




TABLE OF CONTENTS

	PAGE
Welcome Letter	1
007 Tribble - The Heist	2
The Book Review	2
USF Trivia	3
Everest R&D	4
USF Message Boards	4
Humor	5
Wanted: Trek Cruise	7
Trek Gossip and Upcoming Episodes	7
The USF's Bit of Gossip (The Dirt)	8
Star Trek Fan Clubs: The Original Series	11
Wanted: Dead or Alive	13
Richard Biggs Convention Summary	13
Did you know about ... ?	14
My Convention Report	15
Birthdays (Cast and Simmers')	18
Interview with Commander Damara	21
Captaincy Aptitude Test	25
USF Trivia November Answers	29
Conventions	30
USF Sim Schedule	37
Credits	38



Welcome to the December issue of the USF PADD cyber-magazine! I hope this month finds everyone in good spirits. We are welcoming back a further saga in the stories of 007 Tribble (really hilarious!). We have a new Book Review column which you will find quite informative. Many of our regular columns make their appearances (read on to find which ones!). Just a reminder that if you have any Dirt about a USF ship (or its crew), please send it to CptAriell@aol.com. If you have any Star Trek Humor, send it to LtCmdrKivo@aol.com. And do remember to send your USF Trivia answers to LCdrJanar@aol.com. Feel free to email me or the authors with your comments or suggestions.

USFShodan



007 Tribble - The Heist

Submitted by LcdrRaptor

Tribble looked cautiously around the corner of the hall. No one in sight. Perfect. Then again, to a creature with no eyes, that didn't always mean much. So far, this mission looked to be a complete cinch. No one had bothered him the whole trip from the Science Labs, not even that nosy Pinky, the small fuzzy dame who'd been bothering him for the last few weeks. He'd hoped his boss had eaten her, but somehow he didn't bet on such luck.

Sure, it didn't really seem right, working for a lady dinosaur who ate most of his own co-workers and relatives, but as long as it earned him another day to live, he ran missions for her. Besides, it beat sitting around all day, trying to look cute and actually being worried about getting eaten. In a way, it was exhilarating, being the first of his kind to perform duties like this, to earn the respect of his fellow tribble, to boldly go where no tribble has - okay, back to the mission.

All he had to do was scuttle another 10.6 meters into Engineering and grab his objective and get back out. piece of cake. However, he would also have to get up higher, say about three feet, with no help. Hmm... Fuzzbrain scouted the terrain for a few more moments before finally deciding on a plan of action. With a roaring battle cry-which sounded amazingly like a kitten purring-Tribble bounced forward, trench coat flapping, fur rippling, sunglasses - oops.

First Lieutenant Frank nabbed the flying tribble out of midair and frowned at him sternly.

Tribble smiled innocently. "I wasn't doing a thing, honest, officer...." watching the floor waving back and forth dizzily, he sweated. *This might be an obstacle here...*



The Book Review

Submitted by LtCArronax

Welcome to the **USF PADD** book review. Each month I'm going to pick out one of the best *Star Trek* (and related) books that I have read and give you my unbiased opinion on it. This month, The Physics of Star Trek, by Lawrence M. Krauss.

What a great book for the ultimate Trekkie! The Physics of Star Trek has been out for a couple of years now, but I never cease to hear about it. All of the Trekkies that I know have read it and **loved** it. But what is it about? Well, physics, of course!

Everyone knows the infamous line by Scotty, "I canna change the laws of physics, Captain!" but this book tries its darndest to prove him wrong. Various topics discussed are the internal workings of **tractor beams**, inertial dampers, and shields. Everything relates back to how warp drive cannot function, and **time travel** is flawed, in the first chapter entitled, "A Cosmic Poker Game."

Constant references to *Star Trek* and numerous real life **analogies** bring the book down to Earth making it understandable to all. The well known physicist, Stephen Hawking, wrote an introduction specifically for this book which brings a bit of **humor** to the serious aspects of theory. No part of this book is a waste of your time. At twenty U.S.-Terran dollars, it is a must read for all.

Thanks, all, for reading. Next month I will be reviewing the relatively new "sequel," The Metaphysics of Star Trek!!! (If you have comments, questions, or completely disagree with my review, contact me onboard the Excelsior @ LtCArronax.)



-Λ- USF TRIVIA -Λ-

Editor: USF Tamara

Questions: LCdrRMason, LCdrJanar, USF Tamara

=/=THE NEXT GENERATION=/=

An inverse tachyon beam does what?

What's the name of Data's sole sibling?

=/=VOYAGER /=/

What allows the EMH to move freely about the ship--even in places where there aren't any holo-emitters?

What did Chakotay give Janeway as a birthday present in the "Year Of Hell" episode?

=/= DEEP SPACE NINE /=/

What's the Cardassians' name for DS9?

What's Nog's current rank?

=/= MOVIES /=/

Where was the Klingon/Federation peace conference (in ST:VI) held--after the Chancellor's daughter asked for its moving to a neutral planet?

In "ST:Generations," Picard's family was killed. How?

=/= Auxiliary /=/

Why can't the Federation develop cloaking devices?

Thanks for playing the December edition of USF Trivia! Please send your answers to LCdrJanar. The person (Andorian, Borg, Klingon, Cardassian, Romulan, Vulcan, Betazoid...and even human) who answers the most questions correctly will be featured in the January edition of this column. Thank you to the following for getting the most correct answers from last months column:

FIRST PLACE: MelandWes, with a score of 9 out of 10

SECOND PLACE: CptAriell and USF Winger with a tie of 8 out of 10

THIRD PLACE: LtCARonnax with a score of 7 out of 10

FOURTH PLACE: LtHobbes1 and USF Shodan tied with a score of 4 out or 10.

HONORABLE MENTION: CmdrMaarek.

Good luck and keep on Trekkin'!!



EVEREST R&D

Submitted by LCdrObrien

Some know of it, some don't. Everest R&D is a research and development department aboard Starbase Everest, with members belonging to Everest and other sim groups. Everest R&D and its members work on individual or team projects to produce technology to be used by USF ships and new sim groups. Everest R&D also works on starship upgrades requested to be done by USF hosts who have decided to destroy their ship, or by hosts interested in creating a new sim group. We've upgraded the USS-Stealth twice, the USS Halifax once, and have another upgrade on the way.

There is a definite set of protocols that is followed by the Research and Design Department. When a member of the R&D comes up with an idea for a project, they write a proposal to the entire group and it gets modified as other members comment on it. Finally, after the proposal is complete, I will approve it, and the member can begin working on the project. The stages of R&D project work include: research, testing, simulations, presentation, and others. If a project is approved after its completion, it is admitted to Everest's archives (currently in transition). Once in the archives, it can be placed on any suitable ship during an upgrade.

Personally, I would love to give you a little taste of what we are doing, but currently much of it is classified. However, some big changes just might be happening, so stay tuned for next month's article.



USF Message Boards

Important Information on the new Message Boards

Reprinted with permission from emails sent out on 97-11-25 and 97-11-26 by Admiral Clements

New Posting Regulations.

Read ALL Before Posting

Good Day,

The old message boards have been turned into archives. There are now two new message boards. They are 'USF Command' and 'USF Headquarters'.

Each of the Message Boards hosts various ships.

Instructions on using the new USF boards for the the first time...

- 1) Locate the USF Simulations Message Area. (We have our own area, this can be bookmarked as a Favorite Place.
- 2) **IMPORTANT...** Click on Preferences
- 3) Change the setting to **Alphabetical**
- 4) Type 9999 in the Box that says "Show Message Posted within the last ____ days.
- 5) Exit Preferences (You only need to set your preferences once)
- 6) Highlight the board you want to view.
- 7) Click on **List All**
- 8) There one will see all the ship topics.
- 9) **Either** Click on the Ship/Topic you want or Highlight the Topic and Click **List Posts**
- 10) Click the **Reply** Button
- 11) Post your message.

Note: Please Remember, **Click List All on the Board you want**, or all the ships may not come up.

Second Note: Never Create a Subject... Have a Suggestion for a Subject, E-mail
usfab1701@aol.com

Messaging Concerns:

When posting messages, I must re-enforce. **You must highlight the board you want and Click LIST ALL.** If one just double clicks, it shows all of the posts that are unread. This makes the boards look very confusing ;-(

Also, you may change the Subject/Topic of the Message you are posting. Just make sure you post under the topics designated for a particular ship.

If you do change the topic, keep in mind that it may appear to show up as a subject. But it will only show up as a subject if you fail to use the List All button.

Thanks.



Submitted by LtCmdrKivo

Ok, everyone, first a very Happy Thanksgiving from the humor columnist, who's not with you this issue. This is his other personality speaking. Anyway, here's his humor column, featuring two pieces he wrote!!

This piece was recently published in the Star Trek Top Ten of the Day mailing list.

Top Ten Facial Expressions of Chakotay

10. Deadpan
9. Deadpan
8. Deadpan
7. Deadpan
6. Deadpan
5. Deadpan
4. Deadpan
3. Deadpan
2. Deadpan

And the number 1 facial expression of Chakotay

1. Poker Face

And for the first time ever, a Top Ten list written again by the normal humor columnist (with some help from FCptShodan).

Here are the Top Ten Reasons the Dominion is Losing the War.

10. The Dominion didn't live up to the No-Fly Zone shooting threats.
9. the Federation started transmitting the Spice Girls on all Jem'Hadar comm frequencies
8. Ziyal's birthday present to Dukat: Twin Tribbles!!
7. Lwaxana Troi came to the station!!

6. Odo morphed into Fran Drescher
5. To confuse Weyoun, Odo becomes a new Founder every day...
4. Data started telling them jokes.
3. Weyoun started watering down the rations of white.
2. The minefield is powered by Energizer... It keeps going and going...

And the number one reason the Dominion is losing the war...

1. Voyager appeared and saved the day at the last moment... Again...

And to end things off, here are Top Ten Reasons Data is better than Spock.

Top Ten Reasons Why Data is Better than Spock

10. Two words: DETACHABLE HEAD
9. Data has an internal magnetic inducer (whatever THAT is)
8. Spock went to Romulus for peace; Data went to kick some serious butt
7. Who needs a neck pinch when you can bench-press a shuttlecraft?
6. Data is capable of letting anything other than logic sway his decisions
5. Data's interested in women
4. Data's never been called a "green-blooded S.O.B."
3. Data can admit that some people just know more than he does
2. Screw the mind meld; Data's got a tricorder
1. Data would never say "Pain, pain, PAIN!!!"

[sent in by FCptShodan]

Well, I'll be going now. Quint says hello and to send him humor ... His new SN is **LtCmdrKivo**.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING ALL!!



Wanted: Trek Cruise

Anyone interested in going on a Star Trek cruise.

I am in the process of contacting some of the former as well as present Star Trek show/movie members to schedule a cruise to the Caribbean next year.

This will be an adventure for everyone. On the cruise there will be a murder mystery that the Trekkies will have to solve.

There will be a costume party!! So what ever species you are, come prepared to join the fun.

PLEASE contact me at **EnsZardoz@aol.com** if this is something you would be interested in. Spread the word, wouldn't it be great to have a whole ship of Trekkies!



