org>
Region 20 -
<http://www.region20.org>
USS Osiris - Region 7 -
<http://www.ussosiris.org>

Informational Website:
STARFLEET Operations -
<http://www.sfi.org/ops>

Fun Website:
STARFLEET Region 26 -
<http://www.region-17.org/merger.htm>

Winners Choice:
USS Richthofen - Region 7 -
<http://www.ussredbaron.org>

Chapter Website of the Year:
USS Gasparilla - Region 2 - <http://www.ussgasparilla.org>

Regional Website of the Year:
STARFLEET Region 17 -
<http://www.region-17.org>

Vanguard Website of the Year:
Here too was a change in the usual awards. As Ed and I were judging the websites, we noticed that all of the sites we were considering for the Vanguard award had one thing in common, their designer. So rather than making the final award to a single page, we decided to honor the person behind them and recognize the incredible body of work this person has created.

Therefore:
Vanguard/Web Designer of the Year:
Lauren Milan

And that is pretty much it for this time. See you all in 60.

Dixie L. Halber

THE SHUTTLEBAY

COMMODORE JERRY TIEN
CHIEF OF SHUTTLE OPERATIONS,
STARFLEET



Greetings, 'Fleet!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer so far. The last couple of months have been so packed with events it's like a whirlwind. People were all excited about the upcoming International Conference at the end of July. Based on the excellent progress reports, how can anything go wrong, right?

Flash back to the weekend before IC. I ran into Adm. Chris Wallace of the USS Brightstar in San Diego during Comic Con. (This is not as trivial as it sounds, considering that event had well over 100,000 attendees.) We joked about meeting again in four days in Birmingham, AL. Lo and behold, Chris didn't make it this year. Next thing you know, lots of flights were disrupted and we almost had a pool to see which EC/AB members were going to arrive in time for the meeting. Next time, I think we need that promise to show up in writing, Chris. (Just kidding, Sir.)

Thanks to the wonderful IC 2004 committee, the International Conference itself went very smoothly this year. The EC/AB meeting went without a hitch, as did the general sessions, banquet and panels. If you were not able to attend IC 2004,

allow me to give an update on some ShOC related statistics:

Through fiscal year 2004, we launched 13 shuttles and commissioned 22 ships. While the most active regions continued their steady growth, it's great to see the smaller regions showing signs of expansion too (e.g. R13, R15). I want to applaud the efforts in those regions and urge others to follow suit.

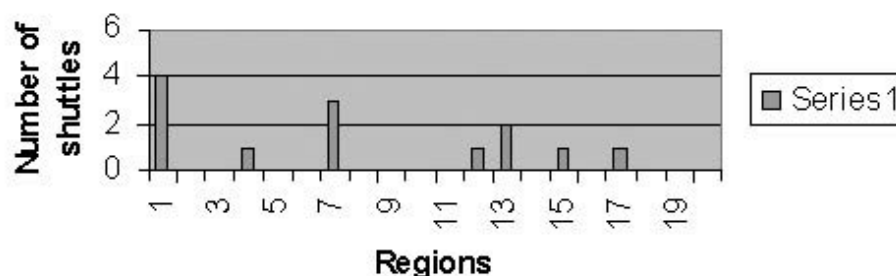
As we go into a new fiscal year, some of the most recent activities include the following launches and commissionings:

Shuttle Victorious (R2)
USS Hathor (R1)
ISS Kerberos (R7)
USS Pride of Scotland (R1)

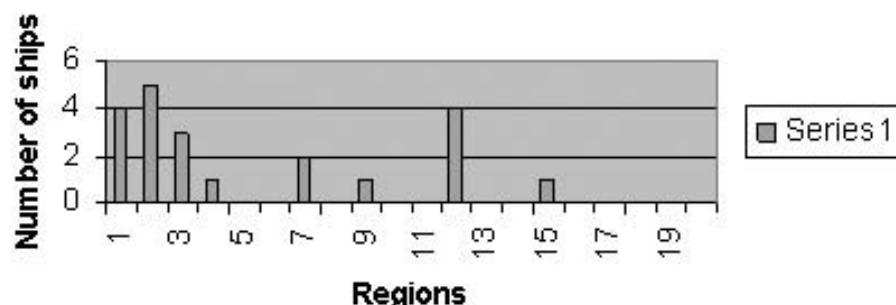
These all happened within about a month - great way to kick off a new year. Several other new shuttles are also in the works. I'll let you know once they are officially launched.

In order to provide the best support to the shuttles, our training materials must reflect 'Fleet advances. You saw the new S.T.A.R.T. manual. That's why a new M.O.M. manual is also in *(cont. on p. 14)*

Shuttle launches in FY 2004



Commissionings in FY 2004



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the pipeline. As part of this effort, we are looking for success stories to share. If you have anything that might be useful to the new chapters, please send them to me soon so they can be included.

Next, we launched the new starter kit. Some of you might have seen it at IC 2004 - this will include everything needed to start a shuttle. With a kit in hand, we can probably drop you in the middle of the Amazon and you can start recruiting the natives for a new shuttle! [The USS I AM BRASIL!]

One of the challenges in starting a shuttle is finding a good mothership. I want to take the guess work out of mothership selection. That's why we are recruiting chapters for the Certified Mothership Program (CMP). This program will offer a list of experienced chapters in good standing to perspective shuttle groups. That way, they can pick from a list of good mothership candidates. If you think your chapter is a good candidate for

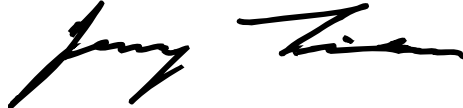
mothership, be sure to let me know.

Advanced Starship Design Bureau, another department of interest to shuttles, is ready to assist your shuttle (and ship) design needs. Please join me in welcoming the new chairman, Capt. David Lynch of USS Challenger, R7, to ASDB. He can be reached at

806 Beverly Drive
Somerdale, NJ 08083-1908
asdb@sfi.org

Last but not least - I want to remind everyone to vote in the 'Fleet election this year, especially the shuttle crews. Your groups might be new, but your opinions still count. This is your chance to make a difference in the future of STARFLEET.

I was very glad to see such great turnout at IC this year. Next stop for me is Las Vegas. See you at Region 4 Conference on 9/24-26!



MESSAGE FROM THE ASDB CHAIR

by CAPT Dave Lynch • USS Challenger, Region 7

Greetings, Fellow 'Fleeters. At this time I would first like to introduce myself. I am Captain Dave Lynch of the USS Challenger, NCC-1676-D, the new Chairman of the ASDB. I realize not many STARFLEET members do not know or know of me, beyond those of course on mIRC, so I will provide a brief history of myself.

My STARFLEET career began in 1996 as a member, then on to becoming Chief Engineer of the late starship USS Transcendence. During my time on the Transcendence, I joined the USS Briza as an associate member. During late 1997, the senior staffs of those two ships began discussing merging the two ships as a matter of necessity for both. The newly combined ship became the now late USS Arthur C. Clarke, where I served as first, her only Chief Engineer, and last CO, this was due to our being unable to

maintain the ten-member STARFLEET minimum requirement. During my time as a Chief Engineer I developed technical manuals for both the Transcendence and the Clarke. These manuals have been converted into Class manuals for the Intrepid and Akira classes respectively, and are available from me upon request and may be used as a guideline for other classes. I may be reached via e-mail at; asdb@sfi.org (please note in the subject line that you are contacting me with ASDB business) or by snail mail at: 806 Beverly Drive, Somerdale, NJ 08083-1908 Attention; ASDB.

I vow to all of you in STARFLEET I will do the best job I possibly can in this post and hope to serve all of you for a very long time.

Until Next Time,
Captain Dave Lynch

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

GENERAL SCOTT A. AKERS
COMMANDANT, STARFLEET ACADEMY



**We don't need no education
We don't need no thought control
No dark sarcasm in the classroom
Teachers leave them kids alone
Hey! teacher! leave us kids alone!**
Pink Floyd
Another Brick in the Wall, Part 2

The International Conference is over, and soon we will be back in class, cranking away at the books and preparing for the traditional Fleet-Corps Thanksgiving football game. This year I have my money on Fleet. That sophomore standout cadet, Rock Rockson, is one scary and formidable running back. In addition to the fact that he masses 235 kilos, he's also invisible. If betting on the game was legal

Well, enough of that. The big news is that awards for this year have been handed out, the scholarships awarded, and we are winding down to the end of this administration. As I write this, I think back on the previous 20 months of working with all of the fine volunteers in the Academy, and I am proud that I had the opportunity to meet and work with all of you.

Soon we will be casting votes for the next Commander of STARFLEET, and from the Academy point of view, let me cast my support behind ... the team you most feel comfortable with. So far I've seen nothing but good ideas and hard workers eager to serve. The best thing you could do for



Gumby awards Scott Akers Mjolnir Mk II as he is pronounced the Dahar Master of STARFLEET.
Photo submitted by Ed Nowlin

yourself and STARFLEET is to learn. Learn about the teams; learn about STARFLEET; learn about what YOU want out of both. So I invite you to take some of the new course offerings listed below, and above all else, have fun. That is the only order I can and will give while sitting in this office.

So 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.

Moving on to the Academy, I would first like to welcome the following new personnel.

PERSONNEL

DIRECTORS:

Actually, in this issue, I would like to focus on the new team effort at the College of Science Fiction. Michael Timko, the director, took the reins at the School of Treknology, updated it, made it very available online, and has now expanded it. But Michael is very upfront that he has not done this alone. He has had the help of a very productive team, and he writes about them as follows:

MCPT Arnel Carigo has been a part of STARFLEET since July 2003 and currently serves on the USS Matrix as Security Training Officer and Chief Weapons Officer of the 787th Marine Strike Group. She has always had a great interest in science fiction, and when her commanding officer sent an e-mail stating that there was an opening for Assistant Director for COFS, she signed up for this opportunity. She feels that the College of Science Fiction will put together all the things of STARFLEET that we all enjoy. (cont. on p. 15)

COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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BGN Truman Temple currently serves as the Commanding Officer of the USS Centurion, based in Region 4. He is also the Officer in Charge for the 1st Marine Strike Group, and has been in STARFLEET since 1986. He has seen a lot of change within the organization, and is the elder statesman of the bunch.

Jill Tipton joined STARFLEET because, as she says, "There were fellow Trek fans in the area that I could meet with". Jill has been a member of SFI since May of 2000. Currently, aboard the Jurassic in Region 1, she is Security Chief and Director for the Bxotops for Education and Campbells Soup Labels project.

LT Kevin Faux joined STARFLEET because he was looking for others with whom to discuss Star Trek and other science fiction areas. He has been a member of STARFLEET since 2000. He holds the position of Communications Officer and is the co-editor of his chapter's newsletter, "The Tricorder", aboard the USS Magellan in Region 14, located along the east coast of Canada.

LCDR Tom Schulte volunteered for the College of Science Fiction as a way to help STARFLEET on the international level and to share his love of science fiction in general. Scifi has been his main reading interest for most of his life. In his words "I'd have to say that I enjoy reading scifi much more than I enjoy watching it on the big or little screen. No show has been able to match what my imagination can do with a good book."

CDR Thomas Pawelczak has been a science fiction fan as long as he can remember. One of the first books he ever read was THE MAGIC BALL FROM MARS as a little boy. Growing up, he graduated to Robert Heinlein and the other great sci-fi authors. The original series of Star Trek debuted when he was in college. Since at that time TVs in dorm rooms were not very common, it actually wasn't until he returned from Vietnam and started watching the re-runs that he entered the Star Trek universe.

As our directors move on to other activities, we would like to thank Greg Franklin of the School of Engineering. He has brought the School of Engineering back to life, however, because of his new duties as the Region 1 Regional Coordinator, he has to step down and will be sorely missed. I received applications from many standout members who have a deep understanding and appreciation for Trek Engineering. I have selected David Lynch to serve as the new Director and Anthony Spotts to serve as Assistant Director. They both have impressive credentials and many plans to grow the School on the base that Greg set up. David can be reached at: Karate666@aol.com. Greg, again, thank you immensely for your service, and for your dedication.

In addition, we would like to welcome Ron Novak, the Region 1 Recruiting RDC, as the new director of the School of Recruiting within the Institute of Leadership Studies. We thank Bob Vosseler for creating the school and for the service he was able to provide. However, real life raised its head, and Bob has had to move on. Ron can be reached at r1recruiting@yahoo.com or via snail-mail at: 1717 Lynn Mar Ave. Youngstown, Ohio 44514.

DEANS & DANTS

Sadly, I now have the responsibility of saying goodbye to Dean FADM Les Rickard of the Institute of Leadership Studies. As you may all know by now, Les is running for the position of Commander, STARFLEET, and has informed me that the time commitment involved in the race would prevent him from performing at the levels he feels necessary to be a Dean at the Academy.

At this time, with the help of Scott Grant and Todd Brugmans, I am taking over those responsibilities. Scott and Todd are the nominees of the two currently announced slates for Commandant of the STARFLEET Academy. I hope this will help give whomever is my eventual successor an idea of what we are currently doing and help them plan for their term. If any other slates announce, I will invite their Commandant nominee to also join me in ILS to help prepare them as well.

STARFLEET Academy is currently still seeking a new Canadian Campus Director. Successful applicants will have completed OTS & OCC and will have either completed FOS or be willing to complete it within a six month period. They will be a resident of Canada and a member in good standing of STARFLEET. Applicants are requested to forward their real world and STARFLEET resumes to mattrb@charter.net or by regular mail to Matt Baillie, 10 Northwood Drive, Brampton, ON (Canada) L6X 2L2.

STAFF KUDOS

At this time I would like to extend the gratitude and thanks of both the Academy and the Executive Committee as a whole for the hard work and dedication put in by Wendy "Kitten" Fillmore, the Director of the STARFLEET Scholarship Program. Wendy's tireless work during this administration ensured that not only was there a Scholarship Program, but that we actually had applicants for the scholarship money that you, the STARFLEET Membership, have raised for this purpose. She has sought out multiple avenues to advertise and publicize the scholarships and has worked hard to make sure that people could apply instead of trying to find ways to exclude applicants. Wendy, who is a mother of two, wife of the quite scary Bob, and an active member of Region 4 and the Las Vegas rat-pack, has given much of her time to Fleet, and we are ever grateful.

NEW COURSES

NEW OFFERING FROM THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION

As Michael Timko took over the School of

Trekology, he had a vision of expanding its offerings and making it more encompassing of the larger genre of Science Fiction. As COSF went live online, courses on the series Babylon 5 and the comedic movies Galaxy Quest and Spaceballs were offered. Now his team is preparing a huge course load addition to the College. Offerings will begin to roll out on Classic Battlestar Galactica, Buck Rogers in the 25th Century, the Terminator Movie Series, the Alien Movie Series, Predator, Robocop, the Back to the Future Series, and of course, the Star Wars movie series. Long range plans include adding Stargate-SG1, the Matrix movies, and the Pern Novels.

NEW OCC & FOS

Yes, the long awaited final revamping of the Institute of Leadership Studies is here. Officer Command College, required if you want to be the CO or XO of a STARFLEET Chapter, is ready. It has more in-depth course work that requires students to look at the governing documents of STARFLEET and figure out how to address many different situations that they might encounter while serving as the head of a chapter. All of the essay questions are taken from real world situations of the last eight years, and they will test and educate the prospective Chapter head in the resources and rules that are available in each situation. Flag Officer's School has also been revamped, and it is now a leadership course designed to prepare the student for positions above the chapter level by mixing in more fleet scenarios with Real World Four Quadrant Management theory.

Important Note: Both OCC and FOS will require more work and more thinking then before. Too often STARFLEET has had chapter CO's, and even Regional Coordinators, show that they have no understanding of what the Membership Handbook or Constitution really say. After completing the new OCC, the student will have had to read and reread both these and other STARFLEET governing documents and will show an understanding that will benefit them and their chapters. While FOS is not required for positions above the chapter level, it will help members looking at those spots and will benefit them and all of Fleet.

NEW FEATURES

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Hurray, the IDCP is here. Elsewhere in this CQ is the initial proposal, sent to the ECAB at the IC, detailing what we want to do with the program. MAJ Robert Alpizar has put a lot of thought into this program, and we plan to go live with it no later than November, so that the next Academy administration has a working program in place when they step in.

IC PRESENTATIONS

RED SQUAD, AND BLUE SQUAD

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following Red Squad and Blue Squad Members, Assistant Leaders, and the Red

Squad Leader for the 2003-2004 Academic Year.

Red Squad:

The Institute of Leadership Studies formerly under the Dean leadership of Les Rickard

Royce Essig for the Flag Officers School

Alan Rose for the Officer Command College

The Institute of Technology under the Dean leadership of Sharon Ann Clark

Eddie Milbrandt for the Vulcan Academy of Science

Judith Waidlich for the College of Computer History

James Wilcox for the Starfleet Officers Radio School

The Institute of Arts under the Dean leadership of Wayne Killough Jr.

Tom Pawelczak for the School of Law

Tom Pawelczak for the College of Science Fiction

Belynda Reardon for the School of Literature

Scott A. Akers for the College of Federation Studies

Chris Knoblauch for the Graduate School of Xenoanthropology

The Institute of Military Studies under the Dean leadership of Sean A. Meyers

Paul Kendzierski for the School of Strategy and Tactics

Tom Pawelczak for the Gorn Academy

Both Mike Balewitz and Charles Thomas Parker for the Klingon Warrior Academy

Blue Squad:
Cadet Academy under the Dean leadership of S. Adam Day

Matias G. Alvares for the Cadet Security School

The Red Squad Assistant Leaders are:

For the Institute of Leadership Studies, Commander Alan Rose of the USS Accord

For the Institute of Technology, Eddie Milbrandt of Region 6

For the Institute of Arts, Belynda Reardon of the USS Questar

For the Institute of Military Studies, Paul Kendzierski of Region 7

Serving as the Blue Squad Leader for the Cadet Academy will be Cadet Matias G. Alvares of the USS Mir.

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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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Drum Roll Please

The 2003-2004 Red Squad Leader is: Commander Tom Pawelczak of the USS Niagara. Tom was nominated for Red Squad from three different schools. He was seconded to Assistant Squad Leader from two different Institutes and was the unanimous decision for Red Squad Leader. Well done Tom.

I would like thank all of the Deans and the Deputy Commandant for Administration, RADM J.C. Cohen, for their diligence in getting the Red Squad nominations processed in such a short time, which allowed the Directors to have the maximum amount of time to work on their students' submissions and make their nominations. Bravo zulu to you all.

THE BOOTHBY AWARDS

After discussions with BGR John Roberts, it was decided that the Boothby Award would recognize the combined work of both the STARFLEET Academy and the STARFLEET Marine Corps Academy. Congratulations are extended to the following Boothby Award winners. Certificates were presented at the International Conference or mailed immediately afterwards to awardees. Excellent work ladies and gentlemen. Listed below after their names are their award level, the number of courses, and a breakdown of SFA/SFMCA. As always, this is a snapshot of when the database is polled. Recent courses and as yet unrecorded courses have not been taken into account, however, this means that more awards will be coming in the future.

Leo A. Rogers
Bronze Award 50 Courses (37/13)

CAPT Judy Waidlich
Bronze Award 51 Courses (51/0)
LT (JG) George Pimental
Bronze Award 51 Courses (51/0)

CAPT Michael Vermoesen
Bronze Award 53 Courses (40/13)

ENS Cary Scherer
Bronze Award 53 Courses (53/0)

CAPT Erik B. Cowand
Bronze Award 54 Courses (17/37)

LCDR Antonio Lopes III
Bronze Award 54 Courses (38/16)

CDR Nancy Lynch
Bronze Award 54 Courses (26/28)

ADM Allyson M.W. Dyar
Bronze Award 55 Courses (38/17)

MGN Jill J. Rayburn
Bronze Award 55 Courses (21/34)

CAPT Anne Miller
Bronze Award 55 Courses (55/0)

FCAPT Billie Clifton
Bronze Award 55 Courses (55/0)

Eddie Milbrandt Jr.
Bronze Award 55 Courses (55/0)

COMM Patricia Lewis
Bronze Award 56 Courses (56/0)

CAPT Chris Knoblauch
Bronze Award 57 Courses (47/10)

LCDR Monika R. Rienholz
Bronze Award 58 Courses (52/6)

LCDR Steve Turner
Bronze Award 58 Courses (58/0)

LT (JG) Alice Carey
Bronze Award 58 Courses (58/0)

CAPT Tracy Andrews-Isquith
Bronze Award 59 Courses (59/0)

FCAPT Jeremy T. Trent
Bronze Award 63 Courses (13/50)

BGR Christopher Esquibel
Bronze Award 63 Courses (24/39)

GSGT John 'Kiwi' Kane
Bronze Award 69 Courses (30/39)

MCPT Arnel Carigo
Bronze Award 70 Courses (66/4)

LCDR Susan Mahaffey
Bronze Award 70 Courses (66/4)

CAPT Douglas Wayne Mayo
Bronze Award 72 Courses (72/0)

LT (JG) Darlene Topp
Bronze Award 76 Courses (76/0)

BGR Brett Price
Bronze Award 79 Courses (31/48)

CAPT George Parker
Bronze Award 81 Courses (62/19)

LCDR Michael J. Timko III
Bronze Award 81 Courses (81/0)
BGN James W. Monroe
Bronze Award 88 Courses (30/58)

COMM Gary M. Ensey, Jr.
Bronze Award 90 Courses (60/30)

CDR Glenn D. Martin
Bronze Award 95 Courses (81/14)

BGN Gregory Franklin
Silver Award 100 Courses (57/43)

CAPT Larry French
Silver Award 100 Courses (62/38)

Cathy L Edgington
Silver Award 100 Courses (89/11)

SGM Scott E. Grant
Silver Award 101 Courses (52/49)

CAPT Edith Padgett
Silver Award 102 Courses (90/12)

ADM Kurt F 'Smiley' Roithinger
Silver Award 104 Courses (104/0)

CAPT Todd F. Brugmans
Silver Award 113 Courses (113/0)

CAPT Dean A. Rogers
Silver Award 141 Courses (101/40)

CAPT Robin Smith
Gold Award 155 Courses (154/1)

BGR John Roberts
Gold Award 165 Courses (78/87)

CAPT Jill Michelle Tipton
Gold Award 173 Courses (172/1)

CAPT Sean A. Meyer
Gold Award 187 Courses (129/58)

COL Glendon Diebold
Gold Award 188 Courses (156/32)

CDR Thomas Pawelczak
Latinum Award 217 Courses (176/41)

BGR General Truman Temple
Diamond Award 259 Courses (193/66)

COMM Wayne Lee Killough Jr.
Diamond Award 289 Courses (231/58)

To recap, we are creating the Boothby Awards as a recognition to those students who have consistently attended and worked on a large number of Academy classes. Thank you Region 1 Awards Guru Victor Swindell for the idea. Once a student passes their fiftieth academy class, they will have the Boothby Award certificate sent to them. For each fifty classes thereafter, they will receive an endorsement to attach to that certificate as per the preceding schedule.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please see Wendy Fillmore's article elsewhere in this issue covering the eight scholarship winners. To all of you, congratulations from all of us at the Academy and good luck in your future studies.

DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Our last award we will be giving out at the IC will be the Marlene Miller Memorial, the Director of the Year award. This year's recipient is LCDR Michael Timko III of the USS Nebula and Director of the earlier mentioned College of Science Fiction. Michael has taken all of the great work of the former School of Treknology and, in transforming it into the School of Science Fiction, has built upon, expanded, and improved what was already there. He has added new courses, new degree tracks, and most especially the additional online portal for those who are too excited to wait for e-mail courses, much less the US Post Office. Michael, you have gone far above and beyond the call of duty, and we are proud to present you this award.

THE FUTURE

IMS REVAMP

To repeat what we wrote in the last CQ, we will be doing an update of the Institute of Military Studies, to be ready by year's end. Because of preparations for the IC taking precedence, we will have more information on this project by the next issue of the Communiqué.

CLOSING

When you see the list of graduates for the May/June timeframe, 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.

From the grounds of the International Conference, seek fun, seek glory, seek knowledge, and your future will be not only interesting, but exciting as well.

Fleet Matters.

*If leadership rests inside the lion's jaw,
So be it. Go, snatch it from his jaws.
Your lot shall be greatness, prestige,
honor, and glory.
If all fails, face death with laughter.
A short poem by Hanzala of Badghis
Poet who lived in Nishapur in the first
half of the ninth century AD, in the court
of the Tahird ruler.*

SCHOOL OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

by VADM Victor Swindell • Director, SFA School of Cryptography

The School of Cryptography offers another level:

"Open your mind to the past, art, history, philosophy, and all of this may mean something." – Captain Jean-Luc Picard, USS Enterprise NCC-1701-D

Since the school open almost a year ago we have had many students bold enough to enroll in it and successfully complete the different levels the school had to offer. While a great number of the students have been Commanding Officers, we have had many bright Ensigns do exceptionally well. Some of the students breezed through the tests while others felt challenged by the course material; several of the students wanted more, and we are happy to oblige them.

One of the earliest students, FCAPT Maxim Khaytsus of USS Omega Glory, said that he had wanted to design a cryptography course for the Academy, and helped refine the one I had created as well as sending me his material. Combining this with the stuff I had compiled back in the early 80's, I developed the Advanced Cryptography II course. This course combines the material from the first three courses, and adds another level, as well as coming with a great STARFLEET Cryptography reference guide.

There is course which tests your knowledge of the historical documentation of the uses of cryptography from the 17th to 24th centuries, as well as those cryptographic exercises more specific to the era of Starfleet Academy. We have made them more challenging for students, so we can thoroughly examine the cadet's comprehension of the material.

Those students who have successfully complete courses at this school have

gone on to greater things; in fact, one Lieutenant was able to decipher an alien language in the ancient ruins of Callufrax IV, and contributed his success to his studies at the school.

The Academy Commandant successfully completed the Advanced II course and remarked "Dang... I hate to see the next one". Therefore, if you feel you're up to being challenged mentally, the cryptography course is just for you.

If you can decode this text, you're ready:

AWTI EHTS TSEB ITFO ISEM SAWT
WEHT TSRO ITFO ISEM SAWT AEHT
FOEG DSIW TIMO TSAW GAEH FFOE
ILOO ENHS TISS TSAW PEEH OHCO
LEBF IFEI SAWT EEHT HCOP NIFO
DERC TILU WTII HTSA AESE ONOS
GILF TITH TSAW ESEH NOSA ADOF
ENKR TISS TSAW PSEH GNIR OHFO
TIEP TSAW IWEH RETN EDFO IAPS
HEWR VEDA TYRE GNIH OFEB SUER
AHEW TOND GNIH OFEB SUER
EWEW LAER IOGL IDGN TCER EHOT
NEVA EWEW LAER IOGL IDGN TCER
OEHT REHT IYAW OHSN HTTR REPE
WDOI OSSA LRAF TEKI RPEH NESE
REPT TDOI STAH OEMO STIF SION
TSEI HTUA TIRO ISEI SION ODET
STIN NIEB CERG EVIE ROFD DOOG
OFRO IVER TNIL USEH LREP VITA
GEDE OEER MOCF IRAP ONOS YLN

If you're stuck, perhaps you'll need to start with the Basic course.

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STARFLEET ACADEMY 2004 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDEES

by RADM Wendy Fillmore • SFA Scholarship Director

Greetings! The first thing I need to get out of the way is the list of thank you's. Thank you to all of the members of STARFLEET who applied for a scholarship this year. You were all deserving, and I only wish I could have awarded one to each and every one of you. Thank you to Scott Akers for allowing me to serve in this position and for serving with me and Mike Mallotte as the scholarship committee. Finally, my thanks to last year's International Conference and the STARFLEET membership as a whole. Together you donated enough money to fund three more scholarships this year, making it possible to award eight \$500 scholarships as opposed to the five originally promised. By the way, this is actually one more scholarship than we awarded last year. We were able to award them to STARFLEET members ranging in age from 18 to 51 (no, I won't tell who's who). They are attending all kinds of institutions of higher learning, from adult on-line schools to community colleges, state universities, and technical universities. I'm thrilled to have been able to assist such a large variety of higher education needs. Congratulations, STARFLEET, on a job well done!

To briefly explain how this worked, I'd like to remind you all of the process. First, all interested STARFLEET members had to do two things to apply for a scholarship: fill out and submit an application with all three essay questions answered and get three folks to send in a reference. All of this had to either be post-marked by July 1, 2004, or e-mailed and/or FAXed to me by that following Monday morning, July 5th.

Next, all three essays were read and assigned a score, with each essay having a potential maximum score of 20 points. All three references were also read and received as many as 10 points each. In the essays, scoring was based mostly on content, with a little bit of grammar, spelling, and punctuation taken into consideration. The references were scored on things such as how much community service was credited to the applicant and the description of their moral characteristics, such as work ethic, compassion, and reliability.

Lastly, their transcripts were factored in for tie-breaking purposes. They are no longer required, but would be used if two applicants were tied for the same scholarship. For example, a 4.0 gpa would then be ahead of the 3.0 gpa.

The scores were tallied, the voting is over, and our list is in alphabetical order, so without further delay let's move on to announcing the 2004 STARFLEET Academy Scholarship awardees!

1. Our first recipient says of himself "I love to help." Once you hear his name, I'm sure you'll recognize this as an understatement. His references said things like "I have yet to see (some)one that is as dedicated to bringing STARFLEET into a technological age through his work." "I can state without reservation, that (he) is one of the highest potential and highest-achieving students I have had the pleasure of encountering." "His ability to understand new material is outstanding... He can be relied upon regardless of the severity of the situation... (he) is a hard working person that is very trustworthy... he keeps an optimistic attitude all the time... working beside (him) is not a task, but a privilege."

STARFLEET Academy is honored to present our first \$500 award for the ARMIN SHIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROFITABLE BUSINESS to Sanford Berenberg. Congratulations, Sandy!

2. Our next recipient notes: "I have come to the realization that being separated in a laboratory, with numbered test tubes & machines, is not as satisfying as working with real people." Her recommendations warm the heart: "She has always been reliable and dependable, and eager to assist on any level." "She consistently demonstrates herself to be a caring and compassionate person, able to work well with people of varied ages and abilities." "(She) also visits hospital patients with her dog, who is trained to work with the sick. Together they bring smiles and cheer to the people they meet."

STARFLEET Academy is proud to present our second \$500 award for the DEFOREST KELLEY/DR. LEONARD MCCOY MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP to Ann Beth Goldblum. Congratulations, Ann Beth!

3. Moving on to our third award, a young man casually adds to his essay this admission: "The only person to earn a genuine 100 in calculus for the semester, I have tutored others and even taught the class on one occasion." His references sound equally impressive. "He not only is self-motivated, but is sometimes the team leader just by demonstrating his team skills and ability to bring everyone together as a team." "I have laid many challenges at (his) feet and, success or not, he has always responded with enthusiasm and full effort." "He is the type of student who wants to understand why a theorem is true, not just how to use it get his assignment finished."

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SFA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

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STARFLEET Academy is pleased to present our third \$500 award for the SPACE EXPLORER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP to Jonathan Hogan. Congratulations, Jonathan!

4. Our fourth awardee shaved her head bald for a National Children's Cancer Foundation benefit. The folks she asked to support her in this application remarked: "I have yet to see anyone that is as dedicated to the ideals of higher learning as (she)." "Though many in 'fleet would say that she tends to take on more than what she can handle, this eventually is not the case when she completes tasks given to her." "Her attention to detail would make her an asset to any company she goes to work for. She is very personable and I have enjoyed working with her."

This fourth recipient scored well within our top eight applicants, but is the second person tonight to receive the SPACE EXPLORER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, because her first choice was already awarded to someone who had scored even higher. STARFLEET Academy is pleased to present our fourth \$500 award, and second SPACE EXPLORER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, to Monika Reinholz. Congratulations, Monika!

5. Alphabetically speaking, our next top-eight scoring applicant informs us that: "I plan on working on my writings in sci-fiction, historical fiction and historical non-fiction." Her qualifications, listed by those recommending her for the scholarship, were stated to be: "A mere two weeks after she had joined (STARFLEET), she

was volunteering to work with our charity projects." "She does not overstate herself, but solidifies her position in a community through patience and perseverance." "She is a gifted and vibrant woman who has accomplished the remarkable feat of balancing a career, marriage, motherhood, and school, all at the same time."

If J.K. Rowling could find time to create the Harry Potter universe while still a single mother, this recipient surely sounds capable of doing that much and more. STARFLEET Academy is pleased to present our fifth \$500 award for the GENE RODDENBERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ASPIRING WRITERS to Cheryl Lynn-Goodwin Trent. Congratulations, Cheryl!

6. Next on our list, a young man states: "I think that spirituality and rationality are integral to humanity, and that compassionate ethics and impartial science must work together to find solutions to the world's – and to our own – everyday problems." His praises were high indeed: "He is quick-witted, able to deal with complex problems, and to empathize with undergraduate students; also he has tremendous insight into how people learn and cope with challenges..." "(He) has always demonstrated a keen mind..." "He will usually find something good in nearly every situation. He uses creative and fun ways to teach our members and get them interested (and keep their interest), and is not afraid to lead by example..." He certainly sounds like the kind of teacher I would have liked to have when I was in school!

STARFLEET Academy is pleased to present our sixth \$500 award for the LEVAR BURTON EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP to Brooks Williamson. Congratulations, Brooks!

7. As we near the end of our list, we have an applicant who admits that: "Ever since acquiring a taste for Star Trek, I wanted to pursue either a career in science or engineering. I plan to enter into a career that involves spacecraft design." His supporters certainly believe him possible of being successful at this: "His method of analytical thinking combined with real world analogies will definitely help (him) excel in his engineering career. (He) is very good with his talent in this area, and it will take him far." "(He) has always shown the can-do attitude that made the character of Scotty so popular in Star Trek. He has always shown a keen interest in the way things work, from building model rockets as a child to his current college curriculum of Engineering Physics." His character is not in question either: "Whether its recruiting or charity events to help the community, he does whatever he can to help. He's a good friend to all members of our chapter, and I believe we all have great respect for him, and admiration."

STARFLEET Academy is proud to present our seventh \$500 award for the JAMES DOOHAN/MONTGOMERY SCOTT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP, for the second year in a row, to James Winsley. Congratulations, James!

8. Last but not least, our final recipient says this of the scholarship: "It will serve to bring together the two parts of my life – the STARFLEET member for over a decade who has learned so much and made so many friends because of this organization, and the newly returned student who is getting another chance to find out just who she can become." A teacher tells us that: "(She) has shined as a student and

has brought an insightful maturity to the classroom." Another teacher states: "She has shown leadership to her fellow students by her calm demeanor when I introduce new and complex topics that often students find confusing and frustrating to learn. I believe (her) to be a student of fine character and integrity." Finally, a friend has this to say: "I am always impressed, not only by (her) wit and wisdom, but by the sharpness of her mind and the potential of her intellect. Coupled with her focus, her commitment to education (both her own and in general), is unquestioned." Quite compelling evidence!

Ergo, STARFLEET Academy is pleased to forthwith present our eighth and final \$500 award for the LAW AND ORDER SCHOLARSHIP to Elizabeth Woolf. Congratulations, Liz!

Again, I can't thank everyone enough who participated in the STARFLEET Academy Scholarship program and helped to make this all happen. To those who did not receive awards, know that it's was not because you weren't worthy. Far from it. With the continued support of the STARFLEET membership, we hope to continue this program and the support of higher education for years to come.

I leave you with this thought...

"Give me a fish, I eat for a day. Teach me to fish, I eat for a lifetime."

- - - Robert Louis Stevenson

May you all learn how to eat for a lifetime and never be hungry.

RADM Wendy Fillmore
STARFLEET Academy – Scholarship
Director

So, when it comes to STARFLEET Academy, which kind of member are you? Are you the "Take everything because I'm a Trek Trivia GOD," the "These are kinda fun, but I don't really have the time, so I'll try to get one in this decade," or maybe the "Ok, I've taken everything that interests me, what now?" type. Maybe you're none of these, but the current Academy curriculum just doesn't offer the "feel" of the STARFLEET Academy that you've envisioned from the television series or the movies?

Enter the Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program offers an entirely new way of looking at the current Academy curriculum. Let's say you've taken a few courses from the VAS, a few from the Klingon School, maybe a course in literature, and a couple from engineering. At face value, this seems like a random list of courses, a little from here, a little from there. However, when you apply these courses to one of the ISP's new Degree Tracks, you have the beginnings of a degree in, well, that's up to you!

The ISP has been designed to offer a

ACADEMY INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROGRAM

By Major Rob Alpizar • USS Jaguar, Region 1

flexibility to your Academy career previously unseen. You, the student, will have the chance to pursue a fictional degree in whatever strikes your fancy. With a Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, you can have the STARFLEET Academy equivalent to a degree in Liberal Arts. Or, how about a totally custom degree program made just for you, catered to your interests? A Degree in Independent Studies is what you want. Choose your own elective track to create a degree in whatever academic discipline you desire.

Too opened ended? Or maybe you've taken specific courses because of the department you belong to on your chapter. The ISP has Degree Tracks for you too. From a Degree Track for each of the usual departments of a given chapter; Ops, Security, Sciences, even Command; to less specific but more diverse Degrees in the

Arts, Sciences, Engineering, and Military Studies disciplines.

What about those of you who've taken anything and 'everything' the Academy has to offer? There's no need to feel like you don't have a part in this new program. Simply choose how you want to apply your hard won efforts, complete any additional requirements for the Degree Track you've chosen, and there you have it, a degree from the Interdisciplinary Studies Program all your own!

Bet you're wondering how it works. Well, it's simple. Every Degree Track comes in three levels: Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate. For each degree level, there is a core course requirement to fulfill, plus the custom electives for the degree you've chosen and an essay on a topic of your choice related to the Degree Track you're

on, and you're done! You now have a degree from the Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

It's as simple as that.

You may be thinking, "Why would I go through all that trouble when I can take the courses I want and just say that I've got this or that degree?" Well, for the FUN of it of course! Any degree you receive through the ISP will be noted on your official STARFLEET record. For any Degree Track you complete, you'll receive a diploma that you can show to your CO and your crewmates. Hey, even your dog will be impressed at all the hard work you've put in to complete the program. If you've ever wanted to know what it was like to REALLY go through the Academy, well now you can! (Er, fictionally of course)

We at the ISP hope that you will take a moment to check us out. A new section on the Academy website will be available soon. Until then, please contact Major Robert Alpizar, <rob@ussjaguar.org> with any questions or comments. Thank you.

SFI ACADEMY GRADUATES – MAY/JUNE 2004

By Carol Thompson • Vice-Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

Alvin Jesse Powell	Samuel Cummings
Matt Anderson	KayLynn Radank
Walter Serwood	David Klingman
Ethel Lynch	David Pittsenberger
Stephen P. Radank	Nathan Gastineau
Ann Marie Reilly	Lashanna Brooks
Peter Spiteri	Kevin Voet
Meghan Townsend	Kimberly Hoffman
Barry Stephen	Joseph Bouchard

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE

Linda Benton	Kathy M. Mullins	Keira Russell Strong
Steve Jago	Matt Anderson	David Pittsenberger
T'Anna Harrington	Janet Shepherd	Ann Marie Reilly
Matthew Teets	Kevin Voet	Sheila Benton
Robert Swiger	Kevin Cozart	Jonathan L. Vanzant
Sal Lizard	Samuel S.	Alvin Dozier
Debbie French	Cummings	Nathan Gastineau
Ben Reid	Kirylyn Dreamer	
Lucy Ferron	John Sullivan	

FLAG OFFICERS SCHOOL

Kai'leen Gibbs
Scott A. Akers
Vernon Mueller
Brandy S.
Hallman
Royce Essig

SCHOOL OF ACCESSABILITY

Scott A. Akers
Kai'leen Gibbs
Shavon Carmer
David Hines
David E. Klingman

INSTITUTE OF ARTS

COLLEGE OF ALIEN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Kyle Hunter	Angel Avery
Gregory Kleiner	Shavon Carmer
Shawn Levesque	Erik Cowand
Monika Reinholz	Kai'leen Gibbs
Joseph Sare	T'anna Harrington
Paul Scalabroni	John Kane
Becky Slater	Janek Kazimer
Raymond Spiteri	John Sullivan
Norma Ybarra	Erica Thibeault
Debbie Butcher	Christopher
Janek Kazimer	Underwood
Douglas Mayo	Kevin Voet
Scott A. Akers	Kyle Wolf
Dale Anderson	

DELTA QUADRANT COLLEGE (DQC)

Greg Franklin	David Klingman
Truman Temple	Brent Arnold
Darlene Topp	Dave Blaser
Tracy Andrews-	Jill Tipton
Isquith	Eric Johannson
Susan Mahafey	Michael Timko
Scott A. Akers	Margaret Grunwell
Thomas Pawelczak	Gary Ensey
Glendon L. Diebold	

SCHOOL OF EUROPEYA

Raymond Spiteri	Nancy O'Shields
Eric Cowand	Scott A. Akers
Jill Tipton	Antonio J. Lopes III
Kevin Voet	Shavon Carmer
Martin A. Lessem	
Ann Marie Reilly	

COLLEGE OF FEDERATION STUDIES

David Hines	Deborah Butcher
Scott A. Akers	Samuel Cummings
Joseph L. Podesta Jr	Shavon Carmer
Gregory Kleiner	John Kane
Becky Slater	

SCHOOL OF LAW

Sean A. Meyer	Matt Baillie
Shawn Herron	Becky Slater
Kat Sibernagel	Truman Temple
Kyle Hunter	Thomas Pawelczak
Antonio J. Lopes III	Shawn Gregory
David Hines	Larry French, Sr.
Shawn Herron	Kyle Hunter
Ann Marie Reilly	Jeff Schnoor
Shawn Gregory	Craig Wood III
Martha Ingles	Norma Ybarra
Sean A. Meyer	Kathie Silbernagel
Jennifer Mawhinney	Shavon Carmer
Scott A. Akers	

SCHOOL OF LITERATURE

Ann Marie Reilly
Craig Wood III

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Scott A. Akers

COLLEGE OF MYTHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Ann Marie Reilly	Wendy Fillmore
Truman Temple	Monika Reinholz
Rodney Neil Yawn	Antonio J. Lopes III
Glendon L. Diebold	Gregory Kleiner
Thomas Pawelczak	Shavon Carmer
Susan Mahaffey	

COLLEGE OF TREK CHRONOLOGY

Darlene Topp	Guy Blandford
Scott Grant	Kevin Voet
Gabriel Beecham	Scott A. Akers
Gary Hollifield	John Roberts
T'Anna Harrington	Robert Alpizar

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE FICTION

Scott Grant	Matthew Power
David Hines	Truman Temple
Wayne L. Killough, Jr.	Scott A. Akers
Shawn P. Levesque	Royce Essig
Antonio J. Lopes, III	Susan J. Mahaffey

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF XENOANTHROPOLOGY

Truman Temple	Thomas Pawelczak
Dean A. Rogers	Michael Vermoesen
Susan Mahaffey	David E. Klingman
Scott A. Akers	John 'Kiwi' Kane

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Eric Johnson	David Peifer
Victor Swindell	John K. Kane
Deborah Moehlmann	David Hines
Aurora Smith	Susan Mahaffey
Royce Essig	Shavon Carmer
Keith Keppley	John Kane
Donna Gulluni	Samuel Cummings
Karyn Lloyd-Hontz	Kevin Voet

CADET SCHOOL OF BORG TECHNOLOGY

Kevin Voet

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Corey Grant	Curtis Bellman
Bayy Nieuport	Jonathan Hogan

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Ann Marie Reilly	Walter V. Ewing	Kathy McCartney
Truman Temple	Kristi Long	Gregory A. Franklin
Thomas Pawelczak	Gregory Kleiner	Craig L. Wood III
Susan J. Mahaffey	Dorothy Tuttle	Lori E. Straley
Martha Ingles	Darlene Topp	Glendon L. Diebold
Dean A. Rogers	Debbie Reedy	Lea Drawdy
Paula J. Kesler	Shavon Carmer	

STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL

Jonathon Wilson

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (VAS)

Steven Jago	Anne Miller
Debbie Artrip	Craig Wood
Tracy Andrews-Isquith	Jim Bellon
Antonio J. Lopes, III	

CADET VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Raven Avery	Jada Avery
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INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES

SCHOOL OF CRYPTOLOGY

John Kane	Jonathan Hogan
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THE GORN ACADEMY

Sean A. Meyer	Shavon Carmer
Michael Vermoesen	Diane Goetsch

MARINE UNIT READINESS PROGRAM

USS REPRISAL (AE, MD, PD,
USS NORMANDY (AE, ME, SO)
USS CENTURION (AE, AR, CE, IN, PD,
SO, SU, NCO)

SECURITY SCHOOL

Scott Smith	Jonathan Hogan	Ed Nowlin
Sean Meyer	M. Scribner:	Shawn Heron
Joseph Dorfner	Bonnie Coleman	Kai-leen Gibbs
Doug Roach	David Ferber	Bernard Doddema
Ann Marie Reilly	Larry French	Cary Scherer

SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS

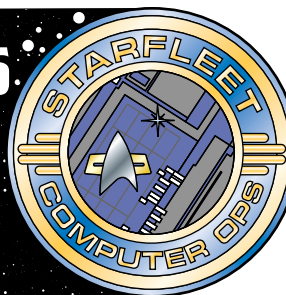
Craig D. Porter	Thomas Pawelczak
Jonathan Hogan	Anne Miller

VESSEL READINESS CERTIFICATION

USS REPRISAL (5 DEPTS)
USS NORMANDY (1 DEPT)
USS NIAGARA (5 DEPTS)
USS McNAIR (4 DEPTS)

COMPUTER OPERATIONS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MANDI LIVINGSTON
CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS,
STARFLEET



Greetings, STARFLEET! I write this article shortly coming back from the International Conference in Birmingham, AL. First of all, the Region 2 folks did a stellar job in putting together one of the best ICs ever. From what I observed, everything went smoothly and it seemed everyone had a great time. I know I did, even if Pete and his crew worked me to death! All day on Saturday I had a meeting or panel to attend, and by the time the banquet was over, whew! I was just glad to be able to catch my breath and catch up with old friends and new friends. IC to me is always like a family reunion. You get to see so many of the old "family" members and meet new additions as well.

