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Watkins Glen '97: The Friendship And The Food

by Commander Richard "Doc" Kinne, XO, USS Accord

It's taken me four years to figure it out, but I finally realize that Captain Mark H. Anbinder's entire reason for existence is to eat. He's as thin as a rail, but Mark lives to eat. Appropriately, of course, Watkins Glen '97 started out at The Rose restaurant in Lansing, the town just north of the City of Ithaca. Captain Anbinder made a reservation for nine people. Eighteen showed up.

An advance party took the table. When Fadm Mike Smith came in the entire restaurant was surprised when the table he approached got up as one, saluted, and called out, "Admiral in the restaurant!" Mike set about greeting everyone with either handshakes or hugs. With him were some of the earliest people in *Accord's* history and it was a special treat to be able to introduce the newest *Accord* command staff members to the oldest.

The fun started immediately as Lt.

Rusty Lloyd, helped out by Fadm Mike Smith, started a small paper-ball fight between the two tables we had taken. Conversation from all sides and between tables flowed like water. Captain Jon Lane from California told everyone about his work with Paramount and the game companies producing computer games like "Starfleet Academy." Captain Lane is working with Paramount as a continuity consultant. He is also working with the people building the *Star Trek* exhibit in Las Vegas by creating material for them. When you visit the exhibit in Las Vegas when it opens, go to the bar. You may be reading something written by our own Captain Jon Lane.

Saturday morning dawned bright, partially cloudy, and warmer than anytime in the last four years. We gathered in the BAKA parking lot prior to moving out. The socialization started immediately. It was a gathering of old and new friends; some who see each other all the time, some who'd not seen each other in two years. Before we went out nametags were passed out, t-shirts were bought, and I ran out of the first print run of the two *Accord* fiction stories we'd published for this Watkins Glen Weekend. We lingered in the parking lot, making sure that everyone was gathered, for nearly an hour until we headed out. While everyone else headed directly to Watkins Glen I had to make a pit stop to the printers to reprint our fiction!

The tradition is to arrive at Watkins Glen making our first stop the local Burger King. I still think that we give this establishment more business per unit time than it has all year. Its a sight to see nearly sixty Starfleet people, most in classic black USS *Accord* t-shirts, taking over a Burger King. In



"Lt Bob Borst, Chief Engineer LtCmdr Nathaniel Burbank, and Chief Operations Officer LtCmdr J.C. Cohen, all of USS Accord, relax at the top of the Gorge to the voice and guitar of Cmdr Mike Shappe and Beeej Anbinder."

Photo by LtCmdr Joseph Prisco, USS Accord

the past we've actually had people be so impressed we've had people join the ship on the spot.

After the fuel up at Burger King we headed to the mouth of the gorge trail. There Captain Anbinder welcomed everyone to Watkins Glen. "Everyone" was impressive. The list of ships attending Watkins Glen '97 reads like a "Who's Who" of Region 7: Shuttles Chautauqua, Tanagra, and Vigilant. The ships included Adamant, Ascension, Avenger, Bounty, Chesapeake, Hazard, Justice, Thagard and, of course, USS Accord. After the welcome, Captain Anbinder asked that Fleet Admiral Mike Smith come up "on the rock" for his little presentation.

Fadm Smith mounted the rock and officially welcomed USS Accord back into the fold of Starfleet. We'd been officially gone for a bit over two years. Not only was this the 8th Annual Watkins Glen Weekend, but, four years after Accord was first commissioned, it was being recommissioned by the Fleet Admiral himself!

And the presentations weren't

over. Captain Anbinder remounted the rocky podium and read out an email he'd received from MGen Scott Akers. With the reading of that letter, the 771st Marine Strike Group was officially put into action. Its first assignment was to guard the Fleet Admiral with their new life. That done, the Captain had one last order. "See that?" he said, pointing at the upward spiraling trail, "Climb it!" With that, a horde of over sixty Star Fleet officers and civilians invaded Watkins Glen.

The Glen has been said by the folks who walk it to be one of the great natural wonders of the world. Admiral Alex Rosenzweig comes each year as a sort of pilgrimage, for example. The day was the warmest it had been since USS Accord was originally commissioned four years before. The day was the opposite of what it had been a year ago when, for the first time in our history, we actually had to implement "Watkins Glen Plan B" because of the rain. The walk up the Glen could not

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Greetings, STARFLEET!! I hope this article finds you having enjoyed the holiday season and looking forward to an exciting year for your chapters and STARFLEET. STARFLEET has some exciting things to look forward to: clearing up the IRS issues, restarting the STARFLEET Scholarship program, voting on a new Constitution for our organization, and more. What's all this, you ask? Read on!

First off, elsewhere in this issue, you'll find an important informational blurb regarding the current situation with the IRS as of press time. I'm sure that you'll find this news enlightening, as did I. I'm looking forward to resolution of these issues during the course of the year.

I'm pleased to announce that STARFLEET will be soliciting donations from the regions, chapters and members in earnest this year in order

to resume the awarding of scholarships maintained by the STARFLEET Scholarship Department. Admiral Sue Hampton, our Scholarship chairperson, has full details on the almost dozen \$500 scholarships that STARFLEET offers to its members. I'd like to challenge STARFLEET to reach this goal: to fund each and every STARFLEET Scholarship for issue during the first quarter of 1999. In the next issue of the CQ, full details on all the scholarships will be included.

Over the past several weeks, folks have asked about the status of the proposed Constitution. Currently, the fully assembled Admiralty Board has the document and is currently putting it under final review prior to distribution to the general membership for a vote. I'm very excited about this document, and look forward to seeing it being ratified by the membership, thus ensuring a more democratic organization, and protecting the membership

from the past abuses of other administrations.

Moving on to other subjects, I'd like to touch base on the use of ranks as relating to US Mail. As has been STARFLEET policy since the Maddox Administration, use of ranks of items being mailed via US Post is highly discouraged, and should be avoided at all times. The most serious reason for this policy is to protect those STARFLEET members who are actually in active military service. There are serious repercussions that can be caused to those members if mail is addressed to them that does not have their proper rank on it. I have also heard stories of postal carriers not delivering mail because they are former military and resent the use of ranks outside the military; and I've also heard of mail not being delivered because postal carriers don't recognize names and such.

With the New Year now upon us,

it brings along with it a fresh set of Regional Summits. I'm looking forward once again to travelling the Summit Circuit this year; renewing old friendships and making new ones. April brings the Region 1 and 12 Summits, May brings the Region 3 Summit, July brings the 1998 IC, August the tentative plans for Region 4 Summit, September/October brings the Region 7 Conference and November brings the Region 15 Conference. I've either been invited or and directly attending all these events. Look forward to seeing you there!

As you will also see elsewhere in this issue, STARFLEET is currently looking for a new International Awards Director. To learn more, read through and find that article! <smile>

That's about it for me this issue. I hope all of you have a great year; I know STARFLEET will. See you in sixty!

IRS Update

On Jan 30, 1998, VCS Chuck Freas received a call from the Dallas Regional office of the IRS Exempt Organizations Department.

During the course of the conversation with Chuck, she indicated that the advice and directions that we received from the IRS Collections Office that we are working with was grossly inadequate, and she apologized to us on their behalf.

It appears that we have been eligible to file forms with the IRS to request abatement of our IRS Failure to File penalties, based on a checklist that proves "reasonable cause." She went down this checklist with Chuck, and it became apparent that we do indeed meet the criteria for reasonable cause.

Within the past two weeks, STARFLEET HQ received a penalty assessment for the IRS Tax Year 1995 for failure to file Form 990. In addition, because of a mistake made by the IRS, we received a penalty assessment for the IRS Tax Year 1996. At the instruction of the individual from the Dallas Office, Chuck faxed a letter recounting the conversation between them, and she advised us that she would waive the penalties for 1995 and 1996 upon receipt of said letter. (Of course, Chuck will be following up on this issue with her.)

In addition, she directed Chuck on exactly how to get a specific IRS form in order to file a request for the abatement of the IRS Tax Year 1992 failure to file penalties, and told him exactly what to say on that form.

She felt very certain that upon receipt of said form by the main Exempt

Organizations office, that they would then abate the remaining several thousand dollars balance of the 1992 FTF penalties.

What does this mean?

Quite simply, it means we are light years closer to closure on the IRS problems. Right now, the IRS TY 1992 penalties stand at roughly \$6000. That's 10 more months of payments to the IRS.

Of course, we may *not* get the 1992 FTF penalties abated, but even so, once those penalties are paid off, we are done. Free and clear of IRS obligations.

Regards,
Mike
Commander, STARFLEET

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Second Thoughts

ADMIRAL CHARLES FREAS, VICE COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings, fellow Trek fans!

These past few months have brought forth many revelations of great interest to this organization, and they have given us all plenty of food for thought. Obviously, fundamental reform is needed. We are taking steps now to ensure that this great organization is never again led into the dire straights this administration found it in a year ago — broke, in trouble with the IRS, and uncertain of whether it even had a future. Literally, the Borg were at Sector 001, busy assimilating HQ.

Thanks to the hard work of many unsung heroes, we turned that around. We defeated the Borg and are in the process of rebuilding after our own Wolf 359. And, we are cautiously optimistic that we can avoid imposition of further penalties from Dan McGinnis' complete and utter failure to comply with this organization's legal obligations during 1995 and 1996. We still may even have a chance of recouping or avoiding the penalties imposed from 1991 or 1992. But the cost has been horrific. Many hands were lost in the battle, and our Fleet had to be rebuilt from the bridge down to the engine rooms.

For this reason, when the Smith/Freas Administration and the Admiralty Board present our proposed new constitution, I hope everyone takes the time to read and reflect upon that document. Voice your opinion! We expect that new constitution to be presented to the general membership for a vote before the end of 1998. In fact, we have made a firm commitment to the IRS that we will accomplish that goal. Constitutionally mandating fiscal accountability and ensuring our timely financial reporting responsibility must be accomplished if this organization is to survive, and become the greatest force for good that it is destined for. Our new constitution will achieve those goals.

As many of you already know, we have been rebuilding. F.Capt. Donna Friesen and I were pleased to announce on January 30, 1998 the following new FDC (formerly known as DRC's) appointments: Monica Waldron (FDC-Command), Rhonda E. Green (FDC-Sciences), Ken Oziah (FDC-Operations), Jason Sadeghi (FDC-Cadets), Louis Lance (STARFLEET Chocolate Officer), and Amy Alexander as Acting International Charities Coordinator. These persons join the remaining FDC office holders, such as Vice Admiral David Miller (FDC - Medical),

in service to the Fleet. Due to an unforeseen complication, the FDC-CompOps position is still open at this time.

These FDC's serve as Fleetwide resource centers for their departments and as central clearing houses for time-proven plans, new ideas, and "trial balloons." I very much hope that these new officers will implement programs similar to V.ADM. Miller's programs designed to help organize, coordinate, and otherwise support the efforts of Department Chiefs and interested members throughout the Fleet. The FDC's are charged with maintaining continuous contact with all other FDC Directors, all Regional Department Chiefs (where appointed), all Regional Coordinators, and any related STARFLEET Academy Director or program. And, of course, the cornerstone of any good resource program is an "award winning" quality, internationally recognized quarterly publication — such as Dr. Miller's "Sickbay."

Despite what some may think, these are not power positions (those "planning on taking over from the inside with the FDC job" will have to come up with another idea now!). They're service positions — here to serve you! So, if any member has a

good idea that he or she wants to "float" by, let 'er rip! Call up a FDC and make use of his or her expertise, resources, and proven communications ability. If you are a regional staff equivalent, please take the time to send in an "I'd like to get to know you" letter, make a phone call, or shoot off an e-mail message to your FDC. Remember, everything works best when all the right people are talking to each other!

And speaking of members getting members involved, have you ever thought of volunteering for one of your own Region's positions, or for one of the upcoming '98 International Convention panels (over the July 4th weekend in Lubbock, Texas), or even for a Fleetwide office? If you have, or if you do (now that I've mentioned it), this is your golden opportunity. Grab hold of that ring! Get in on the ground floor! How? Communicate with the people holding these positions! Tell 'em what YOU want! Remember, you only get out of life what you are willing to put into it. So, if you're one of those members who wants to make a difference, I highly recommend that you try one or all of these new aspects of STARFLEET — this year — to expand your horizons.

Make it so!

Stellar Visions Update - Only One Issue Planned for 1998!

Greetings! As you read this, Stellar Visions II should be out to all who were either published or paid for an issue. Please note that there will be extra copies available of both Stellar Visions I and Stellar Visions II if you would like to order one late. Just send a check or money order made out to Starfleet to:

Capt. Wendy Fillmore
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The cost is \$13 for one issue, or \$24 if you're ordering both SVI and SVII. Thanks!

On to new business...

Stellar Visions III is planned for release at the July International Conference in Texas. The deadline for submissions is **April 1, 1998**. Submissions may be mailed directly to me, or e-mailed to: fanzine@sfi.org, or kitten@excaliber.net

Now, for the important part:

THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY THIS YEAR TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE STARFLEET FANZINE.

Hopefully this will give the added incentive to all of you who have been promising to send in submissions to get them finished and submitted now. <smile!> A holiday issue is just too hard to get out, so rather than fight with two issues this year, Gordon and I have agreed to do just the one, for the IC. Please get the poems, stories, filksongs, and artwork finished up and sent in a.s.a.p.!! Thanks!!

If you have already submitted something that wasn't used, and would like us to reconsider it for SVIII, just let me know! While we may go ahead and use

some older submissions anyway, we can't guarantee consideration unless you request it.

For more information, you can always check out our web page at <http://dominion.excaliber.net/~kitten/fanzine/> or send a S.A.S.E. to the above address.

Thanks again, and I look forward to your submissions!

Captain Wendy Fillmore
Vice Chief of Communications
Fanzine

Ops Notes

RADM TOM MONAGHAN

A few tidbits from Ops:

All chapters must submit reports to their Regional Coordinator and to Starfleet Operations by the 5th of every month. If you mail your reports to Starfleet Operations, please address them to Starfleet Operations, c/o Vice Chief Les Rickard, PO Box 22, Lexington, NC 27293-0022. If you email them, please send them to Vice Chief Matt Myers at avops@sfi.org *or* tomservo@infoave.net.

