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Welcome to the January 1998 issue of the USF PADD cyber-magazine! My staff and I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. If you want to download any past issues of the USF PADD, just go to the web site at <http://members.aol.com/usfpadd/download> (you can also subscribe there, unscribe, or change your subscription). Please remember to email **USFPADD@AOL.COM** from your new screen name when you change your name (maybe you got promoted), so that you can continue to receive future issues. Captains and First Officers, please tell all of your crew (including new Ensigns!) about the **USF PADD** as well as our sister cyber-magazine, the **USF Log Book**. Remember that subscriptions are **free** and are not limited to USF members.

USFShodan



-Λ- USF TRIVIA -Λ-

Editor: USF Tamara

Questions: LCdrRMason, LCdrJanar, USF Tamara

=Λ=THE NEXT GENERATION=Λ=

In which episode did Riker get a thorn in his leg, which caused him to fall into a coma? **Hint:** Dr. Pulaski was the CMO

In the episode "Peak Performance", Data plays Stratagema with Kolrami, a master strategist. What species is Kolrami?

=Λ=VOYAGER =Λ=

What is Tuvok's current rank?

What was Kes' "gift" to Voyager and her crew?

=Λ= DEEP SPACE NINE =Λ=

Jake Sisko began work on a novel which was published sometime before the year 2390. What was the title?

The normal gestation period for Betazoid Babies is ____ months.

=Λ= MOVIES =Λ=

In Star Trek: The Motion Picture, Admiral Kirk convinced Starfleet to put him in charge of the Enterprise, temporarily demoting the current Captain of that ship to Commander. What was that Captain's name?

In Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, what were the first names of Dr. Marcus and her son?

=Λ= The Original Series =Λ=

What was Sulu's first name?

What was Chekov's first name?

Thanks for playing the January edition of USF Trivia! Please send your answers to CdrTamara. The person (Andorian, Borg, Klingon, Cardassian, Romulan, Vulcan, Betazoid...or even human) who answers the most questions correctly will be featured in the February edition of this column.

The following letter was received by me regarding last month's edition:

Dear Editor,

I am somewhat saddened to be the one to report this to you however, in reading the December edition of "The PADD" I was shocked to read your answers to the November USF Trivia contest. Two of your TOS trivia answers are actually incorrect:

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

You state it is Christopher Pike.

*However, you are mistaken. According to the "Star Trek Encyclopedia" (Written by Michael Okuda, Denise Okuda, and Debbie Mirek, Pocket books aka "The Bible") on page 90, the **FIRST captain of the USS Enterprise was Captain Robert April in 2245.***

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

The 2nd Captain was not James T. Kirk, but was Christopher Pike. **Captain James T. Kirk did not Captain the USS Enterprise until 2264, 19 years after the Enterprise was launched from San Francisco Yards.**

Sincerely,

LT(jg) Jacques St.Duiex
ATAC/SEC
USS Federation

Dear Mr. St. Duiex,

Thank you so much for your letter. After going back to the source you quoted, I am happily printing a retraction. Thank you very much for your input, and **keep on Trekkin'!!**

Sincerely,

Commander Tamara Zekad
Editor in Chief
USF Trivia.



Don't forget about the USF Log Book

Look! There! In the distance! What is that?

As you approach the images, they form into three figures.

What's this?

Their pips indicate they are of high rank. In fact, two are Captains and one is a Commander.

You come closer.

You see their eyes. Bleary, red.

Suddenly, they see you. One of them puts her hands up to her face to block you from seeing. One ducks down. The last simply slumps forward, banging her head.

But it is too late.

You have seen them.

A voice speaks.

"These are the editors of the USF Log Book. Their continuing mission... to provide you with steady entertainment packaged up into a single download. To boldly go where..."

Suddenly, another USF officer runs on.

"Wait a second, wait a second. Do you think that these 'editors' do all the work? What about us?"

You turn your head to look. You see a whole supporting cast! All of them! (listed at the end of the Log Book).

~~Well!~~ you think. ~~All these people, taking up their time just to send the Log Book to little old me?~~

"What?!?" one of the editors suddenly says. "We're not sacrificing! We enjoy doing this for you! <<and of course, more admonitions that I simply can't write>>"

You are confused until you realize that the speaker is telepathic, you nod, pretending agreement, but feeling small and grateful, but insignificant compared to the staff of...

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 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.

Yes the Log Book is very much back. The 21st edition and the 2nd Special Edition have already been sent. We are well on our way into finishing the next edition of the Log Book for your reading pleasure. Look for it to be in your box the second week of January.

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.



KIRK'S TOP TEN REASONS FOR VIOLATING THE PRIME DIRECTIVE

Submitted by USFTamara

10. The stupid machine that ran the planet didn't allow any touching and kissing. (The Apple)
9. It was the beginning of a new duty cycle and I wanted to get it off to a great start.
8. The stupid computer that ran the planet didn't know how to throw a decent party. (The Return of the Archons)
7. Women on backward planets are really impressed when you materialize in front of them.

6. The inhabitants were using a bunch of stupid computers to fight their warlike pantywaists. (A Taste of Armageddon)
5. The desk-hugging Commodores at Starfleet Command needed something to do.
4. I always wanted to conquer a planet. (A Piece of the Action)
3. McCoy's blood pressure has dropped to 170/100.
2. It makes Spock's eyebrow twitch.

And Kirk's Number One reason for violating the Prime Directive:

1. I noticed my hairline receding that day.

(Nitpicker's Guide to Classic Trek)



?? STAR TECH??

By: Lt(jg) Doug Zax

Please, PLEASE send me your technical and scientific questions. The only requirements are that they have to be related to Star Trek in some way. Send your questions to JLtDougZax@aol.com. Add "STAR TECH" to the subject box.

Here are two examples:

Dear Doug:

How does the comm system find people to transmit the message to them?

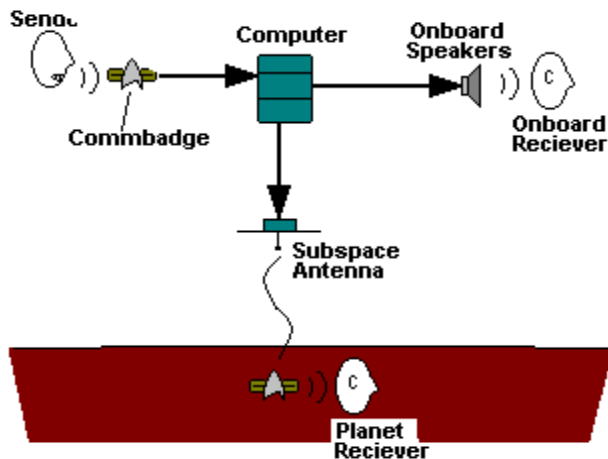
Myself

Dear Myself:

Whenever you tap your comm badge, you say, for example, "Lt Doug to Lt Jere". This tells the computer who to search for. Then the computer looks for the person, in this case Lt Jere's, comm badge. Usually, the computer knows your general location, because the computer keeps tabs on where you go. If you leave a room, the computer keeps a note of it. This helps if you are looking for someone also, but it only works if the person is wearing a comm badge. If the computer cannot locate the person, it tells you by saying "Lt Jere in not onboard."

