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(Plus a whole lot more!)



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**"A little of this, a little of that," issue or
"Twice as much information, but only half the fat."**

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COMMANDING OFFICER



What went wrong, what's going wrong, what went well, and what I'd like to do.

Greetings everyone! A lot has happened since last issue. And a lot hasn't happened that should have. In fact, I've had to completely redo this report from what it originally said in order to not waste the paper on useless information. Of course, I can hear the peanut gallery say I'm still wasting the paper, but that's an entirely different issue altogether.

First, let me apologize for not being around much back in the early summer months. My life went through a very busy and stressful period during May and June. As a result, I developed a gastritis infection and possible ulcer. I was completely out of action for a little bit. I thank Russ for filling in for me. I took a much deserved vacation in July and am now back up to full speed, ready to take on the world again.

Unfortunately, I let some major things slip through the crack that should have been taken care of. First was the *Star Trek: Voyager* Day. This can be easily rescheduled for another time or even revamped into something different. We also missed the *X-Files* movie premier, but after seeing it I don't think we missed much. Because we missed these recruiting and publicity events, it becomes vitally important that we make sure we do a fabulous job at the *Star Trek: Insurrection* movie premier, scheduled for a near Thanksgiving release.

In order to do this, I will need help organizing these events. That's where you come in. While I can advise you on what to do and even help to some extent, the majority of the work needs to be done by someone else. And the more people we have doing it, the better off we will be as it will prevent a few select people from burning out. In addition to the movie premier, I'd also like someone to help think of fundraising ideas. A car wash would have been an ideal summer event, but as with everything else, it went by the wayside. So, who wants to do these events?

Also don't forget that we still have Department Chief positions open in Engineering, Security, and Operations.

As our shuttle *Celestial* approaches commissioning, a lot of the people that were assigned temporarily to the *von Braun* will no longer be assigned to us. Our membership numbers are dropping dangerously low. In fact, our numbers are right at the 10 minimum needed to maintain starship status. At this rate, we will be put on standby status within a few months, and decommissioned by the end of the year.

Richard displays his Regional Commendation. - RLT





After Sunday's closing ceremonies, Richard and Russ pose in front of the VwB banner. - RLT

Folks, if this were the TV show, it would be about now that Scotty and Geordi would be announcing a major hull breach and a warp core meltdown.

I am begging you to go out and recruit new members. I am begging people to join STARFLEET that have only affiliated with us locally. I am begging you to renew if you have let your membership lapse. \$15 is not that much folks. I would really hate to go under now, while trying to celebrate our fifth anniversary. That would be embarrassing.

STARFLEET has delivered on its membership obligations. We received all 6 issues of the CQ we were supposed to get, and we received our membership package. Granted, it may have taken a while, and the schedule may

have been behind at times, but we still got what we paid for. And if you didn't, I've asked numerous times what you've needed so you would get what you missed out on. Ironically, most of the time, it was the member's fault for not filing a change of address or not following procedure correctly.

Participation in our local events has died as well. I don't mind if there is a serious reason for missing events, such as an illness or family emergency. Nor do I expect people to attend every event. It's also difficult to plan events that are free or real cheap. Either they're gonna cost money or they require someone to host them at their house, both of which are major drawbacks.

As you can see, I am discouraged by the lack of interest I see before me. Com-

pared to what we have done and what other chapters do, we are sorely lacking. While I would be happy to change the focus and purpose of the *von Braun* to meet the needs of its members, I don't know what that focus would be. No one is providing any input on what they'd rather have us do. All I see is people disappearing without an explanation.

Well, since I hate to end a report on a somber note, I'll recap the awards that the *von Braun* won at this year's Summit. (See the Summit Article elsewhere in this issue for full details.) We placed third in the Stampede competition and were Runner-Up for Newsletter of

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Deep Space Nine, collectibles, and Fleet materials.

This is my third report as Executive Officer.

I am surprised to say that the Huntsville television scene is once again playing around with *Deep Space Nine*. WZDX-TV Ch. 54, in Huntsville, has moved the show from Monday night to Sunday at Noon. This can be either good, or bad, depending on one's personal point of view. I feel it is good in a way because members with a VCR can tape the show and bring it to meetings as an after meeting activity. That way everybody is up to speed on DS9.

Also on DS9: the latest scuttlebutt I've read, mainly on the Internet, is that DS9 will go on for an eighth season and that will be all. The movie possibility is not in the immediate future at the moment but there's always hope.

On a sad note, Paramount has all but officially confirmed that Terry Farrell, AKA Lt. Comdr. Dax, will not be returning for the final season. This was learned on the official *Trek* web site, www.startrek.com, during a recent live chat with Ira Stephen Behr, executive producer.

A well-known *Trek* newsletter, *Date-line: Starfleet* is now available on the World Wide Web, as well as its point of origin, America Online. Subscriptions are free, via e-mail, and can be obtained by accessing the web site at www.data1701d.com. Bill Mason is the site owner and editor-in-chief.

Back on the TV front: Internet scuttlebutt has revealed that Jeri Taylor, co-creator and executive producer of *Voyager* is leaving the series. More later as I get more information.

The PC front has been buzzing with new activity. *Starfleet Academy* has its first mission pack, which is entitled *Chekov's Lost Missions*. This pack is in the stores now and retails for \$19.95. You must have the main game installed on your PC in order for this game to function. The new pack includes appearances by Chekov, and Sulu, along with two missions designed exclusively for play on the Internet.

Also in the works is another mission pack entitled *Klingon Academy*. The Klingons are looking for a few good men. This game will see if you have the right stuff.

On other PC fronts: there are at least three more PC games set for release in the latter part of the year.

The first is *Secret of Vulcan Fury*. This is an original series game that is featuring

Examine the background closely. You'll spot Russ stalking Commander, STARFLEET Mike Smith with a Tribble. - RLT



the voices of the original cast as well as original sound effects. The game has new point and click features that put the player right in the action. The early reviews on this game say that this may well be one of the best *Trek* PC games. You can learn more on the Internet at www.interplay.com.

The other two PC games are from Microprose. The first one is *First Contact*, based on the last hit TNG movie. This game uses the same point and click action as *Vulcan Fury*, plus the capability to play your favorite TNG character.

The second game is *Birth of the Federation*. This is a strategy-based game where the player creates his/her own version of the Federation. This will include creating star systems, setting up economies, and participating in military conflicts (i.e. fighting the Borg). This game can be played solo, or with others on the Internet. A word of caution: this is not a one night stand game. One particular game can take days, months, or be a continuing event. This will require some heavy thinking, but that is what makes good leaders.

You can learn more about these games on the Web at www.microprose.com.

For the bookworms: William Shatner has brought Kirk out of the grave again in his new *Trek* novel, *Spectre*. It seems that Captain Kirk will live on.

Finally, I have received my STARFLEET membership materials for 1998. My membership is now good through 1999.

I would like to remind any *von Braun* member, who is joining/renewing his/her STARFLEET national membership(s) that if you have not received any Fleet items (i.e. *Communiqué*, handbook, membership cards, or any other requested material) to PLEASE BRING THIS TO MY ATTENTION OR THE CAPTAIN'S ATTENTION. I am here to serve this crew and when you don't get your material, you can't stay up on fleet events.

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That's all for now. I look forward to seeing everybody at the next *von Braun* meeting.

- **CMDR Russ McNutt**

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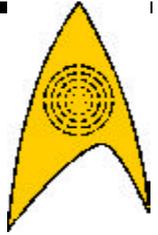
the Year. We also won the Brenda Bullock Mothership Award. I was also happy to receive a personal Regional Commendation for my work with the Region 2 Summit web pages. Mike Henigan also announced that I was the newly appointed Vice-Chief of Computer Operations under Chief of CompOps Lesley Pike.

I am very proud of the *von Braun* for accomplishing what it has. However, I think we can do so much more. In fact, I hope that next year the *von Braun* sweeps the entire awards program with an award in every eligible category. However, I need your help doing this. Imagine winning Ship, Officer, Crewmember, *AND* Newsletter of the Year. Wouldn't that be quite an accomplishment during our fifth anniversary year? In order to do that though, you must actively participate in the *von Braun*.

- **FCAPT Richard L. Trulson**



COMMUNICATIONS



Something for you to do, and the awards we have received.

As you know by now, the newsletter is very late again. Sorry. My life was so busy in May and June, that I was unable to do the newsletter among many other things that went undone. However, my tardiness will not deter you from receiving all four issues this year, as I will accelerate the release of the next two issues. The next issue will be ready at November's meeting. The final issue of the year will be ready in December or January.

Speaking of the next issue, it will commemorate the USS *Wernher von Bruan*'s fifth anniversary. I'd like to ask everyone to contribute a little something to the issue. Regardless of how long you've been affiliated with us, I want to hear from you. However, if you have been around for several years, I'd especially like to hear your story. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, but I do want the issue to have a more personal touch of everyone. In fact,

I hope the issue will be so filled, it will be a double-sized color extravaganza, even better than the *Trek* 30 anniversary issue.

Here's what I'd like for you to write about: Any fond memories you have of the organization. Any funny stories. Any accomplishments you helped achieve. Any special events you participated in. Basically, anything relating you to the history of the ship from as far back as before we were

“Dark Silence Station would like to congratulate you on your national recognition... Both awards are well-deserved. Congratulations!” - CMDR Will Burhans, XO, Dark Silence Station

Richard accepts the Runner-Up Award for Newsletter of the Year. - RLT



launched as a shuttle. Even if someone isn't currently part of the ship, I'd like to include their memoir of what happened. So please help me spread the word around.

I'm sure it will be a revealing trip down memory lane that I want to share with everyone. A fifth anniversary is something to be cherished and remembered for the next five years and beyond.

On a personal standpoint, I've been busy writing for a few more sources as well. In the Spring 1998 *Region 2 Update*, Ike Turner, the editor, published my review of what happened at the Region 2

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SCIENCES



The planets and new projects.

Astronomical highlights for upcoming quarter (courtesy of *Sky & Telescope's SkyWatch '98* magazine).

July:

The constellation Scorpius (the Scorpion) will be visible in the Southern sky featuring its brightest star Antares. Mercury will be visible above the west-northwest horizon 30 to 45 minutes after sundown during the first half of the month. Jupiter will enter the night sky on the east horizon midnight in early July (it will appear a half hour earlier each week during the month). The following planets will appear in the early morning sky this month: Saturn to the southeast, Venus to the east-northeast, Mars to the lower left of Venus late in July.

August:

Mars and Venus will have a relatively close conjunction in the eastern dawn sky on the 4th of the month. Jupiter will appear bright in the eastern night sky throughout the month as it nears its closest approach to Earth. Saturn will join Jupiter in the night sky for much of the month, although it will be somewhat less bright.

September:

Venus, Mercury, and the star Regulus will form a tight triangle low in the eastern morning sky during the early

part of the month. Jupiter will be in opposition (opposite to our Sun), so it will rise at sunset and set at sunrise during mid-September. Saturn will rise in the due east sky during the early part of the evening. In the morning sky, the following will be visible during the month: Mars in the southeast, Venus in the east, and Mercury to upper right of Venus.

Planetarium:

Information is available concerning the Von Braun Astronomical Society's various programs at 539-0316. Sciences will also have brochures from the Society available for your perusal at the monthly meetings.

- LT (jg) Don Daniel



Project Updates:

OCP/Stampede:

Sciences will be taking over the club's participation in the Fleet-wide projects - OCP (Overseas Coupon Project) and Stampede. For OCP, a monthly progress report will be made at the monthly meetings regarding the amount of coupons sent to Fleet. For Stampede, a progress report will be made (probably quarterly) at meetings. Sciences would like to encourage each member to bring coupons and stamps to each meeting.

This should be our goal for collecting stamps. This is the winning Stampede entry by the USS Hephaestus. - RLT



MEDICAL

L.A. Adventures

In case you haven't already heard, I have just spent an entire month in Los Angeles to begin my job and training as Rick Berman's intern/assistant. IT'S THE JOB FROM HELL FOLKS!!!!!!!!!!!! I guess I just didn't realize how annoying it can be to work with Rick on a full time basis on the same grounds instead of my previous work environment. My previous work experience with Paramount had me working inside of Paramount's executive offices with my own little corner space complete with TV and refrigerator (no cute secretary though).