If you have concerns listed in the Concerns Section of your MSR and you would like a prompt response to your concerns, please forward a copy of your concerns to the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

Chapter changes of command are not official until approved by the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

Chapter changes of address and/or city of charter are not official until notification is sent to the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

Any starship or station is not officially commissioned until notification is received from the Chief of Operations, Starfleet that the starship or station has been officially commissioned.

Any changes to the Starfleet Vessel Registry must be brought to the attention of the Chief of Operations, Starfleet if you wish any corrections to be made to the VR.

Any problems that you have concerning MSRs that you submitted to Starfleet Operations should be brought to the attention of Vice Chief Les Rickard if you mailed your report, or to Vice Chief Matt Myers if you emailed your report.

If you encounter difficulties with the online MSR form on the Starfleet Operations Website please contact Online Operations Director David McCabe. All chapter changes of name, number and/or class must first be ap-

proved by Department of Technical Services Director Alex Rosenzweig.

All chapters that desire to be included in the Chapter Summaries section of the Starfleet Communique must forward a copy of their MSRs to Staff Assistant JC Cohen.

When in doubt about whom to contact at Starfleet Operations for any chapter-related problems feel free to first contact the Chief of Operations, Starfleet.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. All the best to everyone in 1998!

RADM Tom Monaghan
Chief of Operations, Starfleet

CompOps

COMM JESSE SMITH

Greetings STARFLEET!

As you have just read, Sal has stepped down as Chief of Computer Operations. I wish to thank Sal for his tireless effort and wish him the best of luck with his growing business. We're grateful that he'll be able to stay a part of the team.

In other news, we've caught up on our backlog and since just before the beginning of the year, we've been maintaining the 4-8 week period printed on the membership application. If you don't receive your packet in that time, please be sure to contact our Staff Coordinator, Liz Woolf (address inside front cover) and she will help get your problem solved.

I'd like to take a second to welcome Chris Rossman to the CompOps team, he's Greg Trotter's assistant and will be helping him enter membership applications. This will also give Greg some added time, which he will be using to maintain and enhance the SFI domain server, which hosts STARFLEET's web site and some of our Listservs.

Speaking of membership processing, I want to remind everyone to send only membership monies to Greg. From time to time we receive money for schools, Chapter Charter fees, and numerous other things. Greg then has to take the time to either send back your extra money or notify the school or other parties about the money. This increases the time it takes for him to process membership, and also increases the chance that your additional money will get lost in transit or not reach the proper destination as soon as you would like.

As you've noticed, CompOps has been evolving over the past year, there have been many changes and additions to both personnel and duties. This is in part to your comments on how we can serve you better, so please keep those comments coming and we'll try to incorporate what we can. Next issue, I'll provide you with a breakdown of who is responsible for the different duties within the department.

Remember, if you're not sure whom you should contact about a membership or other CompOps problem, send it to our Staff Coordinator. Liz will be sure to get your concern to the right person and see that you get an answer.

Until next Month!

Jesse Smith, Commodore
Chief, Computer Operations
STARFLEET

CQ News...

Greetings! As the new CQ editor, I'd like to introduce myself and the current CQ team.

For those who don't know me, I am Fleet Captain Wendy Fillmore, Vice Chief, Communications. Not only am I responsible for the CQ now, but I have been working on the Fleet Fanzine, Stellar Visions, for the past 1 1/2 years. Information on how to obtain copies of the fanzine is available elsewhere in this issue of the Communique. The current CQ team is:

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Many thanks to others who have offered to help as well! Please keep in touch -- you never know when you may be needed.

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All written requests/submissions should now be sent to:

FCapt. Wendy Fillmore, VCoC-CQ

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The next issue of the CQ (#86) should be following closely on the heels of this one, reaching you (hopefully) by the end of June.

Thank you so much for your patience. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

FCapt. Wendy Fillmore, Vice Chief of Communications
Communique/Stellar Visions

OCP

Carl Lewis

Greetings fellow STARFLEET members, I have some good news to pass along. I recently spoke to Becky Thane, the Director of the OCP program, and got totals for the year 1997, as much as was reported to either myself or her.....

The Program-wide total (on 1-31-98):

**** \$ 947,097.64 ****

(This beats the HECK of the total for ALL of 1996)

The STARFLEET-wide total is:

**** \$ 827,242.73 ****

(This is more than \$100,000 more than the total for THE ENTIRE PROGRAM for 1996)

The "Heavy Hitters" so far are:

Top Three Chapters:

USS Discovery (Woo-Hoo!)	\$ 105,001.00
USS Arizona	\$ 83,349.88
USS Horizon	\$ 60,829.30

Top Three Regions:

Region 12	\$ 287,305.80
Region 01	\$ 269,207.14
Region 07	\$ 111,553.80

This is really great! I want to thank everyone who contributed the past year. I also want to ask that any chap-

ter who participated last year to please send me an email or postcard with the amount that you collected last year. I have a goal in mind. I need EVERY chapter to let me know if they participated or not in order to reach the goal that I have set for this program. I can't do it without the help of each and every chapter in STARFLEET.

There are also changes coming in the next few months to the OCP Program. I can't go into details now, but in order to be part of this great program, you need to participate. It is so simple, everyone (regardless of age, or physical abilities) can help with this program. You only need to say "Yes, I want to help others". Be that person. If you have a question about how your chapter has done, please stop by the web page at <http://members.aol.com/~beckythane/OCP.html>

If you do not have access to the web, drop me a line and I will send a print off of the web page. My address is:

Carl Lewis
STARFLEET Liaison
to the OCP Program
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N Charleston, SC 29418

Thank you again, and I hope to hear from many more ships in the future.



Promotions

RADM MIKE MALLOTE

Greetings STARFLEET! 1997 was a busy year for promotions. We've had many people go above and beyond for this organization and, at this time, I'd like to recognize them. The following are the promotions that have been granted through this office. Please note that many folks were promoted to the rank of Captain by their Region Coordinator and that those are not listed here.

Donna Friesen	P-97-01	Captain
Les Rickard	P-97-02	Fleet Captain
Wendy Fillmore	P-97-03	Captain
Dan Friesen	P-97-04	Fleet Captain
Mandi Herrmann	P-97-05	Fleet Captain
Jesse Smith	P-97-06	Fleet Captain
Kyle Sloan	P-97-07	Captain
Troy Cash	P-97-08	Fleet Captain
Candi Arnold	P-97-09	Fleet Captain
Kurt Roithinger	P-97-10	Captain
Scott Akers	P-97-11	Major General
John Jones	P-97-12	Colonel
Blair Willcox	P-97-14	Fleet Captain
Sashi German	P-97-15	Commodore
Rex Moffet	P-97-16	Major General
Kelly Hilliard	P-97-18	Vice Admiral
Mike Henigan	P-97-19	Vice Admiral
Greg Trotter	P-97-20	Captain
Robert Fillmore	P-97-21	Fleet Captain
Wayne Bertsch	P-97-22	Fleet Captain
Carolyn Donner	P-97-23	Rear Admiral
Tom Brinkley	P-97-24	Captain
Don Burke	P-97-67	Fleet Captain
Rhonda Green	P-97-68	Captain
Michael Klufas	P-97-69	Captain
Frank Warren	P-97-70	Captain
Ed Nowlin	P-97-71	Fleet Captain
Richard Hewitt	P-97-72	Fleet Captain
Tom Monaghan	P-97-73	Rear Admiral
Gord Goldberg	P-97-74	Rear Admiral
Dennis Gray	P-97-75	Rear Admiral
Sal Lizard	P-97-76	Rear Admiral
Eric W. Larkin	P-97-77	Fleet Captain
Mark Hanford	P-97-78	Commodore

Congratulations to you all!

How this office works:

A lot of folks have wondered exactly how the promotion process works in STARFLEET. It's actually a very simple procedure. All promotion requests are sent to my office. They can get here in one of three ways. The first is, of course, to mail them. The second is to e-mail the request to me. The third way is to access the Online Promotions Form. Once I receive the request/nomination, I forward the information to the Executive Committee via the Promotions Listserve. Contrary to what a lot of people think, I have absolutely no

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WHO SAYS THIS 'STAR

ShOC News

TREK' STUFF ISN'T REAL? DENNIS GRAY

Captain Richard Heim

Faster-than-light (FTL) travel. Warp engines. Beaming to a planet's surface from an orbiting spaceship. These have been mainstays of *Star Trek* and other SF for decades. And for just as long, scientists have claimed that they are only fiction, that they can't exist in reality.

Well, they aren't saying that any more!

A few years ago, physicists began to seriously consider the mathematics behind FTL technologies, especially theoretical ways of distorting spacetime to propel spaceships. I summarized these ideas in a couple issues of my multi-departmental newsletter, *The Alaric Heim Page*: "The Real Warp Drive!" (TAHP 9702) and "Alternate Warp Drive Technologies!" (TAHP 9704). If you would like copies of these issues, send me a SASE and I'd be happy to mail them to you. Or, you can see what NASA has to say at their new web site dealing with the theoretical issues of FTL travel:

<http://www.lerc.nasa.gov/WWW/PAO/warp.htm>

In a December 11, 1997, article, the Associated Press described scientific experiments that demonstrate "quantum teleportation." While its underlying principle is fundamentally different from *Star Trek's* transporters, the idea is similar. In their experiments, two research teams (one in Austria, the other in Rome) destroyed photons in one place and made perfect replicas about three feet away. They did this by identifying the physical characteristics of the original photons and transferring this information to the other photons, which took on those characteristics (much like *Star Trek's* "Genesis Effect"), thus becoming exact replicas of the original photons. Details can be found in the 12/11/97 issue of the research journal, *Nature*.

Potential applications include using teleportation to set up ultra-fast quantum computers.

The leader of the Austrian team, Dr. Anton Zeilinger, said scientists might be able to achieve teleportation between atoms within a few years and molecules within a decade or so. If you remember the classic 1950's to 1960's movie, *The Fly*, its sequels and its recent gross remake, you should be feeling a chill climbing up your spine about now. Not because of the potential accidents that could occur (yeah, okay, nobody wants a fly head), but rather because what was envisioned in science-fiction decades ago *is actually happening pretty much as envisioned!*

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Note: This article originally appeared in Region One Sciences, December 1997.



With regional conference and summit time rapidly approaching, it behooves us to start off this issue with a few friendly reminders and pointers. The majority of Starfleet's Regions that have conferences and/or summits, have them in the first half of the year. Traditionally, shuttles have always liked to either officially launch or commission at these events. They can take pride in their new chapter before their fellow region members, who in turn, can also help them celebrate their accomplishment. Which brings us to our point....

If you would like to either launch, or commission a shuttle at a regional conference or summit, it would be a REALLY good idea to start your paperwork for the process as soon as possible. Up to two months ahead of time, if possible. This will give your paperwork PLENTY of time to make the rounds, to get all the proper signatures, time for the US mail to handle (& abuse) it, time for ShOC to process it, and forward it to Ops, for those seeking commissioning.

This also pertains to shuttles wanting to launch or commission at any other times, on dates that are significant or special to their particular shuttle. Some, for instance, chose a name for their chapter to honor a personage or event from history, and want to launch or commission on the anniversary of that event, or birth date, etc. Please, PLEASE start your paperwork far enough in advance to allow for it to get to it's ultimate destination, and process.

On a semi-related note, let's touch on ASL for a minute. ASL (Accelerated Shuttle Launch) program is still offline. However, things are moving forward on getting it back up and running. With luck, by April, or early May. My Vice Chief, Daniel Friesen, is busying himself laying out the groundwork for ASL. By groundwork, we're talking the functional guidelines and rules on how it works, who qualifies for it, etc. In the meantime, if you wish to commission your shuttle to full Starship or Space Station status, try to

plan your launch to be approximately nine months before your desired commissioning date.

Once again, I ask you all to note the following, and observe it: ALL MSR's are to go to my Vice Chief, Daniel Friesen. This includes mailed MSR's, as well as emailed MSR's. From ALL regions. Dan is collecting all your MSR's for shuttles, answering your problems, questions, or complaints, keeping tally of who is and who is not reporting, and compiling the shuttle reports for the CQ, hopefully in time for the next issue. Failing that, then by CQ #87. But Dan can't get this done, if you keep sending your MSR's to myself at ShOC HQ. Dan's address and contact info is as follows:

Daniel Friesen
12037 Viers Mill Rd., #301
Wheaton, MD 20906
(301) 929-5150
email: VshOC@sfi.org

Meanwhile, all your other correspondence, INCLUDING VRR's, should come to me. Again, this is for ALL regions. I will take in your VRR's for both new launches, and commissionings. And process them accordingly. Once I receive a VRR, I will let Dan know, so he can expect to get your reports. Note: begin reporting as soon as you send off your VRR! If not, your commissioning could be delayed. My address and contact info are as follows:

Dennis Gray
3014 Kromer Ave.
Everett, WA 98201-4123
(425) 257-3276
email: ShOC@sfi.org

This info will probably be repeated for the next issue or two, until we at ShOC are comfortable that you all have it, and know where to send your MSR's or VRR's. Alrighty then. Time for the good stuff. Since last time I sat down to do this, the following shuttles have gone on to commissioning, or should be commissioning shortly:

The Shuttle Ohio is now the USS Ohio, NCC-75007, A Sovereign Class

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Watkins Glen

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not have been better.

For the first time we actually had activities at the top of the Glen. First we had the traditional "Accord Roundup" where we go "around the room" so everyone can introduce themselves and tell us "the most exciting thing that has happened to them since their last Accord meeting." With as many people as were there the "Accord Roundup" took a good amount of time. Once that was done our ship's founder, Mike Shappe, who had flown in from St. Paul for Watkins Glen, and Captain Anbinder's brother, Beej, entertained the throng with voice and guitar. It was enjoyed so much that finally Captain Anbinder had to cut them off or we would have been late for dinner. Back down the Glen we went!

The next event was dinner at Billy Bob Jacks, a local steakhouse. The bill for the dinner came to \$811.03, the largest tab any group had ever had in the history of the restaurant! Through the rest of the year Accord people are recognized and are questioned "where everyone else is." Taking over literally half the seats in the establishment, talk flowed freely from long table to long table. Traditionally, Commander Richard Kinne, Accord's Executive Officer, rose halfway through the repast to promote and introduce to the throng those who had qualified for promotions over the last bimonthly cycle. This was always a good time because normally the promoted officers got the adulation of their shipmates. During Watkins Glen weekend they also got applause from a good portion of the Fleet, including congratulations from the Fleet Admiral himself!