Once the person is located, the computer transmits the message "Lt Doug to Lt Jere" to Jere. It then activates Jere's comm badge, so the two people can communicate. The comm badge acts as a microphone, and if the other person is on the ship, the onboard speakers on the ship replay the message to that person. If the person is in an area where there are no speakers, or on a planet or on another ship, then the commbadge doubles as a speaker, and the message is replayed through it (see diagram below).

Note: Sorry Jere for using your name. :)



Dear Doug:

What is a quantum singularity?

Myself

Dear Myself

A quantum singularity is a mini *black hole*. A *black hole* is the compressed core of a large star.

When a super large star runs out of it's fuel, it dies in an fiery explosion called a *supernova*. In a *supernova*, the star's core is compressed by it's immense gravity. The outer layers of the star are blown away, leaving the compressed core exposed as a *neutron star* or a *black hole*. The *black hole* is the more compressed of the two. Sometimes *black holes* are formed when two or more stars, nebula, or galaxies combine.

The *black hole's* core is usually about the size of a large asteroid. The core is very dense, so a teaspoon weighs about 100 million tons. The gravity is very high. The *event horizon* is the point of no return, where inside not even light is fast enough to escape.

That's all folks! Please send all your technical and scientific questions to JLtDougZax@aol.com.



Interview with Commodore Lynx

Submitted by LCdrObrien

1. When did you first sim? What group were you in?

My first sim was back in May of '95 with a very small group called the UFA (United Federation of Aliens) but after joining the USF in June of '95 I left.

2. Approximately how long did it take you to work your way up to the position as a host?

Times were different back when I was simming. We were much smaller then but we wanted to grow so there were more opportunities to get a command position. I started out as one of the original Stealth crew members as Ensign Joshua Knight and was promoted to LtCdr within 4 months. A month later USF Anders from Station Nigala asked me to be his XO. I accepted and was promoted to Host status. I did not want to leave the Stealth at that time though so I created a new character Commander Kieron Lynx :) Unfortunately, my offer to join Nigala fell through (I forget the exact details but it wasn't anything bad) so I just hung out on the staff roster waiting for

an XO opening. There were many openings at the time but I am very picky when it comes to choosing a command. I interviewed at least 6 CO's to see if I wanted to work with them as their XO. After a month of searching I decided to join the Columbia with USF Mitch, October '95. I enjoyed playing the XO position and in my opinion, the Mitch/Lynx team was a perfect match. Then after serving on the Columbia for 6 months I wanted to move into a command of my own plus we had other anxious young members eager for an XO spot. In March of '96 with the help of USF Mitch I created Starbase Everest and was promoted to the rank of Captain. Starting out with a handful of new recruits I grew the Everest into the largest sim in the USF with over 30 members by June '96. I was promoted to Fleet Captain and USF Operations Manager in August of '96. Two months later I was promoted to Commodore.

3. Do you have any other younger characters in USF?

LtCdr Joshua Knight/Deceased
Chief Tactical Officer
USS Stealth
June '95 to January '96

FstLt Michael Knight/Deceased
Chief Engineer
USS Dark Path
October '95 to January '96

Specialist Joseph Kenny/lived happily ever after
Engineering Specialist
SOG
June '96 to August '96

4. What do you like best about your character.

I like the fact that my character is very much like me in real life, makes it easy to role play ;) Kieron Lynx is half Vulcan half Human.. yeah, not very original but in real life I have a very logical way of looking at the world yet with a playful attitude. My philosophy is work hard play hard :)

5. What are your responsibilities as a USF Host, and member of the HC?

As a USF Host I am responsible for ensuring my sim is a well structured and fun place to role play. As a member of the USF High Command I am responsible for coordinating all LtCdr promotions, supervising the extracurricular USF groups such as R&D and I help make decisions on various situations that arise.

6. What do value most in a simmer?

The ability to accurately play their particular role.

7. What were your previous commands?

I was the XO for the USS Columbia from October '95 to March '96.

8. Which did you enjoy most?

That's a hard one. I still think that the Mitch/Lynx CO/XO team will be hard to beat but my time with Everest has been very rewarding. As CO of the Everest I was able to try new things without worrying if they'd work or not. After many months of commanding my own sim I developed an efficient system that kept the sim running smoothly and maximized the fun.

Initially I spent a lot of time writing elaborate story lines for sim plots. As an avid fan of the sciences I integrated the knowledge I had on theoretical physics and philosophy into my stories.

These ideas were usually complex and required a great deal of explaining but it was necessary to share the wonders of science and how they relate to the science fiction of today. This strategy however was not successful. My pre mission logs were so long that people did not have time to read them and they took me so long to write them that I had little time to read the crew's logs. It also created confusion during the sims because no one had any specific duties. So I came up with a few objectives that were minimum to run a sim. One, mission briefings require a pre mission log no longer than 4 paragraphs and they must mention crew members names (alternate crew members every week). Two, mission briefings should be a repeat of the pre mission log but broken down into sub sections. Each sub section will have 3-5 crew members assigned and they will have specific objectives to complete. Three, one crew roster is sent out each week, preferably right after the sim. I created formats for each of these items so that I could copy and paste from week to week, the only thing needing updated would be main ideas and rearranging crew members.

This new system cut my <preparation> time from 10 hours per week to 2 hours per week and it increased structure and consistency. Just as important to all of that is crew enthusiasm. For this I created the Lynx List. Each week on the crew roster I will put a Lynx symbol ^,,^ next to the names of people who excelled that week. The crew loves it, it's almost as good as getting a promotion =) So with an efficient, simple, fun, consistent and enthusiastic sim structure, the Everest soared it's way from 10 crew members to over 30.

9. If not now, were you ever involved in extra activities (ie USFPADD, Logbook)?

Actually, I wrote some of the very first versions of the USFPADD. USFMoquebe (another Stealth original) was the one who came up with the USFPADD back in August of '95. It was originally written for the Stealth only but good things are hard to keep a secret. Eventually, we started to include all the ships in the PADD. After taking on the CO position of Everest I had to drop out; I wanted to dedicate all my time and effort into one sim.

