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**Astronaut
Michael Collins
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Gemini 10, Apollo 11
Age 90
You will be missed
God speed Michael Collins
God Speed**



From the First Officer

As the song goes, 'here we go again. Welcome to another fun-filled edition of the StarLight newsletter. This time

around, it's for the month of June. Only this time around, it's not so fun-filled. Well, at least some of this newsletter will be fun-filled.

The reason for this is the passing of an American legend and hero. The death I am talking about is the command module pilot of the Apollo 11 spacecraft, the Columbia astronaut Michael Collins. He passed away at the age of ninety on April 28, 2021. Unfortunately, when N.A.S.A. and his family announced his passing, the StarLight newsletter for May was already in the can as it were and could not be included in that issue. This is why the article is in June's newsletter. Other than that, May has been a quiet month so far. Not so sure about June yet.

You see we do these newsletters in advance to have them ready by the beginning of each month to be turned over to the C.O.C. for the fleet website. And the way it goes, within a couple of days, it shows up on the fleet website.

Well enough of that, along with the obituary on Michael Collins. We have an update on the Mars rover Perseverance and its companion helicopter, Ingenuity. We also have the next chapter in Brightstar's adventure, 'Moving On.' This next chapter is the only two-part chapter in the story. We also have the next installment of The Strange, The Weird, and What the @&!#. Pinn Pinn's Recipe Corner, and the Bible Quote for the month of June. In recognition of Father's Day, this month's subject is about the father and the prodigal son. We have a few more stuff as well.

So read on and enjoy.

It's time I put this puppy to bed.

See you next month.

The First Officer



Bible Quotes

Luke 15:11-32

11. Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

16. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17. "When he came to his sense, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18. I will set out and go back to my father and say to him; 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20. So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22. "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. 'So they began to celebrate. 25. "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28,"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

30. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him! 31. "My son" the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

The Strange, The Weird, and What the @%&!

Hey, I found a few more whoopers this time around. And some of them you will not believe that they actually happened. I know didn't when I first read them myself. So, without further adieu read on and judge for yourself.

What a Pane:

"I don't mean to bother you people in this neighborhood," wrote James Pane, 50, to his neighbors in Rochester, N.Y. They could "call the cops they won't catch me." He would continue, he said, to harass one neighbor — an "[expletive] crack head [who] owes me a lot of money for drugs." Until that neighbor "pays me off," Pane continued, "I will keep throwing bombs off in his yard." When there was a loud explosion at 2:37 a.m., there were multiple calls to 911, and security camera images showed a red pickup driving off — a pickup that looked just like Pane's. Investigators executed a search warrant at his home and found bomb-making materials. He was arrested and faces 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines upon conviction. (RC/WROC Rochester) ... *The police, meanwhile, were not bothered whatever.*

The Goats of the Reptile Kingdom:

Buzzy Weekend: "I'll do anything to keep people from killing the bees," said Jesse Johnson, a firefighter-paramedic in Las Cruces, N.M. Johnson is a beekeeper on the side and knows healthy bees are important for human survival. That's why his department called him on his day off. A man made a 10-minute stop at a supermarket, and when he finished he found 15,000 bees had swarmed into the car he borrowed for the trip. "Luckily, when bees are swarming, they're pretty docile," Johnson said. "They don't have a home to protect for a moment. It's much more intimidating than it is dangerous." He donned a hood, gloves, and protective shirt, coaxed the colony into a portable hive, and took

them home, where he already has four hives. There was, however, a minor injury among the on-duty fire crew. "One guy got stung on the lip," Johnson said, "and we made fun of him the next morning." (RC/New York Times) ... *Yeah, having co-workers make fun of an injury always takes the sting out.*

Couple: Man has tossed used cups in their yard for 3 years

LAKE VIEW, N.Y. (AP) — An upstate New York couple may have finally solved the mystery of who's been tossing used coffee cups in their front yard for nearly three years.

Edward and Cheryl Patton [told](#) The Buffalo News they tried mounting a camera in a tree in front of their home in Lake View to catch the phantom litterer. But it wasn't until some neighbors got involved recently and followed a minivan and jotted down its license plate number that there was a break in the case.

After Edward Patton called police, they waited and pulled over a vehicle driven by 76-year-old Larry Pope, who Cheryl Patton said had once worked with her and had disagreements with her over union issues.

Pope was charged with harassment and ticketed for throwing refuse onto a roadway.

"I found it very hard to believe that someone I knew would do something like that, especially at his age," Cheryl Patton told The News. The Pattons said the littering has stopped since Pope was pulled over.

A message was left at a phone number listed for Pope on Sunday.