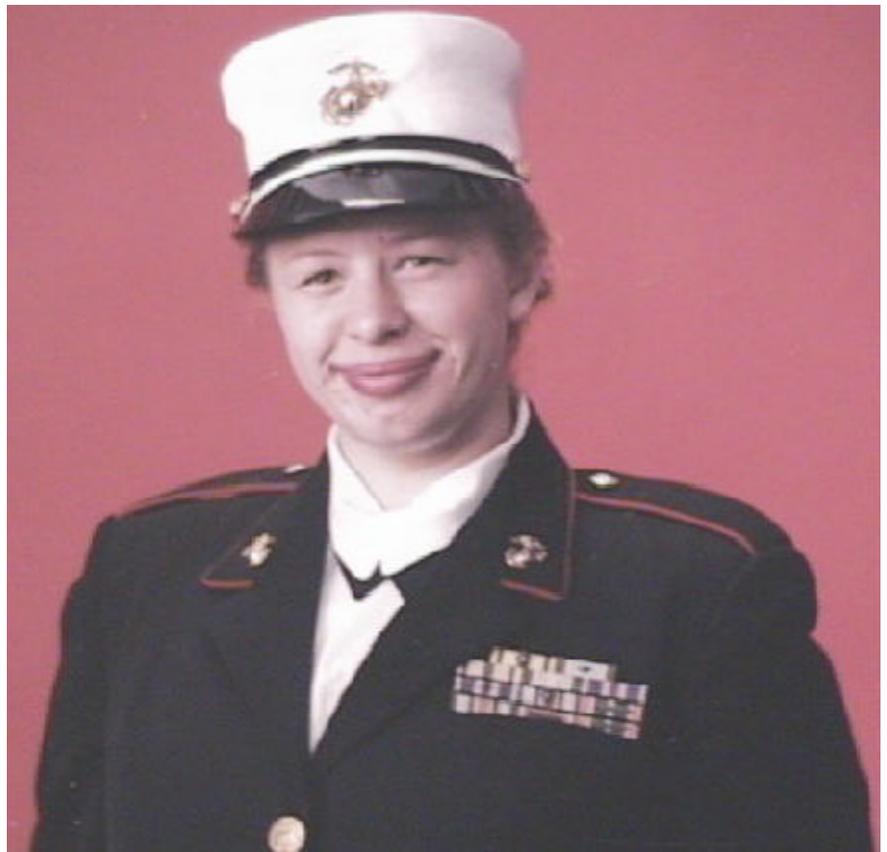
My job there was to coordinate all conventions and *Star Trek* related events for the southern and northeastern regions of the United States. It was a fairly easy job considering. All I was responsible for was making sure all protocol was followed and all security and copyright measures were taken. I also had to re-teach a bunch of middle-aged, pot-bellied, woodstockers some United States Geography. (They thought Kansas was in the south. I don't think we're home any more, Toto.) Easy job, nice situation, and pleasant working environment, right? Boy, I have never been so wrong, or quick to open my big mouth, in my life!

Paramount was soooooo pleased with the work I was doing that they thought I deserved a better and bigger opportunity. Now when you're about to consider a move from a nice, comfortable, stress-free, non-argumentative job that pays 40,000 a year to the completely opposite job from hell, that pays twice as much, you would probably take the higher paying job. DON'T EVER, NEVER, FOR THE LOVE OF GOD AND JESUS CHRIST EVER DO SUCH A STUPID, HORRENDOUS, IDIOTIC, AND HAIR-BRAINED, SCREWBALLED THING IN YOUR LIFE!



I am now bound in a five year contract with Paramount to be Rick's, excuse me, Mr. Berman's Personal Attache (He has turned out to be a conceited "dick") on the *Star Trek* series currently gracing the millions of microwaves that broadcast into your home viewing sets every week. I can't escape! There is no hope left in my cruel and pitiless world! Scotty, take me away! Risa would be preferred, but I wouldn't mind being on Kro'nos either at the time being. Whatever you do, do not put Rick Berman in my sights until he is dead!

Perhaps I should explain: You are all familiar with Rick's job on the series. I am learning to not only do his job, but I am also learning how to run a television series while at





Richard teasing the Tribble thrower. - RLT

the same time learning not to call Rob Beltran “That Indian-Looking Guy Who Has The Big Blue Tattoo on his Forehead, You Know His Name”. I learned after several swats on the head by a rolled up script not to do that. He has since forgiven me and has taken me out to dinner on several occasions. NO RICH, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN ME AND HIM DESPITE WHAT YOUR TWISTED MIND WOULD LIKE TO TORTURE ME WITH! [Editor’s note: Did I say anything? Why are you suddenly so defensive? Hmmmm... - Rich]

Rick and I were discussing several character roles, scripts, and plot lines one day when he and I hit a disagreement. It continued to go on for the rest of my trip and he and I would argue and disagree about everything in sight. He even decided to try and act like my father and tell me what clothes

were appropriate to wear to the studio. I gave him an earful and then some. Let’s just say that everyone within a 50 mile radius knew that the United States Navy had landed at Paramount. Basically, I told him he was not my father and therefore had no right over me. I also told him that I was 18, almost 19, and a legal adult by U.S. laws and standards. By that right, I had control and responsibility over myself. Besides, while I’m in L.A., Majel reigns supreme over what I can and can’t do. Don’t ever argue with Majel.

After that, things got worse and worse. We kept on arguing and fighting and feuding and fussing so bad that one day, Jeri Taylor had to break us up and separate us from the studio. I am essentially being trained and prepped to take Jeri Taylor’s place in the producer’s food chain. She is leaving the series and television production for good so she can spend time

with her loved ones. I just hope that Rick’s attitude, or his mid-life crisis as it seems, ends reeeaaalllllll soon. Otherwise, one of us is going to wind up dead at the other’s hands.

After our last little explosion, Rick’s daughter was invited to a week long slumber party at her best friend’s house in San Fernando. I was more than happy to accompany her, but was fuming all the way because Rick had decided to accompany us. If it hadn’t been for the status of her best friend’s father and his understanding nature (and good looks too), I probably would’ve killed Rick right there and then. The father of Rick’s daughter’s friend was Larry Wilcox, also known as Officer Jon Baker from *CHiPs*. I just about died from shock.

I could not believe that I was standing in the same room as Larry Wilcox when I remembered that I was in Hollywood, where impossible becomes possible and where if you stay long enough, you lose your mind completely. I must of lost my mind a long time ago because I started acting like a star struck fan. Fortunately for me, Larry was very kind and understanding and welcomed me into his home. I met his wife Melinda, a very nice lady and one hell of a clothes shopper (can we say I’m glad American Express has no pre-set spending limit as well as Helloooo Rodeo Drive!!!), I met his other two children, very nice boys (who kicked my butt at every *Mortal Kombat* game ever invented), and got to know his horses.



Former WvB member Dustin Williams (FDC Director on left) and Mike Smith (Commander, STARFLEET on right) hug Cindy Krell (Good Friend of the WvB and former CO of the USS Alacrity in Memphis, TN).- RLT

Larry and his family live on a very nice ranch in the Valley. I had the pleasure of being their guest for the remaining 3 1/2 weeks of my stay on the coast. I had explained my situation with Melinda and Larry and they said that I was more than welcome to stay with them. Larry even let me drive his 65 Ford Mustang Convertible a few times to work! What a super guy! Larry Wilcox is everything like his character Jon Baker. He is very sweet, kind, funny, and understanding. He is also not afraid to show his feelings about subjects and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Larry, Melinda, and I watched *CHiPs* every night and Larry would tell me stories about each and every episode.

We never got tired of watching *CHiPs* and had a lot of fun. Every night I would come back from the studio and Larry and Melinda would have a picnic style dinner set up outside. (I love 80 degree weather!) We would sit, eat, and talk about what went on that day. We would also go horseback riding sometimes after dinner. It was a very nice experience and a much needed breather from the hectic going ons at Paramount.

Larry and Melinda have invited me to stay with them again when I come back to L.A. I think it's because I was also available to baby-sit a few evenings. They turned to provide much needed space and some very delightful company while I was out there. It made having to deal with Rick

Berman a little easier. Majel did call on me every night to check on me and see how I was doing. Good Ol' Majel. I wouldn't be able to survive the Hollywood experience without her.

All in all, it turned out to be a delightful and exciting trip. I did discover that Paramount was having some problems with security leaks concerning copyright infringement. You may notice that many conventions, web sites, and other *Star Trek* related events will begin to be a little more difficult to obtain or enter. This is because we are tightening security in everything we do at Paramount. This is a situation that has all of us concerned greatly and would like to dispose of it as soon as we can.

If you receive any material related to the studio or to the series from any source, please check your source and have them verify it for you. Let them know that this is for the purpose of security and to also ensure that more *Star Trek* and Paramount events and paraphernalia can be enjoyed without any trouble later on.

For some exciting news on the Trekkie frontier: Marina Sirtis is pregnant with her first child, Roxann Biggs is expecting again, Kate Mulgrew has a new beau (not related to *Star Trek* or Paramount), Patrick Stewart is newly married, Gates McFadden gave birth to her third child (a girl) in April, Nana and Alexander Siddig are

not breaking up or having any trouble (They are in fact just like newlywed and teenagers. Just don't call them at 11:45 at night.), Jeri Taylor is retiring (see above), Jeri Ryan and her husband think they may be expecting their first child (we'll find out later), and Jeri Ryan thinks that our own Russ McNutt is a complete and total psycho! She also said that he looks like her uncle.

I am back now with slightly frayed nerves and a bigger paycheck, but no tan or man. Darn. I have also come back with a few lumps on my head courtesy of Rob Beltran and now jump at the sound of every buzzer thanks to my dear, close, personal friend: Data

a.k.a. Brent Spiner. Do not ask. I beg of you, you don't want to know. Don't even ask for a clue or hint. It is something that is between Brent and I, as well as Jonathan Frakes and Michael Dorn. We can just safely say that the next time I'm up there, I'm bringing a rubber suit with me as well as a spear gun. Other than that, things between Brent and I are as normal as ever.

I have just gotten my new e-mail account at chp@pacificwest.com. Please make a note.

Well, that's it until next time. Of course Rick Berman might have had a little accident or two by then.

- **LT(j.g.) Anya V. Funderburk,**
United States Navy



The WvB wins the Mothership award. Left: Richard accepts the award from Vice-Regional Coordinator Jennifer Rosbury.

Below: After stating his pride in the shuttle Celestial, Richard leans over to give CO Rebecca Self a hug. From left to right, Barbara Paul, Mike Smith, Mike Henigan, and Jennifer Rosbury are also seen. - RLT



SHUTTLE CELESTIAL

A journey to better mind, body, and spirit.

The shuttle as a whole has been revising the Constitution and Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures, which have been completely redone. Furthermore, an operations manual is being created composed of the departmental handbooks.

They've also been collecting food for Leeds Food Bank.

The Shuttle okayed the money raised during the Region 2 Summit to be switched from the Ryan White Foundation to the victims of the deadly tornado that came through Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia in April. We also held a prayer vigil for the members in Fleet who needed prayers because of these tornadoes.

Commanders Rebecca Self and Crystal Kimbro helped the *von Braun* at their annual Panoply Arts Festival. Chyrstal decided to do her impersonation of a lobster, and suffered extreme sunburn.

Several departments participated in a three day excursion for scientific exploration to better the mind, body, and spirit of its members. On the first day of the excursion, members enjoyed Desoto Falls, Desoto Park, and Sequoyah Cav-

erns. While at the park CMDR Strange became exhausted due to the heat and had to be carefully monitored by the others to make sure she did not have a heat stroke. After 1½ hours of rest, CMDR Strange was doing much better.

On the second day of the excursion, the group went to the Birmingham Zoo and the Botanical Gardens. Because of

Kevin McNulty, winner of the Celestial Mystery Box drawing, holds up the whoopie cushion. - RLT



The shuttle Celestial places third in the Overseas Coupon Project competition. CO Rebecca Self accepts the award from Jennifer Rosbury. Mike Smith (far left) and Mike Henigan can also be seen. - RLT



what had happened the day before, the group went at a slower pace. On the third and final day, the group got a late start but still had time to do things. They went to Caritas, a place of meditations, and to the movies to see *Search for Camelot*. All in all, the group was able to accomplish all they set out to do. They were able to better their mind, their body, and their spirit during the three-day exploration.

Meetings continue to occur in Leeds, Decatur, and various other places, including online via e-mail and ICQ. Furthermore, plans are underway for a commissioning party.
- Compiled by CMDR Chyrstal Kimbro and FCAPT Richard Trulson

STAR TREK

Star Trek as we've never seen it before.

Starting September 1, 1998, the Sci-Fi Channel will be airing the original *Star Trek* series. This Special Edition will have restored footage, interviews, and more. Airing in a 90-minute format, these episodes are hosted by William Shatner. It airs Monday through Friday at 6:30pm CST and 10:30pm CST.

This episode guide and image were taken from <http://www.scifi.com/startrek/> on the web. Since cable has a tendency to interrupt the regular Monday through Friday schedule for special events, I've only listed the episode name and order.

- Compiled by FCAPT
Richard L. Trulson

Season One:

"The Man Trap"
"Charlie X"
"Where No Man Has Gone Before"
"The Naked Time"
"The Enemy Within"
"Mudd's Women"
"What Are Little Girls Made Of?"
"Miri"
"Dagger of the Mind"
"The Corbomite Maneuver"
"The Menagerie, Part I"
"The Menagerie, Part II"
"The Conscience of the King"
"Balance of Terror"
"Shore Leave"
"The *Galileo Seven*"
"The Squire of Gothos"
"Arena"

"Tomorrow is Yesterday"
"Court-Martial"
"The Return of the Archons"
"Space Seed"
"A Taste of Armageddon"
"This Side of Paradise"
"The Devil in the Dark"
"Errand of Mercy"
"The Alternative Factor"
"The City on the Edge of Forever"
"Operation-Annihilate!"