10. Any advice for aspiring USF hosts?

Yes. Before anyone considers becoming a host they should do some research as to what a host really does and what it means. A host position is no longer a normal sim character, it requires you to work. Hosts are responsible for ensuring the sim is well structured and fun, period. As a host you have to work. I don't mean to downplay being a host.. it is very rewarding to work hard at something and watch others enjoy what you've led them to do. If a crew member just wants to role play an XO, CO or even an Admiral they do not need to be hosts. I have put Ensigns in charge of missions and given them tasks of Commanding Officer. There is a big difference between playing different roles and being a host. If you are interested in the work hard play hard concept, then hosting is the way to go. ;)



Star Trek Fan Clubs: The Next Generation

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 Next Generation. 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.

IMZADI INTERNATIONAL

**Official Sanctioned by Marina Sirtis Fan Club
PipeDream/Imzadi
c/o Louise Jacobson & Judi Megna-George
1121 Saratoga Street
East Boston, MA 02128-1225 U.S.A.**

E-MAIL dpj@delphi.com or 71051.3327@compuserve.com for more information.

**BDFT(Brent's Dedicated Fan Troupe Internet Club)
Official Brent Spiner Fan Club(below)**

**c/o T.J. Arizmendi
P O Box 458038**

San Antonio, TX 78280-8038

E-MAIL lee@aegir.ucsd.edu for interest in the Internet Fan Club

**THE FIFTH HOUSE(The First Lady of Star Trek)
The Majel Barrett-Roddenberry/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.

OFFICIAL ROBERT O'REILLY FAN CLUB

c/o B. Gibbs

1607 Sheffield St

Middletown, OH 45044

(I have only found the above information for this group)

THE TEMPORAL MECHANIC.

Colm Meaney/Miles O'Brien Fan Club

c/o Lisa Anderson

P.O. Box 5282

Elm Grove, WI 53112-5282

berly@execpc.com

OFFICIAL MARC ALAIMO FAN CLUB
PO Box 6392
Te Aro, Wellington 6035
New Zealand
E-MAIL teroknor@actrix.gen.nz for more information.

THE PATRICK STEWART NETWORK
Official Patrick Stewart Fan Club
P.O. Box 4990
Riverside, CA 92514

JONATHAN FRAKES APPRECIATION SOCIETY
P.O. Box 632

Enfield, CT 06083-0632



NEW FAN CLUB - PAAS

By USFShodan

A Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil on Deep Space Nine) fan club is being formed. I talked (via email) to Sinya Schaeffer, the person who is forming it, and I got some info. Right now, this fan club is in the "beginning planning stage" still.

In her own words, this is what Sinya has to say:

"My organization is called PAAS, Philip Anglim Appreciation Society. It is a club sanctioned by the actor, Philip Anglim. I have maintained a rather low profile and I post on Internet. Now I am trying to make it both for internet and snail mail.

There is also a broader based group called the FoVB, Friends of Vedek Bareil. They are much more vocal about it and their interest is focused on the character of Vedek Bareil on DS9.

My organization PAAS and the FoVB have led the campaign of writing letters etc. to Paramount to make Vedek Bareil into a recurring character on DS9. And they featured Bareil in 7 episodes. We were utterly devastated when they killed him off in LIFE SUPPORT. So we kept writing letters to Paramount.

Now our efforts have paid off. Paramount will feature the return of Vedek Bareil in the Mirror Universe ep called RESURRECTION. Please watch it. It represents what fans can do to influence Paramount.

Let me know if you want more info on PAAS."

Sinya Schaeffer



The USF's Bit of Gossip (The Dirt)

edited by Captain Ariell Johannson-Riker

ATTENTION READER'S

Thank you to my anonymous source who gave many insightful tidbits into the lives of fellow USF'ers. ::Thinks that she will have to get a little dirt on the anonymous tipper too:: :-)

Come on everyone. I know you want to spill your sim's dirt. Please 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--

Darmok gossip

anonymous

{The first two paragraphs are quoted from last month's edition}

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.

The news just keeps getting worse for Ahrele when it comes to her clone. I have now heard that the clone has infiltrated the Darmok posing as Captain Ahrele Johannson. Look out Darmok crew. This is one bad clone. She has confused most of them into believing that she is their Captain. Will the Darmok crew find out? Check out next month's edition of The Dirt.

Congratulations to Damara and Sarvok as well. Good luck on your future. :-)

Nigala gossip

anonymous

According to my anonymous sources they quoted **Captain Dmoney** on the following "Call me a pig". Hmm my anonymous source wonders why the good Captain now wants to be known as a piggy. :-)

I think that there are some interesting things at work on the Nigala. A quote from the XO of the Nigala, **Karis "Cat" Tok** confirms it. "A Pig and a Cat running a space station? No wonder it's such a floating loony bin! ;)". Watch out Nigala crew, who knows who or what animals are running the station now.

It is said that a crew member on the Nigala makes the best chocolate truffles! These chocolate truffles are so good that they entice people from other ships to come to

the Nigala to eat them. :-)

Marquesas Gossip

anonymous

A certain Guest Chief Engineering Officer (**Frank Hernandez**) and Assistant Chief Engineering Officer (**Avia Winter**) have been seen a bit close in Engineering and on occasion been seen going into a holodeck by themselves. Is this a romance blossoming? Are the rumors that they were kissing on duty true?

Editor's Note: Check out the Eclipse gossip as well. It seems this **Frank Hernandez** is working on a harem or something. LOL !!

SOG gossip

anonymous

Things are definitely loosening up in the Special Operations Group. I hear that quite a party was going on there. Romulans and SOGgies galore graced the party. No fights ensued but plenty of flirting and good natured fun did.

Captain Rigel even popped in for a few moments and laid a "big one" on Captain Elizabeth Hanson. Several in the audience were stunned wondering just what the "one" thing was that he gave to her. Captain Hanson was also seen dancing and flirting with the Romulan Captain Alidar. Interesting.

On a side note it was stated that, Commander Maeve "has the hottest, longest-running nonromance in sim history". Good luck Commander. Just tie him down. ;-)

Federation gossip

By CaptAriell

Welcome to another edition of Federation Gossip! There is never enough fun on the USS Federation. Congratulations to **Ensign StDuiex** for his promotion to Lieutenant Junior Grade. Also a huge welcome back to **Lieutenant Commander Haven**. We missed you, and the stories for your return have been excellent.

The Federation crew has been stuck in the Delta quadrant for two months now, but that certainly doesn't mean that life is dull. We have been kidnapped, sent back in time, and played off as the galactic "lab rats" of an alien race.

Congratulations to **First Lieutenant Jason Shrader** and **First Lieutenant Serena Powell** on their marriage. It was a beautiful ceremony that culminated in a lovely bird display. All had a nice time.

Eclipse gossip

anonymous

Some Eclipse crew members have formed a Trekkie Club and a Weirdo Club. They welcome any one who is a Trekkie or a Weirdo, but they must bring brownies to the meetings.