IC 2004 pretty much wraps up the CompOps Chief Summer Tour. Since March, I've had the pleasure and honor of traveling to the R2 Summit, the R1 Summit, the R15 Summit, and now IC. In my travels to Mississippi, Tennessee, Massachusetts (wow, a lot of double letters there!) and Alabama, I've had the chance to talk to many of you in person and find out what issues concern you and what types of things you'd like to see from CompOps as it deals with Membership Processing, Recruiting/Retention, and the Database. This has been very helpful as we plan out the rest of this administration and prepare for transition to the next one. Many of your suggestions have been passed on to the database team, and they are either being implemented now or those suggestions are on a list for future database enhancements. The same goes with Membership Processing. I want to thank everyone for their patience during the transition phase we've had the past few months. Things are operating smoothly now. But overall, I'm just glad that I've been able to meet so many new friends since March. I'm grateful for the opportunity to visit with you, hear your concerns, and hear your success stories. STARFLEET still has so much potential to become even greater in the future. Together, we can make this happen!

Membership Processing: Robin Pillow and his fiancée Patty Heany report that things are operating smoothly in MP Land. The supplies and all have been transferred from the former MP office in Maryland to the new MP office in Ohio. Many thanks go to those who helped with that transition. Now this is important: please make sure that you all are using the current Membership Processing application. These applications will have the Membership Processing address that is in Lima, OH. Chapters, RCs, Recruiters, Everyone, please make sure this happens. This will ensure faster processing time and more accurate delivery of mail going to the MP offices. Certainly, we have forwarding orders from the old PO Box, but forwarding

does take time and can slow down the MP process while we wait for the US Postal Service to do their job. Once again, please make sure that you are only using the current Membership Application. If you don't have one, you can download one at <http://documents.sfi.org>. It is available there in many file formats for your printing and web-linking pleasure. As always, if you have questions about your application or renewal, contact membership@sfi.org or compops@help@sfi.org.

Membership Totals and Goals: Currently, the Membership total stands at 3886 active members. This number has stayed relatively steady in the past few months.



Mandi and Dr. Pepper... together again.

However, this isn't good enough! I would love to see 4000 members by the end of 2004. So, for the rest of this year, let's try to focus on Membership Retention: keeping our current members happy, interested, and involved. That is something that starts on a local level, so chapter COs and RCs, we need your work in this too. Also, let's focus on Recruiting new members as well. I really think we could reach 4k in '04! Let's make it so!

Retention and Recruiting: Pete Mohny, the Director of Recruiting, held a Recruiting Contest for the Regions of STARFLEET since January of this year. At IC, the results were announced and the top three winning regions received credit with the STARFLEET Quartermaster as well as a certificate. Congratulations go to those regions that worked hard in finding new ways to retain members and grow at the same time.

For the Large Regions, we had these

results:

- 1st Place (Tie) -
Region 13 - Gain of 35 members
- 1st Place (Tie) -
Region 17 - Gain of 35 members
- 2nd Place -
Region 12 - Gain of 20 members

For the Small Regions, these were the final tallies:

- 1st Place -
Region 9 - Gain of 16 members
- 2nd Place -
Region 14 - Gain of 6 members
- 3rd Place -
Region 11 - Gain of 1 member

We hope to do something even more exciting soon for another Recruiting Contest. Hopefully this time we'll be able to recognize individual chapters as well in their recruiting efforts.

CompOps Website: By the time you get this issue of the Communiqué, the redesign and content evaluation of the Computer Operations website should be complete. We're working on a few final things as I write this article. Many thanks go to Mike Dugas who has worked for a couple of months now on the website redesign and I hope you enjoy what you see. You can find us on the web at <http://compops.sfi.org>. We look forward to your feedback.

STARFLEET Database: The Database Team is hard at work as always making sure that the database stays operational and fully functional for you, the membership! We apologize for the outage we experienced at the end of July for a couple of days.

Unfortunately, it was a mistake made on behalf of the internet hosting company that houses our data, and not something on our end. Many thanks go to Robin Smith and Sandy Berenberg in working with the hosting company to get our problem solved as quickly as humanly possible.

On a side note, I'd like to congratulate our Database Team Leader, Robin Smith. This year at IC, she was promoted to the rank of Fleet Captain and received a 3 year honorary membership to thank her for all the hard work and time she devotes to STARFLEET. Robin is one of the only people that is "on call" so to speak for STARFLEET pretty much around the clock, every day. She may call herself the Chief Database Flunky, but she is much more than that to our organization. I'd like to publicly thank her for all her hard work and her dedication.

Recently, we put out an all call on the many STARFLEET email lists and regional lists asking for people to step up to the plate and help with the coding and testing of the database. I'd like to welcome the following programmers/coders to the Database Team: Greg Trotter, Allyson Dyar, Matt Baillie, and my husband (he's been drafted!) Eric Livingston. These additions to our development team should really help relieve some of the work load of the existing database team. Also, we received a huge response in our request for database testers. I'd like to thank all of you who volunteered. From what I understand, we're still sifting through all the applicants and finding the best places for everyone.

Final Words: In closing, as always it is my pleasure to serve this organization as Chief of Computer Operations. This department has so much interaction with the members and chapters, and I just really enjoy talking with as many of you as possible and getting to know many of you. As you probably heard by now, I am also one of two candidates for Commander, STARFLEET in this year's election. I want to assure you all that my dedication to CompOps and my current duties will not waver just because I'm trying to get elected to anything. My first duty is to my current team and my current responsibilities. I also want you to know that regardless of whom you vote for this election, be sure to vote. We had a great turnout in the nomination phase, and I hope to see a great turnout of returned ballots. This is your organization; please exercise your right as a member to vote in this election. That's all that both teams really want: your participation.

Take care and see you on the net and in the next CQ!

Mandi Livingston

Recruiting. It's something that we all do and one time or another. Those in a leadership role recruit a lot more often.

As you've probably read in the Communiqué and in STARFLEET's various electronic lists, and heard at summits, the buzzwords around Fleet these days are retention and recruitment.

To that end, I've been very pleased with the enormous turnout in requests for my STARFLEET Academy course, Recruitment 101. I've seen some fantastic flyers, brochures, and press releases, as well as a great grasp of the material that is included in the course. I'm hoping that this means our chapters are taking the need and importance of recruiting to heart.

I'd like to thank those who have taken the course and were patient with me during my delay in getting some of the tests graded. My computers, at home and work, faced major issues with viruses, while a network problem prevented me from accessing a number of exams that were ready to be

BRUSHING UP ON YOUR RECRUITMENT (101) SKILLS

by Vice Admiral Bob Vosseller • Region 7 Recruitment Officer

reviewed. During this period, I was reminded of one very important STARFLEET lesson: when you have a problem, ask for help.

Thanks to a pair of Tracys, I was able to get the course back on its feet. Tracy "Trey" Isquith, a fellow Academy Course Director, helped me by sending out electronic diplomas and posting lists of graduates to the Fleet websites, while Traci Giorgianni of the USS Sovereign worked to repair my home computer. Both ladies were (and continue to be) a great help.

This experience shows why retaining current members is so vital to STARFLEET. Our greatest resource isn't our fancy

membership materials, our wonderful color membership certificates, our nifty Communiqué, our laminated ID cards, or our cool websites. Our greatest resource is the membership and the skills people bring to our organization.

This is what has made our organization so vibrant during its 30-year existence. There may be other organizations that have spun off from STARFLEET or came into existence through other initiatives, but once the initial burst wore off and their membership began to decline, they had fewer people to support programs to which their members had grown accustomed.

STARFLEET's membership has allowed us to build on programs, projects and events throughout the years, making us the largest and one of the oldest Star Trek fan clubs in the world. As an organization, we've watched members grow and face challenges in real life.

We know that not everyone will remain in the fold. Some may leave and come back later, while others may not have the time to be as involved as they once were. We try to retain our friendships and contacts with these people. Retention is an issue that Fleet will take a close look at in the coming years.

However, bringing new people into the fold is always important, as new blood brings new life to our group, and there are many ways to do it. You may be familiar with most of these methods, but if you would like a refresher or some new ideas, I invite you to sign up for Recruitment 101 by sending me a message at Beamaboard@aol.com.



Greetings one and all. WOW!! Has it been a year already?

At last year's IC it was announced that I would be taking over for Tammy Willcox. Boy, was I scared. Even though I knew I had a great staff supporting me and that Tammy was only an IM or phone call away, I was still shaking in my boots. This was a huge honor for me. I had a great time meeting everyone that I have corresponded with in the past year at

the 2004 IC. See, I am the sweet southern belle you all thought I was. And now everyone knows Danny's full name. <grin>

Now, on to some business.

First, 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 directly to epayments@sfi.org when renewing, 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



Momma Denby gives her financial report.

Photo submitted by Jill Rayburn.

and I will be glad to work with you and get the situation resolved.

Now you can also use the epayments@sfi.org address to PayPal for Quartermaster merchandise. 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.

Last item of news: we are moving the financial aspects of Fleet into the 21st Century with the implementation of an eCommerce system. The completion of this project will mean instant notification of payment approval and authorization for electronic transactions. PayPal payments, however, will remain as they are today. The completion of this project is expected to be sometime towards the end of September or middle of October. We are still in the preliminary stages with this so the timeframe may shift a bit, so please be patient with us as I know you will be.

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 A. Potts

STARFLEET TREASURER REPORT — JUNE/JULY 2004

SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - JUNE

06/01/2004 through 06/30/2004
Opening Balance: \$ 24,828.35

6/1/04	BB&T	Returned Check	(\$15.00)
6/1/04	BB&T	Returned Check	(\$15.00)
6/2/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$189.59)
6/2/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$2.35)
6/8/04	Stamps.com	Postage Purchase	(\$18.99)
6/10/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	\$517.69
6/11/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$20.00
6/11/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	(\$19.90)
6/15/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$928.00
6/15/04	Mandi Livingston	Membership Processing Expenses : Membership Processing Expenses	(\$90.56)
6/15/04	Robin Pillow	Membership Processing Expenses : Membership Processing Expenses	(\$68.00)
6/15/04	The Countywide News, Inc.	CQ Expense	(\$245.31)
6/25/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$152.00
6/30/04	Embassy Suites	International Conference 2006	(\$500.00)

Ending Balance: \$ 25,281.34

* MP = Membership Processing

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

SFI GENERAL ACCOUNT - JULY

7/01/2004 through 7/31/2004
Opening Balance: \$ 25,281.34

7/1/04	Stamps.com	Membership Packet Postage	(\$475.00)
7/2/04	NPC	Discount Fee	(\$56.73)
7/7/04	Stamps.com	Stamps.com Fee	(\$18.99)
7/8/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$28.00
7/12/04	BB&T	Online Banking Service Fee	(\$19.90)
7/15/04	Paypal.com	Membership Processing	\$804.96
7/21/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$582.00
7/23/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$1,289.00
7/26/04	Discover	Discount Fee	\$47.00
7/27/04	Discover	Discount Fee	\$30.00
7/27/04	Scholarship Account -7797	Education : Scholarship	(\$711.00)
7/27/04	Scholarship Account -7797	Education : Scholarship	(\$888.79)
7/27/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$754.00
7/28/04	Credit Card Processing	Membership Processing	\$291.00
7/31/04	void	Bills : Membership Fees	\$0.00

Ending Balance: \$ 26,936.89

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

6/01/2004 through 7/31/2004

Scholarship Account:

Opening Balance: \$ 4,072.15

Interest Gained: \$ 1.40

Donations: \$ 1,599.79

Ending Balance: \$ 5,673.34

SFI Savings:

Opening Balance: \$ 5,666.30

Interest Gained: \$ 1.95

Ending Balance: \$ 5668.25

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

6/01/2004 through 7/31/2004

Opening Balance: \$ 3,554.24

6/4/04	BB&T	Returned Check	(\$1.00)
6/4/04	BB&T	Returned Check	(\$2.00)

Ending Balance: \$ 3,551.24

STARFLEET ACADEMY CHECKING

Opening Balance: \$ 2,702.27

June:

No Transactions

July:

7/17/04	Dawn Lee-Akers	Academy Expenses	(\$55.32)
7/18/04	Dawn Lee-Akers	Academy Expenses	(\$187.00)

Ending Balance: \$ 2,459.95

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.
Photo submitted by 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.



2004 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



The Marine Color Guard marches in at the Opening Ceremonies. Submitted by Jill Rayburn



The "Captain Dunsel Award," given to Dennis Rayburn by Helen Pawlowski. Submitted by Jill Rayburn



Angel Avery and Kris Klufas show off their TOS era uniforms. Submitted by Sarah Bolick



Region 3 RC Brad Pense only takes off his hat for one thing... IC ain't it. Submitted by Jill Rayburn



And the CQ's Favorite

This proud group shot of the SS K'Ehleyr crew members, showing their contribution to the IC in Birmingham. This no

"Sadly, none of our members were able to make it to the International Conference this year. However, we did have a State Flag and have it sent to Pete Mohnney for the IC. They are in front of our monthly crew meeting place.

"Holding flag in the back: Left: CO Bob Fillmore, to right: Brad Treloar, Joshua Andrews, Julia Andrews, Holycross, Mr. Bob Hall.

Kneeling: Left: Mike Blanchard; Right: Sean P.

(picture taken by Wendy Fillmore, using Mike



Sarah Bolick enjoys IC
Submitted by Jill Rayburn



The USS Alioth held a second yard sale this year to continue raising money for Sub for Santa, which the Alioth has done every year since 1986. From left to right: Robbie Lawrence, Ann Edmunds, Dayne Clark, RADM Keira Russell-Strong, Fleet Capt. Janet Shepherd, RADM Lynnette Knox. Submitted by Keira Russell-Strong

CE & OTHER REASONS TO CELEBRATE!



Admiralty Board members and proxies at the General Session. Submitted by Jill Rayburn



Photo Award goes to...

... from Las Vegas, NV, with their
... from CO Wendy Fillmore:

... take the long trek across the country for the
... we "were" able to purchase the Nevada
... or display at the IC in our stead. Here were
... e, IHOP, on Boulder Highway in Las Vegas.

... ore; Right: Ron Fletcher, Jeff Salamon. Left
... Merica, Ellen Frei, Robby Fillmore, Keith

Fillmore

Blanchard's camera - thanks Mike!)



Linda Kloempken and Greg Trotter in the poker tournament.
Submitted by Sarah Bolick.



STARFLEET sweeties.... Joan Pierce and Ricky Bruckman, one of the 3 engaged Fleet couples who celebrated their engagement at IC. Submitted by Sarah Bolick.



Saturn 1B Rocket at the Alabama Welcome Center
Submitted by Jill Rayburn



RCR1 Greg Franklin, BDR John Roberts,SGM Scott Grant, RCR15 Garrick Halverson, FAdm. Mike Malotte and FCapt. Boyd Harmon all feel most welcome in Birmingham.
Submitted by Ed Nowlin

So, you want to lose weight? Why? Simple question really, but it may be a question that makes you do some soul searching.

Well? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it because in a couple of months you are going on a cruise? Okay, but what happens after the cruise? Are you going to go back to old habits? If you are, plan to pack back on all the weight you were planning to loose on your diet. In fact, plan to put that back on, and some extra weight too. I'm not saying don't try to fit into a smaller bathing suit for that cruise. If you're going to take off those extra pounds, plan to keep them off afterwards.

How do I begin?

First, check any medications you are taking. You can either go online or talk to your pharmacist. Why would medications be important? Some medications can have side affects. They may cause some problems with weight loss, or may cause you to retain water. This isn't going to be a serious problem, but may cause you to loose weight more slowly. It is better to know this before you start, than to struggle and not know why you are having a problem. Some medications may even prevent you from loosing weight, so you should talk to your doctor. There may be other medications that can be prescribed that will not prevent you from loosing the weight.

Choose a diet.

This is not easy. Remember, just because someone wrote a book about a type of diet doesn't mean that it is a good diet. The diet industry is a multi-billion dollar business and everyone is more than willing to take your money.

What should I be looking for in a diet plan?

According to the Mayo Clinic, you should evaluate your new diet plan to see how the program holds up. If one or more of these apply, it should raise a red flag.

- Promises of a quick fix
- Dire warnings from a single product or regimen
- Claims that sound too good to be true
- Simplistic conclusions drawn from a complex study
- Recommendations based on a single study
- Dramatic statements that are refuted by reputable scientific organizations
- Lists of "good" and "bad" foods
- Advice given to help sell a product
- Opinions based on studies published without peer review
- Recommendations from studies that ignore differences among individuals or groups

If you want to see the list of fad diets compiled by the Mayo Clinic, click on the web site at www.mayoclinic.com. There are a lot of fad diets out there, so dieters beware.

At this point you are ready to focus on the Six Strategies for Successful Weight Loss, according to the Mayo Clinic website

- 1.Make a commitment

- 2.Draw on support from others
- 3.Set a realistic goal
- 4.Learn to enjoy healthier foods
- 5.Get active, stay active
- 6.Change your lifestyle

Make a commitment

Making the decision to loose weight is a lifelong commitment. It will take work to achieve and maintain your new healthy weight. It requires concentration, time, and effort. Make sure that you're ready to make the necessary permanent changes and that you do so for the right reasons. Loosing weight is a personal decision; no one can make you lose weight. It should be your decision to loose weight, not a doctor's opinion or the result of a loved one badgering you. It should be a decision YOU want to make. A doctor's opinion may help you to decide to loose weight, but it is up to YOU.

As you are planning to start a new weight-related lifestyle change, try to resolve any other problems that you may have in your life. It takes considerable mental and physical energy to change your habits. So make sure other major issues don't distract you such as marital or financial problems. Timing is the key to success. You need to be at a point in your life where you're ready to take on the challenges of serious weight loss.

"Keep in mind that no matter how prepared you may be, you'll occasionally overeat or eat foods that you should avoid. Rather than let a setback derail your efforts, accept that it happened and get back on track. Don't expect to be perfect – and never give up."

If you treat each day as a fresh new day of your diet, it makes it easier to realize, that yesterday I overate, but today I will do better. Also, I have found that there are foods that I do love, and to tell myself that I can't have them is only going to defeat me in the end. Each person has comfort foods. Recognizing this helps. You know that you can have these foods, and you have to take that into account in your diet. Planning helps you in the end, and allows you to treat yourself to those foods that you love. I have always thought that I can have all the foods I love, just not all at one meal, or all in one day. Portion control is a key to those foods that are high in fats or carbohydrates.

Keep yourself motivated by focusing on all of the benefits of losing weight, such as having more energy and improving your health. Then look at the negatives, such as finding the time to exercise, and come up with creative solutions to overcome the negatives.

Draw on support from others.

As you plan to loose weight, set up a support system. There will be days when you will need to have someone to talk to,

or to get encouragement from. We here in SFI have a wonderful email list, thanks to Gary Hollifield, and anyone wanting to join, can, the more the merrier. To find us, just go to yahoo.com and go to groups and do a search for SFI-GFFD. Just join, and we will be there for you. If you are considering us as a possible group to join, we don't condone just one diet. It is pretty much whatever each person decides upon. We have people doing Weight Watchers, Atkins, South Beach, and some that don't have a diet plan other than watching what they do eat.

When you are choosing a diet plan, pick people who you know want only the best for you and who will encourage you. Your support person or persons should be available to listen to your thoughts and feelings and encourage you, perhaps spend time exercising with you, and share the priority you've placed on developing a healthier lifestyle.

