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Chief of Fleet Operations



Greetings to the Fleet!

I would like to give special acknowledgement to our youngest members and look forward to seeing them participate in the new programs mentioned in this newsletter. There are new programs being developed to recognize our youngest members and also the contributions that they make to their community and schools.

I would like to update the Fleet on the treaty signing with IKEV. We have postponed the signing until the 30th anniversary celebration at Starbase Indy. As I understand it, there will be quite a Klingon presence there and I look forward to seeing a strong counter-presence. I encourage you to get your tickets early – I'm told the best seats are going quick! Show your support not only for the Fleet but for Starbase Indy. I look forward to seeing you there!

As we're coming into the last part of the year, the judging for the annual awards will be coming up and it's great to see reporting levels at an all-time high. Competition is very stiff this year and it will be interesting to see who the winners are.

As many of you know, I've had eye surgery and unfortunately due to some complications, I had to miss King's Island day. I have heard the event was a huge success and there is even talk about doing it again next year.

It is my honor to announce the following Admiralty Board positions have been filled: Chief of Records and Chief of Staff

We had a few very qualified individuals apply for the position of Chief of Records, one of which was ADM Russell Simson. Russell not only had previous experience but helped bring the current database up to speed from when FADM Sundstrom first took over. Please join me in congratulating ADM Simson in his move back to Chief of Records!

Since his position creates a void in the Chief of Staff position, we have, per the AFED, offered the position to VADM Jerome Eller. Jerome has been the Deputy Chief of Staff for over six years now and has demonstrated his ability to run Command Staff Support. He has accepted the position and has been promoted effective August 1st to the rank of Admiral. Please join me in congratulating ADM Jerome Eller in his new position as well! I would like to thank all of those who applied for the Chief of Records position.

Sincerely,

FADM Mark Bischoff
Chief of Fleet Operations
Starfleet Command – Q1





Hailing Frequencies

Allow me to extend greetings and salutations to each of you! We hope you enjoy this midshipman-themed newsletter. You will find some new items in this newsletter, such as a word search and a crossword puzzle. We hope you enjoy them!

Make sure you check out our exclusive interview with Rusty Harrell, co-owner of Starbase Indy (SBI). Starfleet Command (SFC) will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary during this convention to be held in Indianapolis over Thanksgiving weekend. The formal dinner on Saturday night promises to be full of surprises. Dinner seating is extremely limited, so consider purchasing your tickets early!

Exciting things are happening with SFC's website. We now have a guest-book listed under the Converse section. We also have all the Starbase Commanders listed in the Quadrant One section under the SFC Links. We are also in the process of adding a "Remember Me" section which will honor our members who have passed on. Each member will have a personalized memorial page which includes details on his/her life, pictures, and a place for others to post a message. As a Native American, my people had a saying: no soul is truly gone till all the lives they touched have passed away. Our hope is that this will bring comfort to everyone in Fleet, while keeping the memory of our dear friends alive. You will find "Remember Me" in the Main Menu section.

We are pleased to announce LTCDR Mark Williams has accepted the position of Message Board Administrator for SFC's website: starfleet-command.com. If you have any questions or concerns about how to use the message boards, contact LTCDR Williams at mba@starfleet-command.com. Our goal is to start using the message board and to fade out the usage on the YahooGroups Listserv. Right now, Q2 members have been posting more to our message board than Q1 members! How embarrassing is that?! Please, check out the message board and start posting today! There are some great conversations and I am sure you don't want to be left out. ;-)

ATTENTION ALL STARBASE COMMANDERS! Do you know you have access to a **FREE** website within Starfleet Command's domain? If you are not taking advantage of this service, then you should really look into it. You get free space to upload information about your Starbase along with Starfleet Command email addresses. If you need more information, contact Roy Jackson at webdesigner@starfleet-command.com. If you do not currently have access to email, then you can contact me via my cell phone at (317) 414-2355



One more thing I wanted to touch base on was how important it is we have your up-to-date information on file. Although this really applies to the Records department, all branches of the Admiralty Board frequently rely on the information we have on file. Many people will remember to update their mailing address, but constantly forget the email and phone number. Therefore, an online form has been placed on the Records website (cor.starfleet-command.com) for changes to our database. Please check out the form and be sure we have your correct mailing address, email address and phone number.

Finally, the Communications Department honestly cares about your opinions. Look for a survey that will be posted to the Listserv and the Message Board regarding how we in the Communications department can serve you better. In the meantime, if you have a complaint, comment or question, feel free to drop me a line. Remember, compliments are always welcome, too!