There are rumors floating around that **Lieutenant (JG) Jake Vargo** belongs in a straight jacket. or is that he actually has one?

Two certain Engineers (**Frank Hernandez** and **Sarah Loman**) have been spending quite a bit of time together, both on and off duty. Is something going on between them? Rumor has it they were even spotted kissing.

The Eclipse ship itself is very special. Airlocks magically appear in Engineering when one has a bomb that needs to be thrown out. Either that, or the Engineers themselves are

magic (said one who was hiding an "instant airlock kit").

Lieutenant Candace Nehera had a rough time when her sister was on trial for treason. Fortunately, her sister was found innocent. To help her celebrate, **Lieutenant (JG) James Junior** offered to share a bottle of extremely expensive wine (1932 Earth). Is this the beginning of a romance? When **Junior** won a trip to Risa, he even agreed to take **Candace** with him. Sounds like things are going well here.

Unfortunately we are losing our **Lieutenant Candace Nehera**. She prefers to be called "Your All Mighty High Queenship Candace" When **Kaiyana Laturr** heard Candace refer to herself that way, she informed us all that we could call her "O Great Jedi Master Extrodonaire". **Candace** is fully human and she went through the Klingon Day of Honor ritual. This is unusual, and we are quite proud of her.

Welcome back to **Lieutenant Commander Nalavia Valdyr**.

Welcome new members **Ensigns Robert Skippie, Tarra Katlin, Goku Mantel, tr'Volar**

****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.



(Humor)

Submitted by LtCmdrKivo

Seasons Greetings (somewhat belated, I know) from the all-mighty Humor Columnist :^) Here's some Holiday Greetings from the Star Trek Universe!

This one was sent in by Lt Hobbes1. Here are the Top Ten ways Star Trek characters might personalize their Christmas cards

From the Home Office atop the highest bough ...

Top Ten ways Star Trek characters might personalize their Christmas cards

- 10) TROI: "I sense Great Joy!"
- 9) KIRK: "Dear <INSERT NAME HERE>, this Holiday Season, there's no one I'd rather meet under the mistletoe than you!"
- 8) BEVERLY CRUSHER: "Oh, the weather outside is frightful,
But the fire is so delightful!
Jean-Luc, I know you love me so ...
Make it so! Make it so! Make it so!"
- 7) SEVEN OF NINE: "All I want for Christmas is my Two Front ... Oh, wait! I already have THOSE!!"
- 6) CHAKOTAY: "Let me tell you a story I heard in my youth ... A tale of a snowman and a magic silk hat..."
- 5) SCOTTY: "We're goin' too fast, Santa! The reindeer canna take any morrrre!!!!"
- 4) THE JEM'HADAR: "We're dreaming of a White Christmas!"
- 3) McCOY: "He's born, Jim!"
- 2) PICARD: "Nog, with egg. Frothy!"

And the Number One way Star Trek characters might personalize their Christmas cards...

1) Worf: "Jingle THIS!!"

[sent in by Lt Hobbes1]

Here is a Top Ten List that I wrote... Here are Star Trek's Top Ten best New Year's Resolutions.

- 10) Beverly will try to change her hair color at least five more times.
- 9) Picard will try to cut back on the caffeinated Earl Grey.
- 8) Data will try to learn how to tell a good joke.
- 7) Kira will try to flirt with Odo more.
- 6) Odo will try to avoid Kira more.
- 5) Chakotay will try to learn a new facial expression.
- 4) Troi will try to wear more clothes.
- 3) The Voyager writers will try to come up with decent scripts.
- 2) LaForge will try to cut back on the Holodeck romances.

And the number one Star Trek New Year's resolution....

1) Morn will try to talk a little less.....

Everyone have a safe New Year!

-Quint



IS STARFLEET MILITARY?

If anyone had asked me this question while I was writing *The Nitpicker's Guide for Next Generation Trekkers*, my immediate response would have been, "Obviously!" Aside from the discipline of the crew, everything I saw smacked of the military: The uniforms, the armament, the ships, the ranks, the command structure. I just assumed that Starfleet was the equivalent of our current-day military forces, and I took every opportunity to criticize the lack of military discipline on Picard's Enterprise. Then the letters began pouring in claiming that Picard had specifically said that Starfleet *wasn't* military. In addition, there's a story going around Trekkdom that the Great Bird of the Galaxy himself, Gene Roddenberry, unequivocally asserted that Starfleet is not military. As to exactly what it is, I heard it mostly likened to a fleet of ships run by people like Jacques Cousteau. What follows is a small collection of statements and situations dealing with this matter. I leave it for you to decide:

1. Who ya gonna call? Whenever there's a threat of invasion by the military of another group, Starfleet answers the challenge. (**Balance of Terror, Errand of Mercy, The Immunity Syndrome**) If someone threatened the United States with invasion, we wouldn't call Jacques, we would call....the military.
2. "**Tomorrow is Yesterday**". In this episode, Kirk tells Christopher that Starfleet is a combined service when asked if the Navy built the Enterprise.
3. "**Errand of Mercy**." Kirk tells the Organians that he's a soldier, not a diplomat.
4. "**A Private Little War**." In this episode, Starfleet supplies weapons for their allies. Doesn't supplying weapons for an ally usually fall within the purview of the military?

5. **"Whom Gods Destroy."** Garth comments that Kirk is the finest military commander in the Galaxy- except for himself, of course. To this, Kirk replies that he is primarily an explorer now. (Just trying to be fair.)

6. **Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan.** In reference to Starfleet, David Marcus states that scientists have always been pawns of the military. His mother replies that Starfleet has kept the peace for a hundred years.

7. **Star Trek V: The Final Frontier.** Starfleet Command sends Kirk to rescue the kidnapped ambassadors on Nimbus III. Isn't rescuing hostages usually a military operation?

8. **Star Trek VI: the Undiscovered Country.** In the initial briefing, a female captain asks if they are talking about mothballing Starfleet. The man in charge of the meeting replies that the exploration and scientific programs would be unaffected. What would be affected then? Wouldn't it be....the military? In the same meeting, another person comments that if they dismantled the fleet, they would be defenseless against an aggressor. I believe that defending against aggressors is one of the roles of the military. (By the way, while we are on this topic, Klingons aren't the only enemies of the Federation. Why are they even considering "mothballing Starfleet" if they have a possible agreement with only *one* of their foes?) Later, during the dinner between the crew of the Enterprise and the Klingons, Chang asks Kirk if he would be willing to give up Starfleet. Spock jumps into the conversation by diplomatically suggesting that Kirk feels that Starfleet's mission has always been one of peace. When Kirk begins to dispute this statement, Chang interrupts, saying that there is no need to mince words. He says that in space "All warriors are cold warriors."