Trek Gossip and Upcoming Episodes

By: CptAriell

NEW ARRIVALS !! (CptnSierra)

Roxanne Biggs-Dawson (Torres) and Robert Duncan McNeill's (Paris') wife Carole

have the same due dates for their babies. Roxanne is having a girl, and the O'Neills are having a boy. Congratulations and good luck to both of these Voyager actors on their soon to be family members. We shall try to bring you the news when either Roxanne or Carole have their babies.

Will the Voyager Crew Ever Get Home? (CptnSierra)

Roxanne Dawson leaked a tiny bit, revealing that in an upcoming episode, there will be "limited... very limited transmission with the Alpha Quadrant, back and forth, message(s) sent and received... where we find out all kinds of general news, such as finding out the Maquis has been disbanded and a lot of its members killed, so we [Maquis crew members] have this kind of 'survivor's guilt,' that we're all wearing Federation uniforms and working and living happily on Voyager,.... there's great [interaction] ... and it's a great [plot]."

Did you ever wonder if when you send a letter to someone in Star Trek that you will get a real response? Well Captain Sierra of the USS Potemkin sent in some questions about the designs of a ship, and this is what Michael Okuda (co-author of the official Trek Encyclopedia) himself had to say.

**Subj: Re: Question Re: Akira-class vessels? & the Updated Treklopedia
Date: 97-11-16 13:20:12 EST
From: Okuda23392
To: CptnSierra**

Thanks for the note and for the kind words about the Encyclopedia.

Simon and Schuster Interactive are, indeed, releasing a new update to the Omnipedia to coincide with the release of the new hardcopy edition. This new update, now entitled **The Star Trek Encyclopedia, Interactive Edition**, has been expanded to a four-disk set, which includes a whole bunch of video clips from the episodes. (All the previews from the TNG episodes, I think).

Unfortunately, we don't really have much data on the First Contact ships beyond what's in the Encyclopedia. We haven't done any episodes that require more information, so we won't know anything until an episode or film establishes it. Put another way, your speculation about the ship is as valid as mine at this point.

Hope this helps. Thanks again for writing.

-Mike

(Editor's Note: Isn't that just so neat? I think so.)

Upcoming Deep Space Nine Episodes

(All dates are Saturday week of since the satellite owners get them first. Most of us see these episodes the following week)

Episode #	Title (R indicates this episode is a rerun)
515 (11/29) R	A Simple Investigation
518 (12/06) R	Ferengi Loves Songs
522 (12/13) R	Empok Nor

Unfortunately we are coming to that time of year when Star Trek does many reruns. With the holidays coming I am sure that we all expected this.

Upcoming Voyager Episodes

(All dates are Wednesday week of)

Episode # Title (R indicates this episode is a rerun)

178 (11/26) Concerning Flight (DaVinci has somehow made his way off the holodeck and onto the planet where Janeway encounters some trouble. Find out just what happened to the Doctor's holo-emitter in this episode)

166 (12/03) R Displaced



The USF's Bit of Gossip (The Dirt)

edited by Captain Ariell Johansson-Riker

ATTENTION READER'S

Did you enjoy last month's DIRT section?!? Well if you did, I didn't hear from you. **HARDLY ANY TIDBITS OF GOSSIP WERE SENT TO ME.** ::Big frown:: Yes there are a few gossip tidbits here, but I had to write most of this up myself. Come on everyone. I know you want to spill your sim's dirt. Let me hear from you. E-Mail CptAriell@aol.com with your bit of dirt. You can even remain anonymous, just let me know that in the e-mail.

I would like to keep this section, but I can't do it without your help. Yes that's right. **I NEED YOU ALL !!** Has your Captain been sneaking around in the holodeck late at night, your CMO dancing with the Helm Officer at parties, or maybe somebody just shot themselves in the foot with their phaser. (he he) Whatever the news is on your ship, we want to hear about it. Send your news, gossip, and good ole fashion dirt on the crew to me at CptAriell@aol.com

I can't wait to hear from you. --Ariell--

Lothlorien Gossip

by CptAriell

Lots of promotions going on this month here on the Lothlorien. Thanks to those crew members who have remembered to inform me of their screen name changes for the Log Book subscription. Congratulations to all of you who were promoted especially: **Lieutenant Commander Kivo, Lieutenant Commander Wolfe, and First Lieutenant B Hobbes.**

Potemkin Gossip

The Potemkin never ceases in all of its excitement. While **Captain Putty** has taken a hiatus from the vessel, Command has changed into the "capable" hands of **Captain Sierra Rhydarr**. Why is capable in quotes?? Well perhaps because after a week of command the secondary hull was blown apart in its fight with Dominion/Jem'Hadar forces at Deep Space 9. Is this a trend that she is setting? ::Ponders for a moment:: Well let us hope not. ::Winks::

The new USS Potemkin - C was launched on SD 9711.20 with most of the crew present. **Admiral Miranda Becker** saw to the christening of this fine new vessel. Hmm that name sounds familiar somehow. I wonder why.

At the launching ceremony **Counselor Alkar** mentioned that a one of the commanding officers should be put on a collar and leash. Good grief what is that one about?? Of course there was plenty of the "blue stuff(tm)" on hand. Most enjoyed themselves. :-)

Darmok gossip

First Lieutenant Kayla "Ro'Suv" Peters

Well if you were confused by **Captain Ahrele Johannson** and her twin (Captain Ariell Johannson-Riker, USS Federation), before, then you will really be messed up now. Not only are there the Johannson twins running around the galaxy, but it seems that a **clone of Captain Ahrele** is also roaming around with none other than **Joseph Becker**.

Yes you heard me right. The roguish Maquis Captain has escaped death and capture yet again, to torment **Ahrele** to the very end. This time it seems, though, that he has found the perfect way to get into **Ahrele's** mind. Why the clone of course. Not only has **Miranda** (Ahrele's clone) been seen with **Joseph Becker**, after rescuing him from the Darmok, but she has also married him.

::Eyes widen:: Just remember that you heard it first here. **Miranda Johannson** has married **Joseph Becker**, and now she fights with him in the Maquis and for that cause. ::Shakes head:: What is this world coming to? What is it with this family and the Maquis? So watch out. If you think that **Ahrele** is paying you a visit to your quarters, your ship or your home planet ... be careful it may not be her at all.

What does the Darmok crew do for relaxation? Well some go to **Risa** and some stay on the ship, but all had very interesting times. This includes the **Commanding Officers** who got a little closer to their significant others. Although a certain female Borg got a little closer to her significant other than her Betazoid friend did. ::Winks::

Nigala gossip

The Local Restaurant/Bar Owner

::Walks over to her communication terminal and sets the message to record::
Charrette Sandrine here with the best gossip yet on the Station Nigala. Boy oh boy is a lot going on here.

Is there love in the air? Perhaps, but it could just be the wine. Somehow something poisoned (tainted) the wine in the replicators and people began "attacking" each other throughout the entire station. No I don't mean they started beating each other. I mean passionately attacking each other. It was utter chaos here. In trying to hurry back to the safety of my quarters I noticed **Lieutenant Commanders Jeter and Jade** "wrestling" around quite happily. I have heard that the same type thing was happening on the bridge and in engineering as well.

Now that the affected crew is back to their normal celibate selves, it can be seen just who is in love with who on the station. On my off hours in **Charlie's**, I have noticed **Captain Doug DMoney** roaming the Promenade. It seems that he isn't sleeping well, and neither is **Commander Karis Tok**. Word is that sparks are just waiting to fly between the two of them.

::hears someone coming:: This is **Charrette Sandrine** signing off. I'll keep you informed. ::The screen goes blank again::

Integrity gossip

One of the "pouncing" guests

How do you keep a Klingon from finding out about his own Birthday party? Keep him occupied of course. That is exactly what **Captain Rigel** of the USS Integrity did on SD 9711.14. Keeping a sim full of intrigue and officer disobedience, **Rigel** kept **Gorkon's** attentions anywhere but on the fact that slowly but surely several higher ranking women of the USF were sneaking into the chat room.

When **Gorkon, Rigel** and the disobedient **Major** went into the Captain's Ready Room,

each of the Integrity officers found some reason to make it to that location as well. The farce was soon up when one officer handed **Commander Gorkon** a PADD, with the words HAPPY BIRTHDAY on it. That was the cue for the pouncing to begin as one by one Female USF Host after another pounced, hugged, squeezed, dumped gatorade, and generally wished **Gorkon** a Happy Birthday in their own way.

Happy Birthday again **Gorkon**, and does anyone else have a birthday coming up for this group of pouncers to visit? I hear they take reservations. LOL !!

SOG gossip

Specialist Alexandra Kelly

The problems, trials and intense situations never seem to end for this group of protectors and operatives of the USF. Although I can't disclose much (because they would trace this transmission back to me and have me executed for divulging secrets. ::Winks:: J/K) for security reasons, I can let you know about a couple peculiar things.

Do you think that you really know **Captain Hanson** of the SOG?? If you do think again because something is definitely going on with her. Is it good or bad? Hey this prejudiced gossipier thinks it is good, but the captain's fascination for muttering in Klingon has this doctor worried. I wonder what will happen here.

All work and no play makes even a SOGgie a dull person. A recent ceremonial appearance on Betazed allowed the crew to kick back and relax. A couple of crew members were seen tangoing across the floor rather closely. Hmm is something there that the rest of us should know about?

Speeches were made, and crew honored with medals, but not all was enjoyable and peaceful. Even an non-empath could feel the tension between a certain SOGgie and his family. Yelling and harsh words were exchanged, but is blood thicker than water. Will this one's mother ever respect her son for what he is and his accomplishments and not some silly lineage? Be sure to check back next time for more insiders notes.

Federation gossip

By CdrTamara

Welcome to another edition of Federation Gossip! The Federation crew are hopping, as usual. They had a masquerade party for Halloween which included such memorable figures as **IAMFABIO**, a couple extra copies of **Captain Ariell**, **HanSolo**, **Luke**, **Leia** and even **Porky Pig**! And as the old saying goes, while the cat's away the mice will play!

Commander Tamara Zekad took advantage of her Captain's absence two weeks ago and had a holo-pip ceremony in which every member of the crew received a holo-promotion! Unfortunately, **Captain Ariell Riker** would not allow the promotions to stand when she returned....all the crew were somewhat saddened, but resigned. Rumor has it that **Commander Tamara** had already started moving into the Captain's quarters when **Captain Ariell** informed the crew of the change of plans. ;-)

Ensign Riker received a promotion to Lieutenant (jg) Riker on Stardate 9711.23. **Lieutenants Shrader and JScott** were also given promotions, each were promoted to First Lieutenant. The Federation also received a visit from Dana Scully and Fox "Moulder"! Everyone wants a piece of the Federation action, it seems. Stay tuned for next month's edition of Federation Gossip!