Japanese man arrested after dating 35 women at the same time in bid to 'get birthday presents'

Danielle Demetriou

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Takashi Miyagawa was apparently found out when the women joined forces to create a victims' association - SoraNews24

A Japanese man has been arrested after reportedly dating more than 35 women at the same time.

Takashi Miyagawa, a part-time worker, is being investigated for allegedly defrauding dozens of women by pretending he was serious about each of their relationships and receiving hundreds of pounds worth of gifts from them.

He was apparently found out when the women joined forces to create a victims' association after discovering his extensive infidelity and reported him to the police, according to local media.

Among the claims is that he gave each woman a different date for his birthday, ensuring a constant stream of gifts throughout the year.

One 47-year-old woman reportedly thought his birthday was on February 22, another aged 40 was told it was July, while another 35-year-old believed his birthday was in April.

In total, he allegedly received around 100,000-yen (£668) worth of gifts from the women, including a £200 suit.

The women discovered his extensive infidelity and reported him to the police - SoraNews24 Miyagawa, from the Kansai region, allegedly began his dating spree while working for a marketing company selling shower products.

He is accused of targeting at least 35 single women through his work, allegedly pretending to each that the relationship was serious and saying he wanted to spend his life with them. A report by MBS News included photographs apparently showing Miyagawa with women in different locations, such as a park and restaurant.

Police are reportedly investigating to find out whether any other women were taken in by the alleged serial dating scheme.

The story elicited mixed responses online, with one reader commenting that "He's an awful person, but I envy his time-management skills," according to SoraNews24.

Spellbound:

Caron McBride, formerly of Norman, Okla., didn't understand why she kept being fired from jobs — her employers never explained her sudden terminations. She finally discovered the problem when she tried to update her driver's license, and the clerk informed her. McBride realized "when [employers] ran my criminal background check, all they're seeing is those two words: felony embezzlement." She didn't run out on some criminal charge: she had no idea she was wanted. The "felony embezzlement" alleges she rented a VHS video tape and never returned it. The charge was entered in 2000, and she was never informed. She says *Sabrina the Teenage Witch* isn't something she'd ever rent ("I have never watched [it]; just not my cup

of tea"). The store went out of business years ago. "Meanwhile, I'm a wanted felon for a VHS tape," she fumed. The Cleveland County District Attorney's Office dismissed the charge, but McBride still needs to go to court to get her "criminal" record expunged. (RC/KOKH Oklahoma City) ...*Be kind, your honor: rewind!*

Got the Picture?

"One of our Charlotte drivers verifies that when driving a truck, you must be prepared for anything!" said the trucking company Ward Transport in a post online. They attached a photo from a North Carolina truck's dashcam clearly showing an animal not normally seen on a highway, let alone flying above it: a fish. A bird apparently lost its grip on its catch, which then hit the truck's windshield. (RC/WPDE Myrtle Beach) ...*Finally: someone saw the one that got away.*



Expedient:

"I literally have been laughing all day," admitted Francesca Wikoff of Maricopa, Ariz. While that's an unusual response to having a tire slashed on her pickup parked in her driveway, the vandal left a helpful clue for police. First, a blood trail leading to the house of a neighbor Wikoff has been feuding with. But there was also something else. A former volunteer firefighter and medic, Wikoff said that if the man headed to the hospital for treatment, "especially if you just severed your finger off," she would think "that you would take said finger with you." He didn't. Police confirm that the finger belonged to the neighbor, and Kevin Johnson has been charged with criminal damage, assault, threatening and intimidating, and disorderly conduct. (RC/KTVK Phoenix) ...*At some point, Wikoff should give him the finger.*



Michael Collins
An America Hero
Astronaut of Gemini and Apollo
Program
October 31, 1930 - April 28, 2021



Michael Collins was born in Rome, Italy, on October 31, 1930, to a U.S. Army Major General who was station there just before the outbreak of World War 2. The father, along with young Michael and his fam-

ily, moved from post to post. From Rome to Oklahoma to New York to Maryland, Ohio, Puerto Rico, Texas, Virginia. Finally settling down in Washington D.C.

He would later graduate from St. Albans preparatory school in Washington D.C. He would later receive an appointment to West Point in the state of New York. Graduating in 1952 with a degree in Bachelor of Science. After graduation, he would enlist in the U.S. Air Force. He would learn to fly the F-86 fighter jets. He would later be stationed at Nellis Air Force base in Nevada and then George Air Force base in California. He would be assigned to Chambly-Bussieres Air Force base in France. Then Michael was stationed in West Germany during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. In 1957 he would return to the United States to take a course in aircraft maintenance officer course. Upon graduation from the course, Michael would be placed in command of a mobile training detachment traveling to various air bases worldwide.