Season Two:

"Amok Time"
"Who Mourns for Adonis?"
"The Changeling"
"Mirror, Mirror"
"The Apple"
"The Doomsday Machine"
"Catspaw"
"I, Mudd"
"Metamorphosis"
"Journey to Babel"
"Friday's Child"

"The Deadly Years"
"Obsession"
"Wolf in the Fold"
"The Trouble With Tribbles;"
"The Gamesters of Triskelion"
"A Piece of the Action"
"The Immunity Syndrome"
"A Private Little War"
"Return to Tomorrow"
"Patterns of Force"
"By Any Other Name"
"The Omega Glory"
"The Ultimate Computer"
"Bread and Circuses"
"Assignment: Earth"

Season Three:

"Spock's Brain"
"The *Enterprise* Incident"
"The Paradise Syndrome"
"And the Children Shall Lead"
"Is There In Truth No Beauty?"
"Spectre of the Gun"
"Day of the Dove"
"For the World Is Hollow and I Have Touched the Sky"
"The Tholian Web"
"Plato's Stepchildren"
"Wink of an Eye"
"The Empath"
"Elaan of Troyius"
"Whom Gods Destroy"
"Let That Be Your Last Battlefield"
"The Mark of Gideon"
"That Which Survives"
"The Lights of Zetar"
"Requiem For Methuselah"
"The Way to Eden"
"The Cloud Minders"
"The Savage Curtain"
"All Our Yesterdays"
"Turnabout Intruder"

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Richard L. Trulson

STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE

The new Dax host and other episode news.

“Image in the Sand”

First episode of the seventh season, part one of two. An assassination attempt rattles Sisko, who begins a search for the missing Prophets. It introduces the new main character, Ezri Dax, played by Nicole de Boer. Ezri, a female, is the next host of the Dax symbiont, and a Starfleet officer, but not of Jadzia Dax’s rank. Ezri doesn’t want to be joined, but is the only Trill host available when the Dax symbiont is in risk of dying. Their psychological profiles don’t match, so their personalities won’t mesh; thus, from time to time the personalities of previous hosts will take over the joined Trill. In part, it explores the relationships of Sisko and Worf to this new Dax, and addresses the changes in relationships.

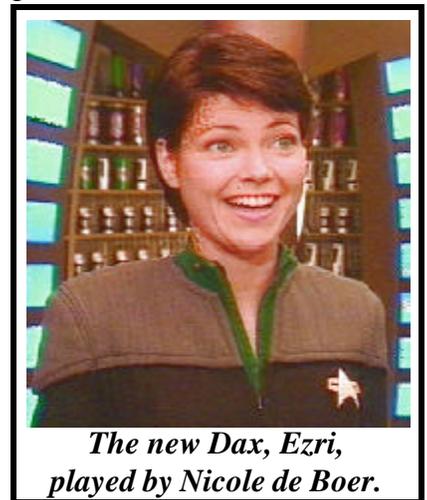
Three months after a possessed Gul Dukat killed Jadzia Dax and sealed the wormhole, life on *Deep Space Nine* has changed. Kira, the acting commander, is upset when Admiral Ross informs her that the Romulans will set up a station office, while Sisko has

retreated to Earth to contemplate a way of contacting the Bajoran Prophets, the aliens who reside within the wormhole. When the vision of a woman’s face, buried in the sand, appears to Sisko, he sketches her, and Jake recognizes her from one of his grandfather’s photos. Rene Auberjonois (Odo) mentioned at a convention that Major Kira will be receiving a promotion in this episode to Colonel. This gives her an equivalent rank to Captain Sisko; logical, since she’s now in charge of the station.

“Shadows and Symbols”

Conclusion of the season premiere. Sisko meets Ezri, the new host of the Dax symbiont, before departing Earth for the planet Tyree with his father, Joseph, and son, Jake. Ezri wished to accompany them on their search for Bajor’s mythical Orb of the Emissary, which Sisko has been led to believe exists. His search for the missing Prophets uncovers a mysterious truth that could help the Federation... or destroy it.

Back at the station, Kira prepares a blockade to stop the Romulans, who have placed weapons on a Bajoran moon. On a Klingon ship, Worf, O’Brien, Bashir, and Quark embark on a mission of their own: to destroy a Dominion shipyard, thus securing a place for the spirit of Worf’s dead wife Jadzia in the sacred Klingon afterlife of Sto-vo-kor.



*The new Dax, Ezri,
played by Nicole de Boer.*

“Afterimage”

Focuses on Ezri Dax: how she’s fitting in with the crew, how Ezri’s getting along with Dax, and relationships in general.

“Take Me Out to the Hologuite”

Penny Johnson returns as Kasidy Yates. Leeta and Rom learn about baseball.

“Chrysalis”

Features the return of Jack and company (the misfits of science).

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(<http://www.psiphi.org>)

Week of:	Prod#	Title
9/26/98	551	“Image in the Sand” (Season Premiere)
10/03/98	552	“Shadows and Symbols”
10/10/98	553	“Afterimage”
10/17/98	554	“Take Me Out to the Hologuite”
10/24/98	556	“Treachery, Faith, and the Great River”
10/31/98	555	“Chrysalis”
11/07/98	557	“Once More Into the Breach”

STAR TREK: VOYAGER

A new holodeck program, a new enemy, a new borg, a new shuttle, a new uniform, and more!

“Night” October 14

Voyager travels through an area of space with few stars and planets. The crew becomes bored and Janeway’s captaincy is threatened. A new alien species is introduced, though they won’t be what we expect them to be. The new aliens will have reflective silver eyes, and will be invisible until light is shone upon them.

The episode will begin on the holodeck as Tom Paris stars as Captain Proton (think the “Rocketeer”) in a retro science-fiction program. The Doctor walks into the new Holodeck program, which runs in black and white, though he remains in color. Seven of Nine and Harry are Constance Trueheart and Proton’s sidekick.

“Drone” October 21

A Seven of Nine Show. Apparently, we are going to see a new type of Borg, after Borg nanoprobes interact with the Doc’s program emitters. The new Borg drone will be very high tech since the Doc’s emitter is 29th century technology.

“Extreme Risk” October 28

A B’Elanna show where she explores her Klingon side, and does some pretty self-destructive stuff. We finally get to see the often mentioned, but never seen, sonic shower scene involving Torres after she inflicts damage to herself. Apparently, this is her way of dealing with the loss of her Maquis friends in “Hunters.”

Tom attempts to build the new shuttlecraft upon Janeway’s orders. I guess they’ve finally ran out of them. New aliens are introduced that are a group of toxic waste dumpers and wear protective suits that have boils and gross stuff all over them.

“Once Upon a Time”

A Neelix episode where he must comfort Naomi Wildman after Ensign Samantha Wildman goes missing in the new shuttlecraft, the *Delta Flyer*. He takes her on the Holodeck where we get to see the Great Forest again. Neelix starts training with Tuvok in tactical duties.

Seven of Nine gets a new uniform, but will still be plagued by the Deanna Troi syndrome. She won’t get a Starfleet uniform, but she’ll parade around in another skimpy bunny suit. Her current regenerative suit has fulfilled its process of assisting her body processes while her human systems adapt to natural use.

“In the Flesh”

A Chakotay episode, with a very special guest star that is supposed to excite fans. It has been rumored that this surprise star will be Kate Vernon, who plays a holodeck character. Rumored to also feature Species 8472 and a race that worships them as demonic gods. Boothby, the Starfleet

A lighter moment during the awards ceremony with the USS Hephæstus crewmembers: CO Pete Mohney picks up Denby Potts and carries her off. Of course, this doesn’t go unnoticed by Denby’s husband, Danny Potts (XO). - RLT



gardener seen in the *Next Generation* episode "First Duty," is set to guest star possibly in this episode as a lead in to the next one.

"Not Human"

An episode which revolves around the Doctor and B'Elanna. She gets infected with a worm-like parasite, and he must use a Cardassian (David Clennon) medical doctor's experience to save her, much to the dismay and objections of B'Elanna. This will raise the issue of B'Elanna's hate towards the Cardassians.

The crew finally discovers that they aren't really back at Earth. Many of their experiences over the past few episodes have been Species 8472 manipulations, a holographic version of Starfleet they've been using to plan an invasion.

"Timeless"

Voyager's 100th episode will guest star Levar Burton as Geordie LaForge. Burton will also direct. In the story, which takes place 15 years into the future, *Voyager* has used the Slipstream technology (from "Hope and Fear") to get home. The only problem is, due to a technical glitch, only Harry and Chakotay survive the trip home. The two must bear the grief of being the only ones to survive. Harry then tries to convince Chakotay to use time travel to go back in time and prevent the trip through Slipstream, and Captain LaForge of the USS *Challenger* must stop them.

"Down Deep"

The crew uses the new shuttle, the *Delta Flyer*, to explore the depths of a planet that is covered entirely by water. Expect to see the typical big scary water monsters, like in *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. May also be a full-length "Captain Proton" episode focusing on Tom Paris.

"Infinite Regress"

Seven of Nine goes a little nuts from interacting with an alien, allowing for personalities the Borg have encountered to come forward. At the same time, little Naomi Wildman (last seen in "Once Upon Time") has her dear little heart set on becoming a senior officer, and she wants it now. So, she shadows (stalks) poor Seven. Expect a few cute scenes between the two.

Miscellaneous Rumors:

Robert McNeil (Paris) feels that *Voyager* will get home either at the end of this season, or early next season. He says the producers think that fans need to see the Romulans, Klingons, and Vulcans (Oh my!), so they will bring *Voyager* home to the Alpha Quadrant. The crew will be shown off-duty more often. Tuvok goes through Pon Farr (as indicated in "Flashback").

Writer Lisa Klink has left the show under friendly terms, though she disliked the addition of 7 of 9. The two new writers hired in her place are Nick Sagan and Michael Taylor. Sagan wrote the TNG episodes "Attached" and "Bloodlines". Taylor wrote "The Visitor," "Things Past," and "In the Pale Moonlight."

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(<http://www.psiphi.org>)

TREK TID-BITS

Little bits of *Trek* Trivia.

Some of the goblets used by the Klingons in *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and *Deep Space Nine* were originally used in the 1956 film *The Ten Commandments*.

Fabric worn by Spock's parents came first from Cecil B. DeMille's epics.

The VISOR worn by Geordi La Forge is based on a plastic hair band.

Dr. McCoy's first medical scanner in the original TV series was a saltshaker.

Tribbles were animated with balloons, rubber bladders, and the parts from battery-powered toy dogs.

- Compiled by PO2 Francis Hedric

REGION 2 NEWS

The IG investigation resolution, position changes and openings, and IC award recipients.

A lot has been going on in Region 2 lately, and not all of it has been good unfortunately. So let's start with some good just outside the region, but close to us.

We've always been good friends with Cindy Krell and the entire USS *Alacrity* in Memphis, TN. However, the ship has changed names and has gotten a new CO. The new USS *Aeon* (pronounced "e-on") is commanded by Captain Kenneth Yarbrough (kyarbro1@midsouth.rr.com). Good luck to them, and to Cindy, who is now residing in Region 2 somewhere, or so I've heard. Our former crewmate, Dustin Williams has been making quite a splash in Fleet lately. Not only did he become CO of the USS *Rodger Young*, but he was also promoted to Fleet Captain at the International Conference in Lubbock, TX. This is in addition to him serving as Director of the Fleet Division Chief program, and all around security guy. Congratulations to him and his accomplishments!

Now for the bad. Remember a while back I told you that several members of Region 2 brought allegations of wrong doing against Region 2 Coordinator Kelly Hilliard? Well, they went so far as to get Commander, STARFLEET Mike Smith and Operations Chief

Tom Monaghan to instigate an Inspector General investigation into the matter. Over the past few months, IG Robert Westfall and his R2 Assistant Danny Potts have performed their investigation. I was even contacted to answer questions and provide e-mail logs of what I knew. The outcome was recently published in a 20 page document that Kelly sent to all the COs.

The first allegation was of financial misconduct with Regional funds by Kelly and former R2 Treasurer Mike Henigan. A poll of the region's COs was given to determine if regional funds should be used for them to attend the 1997 International Conference. There was question on whether or not permission had been given and what the nature of the loan or gift would be. It turns out that

the money was given to Kelly and loaned to Mike, who eventually repaid it. They were also accused of disobeying direct orders from CS to not use regional funds as a loan. While Mike Smith strongly advised them not to, he never made a direct order not to. While they could find no specific case of misconduct or wrong doing, the IG recommended that better accounting methods be used in the future and that guidelines be established by STARFLEET for control over Regions.

The second allegation was of them trying to sabotage the 1998 Region 2 Summit. Some on the Summit Committee felt that there was an extreme lack of communication that resulted in some major misunderstandings and problems. These included questions about who was in charge, the facilities and caterer used, and the invitation of CS to the Summit. Kelly freely admits that he was undergoing extreme hardship during this time (8 deaths of people close to him,

Mike Henigan at the Region 2 Summit. - RLT





including his step-dad) and had to turn over the Summit to Mike. As a result, they sometimes would contradict themselves or be unable to communicate as readily as the Committee would have liked. Again, the IG did not find any evidence to indicate they were intentionally sabotaging the Summit, or preventing Mike Smith from attending.