It was during the dinner at Billy Bob Jacks that a most historic, and unexpected, event occurred. USS *Accord* was one of the ships that chose to leave the Fleet during the last administration. At the head of this charge a few years ago had been the founder and

former Executive Officer of *Accord*, Commander Mike "Uncle Mikey" Shappe. In the intervening years Shappe had ended up moving to St. Paul, MN and leaving the active company of the ship, although he certainly still stayed in contact. Indeed, Shappe had actually flown back to Ithaca from St. Paul this year to be at Watkins Glen. There, after promotions were given out, Shappe handed a check over personally to Fleet Admiral Mike Smith rejoining Starfleet on the spot. Those of us who know the Commander were very surprised and pleased. To this day I've yet to see a more relevant approval of the measures Fleet Admiral Smith has taken to rebuild Starfleet. That night he'd proven that he'd won over one of Fleet's harshest critics.

The party broke up around 10:00. Some of the older folks went off to a few favorite drinking establishments, some went off to ice cream, and some went off to our beds to get ready for brunch the next morning.

Brunch at the Ramada Inn the next morning was full of talk as people ate almost in motion, going from table to table to talk amongst friends gathered from all over the country. Lt. Bob Borst had brought his Windows laptop and showed off a piece of video work he'd done where he made it very professionally appear to have vanished via transporter from the hall in his apartment. This demonstration drew a small crowd and applause from those who saw it.

Finally the traditional end of Watkins Glen weekend came as those with long rides home made motion to leave. Hugs and goodbyes were exchanged to people as far south as the Carolinas and as far north as Potsdam. Another Watkins Glen Weekend was over.

But it wasn't. *Accord's* oldest crew had flown in from far states and their planes wouldn't be leaving for hours yet. So, another impromptu gathering was held in Ithaca's Stewart Park as both the oldest of *Accord's* crewmembers and her newest sang and talked the afternoon away around two picnic tables. Captain Anbinder's brother, Beej, provided musical accompaniment via guitar as the rest of

us related old stories to the newer people or looked over ship diagrams for vessels that, fictionally, would soon join USS *Accord* on patrol.

After driving Lt. Rusty Lloyd, *Accord's* first Head of Security, back to the airport for his flight back to California, the group rejoined at Joe's Restaurant. Here, the long and involved tale of how Commander Mike Shappe became involved with, and finally married, Major Jennifer Getty, *Accord's* first Chief Communications Officer, was told in full detail. Many of us knew parts, but I'm not sure anyone there knew the full story. It is generally agreed that Mike and Jennifer were wedded on a most appropriate day: April Fools Day!

During the dinner it became apparent that some people there had not ever had a chance to see that most excellent Val Kilmer movie *Real Genius*, and so the last unofficial Watkins Glen gathering took place at DataHold, the home of Cmdr Doc Kinne and Lt Buddha Buck, for a screening of that film. At around 11:00, a full twelve hours after, traditionally, Watkins Glen Weekend ends, the last gathering broke up as those locals got ready for a regular day of work on the morrow and those foreigners got ready for an early plane trip back west.

And with that, Watkins Glen Weekend '97, the eighth of that event and the fourth since USS *Accord's* commissioning, ended proving once again what Starfleet's greatest strength is and always has been: the friendship of her crews and her people. It is a friendship that continually spans both time and distance. It is a friendship worth preserving and nurturing and USS *Accord* is proud to contribute to it in her own small way.

See you next year!



Promotions

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input into who does or does not get a promotion. I do not decide which ones to submit or not, nor do I have a vote on the promotions. All I do is gather the information and pass it up the chain, keep the records of who did and didn't make it, and print the certificates for the Commander, STARFLEET to sign. As soon as the nominee gets the minimum 4 votes required for the approval of the promotion, I print out the promotion certificate and get it ready to send to FADM Smith. I send out a packet to Mike about twice a month. When Mike receives them, he signs them and distributes them to the newly promoted individuals through various means. Many are mailed to the nominee themselves, many are sent to the nominator to present to them, and a lot are presented by the RC or Mike himself at the various functions they attend.

To reach me for a promotion request, send the information through one of these means:

Snail Mail:
Michael W. Malotte
Promotions Coordinator
900 4th Avenue
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

E-mail:
promotions@sfi.org

Online Promotions Form:
<http://www.ussnomad.org/prform.html>

If you have any questions, I can be reached through the above methods or by phone at (913) 651-TREK. Another good way to find me (without the long distance bill!) is on the STARFLEET IRC channel #starfleet. Look for the nick Nomad-RC.

Starfleet Academy

COMMODORE MANDI HERRMAN, COMMANDANT

Greetings! Things in the Academy are going quite well and enrollment is growing everyday. The College of Command Studies, the Cadet School, and the College of Trade & Commerce should be open by the time you get this Communiqué in your mailbox. The Academy Deans and myself are currently reviewing applications and should be making the appointments soon for these new directorships. Also in the works are two new schools—the School of STARFLEET History (a history of our own organization) and a Klingon Warrior Academy. Hopefully, we can get these courses off the ground in time for our Summer session. Also, the College of Medicine director is working on some new medical courses as well.

I'd like to make the announcement that the Academy has had a slight internal restructuring. It will not affect any of the schools or how you participate, but basically, it just divides the Academy into "Institutes" much like a real university. Each "Institute" is lead by a veteran Academy director who now holds the title of "Dean" as well. The Deans will serve as my advisors and will help in the selection of all new Academy directors. Also, each Dean will help me select those students who are deserving of special Academy recognition for exceptional academic performance. Here's the current setup:

Institute of Leadership

Dean: Peg Pellerin, Director of OTS
Schools: OTS, OCC, FOS, Cadet School, and College of Command Studies

Institute of Technology

Dean: Marlene Miller, Director of VAS
Schools: Computer History, Engineering, Medicine, VAS, Radio School

Institute of Arts

Dean: Carolyn Donner, Director of COC
Schools: Communications, Federation Studies, Language Studies, History

Institute of Military Studies

Dean: Greg Staylor, Director of Security School
Schools: Starship Operations, Security School, Survival Studies

I'm happy to make the following announcement as well regarding STARFLEET Academy. In keeping with the International part of our fan association, I'm proud to let everyone know the first steps we are taking to make the Academy more accessible for the International members.

Thanks to the R11 RC Jennifer Yates and FCapt Alan Yates, we will soon be opening up an Australian campus of STARFLEET Academy. Hopefully by June, all STARFLEET Academy courses will be available to our Australian members local to them. This should save them time and money in taking courses and will potentially be a recruitment tool for Region 11. Furthermore, I am considering this a pilot program, and if all goes well, and we can find volunteers, I'll look into a possible Canadian campus and European campus.

Thanks to Captain Becky Theilman, the USS Haise, and the crew of the Pre-shuttle Condor in Columbia (South America), we will soon have our first Academy course translated into Spanish: OTS. We are also looking at the possibility of getting additional courses translated as well. Due to this development, I'd like to start the process of translating the Academy courses into as many languages as possible. If you are fluent in a foreign language and would like to serve as a translator please let me know.

Oh, would you like a recruitment tool for your next convention, chapter activity, etc.? STARFLEET Academy now has a brochure available for your chapter to use. It explains our exact purpose, what the Academy has to offer, and feedback has been quite positive from the people who have seen it. If you as a Chapter CO, Con or Summit organizer, or Joe-Starfleet would like a copy, please contact SFA Special Assistant, Tom "Little Guy" Restivo by E-mail at SFASpecAsst@SFI.Org or by US Mail at Special Assistant, STARFLEET ACADEMY, 1218 Stillmeadow Place, Apt 1D, Frederick, MD 21703-1345. Likewise, contact Tom if you need Academy applications as well. As always, please remember to include a Large SASE!

Well, I think that's all I have to say. In the works in the Academy, a cadet/officer mentoring program, more new courses, and a new meal plan in the dining common. <G> If you haven't taken part in STARFLEET Academy yet, you are missing a great aspect of our organization. If you are a graduate of a SF Academy school, then how about taking another? You'll be glad you did! See you in sixty days!

On behalf of the Deans of the Institutes of Arts, Technology, Leadership, and Military Studies, I'm proud to announce the honor graduates for the 4th quarter 1997. Each student scored a 95% or better on their course work. Congratulations on a job well done!

Institute of Technology

Vulcan Academy of Science

William J. Beard
John McCarter
David Peifer
Steve Turner
Linda Oakley
Stephen Sexton

Mariellen Chidiac
Edith Padgett
Alice Strange
John Harris
Fred Wilkerson
Janet Wagoner

College of Medicine

Edith Padgett
Wayne Killough
Gregory Franklin
A. M.E. Thurmond

David Klingman
Steve Turner
Kris Williams

Institute of Arts

School of Language Studies

Larry Jones

Institute of Leadership

Officer's Training School

Robin Y. Hughes
Callie Bell
Melissa Larkin
Katherine Williams
Michael Ellingson
Janet D. Franklin
Donna-Marie Mominee
Michael Stanley, Jr.
Larry Goldman

Melissa Karnosh
Darlene Harper
Karen Donnelly
Steve Durette
Barbara Durette
Joseph Gallagher
Rachel Queen
Kenneth F. Burke

Flag Officer's School

Sanford Berenberg

Institute of Military Studies

Security School

Maryanne Gahagan
Anthony Morin
Angela Hitson
Dean U'Delstone'
Michael Warner
Anan Cohen
Gregory Jasmin, Jr
James Mitchell
Gregory Staylor

Melton Carrillo
David Peifer
David Adkins
Shaun Scott
John Russell
Theodore Golubinksi, Jr.
Frances Stewart
Karen Emerson

School of Survival Studies

Wayne Snyder

STARFLEET ACADEMY - COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM

The Scholastic Division of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.
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 (academy@sfi.org) <mandih@bellsouth.net>
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 (vacademy@sfi.org) <Donner.Crafts@worldnet.att.net >

TYPE or CLEARLY PRINT all information and send application to the program you selected below :			
Name :			
Address :			
City/State/Province :		Zip/Postal Code :	
E-Mail :		SCC# :	

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| <p>q OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)
 - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
 - Adm. Peg Pellerin, RFD #3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901
 - ots@sfi.org <pilgrim@mint.net>
 -or-
 - Cmdr. Elizabeth Worth, 12 Perrin Ave., Plumpton, NSW, Australia 2761
 - jennifer@ay.com.au
 - (You <u>must</u> pass this course to take OCC.)</p> <p>q OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)
 - \$4.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps
 - Capt. Jim Cushing, P. O. Box 11584, Memphis, TN 38111-0584
 - jcushing@dewey.lib.memphis.edu
 - or-
 - Fleet Captain Alan Yates, Unit 6/22 Queenscliff Road,
 - Queenscliff NSW, Australia 2096 - jennifer@ay.com.au
 - (COPY of OTS diploma required when applying for this school -
 - Do NOT send original OTS certificate!)</p> <p>q FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS)
 - \$5.00 for first course
 - \$2.00 each for the second and third course
 - One manual for all 3 courses
 - Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225, St. Louis, MO 63116-2225
 - no email
 -or-
 - Fleet Captain Alan Yates, Unit 6/22 Queenscliff Road, Queenscliff NSW,
 Australia 2096 - jennifer@ay.com.au
 - (Copy of OCC diploma required when applying for this school
 - Do NOT send original OCC certificate!)</p> <p>q COLLEGE OF COMMAND STUDIES (CCS)
 - Course Price To Be Determined
 - Col Adam R. Thompson, 4009 Baroone Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 -
 ccs@sfi.org <eagle@prysm.net></p> <p>q COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS (COC)
 - \$4.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
 - RAdm Carolyn Donner, PO Box 158, Hammersville, OH 45130
 - vacademy@sfi.org <Donner.Crafts@worldnet.att.net ></p> <p>q COLLEGE of COMPUTER HISTORY (COCH)
 - Free, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
 - RAdm Sharon Ann Campbell, P.O. Box 603, Kirkland, WA 98083-0603 - -
 coch@sfi.org <sac@wolfenet.com></p> <p>q SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE)
 - \$2.00, SASE,
 - 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps
 - Capt. Brian Dougherty, 1445 Fairmeadows Street,
 St. Louis, MO 63138-2512
 - soe@sfi.org <briwdou@swbell.net></p> | <p>q KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY (KWA)
 - \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per Degree
 - Cmdr. Greg Franklin, 910 Cooks Valley Road, Apt #21,
 Kingsport, TN 37664 -
 - kwa@sfi.org <reprisalco@aol.com></p> <p>q COLLEGE of FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)
 - \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
 - Capt. Donna Tucker, 7066 Goodner Mtn Rd., Pinson, AL 35126
 - cofs@sfi.org <DTucker937@aol.com></p> <p>q SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)
 - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
 - Comm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th, Lawton, OK 73505
 - no email</p> <p>q COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM)
 - \$3.00, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
 - Cmdr. Kevin West, P.O. Box 1418, Colonial Heights, VA 23834
 - sacom@sfi.org <MedDirSFA@aol.com></p> <p>q COLLEGE of SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS)
 - \$3.00, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
 - Capt. Carol Thompson, P.O. Box 135, Ester, AK 99725
 - coass@sfi.org <72703.667@compuserve.com></p> <p>q VULCAN ACADEMY of SCIENCE (VAS)
 - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
 - VAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405
 - vas@sfi.org <aa324@yfn.yosu.edu></p> <p>q COLLEGE of STARSHIP OPERATIONS (COSO)
 - \$2.00, SASE
 - Cmdr James W. Lee, 214 Jamestown Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390
 - coso@sfi.org <Jlee569968@aol.com></p> <p>q SECURITY SCHOOL (SFASS)
 - \$2.00, 3 Loose 32 cent Stamps for each course
 - FCapt. Gregory Staylor, P.O.Box 9796, Chesapeake, VA 23321-9796
 - sass@sfi.org <Security@Sfi-sfa.com></p> <p>q COLLEGE of HISTORY (COH)
 - \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose 32 cent Stamps per course
 - Cmdr George K. Clark Jr., 8100 Lichen Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95621
 - no email</p> <p>q STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)
 - \$1.00, SASE
 - Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Salamon, 1003 Bittersweet Road, Pikesville, MD 21208-- 3505
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Chapter Summaries

n/r means No Report. Either no report reached me, or the activities section was not filled out.

REGION ONE

USS ALACRITY NCC-1881
City of Charter: Memphis, TN
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USS ALARIC NCC-503
City of Charter: Asheville, NC
Activities: Stargazing night.