In 1960 Michael Collins reported to the Air Force Experimental Flight Test Pilot School (Aerospace Research Pilot School) at Edwards Air Force Base in California. The class he was in also included future astronauts Frank Borman, Jim Irwin, and Thomas Stafford. While at Edwards, he served as a fighter pilot and test pilot logging in 4,200 hours of flight time between 1959 to 1963. He would later apply to become part of N.A.S.A.'s second class of astronauts but



was not chosen.

In 1962, he took a post-graduate course in basics of spaceflight and included with that, was learning to fly an F-104 supersonic jet to 90,000 feet (27,000 meters) and training in weightlessness on parabolic flights. After he graduated from the course, Mr. Collins would return to flight operation at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. He then reapplied to N.A.S.A.'s third group of astronauts and was accepted in 1963. Before the Gemini 10 mission, he would help design the spacesuits used for the Gemini program. Later he would serve as backup pilot for Gemini 7 mission.

July of 1966 would find Michael Collins in orbit with John Young aboard Gemini 10 spacecraft. The duration of the mission was three days. During those three days, there were to rendezvous with and dock with the Agena test vehicle. He was proving that it is possible for two spacecraft could rendezvous and dock with one another. He also performed two spacewalks.



On July 18, 1966, Collins would set a world altitude record and become the third (at

that time) person to walk in space. One of those spacewalks involved being the first to transfer from one spacecraft to another and the fourth person to exit a spacecraft. His job was to retrieve a cosmic dust collector from the exterior of the Agena test vehicle. Of course, the first attempt did not go as planned.

"I arrived at this goddamned Agena, which is not meant to be grabbed (by the human hand), and I've got to grab it. So, the time I grabbed it. I went to the end of it, and it had a docking collar. Docking collar are built to be nice and smooth so that the probe that goes into them will be forced into them. They have smooth lips and edges on them, and that's what I was grabbing. Well, I grabbed -bulky gloves, and my momentum is still carrying me along so I, just slipped, and as I went cartwheeling ass and teakettle, up and around and about until I came to the end of my tether, and then it swung me in a great big arc."

Collins had to use a handheld gas thruster

to get himself back under control. Young moved the capsule closer to the Agena. The second attempt would be successful.



“It was more like acrobatics and a guy on a trapeze and stuff that you don’t think about in the space program. If we’d really given it more thought, we would have said, “Well, when you get over there, what are you going to grab it, which hand? How are you going to stabilize it? Where are you going to put your hand and your feet, and what’s going to hold you in place?”

“Maybe the answer would have been, ‘Hey, you get Lockheed to install a couple of hand-holds on the front end of that Agena, and then it would have been relatively simple thing. But we didn’t think of it.’”

After the Gemini program, Collins, Borman, and Stafford were slated for the Apollo 8. This part of the Apollo program was to test the Apollo command module in Earth orbit then test it in lunar orbit. However, two things would change all that for Mr. Collins.

The first was during his training; he developed a cervical disc herniation. He was then removed from the Apollo 8 crew for the duration. Then on January 12, 1967, during what should have been a routine test, a flash fire broke out in the Apollo 1 command module that took the lives of Gus Grissom, Ed White, and Rodger Chaffee. After which, the Apollo 8 mission was canceled and combined with another Apollo mission. Creating a new Apollo 8 mission. Once Michael Collins had recovered, he was assigned to the Apollo 11 crew as the command module pilot.

During his training for Apollo 11 with Armstrong and Aldrin, the backup crew suggested to Collins about incorporating the American Bald Eagle into the Apollo 11 emblem.

“Of course! What better symbol-Eagle landed, didn’t they?” From his memoirs ‘Carry the Fire: An Astronaut’s Journey’ 1974. “At home, I skimmed through my library and finally found what I wanted in a National Geographic’s book on birds; a bald eagle, landing gear extended, wings partially folded, coming in for a landing. I traced it on a piece of tissue paper and sketched in an oblique view of a pockmarked lunar surface. Thus the Apollo 11 patch was born.

And on July 20, 1969, would mark the second time that Michael Collins would head into space. This time he would do it aboard Apollo 11 as command module pilot of the Columbia, while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were down on the lunar surface.

Mission Control likened Michael Collins's experience to the first Human in existence. “Not since Adam has any human known such solitude,” a mission commenter said. On the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing in 2019, Michael Collins rejected that statement saying,

“That’s baloney. You put some Samoan on his little canoe out in the Pacific Ocean at night, and he doesn’t really know where he is going; he doesn’t know how to get there. He can see the star’s they’re his only friend out there, and he’s not talking to anybody. That guy is lonely. Columbia (the command module) was nice, secure, safe, commodious place. I had hot coffee; I had music if I wanted it. I had nice views out the window.”