Eclipse gossip

anonymous

Congratulations to the following characters on their promotions:

Jake Vargo to Lieutenant Junior Grade

Sidney O'Conner to First Lieutenant
James Junior to Lieutenant Junior Grade
Candace Nehera to Lieutenant

Also, a certain officer on the Eclipse has been known to lock himself into the Chief Engineer's Office and play Aerosmith on maximum volume. If he thinks the rest of the crew (or at least, the rest of the engineering department) can't hear what's going on, he's wrong. ;)

There have also been arguments (and a few fights and conspiracies) over hording Shodan's brownies. Certain people (Jake Vargo and James Junior) don't seem to want to share their bounties (referring to their pans and pans and pans of brownies).

****REMEMBER**** -- I'm right here, just an email away at CptAriell@aol.com.

Your *Dirt* is always welcome. Please submit those juicy morsels of gossip from your ships! I invite *all* of you who are reading this to send something to *The Dirt*. Requests for anonymity are respected.



Star Trek Fan Clubs: The Original Series

By: CptAriell

Do You Remember?

Do any of you remember back a few months when Captain Shodan (USFShodan) ran a series of articles on Star Trek and other actors fan clubs? She looked into the side of why do you join fan clubs and gave some of the fan clubs addresses.

I am happy to say that I have finally found nearly all of the Star Trek actors fan clubs, and I would like to pass them on to you. This month's feature is Star Trek: The Original series. All of the clubs that I have found so far are listed on my web site at <http://members.aol.com/captariell/fanclubs/>

If you know of an Official or Non-Official fan club that I don't have listed, please contact me at CptAriell@aol.com Please give as much contact information about the club as possible so that I can pass it on. Also if there is a science fiction series that you would either like the fan club information for or you have fan club information again let me know at CptAriell@aol.com I am always looking for more. Hopefully the list will grow further as I am able to search out other science fiction/fantasy clubs.

THE FIFTH HOUSE(The First Lady of Star Trek)

The Majel Barrett-Roddenberry/Nurse Chapel/Lwaxana Troi Fan Club

c/o Frank Balogh/ Jim Damelio

1239 North Main Street

Waterbury, CT 06704-3177

E-MAIL <mailto:joining@sprynet.com>for more information or to join.

WILLIAM SHATNER FAN CLUB

C/O J. Mason

7059 Atoll Ave

N. Hollywood, CA 91605

**LEONARD NIMOY FAN CLUB
PO BOX 17096
St. Paul, MN 55117-096**

**The GEORGE TAKEI FAN CLUB
C/O Jackie Edwards
29 Goodhale Rd
Cloverhill, Norwich
Norfolk NR5 9AY UK**

**WALTER KOENIG
PO Box 4395
North Hollywood, CA 91607
or
c/o CA Heslop
16 Fens Crescent
Hartlepool TS25 2QL UK**



WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE

By: Cmdr. Winger (USF Winger)

SUBJECT: Manil Thary

NAMES AND ALIASES: Manil Thary goes by the alias of "Kharver," probably because he is

known to carry a vibro-capable switchblade.

CHARGES: Arms dealing, memory erasure, suspected murder

BACKGROUND: Manil Thary was born on Bajor, to Manil Treisk and Rekista, who were miners in

the Cardassian Occupation. Thary also became a miner, but quickly left that occupation

when the Cardassians moved out. Little is known about the years after that. He had a

shaky alibi on the night of his parents' murder, and is suspected in that incident. After

the murders, he took up temporary residence on Deep Space Nine, where he remained

for several weeks, hanging out in Quark's Bar. Before long, Eric

Cantwell, the arms

dealer, hired him as an associate. Kharver, as he was then known, left with Cantwell,

and set up shop on Psi Cassiopea Two. Kharver has left the planet a few times

afterward, travelling to Bajor and Deep Space Nine for various "business reasons." He

also ventured into The Badlands for reasons unknown.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: Kharver, though Bajoran, does not wear the Bajoran

earring. He wears old miner's pants, and other paramilitary fatigues. He is slightly

shorter than two meters, and black eyes. His hair is long and often unkempt, black in

color. Kharver carries a small disruptor and a vibro-switchblade.

SHIP(S):

•High Roller, modified personal ferry.

KNOWN ASSOCIATES:

•Eric Cantwell. Human. Psi Cassiopean arms dealer.

•J.C. "The Jackal" Cantwell. Terran. Former Maquis. The Jackal is Cantwell's secondary associate, and does the dirty work for Cantwell's business.

•Jaskens Riene. Bajoran. Jaskens is the weapons manufacturer for Cantwell's business.

IF SPOTTED, CONTACT: Cmdr. Jay Winger, executive officer of the *USS Excelsior*, at

USFWinger@aol.com

If you know of a dangerous criminal on the loose, send the data to USF Winger@aol.com



Richard Biggs Convention Summary By Captain Ariell Johansson-Riker

Here begins Part II of the Atlanta, GA September 12-14, 1997 convention stay. For those who missed Part I (The Robert Beltran Convention Summary) you can check out the November 1997 issue of the PADD at <http://members.aol.com/usfpadd/>

Many said that the science fiction series Babylon 5 (<http://www.babylon5.com/>) would never make it past the 1st season or ever get the attention of Star Trek fans. Well they were wrong on both accounts. Babylon 5, coming up upon its 5th season (starting in January on TNT) has not only gotten the attention of many Star Trek fans, but it is sweeping thorough science fiction fans like a wildfire.

Richard Biggs, who plays Dr. Stephen Franklin, has been part of the dramatic magic of this show since its beginning. His onscreen performance, which is excellent, is only second to his good humor and offscreen personality at this convention.

Dressed in a dress slacks and a casual shirt, his whole image said sophisticated and suave, but he didn't lack any of the familiarity with the audience. We all laughed hearing Richard

tell us about some of the jokes and pranks that he, Jerry Doyle and others play on each other.

He said that with the serious tone of the series there isn't as much time for big pranks on the set, but they all get in their fair share. Jerry and Richard especially love to tease and torment their make-up ladies. They have picked on these poor women so much that depending on what color make-up bag they make the guys carry to the set (they make them carry a pink one if they are mad at the guys) the rest of the cast and crew can tell if Jerry and Richard are in trouble.

Richard did give us an inside tip on Jerry Doyle. It seems that Jerry is doing less partying and more nights at home. If you know the party animal that Jerry is, you'd know this can mean only one thing. Has he found a special someone??

What about the move to TNT from Warner Brothers grip? Richard feels that it is a positive move, and the zeal that the TNT executives are showing the cast and crew is great. For example he talked about the day after the sale was final of the show. The actors arrived to their trailers as usual, but inside was a huge fruit basket with champagne, and a banner saying "Welcome to TNT". He is also impressed with the mural that now lines their lot. It is a huge side of a building painted with the cast and scenes saying Babylon 5 on TNT.

How does he feel about Claudia Christian leaving? He is saddened by her leaving, but wishes her well in her future endeavours.

Although this convention started off horrible with the hotel mix-ups and horrible hotel service, both of the convention speakers made the trip more than worthwhile and an enjoyable experience. If I had the opportunity to see Richard Biggs again would I go? In a heartbeat.



Did You Know About ... ?

{Read to the tune of "Uptown Girl" by Billy Joel"}

The Log Book,

It's worth much more than just a glance or look!

I'm sure you'd know that if you had ever

Read any of it, and if you've never,

Then you better

Look at the Log Book!

Just to see what other writers have cooked

Up in their minds; You should read each one twice!

You don't want to miss out on something nice.

Take my advice.

And if you're crazy 'cause the Log Book isn't done,

We will remind you that though it is lots of fun,

It still takes 14 days

For us to raise

Logs to amaze

In the new Log Book!

Just look at it once and you will be hooked.

If you are talented, then please send in

Any of your great writing creations.

We'll publish 'em.

Thank the staff for bringing you this publication,

But you have yourselves to thank for your elation.

You all write the stories

For us to see

In every USF Log Book!

**You're crazy if you don't want to take a look.
And to all those who fully intend to
Read the Log Book, I'd like to welcome you
So read, please do!**

CHECK OUT THE USF LOG BOOK! (Courtesy of LtSperol)

That's right, you too can get in on another one of the USF's best kept secrets, the USF Log Book. We are here for you. Did you wonder where the Log Count, Log Excerpts and stories went? Well they went to the USF LogBook, a publication solely dedicated to showing off the best in creativity of the USF.

I know that we have been a bit of hiatus for the past two months, but it is time to return. Be sure that you have your subscription in so that you don't miss out as this AWESOME publication returns.

Since you are already reading this, you know how to subscribe to the USF PADD. Now you can get a subscription to the USF Log Book and complete your collection by opening the door to a whole other world. See the daily lives of the USF crew members from their creative point of view. Read about their wild and crazy adventures in their stories and tales. I am sure that you will enjoy it.

Everyone on the staff of the USF Log Book would be more than happy to welcome you. All you need to do is send an e-mail to cptariell@aol.com listing what version of the Log Book you wish to be added to. We have a Windows 3.1 and a Windows 95 edition, as well as a MAC (Text) edition. Place LOGBOOK SUBSCRIPTION in the subject of the e-mail. Sign up for your copy today.



My Convention Report

by USFShodan with help from KQuire

I went to a Vulkan Science Fiction Convention with Captain Ariell in September. We had a lot of fun. Vulkan puts on a very good convention - I highly recommend them. This was my fourth convention, and my second Vulkan. Both Vulkons were superior to "the other guy." I have nothing good to say about the hotel we stayed at, so I just won't say anything. While there, I had the chance to meet Commander Spock, Captain Zier, Commodore Lynx, and Commander Hayes. I was pleasantly delighted with them all. And Spock is *nothing* like you'd think he is. :D

All conventions have a Dealer's Room, where you can spend any amount of money. If you wanted to, you could literally spend one thousand dollars and not have duplicate items. Many dealers do have duplicate items (especially pictures, calendars, and trading cards). I bought the Voyager series three trading cards from the first table I stopped at for fifteen dollars. On the other side of the room, another dealer was selling the exact same thing for ten dollars. I recommend scouting out the entire room before buying things! One table was selling a nine inch Chakotay doll for forty-two dollars. Another table had that doll for thirty-five. I've heard you can get it at Wal-Mart for twenty. And no, I don't have one ... yet. :-) Pictures (without autographs) are five dollars, pretty much any where. It's just everything else (I guess) that the dealers try to get as much money as they can out of you.

We knew that there were going to be other speakers at this convention besides the main advertised star (which was Robert Beltran), but we didn't know who else until we got to the convention. We found out that two other speakers would be Richard Arnold and Richard Biggs.

The first speaker was Richard Arnold, who gave a slide presentation of Deep Space Nine. He had previews (not spoilers, but previews - there really *is* a difference) about that show's first seven episodes. These first seven (as everyone knows by now) were one big story arc, although each episode was a story in and of itself. Richard apparently has been involved with Star Trek

since TOS (The Original Series starring William Shatner, about whom he had only positive things to say). Actually, Richard had only positive things to say about everyone involved. He gave a very interesting presentation, and he is quite knowledgeable about many aspects of Star Trek (including the ever-elusive continuity).

The next guest was Richard Biggs, who plays Doctor Stephen Franklin on Babylon 5. I was pleasantly surprised to see him - he plays one of my favorite B5 characters. Richard demonstrated quite a repertoire, even doing a couple of scenes from Shakespeare. He also showed us the difference between Star Trek fans and soap opera fans. Apparently, Star Trek fans are more likely to pleasantly greet the star they encounter. Richard Biggs is quite talented, and Babylon 5 is lucky to have an actor of his caliber on their show. We were delighted with his presentation on both days (Saturday and Sunday).