USS APPALACHIAN NCC-3181-A
City of Charter: Fall Branch, TN
n/r

USS ARIZONA NCC-71839
City of Charter: Canton, OH
Activities: Holding Charity Auction at Annual Christmas Party to benefit Adopt-A-Family for Christmas. Volunteered at Channel 45/49 (Public TV) Pledge Drive. Collected coupons in 1997 for OCP.

USS ATHENA NCC-51896
City of Charter: Reston, VA
Activities: Drew winner in Borgie Bear raffle for charity. Attempted to free Captain from the Dominion. Collected for Toys for Tots. Held a holiday spaghetti dinner. Collected clothes for foster kids.

USS BENNU NCC-74657
City of Charter: Gatlinberg TN
Activities: Hosted local internet Sci-fi Message Board, Sent Coupons into the Overseas Coupon Project, Collected Stamps for STARFLEET Stampede. Provided manpower and scenery for Hall's High School Fashion Show, Sent away team to USS Tri-Star's monthly meeting, created web sight for on-line registration to the Region One Spring Summit.

USS BEST DESTINY NCC-71828
City of Charter: Lexington, KY
n/r

USS BONAVENTURE NCC-102-A
City of Charter: Greensboro, NC
Activities: Held November meeting, plans made to visit Star Wars exhibit in Washington. Also planning trip to Vegas to experience the Star Trek Experience. Went to see Starship Troopers and Alien: Resurrection. Held a December meeting and holiday party in conjunction with a local B5 fan club.

USS CARSON NCC-0592-A
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS CHARLESTON NCC-71813
City of Charter: Charleston, SC
n/r

USS CHESAPEAKE NCC-1887
City of Charter: Richmond, VA
Activities: Gave the Ronald McDonald items off their Christmas wish list

USS COLUMBIA NCC-73621
City of Charter: Wooster, OH
n/r

USS COLUMBUS NCC-2006
City of Charter: Columbus, OH
n/r

USS CONSTELLATION NCC-1728
City of Charter: Paducah, KY
n/r

USS CU'CHULAINN NCC-1902-A
City of Charter: Terre Haute, IN
Activities: Still collecting for various charity projects. Ship had convention trips and holiday party. Also handed out new membership handbooks.

USS DARK STAR NCC-61801
City of Charter: Asheboro, NC
n/r

USS DILEMMA NCC-1541
City of Charter: Harrisonburg, VA
n/r

USS GALACTICA NCC-31093
City of Charter: London, KY
n/r

USS GEMINI DREAM NCC-64739
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS HAWKEYE NCC-4950
City of Charter: Winston-Salem, NC
Activities: Winter Walk at High Rock Lake at Noon. December Meeting and Christmas Party and a New Year's Eve Party

USS HEIMDAL NCC-1793
City of Charter: Madison Heights, VA
n/r

USS HORNET NCC-1714-D
City of Charter: Charlotte, NC
Activities: Held a Halloween party and a "wedding reception" for Worf and Dax. The ship adopted a preschooler at a local inner city church. There was also a surprise birthday party for the XO after the business meeting.

USS IMPERIAL STAR NCC-2551
City of Charter: Cary, NC
n/r

USS JAMESTOWN NCC-1843-D
City of Charter: Newport News, VA
Activities: Visited the kids in both the CHKD and two of our local hospitals. Put on a haunted house. This year the ship is marching in two local parades over the holidays. Launched a new shuttle.

USS JURASSIC NCC-3500
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS KHITOMER NCC-61812
City of Charter: Evansville, IN
n/r

USS KITTY HAWK NCC-1659
City of Charter: Raleigh, NC
Activities: Monthly meeting and a separate holiday/anniversary party. Considering formation of a laser tag team in '98.

USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916
City of Charter: Cuyahoga Falls, OH
n/r

STATION LEWIS B. PULLER, SFR-123
City of Charter: Summerville, SC

Activities: Had Italian night. Members are planning on going to the Convention in Washington DC with Patrick Stewart.

USS MAAT NCC-1794-A
City of Charter: Virginia Beach, VA
n/r

USS MARK TWAIN NCC-23106
City of Charter: Memphis, TN
n/r

USS NIGHTHAWK NCC-2301
City of Charter: Richmond, VA
n/r

STATION NIKOLA TESLA NCC-SS005
City of Charter: Murray, KY
Activities: In conjunction with the Domino's Pizza at Murray State, held "Pizza and a Movie" and showed "Men In Black" on Dec. 2nd. We also helped the Paris skating rink collect canned food for Needline.

USS PHANTOM NCC-72215
City of Charter: Pilot Mountain, NC
n/r

USS POWHATAN NCC-1967
City of Charter: Chesapeake, VA
n/r

USS PROVIDENCE NCC-71796
City of Charter: Jackson, TN
Activities: Gave gifts and food to the ships Adopt-a-family. Also planning a recruiting session in March.

USS QUESTAR NCC-435
City of Charter: Louisville, KY
Activities: Held a ship Movie Night on the 15th. CO mailed care package to USS Louisville. Crew held its first ever Kwanzaa celebration.

USS RENEGADE NCC-2547
City of Charter: Youngstown, OH
n/r

USS RICHMOND NCC-2003
City of Charter: Covington, VA
n/r

USS RONALD E. MCNAIR NCC-61809
City of Charter: Columbia SC
n/r

USS RUTLEDGE NCC-57295-A
City of Charter: Ladson, SC
Activities: Planning for activities for 1998. Crew got involved in Operation Eagle by mailing out cards and letters and providing on-line support.

USS STAR LEAGUE NCC-2101
City of Charter: N. Augusta SC
n/r

USS STARWARD FURY NCC-2122
City of Charter: Fayetteville, NC
n/r

USS STONEWALL JACKSON NCC-71814
City of Charter: Concord, NC
Activities: Planning a May convention. Additionally, the December meeting doubled as a holiday party.

USS TRISTAR NCC-71829
City of Charter: Knoxville, TN
Activities: Helped a local high school fashion show, held the regular meeting.

USS TYCHO NCC-59325
City of Charter: Fremont, OH
Activities: Held a "Star Trek: First Contact" viewing. Held annual Christmas party. Collecting for STAR-FLEET stampede and OCP. Also collecting for local food bank. Volunteered for American Cancer society gift wrap. Signed up for a local "Adopt-a-street".

USS WASP NCC-1721
City of Charter: Bristol, VA
n/r

USS WEST VIRGINIA NCC-2008
City of Charter: Charleston, WV
n/r

USS WHITE EAGLE NCC-2302
City of Charter: Jacksonville, NC
n/r

USS YEAGER NCC-61893
City of Charter: Bluefield, WV
n/r

USS YORKTOWN NCC-1704-A
City of Charter: York, SC
Activities: Went to premiere of Starship Troopers. Continuing revisions and upgrades on Yorktown Constitution & Bylaws for process to end in final vote at the January 1998 monthly meeting. Held a holiday party.

REGION TWO

USS BLACKSTAR NCC-75003
City of Charter: Miami, FL
n/r

USS CHUNG FU NCC-61808
City of Charter: Pensacola, FL
Activities: Held a Christmas party.

USS CONTINUUM NCC-71821
City of Charter: Pensacola, FL
n/r

DARK SILENCE STATION NCC-SS007
City of Charter: Florence, AL
n/r

USS DAVINCI NCC-74671
City of Charter: Columbus, GA
n/r

USS EXCALIBUR NCC-1705
City of Charter: Jacksonville, FL
n/r

USS GUARDIAN NCC-26244
City of Charter: Cape Canaveral, FL
n/r

USS HAISE NCC-74664
City of Charter: Jackson, MS
n/r

USS HAWKING NCC-24162
City of Charter: Lake Worth, FL
n/r

USS HEPHAESTUS NCC-2004
City of Charter: Birmingham, AL
Activities: Continued to contribute to the planning for the Region 2 Summit.

Several members attended Constellation in Huntsville. Held a large Christmas party.

USS INDESTRUCTABLE NCC-2017
City of Charter: Warner Robbins, GA
n/r

USS KHAI TAM NCC-81000
City of Charter: Tallahassee, FL
n/r

USS MACLEOD NCC-10524-A
City of Charter: Ellenwood, GA
n/r

USS ODYSSEY NCC-454-A
City of Charter: Hattiesburg, MS
n/r

USS OKATOMA NCC-74695
City of Charter: Collins, MS
n/r

USS PAEGAN NCC-1755
City of Charter: Orlando, FL
n/r

USS REPUBLIC NCC-1371
City of Charter: Atlanta, GA
Activities: Crew planned Holiday activities, and are in talking stages of merging with the USS MacLeod.

USS ROGUE PHOENIX NCC-75005
City of Charter: Savannah, GA
Activities: Participated in holiday parades. Attended a con and had the club meeting.

USS SAVANNAH NCC-1894-A
City of Charter: Guyton, GA
n/r

USS STAR QUEST NCC-71804
City of Charter: Naples
n/r

USS STAR UNION NCC-2112
City of Charter: Montgomery, AL
n/r

USS TRIDENT NCC-74692
City of Charter: Stuart, FL
Activities: Collected non-perishable food for local food bank. Plans to continue helping charities, including a car wash for March of Dimes. Also plans

to participate in a "chili cook-off".

USS TRIUMPH NCC-26228
City of Charter: Fort Lauderdale, FL
Activities: Aluminum recycling still ongoing to raise money for ship. OCP as well as Stampede still being supported heavily. COH projects being supported. Items to be purchased to support COH. Car wash held in November did very well. Some potential members were questioned and given Starfleet materials.

USS WERNHER VON BRAUN NCC-72069
City of Charter: Huntsville, AL
Activities: Held elections. Started working on Operation: Eagle. Had a visit from Dark Silence Station. Held a potluck holiday party.

USS YAMATO NCC-71807
City of Charter: Pinson, AL
n/r

REGION THREE

USS ASLAN NCC-8491
City of Charter: Ft. Worth, TX
n/r

USS AURORA VULCANUS NCC-1888
Correspondence Chapter
Activities: Made annual Christmas donation to homeless. Generated results of "almost annual" ship survey. Work is proceeding on a reference guide.

USS BEXAR NCC-71718
City of Charter: San Antonio
n/r

USS BRAVEHEART NCC-51002
City of Charter: Arlington, TX
n/r

USS BRISSANY NCC-1904-A
City of Charter: Bossier City, LA
n/r

SPACE STATION CAMELOT SFR-303
City of Charter: Austin, TX
n/r

USS COMANCHE NCC-71809
City of Charter: Fort Worth, TX
n/r

USS ESSEX NCC-1727
City of Charter: Dallas, TX
Activities: Working with a local animal shelter providing ongoing charity activities. Sent Christmas packages to troops over-seas. Held a Christmas and anniversary party for the ship.

SPACE STATION FREEDOM III NCC-SS001
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS INFINITY NCC-651
City of Charter: Waco, TX
n/r

USS INTANGIBLE NCC-65421
City of Charter: College Station, TX
n/r

USS JOAN OF ARC NCC-10522
City of Charter: Corpus Christi, TX
Activities: A delegation attended the USS Kidd commissioning ceremony. Donated to the local AIDS hospice. "Adopted" a ship, the USS Dexterous, serving in the Persian Gulf. Held the annual Christmas party.

USS KEPLER NCC-59324
City of Charter: Killeen, TX
n/r

USS KIDD, NCC-3207
City of Charter: Baton Rouge
n/r

USS PALO DURO NCC-61914
City of Charter: Amarillo, TX
Activities: Gathered toys for Toys for Tots and raised money for Ronald McDonald house. Held the annual holiday party.

USS QUANAH PARKER NCC-73628
City of Charter: Lubbock, TX
n/r

USS RHYANNA NCC-1892
City of Charter: Austin, TX
n/r

USS RODGER YOUNG NCC-75500
City of Charter: Shreveport, La
Activities: Holding commissioning ceremonies in conjunction with the Commissioning of the shuttle Babylon to ship status.

USS SAGITTARIUS NCC-9755
City of Charter: Garland, TX
n/r

USS TEJAS NCC-9756
City of Charter: Vernon, TX
n/r

USS TROUNCER NCC-2553
City of Charter: Texarkana, TX
n/r

USS VICTORY NCC-9754
City of Charter: San Antonio, TX
n/r

REGION FOUR

CASCADE STATION NCC-SS003
City of Charter: Redding, CA
Activities: Received new banner and logo cutouts this month. Took Chapter Picture at this months meeting for our Website as well as interested members. Beginning fund-raising by selling "round tuits". Exchanged gifts with USS Onizuka.

USS CONSTAR NCC-71827
City of Charter: Visalia, CA
n/r

USS EAGLE NCC-1719
City of Charter: Fremont, CA
n/r

USS HIGHROLLER NCC-23104
City of Charter: Reno NV
n/r

K'EHLEYR STATION NCC-SS009
City of Charter: Las Vegas, NV
n/r

USS MIRIMAR NCC-2210
City of Charter: San Diego, CA
n/r

USS MUAD'DIB NCC-74988
City of Charter: Suisun, CA
n/r

USS NORTHERN LIGHTS NCC-27001
City of Charter: San Jose, CA
Activities: Held election for CO and XO at regular meeting. Had a movie night and a New Years eve party.

USS OBERON NCC-71820
City of Charter: Citrus Heights, CA
n/r

USS ONIZUKA NCC-71815
City of Charter: Chico, CA
n/r

USS PEACEKEEPER NCC-73200
City of Charter: Visalia, CA
Activities: Completed the bi-annual election process. A voice vote was held at the November meeting. Launched Shuttle Stormbringer's VRR to the RC. The PeaceKeeper is looking into a continuous canned food drive throughout the year.

USS SIMONOV NCC-2002
City of Charter: Fairfield, CA
Activities: Visited to David Grant Hospital on Travis Air Force base to sing carols and pass out Christmas stockings. Held annual Christmas potluck party.

USS TIKOPAI NCC-1800
City of Charter: San Jose, CA
n/r

USS WINTER SOLSTICE NCC-62133
City of Charter: Mountain View, CA
n/r

REGION FIVE

USS CONSTITUTION NCC-1700
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS CRUSADER NCC-74711
City of Charter: Spokane, WA
n/r

USS DANIEL SOULE NCC-1810
City of Charter: Kent, WA
n/r

USS DESTINY NCC-97301
City of Charter: Salem, OR

activities: Held a holiday party. Members made a trip to Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Planning events with local KAG club. The membership also helped at a local food bank.