On their return to Earth, all three were awarded the Presidential medal of Freedom. After 21 days in quarantine for “moon germs” embarked on a world tour of 22 countries in 38 days. From ticker-tape parade in New York and Chicago to attending a state dinner and addressing the joint session of Congress.

After Apollo 11, had Michael Collins stayed in the astronaut corps, he believed he would have been offered a spot on the Apollo 14 backup crew, leading him to command the Apollo 17, the final Moon landing in 1972. But that was not to be. He would soon leave the astronaut corp.

“In June of 1969, I couldn’t even count to 17, nor do I have regrets today over the decision.” Collins wrote in 1974. “Still, I watched Gene Cernan with more than average interest during the flight three and half years later.”

With two space flights under his belt, he would have a total of 266 hours in space and 1 hour and 27 minutes of E.V.A. Michael Collins would retire from N.A.S.A. in 1970. The Nixon administration recruited him to be Assistant Secretary of State for public affairs. After being on the job for a year, he resigned from the position; He just didn’t like the job.

After leaving the White House in 1971, he became the first director of the Smithsonian Institution’s Nation Air and Space Museum. He was responsible not just for just having the new

new section of the museum being built but for having done it under budget and ahead of schedule. It was opened to the public on July 1, 1976. Among the items that were displayed were the Apollo command module, the Columbia. Michael Collins donated some of his own personal effects from the mission to go on display.

In 1973 he became Under Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. As the Under Secretary of the Smithsonian, he was responsible for advocating funding from congress. Collins would head the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian until 1978. In 1974 Mr. Collins would complete Harvard Business School's advanced management program.

In 1980 he became vice president of LVT Aerospace and Defense Company, a N.A.S.A contractor, In 1982, he would retire from the U.S. Air Force with the rank of Major General. He would also leave L.T.V. in 1985 to found his own consulting firm.

The one question that he didn't mind answering and it was always the same question.

"It one of the questions I get asked a million times, 'God, you got so close to the Moon, and you didn't land. Doesn't that really bug you?' 'It really does not. I honestly felt really privileged to be on Apollo 11, to have one of those three seats. I mean, there were guys in the astronaut office who would have cut my throat ear to ear to have one of those three seats. I was very pleased to have one of those seats."

"Did I have the best of the three? No, but was I please with the one I had? Yes! And I have no feelings of frustration or rancor or whatever. I'm very, very happy about the whole thing."

Michael Collins was awarded several awards and medals. A few of the awards and medals he has are, N.A.S.A.'s Exceptional Service Medal, Legion of Merit; all three Apollo 11 crew personal were bestowed the Collier Trophy. Presidential Medal of Freedom, Harmon Trophy, Congressional Gold Medal, Inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame, National Aviation Hall of Fame.

A crater on the Moon is named in Collins honor; Armalcolite is a mineral first found at Tranquility base. The name itself includes parts of the names of the Apollo 11 crew. A statue of Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins stands N.A.S.A.'s Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Their names appear on four round plaques



located along the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Since 2007 Michael Collins appeared and or act in a film.

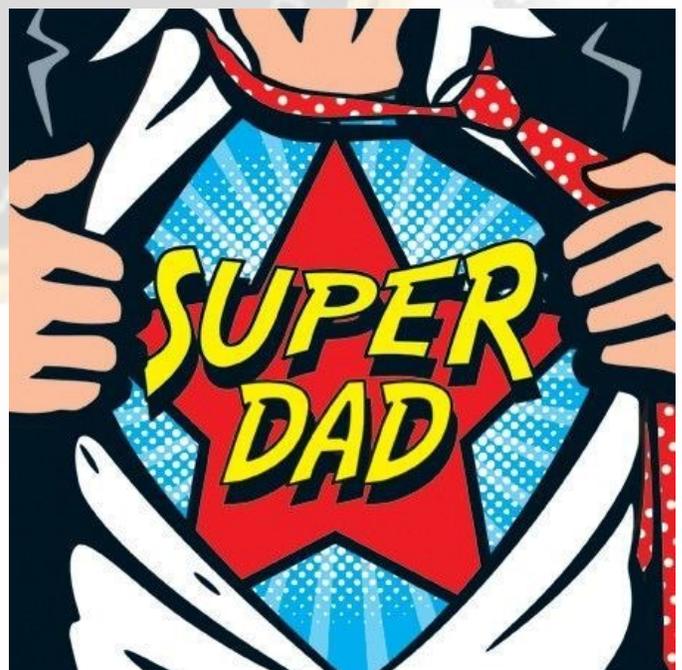
Here is a list of some of those movies, 'Old Man' 2009, 'Youth in

Revolt' 2009, Appeared as himself in this feature-length documentary 'In the Shadow of the Moon' 2007, 'Armstrong' 2019, Apollo 11' 2019,

He was portrayed by actors Jim Metzler 'Apollo 11' 1996, Cary Elwes 'From Earth to the Moon' 1998, Lukas Haas 'First Man' 2018, Ryan Kennedy 'For all Mankind' 2019, Andrew Potts 'The Crown' 2019.