Some people fare better with professional support, such as a dietitian or personal trainer. Others benefit from the group support they receive from organizations such as Weight Watchers or Overeaters Anonymous.

If you do join a group, keep in mind that what you get out of it will be in proportion to what you put into it. If you sit in a corner and just listen, you may hear some good suggestions. But, if you actively participate, you're more likely to reap the potential rewards of the group, such as, support, encouragement, feeling that you're not alone, and helpful suggestions specific to your concerns.

Set a Realistic Goal

"When you're thinking about what you expect from your new eating and exercise plan, be realistic. Healthy weight loss occurs slowly and steadily. Aim to lose one to two pounds a week. To do this, you need to burn 500 to 1,000 calories a day through a low-calorie diet and regular exercise. Losing weight more rapidly means losing water weight or muscle tissue, rather than fat.

Set weekly or monthly goals and track your progress. Remember that you're in this for the long haul. Anything you undertake too intensely or too vigorously quickly becomes too onerous, so you're more likely to give up.

In addition, make your goals "process goals," such as eating judiciously and exercising regularly, rather than "outcome goals," such as losing 50 pounds. Changing your process, your habits, is the key to weight loss. Make sure that your process goals are realistic, specific and measurable, such as; you'll walk for 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

Work out a strategy that gradually

changes the habits and attitudes that may have undermined your past efforts to lose weight. Choose a definite start date. Consider where, how often, and how long you'll exercise. Determine a realistic eating plan that factors in plenty of water, fruits and vegetables. Write everything down. Find the potential roadblocks, and make plans to deal with them.

Ask your doctor how much weight you can safely lose. Your doctor may refer you to a dietitian or someone else who specializes in weight loss."

Learn to Enjoy Healthier Foods

"Liquid meals, diet pills, and unusual combinations of foods aren't the key to long-term weight control and better health. Instead, learn how to eat a variety of healthy foods."

Lowering your total caloric intake and increasing your exercise will help you to obtain your new healthier lifestyle. Depending on how overweight you are determines how much you will burn. Understand that if you are severely overweight, doing something, will probably burn more calories than person who is in shape and works out regularly. The difference between the two is that the one in better shape burns calories more efficiently. Getting up and walking more than you did before will cause your metabolic engine to kick in and it will you will start burning more calories.

I encourage people that are extremely overweight not to cut down their intake so drastically that they are constantly hungry. That causes your body to go into starvation mode and it only defeats you. Decrease the size of your portions. Eat meals at the same time each day. Don't try to eat only one meal a day. If you were to leave your car running all night and then come out in the morning and expect it to just take you to work, you may find that your car is out of gas. The same is true with your body. It has been running all night and needs to have fuel so that it can function. Also, plan for low calorie, between meal snacks to keep your energy level up. Low calorie snacks include carrots, or any vegetable, a small apple or orange, or cheese sticks. Try to eat high protein snacks. When you combine a carbohydrate with a protein, they work together to help keep your blood sugar levels regulated until your next meal.

Don't watch television or work at the computer while you are eating. You will find that if you take the time to enjoy your meals and savor the tastes of your food, you will get fuller on less food. By eating more slowly, your body will realize that it is full. Often we eat so quickly that the body does not register that it is full. There is also the tendency to clean your plate. Eat what you can until you are full. If there is enough food left on your plate for a snack or for another meal, refrigerate it.

Change Your Lifestyle

"It's not enough to eat healthy foods and exercise for only a few weeks or even several months. You have to incorporate these behaviors into your life. To do that, you have to change (*cont. on p. 27*)

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the behaviors that helped make you overweight in the first place. Lifestyle changes start with taking an honest look at your eating habits and daily routine.

To assess your eating behaviors, ask yourself if you tend to eat when you're bored, angry, tired, anxious, depressed or socially pressured. Look at your eating style and shopping and cooking techniques. Were you taught to clean your plate? Do you eat too fast? Do you eat while watching TV? See if any patterns emerge to identify possible triggers for overeating."

Keeping a journal of what you eat, why, where and the reason for your eating, will help you to understand the habits that you have and will aid you in setting forth a plan to make changes in your habits.

"After assessing your personal challenges to weight loss, try working out a strategy to gradually change habits and attitudes that have sabotaged your past efforts. Simply admitting your own challenges won't get you past them entirely. But it helps in planning how you'll deal with them and whether you're going to succeed in losing weight once and for all.

You'll likely have an occasional setback. But instead of giving up entirely, simply start fresh the next day. Remember that you're planning to change your life. It won't happen all at once, but stick to your healthy lifestyle and the results will be worth it."

So, you want to lose weight?

I hope that if you are planning to lose weight for that cruise, that you keep it off afterwards. I hope that you will join SFI-GFFD and let us be a part of your support group, to help you to become a healthier person.

Websites of interest:

www.mayoclinic.com
www.niddk.nih.gov
<http://familydoctor.org>
www.nhlbi.nih.gov
www.webmd.com
[http://www.ivillage.com/?arrivalSA=1
&cobrandRef=0&arrival_freqCap=2](http://www.ivillage.com/?arrivalSA=1&cobrandRef=0&arrival_freqCap=2)
www.diet-i.com

Groups to join online:

www.weightwatchers.com
www.ediets.com
www.atkins.com
www.southbeachdiet.com

MOTHER NATURE STRIKES A BLOW

by FCapt. Michelle A. Muench, • USS Gasparilla, R2

It is currently 9:15AM on nothing less than Friday the 13th of August 2004. The Muench and Planthold families are holed up at the latter's home in far South Tampa, FL. The three others are quietly sleeping while I, with a mixture of dread, fear, worry and, believe it or not, excitement, sit in the living room monitoring the storm on television and beginning my Away Mission log.

A few moments have passed. Somehow I knew that it wouldn't be long until Ralph was awake; we seem to have rather similar sleeping patterns. At any rate, it makes it nice to sit here watching the news with another person for company.

Upon stepping outside to partake in my addiction of the tobacco weed, it was immediately obvious that something strange was in the air. Looking into the sky, I could already see the cloud bands in definition, even though the air was dead calm and humid.

The news is telling us that we should start feeling the effects of the storm around noon today, but the animal life around here – especially the birds – are apparently already feeling the changes in the weather. It is one thing to watch water birds walking along the banks to feed but entirely another to watch an entire flock running along the road rather than taking flight. The squirrels that are normally scampering through the trees are all on the ground and even trying to follow onto the screened porch. It makes me wonder what we might see of dead or injured wildlife after the storm passes. It feels odd to be more concerned about such things than I am over my home and belongings in the path of the impending storm surge.

The clock now shows 12:25PM and we have sprinkles outside, however, the "effects" that we were told to expect haven't fully shown up quite yet. This is not to say that it isn't coming – one look outside tells you that something big is on the horizon.

Here's an interesting note on the psychological effects of an impending, potential disaster. Our journey to the Planthold residence was late last night, so there wasn't anything open where ice was still available. That made this morning's outing a search for ice and a few other forgotten items. Wal-Mart, of course, was still open to serve their community (this FLEETer is a die-hard Wal-Mart fan, especially now) so I stopped in the hopes of completing my little shopping list.

Once inside, the strangeness of our collective human situation was evident. While walking through the store I came across many people – both very elderly as well as more middle-aged – who were simply standing around with completely dazed looks on their faces. Within a few

moments of this realization, I saw the various Wal-Mart reps calmly walking up to people, quietly bringing them out of their bewilderment by asking if they needed any assistance, and making certain that they had somewhere safe to go.

Just prior to all of this, I'd witnessed an elderly woman quietly sobbing in an aisle. Of course, simple human compassion impelled me to ask her if she was okay. After an affirmative reply, I asked if she needed any help or someone to drive her home. No, she was just awaiting her husband who had run over to another department. After a shared joke about "relaxing and relieving a little stress in relative privacy" (away from the spouse), I moved along with my shopping. The next thing I saw nearly brought me to tears but, at the same time, was so incredibly uplifting.

As I neared the end of the aisle, the husband in question returned; he looked to be at least 85 years old. He saw the tears that his wife is quickly trying to wipe away and rushed over to her, reassuring her that everything will be fine and he won't let anything bad happen to either of them. She motioned to me and after being reassured that I couldn't assist them in any way, I bid them luck and gave them my phone number to call me if they needed anything after the storm had passed. It took nearly everything I had not to be the one in tears as I moved on to the next aisle; it really brought home the fact that we were all in this together. I guess you could say it brought me much closer to understanding the impulses that pulled the population of New York together after 9/11. It certainly made the morning trip much more interesting and caused me to be sure to give James a big kiss when I returned!

At 3:15PM, we were watching the news after another tobacco break where it became apparent that we were in the very beginning of feeling the effects of Charley. Light gusting winds and a good steady rain brought me back inside commenting that we might want to check the news. Here we found that Charley is still a category 4 – not the 2 or 3 that had been initially expected – just like it was a couple of hours ago when it was still well away from land. Currently bearing down on Captiva Island, which is situated just near Ft. Myers, expected landfall was expected to occur around 3:37PM at Charlotte Harbor, just South of Bradenton. A bright piece of news was that the storm is moving at roughly 30 MPH and our hopes are that its speed doesn't diminish greatly after it makes landfall.

So, while we are thrilled that Tampa Bay is not the direct course for landfall, we find that we have even more interesting news at hand. The Planthold residence, as well as my family's homes just North of us (which were our fallback positions if

we needed to flee) are now directly in the path of the oncoming storm. Better yet, instead of following the basic route of I-75, the storm seems to, apparently, prefer U.S. 41, the main road that lies only ½ mile from our apartment. Let's weigh our options here. Storm surge or wind damage, which would you choose? Looks like our abode might be getting the "best of both worlds." We shall have to wait a few more hours to find out what hand Mother Nature decides to deal us in this card game we have been forced to play.

Well, as is so common the case in the events of my life, I slept through all the "fun." I'd initially thought to take a short nap, as I'd expected to be awoken when the winds began to howl in earnest. The next thing I knew was James coming in nearly four hours later to wake me up. It seems that, when the storm set it sights on Charlotte Harbor, it really liked the view because it turned right and headed full into town. So, instead of traveling up U.S. 41 as had been expected, the storm chose to take the back roads toward Orlando and Disney World.

Now, while this is a wonderful thing for us, and we are reveling in the sheer relief of having the storm miss us, we are very worried over the fates of all these folks along the new route who weren't expecting anything such as the category 4 mess that was suddenly bearing down on them. The news reports over the succeeding hours have not helped our fears for the safety of those who were caught in the storm's sudden change of path. Though only a few deaths have been reported, the destruction of property has been extreme in some places – thank goodness a bit less extreme in the areas that had at least a couple of hours warning of what was approaching.

As for the rest of the story, this would have to come from one of the folks who ended up bearing the brunt of the storm. All we know is that there was originally a bar-b-q scheduled for Saturday, to be hosted by the USS Paegan out in Orlando. As soon as we can raise someone on the phone, it is very possible that we will not be attending the now postponed bar-b-q but a hastily scheduled clean-up party. No matter, as our sojourn to the Planthold residence has proven yet again, FLEET folk find ways to have fun together, no matter what circumstances bring them to the same location.

XENOARCHAEOLOGY: MAKING SENSE OF THE SCIENCE OF SENTIENT SPECIES

by Commodore David E. Klingman • USS Jaguar, Region 1

We've seen numerous species during the voyages and missions of STARFLEET. In almost 250 years of visiting the worlds and the galaxy that have become a home away from home for us, we've encountered and catalogued more than 800 species, some appearing very human with nothing more than a different skin pigmentation or a random "forehead of the week" to species (like Species 8472 and the Caretaker from Star Trek: Voyager). Others, however, appear so alien that it makes us wonder how so many species can appear so much alike or so much different.

We often consider the "sentient" races to be the ones that speak the same language, appear more or less humanoid, and can identify with characteristic that seems derived from our own internal personality, our dreams and our flaws. But the truth is that, with countless number of stars in the universe, the likely percentage of those with habitable planets, and the percentage of those with sentient life to which we can relate, we have enough "raw data" to create an entire science of the study of sentient alien species.

In this article, you will be introduced to the "xenological sciences" and perhaps be sparked to further study alien species in ways to which you're not accustomed. But first, let's define some terms that describe the science behind the study of sentient life:

- Xenology describes the general science of the study of something alien
- Xenobiology describes the study of alien life forms
- Anthropology describes "the science of human beings and especially of their physical characteristics, their origin and the distribution of races, their environment and social relations, and their culture" (from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary)
- Xenoanthropology (a term used in STARFLEET's Academy, among other places) describes "the science of alien beings and especially of their physical characteristics, origin, and distribution of races, etc." (Merriam-Webster)
- Xenoarchaeology includes the physical, biological, and anthropological studies described and the historical and archaeological relationships within and between species and the taxonomy (classification according to natural

relationship) of the species described

Xenoarchaeology and, to a lesser extent, xenoanthropology are of interest because they include in their definitions both the physical study and what we can envision as the cultural, social, psychological and philosophical study of the aliens catalogued. These disciplines attempt to make some connection between the modern species and their ancestors. These sciences use "modern" tools (referring to 24th-century devices such as scanners and advanced computing machines) and "contemporary" tools (such as old-fashioned picks and shovels), as well as a lot of deductive reasoning and solid scientific hypothesis, to determine how the modern species developed and how — or if — they relate to each other.

We've seen hints of these sciences, of course, in the missions undertaken by the crews of various starships. The ones that come most rapidly to mind are:

- Stardate 46731.5 (Star Trek: The Next Generation episode "The Chase"), which introduces the concept of a common origin/seeding of humanoid genetic material by a protohumanoid species
 - Stardate 42609.1 (Star Trek: The Next Generation episode "Contagion"), which introduces the concept of commonality between a variety of languages spoken across several worlds that bear resemblance to the ancient Iconians
 - USS Voyager's encounter with the Voth and the introduction of the Distant Origin Theory (Star Trek: Voyager episode "Distant Origin")
- These are unique glimpses into the nature, origins, and connections between species that are quite different from the daily interactions we see in the "modern" day because they deal with the past and the present. The fascination for the xenoarchaeologist or xenoanthropologist lies in making these connections and asking questions such as:
- Is there a reason why so many humanoids from distant worlds look so strikingly similar?
 - Is there a reason that we see the random similarity in forehead anatomy as we encounter each species?
 - Is there a biological or an environmental element to the way modern Vulcans and Romulans differ?
 - Is there a relationship between the

Voth and other reptilian species that may have developed according to the guidelines of Distant Origin Theory?

- Is there some common physiology to species that aren't humanoid?

The reward comes, of course, from answering these questions. Generally, this involves a great deal of research. Just as the archaeologist on Earth digs through the layers of sediment to uncover the skeletal remains of dinosaurs, for example, the xenoarchaeologist/xenoanthropologist digs through the physical layers on countless worlds and the layers of those characteristics common to many species. The scientist looks at the humanoid species, including the "topography" of their faces; the similarities in physical form, language, culture and technology; and their culture and history. Then he or she catalogues similarities using the characteristics of the modern species to describe how physiology (that is, biological and physical form and function) translates to the ridges, bumps, depressions, gills, membranes and other "body parts" that we see from encounter to encounter.

The xenoarchaeologist/xenoanthropologist also recognizes the advantage of using modern tools and the countless volumes of information that describe the many sentient species. Creating a library for future use and study is as important as the study itself. The hope, then, is that this article will introduce the reader to, and spark interest in, the sources of information that pertain to the science of xenology.

Recommended sources include STARFLEET Academy's courses in XenoAnthropology and Delta Quadrant Studies and STARFLEET Marine Corps' courses in Xeno Studies.

A variety of sources available in cyberspace. Accurate and thorough sources include:

- Daystrom Institute Technical Library (<http://www.ditl.org/>)
- STARTREK.COM database of Aliens (<http://www.startrek.com/startrek/view/library/aliens/index.html>)
- STAR TREK Aliens (<http://cage.p.tripod.com/>)
- StarTrekSupplement: Races of the Star Trek Universe (<http://members.aol.com/jgary763/racesindex.html>)
- Titan Fleet Yards Members of the

United Federation of Planets (<http://www.fleetyard.net/science/federation/members.php>)

- Xenobiology Database (<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Nebula/4156/infirmar/xeno/xeno.html>)

These sources as well as The Xenoarchaeologist articles can be accessed online at http://www.angelfire.com/nc2/sardis/the_xenoarchaeologist.html.

Finally, to spark your interest, we introduce a quiz that, we hope, will encourage you to study these species so you can better understand the relationship between them:

1. What is the relationship between these reptilian species - Voth, Gwyr, Hirogen, Jem'Hadar, Tosk, Gorn, Kasheeta, Lethean, Kolaran, Saurian, Selay, Vaadwuar, Celan?
2. Who are the Galenans [(c) 2004 by Allyson Dyar] and how is the position of the Galenan Regent determined?
3. What similarity exists between the Shar'NN [(c) 2000 by David Klingman] and the Idjalich [(c) 2000 by David Klingman]?
4. What is the glabella, and how does it relate to physiology of species like the Klingons versus Bajorans?
5. Is there a biological reason/similarity between Ferengi and Dopterians that makes them "immune" to the telepathic and empathic skills of Vulcans and Betazoids?

(Hint: the answers to these questions can be found in one or more of the sources listed above. Of course, you can answer these questions by yourself, without using a reference source)

STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Thanks to Robin Smith and the Database/Web Group, these are easily compiled from <http://www.sfi.org/modules/news/summary.php>.

August

2004.08.13 : VAdm Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (ussrutledge@sc.rr.com) announced that the Membership Processing team is taking Shore Leave.

2004.08.13 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlink.com) announced that Fleet Captain Joe Hinson is the new Director of the School of Engineering.

2004.08.11 : General Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlink.com) announced the appointment of the Canadian Campus' College of Science Fiction.

2004.08.10 : Lieutenant General Robert J. Jackson, STARFLEET Inspector General, (robbyjackson@comcast.net) announced a minor snafu with the ig@sfi.org email address.

2004.08.10 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of United Star Ship Kerberos, STARFLEET Registry NCC-74929.

2004.08.10 : Admiral Kurt Roithinger, Director of Officer's Command College, (kurt@ssnexus.org) announced the current OCC test will only be available until August 15th. After that date, only the new OCC exam will be available.

2004.08.08 : Joe Brouhard, (jbrouhard@sfigaming.net) announced a special 'Open Discussion' on the future of SFIGaming.net.

2004.08.08 : VAdm. Pat Spillers, Starfleet Quartermaster, (VAdmPat@earthlink.net) announced the current offerings of the STARFLEET Quartermaster.

2004.08.06 : Manon Lessard-Bélanger, Region 14 RC, (Lessard-Belanger.Manon@hydro.qc.ca) announced the latest contact information for Region 14.

2004.08.06 : Jamie Delantonas, Cadets School of Accessibilities Director, (jamie1701g@yahoo.com) announced that the Cadets School of Accessibilities is now open.

2004.08.04 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of United Star Ship Hathor, NCC-3063.

2004.08.04 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of

United Star Ship Pride of Scotland, NCC-S8812.

2004.08.04 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced the commissioning of United Star Ship Kasimar, NCC-1784.

2004.08.04 : VAdm Mandi Livingston, Chief of Computer Operations, (CompOps@sfi.org) announced that the Database Team is looking for Testers and Coders.

2004.08.04 : Mike Smith, Region 7 RC, (msmith@acmecorp.org) reminds us about the Region 7 Conference.

2004.08.04 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Region 4 2004 Conference Coordinator, (kitten63@cox.net) provided an update on the Region 4 conference.

2004.08.04 : RAdm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org) announced the launching of the Shuttle Banshee.

2004.08.03 : COMM Dixie Halber, Chief of Communications, (comm@sfi.org) announced the winners of the 2004 Newsletter Awards.

2004.08.03 : Captain Dave Lynch, ASDB Chairman, (asdb@sfi.org) announced that the ASDB is now open for business.

2004.08.03 : Ed Nowlin, Region 4 RC, (rc@region4.org) announced the 2004 STARFLEET Web Award Winners.

2004.08.03 : Michael W. Malotte, STARFLEET Commander, (cs@sfi.org) announced the International Awards and promotions distributed during IC 2004.

2004.08.02 : Invisible helpers posted the SFA 2004 Awards.

2004.08.02 : BGN Aaron Murphy, Deputy Commandant SFMC, (depdant@sfi-sfmc.org) announced the winners of the SFMC 2004 Honor Awards.

July

2004.08.01 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, SFA Scholarship Coordinator, (scholarships@sfi.org) announced the winners of the 2004 Academy Scholarships.

2004.07.31 : Neal Fischer, (Burghman@comcast.net) provides an update on the IC 2004 Webcast.

2004.07.30 : Ed, Region 4 RC, (rc@region4.org) announced the rebirth of Memory Alpha at <http://memoryalpha.sfi.org/>.

2004.07.29 : Larry A. Barnes, RadioStarfleet Owner/Station Manager, (larry@m5-online.com) announced the tentative schedule for the IC2004 webcasts.

2004.07.28 : Admiral Kurt Roithinger, Officer's Command College Director, (kurt@ssnexus.org) announced the unveiling of the new OCC at IC 2004 along with general info about this new and improved material.

2004.07.27 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Region 4 2004 Conference Coordinator, (r4lv04@cox.net) announced that the R4 Conference website is now up and running at <http://www.region4.org/r4con2004/>.

2004.07.27 : Pete Mohny, IC 2004 Chairperson, (PDMohny@aol.com) announced the opening of #sf-ic2004 on Fleetchat IRC.

2004.07.26 : Ed Nowlin, Region 4 RC, (rc@region4.org) announced that an upload area has been established for high resolution non-GIF or JPG images.

2004.07.24 : Captain Robin Smith, Database Flunky, (robin@ussdragnscub.org) announced that the SFI DB has returned to operation.

2004.07.23 : Lt. Commander Michael Timko, Director for College of Science Fiction, (mjtimko@ussnebula.org) announced the addition of 33 new courses to the College of Science Fiction.