(Taken from Nitpicker's Guide to Classic Trekkers by Phil Farrand)

Submitted by USFTamara



Trek Gossip and Upcoming Episodes

By: CptAriell

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)
522 (12/13) R	Empok Nor
525 (12/20) R	A Time to Stand
534 (12/27)	The Magnificent Ferengi
535 (01/03)	Waltz

Since some of us get the episodes the week after the date listed, also look for the new episodes the week of 1/3 and 1/10.

Upcoming Voyager Episodes

(All dates are Wednesday week of)

Episode #	Title (R indicates this episode is a rerun)
173 (12/31) R	Revulsion
172 (01/07) R	Day of Honor



A Talk Between Friends

(Interview with Captain Ariell Riker)

by USFTamara

Tamara walks about her quarters. Although things have been VERY busy on the Federation, she is glad that they have enough time to do this interview. She just hopes that Shodan will get it way back in the Alpha Quadrant. She sets out the rose painted teapot and gold rimmed teacups that Captain Riker had given her for Christmas on her table.

Ariell walks quickly through the halls. She can't believe that she has agreed to this interview. Of all the times of year to have to sit through an interview, this was not the time she would have chosen. If it was for anyone other than Tamara, she would have given them a piece of her mind, and told them that she just didn't have the time. She steps up to Tamara's door and presses the chime.

As the chime goes off, Tamara fills the teacups. "Enter." She responds without ever looking up at the door.

Ariell strides in, trying to smile. "Hello Tamara. I am here for my appointment."

Tamara laughs. "For crying out loud Arie, this isn't a counseling session. This is just for the PADD."

"I know." Ariell sighs. "Things are just so hectic all over the ship. I can't believe that I agreed to do this."

"I understand Arie." Tamara extends a hand towards a chair. "I haven't had hardly a minute to myself."

Ariell nods as she sits down.

"If Shodan hadn't expressed such a desire for this interview, I wouldn't have been pushing you so hard either." Tamara hands her a teacup and sits down. She takes out her PADD, and sips at the tea.

Ariell quickly takes a drink of her tea, and she tries to put all of the stresses from the day out of her mind, and relax.

"Well I know that people can look through your records, but I was wondering just how long have you been in the USF?"

"Is there a multiple choice answer or can I just say for too long?" Ariell smiles at Tamara over the edge of the teacup. "I'm just kidding Tams." She settles a little more comfortably in her chair. "I have been in the USF for almost 2 years now."

Tamara looks down at her PADD. "When did you join this ship?"

Ariell can't help but to smile. "I transferred to the USS Federation in October of 1996 when Commodore Knight requested me as his First Officer. "

"What previous ships have you served aboard?"

Ariell and Tamara share a knowing gaze. "I have served on the USS Lothlorien (long live old friends), USS Odyssey, and the USS Federation." She crosses her legs.

"I hope that you aren't tired of it yet?" Tam looks slightly concerned.

"Not yet, but someday." Ariell smiles. "Don't get your heart set on the chair yet Tam." Her smile turns into a knowing Cheshire grin.

"I wasn't. Not yet that is." Tam smirks back. "What previous positions have you held?"

"I have served as the Counselor, Medical Officer, and Second Officer on the USS Lothlorien. While serving on the USS Odyssey I held the position of Mission Specialist and Assistant Science Officer. When I came to the Federation I served as both the Ship's Counselor and the First Officer. When I was promoted in 9612, I became the Commanding Officer of the vessel and had to leave the counselling position behind." She frowns remembering how hard it was to leave that position. She can't help but to wonder if she would give up everything to return to it.

"That is quite an interesting set of posts. Most of us counselors don't look towards command. I find it interesting that both of us who command the Federation came from counselling roots."

Ariell nods. "I had never intended to be promoted to a command rank. I am glad that I was able to have this opportunity, but I never expected it in the beginning. I did later, but not at the beginning."

"I hope you don't mind my asking you some more personal questions." Tamara watches Ariell's face crinkle. "I would really like our readers to know a bit more about the woman behind the Captain. There aren't as many opportunities in the sims for that."

Ariell nods. "I have always tried to be open with the crew. I don't think that any of them could say that I am not forward with them about things. I like being able to praise their valiant writing and creative efforts, as well as discipline."

"Well would you care to let our readers know if you are married?"

"Yes I am "technically" married to Thomas William Riker. The marriage is basically just on the records. I haven't seen him for a long long time, and it is believed that he is dead. At this time I assume that I am a widow."

Tamara looks over, surprised. This is news to her, and she can't believe that her friend didn't tell her this beforehand. "Tell me about your children." She tries to move on to a happier subject, one that she knows Ariell loves to talk about.

"I have three children, including my six year old twins Thomas William and Shahrele Trista. Their father is Thomas Riker. Then there is my 14 year old adopted son Jacen Thomas. His natural mother was killed while serving on the Federation. She left Jacen to my care, and I eventually adopted him into our family. I couldn't be happier with how they all are."

"You told me that you believe that you are widowed. This was a bit of a shock, but I was wondering if you are involved with anyone then?" Tamara questions, hoping that it isn't too personal.

"No, I am not currently seeing anyone. Command doesn't leave you much time for dating, but if the right person came along I would be happy to entertain the idea. My children have been without a father. I would love for them to have someone to look up to and grow with."

"Do you have any hobbies?" Tamara asks pouring them both another cup of tea.

"Unfortunately I don't have much time for hobbies. Between being a mother, and the Commanding Officer of the USS Federation, I have little free time."

"When you do have a few free moments, how do you like to spend them?" Tamara rephrases her thoughts.

Ariell thinks for a moment or two. "I enjoy reading classic novels and spending quiet time in our arboretum." She remembers her exercise outfit that is hanging in her closet. "I also like a vigorous workout in the Gymnasium or Combat Training Center."

"I understand that we have several crew members at present, that I would consider part of a long term crew. What would you say is the key to keeping simmers on our ship for such a long period of time?"

"Of course it is hard to please everyone, but I try to have a mixture of sim types." Ariell chuckles a little. "A crew member might not totally enjoy one week's mission, but with the variety that we maintain, they should enjoy many of the others." She pauses to take a sip of her tea. "Also I feel that open communication helps to keep people at ease. After every sim you and I are in a private chat room, and anyone who has a problem or wishes to talk with us knows that they can come into that room. I have found that this has solved many things before a real problem could cause too much grief with the crew."

Tamara nods in agreement. "I had never been on a ship that did that. I have seen so many benefits from it too." She takes another sip of tea. "Is there anything exciting and new happening on the Federation which you can share with our readers?"

Ariell laughs while saying, "The most exciting thing that will happen in the near future to the Federation, I can't tell you about here. The PADD will probably come out before we get to do all the parts of that sim. So no sneak peaks here Federation crew." She smiles. "I can say that we have been stuck in the Delta Quadrant for the past two months. During that time we have met interesting aliens, been the "rats" per say of another alien race, and even been sucked into Earth's past. The highlight for the crew, I'm sure, was meeting up with the Voyager crew in the sim right before our holiday break."