The third allegation was that they were violating Region 2 policies. This stems from the often quoted, but unwritten rule, that one person can not hold multiple R2 Staff positions. Ike Turner, the former Zone 3 Coordinator, was upset that he had to be replaced when he also became R2 Chief of Communications. He felt that Mike Henigan should also give up either Chief of Staff or Treasurer position. When these complaints started, Mike resigned from both. They also claim Pete Mohney held both Zone 3 Coordinator and RDC Recruiting. However, the latter was actually a international level appointment, not a regional one. Again, the IG could not find a violation of policy since there was no written policy to violate. The IG recom-

mended, however, that Regional By-Laws be established so there could be no misunderstanding in the future.

The fourth allegation was that Mike Henigan failed to properly conduct the R2 Online and *Communiqué* auctions. People complained that it took forever to receive merchandise or refunds. While he could find no specific case of financial wrong doing, the IG recommended that better accounting methods be used to verify funds, and that more timely distribution of funds or merchandise occur in the future.

In final summary, both Kelly and Mike were cleared of all charges. However, the IG made recommendations that Kelly has already started to implement. As far as I'm concerned, I consider this nothing more than a blatant attempt to cause trouble by a few bitter, disgruntled officers who had their feelings hurt and wanted to get revenge. Kelly and Mike could have done better, but it wasn't worth taking to this extreme. If you'd like to read and examine the entire report, just ask.

Following all that, Kelly has stated in the Fall 1998 *Region 2 Update* that he would be resigning from RC effective the last day of the 1999 Summit. It would be immediately, but Kelly feels that before he leaves, he needs to accomplish a few things like making sure the next Summit runs smoothly and that a set of Regional By-Laws and Shuttle Manual have been put into place.

In other publications, the *Monthly Memo* has been re-named to *FYI*. Kelly felt that a monthly publication schedule was too frequent for the amount of info he had to put out. Therefore, the *FYI* will only come out when Kelly feels there is enough information to put in it.

As mentioned above, the IG investigation recommended the formation of regional By-Laws to establish a set of rules, policies, and guidelines to govern the region. A committee of a half dozen regional officers has been established with Jon Reddick of the USS *Khai Tam* as chairperson. In addition, Kathy Webster of the USS *MacCloud* was appointed as the new R2 Treasurer.

Two Regional positions are available. RDC of Sciences is responsible for maintaining programs with the Science Officers within the region. You can contact Jennifer Rosbury at R2VRC@trekland.com via e-mail or by postal mail at:

Jennifer Rosbury
579 NW 41st St. Apt B
Oakland Park, FL 33309

**Ike Turner (1998 Summit
Chairman) - RLT**



The R2 ShOC position is responsible for guiding new groups into full chapter status. Contact Kelly at Region2rc@aol.com or by postal mail at:

Kelly Hilliard
1115 McGill Park Ave. NE
Atlanta, GA 30312

Both positions require monthly reporting to R2 HQ. This is a great opportunity for people to get involved with region level activities.

Some miscellaneous tidbits: Barbara Paul, the Region 2 Awards Director has been promoted to Officer in Charge of the Second Brigade of the Marines. The former RDC Marines position has been eliminated since the Brigade Commander fulfills that role. Captain Will Burhans (the new

CO of the *Dark Silence* Station in Florence, AL) has been appointed as the new RDC of Operations. His mother, FCAPT Carol Burhans (who now serves as the XO of the *Dark Silence*; they switched positions) has been appointed as the new North Alabama Sector Chief by Zone Coordinator Pete Mohney. This position is sort of an additional mediator, though doesn't really have much influence in the grand scheme of things.

In addition to the Newsletter awards that we won (See my Communications Officer report elsewhere in this issue.), several others in the region received international awards at the International Conference. The USS *Khai Tam* in Tallahassee, FL received Best Chapter

Web Site of the Year (<http://www.vistech.net/users/reddick/khaitam2/>). Several Region 2 members are honor students at STARFLEET Academy including Melissa L. Karnosh for Officer's Training School, Maud Freifelder for Security School (both off the USS *Triumph* in Fort Lauderdale, FL), and Shelia Benton (USS *Hephaestus* in Birmingham, AL) for College of History. Of course, the big winner was the USS *Hephaestus*, NCC 2004, for winning Ship of the Year. All of them deserve heartfelt congratulations, but more so to the *Hephaestus* for winning a very sought after and difficult to win category. Good job!

- **Compiled by FCAPT
Richard L. Trulson**

Everyone tosses a Tribble at Mike Henigan. - RLT



STARFLEET NEWS

CQ and Membership materials update, McGinnis prosecution, IRS resolution, and position openings.

In STARFLEET news, they are back on schedule with the *Communiqué* (CQ). Wendy Fillmore, who replaced Brittany Sloan when she got overworked and had to be removed, has worked tirelessly in order to get the CQ back on track. They've also got rid of the open-ended, brown paper bag which people have complained about. The CQ's are now shipped in a clear plastic bag with a flap which prevents the CQ from slipping out. Everyone seems to like this better, despite not being able to receive anything in a "plain brown wrapper" any more.

CompOps should now be current in Membership Processing again. They were backlogged for a bit when Greg Trotter moved (Fleet's address remained the same.), got ill, and got sent away for a bit to be trained at a real world job. Also, Greg Sessler, who actually stuffs and mails the packets with his crew, underwent surgery. I've even received my membership materials finally. There were even rumors floating around that an entire bag of Fleet mail was lost by either CompOps or the Post Office around March. If you are still missing a CQ or membership materials, please contact me. (See the Fleet Materials article elsewhere on what you can do yourself.)

Carolyn Donner has resigned as the Vice-Commandant of STARFLEET Academy, though she is remaining as Director of the College of Communications. Though Academy Commandant Mandi Herrmann is accepting applications until November 1, you must have been a Director of an Academy School previously, as well as a current member of Starfleet in good standing with OTS and OCC. However, only OTS and OCC are required for the Directorship of the College of Medicine, which is also open. Also, some people have had problems receiving exams from the previous College of Medicine Director. If you have, please contact me so I can give you some information.

Furthermore, applications are being accepted until September 30, 1998 by Fleet Division Chief Director Dustin Williams at XORY@shreve.net for a new director in the following FDC positions: Counseling, ShOC, CompOps, and Communications. Please send a carbon copy to dubose@pdq.net as well. Finally, BGEN Jeremy Trent resigned as Commandant of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, sighting poor health as the reason. Commander, STARFLEET Mike Smith appointed BGEN Les Rickard (the former Commandant) as



acting Commandant until a proper one could be selected. If interested, send applications by December 1 to mmartian@mindspring.com or by postal mail to:

Les Rickard
Interim Commandant, SFMC
P.O.Box 22
Lexington, NC 27293-0022

Some positions have actually been filled. These include LCDR Amy Alexander as the International Charities Coordinator and Ensign Chuck Dobbins as Director of SubSpace Communications.

Wendy Fillmore apologized for the lateness of *Stellar Visions III*, the STARFLEET fanzine. Of course, she was busy getting the CQ back on track. It should be completed by mid-September and will be the only one produced this year. Checks made out to STARFLEET should be sent to:

Wendy Fillmore
Stellar Visions
72 Dickens Road

North Brunswick, NJ 08902
They are \$10 for one issue (Please note which one you would like in the memo field.), \$18 for two (Again, please note which two.), and \$27 for all three. Please add \$3 EACH for postage. If you ordered all three, that would be \$36.

Remember Dan McGinnis? He was the previous Commander, STARFLEET, who resigned in disgrace before the end of his tenure, leaving STARFLEET in shambles. Remember all the rumors and allegations that he stole thousands of dollars from Fleet, among his other atrocities to the organization? Well, while none of it can be proved, the following is fact posted to the main STARFLEET mailing list and later verified by online news sources.

On April 23, 1998, Dan McGinnis was sentenced by the United States District Court of Eastern Missouri to 21 months in the Greenville, Illinois prison. In fact, we now know that McGinnis was convicted of bank fraud long before he became Commander, STARFLEET. Judge Webber felt that McGinnis' previous parole instead of jail time was too light and wanted to make sure McGinnis would have no chance to harm other people in the future. Restitution procedures are to begin immediately based on assets within his current possession. At the completion of his sentence, McGinnis will serve 5 years of supervised release and complete full restitution at the rate of \$529.88 per month.



Everyone tosses a Tribble at Fleet Admiral Mike Smith. - RLT

Fleet's IRS problems are finally over with. In addition to getting any current penalties abated, the IRS has even refunded the money we've already paid to them, plus interest! Therefore, so long as Fleet continues to remain financially sound and files the appropriate Form 990 every year, we should never have any problems with them again. Many thanks to Chuck Freas and the entire Smith Administration for resolving this problem.

Furthermore, the Chapter Charter Fee has been rescinded effective January 1, 1999. This fee has been adamantly opposed since its inception by Dan McGinnis to supposedly cover expenses that regular membership fees couldn't handle. Thanks to the

careful budgeting and financial management of the current administration under Mike Smith, STARFLEET has been able to regain its financial footing enough to rescind this fee. And thanks to the refund from the IRS, they will also be able to award college Scholarships during 1999. They were not issued during 1997 and 1998 in order to get STARFLEET back on its feet.

Nominations for Commander, STARFLEET are under way. Once the candidates are announced, campaigning will begin. More details on this next issue, but please remember to vote for the candidate you feel is best suited to run STARFLEET. Also, don't forget to also vote for the new Constitution when you vote for CS. You can preview the new Constitution in CQ 88.

- FCAPT Richard Trulson

**Need a good laugh? Visit on the web:
<http://www.garden.net/users/lizwoolf/poll.html>
for those NOT running for Commander, STARFLEET.**

STARFLEET PROBLEMS

What to do if you're missing a *Communiqué* or STARFLEET membership materials.

Communiqués

The first thing to remember is that you must be a current member by the first of the month for the cover date in order to receive that issue. For example, for the June/July issue (#87 which I received in July), you must be a current member as of June 1 in order to receive it. If you should miss a CQ, the first thing you should do is wait till the end of the month after the issue's cover date. For example, wait for the end of August to arrive for the June/July issue. This is in order to give the Bulk Rate Class time to be delivered, which can take quite a while since it's the lowest priority of mail.

Then verify your address with Liz Woolf in Computer Operations Help Desk to make sure your address is correct. You can e-mail her at CompOpsHelp@sfi.org or by postal mail at:

Liz Woolf

CompOps Staff Coordinator
146 Manor Crescent
New Brunswick, NJ
08901-1691

Not having filed a change of address with Fleet is the number one reason for people not receiving a CQ. If you haven't moved and you know for certain your address is correct, then contact Tamara Copple to get your CQ replacement. You

can reach her at cq-remailer@sfi.org or by postal mail at:

Tamara Copple

Communique Re-mailers
11415 Grandview Road #1
Kansas City, MO 64137.

However, be aware that she will not re-mail a CQ because you forgot to file a change of address. It has to be because the postal service lost it.

Membership Packets:

For your membership packet, you should receive your packet within two months of when you mailed your application or renewal. Once that time period has expired and you still haven't received anything, the first thing you need to do is contact Liz Woolf as described above for the CQs. She can determine if they have received your application. You will need to provide her with your full name, address, and SCC # (if you're renewing). Liz will almost always be able to take care of your problem, or at least tell you how to go about correcting it. You can also check for yourself at <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/memberlookup.asp> on the web.

You might need to provide additional information such as the date you mailed it in, the date the check was cashed (if at all), the check's amount, and the check's number. It's always a good idea to keep a photo copy of your

CO Michael George promotes (front center) George Keith to Cadet Commander, the first in the USS Continuum's history.



STARFLEET accepts renewals and new memberships on-line via secure credit card transaction (using Visa, MasterCard or Discover). To renew your membership or sign up a new member, visit <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/join.asp>

application, check, and even the envelope. That way, if they require proof, you can give it to them. Also, a check helps provide a paper trail to track things by. So never send cash, and avoid a money order if possible. You can also pay for your dues with a credit card, which is easy to track as well. You can join or renew at <http://www.sfi.org/compops/database/join.asp> on the web.

In fact, if your check has been cashed and you still haven't received your membership materials, please send a note to the Chief of Computer Operations:

Jesse Smith

5126 Niagara Pl

College Park, MD 20740

He will activate your membership if you provide him a copy of the front AND back of your canceled check. He outlined the following process that occurs:

- 1) You place your membership application or renewal in the mail.
- 2) Membership processing picks up the mail.
- 3) P. J. Trotter opens the mail and logs the payment type, amount, member name, and any other pertinent information. The application is then passed on to Greg/Chris for processing. At this point, the application should be no more than 2 weeks old from the time you dropped it in the mail box (barring postal problems).

4) Greg enters your renewal information into the database.

5) Every two weeks Liz, Jeff, Roy, and Greg (the Comp Ops team members) upload their copies to the CompOps ftp site. At this point it should be no more than 5 weeks from when the post office picked up the application from your mailbox.

6) I retrieve these copies, merge the data and notify them that they can pick up their database at the ftp site.

7) Roy retrieves a copy of the database, prints and sends out packets. At this point your application should be no more than 6 weeks old.

8) The packet arrives at your address. At this point it should be no more than 8 weeks since you mailed your application.