2004.07.22 : Scott A. Akers, Starfleet Academy Commandant, (chunone@nwlink.com) Announced that the SFA Security School is temporarily closed.

2004.07.22 : Captain Robin Smith, Database Flunky, (robin@ussdragnscub.org) announced that the SFI Database is currently down with no ETA for it's revival.

2004.07.21 : Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Department of Technical Services Director, (DTS@sfi.org) announced the new chairman for the Advanced Starship Design Bureau.

2004.07.21 : Pete Mohny, IC 2004 Chair, (chair@ic2004.org) provides the latest news on IC 2004.

2004.07.19 : VADM Mandi Livingston, Team STARFLEET - Livingston/Planthold 2004, (talkback@teamstarfleet.com) announced her acceptance of the nomination for Commander, STARFLEET.

2004.07.19 : General Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlink.com) announced the new web address for the Office of Fleet Historian, <http://www.fleethistorian.info/index.html>.

2004.07.17 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief

of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced that his postal address will be different beginning July 19th and ending October 4th.

2004.07.16 : BGN Dennis Rayburn STARFLEET Special Operations Commanding Officer, (co@sfi-specops.net) announced the suspension of the SFSO Practical Jokes contest and the disbanding of SFSO's Section 31.

2004.07.16 : FADM Les Rickard, Team FleetFirst - Rickard/Ueffing 2004, (les@fleetfirst.info) announced his acceptance of the nomination for Commander, STARFLEET.

2004.07.16 : Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Election Coordinator, (election@sfi.org) announced the results of the nomination phase for the Commander, STARFLEET election.

2004.07.15 : BGN Aaron Murphy, SFMC Deputy Commandant, (depdant@sfi-sfmc.org) reminds us that all SFMC Honor Awards nominations are due no later than 2359CDT today, July 15th.

2004.07.14 : Adm Brad Pense, STARFLEET Internal Auditor, (rc@region3.com) posted a revised Treasurer report.

2004.07.14 : Brigadier General Linda Olson, CO Forces Command, (ST_DragonLady@msn.com) announced the LAST CALL for updates to the Wall of Honor before IC 2004.

2004.07.14 : General Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlink.com) announced that CQ 68 is now available from the CQ archive.

2004.07.13 : Scott A. Akers, SFA Commandant, (chunone@nwlink.com) announced the appointment of Ron Novak as the new Director of the School of Recruiting.

2004.07.13 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org) announced that the July edition of the Vessel Registry is now available for download from <http://documents.sfi.org/>.

2004.07.12 : BGN Aaron Murphy, Deputy Commandant SFMC, (depdant@sfi-sfmc.org) reminds us that the 03-04 SFMC Honor Awards nominations are due no later than 2359 CDT on 15 Jul 04.

2004.07.12 : Rear Admiral Jeffery Higdon, STARFLEET Diplomatic Corps Director, (diplocorps@sfi.org), announced the Diplomatic Corps has a new email address, fhu92-sfdc@yahoo.com.

2004.07.09 : Ed Nowlin, RC R4, (rc@region4.org) announced that Memory Alpha is scheduled to return

to operation no later than July 30th during IC 2004. He also provided info on submitting images to Memory Alpha as well as a request for a judge for the Web Awards.

2004.07.09 : Rear Admiral Greg Trotter, STARFLEET Election Coordinator, (election@sfi.org) reminds of the upcoming Nomination deadline, July 15th. He also reminds us of voting eligibility requirements.

2004.07.08 : Capt Robin Van Cleave, Director - FDP - Cadet/Youth Services, (evilkitty73289@hotmail.com) announced the reopening of Cadet/Youth Services.

2003.07.06 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Director of Shuttle Operations Command, (ncc1719@yahoo.com), announced the commissioning of the U.S.S. Europe, NCC-74668.

2003.07.03 : Deborah A. Malotte, Director of Promotions, (promotions@sfi.org), provides us with an explanation of when and why promotions are posted to the SFI DB.

2003.07.02 : BDR Aaron Murphy, Deputy Commandant SFMC, (depdant@sfi-sfmc.org) reminds us that submissions for the 2003 Honor Awards are due NLT 15 Jul 03 by 23:59 CDT.

2003.07.01 : BDR Aaron Murphy, Deputy Commandant SFMC, (depdant@sfi-sfmc.org), reminds us that applications for Sergeant Major, S-3 and S-4 are due NLT 31 Jul 03 by 23:59 CDT.

June

2003.06.30 : Rev Dennis Rayburn, Chief of Chaplains/Counselors, (stoncold@wk.net), announces that he is now accepting nominations for the Helen Pawlowski Award which is given to the Chaplain/Counselor of the year.

2003.06.30 : VAdm. John T. (Jack) Hopkins, IC2003 Co-Coordinator - Administrative, (SFIJack@aol.com), announced the ad rates for the 2003 International Conference Program Book.

2003.06.30 : VAdm. John T. (Jack) Hopkins, IC2003 Co-Coordinator - Administrative, (SFIJack@aol.com), announces the panel information for IC.

2003.06.30 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), requests that anyone wishing to launch a shuttle or commission a ship at IC 2003, please contact him and provide all relevant paperwork no later than 7/14/2003.

2003.06.28 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Starfleet Academy - Scholarship

STARFLEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Director, (kitten63@lvcm.com), provides a final reminder that all scholarship application materials must be in or postmarked by JULY 1, 2003.

2003.06.26 : Commodore Becky Thane, Overseas Coupon Program Advisor/President Emeritus, (BeckyThane@aol.com), announced important news from the Overseas Coupon Program, including new contact information, Base Adoption procedures and a request for Contribution Summaries.

2003.06.25 : RAdm. Wendy Fillmore, Starfleet Academy - Scholarship Director, (kitten63@lvcm.com), reminds us that the deadline for scholarship applications is July 1, 2003.

2003.06.25 : Larry "Da Boss" Barnes & Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons, (gumbysan@hotmail.com), announced the launching of RadioSTARFLEET. Please read the entire message or visit them at <http://www.radiostarfleet.com>.

2003.06.23 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief

of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced that the June edition of the Vessel Registry is now on-line and ready for download at documents.sfi.org and at operations.sfi.org.

2003.06.23 : Comm. Jerry Tien, Shuttle Operations Command Director, (shoc@sfi.org), announced the launching of the Shuttle Trinity River.

2003.06.22 : FCAPT Ray Brown <KBØSTN>, (raybrown@ipa.net), announced that the HAM Radio list has been reopened at sfi-hams@yahoogroups.com.

2003.06.21 : Major General Robert J. Jackson, STARFLEET Inspector General, (ig@sfi.org), announced that he is now accepting applications for R4 Assistant Inspector General.

2003.06.20 : FCapt. Dixie Halber, Vice Chief Communications - Publications, (dhalber@sigeom.net), announced that she will be offline until June 29th. She also reminds us that submissions for the 2002 Newsletter Awards are due July 15th. All submissions will receive a reply upon her return.

2003.06.19 : BDR Aaron Murphy, SFMC Deputy Commandant, (depdant@sfi-sfmc.org), announced that the application period for Sergeant Major/STARFLEET Marine Corps has been extended.

2003.06.19 : BDR Aaron Murphy, SFMC Deputy Commandant, (depdant@sfi-sfmc.org), announced two openings under the Deputy Commandant's Office.

2003.06.17 : VAdm. John T. (Jack) Hopkins, IC2003 Co-Coordinator - Administrative, (SFIJack@aol.com), announced that the IC2004 folks will be hosting a hospitality suite and preregistration table at the IC2003 conference.

2003.06.16 : VAdm. John T. (Jack) Hopkins, IC2003 Co-Coordinator - Administrative, (SFIJack@aol.com), reminds us that if you are flying to IC2003, now is the time to start checking for ticket prices.

2003.06.15 : Ed Nowlin, Vice Chief Communications/NetServices, (capt_ed@shasta.com), announced that he is seeking a 3rd Judge for the 2003 STARFLEET Web Awards.

2003.06.13 : Fleet Captain John Adcock, SFA Assistant Commandant, (asstacademy@sfi.org), announced that the School of Law will be closing temporarily and will reopen 1 September 2003. Assistance is also being sought for this school.

2003.06.13 : VAdm. John T. (Jack) Hopkins, IC2003 Co-Coordinator, (SFIJack@aol.com), announced that Dee Rickard is the Travel Coordinator for IC2003 as well as other travel related information.

2003.06.11 : Lt. Gloria Hanson, VAS Director, (GloNCristo@aol.com), announced that VAS will be moving its operation to Vermont as of Friday, June 13.

2003.06.10 : Brigadier Linda Olson, Chief of Staff STARFLEET Marines, (ST_DragonLady@msn.com), reminds us that all submissions for the Wall of Honor need to be submitted ASAP.

2003.06.04 : VAdm. John T. (Jack) Hopkins, IC 2003 Co-Coordinator - Administrative, (SFIJack@aol.com), reminds us that a vegetarian

alternative is available for the IC2003 Banquet.

2003.06.04 : General Scott A. Akers, Office of Fleet Historian Director, (chunone@nwlinc.com), announced that CQ 72 is now available from the online CQ Archives at <http://cq.ussatlas.org/>.

2003.06.03 : FCAPT Dixie Halber, Vice Chief of Communications - Publications, (dhalber@sigeom.net), announced that submissions for the 2003 STARFLEET Newsletter Awards are due by July 15, 2003.

2003.06.01 : Brigadier General Joost "Excalibur" Ueffing, Chief of Operations, (ops@sfi.org), announced that MSRs are due soon and because of the recent server move, he is waiving the late penalty for MSRs received after the 5th for this month.

2003.06.01 : MGen Sanford Berenberg, Chief of Computer Operations, (compops@sfi.org), announced that the Membership Database is back online and undergoing DNS propagation.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT SUMMARIES

Compiled By Commodore Dixie Halber

Region 1

Shuttle Banshee

NCC-74916 Maryville, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed local Highland games. An away team attended a baseball outing hosted but another area chapter.

Shuttle Essex

NCC-72402/01 Newark, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout despite a sneak attack by Romulan spies bearing super soakers.

Shuttle Schweitzer

NCC-51896/01 Westminster, Maryland

CO is preparing to be deployed overseas soon. An away team attended Shore Leave in Region 7.

SS Benu

NCC-SFR-119 Gatlinburg, TN

Away teams enjoyed a movie outing and a trip to a baseball game. The ship sponsored a 4th of July picnic with great food and a croquet match.

SS Nikola Tesla

NCC-SS005 Puryear, TN

Crewmembers donated goods to the Relay for Life Raffle. An away team attended the IC.

USS Aeon

NCC-75022 Memphis, TN

Crewmembers looking forward to a 4th of July picnic. Plans for the ship's anniversary party are underway.

USS Alaric

NCC-503 Asheville, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed gaming events. Recycling efforts continue.

USS Appomattox

NCC-75001 Appomattox, VA

An away team attended a local Casino night. Plans for summer fundraisers are underway. The ship sponsored a successful bake sale.

USS Aries

NCC-71806-B Johnson City, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout. The ship is created a fan film. Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Asgard

NCC-72402 Lancaster, OH

An away team participated in a garage sale with another area chapter. Other members enjoyed a canoe trip. Crewmembers participated in a local 4th of July Parade.

USS Athena

NCC-51896 Reston, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team volunteered at Shore Leave in Region 7. The ship held a very successful paper airplane contest.

USS Bonaventure

NCC-102-A Thomasville, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout.

USS Charleston

NCC-71813 Charleston, SC

Collections efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing.

USS Chesapeake

NCC-1887 Glen Allen, VA

The ship sponsored a small convention at a local library.

USS Columbia

NCC-75017 Shelby, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed dinner after the monthly meeting.

USS Columbus

NCC-72401 Columbus, OH

The ship sponsored a garage sale fundraiser.

USS Commonwealth

NCC-74670 Richmond, KY

An away team attended a movie outing. Crewmembers collected relief supplies for children overseas. The is also raising money for local sick child.

USS Dark Wolf

NCC-75002 Kingsport, TN

Crewmembers attended a local convention. An away team enjoyed a beach outing in a faraway locale.

USS Dominator

NCC-18076 Charleston, SC

Recruitment efforts continue. Collection efforts for OCP and Stampede continue.

USS Gallifrey

NCC-81631 Elyria, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed sci-fi nights and roleplaying nights. An away team helped out at a local movie theatre. Plans for other promotional efforts are underway.

USS Hathor

NCC-3063 Louisville, KY

Recruitment efforts continue but other than that crewmembers enjoyed a quiet month. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's commissioning. Away team volunteered at several conventions.

USS Heimdal

NCC-1793 Amherst, VA

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic and swimming at the monthly meeting.

USS Hornet

NCC-1714-D Charlotte, NC

Crewmembers volunteered at a local convention. An away team enjoyed a dinner night despite the bad weather.

USS Jaguar

NCC-74750 Kingsport, TN

An away team traveled to region R13 for their summit. An away team had a fabulous time at the IC.

USS Jamestown

NCC-1843-D Hampton, VA

The ship sponsored it's annual picnic complete with radio controlled car racing, laser tag and Uno

competition. The ship sponsored its annual casino night with other area ships. An away team attended a small convention sponsored by another area chapter.

USS Jurassic

NCC-3500 Hammersville, OH

The ship sponsored the annual Amateur Radio Field Day. Collection efforts for OCP continue. Crewmembers continue to create blankets for a local children's hospital. Plans for the ship's 10th anniversary party are underway.

USS Kitty Hawk

NCC-1659 Raleigh, NC

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout. Plans for away missions during the summer are underway. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Lagrange

NCC-3916-B Cuyahoga Falls, OH

The ship sponsored a float in a Memorial Day parade that won third place. The next week in another parade the float took first place. A third parade trophy was earned in a 4th of July Parade.

USS Liberator

NCC-75008 Akron, OH

An away team attended several movie premiers. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

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USS Maat

NCC-1794-A Norfolk, VA

The ship helped sponsor the annual Casino Night. Crewmembers participated in a local convention.

USS Maelstrom

NCC-74218 Hertford, NC

Crewmembers are working with a local radio station for an upcoming promotion. An away team traveled to Region 7 for a convention.

USS Normandy

NCC-36000 Winston-Salem, NC

An away team attended the IC.

USS North Carolina

NCC-75019 Hickory, NC

Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting. Plans are underway for the 2005 R1 Summit.

USS Ohio

NCC-75007 Barberton, OH

Crewmembers answered telephone at a local PBS station telethon. An away team volunteered at a local bike race. Crewmembers enjoyed a birthday cookout. Crewmembers helped out at the Annual Radio Field day with another area chapter.

USS Parallax

NCC-74657 Simpsonville, SC

Recruitment efforts continue.

USS Pathfinder

NCC-2121 Lima, OH

Crewmembers continue to volunteer computer time for Seti@home.

USS Powhatan

NCC-1967-A Chesapeake, VA

Plans for the summer are underway. An away team traveled to Region 7 for a convention.

USS Pride of Scotland

NCC-S8812 Louisville, KY

An away team visited a local zoo. A fund drive for the Sick Kids Foundation was started. Crewmembers volunteered at a Salvation Army program. Crewmembers enjoyed a cruise on a local paddleboat. An away team attended the IC where the ship was commissioned and duly celebrated.

USS Providence

NCC-71796 Cedar Grove, TN

Crewmembers enjoyed their annual picnic. An away team attended the IC.

USS Questar

NCC-75435 Louisville, KY

Plans for the fall are underway.

USS Renegade

NCC-2547 Youngstown, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed an airshow. Plans for fall activities are underway.

USS Reprisal

NCC-1896 Fall Branch, TN

An away team attended the IC.

USS Richmond

NCC-2003 Covington, VA

Crewmembers celebrated the graduation of several members. Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic.

USS Ronald E McNair

NCC-61809 Columbia, SC

Collection efforts for pop tops and OCP continue. An away team enjoyed a movie night.

USS Rutledge

NCC-74215 Ladson, SC

Crewmembers continue to volunteer for Operation Eagle. An away team had a busy but enjoyable IC.

USS Star League

NCC-2101 N. Augusta, SC

The ship said goodbye to a member who passed away from cancer.

USS Starward Fury

NCC-2122 Spring Lake, NC

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's anniversary with dinner. An away team enjoyed a theatre outing.

USS Tycho

NCC-59325 Toledo, OH

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual bowling activity.

USS Wasp

NCC-1721 Shelbyville, KY

Crewmembers are enjoying a quiet summer.

USS West Virginia

NCC-2008 Charleston, WV

The ship sponsored a movie event at a local library.

USS White Eagle

NCC-2302 Jacksonville, NC

Crewmembers cleaned their adopted highway. Soup label collection efforts continue.

USS Yeager

NCC-61893 Bluefield, WV

Crewmembers gearing up for a model rocketry event.

USS Yorktown

NCC-1704-A Catawba, SC

An away team traveled to a nearby convention.

Region 2

Shuttle King George

NCC-78501/1 Savanna, GA

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting.

Shuttle Victorious

NCC-40967 Clearwater, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie outing. An away team attended a convention.

SS Dark Silence Station

NCC-007 Florence, AL

Crewmembers enjoyed the annual pool party. An away team attended the IC.

USS Blackstar

NCC-75003 Miami, FL

Crewmembers volunteered at a local convention. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 7th anniversary with a pool party and barbecue.

USS Continuum

NCC-71821 Milton, FL

Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Dark Phoenix

NCC-74920 Lucedale, FL

Away teams enjoyed movie and dinner events. An away team also visited with sick children at a local children's hospital. Crewmembers enjoyed summer barbecues. Away teams attended a convention in Region 7 and the IC.

USS DaVinci

NCC-74671 Columbus, GA

Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a cookout.

USS Draco

NCC-78501 Hanceville, AL

An away team attended the IC.

USS Drakenfire

NCC-71822 Odenville, AL

Away teams continue to enjoy shopping outings.

USS Gasparilla

NCC-74400 Apollo Beach, FL

Plans for the upcoming months are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a gaming night.

USS Guardian

NCC-26244 Cocoa Beach, FL

Crewmembers enjoyed an Enterprise season finale party. The ship help its annual bowling party.

USS Haise

NCC-74664 Brandon, MS

An away team enjoyed a movie event. The ship had its annual Freedom Celebration Picnic.

USS Hephaestus

NCC-2004 Birmingham, AL

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout with games, movies and lots of good food. The ship hosted the 2005 STARFLEET International conference (*editors note: And did a TERRIFIC JOB!*)

USS Jubilee

NCC-57299 Mobile, AL

The ship sponsored its annual visit to a local children's hospital. An away team attended a cookout sponsored by another area chapter.

USS Khai Tam

NCC-81000 Tallahassee, FL

An away team cleaned the ship's adopted trail. Crewmembers enjoyed a poker night.

USS New Hope

NCC-50335 Montgomery, AL

Away teams enjoyed a trip to Florisa for fun sun and shell collecting. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights.

USS Odyssey

NCC-454-A Hattiesburg, MS

Plans for a summer cookout are underway. An away team traveled to Region 7 for a convention.

USS Okatoma

NCC-74695 Colins, MS

Plans for the summer are underway.

USS Paegan

NCC-1755 Lake Mary, FL

Crewmembers celebrated the arrival of a new XO with a night of video games and gaming.

USS Pleiades

NCC-72388 Douglasville, GA

Crewmembers helped memorialize a fallen crewmember.

USS Relentless

NCC-81001 Madison, FL

Crewmembers volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers volunteered at several charity events in the area.

USS Republic

NCC-1371 Douglasville, GA

An away team attended and volunteered at a local convention.

USS Shadow Hawk

NCC-74660 Opelika, AL

Crewmembers welcomed two new shipmates.

USS Spiritwalker

NCC-31097 Decatur, AL

Donations to the local animal shelter continue. An away team enjoyed several movie outings. The ship celebrated anniversaries of several of their members.

USS Trident

NCC-74692 Jensen Beach FL

Crewmembers enjoyed movie outings. Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a cookout. An away team traveled to Region 7 for Shore Leave.

USS Triumph

NCC-26228 Dania, FL

Recycling efforts continue. Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Wernher von Braun

NCC-72069 Madison, AL

Crewmembers enjoyed an outing to the Huntsville Space and Rocket center. An away team enjoyed a barbecue. An away team attended and enjoyed the IC.

USS Yamato

NCC-71807 Gardendale, AL

An away team attended a cookout hosted by another area chapter. An away team helped out the IC committee.

Region 3

SS Freedom III

SS-001 Euleess, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed the Region 3 Summit. A small away team attended the IC.

USS Ark Angel

NCC-1889 Georgetown, TX

An away attended the Region 3 Summit. Crewmembers participated in a fundraising weekend. The ship sponsored a 4th of July party.

USS Aurora Vulcanus

NCC-1888 Houston, TX

An away team attended the Region 3 Summit. Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team toured Huntsville and the Texas Prison Museum.

USS Bethel

NCC-74663 Justin, TX

Crewmembers had a wonderful at the Region 3 Summit. Crewmembers gathered to enjoy fireworks on the 4th of July.

USS Bexar

NCC-71718 San Antonio, TX

Plans underway for the ship's 11th anniversary party. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 11th anniversary with a meeting and party at a crewmembers home.

USS Comanche

NCC-71809 Weatherford, TX

An away team attended the Region 3 Summit.

USS Firebird

NCC- Houston, TX

Recruitment efforts continue. Crewmembers participated in the monthly meeting.

USS Gunslinger

NCC-6019 El Paso, TX

The ship sponsored a garage sale.

USS Joan of Arc

NCC-73289 Corpus Christi, TX

Recruitment efforts continue. Plans for fall activities, including a wedding are underway.

USS Laredo

NCC-03 Lubbock, TX

An away team attended the Region 3 Summit.

USS Lone Star

NCC-73628 Lubbock, TX

Crewmembers helped man telephones at the Children's Miracle Network telethon. The ship hosted the Region 3 Summit. An away team attended the IC. Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout and fireworks. The ship participated in a local parade.

USS Palo Duro

NCC-61914 Amarillo, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic. Crewmembers celebrated the engagement of two of their own.