Tamara chuckles. "Well, maybe their favorite was finding the cryogenically frozen Scully and Moulder." Seeing Ariell's glare, she laughs louder and continues on. "For my last question, could you describe some of your favorite moments you've had in the USF in general and on the Federation in particular."

"Despite the teasing and the hard times that I have had, there are more memorable moments than I could ever entirely explain." Ariell smiles, fondly remembering. "My days on the USS Lothlorien were for the most part very memorable. There was an excellent team of writers there. We were even fondly called the Fab Four (Ariell, Ahrele, Damara, and Rogue). We never knew what to expect from Tnagra (Captain Tnagra, retired), and he always kept us on our toes, even with our own story ideas. I have a number of friends that still talk to each other from that vessel. I have enjoyed seeing each of us promoted through the years."

Tamara sets her cup back on the table and places both of their cups on the tray with the teapot.

"My most memorable times on the Federation were being able to marry different members of the crew, getting you as a First Officer, and knowing that there were members of the crew who backed me even when others wanted to give up when I first took command. There were a lot of hard times then, but in the end we came out of it stronger. Those that remained were some of the most loyal that I have ever served with (Maarek you aren't forgotten for that)." Ariell looks over at Tamara and smiles. "I guess you could say that most of my memorable moments have been with my friends and growing with them. On the Lothlorien we grew together in our writing and all the times we talked on and offline. On the Federation we grew as well in writing, simming, and the constant talking to each other."

Tamara stands and closes the PADD file. "Thank you so much for doing this Ariell. I know that the holidays are a busy time, and I thank you for giving up your time for this interview."

"Not a problem, Tamara. Thank you for asking." Ariell stands and starts to walk over to the door then stops, and turns standing at attention and saluting. "Am I dismissed, Commander?"

Tamara laughs. "Yes sir. Dismissed" She shakes her head at Ariell's silliness and watches

her friend exit her quarters.



STAR TREK NEW FRONTIER

by USFShodan

Star Trek New Frontier is a quartet of novels put out by Pocket Books. John J. Ordovery (editor) and Peter David (author) came up with this concept of a new ship and a new crew for the Star Trek universe. The ship is the USS Excalibur, and the Captain is Mackenzie Calhoun, a Xenexian, who has quite an interesting past. While only a teenager, Calhoun led his planet to successfully revolt against alien oppressors. From there, he went on to greater adventures, and is the best-suited person to be Captain of a starship patrolling space occupied by the disintegrating Thallonian Empire. Captain Calhoun is not a “by the book” captain by any means. To somewhat temper this often unorthodox personality, the First Officer is a bit more level-headed. We have already seen Commander Elizabeth Paula Shelby from Star Trek: The Next Generation episodes. It turns out that she is the ex-fiance of Captain Calhoun.

We are introduced to many other officers, some new alien species. The Science Officer is Lieutenant Soleta, a highly curious and adventurous woman who is supposedly Vulcan. Some ten years earlier, she had snuck onto the planet Thallon in an attempt to satisfy her scientific curiosity. She can legitimately claim that she was in prison with Ambassador Spock (Spock from The Original Series). The Excalibur’s Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Selar, is a Vulcan who seems to carry some “emotional baggage” concerning how her husband died. The Chief Engineer is Lieutenant Commander Burgoyne 172, who is a Hermat, a species that is both male and female. Because Hermats are both genders at the same time, they are referred to with combined pronouns such as “s/he” (for she & he), “hish” (for his and hers), and “hir” (for him and her). Another very interesting new species is the Brikar, who are represented by Lieutenant Zak Kebron, the Security Chief. This Brikar is huge and has tough, leathery skin. Phaser shots set for killing humans would merely inconvenience Brikars. I’d really like this guy as my Chief of Security!

I don’t want to give away more of the plot for those of you who haven’t read these four novels. The first three novels end in cliff-hanger endings, so you will want to read all four. I do recommend reading them. Peter David is a good author, and these are definitely better than average Star Trek books. While they deal with serious, life-threatening situations, they are also filled with humor, done in an appropriate and not distracting manner. Peter David has written many Star Trek novels and has a thorough grasp of the familiar Star Trek universe. And yet he has written novels that are entirely new. These books can be found at your local bookstores or your local libraries.



Trek Convention Summary

By Captain Ariell Johannson-Riker
{This is a reprint of a 1996 convention}

On August 17th, 1996, I attended the biggest Star trek convention to come to my area in years. It was held at the Novi Expo Center in Novi, MI (near Detroit). Fortunately I had front row seats for this wonderful event. It was the best one that I have gone to so far, and I have been attending conventions for seven years.

We were graced with three bright entertainers: Kate Mulgrew (Janeway, VOY), Robert Picardo (The Doctor, VOY), and Terry Farrell (Dax, DS9). Terry was candid and blunt but a delight. Robert was definitely entertaining, and Kate was full of praises for her fellow cast members and a joy to hear.

Terry was the first to take the stage around 2:30. She was a little late, but she had a hard time getting a cab from her hotel to the Expo Center. Terry's bluntness took me off guard a little

at first, but I was soon wrapped up in her delightful personality. She spoke frankly about her views on the show and "The Kiss". She was so down to Earth. Terry answered some of our questions about Dax and Worf. <<Wouldn't you just like to know what she said. ::Grins evilly:: I don't want to give away any spoilers if you don't want them.>> All I can say is that it looks like I will be watching Deep Space Nine more this year, and I no longer have to worry about Worf and Troi. ;-) After Terry's question and answer period, Terry autographed one item for each person at the convention that wanted one. It took her over 3 hours to sign an item for everyone, but she stayed until she got through everyone.

Robert Picardo came onstage around 5 or so. He quickly dismissed the questions about his name with I Don't know, and I Don't Know. He has written a little song ditty to Rick Berman about wanting a name. He sang it to us. It was so funny. Robert Picardo had a pretty good voice too. He told us about some of his stage career and a few of his other film credits. He even gave hints to upcoming episodes. He also shared his opinions on the uniforms. It was quite amusing as he described the first time he bent down to pick something up and his whole uniform split along the seam.

The highlight of Robert's question and answer session was when someone asked him about having an affair with Terry Farrell in London. Everyone was shocked that someone dared ask that. We all got a laugh though when TERRY removed her hat and walked up to the stage. She was the one who asked the question. Robert's face turned twenty shades of red as Terry walked around him onstage and then put her arms around him. She even rubbed his head for a little bit. The two of them are pretty good friends, and so are Terry and Robert's wife so no one panic. No one is having any affairs. It was just funny to see the two interact.