SPACE STATION NEXUS NCC-DS021
on-line Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS PENDRAGON NCC-2005
City of Charter: Bellevue, WA
Activities: Held meetings. Away team to ConRad. Sending in Campbell's labels for charity. Had a Christmas party.

USS RUBICON NCC-71816
City of Charter: Richland, WA
n/r

USS SKY DANCER NCC-5910
City of Charter: Newport, WA
Activities: Participated in a Star Trek day at a local mall. Held the first annual Turkey Drive for local food banks.

USS SOLAR FLARE NCC-71885
City of Charter: Boise, ID
Activities: We are going to attempt to once again answer phones for the local Public Television Station, as well as putting out flyers advertising our Club. Preparations continue for a recruiting campaign.

USS STARCHASER NCC-71801
City of Charter: Seattle, WA
Activities: Christmas party & getting ready for Awards Banquet & annual Trek A Thon.

REGION SIX

USS ALAM'AK NCC-1796
City of Charter: Cottonwood, MN
n/r

USS CZAR'AK NCC-1798-A
City of Charter: Minneapolis, MN
Activities: Attended a game day with another local Star Trek club. Delivered toys to Toys for Tots. Worked on starting up a local convention. Answered phones for the PBS pledge drive. Attended the local clubs joint holiday party.

USS IMPERIUM NCC-2125
City of Charter: Fargo, ND
Activities: Helped with a Public TV station pledge drive, and are planning several activities for 1998.

USS FARRAGUT NCC-1702-A
City of Charter: Sartell, MN
n/r

USS THUNDERCHILD NCC-3122
City of Charter: Rapid City, SD
n/r

REGION SEVEN

USS ACCORD NCC-1842
City of Charter: Ithaca, NY
Activities: General meetings and participated in the grand opening of Ithaca's Carl Sagan Planet Walk. Planning a non-a-thon for March. Watched Men In Black on video.

USS ADAMANT NCC-3029
City of Charter: Valley Forge, PA
Activities: The ship defeated the Thagard at bowling, twice. A delegation attended the Ascension anniversary dinner. Made donation to the Laurel House. Held a Christmas Party and monthly meeting. Planning snow tubing and Lazer Tag events.

USS ALBANY NCC-587
City of Charter: Guilderland, NY
n/r

USS ALPHA CENTAURI NCC-71812
City of Charter: Washington, DC
n/r

USS ARI NCC-1723
City of Charter: Williamsville, NY
n/r

USS ASCENSION NCC-2520
City of Charter: Lehigh Valley-Allentown, PA
Activities: Held an anniversary dinner. Held a holiday party and monthly meeting. Looking at a paintball match against other chapters. Made a donation to Dreams Come True.

USS AVENGER NCC-1860
City of Charter: North Brunswick, NJ
Activities: Held ship meetings. Participated in Operation Eagle. Organizing a trip to the UN and the nearby IMAX. Crew members went to see Starship Troopers.

USS BLACKHEART NCC-2327
City of Charter: Oakford, PA
n/r

USS BOUNTY, NCC-8494
Correspondence Chapter
Activities: Continuing work on the "Starfleet Pinup Calendar". Recruitment efforts under way. Co-sponsored a Holiday party with the USS Avenger.

USS BRIZA NCC-26518
City of Charter: Cinnaminson, NJ
n/r

USS CHALLENGER NCC-1676-D
City of Charter: Dover Township
n/r

USS DAUNTLESS NCC-74668
City of Charter: Westminster, MD
Activities: Held monthly meeting and social. Crew members volunteered at the Star Trek: Federation Science exhibit at the Maryland Science Center. Delivered food for Thanksgiving dinner to the family the ship adopted through the neighbors in need program.

USS HAZARD NCC-91813
City of Charter: Ene, PA
n/r

USS HIGHLANDER NCC-10530
City of Charter: Fredrick, MD
n/r

USS IDIC NCC-71811
City of Charter: Washington, DC
n/r

USS JUSTICE NCC-556
City of Charter: Florham Park, NJ
n/r

USS LEXINGTON NCC-1703-C
City of Charter: West New York, NJ
n/r

USS LONE WOLF NCC-72214
City of Charter: Ocean City
n/r

USS MALVERNE NCC-2205
City of Charter: Upper Darby, PA
Activities: Chapter held a meeting and party. Chapter actively participated in Operation Eagle. Membership attended the Starship Troopers showing.

USS MATRIX NCC-72296
Internet Correspondence Chapter
Activities: The chapter moved, and held a change of command ceremony. Working on a Tech manual. Working on streamlining various chapter processes. Developed ID badges and t-shirts.

USS NEW HORIZONS NCC-71676
City of Charter: Dexter, NY
Activities: Joint Holiday Party with Vigilant crew. Plans for 1998 events are being settled. Helped institute the Region 7 Calendar. Held a Chili contest and a Trek trivia contest.

USS NORTHSTAR NCC-10462
City of Charter: New York, NY
Activities: Announced a plan to start collecting non-perishable food for charities. Held a holiday Toy Wrapping party.

USS POTESKIN NCC-1771
City of Charter: Pittsburgh, PA
n/r

USS PREVAILING WIND NCC-74667
City of Charter: Harrisburg, PA
n/r

USS SOVEREIGN NCC-75000
City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA
n/r

USS TEMPERANCE NCC-2582
City of Charter: Brooklyn, NY
n/r

USS THAGARD NCC-652
City of Charter: Philadelphia, PA
n/r

USS THOR NCC-2549
City of Charter: Parkton, MD
n/r

USS TRANSCENDENCE NCC-74677
City of Charter: Lindewold, NJ
n/r

USS TRITON NCC-71819
City of Charter: Glen Burnie, MD
Activities: Held a general meeting with the premier of a new Ship's game. Delivered toys to Toys for Tots. A delegation did some Christmas caroling and had a Christmas party and a New Years party.

USS WOLF NCC-3921
City of Charter: Hermitage, PA
Activities: Held a Christmas and a New Years party. Planning a Star Trek simulator beginners workshop.

REGION 8

REGION 9

USS EUROPE NCC-1792
City of Charter: Tuebingen, Germany
Activities: Searching for ongoing social project. Held a Christmas meeting with a gift exchange game.

REGION 10

USS ASTRA NCC-77210
City of Charter: Calgary, AB
n/r

USS CRYSTAL STAR, NCC-1160
City of Charter: Eagle River, AK
n/r

USS MAJESTIC NCC-61804
City of Charter: Victoria, BC
Activities: Fiction projects are moving forward quite speedily. Working on supplying computer access for members.

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USS ROBERTA BONDAR NCC-74669
City of Charter: Nanimo, BC
n/r

USS SOL NCC-1733
City of Charter: Fairbanks, AK
n/r

REGION 11

USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886
City of Charter: Sydney, NSW
n/r

REGION 12

USS ALLIANCE NCC-1849
City of Charter: Springdale, AR
Activities: Multiple chapters participated in the annual Christmas Parade, including a float and costumes. Crew participated in many local Christmas parties.

USS ANTONIO MARIA VALSALVA NCC-4101
Correspondence Chapter
Activities: Significant work with numerous charities, including, among others: local recycling, food and clothing donation, the DeForest Kelly/Leonard McCoy Allied Health Scholarship, the STARFLEET Stampede and OCP, the United Way, Ronald McDonald House, and others.

USS ARCHANGEL NCC-2294
City of Charter: Gentry, AR
n/r

USS ARLINGTON NCC-2375
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS BATTLESTAR NCC-23110-A
City of Charter: Fort Smith, AR
n/r

USS BRADBURY NCC-72307
City of Charter: St. Charles, IL
n/r

USS BROADSWORD NCC-73288
City of Charter: Jefferson City
Activities: Crew went to see STARSHIP TROOPERS with CO and

XO of Phoenix. Crew decided to have a holiday meeting at the Chief Science Officer's home. Encouraged crew to sign up for R12 Summit. Held a New Years party, where they played a D&D game converted to for use as a Star Trek game.

USS COCHRANE NCC-74525
City of Charter: Maumelle, AR
Activities: Discovery dive at local dive shop, followed by regular meeting. Christmas Party and Laser Tag.

USS CONCORD NCC-1989-D
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
n/r

USS CYDONIA NCC-74687
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
n/r

USS DISCOVERY NCC-1308
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
n/r

USS EMPRESS NCC-15025-A
City of Charter: Sterling Heights
n/r

USS GRYPHON NCC-74661
City of Charter: Kalamazoo
n/r

USS HEXUM NCC-2199
City of Charter: Belleville, IL
Activities: Continued recycling and environmental programs. Went to see Starship Troopers. Delivered toys to the US Marines for the Toys for Tots program. Delegation Attended convention. Saw "Tomorrow Never Dies". Went to a Christmas dinner for ships in the area. Sold books for charity.

USS HORIZON NCC-1000-B
City of Charter: Columbia, MO
Activities: Members took some Red Cross training courses. A camp out was held. The ship played Billiards. Went to see Starship Troopers. Participated in a highway clean-up. Held their annual awards dinner.

USS JEANNETTE MADDOX NCC-14514
City of Charter: Wichita, KS
n/r

USS KRAZNY OKTYABR NCC-23102
City of Charter: Shawnee, KS
n/r

USS MARKO RAMIUS NCC-23103
City of Charter: Fayetteville, AR
n/r

USS MIRAGE NCC-72213
City of Charter: Midwest City
n/r

USS MORNING STAR NCC-4126
City of Charter: Lawton, OK
Activities: Rang bells for Salvation Army. Donated food and goods and money to various charities. Helped out the Campbell's label program for Oklahoma School for the blind. Continued OCP work. Recycled 1261 pounds of plastic with the proceeds going to charity. Also held a Christmas meeting and potluck.

USS MYSTIQUE NCC-58929
City of Charter: Russellville, AR
Activities: Participation in Overseas Coupon Project, "Project Hershey", recycling, cleaning our mile of highway, collecting Best Choice UPCs for Sequoia Kids 4-H Club, and Starfleet Stampede continued.

USS NIGHTSHADE NCC-10529
City of Charter: Lawton, OK
n/r

USS NIMITZ NCC-74680
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Had monthly meeting. Attended USS Orion's 1st Anniversary. Planning ship's 2nd anniversary. Planning big Xmas party for next month.

USS NOMAD NCC-78500
City of Charter: Leavenworth
Activities: Attended USS Orion Anniversary Party. Preparing for Nomad Christmas Party.

USS OKLAHOMA NCC-23137-A
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
n/r

USS ORION NCC-61815
City of Charter: Wichita, KS
n/r

USS PARACLETE NCC-31903
City of Charter: Siloam Springs
n/r

USS PHOENIX NCC-2155
City of Charter: Columbia, MO
Activities: Held a business meeting and a general meeting, where they watched the DS9 wedding. Updated website. Working on launching a shuttle.

USS QUO VADIS NCC-74681
City of Charter: Belle Vista, AR
Activities: Held a meeting. Planned 1 year anniversary and Christmas parade. Sang at local nursing home.

USS RANGER NCC-2206
City of Charter: Oklahoma City
Activities: Preparing for change of command staff for the first time in several years.

USS SHILOH NCC-74683
City of Charter: Rockford, IL
n/r

USS STAR EMPIRE NCC-2116
City of Charter: Norman, OK
n/r

USS STARGAZER NCC-2893
City of Charter: Kansas City
n/r

USS STELLAR WIND NCC-40513
Correspondence Chapter
n/r

USS SUNFLOWER NCC-74679
City of Charter: Augusta, KS
n/r

USS TRAVELER NCC-3145
City of Charter: Emporia, KS
Activities: Held a Meeting/Christmas Party and attended the shuttle Hellfire holiday party. Participated in a Christmas Parade. Had a Xena/Hercules Watch-A-Thon the 3rd weekend of Dec. Continued the following programs: Can Recycling; stampede; Coupon project; Hershey's project. Began planning anniversary celebration.

TROUBADOUR STATION
SFR-1201
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
n/r

USS UMIK NCC-3142
City of Charter: St. Louis, MO
Activities: Events have been placed on hold.

USS URSUS NCC-2011
City of Charter: Springfield, IL
n/r

USS VALKYRIE NCC-2597-A
City of Charter: Dearborn, MI
n/r

USS WHITESTAR NCC-71012
City of Charter: Port Huron, MI
Activities: Had a commissioning dinner, monthly meetings. Had a bowling competition with the local Klingon group.

REGION 13

REGION 14

REGION 15

USS ATLANTIS NCC-71803
City of Charter: South Eaton, MA
Activities: Hosted a visit from the RC. Planning yearly elections and the anniversary party and a recruiting drive. Members attended a convention. Preparing to launch a shuttle.

USS BEAN SIDHE NCC-9186
City of Charter: Boston, MA
n/r

USS BOSTON NCC-74482
City of Charter: Lowell, MA
Activities: Chapter is under reorganization. Launching of our shuttle in the Boston north shore area to service our Boston mass members. Gave a turkey away to a needy family for Christmas. Distributed flyers at local stores.

USS ENDEAVOR NCC-1716
City of Charter: Ledyard, CT
n/r

USS EQUINOX NCC-584
City of Charter: Winslow, ME
n/r

USS HOOD NCC-1707
City of Charter: Nashua, NH
n/r

USS O'BANNON NCC-5372
City of Charter: Sanford, ME
n/r

REGION 16

REGION 17

USS ALIOTH NCC-71832
City of Charter: Orem/Provo, UT
n/r

USS MIR NCC-73281
City of Charter: Las Cruces, NM
Activities: Crew went on excursion to the Space Mural Museum in Organ NM, and had a ship holiday party in December. Also held monthly "Monopoly Night".

USS WIND SPIRIT NCC-14110
City of Charter: Colorado Springs
n/r

REGION 18

REGION 19

REGION 20

REGION 21

USS BELGICA NCC-72301
City of Charter: Gent (Belgium)
n/r



Second Hands and Bouncing Checks

by Marlene Miller

Greetings and salutations from your Treasurer's office (also known as The Swamp). Several of you have asked why it takes so long for your checks to be cashed, so at the urging of Brittany Sloan, this article has been born. To help ensure that your money goes where it's supposed to go, this administration has instituted a system of checks and balances for those of us who are responsible for handling your money. We refer to this as "Second Hands".

Since I also wear the V.A.S. director's hat, let's use the Academy as an example.