Sincerely,

RADM Brian Mitchell
Deputy Chief of Communications
Starfleet Command – Q1





MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY - JUNE 2004

BEGINNING BALANCE \$1,764.63

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES:		
SB 01	\$20.00	
SB 04	\$233.00	
SB 05	\$674.00	
SB 06	\$644.00	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES		\$1,571.00
SHIP STORE SALES:		
T-SHIRTS	\$126.00	
TOTAL STORE SALES		\$126.00
OTHER INCOME:		
DONATION	\$10.00	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$10.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,707.00

EXPENSES

COMMUNICATIONS:		
NEWSLETTER	\$700.00	
WEB HOSTING	\$239.40	
DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION	\$9.95	
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS		\$949.35
PERSONNEL:		
POSTAGE	\$41.37	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$120.98	
TOTAL PERSONNEL		\$162.35
RECORDS:		
P.O. BOX	\$48.00	
TOTAL RECORDS		\$48.00
OTHER:		
T-SHIRTS	\$889.50	
TOTAL OTHER		\$889.50
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,049.20
ENDING BALANCE		\$1,422.43

Submitted by,
ADM Tony Scott
Chief of Finance
Starfleet Command – Q1

By the Numbers / Top 10 Units as of July 15, 2004



By The Numbers:

Breakdown by Ranks

FADM: 2	ADM: 16	VADM: 6	RADM: 9	COMM: 14
FCAPT: 12	CAPT: 65	CMDR: 40	LTCDR: 51	LT: 46
LTJg: 55	ENS: 144	COL: 1	LTCOL: 0	MAJ: 2
MCPT: 2	1LT: 1	2LT: 19	CDT: 27	MDSHM: 96

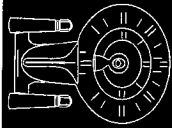
(Underlined are the Marine Ranks equivalents to SFC ranks)

Total Number of Personnel: 608

Top 10 Units:

Rank	Unit Name	Members
1	USS Endeavour, NCC-1508	82
2	USS Adventure, NCC-22024	63
3	USS Defiant, NCC-1630E	57
4	USS Halsey, NCC-2868A	49
5	USS Bismarck, NCC-1797D	48
6	USS Iwo Jima, NCC-1775E	37
7	USS Reliant, NCC-1864C	30
8	USS Yorktown, NCC-1704A	18
9	USS Babylon, NCC-75014A	17
10	Starbase 03	15

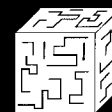




Expired Members

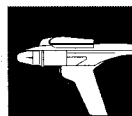
The following members will expire with this current newsletter, issue #63. If your name is listed below, please utilize the renewal form located in this newsletter to renew and retain your current position in SFC. Your continued presence in this organization is important to us. Be sure to note any address changes. If your rank is incorrect, contact your CO so information can be included in the next SPAR for chain-of-command notification. For those names not listed below, check your address label for your expiration issue. If the expiration issue matches the current Starfleet Communications issue, you need to pay your dues immediately to avoid a lapse in membership. Expired members cannot be promoted and will lose other membership privileges. Members of the Admiralty Board, Command Staff Support and Starbase/Unit Commanders may lose their position if they fail to renew. If you have already sent in your renewal form and the proper amount for renewal, we at SFC thank you!

<u>Rank</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Unit Name</u>
ENS	Virgil	Babcock	USS Willamette
LTJg	Chris	Corteen	USS Blockbuster
ENS	John	Karounos	USS Blockbuster
ENS	Paul F.	Werner, Jr.	USS Blockbuster
LTJg	William	Cora-Valentin	USS Callisto
LTCDR	Eric	Morelli	SB03
CAPT	Dee	Horn	USS Quindar
LT	Colleen	Bradford	USS Babylon
MDSHM	Gabbie	Hadley	USS Babylon
MDSHM	Kya	Hadley	USS Babylon
MDSHM	Zac	Hadley	USS Babylon
ENS	Ronald	Meeks	USS Babylon
MDSHM	Michelle	Treadway	USS Babylon
MDSHM	Sarah	Treadway	USS Babylon
ENS	Steve	Treadway	USS Babylon
ENS	Tracy	Treadway	USS Babylon
ENS	Jorge Derrick	Goff	USS Nimitz
LTJg	Lydia L.	McDermott	USS Nimitz
LTJg	Melissa	Dove	USS New Jersey
LTCDR	Cammie	Mills	USS New Jersey
CMDR	Jeremy	Mills	USS New Jersey
CMDR	Judy L.	Haas	USS Yorktown
CAPT	Eunice L.	McAleer	USS Yorktown
CAPT	Joanne E.	Brooks	USS Adventure
LTJg	Jacob D.	Arney	USS Defiant
LTJg	Jason L.	Arney	USS Defiant