The featured performer of this convention was Robert Beltran, who plays Commander Chakotay on Star Trek: Voyager. Robert is the reason we came to this Vulkon convention in Atlanta in the first place. I was absolutely delighted to see him again (I saw him in Cleveland, Ohio, in March of 1996). Robert is absolutely wonderful. And not just because he has a smile that could melt an iceberg! Robert is nothing like the character that he portrays. In his own words, "You have to understand that I am totally nuts, once you understand that, we will get along just fine!" He then proceeded to say, "There are three types of questions I *will* not answer: 1. anything personal, 2. anything political, 3. anything about Star Trek!" Robert was such a hoot both days. :-)

A little boy asked Robert when he was going to be promoted to the rank of Captain. Robert replied, "I don't want to be promoted." He seems to feel a great deal of loyalty to Captain Janeway (and all of the Voyager cast and crew).

Another person asked Robert about his ethnic background. "I'm second generation Mexican. My grandparents on both sides of my family are from Northern Mexico - a few states in Northern Mexico. My mother was born in Arizona. My father was born in Bakersfield, California. That's where I was born. Same high school, elementary & junior high school that my dad went to, and they still remembered him. [laughter from the audience] Especially my football coach! Let's see I have nine brothers & sisters and we're not even Catholic! [laughter] I have seven brothers and two sisters. ... My mother just turned 78 on the 4th of July" (to which we roundly applauded). That's for you, Mom! Can you hear them? And she loves Kate Mulgrew. [imitating Mom] "Ah if I were the Captain of that ship, that's how I would be!" [laughter] Mom, I think you would be just a little bit more!"

A young girl asked Robert how he felt about being an action figure, and she handed him hers to show him what she meant. As he took it, she said, "Sorry ... it was kinda bent in weird positions 'cause my mom was playing with it!" The entire room filled with hysterical laughter! We were laughing so hard that we were literally almost falling off of our chairs.

Robert was then asked how he felt about Kes leaving the show. "Jennifer was so ... is wonderful! She's going to do really well. She's a really, really good actress, and we're going to miss her. I hated to see her go."

It has been publicized many times that Robert is not (and never has been) a science fiction fan. With this in mind, someone asked him why did he audition for Voyager. "Well, my agent called me up and said, 'We have this audition for Star Trek, are you interested?' And I said, 'Yes.' And he sent me the script, and I read it. It was the Caretaker pilot episode, and I liked what they had done with the character. I felt it was an interesting character. And so I auditioned for the character, and they called me back and then back again. And after the third one, my agent had left a message to call me and told me that I got the role.

On both days, Robert was asked the inevitable question about a possible romance between his character and the Captain Janeway character. Robert seems to be in favor of that romantic match-up. He acted out an impromptu scene each day. On Saturday, he pretended that the microphone stand was Captain Janeway. On Sunday, he used someone's card-board stand-up of

her. Many audience members hooted at this, especially when he put his arm around the pretend Captain (sometimes a little bit lower than her waist). On both days, he had the audience howling with laughter.

We learned from Robert that he and Garrett Wang like to do impressions, and that Garrett's pretty good at it. Garrett does Robert Duncan McNeill (who plays Tom Paris), Tim Russ (who plays Tuvok), Robert Picardo (who plays the holographic doctor), Robert Beltran, and Kate Mulgrew (who plays the incomparable Captain Janeway!!!!). Robert said, "Garrett does a pretty good Kate. But see, he really works at this! I mean, he goes home and works at this! He comes back and says 'I got it, I got it, I got it, man, I got it!' It's 5:30 in the morning! He'll go, 'Listen ... listen!' and then do Kate, and we'll go, 'Great, Garrett, yeah, pretty good, pretty good!' So he really works at it! We do Bob Picardo ... Garrett and I. I should say, the Doctor ... we do the Doctor! Let's see if I can come up with the phrase that we ... Garrett got it down first! The way Garrett does it is [Robert takes on a perfect mimic of how the Doctor holds his head, mouth and sticks out his chin,] 'Just remember, Kes. I know it's exciting on the bridge, but the real action is below in sickbay!' [and here the audience applauded wildly] So that's Garrett's imitation! Actually, I came up with the face, I was the first one to do the face. [he does an excellent Doctor face to more laughter!] See I'm not doing anything out of the ordinary, because we do this sort of thing to each other all the time. Sickeningly! I'm working on an Ethan ... a Neelix, and it goes ... I've got to get the right phrasing actually, but it goes something like this [he takes on the rather nervous mannerisms of Neelix] 'Uh, Captain ... uh ... I ... I would say ... I know something about this area ... well, I've not actually *been* through this area, but I ... I ... I have friends ... and I've been ... I don't know anything about this area, Captain!' [laughter and applause, the pitch of his voice is just okay for a Neelix, but the nervous mannerisms and intonations are *quite* good!]

Another woman asked, "Robert, a lot of Star Trek's litany of actors, performers, etc. seem to have some form of classical background. Shakespeare and How much of your background is classical in nature and what do you think the appeal is between Shakespeare and Star Trek?" Robert eloquently replied, "It's the language! You know, because, television, with Star Trek especially, you are using a syntax that is not everyday language. Plus you have the technobabble, so you have people speaking to each other in a way that we don't normally speak to each other, except, occasionally it sounds like real life. So within the context of the show, you have a strange syntax that you have to deal with. And then you have to deal with all of this science mumbo-jumbo, which is all smoke and mirrors, to make you think that they know what they are talking about, something scientific, but they don't! ... They look for people that have a facility with language. And so naturally, they're going to go to Patrick Stewart, and Robbie and everybody has a very solid, solid theater training."

Robert Beltran made this convention absolutely wonderful. He has such a tremendously positive rapport with the audience, and he is genuinely pleased to meet his fans. He is thankful for their enthusiastic response. I highly recommend to anyone and everyone that they go see Robert Beltran at a convention if they ever get the chance.



BIRTHDAY LIST FOR THE CASTS OF STAR TREKS

=====

Don't forget to mark your calendars folks. Do you share the same birthday with your favorite character? Check this section out each PADD to find out if you do.

DECEMBER

~~~~~

- 3rd - Brian Bonsall (Alexander)
- 9th - Michael Dorn (Worf)
- 10th - John Colicos (Kor)
- 11th - Teri Garr (Miss Roberta Lincoln)

15th - Garrett Wang (Harry Kim)  
28th - Nichelle Nichols (Uhura)

## **JANUARY**

~~~~~

6th - Aron Eisenberg (Nog, DS9)
12th - Kirstie Alley (Savvik from ST 2)
20th - DeForest Kelley (McCoy)

Know of anyone I missed for November/December let me know at CptAriell@aol.com.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE USF SIM GROUP MEMBERS

=====

~~If you don't tell me I don't know~~

NOTE #1 -- If you transfer your character to another ship or you get promoted please let me know. I will note it here on our birthday list. Otherwise I will just leave your old rank and ship listed.

~~Please make sure all correspondence goes to CptAriell@aol.com~~

NOTE #2 -- As always please be sure to put PADD BIRTHDAY in the subject line. Thank you.

~~Make up a birthday or use your own~~

NOTE #3 -- Remember that if you haven't made a birthday for your character just use your own birthday for your character. Years are not necessary.

FINAL NOTE: If you have sent me your birthday and you do not see it listed here PLEASE TELL ME. Again thank you for all of the responses. ~~CptAriell~~

=====

AGAMEMNON (USS)

Sept. 15th- Ensign Austian Jacobs

=====

DARMOK (USS)

Jan. 8th- Lieutenant Commander Sarvok Cha'Tavek (LCmrSarvok)

Feb. 10th- Commander Damara (CdrDamara)

May 16th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Morgane (retired)

July 1st- Lieutenant (JG) (Doctor) John Huston (DrJHuston)

Nov. 9th- Captain Ahrele Johansson (CaptAhrele)

Dec. 1st - Lieutenant Commander Janar (LCdrJanar)

=====

DARKPATH (USS)

May 23rd- Commander Ektor (USFEktor)

June 1st- Lieutenant Chelsea Austin (LtChelsea)

Dec. 4th- First Lieutenant Iron (FstLtIron)

=====

ECLIPSE (USS)

January 30th- Lieutenant Kaiyana Latuur (LtjKaiyana)
July 12th- Lieutenant Ellen Yuch-Qorgh (CnslrEllen)
Aug. 2nd- Fleet Captain Eileen Shodan-O'Brien (USFShodan)

EVEREST (STARBASE)

Jan. 11th- Lieutenant Commander Mel'Zhon Obrien (LCdrObrien)
May 16th- Lieutenant Commander Ashley Mars (retired)
June 1st- First Lieutenant Stacey Kassmar (retired)
Oct. 7th- Lieutenant Commander Tage Baxter (LtCdrTage)
Nov. 13th- Lieutenant Commander Wes C' Rusher (retired)
Nov. 15th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Mike W (retired)
Dec. 23rd- Commander Koric Hawkins (USFHawk)

FEDERATION (USS)

Jan. 22nd- Ensign James Michael Riker (EnsJRiker)
Feb. 4th- Lieutenant Serena Powell (DrSerena)
Feb. 10th- Commander Tamara Zekad (CdrTamara)
April 9th- Commander Joval (CmdrJoval)
June 15th- Lieutenant Kevin, X (retired) (LtX3)
July 28th- Lieutenant Commander Michael Form (LCmdrMike)
Sept. 23rd- First Lieutenant Micklach (retired) (RawlMick)
Oct. 27th- Lieutenant Commander Rogue Quodlibet (retired)
Oct. 27th- Lieutenant Edenic Quodlibet (retired)
Nov. 9th- Captain Ariell Johansson-Riker (CaptAriell)

HALIFAX (USS)

May 22nd- Lieutenant Commander Shane Kew-El Booker (LCmrBooker)
July 2nd- Commander Kel (USFKell)
Sept. 7th- Captain Aarek Dakor (USFDakor)

HERMES (USS)

Jan. 9th - Lieutenant Commander Bargeil Leen (Beeg)
Feb. 28th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Bo Duster (BoDuster)
Feb. 29th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Bonnie Duster (LtjgBonnie)
Mar. 5th - First Lieutenant Sydney T'Nemelt (retired)
May 16th- Commander Grant-Storm (USFGrant)
May 19th- Captain Richard Semino, retired (USFRSemino)
May 19th- Commander Bethany Duncan-Semino,retired (BethSemino)
Oct. 10th- Lieutenant Junior Grade CHughes (LtjgHughes)
Oct. 26th- Lieutenant Commander Karal (Kari) (LCdrKaral)
Dec. 8th- Lieutenant Commander Sabrina Tearin DuCant (LCmrDuCant)

INTEGRITY

May 1st- Lieutenant Ryan (LtRyan1)
Nov. 22nd- Lieutenant Aeon X (Lt Aeon X)

=====

KEMO SABAY (USS)