How it works: You decide to take a course at the Vulcan Academy of Science. You send your check or money order to the director, me. I log your payment and send it to Academy Commandant Mandi Herrmann with my monthly report. Mandi then logs the checks and money orders she receives from all Academy directors, and sends them with her report, to Fleet Admiral Mike Smith. Mike then deposits them in the Academy account. Other Starfleet bank accounts include Donations, General, and Communiqué accounts.

Sometimes this process takes longer than we would like, but for now, it's the best system for us.

Recently quite a few Academy checks weren't sent to Mike in a timely manner. During this delay in processing time, Starfleet members moved from place to place, or closed bank accounts for one reason or another. This may have resulted in your check being returned, or "bouncing". Although we can understand that it's sometimes not economical to keep a bank account open until a straggler check clears, we really would appreciate it if you would consider making your "bad check", good.

Some checks "bounce" even though they're processed quickly. If you have a check which has "bounced" please send a replacement to me at your earliest convenience. I'm not faulting anyone for writing a bad check. Heck, I don't know anyone who hasn't accidentally "bounced" a check at least once in their check-writing lives.

The Torch Is Passed. . . .

By Sal Lizard

As most of you will remember, I have grown extremely busy with my own company in the past months. We are still advertising extensively and my sales people are overwhelming us with work. Heck, I even gave up too much of this holiday season to try to get a few things caught up.

I'm not complaining mind you-quite the contrary! Because of this "sudden" thrust of business which is continuing to grow, I felt it incumbent to take a "leave of absence" from my role as the Chief of Computer Operations in this organization. My thoughts were that it might just be "end of year spending" but I have actually managed to position my little company into a very favorable position and we are quickly becoming "the source" for many of the web sites in the Vermont area. So it appears that the demands on my life are increasing every day. Heck, I spend half my day travelling to appointments and the evenings working on html.

I knew that my Vice Chief Jesse Smith could fill my role but was unsure of his desire to hold onto it should my resignation become necessary. Well, I have spoke to Jesse at length on this subject and he has agreed to continue as the Chief of Computer Operations. I will remain a member of the department in an "advisory capacity"-more like an "honorary member," I think-but I don't imagine they'll need to "rattle my chain" too often. I will also continue to provide web site and ftp resources for the Fleet but very soon the mail and listservers will be under the control of Greg Trotter who is maintaining servers at both his and my location for those purposes.

Well, it's been a great year, we did get a lot accomplished and I had a great staff that did the work and let me take the credit. Each and every one of them deserves more appreciation than I will ever be able to show them. It's been a great time! Now I'll have to figure out another way to get some of you folks back up to Vermont before the big Texas hoe-down! With all this said, I have to get back to work! See ya folks around the galaxy!

Rear Admiral Sal Lizard,
Former CompOps Chief

Talaxian Trade Show

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Handmade fuzzy stuffed tribbles \$13, handmade wooden phasers that fire rubber bands \$25, USS Mir logo cups \$4. Make check or money order payable to Nancy Lynch, 1737 Avenida de Quintas, Las Cruces, NM 88005 or contact nlynch@nmsu.edu.

George Takei's "To The Stars", autographed \$20, unsigned \$15, (s/h \$3); proceeds to help with USS MIRAMAR's abused children project. Inquires to: 8686 Jade Coast Dr, San Diego, CA 92126.

STARFLEET watches: gold trim with a shock and water resistant quartz assembly. The watch face is the STARFLEET logo in blue and white. Leather-like adjustable band. Cost: \$30 (includes P&H). Send check or money order to: USS Stargazer, PO Box 411793, Kansas City, MO 64141.

Ever ask one of your officers about a late report and get "Well, I'll get around to it." ? Well, now you can provide them with one! Cascade Station is now producing the "Official" STARFLEET Round Tuit. Only \$2 plus S/H gets you one of these beauties! You can also order one with your regional logo on them for \$1 more! Chapter rounds are dealt with on a case by case basis. For more information or to order, send check or money order payable to Ed Nowlin to Cascade Station, Attn: Round Tuit 2651 Kenco Ave. Redding, CA 96002-1410 or send email to: capt_ed@earthlink.net. Allow up to 4 weeks for delivery.

White mesh knit polo shirts with embroidered STARFLEET logo on left breast. Cool and comfortable. S-M-L-XL-2XL \$23 plus \$3 s&h. Checks payable to STARFLEET-Region 2 at 110 Napier Ave., Warner Robbins, GA 31093.

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Captain Pete Mohney, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215, or call (205) 680-5723. email: pdmohney@aol.com.

For Sale: Star Trek Collectibles including Hallmark Ornaments (Enterprise NCC-1701 in original box - \$400) Must sacrifice all. For list send \$1.00 and SASE to CAS, PO Box 93, West Point, PA 19486.

Complete set of nine (9) Star Trek: TOS Commemorative Plates, Hamilton Collection, issued and bought 1984-86, artist Susie Morton, all with original boxes and inside flyer papers. Descriptions with plate ID #'s available with SASE. Total new price \$294.92. Will take best offer. Write Larry W. Jones, 23 NW 57th Street, Lawton, OK 73505-5809.

Over 500 film clip cells: from 1966-1969 ST:TOS mounted in slide casings. Lincoln Enterprise sold these in the 1970s (all mounted in slides!) Inquiries call Kirk (314)949-2976.

USS Stellar Wind NCC-1501A is making way for the new NCC-40513. All of the NCC-1501A publications are available for postage: back issues, membership and writers guides. SASE Allyson Dyar, PO Box 941, Kirkland WA, 98083-0941 or e-mail: dyar@halcyon.com.

The Anvil is the 40-page monthly 'zine of the USS Hephaestus, Region 2. We exchange with other chapters, and subscriptions are available for \$10 per year (12 issues). For a sample issue, send 2 stamps. Captain Pete Mohney, USS Hephaestus NCC-2004, 1105 Oak Creek Trail, Birmingham AL 35215.

Show pride for Ship & Fleet. Region logo as a comm. badge, with your ships name. Regions Available: 2,3,4,6,7,12. \$20 (s&h incl) Others coming shortly. Get yours today. Contact Lt. Mark Andrews: markaac@lightspeed.net or P.O.Box 632, Kingsburg, CA 93631

Sci-Fi Spotlight. Star Trek, Babylon 5, Dr. Who, and more! Sci-Fi Spotlight (formerly Space-Time Continuum) newsletter for visual media fans. Great behind-the-scenes tidbits, celebrities, appearances, letters! Sample copy \$2 US; \$3 foreign. Send to: Bjo Trimble, PO Box 6858, Kingswood, TX 77325-6858.

Autographed TNG Inaugural Edition card set in original Skybox logo binder. All major cast, plus other cast and crew signed, plus language set, plus holograms including goldEnterprise. 18 autographs total. \$450 shipped. Call Peg 510-236-5951 for details.

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Looking to sell my collection of ST characters, tired of staring at them on my wall. (Imagine that!) Still in original packages. Have aprox. 60! For details, write: Cpt. Ken Oziah, 605 S. Harrison # 2, Olathe, KS 66061 or e-mail: CdrKen@aol.com

MEMBERS WANTED

Attention Star Trek Fans seeking members to join the Starship Constitution There are ample opportunities for advancement. Contact: (Cpt.) Gary E. Schwanke 105 SE Lake Street, Albany, OR 97321 or E-Mail: CmdrSaren@aol.com.

UNASSIGNED CORRESPONDENCE STARFLEET MEMBERS: The Starship Gemini Dream awaits you! While primarily an online chapter, a few stamps will keep you up with our newsletter. Contact Adrienne Paradis, 2147 W. Romneya Dr. Anaheim, CA 92801-1639 e-mail: Neila8@aol.com : Homepage: <http://members.aol.com/akaxo/USSGeminiDream/Onboard.html>.

Come aboard the USS IDIC, NCC-71811. We are a regular meeting chapter serving Metropolitan Washington, DC. Activities include a newsletter and social events. Contact: uss.idic@sfi.org, or write USS IDIC, PO Box 22578, Alexandria, VA 22304.

USS AURORA VULCANUS (correspondence chapter) is looking for members, who like to write, draw, and role play. Join one of the most creative starships in the Fleet. Contact: Michelle Fanelli P.O. Box 591874 Houston, TX 77259 - 1874 or mrbasil@flash.net

USS Jurassic, a correspondence chapter, is looking for new members. We have a newsletter, computer bbs, and lots of other projects. For more information send SASE to: USS Jurassic, PO Box 158, Hammersville, OH 45130 or email to: Carolyn.Donner@galaxy.weyr.org.

SAN DIEGO AREA FANS, regular meeting ship USS MIRAMAR looking for active members to join in Trek fun and Community Service. Help us grow and launch shuttles. For details, call Gaye Holder at (619) 566-6320 or email 73021.233@compuserve.com.

MEMBERS WANTED

Are you a weary 'fleeter? Too many irons in the fire? Looking to lighten your load? Then join a correspondence chapter! The USS Stellar Wind NCC-40513 is a correspondence chapter in search of members. For more info write: Cpt. Ken Oziah, 605 S. Harrison # 2, Olathe, KS 66061 or e-mail: NCC40513@aol.com.

Space Station Nexus is an internet-only, dues free chapter. Our primary focus is All Things Internet and our own Fiction. We are especially looking for anyone interested in Administrative positions. Query Fleet Captain Kurt Roithinger gren@teleport.com for more info.

Attention unassigned STARFLEET members in NW Louisiana! The Shuttle Roger Young is looking for recruits. For more information contact: (LTC) Adam R. Thompson, 340 College Street, Apt. 4, Shreveport, LA 71104, hail by phone (318)227-0053, or by email: eagle@prysm.net.

Members wanted to help form a new chapter in the Colville WA area. If interested contact: Burt Mader, 1331 E. Elep, Colville, WA 99114 or e-mail at: bmader@plix.com.

United Starfleet Command: Ships leaving for exploration of space. Join the Fun. For more Information send a LSASE to: USC PO. Box 5864 Asheville, NC 28813-5864.

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Romulan International Chapter IRC Kavar needs Terrans, Vulcans, and Klingons. Contact (Sub-Commander) Jason Taylor, 5225 Canyon View Drive, Sparks, NV 89436, or hail him at (703) 626-7334. You must join the R.I.E., and you must enclose LSASE.

MISC

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Fund raising? Need extra money? Send e-mail to trat29@aol.com or write to me at Tom Rutledge 11889 98 Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98034 and I'll send you details on how you can generate recurring funds every month with a little effort on your part.

PEN PALS

Seeking companionship, SWF, 17-25 in D/FW area who loves all sci-fi, especially Star Trek, Star Wars, Dr. Who, and B5. I am a SWM, 21, a STARFLEET officer on the USS Comanche. If interested, contact: (Ensign) Russell Jackson, 1624 Pelican Court, Azle, TX 76020-4785.

ISO: SWF, 19-37, that loves ST, for companionship. I am SWM, 35, STARFLEET officer and love ALL ST. If interested, contact: (Capt.) Larry D. French, Sr., 1220 Vermont Avenue, White Oak, PA 15131-1630.

The Space Station Freedom III Communications Department offers a pen pal matching program for all continental USA residents. Obtain an annual membership by mailing a \$2.00 money order to: Curtis J. Stenovich, 1647 Rutland Drive #136, Austin TX 78758-6048.

WANTED

Wanting to Buy: Original tribble used in the ST:TOS episode "Trouble With Tribbles". Must be authenticated. Contact Mariellen Chidiac, cestmoi@emirates.net.ae or write to PO Box 23215, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

CONVENTIONS

Swilcon '98, March 6-8, 1998, Swarthmore College, PA. Guests: Jeff Menges, Mark Poole, James Patrick Kelly, James P. Hogan, others. Write: SWILCon 1998, 111 S. Chester Road, #3 B, Swarthmore, PA 19081. Email swilcon@swil.org, or <http://www.swil.org/swilcon/>.

Megacon/SunQuest '98, March 13-15, 1998, EXPO Center, Orlando, FL. This is a gaming con. Write: Megacon/Sunquest, 217 Orange Terrace, Winter Park FL 32789; email info@sunquestgames.com; call 407-679-9666; or <http://www.sunquestgames.com>.

AggieCon XXIX, March 26-29, 1998, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Guests: Robert Asprin, Joe R. Lansdale, Kerry O'Quinn, Radio Free Oz. Write: AggieCon XXIX, MSC Student Programs, Box J-1, College Station TX 77844; call 409-845-1515; <http://cepheid.tamu.edu/aggiecon>.

CoastCon XXI, March 27-29, 1998, Broadwater Beach Resort East, Biloxi, MS. Guests: Margaret Weis, Tracy Hickman, George Alec Effinger, Barbara Hambly. Write: CoastCon, PO Box 1423, Biloxi MS 39533-1423

CONVENTIONS

Oasis 11, May 15-17, 1998, Orlando, FL. Guests: Larry Niven, Mary Hanson-Roberts, many others. Write: Oasis 11, PO Box 940992, Maitland FL 32794-0992; call 407-263-5822.

TachyCon, June 5-7, 1998, The Adam's Mark Hotel at the Florida Mall, Winter Park, FL. Guests TBA. Write: Tachycon, PO Box 3382, Winter Park FL 32790-3382; call 407-628-1454; email tachycon@ao.net.

Jurassicon, June 5-7, 1998, Howard Johnson Midtown, Atlanta, GA. Guests: Dr. David R. Schwimmer, Rick C. Spears, others. Write: JurassiCon, PO Box 98308, Atlanta GA 30359. Email jurassicon@juno.com.

Jumpgate Jax, June 12-14, 1998, Radisson Riverwalk Hotel and Conference Center, Jacksonville, FL. Guests: Jack McDevitt, Peggy Ranson. Write: Jumpgate Jax, PO Box 1662, Yulee, FL 32041-1662.

<http://members.aol.com/jumpg8jax>;
email jumpg8jax@aol.com.

DragonCon, September 3-6, 1998, Atlanta's Inforum Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Guests TBA. Four day memberships \$40 through March 15, \$50 through May 15, and \$60 at the door. Write DragonCon '98, PO Box 47696, Atlanta GA 30362-0696, <http://www.dragoncon.org>, call 24 hour info line at (770) 623-6321. Tickets available through Ticketmaster with Visa, MC or Amex at (404) 249-6400.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: If you have been promoted to Captain or above and have not received a promotion certificate, please email your name, SCC#, and the date that you received it to the promotions coordinator Michael Malotte: promotions@sfi.org.