USS Panther City

NCC-74917 Benbrook, TX

Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights. An away team attended the Region 3 Summit. Crewmembers also enjoyed a minor league baseball game.

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USS Rhyanna

NCC-1892 Marble Falls, TX

An away team attended the Region 3 Summit. Food collection efforts continue.

USS SpiritWolf

NCC-74300 Houston, TX

An away team attended the Region 3 Summit.

USS Tejas

NCC-9756 Vernon, TX

Collection efforts for various charities continue.

USS Trinity River

NCC-6425 Dallas, TX

An away team attended the Region 3 Summit. The ship celebrated its first anniversary. Crewmembers volunteered at a local convention.

USS Victory

NCC-74208 San Antonio, TX

An away team attended the Region 3 Summit. An away team attended the IC and hosted the 2005 IC Hospitality suite.

Region 4

ISS Pegasus

NCC-9755 Las Vegas, NV

Collection efforts for pop tops continue and have topped 50,000.

Shuttle Battle Born

NCC-23104/1 Carson City, NV

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting as they wandered the streets looking for a place to meet. Plans for a t-shirt making party are underway.

Shuttle Gallant

NCC-1950 Fresno, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed the general meeting.

SS Cascade Station

NCC-SS003 Redding, CA

Crewmembers investigated adopting a highway. An away team attended the IC.

SS K Ehleyr

NCC-009 Las Vega, NV

Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie nights.

USS Angeles

NCC-71840 Los Angeles, CA

Plans for future activities are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July barbecue and fireworks.

USS Angelfire

NCC-75025 Tolleson, CA

The ship hosted its annual 4th of July party.

USS Augusta Ada

NCC-55011 Campbell, CA

Plans for future activities being discussed.

USS Centurion

NCC-74801 Highland, CA

Summer activities are underway.

USS Dragons Cub

NCC-81003 Shafter, CA

Collection efforts for can tabs, Betty Crocker and KoolAid points continue. The ship made a book donation.

USS Eagle

NCC-1719 Fremont, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed barbecue parties. Plans for the regional conference are underway. An away team attended a comic con. The CO attended the IC.

USS Hells Fury

NCC-74304 Fresno, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed online monthly meetings and role playing.

USS Highroller

NCC-23104 Reno, NV

Crewmembers are contemplating the future.

USS Northern Lights

NCC-27001 Newark, CA

Crewmembers helped the CO move quarters, a housewarming celebration will follow soon. An away team attended a comic con.

USS Onizuka

NCC-71815 Chico, CA

Crewmembers voted for new officers. An away team attended the IC.

USS PeaceKeeper

NCC-73200 Visalia, CA

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue with the ship's shuttle. Crewmembers participated in a poker night/Toys for Tots drive.

USS S L Heya

NCC-1601 Fresno, CA

Recruitment efforts underway. Work on the ship's handbook underway.

USS Tikopai

NCC-1800 San Jose, CA

Plans for future activities are underway.

USS Vanguard

NCC-75026 Fillmore, CA

Crewmembers enjoying outings with another area Star Trek club.

USS William O Darby

NCC-12474 Grand Terrace, CA

Plans for future activities are underway. Recruitment plans in the works.

Region 5

SS Grey Wolf

NCC-SFR-501 Boise, ID

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting. An away team went to a fruit stand for fresh fruit. An away team attended the IC.

USS Carson

NCC-0592-A Weiser, ID

Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Crusader

NCC-74711 Otis Orchards, WA

Crewmembers creating a customized monopoly game.

Plans underway for the ship's 7th anniversary.

USS Destiny

NCC-97301 Salem, OR

Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team enjoyed an IMAX movie. Plans for a mini-golf challenge are underway. The ship sponsored a yard sale fundraiser.

USS Rubicon

NCC-71816 West Richland, WA

Crewmembers attended the 10th anniversary of another area chapter. Crewmembers enjoyed a Magic tournament. An away team attended the IC.

Region 6

USS Czar ak

NCC-1798-A Richfield, MN

An away team volunteered at a local convention. Several members attended the IC.

USS Fox River

NCC-81002 Appleton, WI

The ship hosted the Region 6 Summit.

USS Imperium

NCC-2125 Fargo, ND

Crewmembers enjoyed a picnic and barbecue with another area group. An away team participated in a bowling challenge.

USS Saint George

NCC-63541 St. Paul, MN

Collection efforts for OCP continue.

USS Thunderchild

NCC-3122 Belle Fourche, SD

Crewmembers participated in the Black Hills Duck Race to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network

Region 7

ISS Lexington

NCC-1703-C West New York, New Jersey

An away team attended a local fair. Summer plans are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a laser tag event.

USS Accord

NCC-1842 Ithaca, NY

Collection efforts for OCP have begun. An away team visited a local nature center. Crewmembers enjoyed a movie at a local coffee house. Crewmembers enjoyed a mini golf event.

USS Adamant

NCC-3029 Hatfield, PA

Crewmembers enjoyed dinner and movie night. The ship sponsored the annual picnic which managed to go on despite the threat of rain. An away team attended Shore Leave. An away team enjoyed a local carnival.

USS Albany

NCC-587 Scotia, NY

Crewmembers enjoyed a miniature golf outing. The ship sponsored a yard sale to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Collection efforts for OCP continue. The ship hosted its annual picnic.

USS Alpha Centauri

NCC-71812 Temple Hills, MD

Plans for summer activities are underway.

USS Archer

NCC-1069 Mantua, NJ

The ship welcomed a new chief of sciences. Recruitment efforts are underway. An away team attended Shore Leave and the IC.

USS Ari

NCC-1723 Buffalo, NY

An away team attended a movie night. Another away team attended a seminar with actor David Lander of Lavern and Shirley fame. Mr. Lander also appeared as a Ferengi in a TNG episode.

USS Ascension

NCC-2520 Schnecksville, PA

An away team traveled to a nearby convention. Away teams attended a dinner and movie night and a picnic with another area chapter. An away team attended Shore Leave.

USS Asimov

NCC-1647 Paoli, PA

Away teams attended Shore Leave and IC.

USS Avenger

NCC-1860 Linden, NJ

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 19th anniversary with a large party. Plans for the 20th anniversary are underway.

USS Challenger

NCC-1676-D Toms River, NJ

An away team attended a local Renaissance Faire. Plans for summer activities are underway. An away team attended Shore Leave.

USS DeBraak

NCC-63543 Dover, DE

An away team attended Shore Leave.

USS Dragon Star

NCC-52135 Walden, NY

An away team attended the circus. Crewmembers attended the American Choppers Opening in Woodbury. Crewmembers enjoyed movie nights and Enterprise nights.

USS Edinburgh

NCC-77930 Glen Burnie, MD

Crewmembers helped out CompOps by delivering supplies to Ohio.

USS Flying Fox

NCC-3116 Bethlehem, PA

An away team attended Shore Leave and the IC.

USS Highlander

NCC-10530 Randallstown, MD

An away team attended Shore Leave.

USS Inferno

NCC-15202

An away team toured a local state park.

USS Justice

NCC-556 Florham Park, NJ

Plans for upcoming events are underway. The ship finished work on a video of the upcoming William Shatner Paintball event.

USS Malverne

NCC-2205 Upper Darby, PA

An away team attended Shore Leave.

USS Matrix

NCC-72296 Laurel, MD

Plans to celebrate the ship's 10th anniversary are underway. An away team attended Shore Leave.

USS Niagara

NCC-75634 Cheektowaga, NY

Plans underway for summer activities. An away team volunteered at a nearby convention.

USS Northstar

NCC-10462 Bronx, NY

Crewmembers participated in the Pride Parade.

USS Osiris

NCC-3092 Bronx, NY

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 8th anniversary.

USS Prevailing Wind

NCC-74667 Harrisburg, PA

Crewmembers celebrated birthdays and anniversaries.

USS Sovereign

NCC-75000 Philadelphia, PA

Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 14th anniversary. An away team attended the IC.

USS Starlord

NCC-74225 Aberdeen, NJ

Crewmembers enjoyed gaming nights. Crewmembers celebrated the 4th of July with a barbecue.

USS Triton

NCC-71819 Glen Burnie, MD

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly meeting and dinner.

Region 9

USS Europe

NCC-74668 Lisboa, Portugal
Plans underway for a possible shuttle. Recruitment efforts are underway. Crewmembers enjoyed web chats.

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Region 10

USS Crystal Star

NCC-1160 Eagle River, AK

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue. An away team traveled to Las Vegas to tour the Star Trek Experience.

USS Majestic

NCC-78601 Victoria, BC

An away team attended the IC.

USS Sol

NCC-1733 Ester, AK

Crewmembers enjoyed the yearly FleetMeet party.

Region 12

Shuttle Dragonstrike

NCC-74305 Oswego, KS

Recruitment efforts underway. An away team attended a nearby convention.

USS Allegiant

NCC-07 Lenexa, KS

Plans for the first official meeting underway.

USS Atlas

NCC-75013 Bridgeton, MO

Crewmembers enjoyed the monthly restaurant night. Crewmembers attended a movie outing.

USS Black Hawk

NCC-75004 Rockford, IL

Recruitment efforts underway. Plans for the 9th anniversary party moving along.

USS Bortas

NCC-74211 Urbana, IL

Crewmembers attended a local food festival.

USS Celt

NCC-75018 Elkins, AR

Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout and meeting.

USS Claymore

NCC-72292 Midwest City, OK

Pop top collection efforts continue. Crewmembers volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. An away team attended a nearby convention. Crewmembers helped clean a local school to help it prepare for the new year. An away team enjoyed a campout over the 4th of July weekend.

USS Delta Clipper

NCC-72302 Atchison, KS

Crewmembers are enjoying academy classes. Away teams enjoyed movie nights.

USS Discovery

NCC-1308 St. Louis, MO

An away team vacationed at Disney World. Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July barbecue with other area chapters.

USS Firestorm

NCC-75006/01 Ottawa, KS

An away team attended the Region 12 Summit. Crewmembers are sending supplies to troops overseas.

Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July cookout.

USS Flying Fortress

NCC-31904 Broken Arrow, OK

An away team attended the Region 12 Summit. They also attended a nearby convention. Recycling efforts continue.

USS Hellfire & Brimstone

NCC-3143 Emporia, KS

Plans for future events underway.

USS Hexum

NCC-2199 Belleville, IL

An away team participated in the Race for the Cure. Crewmembers enjoyed gaming. An away team attended a movie outing.

USS Horizon

NCC-1000-B Fulton, MO

An away team attended a Renaissance festival.

USS Jeannette Maddox

NCC-14514 Wichita, KS

Crewmembers enjoyed a boating trip.

USS Morning Star

NCC-4126 Lawton, OK

Pull tab collection efforts continue. An away team volunteered at a local shelter. Crewmembers celebrated birthdays.

USS Nomad

NCC-78500 St. Louis, MO

A small away team visited with several other area chapters. An away team attended the IC and hosted an engagement party for three engaged Fleet couples.

USS Phoenix

NCC-2155 Columbia, MO

An away team enjoyed a movie outing. Crewmembers manned a table at a local convention.

USS Shawnee

NCC-71802 Lenexa, KS

Crewmembers enjoyed a dinner and movie night.

USS Sunflower

NCC-74679 Augusta, KS

Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team worked a concession trailer to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

USS Thunderbird

NCC-71845 Oklahoma City, OK

An away team volunteered at Aerospace America.

USS Titan

NCC-72303 Atchison, KS

Crewmembers enjoyed cake, punch and bingo at the monthly meeting.

USS Titanic

NCC-75015 Lawton, OK

Recycling efforts continue.

USS Umiak

NCC-3142 St. Louis, MO

Crewmembers enjoyed movie outings.

Region 13

Shuttle Aurora

NCC-62004 Dearborn, MI

Crewmembers attended the Region 13 Summit.

Shuttle Sinclair

NCC-74209 Waterford, MI

An away team attended the R13 Summit. Plans for the ship's commissioning ceremony underway. Crewmembers enjoyed a cookout.

USS Banting

NCC-17220 Guelph, Ontario

An away team toured a local museum. Crewmembers enjoyed a potluck barbecue at the COs home. Crewmembers enjoyed bowling and mini-golf events.

USS Empress

NCC-15025-A Shelby Township, MI

Crewmembers enjoyed several picnics.

USS Hadfield

NCC-75020 Georgetown, Ontario

An away team attended the Region 13 Summit. An away team visited the Royal Botanical Gardens. Crewmembers volunteered for the Cancer Assistance Services at their booth. Crewmembers marched with their Racing Outhouse in a Canada Day parade. An away team volunteered at a convention. An away team attended the IC.

USS Valkyrie

NCC-74658 Clawson, MI

Crewmembers enjoyed the 4th of July.

USS White Star

NCC-71012 Ft. Gratiot, MI

The ship hosted the Region 13 Summit. The ship sponsored a 4th of July picnic. An away team attended the IC.

Region 14

USS Magellan

NCC-72014 Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec

The next chapter of the ship's novel is almost complete. An away team attended the IC, some for the first time ever.

Region 15

SS Ian Fleming

NCC-SFR-1501 Newburyport, MA

Crewmembers attended the Region 15 Summit. An away team enjoyed dinner and Karaoke. Crewmembers enjoyed the regional mini-golf tournament. An away team attended the IC.

USS Anubis

NCC-586 Swampscott, MA

Real life interfered with ship fun but plans for future activities are underway.

USS Ares

NCC-26291 Boston, MA

Crewmembers had a fabulous time at the Region 15 Summit. Crewmembers enjoyed geocaching later in the month. An away team attended the UFC fundraising party. An away team enjoyed the regional mini-golf tournament.

USS Atlantis

NCC-71803 Litchfield, MA

Crewmembers enjoyed the Region 15 Summit. Crewmembers enjoyed the region's mini-golf tournament.

USS Avalon

NCC-74914 Standish, ME

An away team attended the Region 15 Summit. The ship sponsored its annual garage sale. An away team participated in the region's mini-golf tournament.

USS Endeavor

NCC-1716, Baltic, CT

Crewmembers looking forward to the ship's first camping event. An away team attended the anniversary party of one of the ship's former shuttles. Crewmembers attended the region's mini-golf event.

USS Galaxy

NCC-70637 Springfield, MA

Plans for summer activities underway. An away team attended the anniversary party for the Nelson.

USS Hood

NCC-1707 North Chelmsford, MA

An away team attended the Region 15 Summit. An away team attended the mini-golf tournament.

USS Kasimar

NCC-1784 Bangor, ME

An away team attended the Region 15 Summit. Crewmembers enjoyed a tour of a local iron works before the monthly meeting.

USS Nelson

NCC-74804 Northhampton, MA

An away team attended the Region 15 Summit. Crewmembers attended the region's annual rocket day. The ship celebrated its 1st anniversary. An away team attended the region's mini-golf tournament.

USS O Bannon

NCC-5372 Sanford, ME

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie event. An away team attended the Region 15 Summit. Crewmembers participated in a 4th of July parade. An away team attended the regional mini-golf event. Collection efforts for a local animal shelter continue.

USS Omar Khayyam

NCC-79001 Watertown, MA

Plans to attend the regional mini golf tournament underway. An away team enjoyed the mini-golf tournament.

Region 17

Shuttle Moontype

NCC-74213/01 Fort Collins, CO

Plans for future activities are underway. The ship had its first

official meeting that the American Council of the Blind national conference.

USS Alioth

NCC-72383 Orem, UT

Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July fireworks display. An away team enjoyed a movie event.

USS Anasazi

NCC-62001 Albuquerque, NM

Plans for the ship's 3rd anniversary party are underway. An away team toured a local museum to see exhibits from Czarist Russia. An away team attended the IC.

USS Arc Royal

NCC-63546 Colorado Springs, CO

Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July party.

USS Mir

NCC-73281 Las Cruces, NM

Crewmembers enjoyed a barbecue. An away team attended a movie outing.

USS Omega Glory

NCC-NCC-26917 Denver, CO

Crewmembers enjoyed a movie night and a bicycle meeting. Crewmembers celebrated the ship's 7th anniversary. An away team attended the IC.

USS Orion

NCC-74915 Colorado Springs, CO

An away team went rock climbing. Crewmembers enjoyed a day of fishing.

USS Pioneer

NCC-5280-D Denver, CO

An away team attended a Renaissance Faire. Crewmembers also enjoyed movie outings, gaming nights and a fireworks display. Collection efforts for OCP continue. An away team volunteered at a local Irish festival.

USS Stormbringer

NCC-74213 Denver, CO

Crewmembers played host to several wandering Fleeters offering food and hospitality. Crewmembers began working on props to be sold at the IC. An away team attended the IC.

USS Wind Spirit

NCC-14110 Colorado Springs, CO

Crewmembers enjoyed a 4th of July Picnic.

Region 20

USS Britannia

NCC-5311 Bristol, England

Plans underway to celebrate the ship's anniversary.



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RIBBON BAR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

By Brigadier General Linda Olson
CO, FORCECOM

I have often wondered what becomes of the ribbon bars (holders for the Marine ribbons) when one out grows that particular bar. After talking to a few marines, the result is this idea. When you need a larger ribbon bar, you may contact FORCES COMMAND at www.sfi-sfmc.org and request the larger size. If we have it in stock, we will trade you the larger bar for the one you have out grown plus one dollar for the postage to ship it to you. We hope to help Marines get the bars cheaper and faster than if they had to order them from the Hock, etc. Any money left over from the postage charge will be donated to the Corps.

I mentioned this idea at Region 2 and was greeted with approval from many Marines. Our stock of used bars was mostly donated by Mary Anne and Larry Morris of Region 2. We do not have a large number of bars at the moment, but would be most willing to accept donations from any Marines who would like to clean out their closet, so to speak. Send any donations to me at the address below. Inquires concerning ribbons may be sent to the same address or to the email address in the signature line. I hope this "lending program" for ribbon bars will be successful, but for that to happen, we need participation. So let me hear from you soon.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

By LT. John Schuller
USS Saint George, R6

No, we are not too early to be thinking about this year's Toys For Tots Program, scheduled to take place in December 2004. Last year we recorded donations from across the 'fleet at our web site <http://www.geocities.com/stg63541/tft.html>, and would like to again offer that service to the Fleet for 2004. Please send your donation counts to us on the St George and we will record them as we have in the past. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at starfleetofficer2@yahoo.com. Last year we recorded the below donations:

2003 DONATIONS

"A Class Ship" 10-29 members:
USS Valkyrie: 114 Toys
USS Saint George: 60 Toys

"AA Class Ship" 30-49 members:
U.S.S. Lone Star: 130 Toys

"AAA Class" 50+ members
none

Unknown member numbers or, no toy amount given:

On Dec.6th, the MSG's from the 113th, 127th and the 187th gave approximately \$1300 to the US Marines at the USS Columbus' Christmas party. This was their fourth year in the program, and the donations have been increasing every year.



Linda Olson at IC, accompanied by Marvin the Martian (our Dant, Wade Olson!)

STATE OF TRACOM

By BDR John Roberts • COTRACOM

Greetings once again Marines! I was very glad to see many of you who I had not met at IC and thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. Kudos to the IC Team and to the Marine Liaison for their hard work and efforts, it really showed. Now, it's time to get back to work.

I would like to remind everyone, once again, that the Army Field Manuals 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 one position within TRACOM. We still have the following staff position open and waiting for dedicated marines like you to fill it:

Maritime Operations Branch Director

The requirements for the above position 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)

Continuing the new Student of the Month announcement, it is my honor to announce that the Student of the Month for June 2004 is Brian Chappell. Brian completed 8 courses, 3 of them with Honors, during June. Will you be next? Take some courses at the SFMCA, expand your knowledge and try to become our next Student of the Month.

The total number of SFMCA courses completed by Marines in June was 75, 28 of those were completed with Honors. Congratulations to all the fine Marines who completed courses. I hope they were fun and enjoyable for you.

In other news, I am pleased to report that those of you who took courses at the old marine Academy of STARFLEET Academy can now have those courses entered in the database. If you took courses from this section of the SFA (Basic, Advanced, NCO, Light Weapons, Heavy Weapons, Aviation and Field Medic) please contact Scott Akers, privately (chunone@nwlinc.com), and he will work with you to get them added to the database.

If you have any ideas for future courses, things you would like to see revised in our current courses or manuals, or you want to volunteer to help us get the current manuals revised, please contact me privately at jcroberts2@hotmail.com and I will see what we can do to use your ideas and talents to help all of the SFMC.

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,
John Roberts

Today, the CQ is pleased to introduce Pete Mohney, the man behind our latest, greatest IC!

STEPHEN: Good afternoon Pete, let's get this show on the road. First, what is your rank and current assignment in STARFLEET?

PETE: Rear Admiral Pete Mohney, Commanding Officer, USS Hephaestus. I also work in SFHQ Computer Operations as Recruiting Officer. Up until about a month ago I was also the Region 2 Auctioneer.

STEPHEN: Ah. Well, I'm very glad to be interviewing you today. How long have you been in STARFLEET?

PETE: I joined STARFLEET in 1989. The ship at that time was a newly launched shuttle, the Wernher Von Braun. I was appointed Chief of Security after just a couple of months. After a few more months, I was made second officer, and then first officer. Less than a year after that, when the founding CO left STARFLEET, I was elected chapter CO.

STEPHEN: Wow, that's quite impressive! Did you enjoy being a chapter CO?

PETE: Yes, very much! I was chapter CO for about 7 years, until about 1998. We launched a couple of shuttles during that time, and I became much more involved with regional STARFLEET. I worked on staff for then-RC Kelly Hilliard, as the Alabama 'Zone Coordinator', and also worked for SFHQ as Region 2 Public Relations Officer. In 1998, I ran for Regional Coordinator, won that election, and held that job for two terms, until March 2002. When I retired as RC, my chapter CO was elected to the job, and I was re-elected as chapter CO; essentially, I switched jobs with Danny Potts at that time!

STEPHEN: Looks like you've got a lot of experience under your belt, but how have those experiences affected you?