April 25th- Lieutenant Alidar (LtAlidar)
May 3rd- Fleet Captain Ultimo (USFUltimoH)
May16th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Amber Fox (DoctorAFox)
Aug. 14th- Cmdr Tristaoncia Habrandona (CmdrTrista)

=====

KHAZARA (Romulan)

July 27th- Commander Sela (USFSela1)
Dec. 27th - Lieutenant Commander JAW (ERiovJAW)

=====

LOTHLORIEN (USS)

Jan. 22nd- Lieutenant Commander Quint Kivo (LtCmdrKivo)
May 12th- Commander Josh (USFJosh)
Aug. 4th- First Lieutenant B Hobbes (LtHobbes1)

=====

MARQUESAS (USS)

Mar. 14th- Commander Maarek Steele (CmdrMaarek)

=====

NIGALA (STATION)

May 16th- Lieutenant Commander Donna Jade (LtCdrJade)
Nov. 19th- Charlette Sandrine (Civillian) (Charlett)

=====

ODYSSEY (USS)

Nov. 25th- Ensign Doug (EnsDoug465)

=====

POTEMKIN (USS)

Jan. 17th- Commander Robert Mason (USFMasonMD)
Jan. 30th- Lieutenant Commander Arsiah Raptor (character's birthday) (LcdrRaptor)
July 4th- First Lieutenant Back (FstLtBack)
Sept 4th- First Lieutenant Jackie Alkar (CnslrAlkar)
Oct. 27th- Captain Sierra Rhydarr (USFSierra)
Dec. 18th- Captain Putty (CaptPutty)
Dec. 23rd- Ensign Kathrine O'Dell (retired)

=====

RODDENBERRY (USS)

July 9th- Lieutenant Jon Harwood (Lt Jonny)
July 12th- First Lieutenant Ellen Green (CnslrEllen)
Oct. 31st- Lieutenant Junior Grade Ray

=====

SOG

Oct. 27th- Madison Javaro (MadsJavaro)
Oct. 29th- Alexandra Jean Kelly (SOGAlex)
=====

STEALTH (USS)

Aug. 14th- Lieutenant Commander Jantak
Dec. 30th- Lieutenant Commander Stacy Bones Harris (LtCdrBones)



Interview With Commander Damara

By USFShodan and CaptAhrele

Fleet Captain Shodan sat down at her desk aboard her ship and accessed her incoming messages. The seal of the USS Darmok identified one message as that of Cdr Damara Seven, First Officer of that ship and the person whom she had hoped she could learn more about. Shodan had talked to Captain Ahrele Johansson about Commander Seven for a short time the previous week, but she hoped that this incoming message would shed further light on the USF's only Borg Host. Eileen accessed the message and began reading through Damara's responses to the questions that she had sent to her.

SHODAN> How long has Damara / Borg been in USF?

DAMARA> I've been here about a year and a half (hard to believe!). Full name: Commander Damara Seven. I was originally Seven of Seven before I was separated from the Collective.

SHODAN> Commander Damara Seven of Seven. What do you think of the coincidence that the new Star Trek Voyager's character is named Seven of Nine, so close to your name?

DAMARA> I am thrilled beyond words that Star Trek now has a female Borg character similar to mine. A lot of people have asked me if they think that she was "copied" from me. Since "Damara's Story" is on my web page (<http://members.aol.com/usfdamara>), I suppose it is possible that someone copied my idea, but I think it's highly improbable. Given the intense interest in the Borg Collective, it was probably only a matter of time before they added a Borg character to the regular cast.

SHODAN> How similar is 7 of 9 to 7 of 7 (Damara)? How different?

DAMARA> A lot of things between Damara and Seven (the Borg character on

Voyager) are very similar, but I think they're also very logical. For example, Damara has an implanted eye to replace her Borg eye and so does Seven. But as a writer, if you start thinking about how to make a Borg "fit in", that awful Borg eyepiece just has to go. That is why I got rid of Damara's, and I'm sure that's at least one of the reasons why the Star Trek writers got rid of Seven's. Also, making her an engineering "expert" seems a logical extension of the Borg's emphasis on technology.

Other coincidences are not so easily explained. The fact that they chose to call her "Seven" for example. Amazing! And recently, Voyager had an episode where some dormant Borg components reactivated and Seven was trying to return to the Borg Collective. This summer, we had a series of sims that had almost that exact same plot line. A dormant borg chip in Damara activated and she did return to the Collective, resulting in her eventual court martial.

SHODAN> Please tell me about the court martial.

DAMARA> Before being taken by the Collective, Damara had been seen in Engineering apparently sabotaging the Darmok's shields. Then later, computer records showed that Damara had brought the Darmok's sensors off line long enough to allow a Borg ship to approach and beam her off. She then joined the Collective and disappeared. She was finally rescued from the Collective by the Darmok crew but, under orders from Commodore Gemis (an old enemy of Damara's), Ahrele was forced to place Damara under arrest for treason and sabotage.

The trial actually took several sims, with witnesses testifying both for the prosecution and for the defense. And to make things worse, Ahrele had to be the Prosecuting Attorney due to a lack of high ranking officers in that region of space. Luckily for Damara, Fleet Captain Tnagra was nearby and he agreed to be Damara's Defense Attorney. Just when things looked grim for Damara, and it appeared that she was indeed guilty, Dr. Evita discovered the Borg chip and was able to remove it. Damara could finally testify in her own defense and explain that she had been under the control of the Collective at the time and wasn't responsible for her own actions. She was found innocent and returned to duty on the Darmok

SHODAN> What made you decide to be a Borg character in the first place?

DAMARA> I wanted to create a character that was very different... something that no one had ever done before. One of my favorite episodes of TNG is the one with Hugh... the young Borg that the Enterprise crew captures and gets to know as an individual. Hugh of course is eventually returned to the Collective, but I began to think about what would happen if he hadn't returned. What if he had joined Starfleet? What problems would he have, etc. I thought it had a lot of possibilities for drama, comedy, etc. So I created Damara... a female Borg

(since I'm female). One thing you have to understand, at that time no one had yet seen a female Borg. In fact, I had several people tell me that my character was not "realistic" because there were no female Borg. Of course later "First Contact" proved them all wrong. :-D

SHODAN> What species was your character before she was assimilated?

DAMARA> Damara was not assimilated. She is a "true" Borg. My own personal theory (not substantiated by any canon Trek) is that the Borg were an ordinary humanoid race at one time. But something must have gone wrong.... possibly with their reproductive systems or immune systems... and the race began dying out. The Borg needed slaves or drones if you will.... to help them continue their own culture. So they began to conquer other races. Eventually, they became dependent on their own (or acquired) technology. Damara is a descendant of that original race.... born on the Borg ship and kept in an incubator from baby to maturity. I figured the Borg wouldn't have children around... too much wasted time in learning and taking care of them. So they would have a way of speeding up the growth process.

SHODAN> How different is your character from Humans? How similar?

DAMARA> Well, one thing about her that is very different is that she had no need to eat food. She absorbs power from an internal generating unit. This system was devised and installed for her by a team of her friends on the U.S.S. Odyssey (Lt Gill, LtjgKNUchi, LtAlgar, and FsLtKXyl). Damara originally needed to "plug in" to a generator every few weeks in order to recharge. But once, when she was serving on the Odyssey, the crew were stranded on a jungle planet with no electricity. Damara was running out of power and would have died, but her friends rigged up a device to temporarily give her power. When they all returned to the Odyssey, they were concerned that the same thing could happen again. So they came up with the idea of the internal unit run by nuclear power....a more or less endless source of energy for her.

Damara is similar to humans in that she does experience all emotions. At first, she had a hard time understanding concepts such as humor, love, and friendship. But over time she has learned about them all. In fact, she is currently very much in love with a certain Lt. Cdr. Sarvok, the Tactical Officer on board the Darmok.

SHODAN> Damara also possesses the personal shield capability of the Borg. And why/how do you have a personal shield?

DAMARA> Anyone who is acquainted with the Borg know that they have a personal shield to protect them from attack. Damara has this shield also.

SHODAN> Can you tell me more about Damara's mind-meld with T'Kal and

about the two years she spent at the Daystrom Technological Institute for study.

DAMARA> Anyone who wants to know the whole story can read it on my web page. It goes into how Damara was separated by the Collective and found by Starfleet. Basically, once she was found, she was put into prison because Starfleet was suspicious that she was actually a spy from the Borg invasion fleet. They called in T'Kal, a high level special ops agent, who mind melded with her to find out what information she knew. The mind meld changed Damara by introducing her to the concept of individuality.

The two years she spent at the Daystrom Technological Institute are a bit of a blur for Damara. She stayed there voluntarily and they helped her replace her Borg eye (which had been injured in prison). She also got her basic education there and spent many hours with her mentor, T'Kal, learning about the humans and other aliens she now found herself with.

SHODAN> Starfleet Academy: Cmdr. Bruce Maddox - the name sounds familiar, but I can't place it. Who is he?

DAMARA> Commander Maddox was the cyberneticist that Star Trek fans will remember as the man who wanted to dismantle Data. In Damara's Story, Maddox is now head of the Daystrom Institute and he assisted Damara with getting into Starfleet Academy.

SHODAN> Promotion and Honors: On Stardate 9606.28, you Received the Bronze Star - Would you tell me about this?

DAMARA> Another long story and I'm not sure you have room for it in this article! Suffice it to say that the Bronze Star was received by all the Lothlorien crew when they successfully captured the notorious Maquis leader, Joseph Becker. By the way, Becker eventually escaped and was later thought to have been killed in a shuttle explosion. But recently, the Darmok rescued some Maquis prisoners from a Cardassian work camp and discovered Becker there alive. He escaped from the Darmok and now Ahrele is determined to track him down and capture him once and for all.

SHODAN> Do you feel that Voyager's character will develop similar to yours?

DAMARA> A lot of people may not realize that Ahrele has many similarities to Janeway. And now Janeway will have a Borg on her ship just like Ahrele does! As you can imagine, I will be watching this season's Voyager closely to see how they develop Seven's "human" side and to watch the relationship between her and Janeway. As I've said before, in just a couple of episodes, Seven has already done many things similar to Damara, including having a conversation with the Captain about holodecks and how they are a waste of time!

SHODAN> Captain Ahrele says this about you: "She is an excellent simmer and an outstanding Commander! I picked her to be my xo when she was an Ensign and I was a Lieutenant Junior Grade. We always knew we'd be a team." What do you think are your strengths? What makes you a good simmer?

DAMARA> I guess I never really thought of myself as a good simmer. So this question is hard to answer. I always try to be creative and to come up with ideas that are different.... not just the run of the mill "battle sims." Ahrele and I like to run sims that are more like actual Star Trek episodes, complete with in-depth characters with real motives and simultaneous story lines. One thing I have really enjoyed is that we don't have a bunch of separate sims that have no relation to one another. We try to develop a consistent, long running story, with plots and subplots sort of weaved in and out of the weekly sim.

SHODAN> Captain Ahrele also says, "We came up through the ranks together and it was her personal mission to keep me out of trouble! She succeeded most of the time." Please tell me more about this! What did Ahrele do? And how did you keep her out of trouble?