Besides dabbling in acting, he wrote several books as well. He wrote about the one thing that he knew best, his experience in space. Some of the titles include 'Carrying the Fire,' 'Flying to the Moon and other Strange Places,' 'Liftoff! The Story of American's Adventure in Space', 'Mission to Mars: An Astronaut's Vision of Our Future.'

Michael Collins's cause of death was his battle with Cancer. He passed away surrounded by his family. He is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Patricia Finnegan, and his son Michael Collins Jr. He is survived by his two daughters Kate Collins and Anne Collins-Star and grandchildren.



Statements on Passing of Michael Collins



Astronaut Michael Collins, Apollo 11 command module pilot

Credits: NASA

The following is a statement from acting NASA Administrator Steve Jurczyk on the passing of Michael Collins:

“Today the nation lost a true pioneer and lifelong advocate for exploration in astronaut Michael Collins. As pilot of the Apollo 11 command module – some called him ‘the loneliest man in history’ – while his colleagues walked on the Moon for the first time, he helped our nation achieve a defining milestone. He also distinguished himself in the Gemini Program and as an Air Force pilot.

“Michael remained a tireless promoter of space. ‘Exploration is not a choice, really, it’s an imperative,’ he said. Intensely thoughtful about his experience in orbit, he added, ‘What would be worth recording is what kind of civilization we Earthlings created and whether or not we ventured out into other parts of the galaxy.’

“His own signature accomplishments, his writings about his experiences, and his leadership of the

National Air and Space Museum helped gain wide exposure for the work of all the men and women who have helped our nation push itself to greatness in aviation and space. There is no doubt he inspired a new generation of scientists, engineers, test pilots, and astronauts.

“NASA mourns the loss of this accomplished pilot and astronaut, a friend of all who seek to push the envelope of human potential. Whether his work was behind the scenes or on full view, his legacy will always be as one of the leaders who took America’s first steps into the cosmos. And his spirit will go with us as we venture toward farther horizons.”

The following is a statement from the Collins family:

“We regret to share that our beloved father and grandfather passed away today, after a valiant battle with cancer. He spent his final days peacefully, with his family by his side. Mike always faced the challenges of life with grace and humility, and faced this, his final challenge, in the same way. We will miss him terribly. Yet we also know how lucky Mike felt to have lived the life he did. We will honor his wish for us to celebrate, not mourn, that life. Please join us in fondly and joyfully remembering his sharp wit, his quiet sense of purpose, and his wise perspective, gained both from looking back at Earth from the vantage of space and gazing across calm waters from the deck of his fishing boat.”





This just in from Mars:
Ingenuity makes fifth flight

May 7, 2021 Ingenuity made its fifth flight on Mars. It lifted off from the self-proclaimed airfield, dubbed Wright Brothers airfield. It flew four hundred and twenty-three feet (129 meters) to land at its new airfield to the south. It climbed to a record altitude of fifty-three feet (10 meters) and took a series of high-resolution pictures of its new surroundings before touching back down to the Martian surface.

This flight means that the rotorcraft is moving from the testing phase to the demonstration phase. This phase will focus on its investigation capabilities and its operation it can provide on Mars. Examples include scouting, ariel observations on areas that are not accessible to the rovers. The lesson that are learned here will be applied to future missions.

“The fifth flight of the Mars Helicopter is another great achievement for the agency.” Said Bob Perce, associate administrator for N.A.S.A. Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate.

“The continuing success of Ingenuity proves the value of bringing together the strength of diverse skill sets from across the agency to create the future, like flying an aircraft on another world!”

The flight began at 3:26 p.m. EDT (12:26 p.m. PDT, 12:33 p.m. local Mars time) it lasted over 108 seconds. The Ingenuity team chose the new site based on the information from the previous flights from an “aerial scout” operation. This is the first “aerial scout” on another world. These types of operations could help in detailing elevation maps. On this flight, the indication shows an almost completely flat terrain and almost no obstructions.

“We bid adieu to our first Martian home. Wright Brothers Field with grateful thanks for the support it provided to the historic first flights of a planetary rotorcraft,” said Bob Balaram, chief engineer for Ingenuity Mars Helicopter at J.P.L.