When Kate arrived at the Expo Center, Robert introduced her. Kate praised Robert Picardo up and down for his acting ability and for being a joy to work with. Kate also talked about Robert Beltran (Chakotay) as a dream to work with, and yes you really did see a tear coming down her face during the episode "Resolutions". I mean honestly, "wouldn't you cry if Chakotay said that to you", she asked the women in the audience. I would have to agree with her there. Kate and Robert Picardo stayed onstage until Robert had to excuse himself for a minute.

While Robert was gone Kate took more questions from the audience. There were a lot of comments from both males and females about being glad that finally there was a woman Captain. Kate was flattered every time that someone would say that. She was very endearing to all of the children that asked questions. You could tell how much she loved them all. Kate received a couple of presents from the Kate Mulgrew fan club. They were some body oils and other massaging creams. Kate joked that the only problem with those kinds of gifts is that they are missing the element of the massager. We all laughed at that.

After Robert returned to the stage to join Kate in a few more questions, they left to start the autographing line. I stayed for quite a while even after I already had my autograph. The host had told us that Kate was only contracted to sign for an hour, but when I left it was already past that and she and Robert were still signing. I am not sure just how much longer they stayed, but my hats off to them for trying to sign as many autographs as possible for those that came.

Finally my hats off to all three for their dedication to Star Trek and the fans. They were all a delight to see, and a joy to hear from. I know that should they ever come near my town again, I will be the first in line to see them again.



BIRTHDAY LIST FOR THE CASTS OF STAR TREKS

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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.

JANUARY

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12th - Kirstie Alley (Savvik from ST 2)  
20th - DeForest Kelley (McCoy)

**FEBRUARY**

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- 2nd- Brent Spiner (Data, TNG)
- 8th- Ethan Phillips (Neelix, VOY {He also had a cameo appearance in First Contact})
- 14th- Andrew Robinson (Garek, DS9)
- 16th- LeVar Burton (Geordi, TNG)
- 17th- Michelle Forbes (Ro Laren, TNG)
- 21st- Gary Lockwood (Lt. Cmdr Gary Mitchell, TOS)
- 23rd- Majel Barrett-Roddenberry (Nurse Chapel, TOS & Lwaxana Troi/Ship's Computer, TNG and DS9, also the computer on Voyager)

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE USF SIM GROUP MEMBERS

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~~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~~

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AGAMEMNON (USS)

Sept. 15th- Ensign Austian Jacobs

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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 Johannson (CaptAhrele)

Dec. 1st - Lieutenant Commander Janar (LCdrJanar)

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DARKPATH (USS)

May 23rd- Commander Ektor (CdrEktor)

June 1st- Lieutenant Chelsea Austin (LtChelsea)

Dec. 4th- First Lieutenant Iron (FstLtIron)

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ECLIPSE (USS)

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

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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)

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FEDERATION (USS)

Jan. 22nd- Lieutenant (JG) James Michael Riker (Ltj JRiker)
Feb. 4th- First Lieutenant Serena Powell-Shrader (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 Johannson-Riker (CaptAriell)

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HALIFAX (USS)

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

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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 Karral (Kari) (LCdrKarral)
Dec. 8th- Lieutenant Commander Sabrina Tearin DuCant (LCmrDuCant)

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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)
May 16th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Amber Fox (DoctorAFox)
Aug. 14th- Cmdr Tristaoncia Habrandona (CmdrTrista)

KHAZARA (Romulan)

July 27th- Commander Sela (retired)
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 Arsiyah Raptor (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)
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STEALTH (USS)

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



-Λ- USF TRIVIA ANSWERS-Λ-
December Edition
Submitted by USFTamara

=Λ=THE NEXT GENERATION=Λ=

An inverse tachyon beam does what?
[scans beyond the subspace barrier].

What's the name of Data's sole sibling?
{Lore}

=Λ=VOYAGER =Λ=

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

[a portable projection device worn on his arm]

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

[a pocketwatch]

=Λ= DEEP SPACE NINE =Λ=

What's the Cardassians' name for DS9?
[Terek Nor]

What's Nog's current rank?
[Ensign].

=Λ= MOVIES =Λ=

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

[Camp Khitomer]

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

[They "burned to death in a fire."]

=\= Auxiliary =\=

Why can't the Federation develop cloaking devices?

[The peace Treaty of Algeron with the Romulans prevents the development of cloaking technology by the Federation]



SCI FI/FANTASY CONVENTION LISTING
(Updated 12/23/97)
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.smof.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 (Hercules and Xena Blowout: Burbank Airport Hilton)

Scheduled to appear are: Lucy Lawless (Sunday Only), Kevin Smith (Sunday Only), Hudson Leick (Saturday Only), Robert Trebor (Sunday Only), Brad Carpenter (Saturday Only), Flat Earth Productions (Saturday Only), Ru Emerson and Rob Weisbrot. (Creation Entertainment)

2. January 24, 1998 Sacramento, CA (Star Trek Giant Show: 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 2-5, 1997 San Diego, CA (Westercon 51)

Scheduled to appear are: Katherine Kurtz, Scott MacMillan, Sue Dawe, Forrest J. Ackerman, Kary Mullis, and Special Guest J. Michael Straczynski. {For more information check out <http://www.westercon.org/sandiego/>}

6. 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/>}

7. 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)

IDAHO

November 20-22, 1998 Boise, ID (The Original Series Fab Four)

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.)

ILLINOIS

1. 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.}

2. October 2-4, 1998 Collinsville, IL (Archon 22: Collinsville Gateway Center and Holiday Inn)

Guests already include Lester Smith. {For more information you can check out <http://www.stf.org/archon>}

INDIANA

April 4, 1998 South Bend, IN

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

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: Spdock98@aol.com or check out <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Chamber/6731/> for more information.)

2. March 13-15, 1998 Baltimore, MD

Guests Include: Robert Beltran and Jennifer Hetrick. {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. January 16-18, 1998 Waltham, MA (Arisia '98' Waltham Westin Hotel)

Guests include: James P Hogan (Author Guest of Honor), Cortney Skinner (Artist Guest of Honor), and Marty Gear (Fan Guest of Honor) {E-Mail webmistress@arisia.org for more information}

2. February 1, 1998 CapeCod, MA (Visions Sci Fi Expo -- Cape Codder Hotel)

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 (Star Trek Giant Show: Park Plaza Hotel)

More details to come (Creation Entertainment)

4. March 22, 1998 Boston, MA (Hercules and Xena Convention Tour: Park Plaza Hotel)

More details to come (Creation Entertainment)

5. July 18-19, 1998 Boston, MA (Visions '98' Boston's Premier Sci Fi and Comic Gaming)

More details to come. {Check out <http://www.digiclicks.com/visions.htm> for more information.}

6. July 31 - August 2, 1998 (RebelCon '98' Taunton Holiday Inn)

The guest list already includes J. Michael Straczynski, the creator of Babylon 5. You can find more information about this convention at <http://www.rebelcon.com/>

MICHIGAN

April 25-26, 1998 Dearborn, MI (Star Trek Giant Show: Civic Center)

More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

MISSOURI

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

Scheduled to appear are Michael Dorn, Terry Farrell {NOTE: This has changed from Marina Sirtis}, and Stephen Furst (Babylon 5). (Please check out Slanted Fedora -- Formerly Trek Productions.)

