Winfield Scott Journal





Party on the Promenade Happy New Year

Renewals

John Durham Dave Miller Ruth Phelps

New Member

Charlotte Barnes



Captain's Log

Stardate 2101.15 things have been a bit out of the ordinary for the crew of the Winfield Scott, However with a new year ahead of us we are hoping for a better, less difficult year. Within the last year we have had a lot of challenges; being isolated, some people not working, others were working from home, some people working more. We have not been able to have a regular meeting since March of last year. At that time we had not only begin Covid as a crisis but we also endured our Captain's Cancer out of remission.

As many of you know our Beloved Captain passed late April, nothing has been the same since. Members of the crew lost a Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Friend. We have since tried to continue on this journey, and get through the Detours of it all.

We have decided to carry on with the Crew; as our Late Captain's wishes. We have hopes to being able to have a meeting in the near future, and hopefully we will be able to adjust as much as possible to the "new normal." We would like to be out helping others in the community, but do to the circumstances with Covid that is not probable at the present time. When is possible we plan to do so as our Late Captain would have done, to carry on her legacy. That includes but not limited to volunteering at Museums, Schools, Feeding the less fortunate, helping homeless Veterans and more. We look forward to helping our fellow man, and assisting where we are able to.

~~~In Loving Memory of Captain Faith A. Raley~~~

## **An Adventurous Planetary Landing**

On a Planetary Landing, on the Planet Earth we discovered a cold white substance on the ground, our Chief of Security checked out the area. He noticed that the strange white stuff was all over everything outside of the Ship, he tried to get a sample of it to get it to the lab to make sure that it was safe for the crew to be around. Chief of Science was able to do some research thought we might have settings on test machines set too high or too low, summoned Chief Engineering Officer to check and found out that the settings were all accurate. However the white specimen kept turning to water; rather quickly. They were able to determine that the white stuff is snow. Needless to say this was a fun; learning experience for the crew. We learned that snow is cold and will melt at zero degrees Celsius; we also learned that it can be fun to play in or with for example we had fun throwing snow, saw some people laydown in it moving their arms and legs at the same time. (Seems strange to me that people would want to get cold and wet.) Heard some people talking that the road conditions were slick, we have investigated this further as to why some of the surface areas were slick, where as other areas it was not. Turns out that the snow melted turned to water, and was able to freeze and create ice; which made some surfaces slick. Due to the atmospheric conditions of our home planet Mars; we have never seen an accumulation of snow, or ice before. On Mars due to the conditions when it does snow it evaporates before it touches the ground. Our Crew had a fun learning, experience.

Looking forward to more fun adventures of playing with the snow, apparently people have plastic round and oblong devices that they slide down a hill with on top of the snow and call it sledding. Also saw an activity that looks strange but fun, people put long pieces of laminated wood approximately two meters long, on the bottom of their boots, and use poles to help guide them down the hill at what looked close to warp speed this activity they referred to as skiing. We also discovered that people like to pack the snow in a ball and throw it at each other, they call it snowball fights. After further adventures on this planet we also discovered that people like to make things out of the wet snow; like a snow fort or a snowman. We also discovered some people on motorized equipment; with tracks on the bottom of them driving through the snow, and ice this big machine we found out was a snowmobile so if you're looking for an adrenaline rush that might be for you as speeds can be one hundred fifty miles per hour or more.

However the snow does have its downside as after it starts to accumulate people have to remove it from streets, and walkways. There are various ways to do this, we observed a big truck with what they call a snowplow on the front of it to remove snow from the roadways, and apparently for walkways people use a fascinating machine that they call a snow blower. The snow blower seems to be efficient in the removal of snow from the walkway, as someone walks behind the machine to guide it and holds on to it while it's on so it can throw the snow off to the side in the grass.

Stay tuned for our next mission, and adventure!!!

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Dave: retired after fourteen years with Dignity Memorial... Excited as he has more time with his Grandchildren. He stated that the recent retirement feels like a vacation not actual retirement, haven't had a vacation in over five years only been retired since the end of the year.

Phil: Excited that Christmas is over, even though packages are still backed up. Been staying home with the exception of working. He was happy that he got his car dug out three days ago from the last storm. Also he mentioned that he has been trying to stay healthy.

Ruth: Nothing new, spending time with Grandkids, working a lot, watching Television a lot. Had plans to read several Books, however being a Science Officer, she had an interest in reading an article about Scotty, and how his ashes where secretly on the International Space Station For twelve years. She learned that his ashes traveled 1.7 Billion miles in space, orbiting Earth over 70,000 times.