“No matter where we go from here, we will always carry with us a reminder of how much those two bicycle builders from Dayton meant



to us during our pursuit of the first flight on another world.”

The Wright Brothers went from bicycle builders to proving that power-controlled flights are possible. N.A.S.A. seeks to learn more with Ingenuity and applied what they learn to the next generation of helicopters and rotorcrafts that will benefit future exploration of the Red Planet. This new phase of flights could bring an added risk of Ingenuity with more one-way flights and precision. Ingenuity is awaiting new orders that will be relayed via Perseverance rover via mission controllers.

Both Perseverance is also heading south to commence science operations and sample collections.

“The plan forward is to fly Ingenuity in a manner that does not reduce the pace of Perseverance science operations.” Said Balaram.

“We may get a couple more flights in over the next few weeks, and then the agency will evaluate how we’re doing. We have already been able to gather all the flight performance data that we originally came here to collect. Now, this new operations demo gives us an opportunity to further expand our knowledge of flying machines on other planets.”

The Ingenuity was built by J.P.L., which also manages this device and others. This project is supported by N.A.S.A.’s Science, Aeronautics and Space Technology Mission Directorate, and N.A.S.A.’s Longley Research Center.



Pinn Pinn's Recipe Corner

Hi everyone. I hope your ready for another installment of Pinn Pinn's Recipe Corner. And I hope like and well enjoy this month's selection. Remember kids, don't try this alone and without adult supervision. And also remember, try not to burn your house down. See you next month.



You think you know medieval cookery? You know nothing! Before we throw your useless hide off the wall, at least learn how to make some proper Snow.

You know nothing, Snow!

2 cups heavy cream
3 egg whites
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp rose water
Fresh Rosemary Sprigs
1 small green apple

Pour cream, sugar, and rosewater into a

bowl.

Beat the mix until it's as stiff as a frozen corpse.

Pour the egg whites into another bowl.

Beat them until they form peaks as stiff and tall as the mountains beyond the wall.

Gently fold the egg whites into the whipped cream.

Poke some deep holes in the top of your green apple.

Gently slide some fresh rosemary into the apple so it looks like trees rising from a grassy hill.

Pile your fresh Snow over the apple and around your serving dish to make a bleak winter mountain scene.

Add patches of gingerbread at the base of the mountain to symbolize the lifeless brown soil peeking through through the Snow.

Use this medieval dessert to suck up to black cloaked guards, pretty redheaded girls, or blue skinned ice zombies.



Ditch your boring Victorian dinner party guests for a trip into the distant culinary future with these Wellsian Fruit Kabobs.

Eloi Futuristic Fruit Kabobs (from HG Wells The Time Machine)

1/2 Fresh Pineapple, cut into cubes
6 fresh figs
6 fresh peaches
6 fresh apricots

6 fresh plums or plulots
1 cup Pinot Grigio wine
1 tbsp dark brown sugar
1 tbsp olive oil
1/2 tsp apple cider vinegar
1/2 tsp kosher salt

Set your [Time Machine](#) to 802,701 AD.

While you're waiting for the time machine to power up, mix the wine, brown sugar, olive oil, vinegar, and salt.

Once you arrive, bring the mix to a boil, reduce it to a simmer, and continue boiling until it reduces down to about 1/4 cup.

Once you arrive, explain the concept of a "knife" to the friendly natives. Demonstrate by cutting all the fruit in half.

Non-violently skewer two pieces of each fruit per kabob.

Soothe the Eloi's shattered nerves by gently glazing all the fruit kabobs in your wine mix.

Peacefully grill the fruit kabobs over the community's evening fire for 15 minutes, or until the fruit is warm all the way through.

Alternately, if you object to the violence intrinsic within fire, just drizzle the fruit in sauce and eat it raw.

These are best served with a hearty 20th century veggie burger, some 2nd century Roman roasted figs, and a decadent slice of 17th century French cheese.



Are they Centauri Roopo Balls? Narn Breen? Human Swedish Meatballs? Even Ambassador Kosh can't tell the difference. Since they cross species so well, we call them

Diplomat's Dinner Meatballs

3 slices white bread, torn into scraps
½ cup whole milk
6 tbsp unsalted butter
1 yellow onion, minced
1 pound 85% lean ham-burger
1 egg

2 tsp kosher salt
1 tsp fresh ground black pepper
1 tsp cardamom
1/2 tsp nutmeg
½ cup all-purpose flour
2 cups beef broth
1/2 cup sour cream

Put the warring factions of bread and milk into a single bowl and let them fight it out until you can no longer tell them apart.

Meanwhile, add 2 tbsp of butter to a skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the minced onions until they as soft as fresh Spoo, or about 4-5 minutes.