<u>Rank</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Unit Name</u>
RADM	Gary Alan	Bartle	USS Defiant
CAPT	Stacy Ann	Bartle	USS Defiant
LTJg	Derek	Crews	USS Defiant
MDSHM	Audrey	Fredette	USS Defiant
LTCDR	Christine	Fredette	USS Defiant
LTJg	Emily	Fredette	USS Defiant
MDSHM	Holly	Fredette	USS Defiant
LTJg	Mary	Fredette	USS Defiant
CAPT	Steven	Fredette	USS Defiant
MDSHM	Vallory C.N.	Fredette	USS Defiant
ENS	Steven	Fredette, Jr.	USS Defiant
ENS	Kary	Haupt	USS Defiant
ENS	Richard	Haupt	USS Defiant
ENS	TyJana	Swineford	USS Defiant
MDSHM	Angel	Wilkerson	USS Defiant
ENS	Christina	Wilkerson	USS Defiant
MDSHM	Jessica	Wilkerson	USS Defiant
MDSHM	Rodney	Wilkerson	USS Defiant
LTJg	Katie	Zaiger	USS Defiant
ENS	Donna A.	Tackett	USS Halsey
RADM	Lizette	Weaver	USS Halsey
LTCDR	Bruce	Bennett	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Cheryl	Bennett	USS Iwo Jima
MDSHM	Danielle	Davison	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Joe	Davison	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Heidi	Greathouse	USS Iwo Jima
LT	Patrick	Greathouse	USS Iwo Jima
MDSHM	Ethen	Hetzler	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Gayle	Hetzler	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Ken	Hetzler	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Olivia	Hetzler	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Janet L.	Hlas	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	William J.	Hlas	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Johndeward	Johnson	USS Iwo Jima
ENS	Melissa V.	Johnson	USS Iwo Jima
LTCDR	Christopher B.	Roark	USS Okla-
homa			
ENS	Jessica Monique	Logsdon	USS Reliant
LTCDR	James C.	Reidenbach	USS Reliant

Respectfully Submitted by,
LTJg Diane Carpenter
Acting Deputy Chief of Records





STARBASE REPORTS

State of Starbase 04

Hello, Starfleet Command. I am CAPT Cecil Davis, the Starbase 04 First Officer. I am proud to announce that Starbase 04 has been doing considerably better in the past year. COMM Chris Brinkman and I have been working really hard to get this region running better. A lot of changes have been made with the new area that we cover. We started this new area with six units, and now have it up to nine. We have produced a newsletter, which is available upon request. In the last few months, we have managed to get all of our units to report on a fairly regular basis. We have also been able to get most units back to holding live meetings once a month which is the way it should be. We now have a major recruiting drive going on down here in the south that has turned out some results. If anyone in SFC knows someone in our area that might be interested in joining, drop us an email. We have received communications between our units and Starbase Command at an all-time high. We have also been working on the SB04 website which can be found at <http://starbase04.starfleet-command.com>. We encourage you to stop by and let us know what you think and what, if anything, would make it better.

Finally, we would also like to open communications with other Starbase regions. Starbase 04 and Starbase 02 have started a sister Starbase program; if you would like to join us, let us know. The program will assist Starbase CO's and their first officer's while at the same time improve the overall quality of SFC. Let's all pitch in and make this the best club that it can be, and let's all help out each other!

Respectfully Submitted by,
CAPT Cecil Davis
First Officer - Starbase 04

From Starbase 06

Starbase 06 Website joins Amber Alert System

One of the most horrific experiences a family can go through is to have a child abducted. The loss, the pain, the dazed feelings can all create the paralyzing fear that the child may not be seen again. The most recent effort to reduce this risk to families is the Amber Alert System. Starbase 06 is lending a hand in this effort by posting an Amber Alert Ticker on the Starbase 06 Website. If there is an Amber Alert, the ticker will display all the particulars about the abduction. This is just one way Starbase 06 is attempting to lend a hand in preventing child abductions.