PETE: They have taught me a lot about STARFLEET that I didn't know when I was just a regular member - how complicated this organization really is, and how many hundreds of hours a month are spent running it at the highest levels. It's taught me a lot about dealing with people, different personalities, and how to work out problems without raising the level of stress that may be involved in a situation. Not to mention, I've learned a lot about a bunch of computer subjects like IRC, Publisher, Excel, Powerpoint, and lots more!

STEPHEN: Ah, I see! The many benefits of joining STARFLEET...

STEPHEN: So, what exactly are your duties as Recruiting Officer for SFHQ? What does this involve?

PETE: The details are not tightly defined, as the position is a relatively new one. In general, I'm expected to do whatever high-level things I can to help and encourage STARFLEET chapters to recruit new members - make sure they know where the recruiting resources are, write articles on recruiting for the CQ, and running recruiting contests are some duties. I also talk over ideas with Mandi, things that

INTERVIEW WITH PETE MOHNEY

By Lt. JG Stephen Skacall • USS Hornet, Region 1



*Pete Mohney does the honors at IC's General Session.
Photo submitted by Jill Rayburn*

worked particularly well while I was RC of region 2.

STEPHEN: I see- sounds like it would be hard; we have an awful lot of chapters.

PETE: During that time, regional membership went from about 325 to nearly 600, so SFHQ was very interested in what ideas and methods I had.

STEPHEN: Really? Well, I can see why they gave you the job!

PETE: It can be a lot of work, and some of the things I did manually are not being done by the SFHQ computer system. For instance, I would get the chapter membership counts each month, compare them to the last twelve months or so, and see which chapters seemed to be losing members. While it's critical to work with the chapters that are under ten members (which puts their SFI status in danger), it's also very important to touch base with a chapter that is on a downward trend - even if they are still comfortably large. If you can catch problems like this, make the CO aware - which they might not be, if they don't check their chapter roster on the database - you can turn them around before they become a problem. Another practice that has moved up from R2 to SFI is an aggressive program to contact unassigned members. This group can represent a couple of hundred people, who aren't in chapters, and therefore really aren't getting much for their membership. Obviously I think the Communiqué and membership materials are great, but if you aren't in a chapter, and aren't aware of the fun to be had in a chapter, you might not renew - and lose out on much of what makes being in

STARFLEET the most enjoyable.

STEPHEN: It certainly seems that you're doing a lot of work to help keep STARFLEET up and running. I can't think of a better person to have doing it though!

PETE: Why, thanks! It's far from being a one person show, though - Computer Operations is a very large department, and much of what worked well at the R2 level had to be changed a lot to work at the SFI level.

STEPHEN: Well, we've gotten a lot of information about the SFHQ Recruiting Department. How about some more personal things?

PETE: Sure.

STEPHEN: What is your biggest pet peeve?

PETE: Wow, that's a tough question! I'll have to consider that for a moment. If I had to pick one thing, it would be that there doesn't seem to be a way to reconcile one of STARFLEET's greatest strengths with one of STARFLEET's biggest weaknesses.

STEPHEN: What do you mean?

PETE: What I feel is one of STARFLEET's greatest strengths is that thing that is referred to, rather vaguely, as Chapter Autonomy. This means that chapters, as long as they follow a mere handful of rules handed down from SFHQ (like having ten members, reporting monthly, and so on) can run themselves just about however they want. This is wonderful for the diversity of STARFLEET - we have groups that are organized as full democracies, and groups that are run almost in a purely military fashion (where the CO makes all the decisions), and everything in between. We have chapters were

promotions are handed out on a strict point system, chapters where promotions are handed out at the whim of the CO, and everything in between.

STEPHEN: *Nods*

STEPHEN: You know, I've always been pretty concerned with giving promotions for no reason... But hey, we'll save that for another day!

PETE: We have chapters with two or three dozen heavily involved members, most of whom attend regional events, local events, contribute to the region and to SFI - and we have chapters that are almost completely made up of 'paper members', who have no significant involvement in STARFLEET.

STEPHEN: <<< Paper member! He he!

PETE: The freedom of chapters to operate as they will brings in a lot of people who would not otherwise join STARFLEET, but it also can cause a lot of problems when people discover just how different it is on the 'other side of the fence'.

STEPHEN: How so?

PETE: I saw this sort of thing many times while I was RC, and I continue to see it. There's really no way to 'balance out' how chapters are run, without taking away 'chapter autonomy'. SFI is stronger in some ways because of those freedoms, but weaker in others.

STEPHEN: True.

PETE: For instance, a member of one of those 'point systems promotions' chapter may have to slave and struggle to be promoted to Lieutenant J.G. - while a member from a less strictly organized chapter may get kicked up to the same rank just for 'showing up', for instance.

STEPHEN: True.

PETE: This can cause strife between the members of those chapters, all of whom feel their way is better - and for their chapter, it may BE better. It's a pet peeve, and one I have never figured out a way to reconcile.

STEPHEN: Well, I can certainly see your point. I think that's one of the things the next administration should think about.

PETE: There may be ways to improve the situation, but it's a very complex question, to be sure.

STEPHEN: So, as you know, Paramount has approved a new season of Enterprise. What do you think the show's future is, and what do you like/dislike about it?

PETE: I think that they will continue to struggle to hold an audience. I enjoy the show, but I think that they would have gained a much stronger audience had they looked forward from Voyager instead of back. There is certainly some excitement about storylines, but since we already know what's going on a century later, they can only do so much - and the tech is more primitive, the 'globe of exploration' smaller, and so on. I hope that Enterprise will run 7 years, but I doubt it will, and **(cont. on p. 36)**

PETE MOHNEY INTERVIEW

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I think there will be a longer hiatus between shows this time, when it ends.

STEPHEN: What do you like/dislike about the show?

PETE: I dislike the time setting - I would have much preferred they move forward from Voyager by maybe 50 years or more, so the future would have been entirely unknown. That would have given the writers a much bigger plot pool to draw from. I like watching them move closer to the Original Series plotlines and technology - having warp drive itself as an exciting new innovation, for instance.

STEPHEN: Well, I agree with you on just about all of that! Perhaps we should get together and start writing stories for a new series! He he!

STEPHEN: Now, for the real reason we wanted to interview you... *drum roll* Could you tell us about your duties at this year's International Conference?

PETE: I'll be happy to! As chairman, my duties were to coordinate the departmental chairs, act as liaison between the EC and AB to the IC, to promote the IC in every way, to manage our overall goals and plans, and to do the things that we either overlooked or that none of the chairs had been assigned to do.

STEPHEN: Wow, quite a lot.

PETE: I was fortunate to have a talented and experienced group of people as my department chairs, so I wasn't 'run ragged' during the IC like can happen if things don't work out real well.

STEPHEN: What were some of the things you had to organize?

PETE: For the most part, actually during the IC, I coordinated starting of various events, acted as our contact with the hotel staff, and spent a lot of time walking about making sure that the 'little stuff' got done. For instance, I talked to the EC/AB at the start of their session, and gave them an overview of what the General Session would be like. The GS was one area where I had to learn something new, as we were unable to find a copy of last year's Power Point presentation, so I made a new one from scratch. Then, when the GS actually ran, I kind of shuttled back and forth from the podium to the hallway where the EC/AB people were waiting, making sure that the music, visual presentation, and dignitaries were all in synch - then got things started, and we ran from a script from that point forward.

STEPHEN: Could you give us an overview of an average day for you at the IC?

PETE: A typical day is hard to describe, as each day was quite different from the other! I'll give you a short overview of each day.

STEPHEN: Ok.

PETE: Thursday, I spent much of the day shuttling people from the airport to the

hotel, and in between, I helped set up the Quartermaster / Dealer room (about 25 tables which were used by the STARFLEET QM, the Region 2 QM, the IC QM, four dealers, and the IC auction). Thursday was actually a pretty slow day, as except for getting the various events set up (such as cadets, quartermaster, and registration), and shuttling in all the people flying, I didn't have much to do. Unfortunately, the weather conspired against us, and quite a few of the flyers were delayed, so I didn't bring in the last one until about 1:30 in the morning!

On Friday, there were more people to shuttle in (and quite a few of them were driven in by staff members, in addition to those I drove in), more events to set up, and the EC/AB meeting to coordinate. There was a luncheon for the EC/AB, which required two trips to the grocery store (one on Tuesday, where I had bought all of the non-perishable items, and one on Friday morning, where all of the perishables were bought), then I had to run across town to pick up some audio-visual equipment we were borrowing. Opening ceremonies began at 6, lasted about an hour, and then I started up a card game tournament for the unofficial R2 game, The Great Dalmuti. My last job before bed was to put up the room schedule signs for Saturday.

On Saturday, we had the General Session at 8 a.m., which lasted until nearly lunchtime, then we began panels after lunch. I helped set up some panel items like the projector system, stuck my head in the door of some others, and did two television interviews and an interview for Radio STARFLEET. After the panels, we got dressed for dinner, went to the banquet - which was a huge success - then had the charity auction, which raised almost \$3800 for Ronald McDonald House Charities - and followed this with the dance and the final round of The Great Dalmuti. I put up schedule signs for Sunday and went to bed.

On Sunday I was actually able to sleep in a little, then got up and checked around the panels to make sure all was well. The closing ceremonies were after lunch; this mostly involved thanks to various individuals and groups, the presentation of the charity check, and announcements about upcoming events. Several shuttle runs to the airport were done by staff members, and we began to clean up and pack up. We sold nearly everything from the charity auction, so that IC 2005 didn't have much of that to haul home, but they did have several boxes full of flags and flag equipment.

On Monday, we took four more groups to the airport, and the IC was history!

STEPHEN: Well, you certainly did a great job with your first IC, thanks from all of us in STARFLEET, and especially us at the CQ for doing this interview! Hope to do it again sometime!

PETE: Me too, thanks for interviewing me.

STEPHEN: There it is, folks! Tune in next time, for another interview!

ENDEAVOR XO GOES ON A TREKKIE RIDE OF A LIFETIME

by Valerie Ruttar • USS Endeavor, Region 15

On July 11th, ENDEAVOR XO, Valerie Ruttar, got to go on a 'Star Trek' ride of a lifetime. To explain, the clock has to be turned back two and a half years to February 2002.

After spending three nights, camping out, in a tent in a barn in southeast Connecticut, in 18-degree temperatures, Valerie and her husband, Region 15's VRC, Joe Ruttar, were rewarded in witnessing the birth of their Paint Horse 'Sierra's Star Trek'. Since then, Trekkie, as she is known to everyone, has grown into quite the young filly. After

many a training session, and many hard hours of work, Valerie was finally able to realize her dream. "As I unhooked the lead rope from Trekkie, I announced to Val that she was now on her own, and then held my breath", says Joe. Sitting proud in the saddle, Valerie and Trekkie both performed marvelously, as horse and master went for their first ride together.

Look out James T. and Jean-Luc, there's another fine equestrian Starfleet officer coming through.



Valerie and Trekkie.

Photo submitted by Valerie Ruttar

David Sitbon is a member of the U.S.S. Sovereign in Philadelphia.

C: David, you are a forensic technician for the City of Philadelphia. Will you please explain to us exactly what you do?

D: My primary function is to assist the pathologists during autopsies. I do the dissection portion of the autopsy. I cut the body open, remove the organs, take samples of bodily fluids for toxicology, then weigh the organs and record the weights for the pathologists. The pathologist is the one who decides the cause of death. I also X-Ray bodies from time to time and help the doctors retrieve bullets from homicide victims and people who have committed suicide using a gun.

One of my other responsibilities is to take forensic photographs for evidence and also to take I.D. photos so investigators can show them to potential family and friends of the unidentified person in the hopes that the person will be identified. Forensic basically means "medical-legal."

I have a few other responsibilities too, but the last one I'd like to mention is that I pick up bodies from scenes and from hospitals. I have removed accident victims from their cars on busy highways, people on railroad tracks, homicide scenes, you name it! Probably the most unpleasant part of my job is removing decomposed bodies from where they were found.

C: How did you become interested in this type of work?

D: When I was around eight years old, my grandfather died. I noticed how kind the funeral director was to my family and myself and I noticed how much better my grandmother seemed after she spoke with him. The funeral director was professional and very knowledgeable and the service he provided my family was outstanding. I had never gone to a viewing before and I was scared what to expect. When I walked in, I couldn't believe how good my grandfather looked. It wasn't scary at all! He looked like he was peacefully sleeping. I was glad I decided to go into the viewing chapel to see my grandfather. I was able to say goodbye.

I became interested in the business when I was in high school and decided to study it when I applied for colleges. I became a PA licensed funeral director/embalmer in 1995. Around 1997, I realized that I wanted to do more. I remember visiting various coroner's and medical examiner's offices and really wanted to enter the field of forensics. After 2 years on the waiting list, I finally was able to take the test for forensic technician at the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office. I did well in the test and passed the interview. In late 1999, I finally became a forensic technician. In January of 2002, I was promoted to forensic technician II.

C: What training did you have?

D: Well, I have an Associate of Applied Science degree in Funeral Service Education. My experience as a funeral director/embalmer helped me to be eligible

SPOTLIGHT ON DAVID SITBON

By Claire Halber • USS Sovereign, Region 7

for my position at the City Morgue. Also, my classes in Anatomy and Physiology were very important because about 70% of the Civil Service exam was anatomy. When the city hired me, I was trained for 6 months on-the-job. I have attended lectures at The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, PCOM, and had classes at the office, taught by the Chief Medical Examiner, Hareesh Merchandani. I had OSHA training and safety and awareness classes too, such as T.B. awareness and how to prevent contracting it. I recently attended the annual training weekend for DMORT, Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team. It was a three-day weekend course, which taught me the importance of retrieving all pieces of evidence and what to look for after a disaster. While there, I attended a forensic dentistry class, which was very interesting. I worked in a makeshift portable morgue with a fictional disaster to handle and I learned a new computer program, which DMORT uses to input valuable information about the deceased victims and the personal items that belonged to them.

C: What was the most interesting or unusual experience that you had working in the city morgue?

D: Well, I am not permitted to mention any specific case, but I must say that during the time period when I was a new employee, there was an investigation going on for theft that was very scary. Many of the people whom I'd worked with were fired and arrested for stealing from the dead. It was very intense, and after it was all over, the few of us who were innocent had to run the morgue with a minimum staff for over a year. It was horrible! I hardly had any days off and I was working so many long hours, I hardly had any personal/social time for myself.

The other interesting experience that I wanted to briefly mention was the fact that I had the honor to volunteer at the NY Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shortly after 9-11, from November 25th to December 9th. It was a very sad two weeks that I'll never forget. I even briefly met the Mayor of NY, Rudy Giuliani and shook his hand.

C: In your spare time, you have had walk on roles in movies and T.V. series. How did you become involved in show business?

D: During the first Season of Hack, a TV drama filmed here in Philly, the crew contacted the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office to see if they could film there. The answer was, "Absolutely not!" There is a lot of evidence held there and we store people's loved ones until the

funeral directors can pick them up. After some negotiating, the crew was allowed to come in to take still photographs of only certain parts of the morgue, which were open to them. This was so they could use the pictures to recreate the morgue on a set for the show.

The day before they came, we cleaned the morgue really well and made sure everything looked as perfect as possible for them. I started work 4 P.M. the day they photographed the morgue and missed the entire crew. I asked if anyone had left any business cards and the techs said, "No." I always wanted to have a small part in a movie or TV show and saw this as my best opportunity. I found some Hack related e-mail addresses and e-mailed all of them. One person replied and got me on as a background character playing



the medical examiner's office assistant in the recreated morgue they built on the set. It was the Thanksgiving episode, # 8, Songs of the Night.

C: What movies and shows have you appeared in?

D: I have appeared on the show Hack, five times as various background characters. The casting agencies usually tried to place me in scenes related to death, considering my unusual occupation. The last time I was on the show, I actually got to play what I do in real life, a forensic technician removing a homicide victim from a nightclub. This scene was filmed on location at Club Shampoo, here in Philly.

My first speaking role was in the movie, Suburban Sasquatch, by Troubled Moon Films. I played Jackson, who was a real estate agent in a growing PA suburban town. Suburban Sasquatch should be available on VHS and DVD within a few short months. For more info you can visit <http://www.troubledmoonfilms.com>.

My next speaking role is in the movie Internet Fear, which is being filmed this summer. I will be playing Mr. Bowman, a teacher who tries to help a dyslexic student. But Mr. Bowman ends up getting murdered by the student in a very brutal way. The role requires a lot of make-up

and fake blood, so it sounds like it's going to be really fun to do! Internet Fear is by Diamond State Films/Regal Studios.

I am also looking forward to being part of the Star Trek fan film that some of the members of the members of the USS Sovereign are putting together. I can't wait!

C: Do you plan to change jobs?

D: Well, it would be fun to become a full-time actor, but realistically, it would be very hard for me to make a living doing that. I do, however, intend one day to move out of the city and hopefully work somewhere else as a deputy coroner.

C: When did you become interested in Star Trek?

D: I became interested in Star Trek when I started watching The Next Generation. I thought the acting and stories lines were amazing and the special effects were better than many big budget space movies. I then started renting all the older Star Trek movies and episodes, and became fond of the old show as well. To this day, The Next Generation is by far my favorite compared to all the other Star Treks, even though I realize none of it would exist if it weren't for the original series.

C: How did you find out about the organization?

D: By accident. My wife and I went to participate in a TV poll down near the Philadelphia International Airport. As we were waiting to go inside the conference room, we noticed a lot of people in STARFLEET uniforms. We approached them and they kindly explained about the organization. I was amazed and shortly after joined with my wife. About a month after that, we found the U.S.S. Sovereign, and I just love it. I don't have a normal schedule and I really appreciate that the crew of the Sovereign understands that. Their message board helps me "stay in the loop" when I cannot attend meetings, which happens a lot with my line of work.

C: Is there anything you would like to add?

D: Yes, I just wanted to add that the years-old argument of being called a Trekkie or a Trekker is stupid. Why do people get so upset about it? I don't get insulted if I get called a Trekkie or a Trekker. What's the difference? Star Trek is all about forming a better future, to get along with others. A real Trekkie/Trekker would realize this and not get in such a huff over something so silly!

C: Thank you very much for your time.

STARSHIP PROFILE: NIVEN- CLASS LIGHT ATTACK CRUISER

By ADM Alex Rosenzweig • USS Avenger, Region 7

In the early 2270s, increased tensions along the Romulan Neutral Zone were punctuated by repeated Romulan incursions into the Zone. This raised considerable alarm among those Star Fleet personnel operating in that area, particularly various starbases and space stations who felt that they were vulnerable. In response, Star Fleet in 2274 proposed the design and construction of a new class of light attack cruiser, designed to be faster and more capable than existing classes, which would be tasked to provide a deterrent role by being able to match aggressive moves by the Romulans with an equivalent response by Star Fleet forces. Additionally, the design would be able to serve in escort and rapid-support roles in other areas.

The project went into design-and-development in 2274, and by 2276, a preferred design was submitted to the Federation Council for funding. Authorizations were complete within a year, and in early 2277, actual construction commenced. The class vessel, U.S.S. Niven (NCC-4825) was completed on 4 January 2278 and commissioned later that year after completing acceptance trials.

In order to maximize production efficiency, as many modular and prefabricated components as possible were utilized in the Niven-class' construction process. One of the most visible examples was the 80% "standard" primary hull design, coupled with a newly-designed, mass-produced, and operationally self-sufficient "clip-on" hangar bay/engineering hull.

The assembly process was also optimized for efficiency. Vessel components were constructed at the various contractors' assembly facilities, and then transported by the Cliché Warp Courier Service to the Gauthier-Essiembre Shipyards orbiting Nouveau St-Denis in the Q-AMPSF System. This process worked so effectively that, added to the final assembly teams working in round-the-clock shifts, it resulted in 8 ships being constructed per year at the Gauthier-Essiembre Shipyards. By mid-2282, all 36 vessels in the production order had been completed, on-time and on-budget.

While some critics of the design have claimed that the Niven-class, with its wedge-shaped hangar/engineering hull, bore a significant resemblance to the Avenger-class heavy frigate, the Niven's impressive velocity and maneuverability profile place it into the Light Attack Cruiser classification. The vessel's capabilities are further enhanced by the ten embarked duobee assault pods and their weapons add-ons. In more recent years, some ships of the Niven-class have been reassigned to a greater exploratory posture. This involved a reconfiguration of their sensor suites, enhancement of computer and analysis equipment on board, and the replacement of the duobees with other small craft more suited for exploratory activities.