2. February 15, 1998 St Louis, MO (Hercules and Xena Convention Tour: Ritz Carlton)

More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

3. March 14-15, 1998 Kansas City, MO (The Original Series Fab Four)

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 (Fangoria's Weekend of Horrors: New Yorker Hotel)

Guests Include: George Romero, Angus Scrimm, Paul Naschy, Judith O'Dea, Gaylen Ross, Lori Cardille, Tom Savini, Michael Baldwin, Reggie Bannister, Bill THornbury, Don Coscarelli, Miguel Ferrer, Dee Snider, Richard Rubenstein, John Cagilone, Mark Pavia, Sam Sherman, and The Misfits. (Creation Entertainment)

2. February 21, 1998 New York City, NY (Star Trek Giant Show: Marriott Marquis Hotel)

Guests Include: Michael Dorn and Terry Farrell. (Creation Entertainment)

3. February 21, 1998 New York City, NY (Hercules and Xena Tour: Marriott Marquis Hotel)

More details to come, but this will be a MORNING ONLY convention. (Creation Entertainment)

4. March 27-29, 1998 Stony Brook, NY (I-Con 17 SUNY Stony Brook Campus)

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

5. April 4-5, 1998 Buffalo, NY (The Original Series Fab Four)

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. 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}

2. 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} **NEW SPECIAL GUEST: Walter Koenig has now been confirmed as a guest for this convention.** (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 3, 1998 Plano, (Dallas Area), TX (The Plano Center)

Scheduled to appear at this time is Karl Urban {Cupid/Caesar from Xena} (Creation Entertainment)

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

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

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

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

4. 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 CptAriell@aol.com}

VIRGINIA

1. 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}

2. 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.

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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}

CANADA

January 31 - February 1, 1998 Victoria, Canada (Island Trek to benefit Kaleidoscope Theatre)

Guests Include: Andrew Robinson, Max Grodenchik, Chase Masterson, Julie Caitlin Brown, Eric Menyuk, and Lolita

Fatjo. (For more information E-mail ncc17013@ibm.net or check out <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/gsmclean/isltrek.htm>)

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. February 13-15, 1998 Bornemouth, England (Starfleet Ball IV, Moat House Hotel)

More details to come in the future. (E-Mail shd94@ecs.soton.ac.uk for more information)

3. 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.)

4. 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.)

5. 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

6. 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>.}

7. 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)

8. August 27-30, 1999 London, England (Galileo Convention IV: Heathrow Park Hotel)

Guests already include: Richard Arnold. For more information E-Mail galileo@mlrichardson.prestel.co.uk or check out web site <http://www.homeusers.prestel.co.uk/mlrichardson>

GERMANY

1. January 2-4, 1998 Goslar, Germany (Galileo 7)

Guests Include: George Takei, Walter Koenig, John de Lancie, Robert Picardo, Richard Arnold. (For more information check out <http://www.nettec.org/galileo7/index.html> or E-Mail prometheus@aaNet.de)

2. April 17-19, 1998 Bonn, Germany (Federation Conn VI -- Hotel Maritim)

Scheduled Guests: Nichelle Nichols, Robert Beltran, Gates McFadden, Rene Auberjouis, KateMulgrew and Robert Duncan McNeill (Contact FED-Con GmbH at 0049-821-219-0932 or FAX: 0049-821-219-1937)

3. June 20, July 25, 1998 Duesseldorf, Germany (Messegelaende, Star Trek World Tour)

William Shatner introduced this event on December 12 together with Herman Zimmerman, designer on all current Star Trek series. The complete set of "Star Trek: The next Generation" is going to be rebuild in a huge hall, so we fans will be able to (finally) take a walk on the Enterprise-D (including the bridge, transporter room, ten-forward... everything!!!). 180,000 - 250,000 visitors are expected! (As soon as a contact person is available I will list it here)

4. August 28-30, 1998 Berlin, Germany (Nexus '98', Hotel Estrel)

Guest list already includes: Michael O'Hare {Babylon 5} (For more information check out <http://www.snafu.de/~agents> or E-Mail agents@berlin.snafu.de)

5. 9. October 9-11, 1998 Hagen, Germany (Encounters '98' -- Stadthalle)

Guests Include: Larry and Janet Nemecek. (E-Mail starlight@flix.de for more information

IRELAND

1. March 14-15, 1998 Dublin, Ireland (Sci-Fi Mystery Con '98' -- Museum Parnell Square)

Guests Include: David Prowse, Diane Duane, Peter Morwood. {For more information e-mail cj@iol.ie write POB 30 Navan, Co. Meath, Eire, or call 01-8250811}

2. April 11-12, 1998 Limerick, Ireland (Limerick Inn Hotel)

Guests Include: Kate Mulgrew and Winrich Kolbe {For more information E-Mail anny.wise@iol.ie or write Anne Wise, 56 Tullyarraga Ct, Channon, Co. Clare, Ireland}

NEW ZEALAND

May 30 - June 1 1998 Wellington, New Zealand (West Plaza Hotel Wellington)

Guests Include: Neil Gaiman {For more information write P.O. Box 11559 Manners St Wellington New Zealand}

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All conventions that are listed as being given by Creation Entertainment can be contacted by calling (818) 409-0960. You can choose what options you want from there. That is the direct line to all the information that you will need. They also now have a WEB SITE (<http://www.creationent.com>) Their web site is updated weekly on Thursday nights.

For all conventions that are listed as Galactic Entertainment, further information can be found at <http://www.GalacticEntertainment.com/> OR EMAIL GalEnter@aol.com

For all conventions that are listed as Wolfe 359 please check out website <http://www.dynamite.co.uk/wolf359/> The Wolfe 359 Web Site is sanctioned by Julia Catalin Brown (Na'Tooth of Babylon 5)

Trek Productions has changed to Slanted Fedora. For their conventions check out web site <http://www.sfedora.com> You can also send an E-Mail to sfedora2@aol.com

Thanks and see you next time in the USF PADD or USF Log Book !!!

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	
USPKillian					
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	USFKurn
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	=OPEN=
Wednesday	USS Stealth	9:00	Orbital Velocity	USFTarjoto	?????
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	CdrEktor
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 Room	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.

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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
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 USFRachel or USFMstrad.



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