Furthermore, STARFLEET's Internal Auditor is performing a review of Membership Processing. If you would like to participate, send a copy of your most recent canceled check (back and front) that you used to pay for your STARFLEET membership to:

Howard Cronson

P.O. Box 990056

Boston, MA 02199-0056

General Pointers

Always wait for a response at least a week by e-mail, and a month if by postal mail. Also, don't forget to include a Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE) for

replies if you use postal mail. They should be able to respond much quicker, within a few days even. If not, try one more time, remembering to wait the same time periods again. If you still haven't got an answer, then bring it to my attention. Always remember to be courteous, polite, and patient when making inquiries. Being demanding or rude may be satisfying, but it won't accomplish anything.

Remember, STARFLEET is run by volunteers with lives outside of their Fleet duties. They may have a job, family to take care of, friends to see, or even activities of their own chapter to attend to. Heck, they may simply want to have fun that weekend. Additionally, unforeseen real world problems can interfere. A computer crash, a tornado, a death in the family, and countless other things can slow down the process. So please, be patient and kind when dealing with people who have volunteered their time to serve Fleet.

In fact, I'd be happy to handle all of this for you from the very beginning. That way, I can make sure it's done correctly. All you have to do is let me know and provide me with your information. I hope this helps alleviate the frustration you might experience with Fleet. It's usually a very pain free process. Unfortunately, an occasional problem will occur.

- FCAPT Richard Trulson

TREK 411

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Some new *Star Trek* games, books, and more.

Hello again Friends of the Fleet! It's time to take our peek into the awesome Universe of the *Trek* Goodies and see what we shall see.

First off, I would like to give a hail and hearty welcome to the crew of the Shuttle *Celestial*, based in Leeds Alabama, Commander Rebecca Self commanding. The *Celestial* is a Shuttle of Huntsville, Alabama ship, the USS *Wernher von Braun*, in which yours truly serves as Executive Of-

ficer. Chrystal Kimbro is the coordinator of the *Celestial* newsletter, which is the third newsletter of the Fleet to carry this column, behind the *von Braun*, and the *Guardian*, of Cape Canaveral, Florida. To the *Celestial*, I say: Welcome Aboard!!

Now to business. For the PC buffs: Microprose has announced yet another *Trek* PC game to be released along with pending games: *Birth of the Federation*, and the *First Contact* game.

The new work is titled *Klingon Honor Guard*. This game is a must for all the Klingons, and other fans, in our audience because it lets the player experience what it feels like to be a Klingon. What's more there's plenty of battles to fight too.

Look for the release of this and the other *Trek* games later this year. You can learn more about these games on the Web at www.microprose.com.

Moving right along with the PC buffs: Interplay has announced that its new game: *The Secret Of Vulcan Fury* has been pushed back to later in 1998. Probably want to get all of the bugs worked out before release. I commend their action because I believe that they are trying to strive for a good quality product. If I were in their shoes I'd feel the same way, because if this game is as great as all of the early reviews say it is, then the customers will want more such games in the future.

You can learn more about this game on the Web at www.interplay.com. The web site also has a non-interactive preview movie available for download, but be warned: you need at least a Pentium 100 MHz PC and at least 20 MB hard drive space or this movie WILL NOT WORK!!

I bought my copy of *Star Trek: Pinball*, the *Trek* PC game yesterday, and I am having a BLAST with it. This is a perfect diversion from long periods of work/school or complete boredom. There are

Danny Potts (XO of the USS Hephheastus) tempts his wife, Denby, to throw the tribble. - RLT



three different games: The Kirk Machine, The Klingon Machine, and a two player game where one player tries to defeat the other player. There are plenty of sound effects and music for that real arcade effect. Go out and buy this one folks; the price is right at \$29.95.

A quick note for you Internet surfers: *Dateline: Starfleet* is on the web at www.data1701d.com. The web master is Bill Mason and online subscriptions are available, free of course, to everybody. Check it out for more details.

For the book worms: Pocket Books has published a trade paperback about *Star Trek: Voyager*. This volume delves into the earliest days of the series, including ship and character creation and development. This is a must for the VGR fans.

Also pending is another revision of the *Trek Encyclopedia*, by Mike and Denise Okuda. This revision is due for release in early 1999. More on this as info becomes available.

Also get ready for the *Trek X-Men* series, with first release due in next few months. I heard at least one person go HUH? That's right folks that's what I said. But we'll see.

Well, that's all for now, but please write, call, fax, or e-mail me on anything you like, or don't like about this column. I'm always looking for that good collectible so if you find it, please share it with everyone in my column. Don't worry, I'll see that you receive full credit for bringing it to my attention.

If want to say hello, please do that too. I always like to talk and listen to the readers.

Until next visit, Keep on *Trekkin'* and Good Collectin'.

Hello again Fleet fans everywhere. It's time once again for our peek into the Universe of the *Trek* Goodies.

For you owners of *Trek* plates from The Hamilton Collection: Hamilton has just published a new catalog with a vast selection of *Trek* plates that have been published through the years. Unfortunately, the catalog does not include the very first series, which went out of production years ago.

Those plates, by the way, have commanded prices, in the hundreds of dollars, from plate dealers and other collectors at *Trek* conventions. The original list price of these plates was \$29.95. If you were fortunate enough to buy one, or more, of these plates at its original purchase price, you have made a VERY GOOD INVESTMENT – HOLD ON TO IT FOR DEAR LIFE!

The catalog does cover the more recent plates (i.e. TNG, DS9, and VGR) and they are being offered at their original purchase price. This is a golden opportunity to enhance your *Trek*, and plate, collection as well as making a quality investment.

Guardian members should check with Dawn Smith-Webber at the regular *Guardian* meetings, any of the *von Braun*, or Shuttle *Celestial*, members could contact me, at the *von Braun* meeting, or at the address below, for more details.

KLINGON CODE

Top 10 things likely to be overheard if you had a Klingon on your software development team.

- 10) "This code is a piece of crap! You have no honor!"
 - 9) "A TRUE Klingon warrior does not comment his code!"
 - 8) "By filing this bug report, you have questioned my family honor. Prepare to die!"
 - 7) "You question the worthiness of my Code?! I should kill you where you stand!"
 - 6) "Our competitors are without honor!"
 - 5) "Specs are for the weak and timid!"
 - 4) "This machine is a piece of GAGH! I need dual Pentium processors if I am to do battle with this code!"
 - 3) "Perhaps it IS a good day to Die! I say we ship it!"
 - 2) "My program has just dumped Stova Core!"
 - 1) "Behold, the keyboard of Kalis, the greatest Klingon code warrior that ever lived."
- Forwarded to the main
STARFLEET mailing list
by Bruce Sommer
(BESommer@netgate.net)



Carol Burhans (CO of the Dark Silence Station) gets Tribbled by her son, XO Will Burhans. - RLT

For the PC buffs: *Starfleet Academy* producer Interplay has published its first extension of the *Academy* series entitled *Chekov's Lost Missions*. This mission pack includes missions for single and multi-player fun, as well as two new mission design for play over the Internet. A must have for all of you Academy folks trying to make Captain overnight. Price is \$19.95.

A quick follow up on last month's article on some of the other upcoming *Trek* games: Interplay will publish the upcoming Klingon based game as another extension of the *Academy* series. This is for all of our Klingon allies in our reading audiences who think they have the right stuff. Look for this game later in the year. The web site is www.interplay.com.

Also from Interplay is *The Secret Of Vulcan Fury*, due for release around October. The early reviews are that this is going to be the hottest *Trek* game yet. Check Interplay's web site for more details.

From Microprose: things are still on track for their *Trek* entries, *Birth of the Federation* and *First Contact*. For more details on this game, you can check out the Microprose web site at www.microprose.com.

For the bookworms: William Shatner has published another *Trek* novel entitled *Spectre*. Captain Kirk is raised from the dead again to help Captain Picard fight the evils facing the Federation.

Another Kirk novel is in the works for next year. Kirk is bound and determined to remain alive long after his demise in the *Generations* movie.

An audio version of *Spectre* is also available on cassette read by, you guessed it, Kirk himself.

Well folks, that's all for now, but please feel free to write, call, fax, or e-mail me anytime about anything relating to this article, or make comments and suggestions, or just to say hello.

Until next we get together, keep on *Trekkin'* and good collectin'.

Hello again Fleet fans, it's time again for a peek into the Universe of the *Trek* Goodies.

We're going to start off with all of you clock watchers and timekeepers in the audience. The current issue of *Starlog's Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* magazine has a new line of *Trek* watches, both wrist and pocket, for sale. Each watch contains a famous *Trek* character and/or scene from TOS and TNG. Each watch sells for around \$50-60. Check the latest issue of the DS9 magazine for ordering instructions.

Checking out Quark's Bazaar, courtesy of *Star Trek: Communicator Magazine*, we find that Playmates has released a new set of action figures based on the DS9 classic remake of the classic TOS episode, "Trials And Tribble-Ations." Each figure comes with multiple accessories as well as a Department of Temporal Investigations Card. The set includes, Dr. Bashir, Capt. Sisko, Cmdr. Dax, the original Capt. Koloth, Odo, and Chief O'Brien. The price for each figure is \$8.95. Grab 'em up quick folks, this is going to be a big seller.

For the card sharks in our audience, Decipher has issued its *First Contact* expansion set for the TNG customizable card game. The set includes 40 rare cards and 25 common and uncommon cards. Price is \$2.00 for a nine-card pack or \$75 for a display box containing 30 packs.

Also available is the Q-Continuum card expansion set for \$18 per set of 6 booster packs or \$73.95 per box of 36 booster packs.

For the PC buffs: everything seems to be on schedule for the release of the latest *Trek* PC games, which were mentioned, in my last article.

The only new news to report is that Christopher Plummer (General Chang) and David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon) will reprise their roles for the upcoming *Klingon Academy* expansion of the *Starfleet Academy* PC game. Look for this game, produced by Interplay, later in the year, or check out Interplay's web site at www.interplay.com for details.

For the bookworms: two trade paperbacks have hit the stores recently. *The Star Trek: The Next Generation Sketchbook*, by John Eaves and J.M. Dillard, and *Star Trek: Voyager – A Vision Of The Future*, by Stephen Edward Poe.

The *Sketchbook* contains ideas and pre-production drawings, as well as photos, used in the development and production of the *Generations* and *First Contact* movies. This book also explores the hectic world of pre-production, production, and post-production, which is vital to the making of the *Trek* movies. Cost is \$18.00.

A Vision Of The Future is a history of *Voyager*. The book goes into the earliest days of the creation of the series and goes right up to present day. A must for readers who are interested in the behind the scenes work of *Trek*. Cost is \$18.00.

Mike Okuda, *Trek* scenic design supervisor, is currently at work on a technical manual for *Deep Space Nine*. This work will be published later in the year or early 1999.

Also, another update is forthcoming on the *Trek Encyclopedia*, also by Mike and Denise Okuda. I am also hopeful that an update to the *Encyclopedia* CD-ROM will accompany this work. The last version, while an excellent work, had a few minor bugs. If you save your newsletters please refer to the article I wrote on the bugs with the CD-ROM.

That's all I have for now, but please feel free to write, call, fax, or E-mail anytime with questions, comments, or suggestions to:

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- **CMDR Russ McNutt**

Auctioneer Ron Fell (Director of STARFLEET Recruiting) holds the Picard stand-up. - RLT



MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 1998:

Departmental Reports:

CO: FCAPT Richard Trulson

Several Commendations of Excellence were handed out for the Cub Scout Dinner (Catherine Ramsey, Wayne Cole, Dallas Vinson, Mark Godsey, and Laura Peterson), OCP participation (Don Daniel and Richard Trulson), and Stampede participation (Mike Nazarek, Don Daniel, Richard Trulson).

A brief report on the Region 2 Summit was given. We donated 8 ounces of stamps and \$165 worth of coupons, but please continue to collect these throughout the year. Corrected some of the WvB crewroster errors with Mike Smith. The Lursa and B'Tor autograph card went for \$35. We took Third Place in the Stampede competition, won the Brenda Bullock Mothership Award, and was Runner-Up for Newsletter of the Year. Richard also received a Regional Commendation for his Summit web page and was appointed R2 Vice-Chief of Computer Operations. Our shuttle *Celestial* won Third Place in the OCP competition. [For more details, see the Summit Report Article elsewhere in this issue. - Rich]

<http://ncc72069.sfi.org/> was voted as our vanity URL.

XO: CMDR Russ McNutt

Rus updated everyone on the latest *Trek* games and books.

Operations: CMDR Dallas Vinson

Panoply is April 24-26. If you can work, please sign up and indicate the day and times.

Effective immediately, Dallas is transferring to the shuttle *Celestial*, though he will help at Panoply.

Communications: FCAPT Richard L. Trulson

Winter 1998 issue of *Subspace Static* was handed out to everyone. The next deadline is May 1.

Medical: LT(jg) Anya Funderburk

Anya is no longer attending medical school. She's taken care of the stalking problem she had. Her intern work continues with Rick Berman. 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. is the most dangerous time to be outside during the summer. A blood drive is coming up soon, so please donate if you can.