VESSEL SYSTEMS DESCRIPTION FORM: NIVEN- CLASS LIGHT ATTACK CRUISER

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS:

Length Overall: 289.5 meters
Beam Overall: 141.7 meters
Draft Overall: 57.5 meters

Primary Hull/Hangar Bay/Engineering
Deck Length: 182.0 meters
Primary Hull Beam: 141.7 meters
Primary Hull Draft: 32.9 meters

Nacelle Length: 154.8 meters
Nacelle Beam: 12.6 meters
Nacelle Draft: 18.3 meters

DISPLACEMENT:

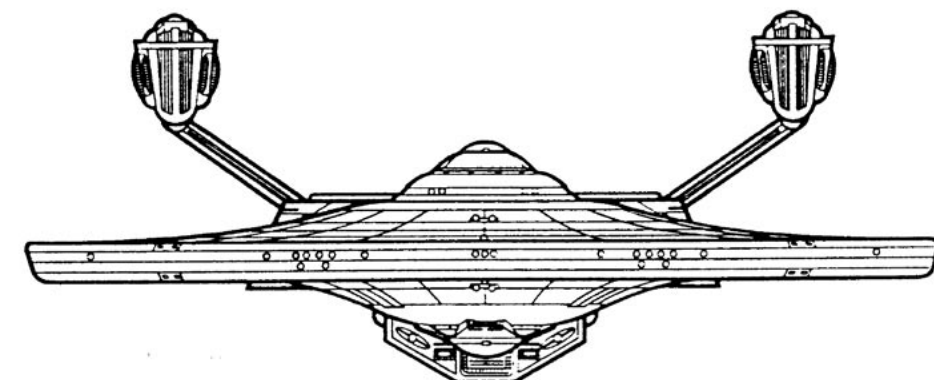
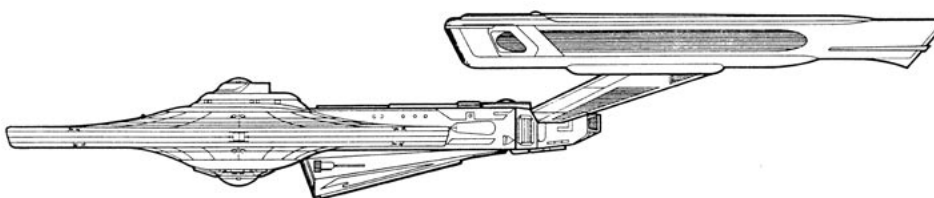
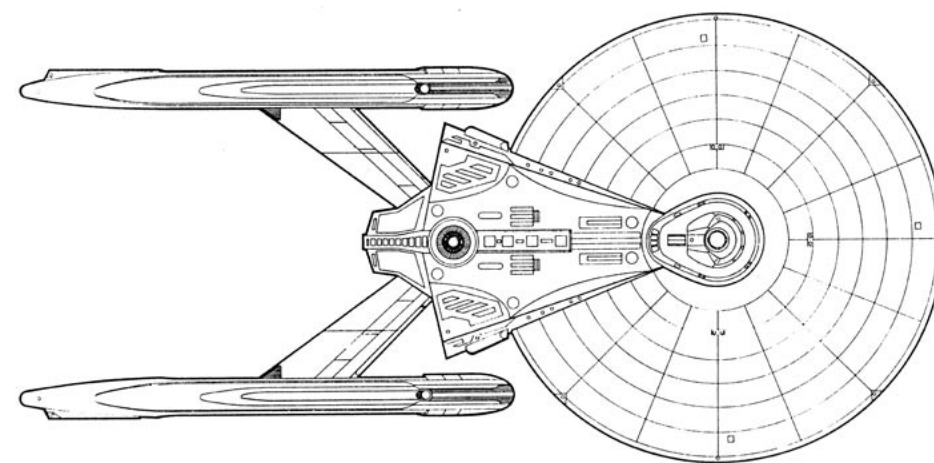
Standard: 160,000 metric tons
Light: 156,400 metric tons
Full Load: 165,800 metric tons

PROPULSION:

Warp Engines:
Number: 2
Type: LN-64 LED ST II Dillithium
Energized Antimatter Linear Warp
Drive Units

Impulse Engines:

Number: 2
Type: Subatomic Unified Energy
Impulse Units



Maneuvering Thrusters Type: QASR
Particle Beam Maneuvering Thrusters
Reaction Control System Type: "Wolverine" Pulsed Laser Reaction Control System

VELOCITY:

Cruising (Warp Factor): Warp 8
Maximum (Warp Factor): Warp 12

ACCELERATION (Times in Seconds):

Rest - Onset Critical Momentum: 9.10 sec
Onset Critical Momentum - Warp
Engage: 1.75 sec
Warp 1 - Warp 4: 0.85 sec
Warp 4 - Warp 8: 0.72 sec
Warp 8 - Warp 12: 2.25 sec

CREW COMPLEMENT:

Officers: 45
Crew: 270
Total: 315

NAVIGATION:

System Type: "Aurora" Warp Celestial Guidance

COMPUTERS:

System Type: "Fasfax" Duotronic IIB

ARMAMENT:

Phaser Banks/Arrays:
Type: DOC-5 Independent Twin Mount
Number: 12
Emplacements/Bank: 2/ Bank (6 Banks)
Photon Torpedoes:
Number of Tubes: 2
Torpedo Type(s): Mk 12A Mod Z Direct

DEFENSES:

Deflector Systems
Type: "Lucas" Primary Forcefield and Deflector Control System
Cloaking Device (Y/N): N
Defense Scanning/Computer/Tracking Systems:
Type(s): "Chmee" Fire Control Systems

LIFE SUPPORT:

Gravity/Atmosphere Systems:
Type: G6 MONOX Artificial Gravity Generator
Radiation Shielding:
Type: "PPSSTOCK" Radiation

Protection Package

Waste Regeneration Systems:
Type: "Jiggs" Waste Regeneration System

EMBARKED CRAFT:

Assault Pods/Fighters
Number: 10
Type(s): "Berserker"-Class Duobee with Add-On "Spitball" Weapon/Warp

Engine Pods

Utility Craft:
Number: 2
Type(s): Class 3 Mk B/OT Work Bees

CONVENTION LISTINGS

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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://Siliconconventions.com> dann@siliconconventions.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.siliconconventions.org/> chairma n@siliconconventions.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.hollywoodcollectorsshow.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://rock-con.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 Gen Con Indy, 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 Animelowa, 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/ccccc/cccn@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/>

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Jaelle@darkovercon.com Guests: Tamora Pierce, Katherine Kurtz, Diana Paxson, Scott MacMillian, James MacDonald, Debra Doyle, Alanna Morland, Don Sakers

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.sfmminnesota.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/Shاون/Shاون22.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, 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 Olton

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/>

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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 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/> president@con-version.org Guests: George R.R. Martin, Spider Robinson, Jeanne Robinson, James Beveridge, Tiina Andreacos, 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/> 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.canadianationalexpo.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 Meadowvale, 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@conceptsf.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/> 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

"Stardate 4373.2. LT Marcus crept forward stealthily through the low-cut foliage towards his objective, a small Klingon forward observation post, his type-1 phaser out and aimed in front of him, his eyes constantly scanning the path ahead, watching for the first of the two Klingon troopers manning this camp. Upon sighting his quarry, Marcus froze, slowly raised the phaser and took aim, catching the unsuspecting guard with a sudden stun blast. He then waited, knowing that his second target would not be long in arriving. When the second Klingon approached, Marcus stunned him as well, and then approached the camp. Upon entering the camp, he approached the building on the far side and studied the door for a few moments. Realizing that he would need a little more power to cut through the lock, Marcus pulled a pistol attachment out of his pack and locked the small type-1 phaser into place. Setting the now complete phaser type-2 on disrupt, he proceeded to carve the locking mechanism out of the door.

"When finished, he slid open the door

ART ASYLUM'S "STAR TREK" ORIGINAL SERIES PHASER PISTOL

A Review by LCDR Scott Smith • USS Avenger, Region 7

and started to head to his final objective, but was unexpectedly bowled over by the rush of a targ that Intel had neglected to include in their report. Hastily switching the phaser to kill, he fired, hitting the animal before it could attack again. Rising slowly to his feet and scanning for any more surprises, Marcus re-entered the building and finally approached his target, a comm relay. Knowing he would be able to replace it upon returning from this mission, Marcus took the phaser, made a few setting changes on it and placed it inside the maintenance compartment of the relay. The screech that immediately started and quickly rose in pitch and volume was warning enough to clear the area, after all, no one wanted to be anywhere near a

phaser set on overload. Marcus retreated to a safe distance, well away from the camp and watched as the building went up like a series of fireworks, then returned to his extraction point, mission accomplished."

Greetings, fellow Fleeters! Have you been looking for that perfect prop, that piece to embellish your uniform, or perhaps you just like to collect weaponry? If so, I recommend you check out the Art Asylum Original Series Phaser Pistol. This item is a very highly detailed version of the phaser pistol (much better than the one Playmates put out).

It comes with a removable phaser type-1 unit, which holds the batteries – it takes 3

LR44's (hearing aid batteries). The hand unit has a red LED, a small simulated flip-up targeting scanner and, as mentioned in the bit o' fiction above, has stun, kill and disrupt settings, each with its own distinct sound. Also, when locked into place in the pistol handset, by twisting the rear power knob to the right and hitting the trigger you can use an overload setting – complete with, as in the show, a rising whine followed by an explosion sound. All in all, this is in my opinion an item well worth getting for any true collector or for costuming purposes. Now for what is possibly its only drawback: it is virtually impossible to find in stores, so you will have to go to the Art Asylum website (www.artasylum.com) and check their list of online sources. I ordered mine through KBToys online and got a pretty fast response on the order confirmation and shipping notification. I had the item in hand in less than 5 days. All told, I am very highly impressed with the quality and styling on this item and do recommend it for those interested.

THE MODERN DAY TREASURE HUNT

by Trey Isquith • USS Darwin, Region 15

The Darwin, a chapter of STARFLEET'S Region 15, started Geocaching last summer.

The first Darwin expedition headed to Waltham to find 'Spring Fling.' After walking past the area of the cache twice on their way to finally finding the coordinates, they pulled out the clue and found the cache, full of really cool little toys. They signed the logbook and took a few pictures, and decided to try to find another cache on the other side of town.

Finding the second cache was a bit harder. It turned out to be at the top of a very steep hill. By the time they got to the top, they were all winded, but rewarded with an amazing view. After resting for a bit, they started searching.

At the top of the hill was an old WWII radar station, long abandoned, but still having a bit of an influence on the area. The GPS units started going crazy. At one point, with two of them side by side, standing still, the readouts indicated that they were walking in opposite directions. After an hour of searching, they found the cache and, as a small clue to help others, put a little pile of rocks near by.

On another expedition, on November 29th, the Darwin put out its first cache in Easton at Wheaton Farm. The next day three people had stopped and signed the logbook. The Darwin also has two travel bugs out. Bounce Tigger, Bounce has made it more than 4000 miles to Germany. The Romulan War Bug has only gotten about 80 miles and is in RI.

Since that first trip, members have purchased three more GPS units and have dragged four or five more people into the game.

Also in Region 15, the Ares crew plans to go on its first Geocache trip in April. They will be going to the site of the Great Molasses Flood of 1919, in the North End of Boston.

Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for GPS users. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a GPS unit. The basic idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the Internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches.

A GPS unit is an electronic device that can determine your approximate location, within 6-20 feet, on the planet. Coordinates are normally given in Longitude and Latitude. You can use the unit to navigate from your current location to another location. Some units have their own maps, built-in electronic compasses, and voice



** A Travel Bug is a trackable tag that you attach to an item. This allows you to track your item on Geocaching.com. The item becomes a hitchhiker that is carried from cache to cache (or person to person) in the real world and you can follow its progress online.*

navigation, depending on the complexity of the device.

You don't need to know all the technical mumbo jumbo about GPS units to go Geocaching. All you need to do is be able to enter what is called a waypoint, where the geocache is hidden.

A cache can come in many forms, but the first item should always be the logbook. In its simplest form a cache can be just a logbook and nothing else. The logbook contains information from the founder of the cache and notes from the cache's visitors. The logbook can contain much valuable, rewarding, and entertaining information. A logbook might contain information about nearby attractions, coordinates to other unpublished caches, and even jokes written by visitors. If you get some information from a logbook you should give some back. At the very least, you can leave the date and time you visited the cache.

Larger caches may consist of a waterproof plastic bucket placed tastefully within the local terrain. The bucket will contain the logbook and any number of more or less valuable items. These items turn the cache into a true treasure hunt. You never know what the founder or other visitors to the cache may have left there for you to enjoy. Remember, if you take something, it's only fair for you to leave something in return. Items in a bucket cache could include maps, books, software, hardware, CD's, videos, pictures, money, jewelry, tickets, antiques, tools, games, etc. It is recommended that items in a bucket cache be individually packaged in a clear zipped plastic bag to protect them.

Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. All the visitor is asked to do is to leave something for the cache, thereby increasing the size of the cache with each find. However, unless there's a note in the cache containing instructions on moving it to a new location, you don't move or take the cache! Responsible cache owners check on their caches occasionally and would be alarmed to find them missing. An alternative would be to have a hitchhiker, which is an item that you can move from cache to cache. An example of this is a candle that has traveled from Australia to Arizona, or a Mr. Potato Head that leaps from cache to cache. All you need to do to create a hitchhiker is to attach a note to it for folks to move it to a new place.

More information is available at...
<http://www.geocaching.com>

DEAR DEANNA...

By PO3 Claire Halber
USS Flying Fox, Region 7

Dear Deanna:

Where can I hear the best in SciFi movie soundtracks, anime, and original programming?
Avid Listener

Dear Avid:

Tune into RadioStarfleet at www.radiostarfleet.com for the best music and interactive listening experience. Live streaming audio is hosted by Dustin Williams, Neal Fischer, and Mike Smith.

Dear Deanna:

What is the best way to learn about the rules and regulations of STARFLEET?
Curious

Dear Curious:

Just sign up for the OTS course at the STARFLEET Academy.

Dear Deanna:

I have been a PO3 for four years. How do I get promoted?
Crew Member

Dear Crew:

Make sure you attend as many meetings and events as possible. Send in articles of interest to your chapter and regional newsletters. Take SFA courses. Get involved. And, make sure that your CO knows what you are doing. Everything counts towards a promotion.

Dear Deanna:

How do I get into a STARFLEET chat room?
Talkative

Dear Talkative:

Simply go to javaserver.fleetchat.org and join the conversation.

Dear Deanna:

How can I get an article about a chapter event into the CQ?
Aspiring Writer

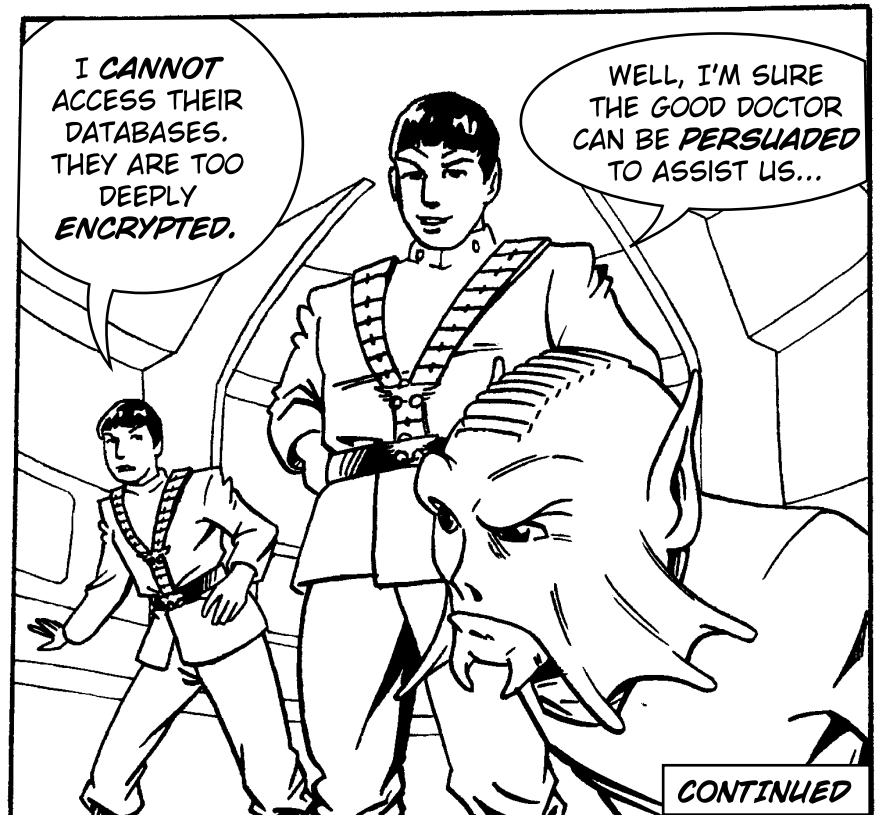
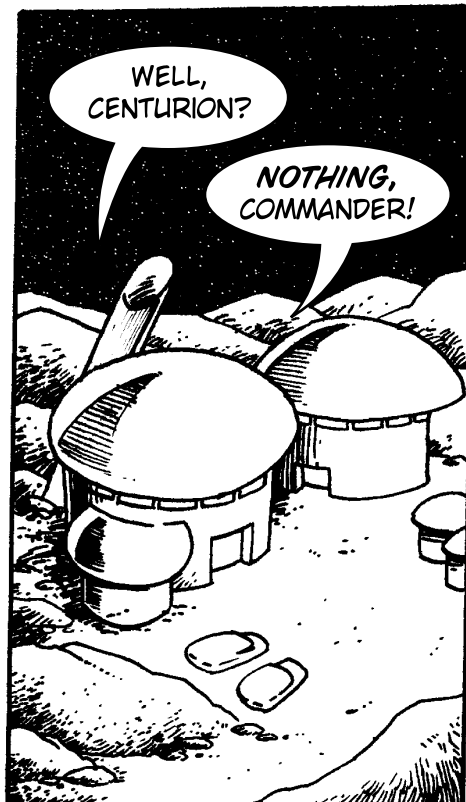
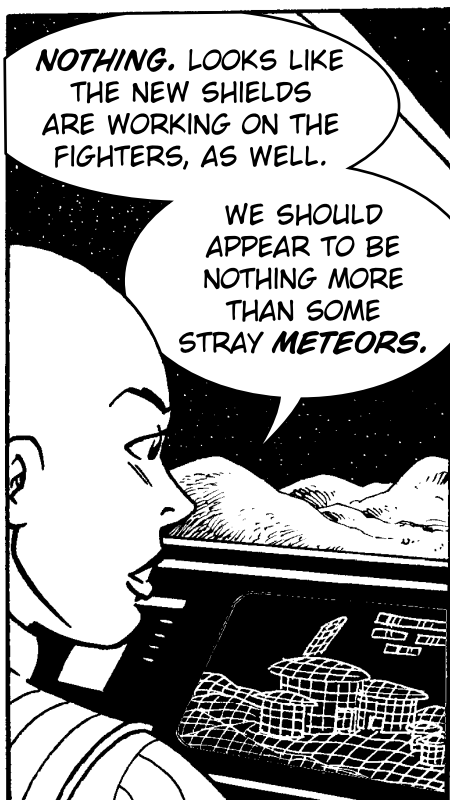
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MEMBERS WANTED

Members Wanted: The USS Avenger, based in Central New Jersey, invites STARFLEET members living in that area to come check us out! We have a wide variety of activities, including museum trips, movie nights, chapter fiction, picnics, and a whole variety of other stuff, both Trek/SF-related and not. Looking for lots of opportunities for fun? We can deliver! For more information, check out our website at www.ussavenger.org or contact Captain Judy Waidlich (chapter CO) at waidlich@rutchem.rutgers.edu or Captain Todd Brugmans (chapter XO) at babblingfarce@hotmail.com

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ATTENTION: Unassigned Members and any other members of STARFLEET residing in the Houston TX metropolitan area. We are looking for new members to join the USS SpiritWolf, a Region 3 meeting chapter in the Houston area. Anyone who might be interested please e-mail Robert Graham at Robert_26884@msn.com or send a snail mail to: Robert Graham, 1644 1/2 Hawthorne St. #C, Houston TX 77006 (713)526-0291



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Greetings STARFLEET!! My name is Fleet Captain Gary Hollifield, Jr., and I am the new Commanding Officer of the USS Parallax. The Parallax used to be in Region Five, but since I reside in Region One, we are now located there. In the fictional universe, we are an Intrepid-class starship and serve Starfleet during the post dominion war era.

The Parallax has changed commanding officers, and we now have a new focus and a new outlook. We are looking to expand, and are recruiting folks for all major department heads and all offices therein. We are a correspondence chapter, and are looking for some members like you!

If you are unassigned, have just joined

STARFLEET and need a home, or are looking for a change of venues, I believe we are the right ship for you. We are looking for what I consider charter members for the new Parallax. We currently have seven members and a few civilians, but we want more! We want you!!

Whether you like writing fiction or just lurking in the shadows, whether you like being an active member in all levels of 'fleet or just on your chapter, we are have a niche for you. Again, almost all of the department head positions need to be filled, so if you have experience or not, we would like to have you aboard!

Please contact me at CBCommando@aol.com or call me at 864.962.5873 if you have questions. I'll see you on the bridge!

VIDEOTAPE FROM KLING CON '95.

Includes:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Starbase Détente 3 Treaty
- Qinlat Monastery
- Ascension Ceremony (Ort'Sev)
- Klingon Weapons Arena of Honor (featuring Rick Corely of Qinlat)
- Martial Arts Demonstration (featuring DaHar Master QetaH)
- Klingon Dating Game (PG-13 rating warning)
- Appearance by Dr. Lawrence M. Schoen of the Klingon Language Institute
- Appearances by TOS and DS9 Klingons: Michael Ansara, John Colicos, and Bill Campbell

Total of 2 hours.

Please send USPS money orders only for \$16 (includes shipping and handling) to: Rachel Hawken, 3919 N Clark Street #D, Fresno CA 93726-4808. e-mail slheya@comcast.net with questions.

The crew of the USS Inferno had a glorious weekend out in the wilderness of Cook Forest State Park near Leeper, PA on August 13th – 15th, 2004. The Command Staff spent months planning different versions/locations of this trip. It brought back wonderful memories of the USS Enterprise's Command Staff camping trip (STV: TFF). We toasted "marshmallons" and sang around the campfire. Ensigns Higgins even made pizza over the campfire!

USS INFERNO'S WARRIOR WEEKEND AUGUST 13-15, 2004

Story & photos by COL Larry D. French, Sr • USS Inferno, R7

Friday was basically set up the campsite and dinner consisting of burgers, brats, and hot dogs. On Saturday, the XO and Bill Wilhour took a six-mile hike with the

Higgins. The rest stayed back at camp to pet horses and start lunch. After lunch, we had our ship meeting. The biggest thing on the agenda was planning for either a

Region(Brigade)-wide or SFMC-wide Warrior Weekend next year and the planning for the 2005 Region 7 Picnic that we plan to sponsor. On Sunday, we had breakfast before we broke camp and headed for home.



Several Inferno members and their guests gather round as the campfire gets started.



Commander Debbie French, Ensign Cindy Higgins and Captain David Ferber enjoy the roaring campfire.

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R15's Marine Color Guard marches into the ceremonies..



A poster welcoming Fleeters to the R15 Summit.



The "Hoodlums" gathered together...



It just ain't an R15 event without Karaoke night!