The Security School has reopened with all new courses and exams. Currently, the Basic and Convention Security Officer's Courses are available. Other courses are being developed and will be announced when complete. See Academy application for costs and mailing info.

FREE ADS TO STARFLEET MEMBERS. 80 word maximum on any classified ad. First 40 words are free to STARFLEET members. There is a 25 cent per word charge for each additional word. Phone Numbers and email address count as one word each. Please include your SCC# and phone number where you can be reached when submitting an ad. Maximum of two (2) ads per issue. Classified rate for Non-STARFLEET members is \$1 per word. Make check or money order payable to STARFLEET and send to: Communiqué

Classifieds, PO Box 18508, Oklahoma City, OK 73154. Ads for STARFLEET members that are 40 words or less may be submitted electronically to CQ@sfi.org, Subject Line: CQ AD.

Starfleet Calendar Project

Missed the IC? Couldn't afford \$415 for that special someone? Want to "keep in touch" with the babes and hunks of STARFLEET?

The USS Bounty is proud to announce the 1999 STARFLEET Pinup Calendar Contest. Two calendars, "The Women of STARFLEET" and "The Men of STARFLEET" will be debuting at the 1998 STARFLEET International Conference, in Lubbock, TX.

STARFLEET Wants You!

If you're interested in gracing the pages of the calendar, please send a snapshot of yourself for consideration (so that we know what you look like). Once the hunks and babes have been selected, we will contact you regarding having the actual calendar photos taken. And if you're chosen, you'll get a free calendar! Photos can be mailed to STARFLEET Pinup Calendar, c/o CMDR Liz Woolf, 146 Manor Crescent, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1691. If you would like the snapshot returned, please include a SASE. If you have access to a scanner and e-mail, the photos can be e-mailed to Pinup@sfi.org OR USS.Bounty@sfi.org.

Just in case you're wondering or worrying... You don't have to take off your clothes to be in this calendar, though you're more than welcome to take off some of them. Think Tom Paris on shore leave, not Captain Picard in "Chains of Command."

Chapter CO's, please contact us with your chapter's launch date, so that we can include your ship's anniversary in the calendar! Launch date information should be mailed to Captain Rhonda E. Green, 1314B Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-5820. No e-mail available for that, sorry.



Open Position at Headquarters

As of this time, STARFLEET is now accepting applications for the position of Awards Director, STARFLEET...

I'd like to interrupt this request to let you all know that the position has been filled by:

**Awards Department
Steve Strasser
2323 N. Woodlawn #310
Wichita, KS 67220
steve1701e@feist.com**

Congratulations, Steve, and good luck!

Thank you for your time. - ed.

Starfleet Memorial Web Page Honors Passings

The Starfleet Memorial Page is now up and running.

You can view it at:

<http://www.garden.net/users/lizwoolf/sfimem.html>

Any Region for which I had a logo is listed there. If I receive submissions for members from other regions, I will add them in, and use the Fleet logo. RC's, if you would prefer I use a different version of your logo than the one I'm using, please send it to me.

Submissions for the page should be sent to me privately at lizwoolf@garden.net, and should include the person's name, date of birth (if available), date of death, region, chapter, rank, and position.

Comments and suggestions on the page are always welcome.

Thanks to Bill Herrmann, for the "mission statement" for the page, Karen Englebeck for the Title Graphic, and Tom Restivo for digging up the "Skin of Evil" quote. And thanks to all the IRC folks who patiently went back and looked at the page one million times while I was working on it, and gave me their feedback.

In service,

**CMDR Liz Woolf
Webmistress
STARFLEET Memorial Page**

Marketing 101: Putting It Into Focus

By COL Glenn Smith, USS Trouncer

I have noticed lately that several clubs have a common concern: how to get new members. STARFLEET has acknowledged this issue by creating a network of recruiting officers to assist the local chapters. This series of articles will present concepts and tactics that will help you with this problem. For this article, I want to help you look at what you are selling.

Selling? You did not know you were selling anything? If you examine the process of getting a new member, I think you will see the connection. You want this person to give you money for their STARFLEET dues, you possibly want money for local dues, and you want their time for recreational and charity functions. If you are making all of these demands, you can be sure the new member better believe the product you are offering is well worth the price of admission.

Before you can tell this potential new SCC number just what your club is all about, you better know that answer for yourself. The first thing you have to realize is that you cannot be everything to everybody, at least not at first. Many small businesses get into hot water by failing to realize this simple fact. I am sure many fan clubs do as well.

On the surface, saying your club is for all kinds of science fiction fans sounds so IDIC, but the truth is that you just cannot come through on that promise. Giving your club a focus not only prevents you from spending time on activities your group may not really want, it will also let you honestly tell whether a guest would feel comfortable joining the club.

Here are some of the common questions you need to ask yourselves about what kind of club you want to create. I am sure you can think of others to add to this list.

Do you want STARFLEET membership to be a requirement? This is a biggie. The answer to this question forms the basis of your entire political structure. You did realize your club had political issues, right?

Do you want all age groups? If your members are all in their mid twenties, adding a lone teenager to the mix can be troublesome to all. Deciding that you want your club to be a good experience for families with small children also changes the way you do business. Answering this question before adding the youth can prevent many, many ulcers.

Do you want the hard core gamers? This was an issue on the USS Trouncer when we (I am a very serious gamer) outnumbered the Star Trek fans ten to one and nearly took over the club. The Trouncer's format did not work well for the gamers but nobody saw this fact until we nearly self-destructed. Now that we know this, we can honestly tell the heavy gamers that another club in town may better serve their interests.

Do you focus on certain areas of sci-fi? The Trouncer is primarily Star Trek and Star Wars. A little bit from other areas gets in the mix now and then, but not often. However, instead of admitting this openly to our potential members, and ourselves, we claimed that we covered all science fiction. When we added a young lady who was a strong Dr. Who fan, she quickly became hostile over the fact that her favorite subject could not get serious club time. We are still dealing with this issue.

From all of this, you may wonder just how I can help you gain members when I am telling you to limit your options or turn away potential members. You have to decide what you want for your club. If you tell new members whatever they want to hear just to get their dues, you will have an SCC num-

ber for a year and someone bad mouthing your club for the next ten. The bottom line is to be honest. Sit down with your current members and decide what kind of club will make you happy. When you honestly present that club to a guest, they can decide if you offer what they want. These will be long-term, active, happy members who speak well of the club.

Another trap you need to avoid is the idea that I am telling you to define your club and never change. Over time you will find that another aspect gets added to the club's mix by simple evolution. The Trouncer started as a purely Star Trek club until enough people joined who were also into Star Wars. Now both sub-genres get equal billing. This was not a forced change, just a natural extension of the current members' interests.

To sum this all up: if you are having a hard time getting and keeping members, look at the club itself for the solution. Focusing your club's interests will make the club more enjoyable to the current membership and help you add members who share enough interests with your current group that they will stick around for the long haul.

Next time: Exactly how should you spend those advertising dollars?

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David M. DeFelice
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH
Dec. 2, 1997
(Phone: 216/433-6186)

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Many people wonder when we will be able to travel to distant solar systems as easily as envisioned in science fiction. Discover NASA's perspective on the prospects that exist today for achieving such far-future visions via a new World Wide Web site called, "Warp Drive, When?" Explore the site at:

<http://www.lerc.nasa.gov/WWW/PAO/warp.htm>

This web site explains the challenges of interstellar travel, the prospects and limitations of existing propulsion ideas, and the prospects emerging from science that may one day provide the breakthroughs needed to enable practical interstellar voyages. Analogies to familiar science fiction are used to simplify concepts such as "warp drive."

For a look at what NASA is doing to achieve such breakthroughs, another web site is available about the new NASA Breakthrough Propulsion Physics program:

<http://www.lerc.nasa.gov/WWW/bpp/>

This modest program is taking a step-by-step approach toward discovering the ultimate breakthroughs needed to revolutionize space travel and enable human journeys to other star systems - credible progress toward incredible possibilities. This program represents the combined efforts of individuals from various NASA centers, other government labs, universities and industry.



CORRESPONDENCE CHAPTERS – LIFESAVERS OF THE FLEET

Captain Ken Oziah
CO, USS Stellar Wind NCC-40513

Greetings fellow 'fleeters,

I'm Captain Ken Oziah, Commanding Officer of the USS Stellar Wind NCC-40513, which is now located in Region 12. I decided to submit this article for the CQ because I felt the need to share. Now, I'm a 'babe' in Starfleet, only been a member since 1993. A lot of you have been around for ALONG time, and have a lot of experiences, some good, some not so good. When I first joined 'fleet, I was involved (a little anyway) in a meeting chapter. I soon discovered that my real-world obligations wouldn't allow me to be involved like I wanted to be, and thought about leaving, but then I found the then little known world of Correspondence Chapters! I met (thru the postal system) Allyson Dyar, who I am determined to meet someday in person. I want to thank her for all her tireless work and efforts on getting correy chapters recognized as an integral part of fleet, (and for helping me so many times and get MY seat in the center seat, taking over the reigns of the Stellar Wind). During the previous administration, I and my correy shuttle members became disillusioned with 'fleet, and I almost didn't renew. Needless to say, our shuttle folded, as did many chapters. But then, we found out through a little bit of hard work, that a new captain sat in the center seat of the 'fleet, and BOY are we ever happy we did! Mike Smith and his team have done ALOT of great things for this organization, and I look forward to his continued administration.

Now, correspondence chapters may be a new concept for some of you, so I wanted to let you in on them. Our Department Director is Mark Vinson, CO of the Space Station Freedom III located in Texas. For those Starfleet members who have a lot of obligations in the real-world, correspondence chapters can allow you to remain in

'fleet, yet still fulfill your duties to your family. That's why I've become so involved in them. To paraphrase a crewman, "I can sit here in front of the computer and type a report, write some fiction, and enjoy Star Trek, then go back downstairs and spend valuable time with the family after a long day at work." That's the beauty of a correy chapter, you can be as involved as you want to, and do it all from the comfort of your home computer, typewriter, word processor, or pen in hand. The main focuses of most correy chapters are newsletters and fiction writing. There are no meetings, away missions, or parties. Because, let's face it, when you work LONG hours at a secular job, and have a family to take care of, you just may not have time for the things a meeting chapter gets involved in. Not that there's anything wrong with meeting chapters...don't get me wrong here. If I had the time to be involved in a meeting chapter, I would! Personally, I work in retail as a supervisor, and spent two years in management before stepping back down to a more livable schedule. I know some of you work in retail as well, and can identify with this. So, if you've become a bit weighed down with too many irons in the fire, you're mind is in a jumble, and don't know where to turn, look to the correspondence chapters! You'll be glad you did.

And by all means, check out the USS Stellar Wind! Our web page is: <http://members.aol.com/CdrKen/index.html>



Starfleet: The International Star Trek
Fan Association
Income Statement
For the eleven months ended
November 30, 1997

Revenue:	
Membership fees	41656
Donations from members	3637
Chapter Charter Fees	2066
Academy Income	539
Other Income	212
Total Revenue	48110
Expenses:	
Expenses incurred by prior administration:	
Scholarships paid to recipients	4500
Tax Penalties	2243
Printing	1543
Telephone	233
Charitable donations	1200
Election expenses	511
Postage	501
Shuttle Operations expenses	358
Starfleet Academy expenses	209
Equipment rental	199
Auditing fee	180
Office supplies	921
Total expenses incurred by prior administration	12598
Expenses incurred by current administration:	
Membership materials	7696
Postage and shipping	9303
Printing	3437
Office supplies	2818
Fees and permits	700
Starfleet Academy expenses	937
Other Communique expenses	162
CSR Expenses	866
Fanzine expenses	180
International conference expenses	967
Equipment Leasing	740
Telephone	783
Computer software	950
Total expenses incurred by current administration	29539
Total expenses	42137
Net income	5973
Cash transferred from previous administration	4123
Total cash on hand	10096

NASA Filled the Calendar in 1997

Beth Schmid
Headquarters, Washington, DC
December 8, 1997
(Phone: 202/358-1600)

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NASA FILLED THE CALENDAR IN 1997

From the surface of Mars to a possible newly discovered ocean beneath the ices of Europa, NASA activities were in the news in 1997. Background information and still images are available to news media to illustrate the top 10 NASA stories of the year, with supporting material also available via the Internet and the World Wide Web at the URLs listed. The video to accompany these stories will be available on NASA TV in mid-December; a video advisory will be issued at that time.

Mars Pathfinder

One of the most watched events of the year occurred 141 million miles from Earth, as hundreds of millions of people followed the July 4 landing of NASA's Pathfinder spacecraft on Mars, the first landing on the Red Planet since the Viking missions in 1976 and the first ever to use air bags to cushion impact on the surface. Shortly after Pathfinder's landing, the Sojourner rover began its own exploration of nearby rocks and other features. The images from both craft were posted to the Internet, where more than 500 million "hits" were recorded by the end of July.
<http://mpfwww.jpl.nasa.gov/default.html>

Hubble Servicing Mission - "New" Telescope for the New Millennium

During five days of spacewalks, astronauts flawlessly performed major maintenance and upgrades to the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope, replacing older hardware with two dramatically improved instruments that are helping astronomers probe the universe in greater detail than ever before. Also this year, Hubble uncovered over

1,000 bright, young star clusters bursting to life in a brief, intense, brilliant "fireworks show" at the heart of a nearby pair of colliding galaxies. The Hubble image of the galactic collision was printed on the front pages of newspapers around the world as well as on the cover of Newsweek magazine.

<http://opposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/PR.html>

and
<http://opposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/sm97/>

Shuttle-Mir Goes Forward

In 1997, three U.S. astronauts — Jerry Linenger, Michael Foale and now, David Wolf — added to NASA's long duration record aboard Mir and to the Agency's ability to gain experience and knowledge unavailable elsewhere. Despite problems on the Mir, NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin concluded that Shuttle-Mir has a thorough review process which warrants continued American participation in the program.

<http://shuttle-mir.nasa.gov/mir24/status/week7/goldin.html>

NASA Satellites Provide Best View Yet of El Nino Weather Phenomena

Pacific Ocean sea-surface height measurements and atmospheric water vapor information taken from independent Earth-orbiting satellites, the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite, the NASA Scatterometer, TOPEX/POSEIDON, and SeaWiFS have convinced scientists of what they had earlier postulated -

- a full-blown El Nino condition is established in the Pacific.