DAMARA> Oh my... there is definitely not enough room here to list all the times that Ahrele has been in trouble! LOL Damara and Ahrele have a very special relationship. Ever since they were posted to the Lothlorien together, Ahrele has always been Damara's teacher and mentor as well as her commanding officer. Damara is extremely loyal to Ahrele and has always tried to help her whenever she could. Everything from "lying" about the time Ahrele turned off the safeties in the holodeck to helping to rescue Ahrele when she was kidnapped by the Maquis.

SHODAN> Captain Ahrele also had a couple of stories to tell about you.

AHRELE> When I first started working with Damara, she had no sense of humor. She took everything I said literally. I remember one day I walked into the Arboretum that we were building on the Loth ... Damara called it "Ahrele's place for Doing Nothing" and asked her what was up. She looked up and told me the ceiling. Once, she and I had to try to round up and catch some fish that had been put into the pond in the arboretum before they had been checked and catalogued. We were wading through the water trying to catch the fish and ended up in a mud fight. We were covered with mud and we heard someone clear their throat. We looked up to find Commander Tnagra staring at us. In his attempt to help me out of the pond, I ended up pulling him in. That was the first time I ever heard her laugh. That day in the Arboretum.

SHODAN> That sounds hysterical!

AHRELE> As I recall...Cmdr Tnagra was NOT laughing. And to top it off, Cmdr Tnagra ended up developing a rash from a fungus in the water that the fish had brought in. He ended up having to have painful treatments to get rid of the fungal infection. I was not his favorite person during that couple weeks!

SHODAN> I guess this is a recollection of Damara's first laugh. Do you have any comments to make on it?

DAMARA> This is the first time Damara ever truly laughed. Humor was her hardest emotion to understand. She was far too literal at first. But as you can see, Ahrele managed to teach her about that, too.

SHODAN> Ahrele had another story to tell about frogs.

AHRELE> Little frogs were also introduced into the Arboretum at the same time as the fish ... this is why it is dangerous for people to just add animals to a controled environment, and without a natural predator to keep their numbers in check, the frogs quickly procreated and got out on the ship. They were riding out on people's pant legs. Soon, they were all over the ship. Damara and I liked to never get them all rounded up. She had just made Chief Engineering Officer at this time, but she helped me because they were getting into all the conduits and were making quite a mess of things. The frogs were from the Delta quadrant and were a new species, so I had no trouble tracking down zoos around the alpha quadrant that wanted specimans for their exhibits. We had someone onboard that wanted to eat them, but I wouldnt' allow that.

SHODAN> What did the frogs do? Where did they come from? How did you two get them all "rounded up"? Did you end up keeping any, or did you give all of them to zoos? And who would want to eat frogs? What species would want to eat frogs? sounds gross to me!

DAMARA> Actually, I'd forgotten all about this until I read this conversation. LOL That was basically the whole story ... there's not much more to it than that.

Eileen Shodan finished reading the responses from Damara. "Computer, save this incoming message and send along an acknowledgement of thanks to Commander Damara Seven aboard the USS Darmok for taking the time to share her story."



CAPTAINCY APTITUDE TEST

Submitted by USF Tamara

Because the opportunities for commanding a starship are extremely rare, The Powers That Be have developed this test to classify potential commanders according to their abilities. Bear in mind that the results of this test will forever categorize you into one of three possible command tracks (CT). Your CT rating - once determined - will dictate all the possible opportunities you will be offered in the course of your career. The test will be administered by the interactive workstation in front of you. This workstation will display five hypothetical scenarios concerning a fictitious starship, the USS Hopeful. Three possible options will follow each scenario. You must respond in 15 seconds by typing "A", "B", or "C".

The following addendum was added to this software after the passage of the "Reaffirmation of Personal Rights During Testing" bill on star date 5370.8:

Under the laws guaranteeing freedom of expression, this workstation has been modified to allow you to input your own answers. If you wish to supply your own response, you may exercise your option to do so---under Governmental Regulation 80982, Paragraph 12, Subparagraph AA--by typing "D," followed by the statement you wish to make. Answers created by the user will be displayed in italicized font.

Testing will commence in 5 seconds. Have a nice day.

1. Suddenly disappearing from the bridge of the Hopeful, you awake on planet EADF-82, a world dominated by three bodyless brains called "The Masters." These multicolored brains control the waiflike inhabitants of the planet, forcing them to compete in three-dimensional chess tournaments, and wagering on the results. The Masters explain that their games have grown routine. They need new blood to spice up the competition. They indicate that they intend to destroy your ship and crew, stranding you here for the rest of your life. Do you:

A. Wager your life and the lives of your crew that you can beat three of the best players on EADF-82 not only at three-dimensional chess, but in arm wrestling as well?

B. Argue forcefully for the definition of sentience as the standard by which a society guarantees personal rights and eventually convince the Masters to let you go? They are certain that your insipid pontifications would hopelessly bog down any possible excitement you might bring to the games.

C. Assure the Masters that they've made a huge mistake because you don't play three-dimensional chess, but offer to test the inhabitants' skill at one-dimensional checkers?

D. *This isn't the commander's test for the merchant marine, is it? I thought the room number was 225, not 255. Now what am I supposed to do? Well...as long as I'm here, I supposed I could answer a few questions. Let's see....Personally? I'd see if I could get the Masters to sign me as their agent. I know this guy who does brain juggling on Sidesholotis IV. He's got a machine that temporarily gives him the knowledge to remove the brains of three members of the audience. Then he does this acrobatic program and returns the brains before his surgical knowledge fades. It's a great show, but multicolored brains would be a much bigger draw than those dull gray ones.*

2. The Hopeful receives a transmission from a freighter in the Neutral Zone. Its engines have failed, and sensors show the approach of four decloaked Romulan warbirds. Like you, it will take them four hours to reach the freighter. The lives of two hundred humanoids on board the freighter are at stake as well as the supposed inviolable nature of the Neutral Zone. If you attempt to rescue the freighter, the Hopeful probably will be destroyed, and you will start an intragalactic war. Do you:

A. Careen in with phasers blasting, hoping for that one-in-a-million chance that you will survive?

B. Put out an urgent call to any cloaked Klingon vessels for assistance, and then head into the

Neutral Zone at maximum warp with phasers at the ready?

C. Send your regrets to the commander of the freighter?

D. *Take up a position outside the Neutral Zone and ask the commander of the freighter for salvage rights if there's anything left when the Romulans get through.*

3. The Hopeful falls into a time-space anomaly and arrives in a completely unknown region of the galaxy. All navigational sensors are useless, but a quick visual check reveals a planet nearby. On arrival, you discover an energy being who lives in a box. The being claims he could return you to Federation space if you transported him aboard. Unfortunately, his assistant, a humanoid of the opposite sex, is violently jealous and will not allow it. Do you:

A. Use your considerable charm to distract the assistant while your science officer spirits the box back to the ship?

B. Spend the next several hours reasoning with the assistant in a reasonable manner?

C. Avoid a confrontation by returning to the Hopeful and spend the rest of your life wandering around in space looking for home?

D. *Call United Planetary Service! Those guys can get anything from anywhere to anywhere. They'd come in, slap a label on that pupster, and you'd have that box on the Hopeful in no time.*

4. Your science officer has just informed you that a creature that can assume any appearance has beamed aboard the Hopeful from the planet below. It is the last of its kind, but it has already seriously debilitated four crewmen by draining all the male hormones from their bodies and forever damaging their ability to create more. Do you:

A. Run around the ship alone until the creature attacks you--all the while hoping that your senior officers will have the presence of mind to follow you and kill the thing?

B. Conduct a careful deck by deck search with large teams of security officers with tranquilizer equipment and orders to capture the creature and return it to the planet?

C. Make sure that absolutely no lives are at risk by beaming the entire crew down to the planet and waiting for reinforcements?

D. *Capture the creature, sell it to the clinics on Tranvestis V, and tell ship's store to issue the four crewmen some of those miniskirt outfits that the women wear.*

5. A plague that plasticizes humanoid epidermal tissue has struck the inhabitants of the fourth planet in the Delta Omicron Alpha system. In four days, all humanoid life will cease. The only known cure is an exotic compound called DLF-37. The only known source for the compound is the outer asteroid belt of the Strathmed system. Unfortunately, the miners on the outer asteroid belt have recently stopped delivery to the chief distribution center on Strathmed III. They are ashamed of their current compensation package and are demanding lower wages and fewer benefits before returning to work. The government of Strathmed III refuses to pay the miners any less, believing that the current arrangement constitutes the only equitable option. Do you:

A. Have your science officer locate the highest-ranking miner of the opposite gender and attempt to seduce that person into giving you the DLF-37?

B. Convince the government to lower the miners' wages and compensation packages and use the extra profits from the sale of DLF-37 to fund better educational facilities for the children of the

miners in the outer asteroid belt?

C. Send a message to Delta Omicron Alpha on the status of the negotiations, informing them that you will bring the DLF-37 as soon as it is available?

D. Visit Rigley's Pleasure Planet for a week and then set up a mannequin supply operation from a satellite orbiting Delta Omicron Alpha IV.

SCORING

For every A answer, give yourself 100 points. For every B answer, 10 points. For every C answer, 1 point. And for every D answer, no points. (The Powers That Be are required to allow you to supply your own answers, but they are not obligated to reward you for them.) After adding up your score, please refer to the following grading:

IF YOUR SCORE IS GREATER THAN 250:

Congratulations on qualifying for the Command Track 1! A wonderful career awaits you commanding the most exciting starships in the galaxy. *Note: If you are a woman, you must drop to Command Track 2.*

IF YOUR SCORE IS GREATER THAN 25 AND LESS THAN 250:

Congratulations on qualifying for Command Track 2. Your sensitive and insightful answers certainly demonstrate your capability to command a starship. Unfortunately, your viewpoints will not prevail for another eighty years or so. For instance, if you responded "B" to the second question, you simply forgot that the Klingons are still our enemies! Hopefully you will live long enough to see your sensitivities come to fruition.

IF YOUR SCORE IS GREATER THAN 2 AND LESS THAN 25:

You qualify for Command Track 3. There are many old rusting space stations--- some of them quite deep in space-- that will benefit from your abilities. Of course, you can always hope that a stable wormhole will open up near your assignment and add some prestige to your job.

IF YOUR SCORE IS 2 OR LESS:

The Ferengi are always looking for individuals of your caliber. You can contact their "DaiMons in Training Program" through the Ferengi embassy.

(Taken from the Nitpickers Guide to Classic Trek. Typed up by USF Tamara, soon to be known as the Carpel Tunnel Queen)



-/- USF TRIVIA NOVEMBER EDITION ANSWERS-/-

=/-=THE NEXT GENERATION=-/-=

How many gold sculptures of ships named "Enterprise" hung in Picard's Enterprise-E ready room?

6; Ent-Orig, Ent-A, Ent-B, Ent-C, Ent-D, Ent-E

How many episodes did Vash appear in, and what were the names of the episodes?

Captain's Holiday and Q-Pid

=Λ=VOYAGER =Λ=

What is the theme of Janeway's most recent holodeck experiences?

Spending time with Leonardo Da Vinci

What two crewmembers had the following conversation in a recent episode?