This November, at the Starbase Indy Convention, Starbase 06 will be hosting a table specifically with information regarding the Amber Alert System. We are working to secure child ID kits and have local law enforcement on hand to assist with the Amber Alert Kits. These kits are designed to provide key information about your child so that in the event your child is abducted, law enforcement can quickly send out information regarding your child. Look for us at the Starbase Indy Convention this fall. For more information about the Amber Alert System and Amber Alert kits, go to <http://www.codeamber.org>.

Starbase 06 Annual Picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 15, 2004

Quickly becoming a tradition, the Annual Starbase 06 Picnic will be held at Mounds State Park located in Anderson, Indiana on Sunday, August 15, 2004. This has become a wonderful day when ships from all across Starbase 06 come together to share food, fun, activities and good conversation. It is also a time when ship commanders traditionally have announced their ship awards and promotions for their respective crews. This year, one of the activities will be a "Super Soaker" contest between ships. Of course, the winners will be the driest (right - with a super soaker?) So, bring your Super Soaker and get ready for some friendly ship competition!

As this is the children's edition of the Newsletter, Starbase 06 is focused on ensuring all family members have activities in which they may participate. For the first time, Starbase 06 will be holding a "Science Fair", which will be open to any children ages 6 to 18. Categories include:

Engineering, Medical Biology, Oceanography, Genetics, Astronomy, Geology, Physics, Seismology, Botany, Meteorology and Chemistry

All the details for this event can be found on the Starbase 06 website. The deadline for the Science Fair (when judging will take place) will be at the Starbase Indy Convention in Indianapolis this November. This is a chance for families to interact with each other and share the Star Trek experience together.

Look for the details TODAY on the SB 06 website and be sure to join us at Starbase Indy this November.

Respectfully Submitted by,

COMM Jeff Wolfe
Starbase 06 Commander
Starfleet Command - Q1





Chief of Engineering Report

My apologies about the absence of engineering articles from this newsletter. Much has happened since my last article. For those unaware, I moved and then later was getting ready to run security at a sci-fi convention in Indiana.

Now I have some time to put this together. One of the things I am doing is attempting to contact all engineers in Quadrant One to update the SFC database. I started at first using email but ran into a bulkhead – that being while a significant number of SFC engineers either own computers with internet access or have internet access via workplace or library, a significant number do not. Before going further, allow me to lay to rest any concerns – internet access is NOT required to be an engineer in Starfleet Command. While it is nice, no one is going to force a person to sign-up for internet access or buy a computer if they chose not to! I do ask that every engineer – in fact, I ask every SFC Engineering Technician to please send me an email or drop me a letter letting me know who you are as well as what unit you are assigned to. One of the reasons for this request is that the idea of a newsletter for SFC Techies has been tossed about but at present is little more than an internet chat group. If it goes hardcopy, it would be nice to know to whom to send a copy.

Until then, I ask all SFC engineers and technicians that read this to consider sending in some sort of submission that we can put into the SFC newsletter. Ideas like book reviews, sources for blueprints or technical manuals – even software reviews. Together, let us make this a regular feature.

If any present and/or future SFC engineers out there have any ideas and/or input they wish to share, you can contact me...

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HAVE TECH, WILL TRAVEL

Exclusive Interview



An Exclusive Interview With Rusty Harrell, Co-Owner and Con-Chair for Starbase Indy: The **NINTH** Generation

Q: Hi, Rusty! Can you tell me the specific dates and time of the Starbase Indy convention?

A: Sure, SBI will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Hotel (7202 East 21st Street) beginning Friday, November 26th and running through Sunday, November 28th 2004. Registration on Friday will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Q: What guest stars are scheduled to appear at Starbase Indy this year?

A: So far, SBI has contracted Anthony Montgomery, Connor Trinneer, Jeffrey Combs, James Horan, and Larry and Janet Nemecek.

Q: Will each guest be available everyday of the convention?

A: Unfortunately, no. Anthony Montgomery will only be appearing Saturday, and Connor Trinneer will appear during the dinner Saturday night and on stage Sunday afternoon. At this time, all other guests listed will be appearing all three days of the event. Keep in mind that we are also adding additional guest not yet announced and their contracts with SBI will determine how many and which days they appear.

Q: Will Starbase Indy be offering any workshops for fans to attend?

A: Workshops? It wouldn't be a fan-run convention without workshops! We plan on having a make-up session with our guests Phil Yeary and Arvil Bower, and our local prop guys, Mike Bolin, Gregg Nowling, George Starkey, and yours truly will be conducting panels and prop displays all weekend long. I've also been contacted by several fans wanting to host various panels throughout the weekend.