Science: LT(jg) Don Daniel

Don picked up a planetary brochure. He received some stars' autographs in the mail. He'll also be handling OCP and Stampede.

Business:

STARFLEET News: Mike Henigan resigned as R2 Treasurer and Chief of Staff, though he will remain on as Summit Coordinator. They're now accepting credit cards at Fleet level.

Please read the Special Events portion of the newsletter. We'll need all the help we can get for Panoply, as well as participation in the *Voyager* Day and the Car Wash in May.

Proposed changes to the By-Laws are in the newsletter to read. We were unable to decide on CO voting method, so that vote will come later.

Shining Star Award went to Mike Nazarek for his stamp donations for the Stampede Competition, which probably allowed us to place third.

Russ announced that Pete Mohny is selling episodes of *Voyager* on tape for \$6.

Crewmember Francis Lowery also shared with us medallions and photographs given to her mother for working at Redstone Arsenal during the late 60's and early 70's. The medallions were made with actual material from the *Columbia* and *Eagle* spacecraft of the *Apollo* moon missions. They were inscribed with the date: July 20, 1969, which is incorporated into our NCC #. Another medallion was also made from the heating tiles of the first space shuttle to go into space, the *Columbia*. She also had a flag patch that was flown on that first mission. Finally, she had letters of thanks from NASA for working mission support during the first and third shuttle missions.

Next Meeting is May 3, 1998 at 2 PM at the Madison Municipal Complex.

A *Star Trek: Voyager* episode was watched.



*Michael George (CO of the USS Continuum) tempts
Lesley Pike (Region 2 CompOps). - RLT*

May 3, 1998

Departmental Reports:

CO: FCAPT Richard Trulson

Richard thanked everyone who helped with Panoply, but apologized for not having Commendations ready.

He explained how the April tornadoes hit close to STARFLEET family. Pete Mohny's ex-wife and husband were killed. Their two children were severely hurt, though Pete's son received only minor injuries. Donations accepted.

XO: CMDR Russ McNutt

A new X-Men / *Star Trek* comic is in the works. Shatner has a new book called *Specter* that brings back Kirk. Anya contacted him during Panoply. His renewal packet was missing a Vessel Registry. Heard through Anya that Jeri Ryan (7 of 9) thought he was a psycho. Dax is scheduled to leave DS9.

Communications: FCAPT

Richard L. Trulson

Submissions due today.

Medical: LT(jg) Anya Funderburk

Information leaks are a major problem at Paramount. The actors who play Worf and Dax are also close off-screen. Mirina Sirtis (Troi) is pregnant. There will be a big party associated with the release of *Star Trek IX*, which will deal with the Prime Directive.

Science: LT(jg) Don Daniel

Bring OCP and Stampede donations to him after the meeting.

Business:

The *Voyager* Day was canceled due to illness and Panoply. We decided to do a movie at Madison Square Mall on Saturday, May 16 at a movie closest to 4 PM.

Assuming we get the approval, the Car Wash will be Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. A sign up sheet was passed. Rain date will be June 13. People agreed that tornado relief for Pete's family would be our charity.

All the By-Laws changes listed in the Winter 1998 *Subspace Static* were passed unanimously.

Shining Star Award went to Ardmore Aviation for providing food to our Panoply volunteers.

Next Meeting is June 7, 1998 at 2 PM at the Madison Municipal Complex.

Two *Star Trek: Voyager* episodes were watched.

June 7, 1998

Departmental Reports:

CO: FCAPT Richard Trulson

Commendations of Excellence for working at Panoply were finally given to Catherine Ramsey, Don Daniel, Richard Trulson, Ralph Brigham, Shiloh Huddleston, John Colley, Jason Horn, Richard Bahney, Tuerell Mitchell, David Sloan, Joe Bridges, Will Burhans, Steven Reilly, Alan Wilkerson, Joseph Couch, Rebecca Self, and Chyrstal Kimbro. Since Richard ran out of paper, the rest will be distributed in the future.

Commendations of Excellence were also given to Anya Funderburk, Russ McNutt, and Richard Trulson for doing a presentation at the Boy Scout dinner.

Richard read the thank-you letter from the Panoply directors, which valued our contribution at \$500. Gaby Clark, our contact, also sent us a post card thanking us.

Richard apologized for not getting some of the important projects finished due to an huge amount of stress and workload in his life currently. As a result, he will be taking a temporary leave of absence from most ship responsibilities.

Russ, who will be in charge at the next meeting, will be running the ship until August 1. Contact him should you have any questions or problems.

Richard warned that our membership numbers are falling low, especially if you remove the *Celestial's* members, which are temporarily assigned to us.

XO: CMDR Russ McNutt

Dax will die on the season finale of DS9. A technical manual is in the works for the DS9 station. Several books on the Dominion war will be released.

Communications: FCAPT

Richard L. Trulson

Today was the submission deadline for the next issue, though it may be delayed due to stress in his life.

Medical: Anya Funderburk

Be careful of heat. If you can, do outdoor activity before 10 a.m. or after 3 p.m. Wear a good sunblock, but don't combine different ones due to possible toxicity interactions. Drink plenty of juice, though not Kool-Aid. Wear cotton clothing and a hat. If swimming, make sure a life guard is on duty. Be wary of brush fires and snakes.

Science: LT(jg) Don Daniel

We have \$77.26 worth of food coupons and \$86.81 in non-food coupons for OCP. Scientists think the Hubble Space Telescope has spotted a planet.

Shuttle Celestial:

They are preparing to commission as a starship and are busy with various projects. They thanked us for our help as their mothership. Other than Alice getting a bit over heated, their recent hike went well, as did helping with Panoply.

Business:

The *Dark Silence* picnic is Sunday, June 14 in the Shoals. The picnic will be at the rockpile just south and west of Wilson dam. Take 72 west to Cox Creek Parkway/Wilson Dam Road (K-mart/Hardees/Taco Bell). Turn left onto Wilson Dam road and follow it across the dam. Turn at the second right which will take you to the rock pile. Look for the *Dark Silence* tent. Please RSVP with number attending by the 12th of June. Bring a dish to pass and your own non-alcoholic drinks.

Both Kit Ramsey (for scheduling it) and Anya Funderburk (for presenting until very late) were nominated for the Shining Star Award. Richard cast the tie-breaking vote for Anya.

Shining Star Award went to Ardmore Aviation for providing food to our Panoply volunteers.

In Fleet news: Region 2 Update and Command Status Report are in. CQ #85 (Feb/Mar) is hitting the streets now. Let me know if you don't have it by the end of June. Brittany Sloan resigned due to lack of time. Wendy Filmore, who was/is Fanzine Editor, is the new CQ Editor. #86 should be mailed by the end of July. Jennifer Rosbury will be taking on the Chief of Staff responsibilities as VRC, as well as the RDC positions. Her Zone Chief position has gone to Pat O'Brien.

Continued: See Minutes on page 45...

At left, Pike Tribble slaps George for the earlier tease (see picture above left). At right, Bethany Theilman (CO of the USS Haise) places a tribble on top of George's head. - RLT



BABYLON 5 NEWS

The end is near for the Great Maker's sci-fi epic.

"The Fall of Centauri Prime"

Londo learns the Drakhs' motives and his fate. Sheridan searches for Delenn's lost ship. While a continuation of sorts of the previous episode, it concentrates on G'Kar and Londo as well as Lennier and Delenn on the White Star.

"The Wheel of Fire"

Garibaldi is confronted by Sheridan over his alcoholism and makes a decision. Lyta jeopardizes her safety. A major revelation about Lochley's past gives her a link with Garibaldi. Lise Hampton returns. Originally called "The Alien Within."

"Objects in Motion"

Several friends prepare to leave B5 forever and an assassin waits to strike. Marjorie Monaghan reprises her role as Number One.

"Objects at Rest"

Amidst farewells and new beginnings, disaster occurs as Sheridan and Delenn travel to their new home.

"Sleeping in Light"

Series finale. Twenty years after the formation of the Interstellar Alliance, Sheridan summons his dearest surviving friends for a bittersweet reunion. Lorien returns for Sheridan.

The main cast of the "River of Souls" TV movie. Martin Sheen plays a Soul Hunter. Image from the TNT web site.



"The River of Souls"

TNT 2 hour TV-Movie

After a brief absence from *Babylon 5*, Michael Garibaldi returns to the station as a harbinger of doom. An archeologist (Ian McShane) employed by Edgars Industries has stolen an ancient relic he believes to be the key to eternal life from the Soul Hunters, immortal creatures who capture and preserve souls throughout the galaxy. With the station under siege from the Soul Hunters, the explorer releases thousands of enraged souls from the relic who merge with others, attempting to taste life one more time. Captain Elizabeth Lochley must save *Babylon 5* from an impending attack of the Soul Hunters and the wrathful entities looking for retribution.

Do to monetary constraints (\$3 million each), various members of the cast are rotated through the various TNT *Babylon 5* made-for-TV movies. Since Bruce Boxleitner and Mira Furlan were in the first two, Tracy Scoggins, Jerry Doyle, Richard Biggs, and Jeff Conaway will be in this one. Rumors say there's a humorous B plot where Lochley is forced to deal with a sleazy holo-brothel owner and his equally annoying lawyer (played by Stuart Pankin). Though it airs earlier, it takes place literally weeks after "Objects at Rest" in the B5 time frame. Martin Sheen plays a Soul Hunter.

“A Call to Arms”

TNT 2 hour TV-Movie

Set five years after the formation of the Interstellar Alliance, *“A Call to Arms”* is a segue into *Crusade*. B5 cast members appearing on the movie are Bruce Boxleitner, Jerry Doyle, Tracy Scoggins and Jeff Conaway. Tony Todd plays an Earth Force Captain, Captain Anderson, CO of the starship *Victory*. The *Victory* is the sister ship to *Excalibur*. His first officer is played by Scott MacDonald and both think the movie is excellent. Bruce Boxleitner spends a lot of time commanding the *Excalibur* which is on loan from the Interstellar Alliance to the Earth Alliance. Boxleitner commented, “we spend four years running around the galaxy in a flying disco and the new kids on the block get the really cool starship?” The Drakh fleet that attacks Earth get completely vanquished. From Universe Today’s Headline News: “Sheridan must unite 3 new allies in order to save Earth from certain annihilation.”

Miscellaneous News:

Denise Gentile (Lise Hampton) pops up in “Wheel of Fire” and “Objects in Motion”. Mira Furlan and Goran Gajic will be welcoming their first child in December. When *Crusade* starts, Franklin is on Earth running the Xenobiological Research Division, Garibaldi is on Mars with Lise, G’Kar and Lyta are

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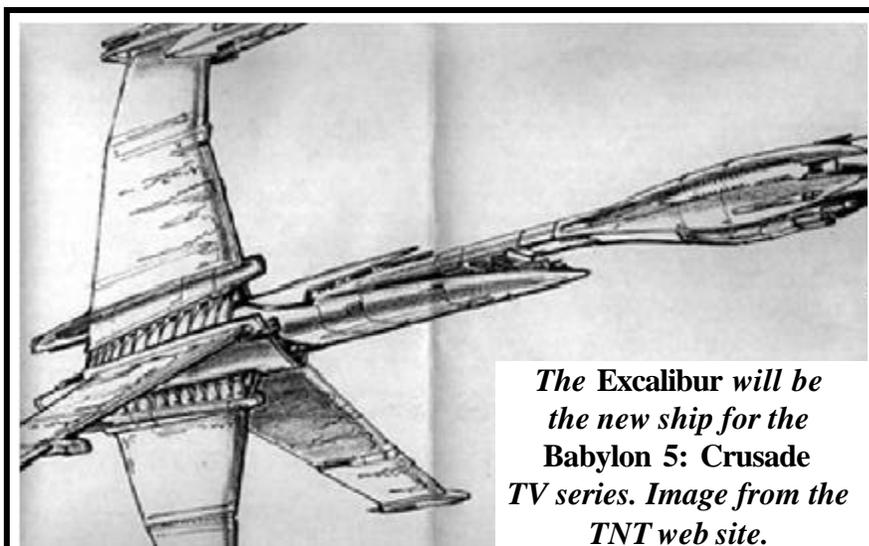
Seasons 1 through 4 now air weekdays at 5 p.m. CST. Season 5 episodes air on Wednesdays nights at 9 p.m. CST, with a repeat on Monday nights at 10 p.m. CST.

Season Four Repeats (“No Surrender, No Retreat”)

Air Date	Ep#	Prod#	Title
98/09/08	74	408	“The Illusion of Truth”
98/09/09	75	409	“Atonement”
98/09/10	76	410	“Racing Mars”
98/09/11	77	411	“Lines of Communication”
98/09/14	78	412	“Conflicts of Interest”
98/09/15	79	413	“Rumors, Bargains and Lies”
98/09/16	80	414	“Moments of Transition”
98/09/17	81	415	“No Surrender, No Retreat”
98/09/18	82	416	“The Exercise of Vital Powers”
98/09/21	83	417	“The Face of the Enemy”
98/09/22	84	418	“Intersections in Real Time”
98/09/23	85	419	“Between the Darkness and the Light”
98/09/24	86	420	“Endgame”
98/09/25	87	421	“Rising Star”
98/09/28	88	422	“The Deconstruction of Falling Stars”

Season Five (“Wheel of Fire”)

Air Date	Ep#	Prod#	Title
98/10/28	106	519	“The Fall of Centauri Prime”
98/11/04	107	522	“Wheel of Fire”
98/11/08	TNT MoW3		“ <i>The River of Souls</i> ”
98/11/11	108	520	“Objects in Motion”
98/11/18	109	521	“Objects at Rest”
98/11/25	110	522a	“Sleeping in Light”
99/01/03	TNT MoW4		“ <i>A Call to Arms</i> ”
99/01/06			“ <i>The Babylon Project: Crusade</i> ”



The Excalibur will be the new ship for the Babylon 5: Crusade TV series. Image from the TNT web site.