Use a fork to shred the last vestige of fight from the milk-soaked bread. Add the beef, egg, salt, pepper, cardamom, nutmeg, and onions.

Convince some Minbari a meatloaf broke itself into pieces so their religious caste can study every aspect of the food's being, so be good shell heads and reassemble the meat into one-tbsp sized balls when they're done.

Melt another 2 tbsp butter in your skillet and have some Pak'ma'ra cook the meatballs in batches until they're browned on all sides and cooked through, about 8-10 minutes.

When you run out of meatballs, melt the last 2 tbsp butter in your skillet. Sprinkle the flour on top. It'll look a bit like a Narn's complexion. Whisk it in until it's completely smooth and cook for 1-2 minutes. Add the broth, slowly, whisking it in as you go so your mix is free of lumps.

Keep cooking the sauce for 3-5 minutes, stirring frequently as it thickens. Add the sour cream and keep whisking until the sauce is as silky as a Centauri emperor's robes.

Return the meatballs to the pan. Coat them all in sauce and let them cook for another five minutes.

Serve at any negotiation where you need to give Centauri, Humans, and Narn a plausible excuse to sit down at the same table long enough to negotiate.

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'Moving On'

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Part One

Captain's Log

Stardate: Subjective

Captain Deora recording

"It has been two days since the Brightstar left the orbit of Vulcan, rather suddenly I would say. We are now an hour from point alpha, considering that we're at least fourteen hours behind schedule. This is due to the fact that whoever is involved with, or helping, if not both, the Vulcan Extremists. There is no doubt of that now. The destruction of the cloaked ship, the crippling of a So'cha class heavy cruiser the So'kel, and the damage done to this ship, is proof of that.

The cause of the explosion of the cloaked ship and the damage to two other ships was due to a poorly constructed, cloaking device. Then again, that may have been done deliberately. The First Officer and his team have deduced this by going over the readings they took just after the destruction of the cloaked ship. From what they've been able to figure out. The cloak was, in assents, a fuse for a very large bomb and the ship being the bomb. They think it was designed to go off when the cloak encounters the plasma exhaust coming from the So'kel. This is why the cloaked ship was destroyed and not both. The cloak had not encountered the plasma exhaust, but the shields of the So'kel instead.

Belek has received a coded message from his brother, the Captain of the So'kel. He said

that. "His ship and crew have made it back to Vulcan under their own power, although they were still escorted back to the planet, and questioned on what transpired before the arrival of the rescue ship. The So'kel is estimated to be in drydock from anywhere of six months to a year at the most.

On a personal note, the First Officer is coming along just fine with his treatments. His self-confidence and his "Proud to be a Klingon" mentality are returning to the same level that they were before all of this took place. He still goes to the holodeck and works out his frustrations, but occasionally goes to our ten forward to stare out into space and at the stars, but this time it is different. It's more like he is contemplating on what he has been through, and thankful that somehow he has survived it.

Captain Deora had just finished her log entry when she got up from her desk and went over to her replicator and order up some Andorian coffee from it. She had no more returned to her desk with her coffee when she heard the door chime.

"Enter." She said.

The doors to the Captain's quarters opened and the First Officer entered.

"Sir, we're an hour from point alpha." Commander T'sikes reported.

"Thank you, Commander. You know you could have called it down from the bridge." Captain Deora commented.

"And what, miss out on having some Andorian coffee?" He said with a half-grin on his face.

"The replicator is over there Sikes," Deora said with a smile and she nodded her head in the direction of the replicator.

The First Officer helped himself to the replicator and some coffee. Once he had his coffee, he walked over to a wall with photo's in the captain's quarters. The photos were of the lineage of the Captain's family down through the years. One photo, in particular, caught the First Officer's eye.

"Sir, this one photo here. I know that is not you in the photo, who is it?" The First Officer asked.

"Oh, that one. Yes. The blue devil on the left is my great-grandfather. Do you recognized the other two gentle beings in the photo, Commander?" Deora quizzed her number one.

"The Human to the right of him, he looks familiar, but nothing is coming to mind. Now the Vulcan next to him, I do recognize.

That is Ambassador Spock, but he is in a Starfleet uniform. I didn't know Ambassador Spock served in Starfleet." Sikes said.

"Well, that man next to my great-grandfather is his former commanding officer, and is none other than Captain James T. Kirk, at the Enterprise 1701-A's commissioning. This was taken just after his demotion from the rank of Admiral to Captain. He was then given command of...", Deora was explaining when Sikes interrupted.

"Given command? Of what, a garbage scowl?" Sikes asked and commented at the same time.