<http://nsipp.gsfc.nasa.gov/enso/>

Cassini Launches to Saturn

The international Cassini mission left Earth bound for Saturn on Oct. 15 atop an Air Force Titan IV-B/Centaur rocket in a picture-perfect launch above Cape Canaveral, FL. With the European Space Agency's Huygens probe and a high-gain antenna provided by the Italian Space Agency, Cassini will arrive at Saturn July 1,

2004.
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/cassini/>

X-33 and X-34 Flight Technology Demonstrators Achieve Major Milestones

In 1997, the Agency's quest to reduce launch costs and increase access to space through its Reusable Launch Vehicle Program took a major leap forward. The X-33 technology demonstrator, scheduled to begin flights in mid-1999, successfully passed its critical design review, and the X-34, the smaller and earlier flight demonstrator being developed in parallel with the X-33, successfully passed a design freeze in mid-year.

<http://stp.msfc.nasa.gov/>

Galileo Discovers Icebergs on Europa

Images captured during Galileo's closest flyby of Europa on Feb. 20 showed features of the Jovian moon, lending credence to the possibility of hidden, subsurface oceans. The findings generated new questions about the possibility of life on Europa.

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/galileo/>

Uplifting Year for Aeronautics

To ensure that NASA's work in science and technology sustains U.S. leadership in civil aeronautics and space and improves air transportation system safety, the Agency established technology goals, called the Three Pillars, that will stretch the boundaries of the knowledge and capabilities needed to keep the United States as the global leader in aeronautics and space.

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/aero/>

SOHO Sheds New Light on Active Sun

Scientists using the joint European Space Agency/NASA Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) spacecraft have discovered "jet streams" or "rivers" of hot, electrically charged plasma flowing beneath the surface of the Sun. These new findings will help scientists understand the famous 11-year sunspot cycle and as-

sociated increases in solar activity that can disrupt the Earth's power and communications systems.

<http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/>

For the latest news and information about NASA, please visit

TODAY@NASA at URL:
<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/NewsRoom/today.html>

ShOC News

(Cont from page 8)

Cruiser. Captain Roger Scritchfield, commanding. Region 1.

The Shuttle Anasazi is now the USS Babylon, NCC-75014, A Sovereign Class Crusier. Captain Colleen Hadley, commanding. Region 3.

The Shuttle Winter Solstice is now the USS Winter Solstice, NCC-62133, an Ambassador Class Heavy Cruiser. Captain Kierin Bushore, commanding. Region 4.

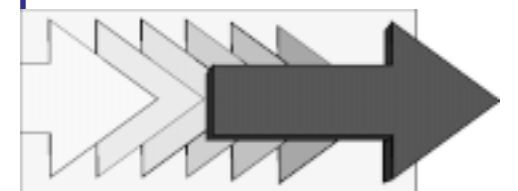
The Shuttle Osiris, is now the USS Osiris, NCC-75011, a Sovereign Class Crusier, Captain Edgar Torres, commanding. Region 7.

The Shuttle Quantum is now the USS Quantum, NCC-1734-E, and Intrepid Class Crusier. Captain Kevin D. Brower, commanding. Region 12.

And now, the population boom continues in new shuttles.....

Shuttle SpiritWolf, Region 3, Captain Michelle A. DuBose, commanding.

Shuttle Dragon's Cub, Region 4, Commander Dee Horn, commanding.



MSR WRITING 101

BGR LES RICKARD, VICE CHIEF, OPERATIONS

I know you all are going to think "This is the silliest thing to be writing about in the CQ". But when you process some 215 Monthly Status Reports (MSR's) a month you come to realize the scale of the job. Anything done to simplify the process is a good thing. I have watched over the last year as the MSR's have flowed in and noted some rather interesting things concerning them. They vary in look, amount of information provided and submission method. Now lets consider these three things.

First there is the differing looks of the hard copy MSR's that are mailed to me. Most, if not all, have all of the information the 9701 version of the MSR does. A few have the information sorted slightly different, but its all still there. I do not believe any of the differing versions leave out any info. As for the electronic MSR's they come in all shapes and sizes. That is except for the web page MSR. There is also an E-mail MSR template available from Operations. I would encourage the many CO's out there that file electronically, but not through the web site, to use the template if possible. This makes it easier on us to process and then file them. Next we consider the amount of information offered in some of the MSR's.

This is extreme in both to little and to much, though there is really no such thing as to much information on the MSR. However, having said that there is such a thing as cramming to much information into an MSR. Yes, we want to know as much as you want to pass on about your monthly activities. However, when using the hard copy

MSR, please do not write around the outside of the form everywhere there is a space. This can make the MSR confusing and, sometimes, impossible to follow. Turn it over and use the back of it, attach a separate piece of paper or contact Operations and we will provide the new "CONTINUATION FORM" designed for use with the MSR and other forms. As for the electronic MSR's there are a whole different set of circumstances at play. In many occasions Ops receives e-mail MSR's that are nothing more than a couple of lines saying everything is okay or nothing new to report. These are not useful at all and don't meet the reporting requirements. I usually log them and send a note that the MSR did not have the required info. But, if I receive enough of them, they will not be counted and the chapter will be shown as not reporting. So what I am trying to relay here is that as much info as possible needs to be included in either the hard copy or electronic versions of the MSR.

Finally we get to submitting the MSR's. There are only two ways to submit the MSR, US Mail or electronically. If you want to submit it electronically there are two avenues to consider. The first is the Operations WWW Site MSR Page. If you use this it is fairly easy to understand. Just fill in the fields and submit the form. However, if you choose to not use this and send the MSR in an e-mail message manually then you have other things to consider. When filing the MSR in an e-mail please use a universal subject similar to the one that the MSR Page does. Something like "Subject: MSR Report 1/98 USS HAWKEYE" with MSR al-

ways at the front of the subject. This way we can identify in our e-mail that it is an MSR and don't miss it as have happened before because of an obscure subject heading. The other thing when submitting an MSR electronically is do not send them as an attachment in e-mail. With all of the file types and programs out there we never know what the source program is and may not be able to open it even if we did. So this settles that debate, no attachments.

Below are some hints that I hope will be helpful, for the CO and Operations, in submitting MSR's.

Helpful Hints when filing MSR's:

- First and foremost RAdm Monaghan, The Ops Chief, does not receive any MSR's. They go to the appropriate Vice Chief (Matt Myers for Electronic and myself for US Mail).
- When filing MSR's you are reporting on the previous months activities. So when filing the January 1998 MSR by February 5th 1998 it should have "January 1998" in the "Report for Month/Year" section.
- Regardless of how often your chapter meets (Twice a month, once every other month or not at all in the case of Correy chapters) an MSR must be filed for each month of the calendar year.
- When sending the MSR electronically use the standard subject line of: "MSR 1/98 USS HAWKEYE"
- When sending the MSR electronically use either the Ops WWW Site Web Page or the MSR E-mail template available from the Operations if pos-

sible. This way we can sort the info much easier. Any other forms will accepted on a case by case basis.

·When sending the MSR electronically please do not send attached files. We can't read them half the time and it has, on one occasion, caused a serious system glitch.

Remember the deadlines for MSR's, no matter how they are submitted, is the 5th of the month following the month they are reporting on. So January 1998's MSR is due by February 5th 1998. Below is the contact info for reporting to STARFLEET Operations:

Postal MSR's; Electronic MSR's
 BGR Les Rickard
 Capt. Matt Myers
 STARFLEET Operations
 avops@sfi.org; or
 tomservo@infoave.net
 P.O.Box 22
 Lexington, NC 27293-0022
 Attn: MSR

Well I'll close this out with a thank you to all the chapters for being so understanding in this first year as we addressed problems and made some mistakes. No doubt we will make a couple more before its all over but with the information in this article we might be able to simplify the reporting and processing of all the MSR's. Looking forward to seeing all of the reports in the year to come.

Take Care & Go Boldly!

Shuttle Coyote, Region 7, Commander Eliseo Banuchi, commanding.

Shuttle Reuben James, Region 12, Commander Cindy K. Gatton, commanding Shuttle Ian Fleming, Region 15, Commander Garrick Halverson, commanding.

Shuttle Poseidon, Region 15, Captain Michael Stratton, commanding

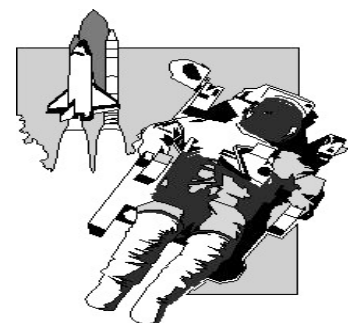
Shuttle Carl Sagan, Region 17, Commander Alice Roy, commanding.

Is Starfleet growing, or what? *grin* It makes my heart very happy to see the growth in Starfleet. It's as clear a sign as you could ask for, to see that Starfleet is indeed, coming back into it's former heyday. I had LOTS of fun back in Starfleet then. I can only

wonder what kind of fun, adventures, friendships, and memories lay ahead for us all in the coming year, or years. Gotta love it! Until next month, my friends.....

As ever,
 Serving the 'Children' of the Fleet.....

RAdm Dennis Gray



STARFLEET-FLAGSHIP of OPERATION:EAGLE REACHES OUT ACROSS THE GLOBE TO THE USA & UK ARMED FORCES IN PERSIAN GULF

by Fleet Captain Bill Herrmann, USS RUTLEDGE NCC-57295-A

I am a Member of STARFLEET, and am also involved in a Volunteer effort of another kind... reaching out to US Armed Forces Overseas. Those of you on-line are very familiar with this effort. I hope that off-line Chapters will also participate in this endeavor. I have sent over 3,000 e-mails... and over 300 US mail letters in regards to this effort, and have contacted over 500 schools and churches across the USA!

I am proud to state that STARFLEET is the "Flagship" of the 1997 Christmas Holidays Volunteer Mail Campaign!

"OPERATION:EAGLE" The Volunteer Mail Project To US Armed Forces overseas has selected as the 1997 Christmas Mail Campaign - The US Navy's Aircraft Carrier Battle Group Seven operating in the Middle East & Persian Gulf.

"OPERATION: EAGLE" invites STARFLEET Chapters & Members to help lift the morale and spirits of our US Armed Forces stationed overseas. As the Director of the "OPERATION: EAGLE" endeavor, I invite you to send cards, letters and "care packages" to the following:

USS NIMITZ CVN-68
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AP 96697-2820

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN CG-57
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AP 96671-1177

USS KINKAID DD - 965
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AP 96670-1203

USS OLYMPIA SSN-717
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AP 96674-2397

USS PORT ROYAL CG -73
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AP 96675-1193

USS SACRAMENTO AOE-1
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AP 96678-3012

USS BREMERTON SSN-698
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AP 96661-2378

USS FORD FFG-54
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AP 96665-1508

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CVN-73
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AE 09550-2873

USS ANNAPOLIS SSN-760
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AE 09564 - 2416

USS NORMANDY CG-60
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AE 09579-1180

USS SEATTLE AOE-3
attn: Any Serviceperson
FPO AE 09587- 3014

STARFLEET Chapters are also invited to construct a large Support Poster, signed by as many volunteers as possible. Select a Ship or number of Ships and send the Poster(s) to the selected addresses- attn: Commanding Officer. Once received, the Poster will be displayed in an area frequented by the crew of the Ship.

It is an excellent way to render your support, encouragement, and appreciation for the patriotic service to the USA of our Sailors and Marines overseas.

I challenge all STARFLEET Marines to step forwards and become a Volunteer for "OPERATION:EAGLE" in their own STARFLEET Marines Strike Group! It can help lift the morale and spirits of our Troops overseas, and help them know that they are not forgotten, and that STARFLEET Cares!!!!

I have headed up the "OPERATION: EAGLE" effort for over 14 years of my life, spanning from 1983-1997. "OPERATION: EAGLE" has seen well over 600 TONS of volunteer mail from Americans sent to Bierut, Saudi Arabia, the Persian Gulf, Europe, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Somalia, Grenada and now once again the Persian Gulf — to the USS NIMITZ Carrier Battlegroup Seven as they sail in harms way, and this showdown with Iraq and Saddam Hussein.

Hopefully, Military action will not be inevitable in this current crisis. But as Director, "OPERATION: EAGLE," I would like to "get the word out" to *YOU* the outstanding volunteers, and do whatever possible to help our Sailors and Marines receive the support and encouragement of the American people for them as they sail "in harms way"!

Mail call onboard ship is a very special time. Especially when that ship is thousands of miles away from friends and family. Let's bring America closer to our Troops overseas at this time, when they need it the most! Consider that on the NIMITZ & GEORGE WASHINGTON aircraft carriers there are over 5,000 Sailors & Marines on each! Please join the 1997 "OPERATION:EAGLE" volunteer effort today!

I am also including the British AirCRAFT Carrier - HMS INVINCIBLE as part of the 1997 Campaign. HMS INVINCIBLE is a Ship of the British Royal Navy. After considerable correspondence and communication with both the Royal Navy and the British Ministry of Defense, I was granted approval to include this Distinguished Royal Navy vessel in the "OPERATION:EAGLE" effort. Her address?

HMS INVINCIBLE
BFPO 308
United Kingdom

Thanks STARFLEET for Your Wonderful Support of "OPERATION:EAGLE!" I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter!

I would like to acknowledge the Outstanding Support of Captain David Horner and his wife Quy Nhon, of USS RUTLEDGE, and that of Commodore Mandi Herrmann, Commandant STARFLEET Academy for allowing me to make extensive use of her computer, and especially my beloved wife Patti for sacrificing alot of time so I can dedicate my service to the troops overseas. I also would like to thank all those in STARFLEET on-line... who participated in the Posters to the USS NIMITZ and HMS INVINCIBLE. Especially, Fleet Admiral Mike Smith for allowing me to include STARFLEET- as the "Flagship" location of the 1997 "OPERATION: EAGLE" Campaign.

Happy Holidays Everyone !!!!!
For the Troops,
Proudly Serving Military Personnel
and Their Families Over 14 Years,
Bill Herrmann,
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"For the Troops and Their Families"
"...and in Memory of Glenn Corbin"

ed. note: Tho' this be way out of date, please note that Operation: Eagle is a recurring event each Christmas. You are encouraged to do something for our troops at other times of the year as well. Perhaps your club can come up with your own reason! Check out the Operation:Eagle website at: http://www.webpak.net/~alethia/Op_Eagle.htm for more information.