REGION 2 SUMMIT

The scoop on what went down at the Soggy Summit.

Sunny Summit III was held in the Magic City of Birmingham, Alabama on March 6-8, 1998. Unfortunately, due to all of the rain, some decided to rename the third annual Region 2 Summit to the Soggy Summit. However, even rains and threats of severe weather couldn't dampen the spirits of those who participated in the Magic City Summit.

Russ McNutt and I left late Friday afternoon for Decatur, where we picked up Chyrstal Kimbro off our shuttle *Celestial*. The drive down was uneventful. Once we arrived and unpacked, we registered for the Summit and began locating the crew of the *Dark Silence* Station from Florence, AL. We had decided to do dinner together at Applebees on Friday night. In addition to me and Russ, Alice Strange, Rebecca Self, and Chyrstal from shuttle *Celestial* went along with Will

Burhans, Carol Burhans, Steven Reilly, and several other members of the *Dark Silence*. Grand total we had 8 people who went in two separate vehicles and took over two tables. As can be expected the food (Can you say walnut and white chocolate blondie? YUM!) and the camaraderie were excellent.

Registration and the Hospitality Suite were the only things open on Friday afternoon to welcome the Summit attendees. Everyone received a handbook listing the Summit events. Commanding Officers or official chapter representatives also received the most recent editions of the *Region 2 Update* and the *Monthly Memo*. If anyone ordered Region 2 merchandise, they also were able to get their items when registering. Russ received his gorgeous Region 2 blue satin jacket. The hospitality suite was hosted by the USS *Haise* out of

Jackson, Mississippi. It's tradition for the host chapter of next year's Summit to run the Hospitality Suite this year.

The only events scheduled for Friday night were open gaming and the Dalmuti Tournament. For those who don't know, Dalmuti is a card game that has quickly become the addiction of choice for the Region. Players attempt to be the Great Dalmuti over the other players, who can be Merchants and Peons. While the USS *Hephaestus* out of Birmingham started this craze, other chapters and even the Regional Staff have quickly become addicted to this fun game. Last year's Great Dalmuti, Fleet Captain Pete Mohny, had to defend his crown against several players until late Friday night.

Of course, being the great procrastinator that I am, I stayed up until the wee hours of the morning trimming and sorting coupons for the Overseas Coupon Project. We ended up turning in \$165 worth of coupons. I thank everyone, especially Don Daniel, for donating coupons. Fortunately, I had good company in Alice, Rebecca, and Chyrstal, who were doing the exact same thing. I finally called it quits around 3 a.m., though I think the others stayed up until sunrise. I returned to the hotel room I was sharing with Will and Steven from the *Dark Silence*. Thanks to them for letting me share the room expenses with them.

Crew of the Dark Silence Station in Florence, AL. - RLT





Opening Ceremonies started Saturday's Festivities at 8:30 a.m. Commodore Ike Turner, the 1998 Summit Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Summit. Vice Admiral Mike Henigan then made a roll call of the Region's chapters. I do wish more of the *von Braun* crew could have made it. It's sort of embarrassing when only two people shout during roll call. Besides, this was the closest and the cheapest Summit for a long time to come.

Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, Commander, STARFFLET, spoke next with a brief rundown on the state of the Fleet. He thanked Pete Mohny and Donna Tucker for getting him to the Summit. He also mentioned the good news of the IRS abatement of the penalty fines STARFLEET owed for failure to properly file tax forms under previous administrations. He announced Fleet could now accept credit cards for membership payment as well as other Fleet level purchases. Smith expects to have the new Constitution up for vote by the membership by the time elections occur this fall, so people can vote on both at the same time.

Smith also said that *Communiqué* #85 should be out within a few weeks. They had to re-file for the Periodicals Class permit since the original was lost by the Post Office. He



Mike Henigan crowns Michael George as the new Great Dalmuti. - RLT

urged everyone to make sure CompOps has their correct mailing address, as the current Bulk-Rate permit does not allow the CQ to be forwarded. The Periodicals Class mailings will be forwarded for period of only sixty (60) days from the point you make the forwarding notice with the Post Office. After that period, they are returned to STARFLEET.

Opening ceremonies. Pictured from left to right, Ike Turner (1998 Summit Chairman), Mike Henigan (Region 2 Chief of Staff), Jennifer Rosbury (Vice-Regional Coordinator), and Mike Smith (Commander, STARFLEET). - RLT



Captain Jennifer Rosbury, Vice-Regional Coordinator, spoke next on behalf of Vice Admiral Kelly Hilliard, the Regional Coordinator. She passed on the best wishes of the Region to Kelly, who could not attend the Summit due to a last minute family emergency in Florida. She kept her presentation brief since most of the information that needed to be announced was in the *Monthly Memo* included in the registration packets of the Commanding Officers in attendance.

VADM Henigan spoke again, saying that this was the Region's largest Summit yet. They had 93 Summit pre-registrations, with the USS *Khai Tam* having the largest contingent with 16 people. He thanked COMM Turner and the USS *Yamato* for hosting the Summit with some help from all Zone 3 Alabama chapters. He said that Kelly sends his regards and apologies for missing the Summit. He is doing OK despite the problems. Since the rainy weather looked like it was



Jennifer brightens the room with her smile. - RLT

going to (and did) cancel the Putt Putt and Grand Prix Tourney, Mike announced that the Auction would begin early in their place since it usually runs long anyway.

Many wonderful items were donated to the Region 2 Auction again by Freddy Heller. The proceeds from the auction would be going directly to the Ryan White Foundation, which focuses on HIV/AIDS education and support. Jane White, the mother of Ryan White, was very thankful to receive the \$1400 donation from last year's Auction. (After the April tornadoes in Birmingham that affected Pete Mohny directly, the Region was polled to see if they wanted to donate auction funds to tornado relief. While the majority of the online comments were for doing this, I'm not sure if they ever did.)

FCAPT Mohny reminded everyone to give him their entries in the Overseas Coupon Project and Stampede competitions, which were new at this year's Summit. He had issued a challenge to all the other chapters in the region to see which chapter could collect the most in 1998 prior to the

***Commander, STARFLEET:
Fleet Admiral Mike Smith - RLT***



Summit. Awards were to be given to the top three entries at the Awards Ceremony later that night. The manufacturers' coupons, which are split into human food and everything else categories, are sent to military bases overseas, where even coupons expired up to three months can still be used. Stamps, separated into foreign and domestic, are sold to collectors, and the money is divided among four different charities. Both should be trimmed properly before submission.

Ron Fell, Director of STARFLEET Recruiting, gave a brief pitch for the new *Recruiting Handbook* that was available at the Summit for \$2. FCAPT Pete Mohney was recognized as the Regional Division Chief of Recruiting for Region 2. This was followed by a moment of silence for those who have passed on, thus concluding the Opening Ceremonies.

Up next was the Ask the Brass panel, which was basically a more focused question and answer session with STARFLEET's and Region 2's leaders. The most notable people in attendance included Ron Fell, Jack Hopkins (Ron's Recruiting Assistant), Mike Smith, Cindy Krell (the new Executive Director of the STARFLEET International Conference Committee), Jennifer Rosbury, and Mike Henigan.

Smith led the discussion with a report that as of that moment, STARFLEET had 3895 members. That number, which fluctuates plus or minus about 200 depending on when people renew, has been about the norm for the past year. The numbers of over 9000 members as reported by disgraced former Commander, STARFLEET Dan McGinnis can not be verified due to the horrible state of the Fleet's database when turned over to the Smith Administra-



Mike Henigan - RLT

tion. The most reliable figures come from the Rob Lerman administration, which was around 6000.

Obviously this is a major loss of members and various reasons were discussed. In addition to the problems Fleet had, overall interest in *Star Trek* seems to have waned. Fell emphasized the need to go out and recruit heavily. Plus, the image that *Trek* fans have is often a stereotypical bad one. The *Recruiting Handbook*, which was promoted extensively by Fell, touches upon how to project a positive image

The Brass of STARFLEET being asked questions.

Pictured from left to right, Mike Henigan (R2 Chief of Staff), Jennifer Rosbury (Vice-Regional Coordinator), Cindy Krell (Executive Director of the STARFLEET International Conference Committee), Mike Smith (Commander, STARFLEET), Ron Fell (Director of STARFLEET Recruiting), and Jack Hopkins (Assistant-Director of STARFLEET Recruiting). - RLT





Pete Mohney (center) basks in the admiration of the Explosive Decompression Award. - RLT

for you, your chapter, and Fleet as a whole. Region 2 had 362 members, which places it behind Regions 1, 12, 7, and 3 in order of most to least.

Some of the other items discussed included the proposed Constitution. Once it is voted on and passed (they fully expect it to happen), they plan on proposing a series of amendments to it. These amendments, which are a bit more debatable, were kept separate so as not to endanger the passing of the new Constitution entirely. One of these amendments will include a 3 year term for Commander, STARFLEET. Another major issue was the out-sourcing of membership processing to a professional firm. This would eliminate the regular Fleet address change confusion, slow turn-around times, and volunteer burn-out. However, Smith said that currently, the cost involved to implement was too great for the number of members Fleet has. However, once it grows by several thousand, they will then re-evaluate the idea.

The final session before lunch was split into three tracts. The first was for CO's, the other for XO's, and the final

one was a general interest panel on *Star Trek* collectibles. The CO's panel discussed the possibility of a fun region-wide event in the fall, possibly a weekend at a summer camp. Unlike the Summit which is business oriented, the fall event would be purely fun oriented. Chapters were encouraged to have greater interactively with each other.

CO's were encouraged to submit nominations for Region 2 Awards since not all awards would be given this year. They need to be on time and submitted properly. New

awards were being introduced and our opinion was being sought. One would be for real life scholastic achievement, which would come with a \$100 Savings Bond. Other awards discussed included adding a cyberspace award for web pages, a Marine of the year award, possibly costume awards, and a humanitarian award.

A few of the Regional Department Chiefs positions were never applied for, and will not be filled. This would be the last chance for the remaining RDC Officers since there seems to be little organization and support for the program. VADM Henigan said that he would be announcing this weekend that he would be stepping down as the regional Treasurer, but would remain as Chief of Staff at Kelly's request. (Mike later stepped down as Chief of Staff, though he retains the Summit Director title.)

Marine Lori Long (left) receives the Shield of Valor Ribbon (Volunteer of the Year) from Kevin McNulty (right). Wade Olson is seen in center. - RLT



The afternoon was filled with panels in the three per session format. At 1 p.m., Barbara Paul hosted a panel on the Awards Program which I attended. She introduced the new awards that were discussed earlier in the CO's panel, explaining their purpose and the nomination procedure, as well as asking for suggestions. In the STARFLEET Academy panel, Fleet members were able to take Officer's Training School (OTS) and the Federations Studies course on the spot. STARFLEET Marines were also able to take the beginning exam for the Corps. The third panel discussed issues involved when people have special needs, such as food allergies or other physical challenges, co-hosted by Alice and Rebecca of the *Celestial*.

Some confusion resulted when the panel room assignments had to be changed at the last moment. In order to take the exams, they needed a hard writing surface available. Only one room had tables in it for

CO Pete Mohnney displays the USS Hephaestus First Place award in the Stampede competition. - RLT



The USS Rogue Phoenix is Rookie Chapter of the Year and winner of the Ship Interactive Achievement Award. The Klingon is CO Shaughn O'Conner. - RLT

this purpose. As a result, they had to change the rooms that the panels were originally scheduled to be held in. They quickly posted some signs by the entrances to indicate the changes, and everyone was able to continue with the Summit.

At 2, those interested in starting their own shuttle were given good pointers on developing a lasting, fulfilling chapter in the R2 ShOC panel. At the Newsletter and Fanzine panel, the editor of last year's winning newsletter provided tips for producing a newsletter, and the pro and cons of various techniques. (That was me for those not paying attention, since the *Subspace Static* won last year.) Hopefully, the current winner of Newsletter of the Year will always be able to host this panel at the following year's Summit, thus starting a new tradition. The final panel of the day for this session gave tips on making Uniforms and Costumes.

I took advantage of the lull period during the afternoon to correct some of the crew roster errors with Mike Smith, who had his laptop there loaded with the Fleet database. Thanks to him, I was finally able to correct errors that had been prevalent for almost a year, including spelling our name correctly and assigning Russ to the ship. (He's only been our Executive Officer for how long?!)