"Last time we worked together I struck you on the base of the skull and attempted to contact the collective."

"Hey- these things happen"

Seven of Nine and Harry Kim

=Λ= THE ORIGINAL SERIES =Λ=

What is the name of the *USS Enterprise's* first Captain?

Christopher Pike

What was the name of the *USS Enterprise's* second Captain who conducted a five year mission of space exploration?

James T. Kirk

=Λ= DEEP SPACE NINE =Λ=

What is the name of the home of the Bajoran deities known as the prophets?

"The Celestial Temple"

What is the name of the first episode of DS9?

The Emissary

=Λ= MOVIES =Λ=

What are the last three stages of the Genesis Project?

Lab testing, Genesis cave, Planet-scale experiment

In Final Conflict, what song did Zephram Cochrane play when he achieved lift off?

Magic Carpet Ride by Steppenwolf



SCI FI/FANTASY CONVENTION LISTING
(Updated 11/23/97)
by CptAriell

PLEASE CHECK OUT ALL CONVENTIONS IN YOUR AREA BECAUSE GUEST
LISTS AND DATES DO CHANGE. This site is maintained to help you find the

conventions in your area, but I am not responsible if some conventions change their guest lists and dates. Please check the web site or e-mail address for each site so that you can find out if there are any changes to the convention that you wish to attend. Thank You. :-)

Star Trek/Science Fiction Cruises

Check out either <http://members.aol.com/cruisetrek/cruisek.html> or <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/seatrek/seatrek.htm> for CruiseTrek and SeaTrek information on cruise conventions. Safe sailing !!

International Listings

Our INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LISTING will be growing by leaps and bounds as I have found a wonderful place on the net listing conventions in England, Germany, Scotland, and more. As soon as I can get them all typed up there will be a page dedicated solely to the international conventions. Until then why not check out this great site, where I found the majority of the international convention listings, <http://alethea.ukc.ac.uk/SU/Societies/StarTrek/Conventions/>

Another fine source of International Convention is <http://www.smoof.com/conlist.htm> This site was just recently submitted to me, but I am sure that those of you overseas will want to check it out. I just want to make sure that all of you are able to find the conventions nearest to you. :-)

This is the one stop that you should make to find out if anyone will be in your area soon. There are two main convention lists. One is a list of the Conventions in the United States (listed by state). The other list contains the international conventions (including England, Austria, Australia, Ireland, Germany and Canada). If you see a () around the name of a company like (Creation Entertainment) then that means to look at the end of the page for the address to that web site.

The Conventions are listed under the city and state that they are going to take place in. I apologize if any of the information is incorrect. The people that run and schedule these conventions change their minds frequently. We will continue to try to get the most accurate information that we can to you.

Please forward all comments, questions, and information to CptAriell@aol.com. If you know of a convention coming to your area, please send the information to me. Try to send me as much of the information as possible, as this will help me to pass it on to other readers. In the subject area please put CONVENTION. This will help me to answer you faster. Thank you.

~Captain Ariell Johansson-Riker~ CO, USS Federation

NOTE: As always if you have any information on where to get convention information from then please let me know. I am constantly searching for more web site and e-mail sources. If you know of any convention web sites or e-mail addresses please send it to me. I am trying to get on as many mailing lists as I can to bring the best convention listing to you.

PERSONAL NOTE: I am looking for any conventions that have the FOREVER KNIGHT cast or crew at them. I liked the show, and I would like to see Nigel Bennett or Geraint Wyn Davies in a convention setting. I know that there are others who would be interested in this information as well.

United States Conventions Listing

ARIZONA

June 6-7, 1998 Tucson, AZ

Come see the Fab Four of Star Trek: The Original Series: Jimmy Doohan, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols, and Walter

Koenig. (Please check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek Productions.)

CALIFORNIA

1. January 17-18, 1998 Burbank, CA

More details to come (Creation Entertainment)

2. January 24, 1998 Sacramento, CA (Convention Center)

Guests Include: Jonathan Frakes, Marina Sirtis, and Michael Dorn. (Creation Entertainment)

3. February 15, 1998 Van Nuys, CA (Airtel Plaza)

Guests Include: Colin Baker (Doctor Who) {For more information E-Mail gallyone@aol.com or write POB 3021, N Hollywood, CA 91609 or call (818)752-9656}

4. April 3-5, 1998 Pasadena, CA (The Pasadena Center)

THE FOUR CAPTAINS TOGETHER AT ONCE. Guests already include: William Shatner, Patrick Stewart (tentative), Avery Brooks, and Kate Mulgrew. (Creation Entertainment)

5. July 24-26, 1998 San Jose, CA (San Jose DoubleTree Inn)

More details to come. {For more information before it is posted here check out <http://www.starquest.org/>}

6. August 7-9, 1998 Los Angeles, CA (Airport Hilton)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL'S FANTASTICON: William Campbell has played Trelane, Koloth and other Star Trek characters. He puts on this show once a year, and is an all out BLOWOUT of Star Trek, Babylon5, and other science fiction actors. Check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/fantast98.html> for more information and updates as they are available.

COLORADO

March 6-8, 1998 Denver, CO (Starfest '98')

Guests already include: Jeri Ryan and Alexander Siddig. More Guests will be announced at a later date. (Check out <http://www.starland.com> or E-Mail starland@starland.com for more information.)

FLORIDA

1. January 10-11, 1998 Orlando, FL (Florida Downtown Expo Center)

Guests already include: Carel Struycken, Mark Goddard (Lost In Space), Erin Murphy, Herbert Jefferson Jr (Battlestar Galactica), Ann Lockhart (Battlestar Galactica), Jay North Dennis, and Butch Patrick. (E-Mail bzalkin@aol.com for more information. There is no web page address at this time.)

2. February 6-8, 1998 Orlando, FL

More details to come {For more information before it is posted here you can check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkan Conventions}

2. April 4-6, 1998 St. Petersburg, FL

More details to come. {For more information before it is posted here you can check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkan Conventions}

3. May 28-30, 1998 Cape Canaveral, FL

Guests Include: J. Michael Straczynski, Mira Furlan, Richard Biggs, Julie Caitlin Brown, Jason Carter, Larry DiTillio, Harlan Ellison, Patricia Tallman, Peter David, Jim Lockett, David Gerrold, Arne Starr, SM Stirling, and John Vornholt {I

am looking for where you can receive more information on this convention}

4. June 5-7, 1998 Orlando, FL (Adam's Mark Hotel)

Guests Include: Jerry Doyle (Babylon 5) . More guests will be listed as soon as they are available. Check out <http://www.ao.net/~tachycon/event.htm> for more information on this convention or check out <http://www.ao.net/~tachycon/> for information on previous conventions and the site map of everything they have to offer.

GEORGIA

1. June 5-7, 1998 Atlanta, GA (JurassiCon, Howard Johnson Midtown)

Guests Include: Ray Harryhausen, Dr. David Schwimmer, Rick C. Spears, J. Cameron Thyme, and Craig Hamilton. This convention is to help benefit dinosaur research.

2. September 3-6, 1998 Atlanta, GA (DragonCon Hyatt Regency Atlanta)

Guests Include: Anthony Daniels (C3-PO), Patricia Tallman, Stephen Furst, Harlan Ellison, and many more guests and writers. Check out <http://www.dragoncon.org> for more information and a complete guest list.

HAWAII

February 28 - March 1, 1998 Honolulu, Hawaii

Guests Include: David Prowse, Richard Biggs (Babylon 5), and Eric Stillwell (Galactic Entertainment)

ILLINOIS

February 14-15, 1998 Champaign, IL

Guests Include: Jimmy Doohan, George Takei, Walter Koenig and Nichelle Nichols. {For more information Contact Dave Scott at 913-894-TREK or Fax at 913-438-7864 or check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek Productions.}

INDIANA

April 4, 1998 South Bend, IN

Guests Include: Mark Allen Shephard (Morn, DS9). {For more information E-Mail USSValhalla@juno.com}

IOWA

December 13-14, 1997 Des Moines, IA

Scheduled to appear already is Marina Sirtis (Saturday), John de Lancie (Sunday), with more TBA. (Please check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek Productions.)

LOUISIANA

February 7, 1998 Alexandria, LA (Holiday Inn Convention Center)

Scheduled to appear already is Jennifer Hetrick (Vash, TNG). (Contact WCRAIG7099@aol.com for more information.)

MARYLAND

1. February 7-8, 1998 Hagerstown, MD (Venice Inn -- Best Western)

Guests Include: Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil of DS9), Stephen Furst (Babylon 5), and Jim Byrnes (tentative) (E-MAIL: Spcdock98@aol.com or check out <http://members.aol.com/spcdock98/index.html> for more information.)

2. March 13-15, 1998 Baltimore, MD

Guests Include: Robert Beltran and Jennifer Hettrick. {For more information check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkan Conventions}

3. June 26-28, 1998 Hunt Valley, MD

More information on the guests for this convention will be listed here as soon as I receive it. Why not check out <http://members.aol.com/shoreleave/> yourself to get the updates hot off the presses. :-)

4. August 5 - 9 1998 Baltimore, MD (Baltimore Convention Center/Inner Harbors Hotels)

Guests Include: C.J. Cherryh, Milt Rothman, Stanley Schmidt, Michael Whelan, and Special Guest: J. Michael Straczynski. {For more information E-mail bucconeer@bucconeer.worldcon.org (place subscribe in the subject) or check out <http://www.bucconeer.worldcon.org>.}

MASSACUSETTS

1. November 7-9, 1997 Springfield, MA (Sheraton Monarch Place Hotel)

Guests are to be announced. Call 617-986-TREK for more information.

2. February 1, 1998 Hyannis, MA

Guests to Include: Robert Picard and the Crossed Swords Stunt Duo. {For more information check out <http://www.digiflicks.com/visions.htm>}

3. March 15, 1998 Boston, MA (Park Plaza Hotel)

More details to come (Creation Entertainment)

4. March 22, 1998 Boston, MA (Park Plaza Hotel)

More details to come (Creation Entertainment)

MISSOURI

1. January 10-11, 1998 St Louis, MO

Scheduled to appear are Marina Sirtis and Michael Dorn. (Please check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek Productions.)

2. February 15, 1998 St Louis, MO (Ritz Carlton)

More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

3. March 14-15, 1998 Kansas City, MO

Come see the Fab Four of Star Trek: The Original Series: Jimmy Doohan, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols, and Walter Koenig. (Please check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek Productions.)

NEW YORK

1. January 10-11, 1998 New York City, NY

Guests Include: George Romero Angus, Scrimm, and Paul Naschy (Creation Entertainment)

2. March 27-29, 1998 Stony Brook, NY (SUNY Stony Brook Campus)

Guests include: Nana Visitor (Check out <http://www.iconsf.org/> for more information)

3. April 4-5, 1998 Buffalo, NY

Come see the Fab Four of Star Trek: The Original Series: Jimmy Doohan, George Takei, Nichelle Nichols, and Walter Koenig. (Please check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek Productions.)