Q: Are there any special events or programs being planned for fans?

A: Outside of the panels, we will have video rooms, the con-suite, prop museum, Star Trek kit bash contest, masquerade, charity auction, and anything else we can think of between now and then.



We're Back!
STARBASE
The NINTH Generation ***INDY***

November 26th — 28th
at the Indianapolis Marriott

That's right, Starbase Indy is back and here to stay! Fans have been asking for a fan run convention back on Thanksgiving weekend and we got it! AND, SFC will be hosting a special 30th Anniversary Celebration for all those attending the Dinner with the Stars. So, come join us in what is sure to be a memorable event.

Star Trek: ENTERPRISE - ENS Travis Mayweather
Saturday ONLY: stage, autographs and evening Dinner

Anthony Montgomery

Star Trek: ENTERPRISE - CMDR "Trip" Tucker
Saturday evening Dinner / Sunday stage and autographs

Connor Trinneer

Various Characters on
TNG, DS9, VOY, ENT
Available all weekend including the Saturday evening Dinner

Jeffrey Combs

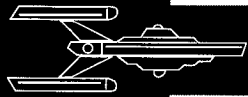
Various Characters on
TNG, DS9, VOY, ENT
Available all weekend including the Saturday evening Dinner

James Horan

Author Guests
Including writer's workshop.

Larry and Janet Nemecek
and much more...

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Interview Continued

Q: May I ask, what motivated you (and your partners) to start your own fan base convention?

A: Well, we cannot take credit for creating Starbase Indy; however, we decided to bring back something loved by all fans. We decided it was time that the fans had a show they could call their own and be a part of instead of seeing the same guests coming through every year or two. We also wanted more programming and panels for the fans and I think we will have the right mixture to satisfy each and every fan.

Q: How will SBI differ from other conventions?

A: SBI is currently in the process of obtaining a license from Viacom, (Paramount Pictures' parent company). With this, we can host the cast members from Enterprise and obtain "special items" for our auction or giveaways. It should also be said that no one individual will benefit financially from this event. We are proud supporters of the Indianapolis Children's Bureau and Precious Paws, a no-kill animal rescue center. SBI has also set its ticket price with no additional fees. What you see is what you pay for, depending on how involved you want to be with the event. And if we add additional guests, we will not increase the ticket price as some other shows might. Our program book will be unlike anything else out there and will be a true collectable!

Q: If someone was interested in volunteering to help out at SBI, whom should they contact?

A: They can contact Mark Bischoff, our department head for operations, through our website.

Q: Can people purchase convention tickets in advance? If so, how?

A: The easiest way is through the website where tickets can be purchased with credit or debit cards via PayPal. You can also mail their payment to Starbase Indy Inc., P.O. Box 6215, Fishers Indiana, 46038-6215.

Q: Will a price break be given to people who purchase advance tickets?

A: There is a price break until October 1st, and then the ticket prices will increase.



Q: Starfleet Command is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year at Starbase Indy. Can you give me a hint what is being planned for the dinner? I understand the evening promises to be very special.

A: The evening will begin with a cocktail hour and a meet-and-greet with each actor appearing through the weekend. And, unlike other conventions where you must remain in your seat and hope that your favorite actor happens to come over to your area, SBI is working on something so that every fan has an opportunity to meet all the guests appearing. Besides dinner and dancing, Starfleet Command also has a PowerPoint presentation, as well as special key note speakers. On a personal note, I am working on something very secretive that will be presented during the dinner for Starfleet Command and shouldn't be missed by any fan!

Q: Would you like to add any comments for our readers?

A: I want to thank all those that have gotten involved in fandom and SBI and who have offered support to bring SBI back. If you're a veteran of Starbase Indy, you won't want to miss some of the special treats we have in store! And if you're new to fan-based events, we hope you enjoy what we have to offer.

Q: I want to thank you on behalf of our readers for taking time to answer my questions.

A: It's been my pleasure, Brian. Hopefully as we get closer to the event dates, I'll be able to update you on a few things in the works that I can't really discuss right now!

Submitted by,

RADM Brian Mitchell
Deputy Chief of Communications
Starfleet Command – Q1





BOINC is Up and Running

So, the first question is- what the **heck** is BOINC?