"No, he wasn't. He was given command of the USS ENTERPRISE NCC - 1701-A. That is why he was at the commissioning; He was given command of the ENTERPRISE. I can't remember exactly all the details, but he and his former crew of the original Enterprise somehow saved Earth from certain destruction at the hands of an alien probe, or something along that line. At one point, my great-grandfather did serve under Captain Kirk. Before he eventually moved up in rank and became a Captain himself. Well anyway, Captain Kirk would retire from Starfleet. He was later asked to participate in the commissioning of the Enterprise B. It was on this mission that Captain Kirk would disappear and be declared killed in action. Ambassador Spock didn't join the ambassador corps until after the disappearance of Captain Kirk. Some would say that Spock wasn't the same after that. Some would also say that this is the real reason why Spock retired himself and join the Ambassador Corps. Just a few years later Spock would himself, disappears. Eighty years later, Captain Picard of the Enterprise D, would find Captain Kirk alive and well inside some energy ribbon, and would also watch him die on the same day." Deora said as she finished her coffee at the same time as Commander T'sikes.

Both returned their coffee cups and saucers to the replicator.

"Well, shall we return to the bridge Number One?" Deora asked.

"I think that would be a very good idea, sir." Commander T'sikes answered.

Captain Deora led the way out of her quarters on their way to the bridge.

One hour later on the bridge of the Brightstar.

"Sir, the Brightstar is approaching point alpha." Ensign Tess reported.

"Thank you Tess. Ok T'sikes, remind me how this is supposed to go?" The Captain asked.

"The moment we reach point alpha, the Brightstar will come to a complete dead stop. At that moment, the forcefield will drop, and of course, everything in the shuttle bay will be sucked out into space." Commander T'sikes explained.

"What about when we leave point alpha?"

"That is the beauty of the plan, sir. Three minutes after the shuttle is released, the craft will power up, and then jump to warp and head in the direction of Earth." Sikes said excitedly

"Commander remind me please, what speed will the shuttle take off at?"

"Sir, the craft will leave point alpha at warp six," Sikes stated.

"So if we leave at the same time as the shuttle at warp six as well, the extremists or whoever they are will have one hell of a time trying to figure out which target to go after." The captain said with a smile, getting the gist of the plan.

"Exactly sir!" The First Officer confirmed.

"Sir, we have arrived at point alpha," Tess reported.

"Ensign bring the ship to a complete dead stop. Oh, and thank you." The Captain stated.

"Sir, we're standing by to open the shuttle bay doors and the lowering of the forcefield." The First Officer stated.

"Tess as soon as the shuttle takes off, jump to warp six at the very same instance." The Captain ordered.

"Aye, sir. My finger is on the button!" Tess stated.

"Engineering, Bridge." Captain Deora called out.

"Bridge, Engineering. Chief Kenny here. Go ahead Bridge, what's up?"

"Kenny, the release of the forcefield is on your command," Deora said.

"Aye, sir. Opening the shuttle bay doors." The chief said.

Then without warning, an alarm goes off. The Captain hears orders being issued left and right to a point that she has to step in.

"Chief, what the hell is going on?"

"Captain, there somebody in the shuttle bay. And the doors that lead to the shuttle bay won't open, we can get him out.!!"

"What about the Jefferies tubes?" The captain questioned the chief.

"We tried sir. They've been deliberately blocked and sealed. I got my people on it, but it's not looking good." The Chief said.

But before Captain Deora could ask another question, she heard Chief Kenny call out, "Shut it down dammit!! Shut the damn thing down NOW!!!"

A voice of a crewman could be heard in the background responding to the Chief.

"I'm sorry sir, I can't. I've been locked out. Sir, the forcefield is coming down!!"

"Tess get me a view of the outside of the shuttle bay, NOW!!!" The Captain ordered.

The view on the screen changed from open space to the aft end of the ship where the shuttle bay is located.

Before the Captain or anyone else could even react, debris, the shuttlecraft, and one body could be seen shooting out of the shuttle bay.

To Be Continued



Where is Doctor Who

Where was the Doctor last month ?



This is where is on an old tree stump behind a actual Fire Station



Where is the Doctor this month?



Can you guess where he is?

If you care to guess email me at captikes@yahoo.com

Birthdays for the month of May and June



Chief Engineering Officer
Ensign
Kenny Charron
May 11, 1958

Chief of Security
Ensign
Joshua Charron
June 11, 1989



Another Word-Search

Well, it as been a while since our last word-search and this page was originally suppose to have been the funny page. But I was going through a friends Word-Search puzzle book and found some word -searches. Well anyway the theme for this word-search is called

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All of the events described in the year 1966.

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Have A Happy
Father's Day



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