NORTH CAROLINA

February 13-14, 1998 Raleigh, NC (Omni-Durham Hotel and Durham Civic Center)

Guests Include: Robert Picardo, Peter Mayhew, David Prowse, and Jeremy Bulloch (Galactic Entertainment)

OHIO

1. December 5-7, 1997 Cincinnati, OH

Guests Include: Andrew Prine (V), Dave Prowse, Jeremy Bulloch, Kenny Baker, Peter Mayhew, Warwick Davis, Michael Carter, and Michael O'Hare (Sinclair of Babylon 5) ROXANN BIGGS-DAWSON has cancelled her appearance due to the closeness of her pregnancy due date to this convention. [Galactic Entertainment]

2. February 13-15, 1998 Cleveland, OH

Guests Include Jonathan Del Arco with more to be announced. {For more information check out <http://www.scifinetwork.com/startrek/upcoming.htm> - Vulkan Conventions}

3. March 28-29, 1998 Dayton, OH (University of Dayton)

This is the 5th Annual Role Playing Convention at this location. Check out <http://www.dayton.com/~jbumgarn/FASFAC/udcon/> for more information.

PENNSYLVANIA

May 22-25, 1998 Hidden Valley, PA (Hidden Valley Resort)

This convention is scheduled to be a tribute to the late and great, multitalented actor Mark Lenard. This whole convention is dedicated to that purpose. Robert and Catherine "Lenard" Felix {Authors of Mark Lenard's biography} (Check out <http://www.nb.net/~qsera/praxis/praxis.html> for more information on the convention and updates as they are available)

RHODE ISLAND

January 31, 1998 Warwick, RI

Guests Include Robert Picardo, Inge Heyer, and Crossed Swords Stunt Duo {For more information check out <http://www.digiflicks.com/visions.htm>}

TEXAS

1. January 4, 1998 Plano, (Dallas Area), TX (The Plano Center)

Scheduled to appear at this time is William Shatner (Creation Entertainment)

2. January 31 - February 1, 1998 San Antonio, TX

Guests to be announced at a later date. (Galactic Entertainment)

3. March 26-29, 1998 College Station, TX (Texas A & M University)

Guests Include: Robert Aspirin (Author), Phil and Kaja Foglio (Artists), Joe R. Lansdale, Brian Stelfreeze and over a dozen more. {For more information E-mail aggiecon@msc.tamu.edu or check out <http://cepheid.tamu.edu/aggiecon> If you would like the snail mail address contact me}

VIRGINIA

1. December 13-14, 1997 Chantilly, VA

Guests Include: Patrick Stewart, Brent Spiner, Michael Berryman, Richard Herd, Andrew Prine (V), Gary Wolf, Inge Heyer, and Crossed Swords Stunt Duo {For more information check out <http://www.digiflicks.com/visions.htm>}

2. March 27-29, 1998 Virginia Beach, VA (Sheraton Oceanfront)

Guests already Include David Schwartz (Executive producer of Beauty and the Beast, the TV series). More guests to be added. {Check out <http://members.aol.com/bbcon98/index.html> or E-Mail bbcon98@aol.com for more information}

3. October 9-11, 1998 Salem, VA

Guest list already includes: Gil Gerrard and Erin Gray (Buck Rogers), Richard Biggs (Babylon 5), Hal Clement, Deanna Lund, Beverly McDermott, David MacIntee, Michele Matheson, Joyce Meadows, and France Nuyen (Contact oakman@roanoke.infi.net for more information)

WASHINGTON

1. January 3, 1998 Everett (Seattle Area), Washington (Howard Johnson Hotel)

Scheduled to appear at this time is William Shatner (Creation Entertainment)

2. April 4-5, 1998 Marysville, Washington (Marysville Pilchuck High School)

Guest Include: Ethan Phillips, Richard Arnold, Aron Eisenberg, and Chase Masterson. (Call (360) 659-2607, E-Mail STMCON@AOL.COM, or check out web site <http://members.aol.com/stmcon/index.html> for more information)

WASHINGTON D.C.

November 11, 1997 through January 4, 1998

Patrick Stewart stars as Othello in Shakespeare's "OTHELLO"

Place: The Shakespeare Theater

450 7th St. NW

Washington DC

Ticket Prices: \$14-50 (they go on sale August 8) to order tickets call (202) 393-2700

Info Phone Number:(202) 547-3230

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LIST

It looks like a bunch of sci-fi actors like to visit Australia. The list just keeps increasing. This is good news for our friends Down Under !!

Remember that you can check out ----

<http://alethea.ukc.ac.uk/SU/Societies/StarTrek/Conventions/> for the latest in International Convention listings. A great thanks to those that are maintaining that page. Drop them a line to let them know if you like the site.

Another fine source of International Convention info is <http://www.smof.com/conlist.htm> This site was submitted to me, and I am sure that those of you overseas will want to check it out. I just want to make sure that all of you are able to find the conventions nearest to you. :-)

AUSTRALIA

1. February 13-18 1998 Moorabbin (Near Melbourne), Australia (Barton Edmund Covention Center)

Guests Include: Claudia Christain (Babylon 5) {For more information E-Mail thomasm@connexus.apana.org.au}

2. March 28-29 1998 Brisbane (Mercure Hotel)

Guests Include: Peter Wingfield {E-mail: sonjav@powerup.com.au for more information}

3. April 17-19 1998 Brisbane (Travelodge Roma Street Station)

Guests Include: Caroline John & Geoffrey Beevers {Call Trevor Gensch (07) 5499 0265 for more information}

4. April 24-27, 1998 Perth (Orchard Hotel)

Guests Include: Lois McMaster Bujold, Tess Williams, and Grant Stone. {For more information check out <http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/swancon> or E-mail swancon23@ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au}

5. June 5-8 1998 Hobart (Hadley's Hotel Hobart)

Guests Include: Leanne Frahm {For more information write P.O. Box 55 Battery Point Tas 7004}

ENGLAND/UNITED KINGDOM

1. February 13-15, 1998 Coventry, England

Guests TBA: Send a Self-Addresses stamped envelope to Lightspeed '98, 16 Bramwell Street, Eastwood, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 1RZ

2. March 27-29, 1998 Festival Park, Stoke on Trent, England, (Moat House)

Guests already include: Gareth Thomas, Paul Darrow, Sally Knyvette, Jan Chappell, Michael Keating, Jacqueline Pearce, Stephen Greif, Brian Croucher, David Jackson, Peter Tuddenham, David Maloney, Chris Boucher, Sheelagh Wells, Matt Irvine, Barry Letts, Brian Lighthill, and Martin Bower. (Check out web site <http://www.horizon.org.uk/deliverance/> for more information. You can also write Mrs Judith Smith, Deliverance 98, 18 Bury Avenue, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. MK16 0ED, England.)

3. April 10-13, 1998 Heathrow, London, UK (Radisson Edwardian Hotel)

Scheduled to appear already are Dave Prowse, Warwick Davis, Jeremy Bulloch, and Kenny Baker. Contact Kathy Shiel Call: (0191) 377-2599 FAX: (0191) 477-1326 (Check out Regeneration's Web Site, <http://web.onyxnet.co.uk/KShiel-AIS.onyxnet.co.uk/> for all of the details on this convention.)

4. May 1-4, 1998 Manchester 45th British Star Trek Convention (The Palace Hotel)

Guests Include: Robert Beltran. Check out this web page -- <http://www.dynamite.co.uk/wolf359/dominion.htm> for more information on this convention

5. July 10-12, 1998 Cardiff, Wales (Angel Hotel)

Guests include: Colin Baker (Doctor Who) and Dave Prowse (Star Wars) {Other Science fiction actors and complete convention details can be found at Infinity's web site, <http://www.cf.ac.uk/ccin/main/ents/sffc/infinity.html>.}

6. July 25-26, 1998 Heathrow, London, England (Radisson Edwardian Hotel)

Guests already include: Bruce Boxleitner and Jerry Doyle. (Check out <http://www.dynamite.co.uk/wolf359/crusade.htm> for more information)

GERMANY

April 17-19, 1998 Bonn, Germany

Scheduled Guests: Robert Beltran and Robert Duncan McNeill (Contact FED-Con GmbH at 0049-821-219-0932 or FAX: 0049-821-219-1937)

USF Ship Schedule					
Day	Ship	Time (EST) (PM)	Room Name	C.O.	X.O.
Sunday	Starbase Everest	8:00	Orbital Velocity	USFSZier	USF Tefa
Sunday	IKC Hegh'ta	8:00	Private Room	USFABC1701	USFKurn
Sunday	USS Federation	8:30	Private Room	USFAriell	USFTamara
Sunday	USS Excelsior	9:00	Orbital Velocity	USFABC1701	
USFWinger					
Sunday	USS Marquesas	10:00	Private Room	USFWit	USF Maarek
Monday	USS Columbia	9:00	Private Room	USFTorres	
USFKillian					
Monday	USS Eclipse	9:00	Private Room	USFShodan	USFWit
Monday	SS Nigala	10:00	Private Room	USFDMoney	USFCaitlin
Tuesday	USS Roddenberry	9:00	Private Room	USF Scully	
USFClewan					
Tuesday	Atlantis (SOG)	9:00	Private Room	USFEliz H	USFCaitlin
Tuesday	USS Hermes	10:00	Private Room	USFChid	USFGrant
Tuesday	RES Khazara	10:00	Private Room	USFAlidar	USFSela1

Wednesday	USS Stealth	9:00	Orbital Velocity	USFTarjoto	
USFTyvenM					
Wednesday	USS Halifax	10:00	Private Room	USFDakor	USF Spock
Wednesday	USS Kemo Sabay	10:00	Private Room	USFUltimoH	
USFAhrele					
Thursday	USS DarkPath	9:00	Private Room	USFMstrad	=OPEN=
Thursday	USS Potemkin	10:00	Private Room	USF Sierra	USFMasonMD
Thursday	USS Agamemnon	10:00	Private Room	USF Zaphod	USFGeek
Friday	USS Lothlorien	9:00	Private Room	USFRachel	USFJosh
Friday	USS Integrity	10:00	Private Rooom	USFRigel	USFGorkon
Friday	USS Darmok	11:00	Private Room	USFAhrele	USFDamara
Saturday	USS Odyssey	9:00	Orbital Velocity	USFCaitlin	=OPEN=

Day	Ship	Time (EST) (PM)	Room Name	C.O.	X.O.
End File			USF Ship Schedule		

*Please ask CO's permission before visiting a SIM or inviting visitors to a SIM.

**To get to Orbital Velocity goto Keyword: NAGF and select the Conference room
labeled Orbital Velocity.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This list may not be accurate - for an accurate list please Email
USFRachel or USFMstrad.



Credits:

USF PADD STAFF:

AndyLi100, CaptAhrele, CdrMasonMD, CdrTamara, CptAriell, EnsDoug465, EnsGDT, FleetAdm13,
LCdrNicole, LcdrRaptor, LCdrSean2@Juno.com, LCdrSean2, LtCmdrKivo, LCMrSarvok, LtCdrGygax,
USFDakor, USFAnders, USFDamara, USFJosh, USFShodan, USFWinger, LCdrObrien, LtCArronax

Special Thanks to Admiral Clements

**NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE FOR AOL. At
@aol.com**



PADD Copyright 1997 December