Basically, BOINC is the new work program that allows you to perform work units for projects that use the BOINC system. Imagine donating your computer's unused power to search for SETI, or cancer research, or a myriad of other projects. Truly, the power and versatility of BOINC can turn your unused computer time into a powerful, positive force to help solve many of today's important research projects - projects that may not have the computing power or funding to process their data on their own.

So, Fleet members, please- if you are currently donating to SETI by using their proprietary program, switch over to BOINC as soon as you can. You can even set BOINC to work only certain times of the day, and there are other settings to ensure you are still donating time to SETI and also not tie up your computer when **you** want to use it. By converting your login to BOINC, you'll receive an email that tells you the password needed for it. Then go to the BOINC website to download the program and install it, after which BOINC emails you the project URL, a project ID number (and it's a long one) and you're off!

If you are considering joining the SETI project, please go to the website: <http://setiathome.berkeley.edu/> and follow the directions to join, then set up BOINC. You can find BOINC online at: <http://setiweb.ssl.berkeley.edu/transition.php>

As always, I thank those who are already participating in SETI and ask that as many people as possible join the Fleet's group and donate to the cause.

Also, for an update on the group, go here: http://setiathome.berkeley.edu/stats/team/team_5468.html. We're **26** strong now and have processed **14199 units** in total, with a donation of over **24 years** of computer time! See how we can all, together, be stronger than the individuals we are?

Let us all gather together in this - the most important Search and Rescue mission in the history of history!

Until next time, stay well and keep looking to the stars. The Vulcans could land any time!

Submitted by
LTJg Jim Clunie
Fleet Coordinator, SETI Project
Starfleet Command - Q1

Honoring Our Midshipman Members



THE STORY BEHIND THE WORD "MIDSHIPMAN"

A midshipman is defined in many dictionaries as 'a student naval officer ranking above a master chief petty officer and below a warrant officer'. But when the term originated in the British Navy, the name was applied to naval students not because of their position in the hierarchy of naval officers, but because of the location of their bunks on a ship. This was amidship on the lower decks. Hence, these budding executive officers were called 'midshipmen'. The American colonists adopted the term and the practice of putting these trainees in the ship's center (which, by the way, was the safest place to be during broadsides of cannon fire!) The term fell out of use after the day of the wooden sailing ships passed, but was reborn as a designation for the students at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

FADM Don Dailey
Commander in Chief
Starfleet Command, Q1

Interview with MDSHM Michael Bischoff (age 8):

Q. Who is your favorite Star Trek character?

A. Spock, because he can use the Vulcan nerve pinch.

Q. Who is your favorite Captain?

A. Captain Janeway of Voyager.

Q. What is your favorite ship?

A. Voyager.

Q. What would you like to see on "Enterprise"?

A. I would like to see them get advanced super plasma photon torpedoes.

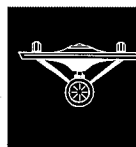
Q. Who is your favorite "Enterprise" character?

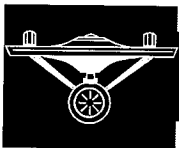
A. Captain Archer. I like that he has a dog.

Q. What other science-fiction shows do you like?

A. "Star Wars" and "Stargate SG1".

Respectfully,
RADM Mary Bischoff
Executive Officer
USS Halsey





Recruiting Strategies

ADM Andy Sams asked the Commanding Officers of the larger ships to share their strategies for recruiting. So, I emailed ADM Sams and told him I felt a little foolish because we really do not have a strategy. But, as the CO of the Endeavour, I feel I should say something.

First, I would like to state that, although recruitment is important for the continued evolution of a fan club, a fan club is more than numbers. Sure, large numbers are something to be proud of, but it is not the number of people on a ship that makes it great. It is the relationship between its members.

Our process went something like this. When we formed the Endeavour, our founding members wanted a solid base from which to grow, so we set down some simple ground rules. We developed a constitution so members would know what to expect and what was expected of them. We then agreed that, until further notice, we would have no local dues so no one would be excluded for financial reasons.

We then contacted many of our friends and family who liked Star Trek and told them about the club and the activities we had planned. At that time, many were interested for two reasons. First, they already knew most of the members and second, participating in our activities sounded like fun.

As time went on, we continued to plan more activities. In September of 2003, we signed up for a booth at the Small Town Festival in Alexandria, Indiana. We sold crafts and promoted our ship. Although we barely broke even financially, three new members joined. In October, we had a Halloween party and invited more friends and family. At our Christmas party, a family of four who had been to the Halloween party joined the Endeavour. Another family of four joined at our Easter party. See the trend? Parades serve a two-fold purpose. Two families who were invited to participate in a parade joined our club, and parades also help hold us together. There is a great feeling of closeness when members get together to build a float, assemble the float, and go through a town proudly representing our local club and Starfleet Command.