Danny Potts (XO of the USS Hephaestus) is the winner of the Helping Hands award. - RLT



While scheduled at 3 p.m., the Putt Putt Tournament and RC's Go Cart Race at Fun Country Safari had to be canceled due to the rainy weather. After all, we wouldn't want anyone struck by lightning while going for the windmill on the 8th hole, or skidding out into a 12 go-cart pile-up. The Pie-Toss was scheduled for 6 p.m., but it too was canceled instead of having everyone get drenched in the cold rain.

In their place, the annual Region 2 Auction was held early. Ron Fell turned out to be a very entertaining and enjoyable auctioneer. I ended up purchasing a coffee mug of Creation Conventions' salute to *Star Trek's* thirtieth anniversary. I bought it mainly for the gold image on one side that depicts three different *Enterprise* versions and *Voyager* warping away from *Deep Space Nine*. The Lursa and B'Tor autograph card that the *von Braun* donated went for \$35. While not as much as in the *Communiqué* auction, it was still a nice gesture to the region.



The USS Cherokee is commissioned as a full starship. - RLT

Saturday evening's festivities began with the Banquet dinner at 7:30 p.m. The buffet meal consisted of tossed salad or pasta salad for an appetizer, followed by southern fried chicken, roast beef au jus, rice pilaf, buttered corn, and broccoli with cheese sauce. For dessert, diners could choose between apple pie and double fudge chocolate cake.

The Awards Ceremony began at 9 p.m. It started with various promotions and presentations. The looks on some faces were priceless. Some were of joy, some were of surprise, and some were even the "I'm gonna get you for this" looks.

Finally, the moment most eagerly anticipated event began with the presentation of the Region 2 Awards by the Awards Director, Rear Admiral Barbara Paul. The job of choosing the winners can't be easy, given the quality and worthiness of all the nominees. However, those who did win were very deserving of their award, and are the shining examples for others to emulate and follow.

The *von Braun* did well by receiving several awards. I was surprised that all 8 ounces of stamps that we provided was enough to win Third Place in the Stampede competition. I'd like to particularly thank new member Mike Nazarek for donating the huge amount of stamps that helped us win. I seem to have a collection of Regional Commendations going, as I received one for my work with the Region 2 Summit web pages. Mike Henigan also announced that I was the newly appointed Vice-Chief of Computer Operations under Chief of CompOps Lesley Pike.

CO Jon Reddick accepts the Newsletter of the Year Award for the USS Khai Tam. - RLT



I was also pleasantly surprised when we won the Brenda Bullock Mothership Award. Of course, this was a bittersweet victory given that our first shuttle, the *Alabama*, was disbanded. However, our second shuttle, the *Celestial*, has continued to make me proud. I was especially pleased when they won Third Place in the OCP competition. Apparently, that late night coupon clipping fest paid off.

The final award that we received as Runner-Up for Newsletter of the Year. Again, I'm torn between two emotions. On one hand, I'm glad that we were recognized, as I have put a lot of hard work into the newsletter. But on the other hand, I'm disappointed that we didn't win. However, I realize that it's good to share the spotlight with others sometime. Of course, you can bet I'll be doing my damndest to make the newsletter even better for next year. I can't do that without your help, so please submit something. I think a greater variety of submissions would go a long way to accomplishing that goal.

However, I was also disappointed. Of the crew, only Russ was there to share in my joy. It would have been so nice to hear the hoops and hollers of fellow crewmembers when receiving these awards. I would feel so proud to see my crewmembers and fellow officers going up to receive an award. If other ships can manage over 10 people going, so can we. Thanks for being there, along with the *Celestial* members.



Lesley Pike of the USS Continuum is promoted to Commander by CO Michael George. - RLT

Don't get me wrong: winning three ship awards and one personal award is quite an accomplishment. However, I think we can do better next year. In fact, I would really like to sweep the entire awards program by receiving an award in every eligible category next year. Again, I need your help doing this. Imagine winning Ship, Officer, Crewmember, AND Newsletter of the Year. Wouldn't that be quite an accomplishment during our fifth anniversary year? In order to do that, you must actively participate in the *von Braun*.

Some of the more notable award winners: The USS *Triumph* took first place in OCP and the USS *Hephaestus* took first in the Stampede. Brenda Elizabeth Bullock of the USS *Odyssey* received the new Stephen H. Perry Scholastic Memorial Award for real life scholastic achievement. (This award, named after a USS *Republic* member who died of

AIDS in late 1997, comes with a \$100 Savings Bond.) The Recruiters Award went to the USS *Haise* in the ship division and to their crewmember John McCarter in the individual division.

Chase Masterson (Leeta, the Daabo girl) etched shot glass. - RLT



Newsletter of the Year belonged to the USS *Khai Tam*. Winner of Cadet of the Year goes to Brenda Elizabeth Bullock of USS *Odyssey*, who is the daughter of Brenda Bullock, the Crewmember of the Year. Officer of the Year was Kevin McNulty of the USS *Khai Tam*. Jo Ann Bannister of the USS *Okatoma* won Commanding Officer of the Year. Rookie Chapter of the Year was the USS *Rogue Phoenix*. The USS *Hephaestus* won Chapter of the Year.

After the Awards Ceremony, the night wound down with the continuation of the Auction. Even with starting earlier in the day, the Auction lasted well past midnight. However, people were walking away with some wonderful bargains, and helping the Ryan White Foundation at the same time. While the main focus was on *Star Trek* merchandise, other sci-fi shows and movies were represented as well, including *Babylon 5* and *Star Wars*. One of the most interesting items

was a good condition *Star Trek* comic from the 70's, which went far below its actual value.

Perhaps one of the most fierce bidding competitions was for a *Next Generation* "Picard" leather jacket uniform. Carol Burhans, CO of the *Dark Silence* Station, finally won the bid, and looked smashing in her prize the next day. For Don, there was a etched autograph of Chase Masterson on a shot glass. Will Burhans, XO of the *Dark Silence*, even picked up an autograph of her laying seductively in the arms of the Ferengi on DS9.

Sunday morning started early for the Region 2 Staff members, as they held a staff meeting. One of the things discussed included the RDC Program. The RDC Officers need to report by the end of the month. Every Staff member needs to do their best, or step down if they feel they can't fulfill their duties. Over \$1700 had been raised by the Auction. It was a financially successful Summit. Furthermore, the Region needed to work on greater unification among its chapters.

The 3 panels per session began again at 9 a.m. Ways to improve Science-Fiction Club Interaction was the focus of one panel. Another panel discussed Recruiting, and how to improve it. The final panel showed ways to have Fun on the Internet, which many are discovering is a very useful tool. I co-hosted this panel with Danny Potts, XO of the USS *Hephaestus*. The next

FCAPT Carol Burhans (CO of the Dark Silence Station) models the Next Generation Picard leather jacket that she won in the auction. - RLT





Ron Fell, the Director of STARFLEET Recruiting, served as auctioneer. - RLT

session of panels discussed the finer points of By-Laws and Policies, and the legal ramifications of Logo Design and Copyrights. The Marines also provided a general introduction to what the Corps is all about. The final session of panels were for Media Relations (which I attended), Community Service, and detailed Marine Information.

With the sun starting to peak out behind the clouds, talk was renewed about possibly having the Pie-Toss before the Closing Ceremonies. However, due to its messy nature, not many were fond of that idea, especially given most had already checked out of the hotel and would not have shower access. The USS *Yamato* had even commissioned a beautiful air-brushed sheet to be used as a cover for the cut-out. The artwork depicted a slightly over-weight original series Captain, a geeky Vulcan Science-Officer, and a very voluptuous and scantily clad female yeomen.

Fortunately, someone came up with a brilliant idea to have a Tribble-Toss in place of the Pie-Toss. After all, the Tribbles are furry and soft, and wouldn't cause any damage if thrown at your favorite Regional Staff member. Plus, they had the added benefit of not being as messy as whip cream pies. Granted, there is something to be said for the venting of pent-up frustrations against your CO by creaming him or her in the face, but the Tribbles are almost as good. Having been on the receiving end, I can assure you that the soft Tribble fur annoys your nose almost as much as whip cream.

Will Burhans decided that I would make for a good target, so he paid the fee to nail me. After seeing how good of a marksman he was, I decided to use him as a proxy Tribble thrower to nail former *von Braun* member Dustin Williams, who was there on loan from Region 3. Of course, others started to jump in on this, and Will suddenly had an armful of Tribbles to throw. Of course, Will's mother, Carol, decided that her son needed to be "Tribbled" as well. After his stint behind the cut-out, he turned the tables on his mother and got her as well.

Of course, let's not forget Rebecca Self, CO of the *Celestial*, who paid to have me pied in the face last year. I've had her trembling all year long worrying how severe my revenge was going to be. Of course, that was the revenge itself, as I didn't pay to throw Tribbles at her. Not only was I broke by now, but there were others I wanted to Tribble.

The pie-toss turned tribble-tos cut-out cover provided by the USS *Yamato*. - RLT





Will Burhans cradles an armful of tribbles to be thrown at Dustin Williams. - RLT

By the time they wrapped up the Tribble tossing, \$345 had been raised to go to the Region 2 Treasury. On some of the more notable people, it was a group effort, as everyone grabbed a Tribble and tossed it at the victim. The final price for throwing the Tribbles at Mike Henigan was \$75. Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, on the other hand, went for a whopping \$125. The cost to toss was \$5. You could pay more to get more Tribbles or get up close and personal. Several would even rub the Tribble fur teasingly under their victims' noses. All and all, the Tribble-Toss was an excellent last minute replacement for the Pie-Toss. Some have even requested that this change become permanent.

Closing Ceremonies were short and to the point even though they started late. COMM Turner thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked those who helped, especially Danny and Denby Potts. He and Henigan also thanked Mike Smith for attending and providing credit card services on behalf of Fleet. Next year's Summit will be held in Jackson, Mississippi on March 6-8. I want everyone to start saving money now so they can attend.

Overall, the Summit was enjoyable and informative as always. The *Yamato* and the entire Summit Committee did an admirable job of overcoming initial location and catering problems to provide a high

quality experience for all. If you've never been to a Summit, you should attend one as they are well worth the expense. Not only do you learn a lot, you get to meet and enjoy the company of many of the finest Officers and crew of the Region.

Information concerning next year's Summit will appear in a future issue. Or, you can go to <http://www.OmniFacets.com/r2summit/> on the web. Most of the images throughout this issue were taken by me at the Summit. These images can be used by everyone, but please credit me. Thanks!

- FCAPT Richard L. Trulson

**...Communications
continued from page 7.**

Summit. I then submitted the article to the *Communiqué*, so keep an eye out for it there. A more personal version of that article appears elsewhere in this issue. After getting some favorable response on the article, Ike then asked me to write a biography of the ship, which I agreed to do. Be on the lookout for it in the Fall *Update*.

I've also received some good news that was announced at the STARFLEET International Conference in Lubbock, TX during the Independence Day weekend. While we didn't win Newsletter of the Year, we did receive a few awards in the sub-categories. The *Subspace Static* won in the "Outstanding Presentation" category and received an Honorable Mention in the "Most Informative" category. I'm just as pleased with these awards as I am any of the others we have received. We should be receiving some sort of certificates soon. Thanks to everyone who has helped me by contributing or by helping edit. I couldn't have done it without you.

Anyway, I'll keep this report short and sweet this time. Don't forget to submit those memories for the next issue.

- FCAPT Richard L.
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**...Babylon 5 continued from
page 33.**

going walkabout, Sheridan and Delenn are going to Minbar, Londo will be Emperor, and Lennier goes off as well (as paraphrased from JMS). The Telepath War takes place between Season 5's end and *Crusade*'s beginning. It starts about 3 years after the events of Season 5, and ends with enough time for events to stabilize before *Crusade*.

When asked how the story would have come out if Ivanova had remained, JMS said: It's no secret that I would've had Ivanova becoming somewhat linked to Byron romantically. She would see him as a character like Marcus, which is why there are certain similarities. And she would take a chance only to find it wrong this time, underlining that she'd missed her one major opportunity thus far for a good relationship. In this scenario, Lyta would have become a devoted follower of Byron's, much as she has, but it would have been more love from afar: protective, somewhat unrequited, but hoping for more. So that when he met his fate, Lyta would end up right where she is now, just by a different road.

All information was taken from online sources. They include The Lurker's Guide to *Babylon 5* (<http://www.midwinter.com/lurk/>), The *Babylon 5* Spoiler Junkies Page (<http://www.visi.com/~wildfoto/spoilers.html>), and the Zocolo E-Mail List (E-mail listserv@listserv.aol.com with the message body of SUBSCRIBE ZOCALO "your first and last name").

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Scott Lowery displayed his DS9 figure.

Francis Hedric asked for help doing general labor at her new house in Gurley. She needs some yard mowing and some gravel spreading.

Next Meeting is July 12, 1998 at 2 PM at the Madison Municipal Complex. The meeting will be one week later than normal due to Independence Day holiday weekend.

A *Star Trek: Voyager* episode was watched.

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"Congratulations to the WvB for those awards. This is the first time the WvB has won anything on the fleet level. Kudos to you all."

- CMDR Dallas Vinson, former WvB Operations Chief

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(The few, the proud, the ones who couldn't get an escape pod.)

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