As more holidays, parades, and festivals approach, we continue to plan celebrations and invite everyone we know. And, just in case, I always carry about ten SFC applications to every event!

CMDR Roy Jackson
Commanding Officer
USS Endeavour NCC-1508

Endeavour Teens on TV!



Several of us teens from the USS Endeavour are enjoying a wonderful experience—the chance to be on television. In cooperation with SOC Entertainment of Dayton, Ohio, we Endeavour teens have been filming a PBS TV program—and having the time of our lives!

The big green bus—still awaiting its christening—has made several trips to Dayton now, loaded with Endeavour members, snacks, sleeping bags, and lots of laughs. Endeavour teens recently involved in working on the TeenTV program with Dayton's Starfleet Officer's Club include: Patrick Beane, Cory Hollingsworth, Dylan Hollingsworth, Bobby Irwin, Julie Mulder, and Lexi Wehmanen. Accompanied by Cyndi Jackson, Roy Jackson and Lisa Wehmanen, we have traveled to Dayton and filmed background segments for the TeenTV program.

The "TeenTV" talk show is a show where we can get together and talk about the issues that we have to deal with as teens today. The topics to be discussed so far are: Drunk Driving, Death, Parents, Grief, Teen Suicide, Drugs, and Peer Pressure. TeenTV will be providing the help information for these issues at the end of each program. Hopefully, watching the show will encourage teens in trouble to speak out and get the help they need.

Several fun and educational activities have been provided as the backdrops for these background segments. We have played football and gone bowling. We have visited an early-America historical park, a miniature golf park, an arcade, the Dayton Air Force Museum and played in bumper boats.

While all of this filming has been undertaken for free, there is a chance that a grant will allow us eventually to receive paychecks for our participation. We have been set up with TeenTV e-mail addresses—so we can receive our loads of fan mail—and we have been provided with business cards!

We want to wish a big "Good Luck" to Bobby Irwin. Bobby will be undertaking the acting challenge of being in a TV romance on the teen talk show. Bobby is paired up with Stephanie—one of the cast members from Dayton. Bobby is going where no teen has gone before because no one else from the Endeavour volunteered for this romantic set-up! Good luck, Bobby, and have fun!

Submitted by
LTJg Julie Mulder
USS Endeavour





SEM-RIK!

("Fascinating!" in Vulcan)

"Red sky at night,
Sailors' delight.
Red sky at morning,
Sailors take warning."



When I was a little girl, my father often quoted that old "red sky" saying and swore by the truth of it. On the morning of the deadly spree of Palm Sunday tornadoes, he observed this red sky phenomenon out on the farm in Middletown, Indiana. He warned my grandmother to fill containers with water and have them sitting by the door to the cellar, along with blankets and the other usual emergency supplies. He rightly predicted horrendous weather on that Palm Sunday. But how much accuracy is there in predicting the weather based upon what the heavenly bodies do? That's our topic for this science brief!

Believe it or not, the "red sky" method of weather forecasting does have some merit. Red sunsets in northern climates do indicate good weather, while red colors seen at sunrise often come from the scattering of light caused by cirrus clouds at the front of an approaching storm. The "red sky" rhyme originates in Mathew 16:2 as Christ says: "When it is evening, you say, 'The weather will be fair, for the sky is red.' And in the morning you say: 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and lowering.'"

What about those rings of light—those halos—we sometimes see around the moon or sun? Don't those have something to do with incoming weather? Sometimes, yes. Just before the blizzard in New York in 2003, a large, bright ring surrounded our moon, and several callers to News 12 Weathercast in New York were quick to tell station meteorologists that because of the presence of that halo, they knew a lot of snow was coming. Right they were!

The halo that these New York residents saw is something that forms when ice crystals high in the atmosphere (above 26,000 feet) are lit by sunlight or moonlight. The crystals are suspended within cirrostratus clouds that usually appear before a warm rain. A halo in warm weather can often indicate a long, slow rainy day starting in about 12 to 20 hours. And of course, if that halo appears during winter, that long, slow rain is going to be—you guessed it—snow!

A farmer comes into the kitchen around 11 p.m. and tells his family: "Get ready for bad weather; there's no Beehive tonight!" Beehive? What's a beehive got to do with the sky and the weather?



Well, the Beehive is a star cluster--a misty patch of light known as Praesepe. There are hundreds of little stars in this cluster appearing within the constellation Cancer. When icy cirrus clouds appear, they dim the Beehive even when the brighter stars, sun, and moon seem clear to us. So when the Beehive is absent, stormy weather may be on the way!

It's a crisp, cold winter night. You are certain that the weather is perfect for using that telescope you just got for Christmas; the sky is clear and filled with thousands of twinkling stars. Nope!! 'Fraid not! Actually, somewhat hazy summer nights when fewer stars are visible are better times for star-gazing. The cold air of winter is often full of varying pockets and layers that make the stars appear to twinkle; getting a good, accurate look at those stars isn't always easy! The same thing happens after a storm in summer. So keep those telescopes capped until two to four days after that summer storm!

So there's our science briefing for this edition. Enjoy your summer, enjoy the stars, and look out for halos, dim Beehives, and red morning skies!

"Mene Sakkhet Ur-Seveh!" ("Live long and prosper!")
T'Vryss (LTCDR Stacy Mulder)
First Officer/Chief Science Officer
USS Endeavour



Growing Up with a Sci-Fi Parent

Nerd – Loser – Dork – Oddball – Weirdo

These are all words most people would associate with a sci-fi fan. It's hard to be a sci-fi fan today without being ostracized from society. And, if it's hard to be accepted as a sci-fi fan in average society, it's almost ten times harder to be accepted in the central place of teen drama and over criticism in the judgmental hallways of high school.

Growing up with my mom as a big Star Trek and Sci-Fi fan herself, it was almost natural that I would be one too. As I reached middle school I realized it wasn't "cool" or "popular" to be a "sci-fi nerd" as it was called then. And, since I was trying to find myself, as most middle school students are, I quickly dropped the sci-fi fantasies I had been raised with and tried to be what was considered "cool" and "popular."

After I had branched out of my melodramatic middle school years, I was set free into the high school world and my thoughts of sci-fi had started to come back to me. Once again, I was wearing my Star Trek shirts from when I was younger and begging my mom to let me go to conventions. I attended my first Slanted Fedora Convention at the Indianapolis Marriott East my freshman year. I stayed the entire weekend with a couple of my friends (and my mom of course) and had the time of my life. About eight months later, I attended my first InConjunction convention at the Sheraton Hotel. Then one year later, I worked my first convention at InConjunction along with my boyfriend, Cory, and my mom. Now, I am prepared to work at my first Starbase Indy Convention this coming Thanksgiving.

All of this is a new experience for me, but I have to say, I don't hate it!! So now, as a self proclaimed sci-fi nerd; I shout it out loud and proud. **"NERDS OF AMERICA, LIVE LONG AND PROSPER!"**

Respectfully,

LTJg Jackie Huff
USS Adventure

AN ARMY OF ONE



The United States Army has a new slogan, an "Army of One." At face value, this would seem to suggest one person has the ability to do it all. Upon closer reflection, the true meaning becomes clear; one person CAN make a difference. You--- your talents, time, energy, and voice are needed. This article is not an ad to join the Armed Services- instead, it is meant to encourage each of you to rise to the occasion and consider volunteering opportunities in Fleet.

I realize life can be hectic these days with family obligations, work, school, kids, and social activities. Sometimes I wish we lived on planet with 30 hours in each day, just so I could have a shot at getting everything done! In reality, we need YOU to make SFC succeed.

Our organization, Starfleet Command (SFC) does not exist in any building. SFC resides in the collective hearts and minds of each member. YOU are SFC. You are the bricks and mortar of our fan club. We work together in units, regions, and nationally, to make a difference in the lives of others. Without good people volunteering their time and talents, our organization could not exist.

Imagine if you were promoted, but no one volunteered their time to process your orders? How would you feel? Do you realize that when a promotion request is made no less than four people volunteer the time and energy to make sure your promotion is documented, new orders are issued, and are sent out to your commanding officer in a timely manner? No one in Fleet is paid for his or her services. We all give freely of our time because we care.

I challenge each of you to make a difference. Set aside a few hours each week for Fleet matters. Remember, it is better to give than to receive, for in giving, our reward is knowing that each of us do make a difference!

RADM Brian Mitchell
Deputy Chief of Communication
Starfleet Command – Q1



SEEK & FIND

Ship Classes of Star Trek

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