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Welcome to the February 1998 issue of the USF PADD cyber-magazine! We've got a full issue this time with all of our regular columns, plus some fabulous new articles. Be sure to send in your answers to USFTrivia to see if you can get your name on the list of winners! Also, look at the PADD web site, where you can subscribe, unscribe, download past issues, change your subscription, and link to other USF sites. Do check it out at <http://members.aol.com/usfpadd> As always, subscriptions are **free** and are not limited to USF members.

USFShodan

The Book Review

by LtCArronax

Welcome back to my second **Book Review!** Last time I took a look at [The Physics of Star Trek](#), this month is [The Metaphysics of Star Trek](#) by Richard Hanley. This book, which is not written by the same author of *The Physics*, takes a look at the psychology and morals of *Star Trek* dealing with life, liberty, and...

Life is the main topic of this book. The first few sections attempt to define what life is, what a person is, and what dogs and chickens are. It seems easy to say that dogs are simpler forms of life than humans, but how different are they from us? The exocomps in "ST:TNG The Quality of Life" are only machines assembled by people (though not to say by Humans), but they seem to think and have morals. Would it be a moral decision to send one to its "death?" They exhibit morals when an exocomp sacrifices his life for the crew of the Enterprise.

The next topic, and by far the best, is whether Data is alive and even a person or not. In "ST:TNG The Measure of a Man" Commodore Maddox wants to disassemble and study Data and justifies this because he thinks Data is not a person. Referring to "ST:TOS The Return of the Archons," Hanley shows how Data can be and may not be alive. (He also shows how Data has feelings but is unaware of them, one of the few points that really annoyed this unemotional Vulcan book reviewer.)

Is Jadzia Dax the same person as Curzon Dax? This seems obvious to me that they are not the same person, but share a common sentient consciousness, Dax... I guess. (It's evident that I disagreed with numerous points that Hanley made.) To try to prove intelligence he uses the Turing test developed by a real-life guy named Turing and applies it to a Horta (ST:TOS alien that looked to me like stew).

The best part was the discussion about Data's life, which comprised most of the book, but the rest was not nearly as good, in fact at times it was quite boring. Before I had finished the Data section, I wouldn't have recommended it to anyone, but that section alone makes the book a good read. [The Metaphysics of Star Trek](#) is priced at \$18, which is just a bit overpriced for a book that isn't that great. If you can find someone that has already bought it (which I doubt since I don't know of anyone who's heard of it), then definitely borrow it, otherwise, maybe, if you really want to spend your money, buy it.

Hmm.... what should I review next month? Suggestions- send a subspace message to LtCArronax@aol.com aboard the USS Excelsior.

-Ar'nax

WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE Update!!

This is an update from Commander Jay Winger on the terrorist known as The Jackal.

The Jackal, the terrorist working for the arms dealer Eric Cantwell, was spotted again recently on the Starship *Eclipse*. The *Eclipse*, Fleet Captain Eileen Shodan commanding, was investigating an alien ship when an unknown saboteur disabled their propulsion system.

That saboteur revealed himself as The Jackal. Shodan and her crew tried valiantly to repulse The Jackal, but he employed clever tactics, detonating charges throughout the *Eclipse* and utilizing the transporters to escape capture.

The Jackal was finally cornered, but he cowardly transported to his nearby ship and attempted to destroy the disabled *Eclipse*. It was thanks to intervention by the alien ship that The Jackal's plot was foiled. The Jackal then escaped in his ship.

Stay on the lookout for The Jackal. If you have any questions or information regarding The Jackal, contact Jay Winger at USF Winger@aol.com

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



BALLOT BOX

by LCdrObrien

The Ballot Box is a new feature to the USF PADD. For each issue there will be a question relating to either USF or Star Trek in some way. To answer the question, send an email to LCdrObrien@aol.com. In the subject line, type "YES VOTE" or "NO VOTE". If you wish to make a brief comment, then type it in the text area. If any comments are given for the yes vote or no vote, they will be given under the vote count, without the person's name.

Question: Should USF use cloaking devices in its sims?

The vote count will be in March's edition of the PADD, as well as the next question. If you have a question suggestion, send it to LCdrObrien@aol.com.



The Laws of Engineering

By Fst Lt Alex Quatto
CEO USS Darmok

If everything seems to be going well, you've obviously overlooked something.

That circuit board that checked out fine is obviously going to burn out any second now.

When everything is going your way, the ship must have come to a sudden stop. (usually involving an asteroid or small planet)

Your computer is usually smarter than you are, yet it can't explain what's going on.

Anti-matter containment sometimes doesn't.

The most important system will break first.

The least needed system will last forever.

Just when you are sure it can't get any worse, the computer proves you wrong.

Your ship was designed and built by people who never served on a ship.

Your repair parts were built by people who never worked in a ship yard.

Tab "A" never fits into slot "B".

If it won't fit, get a phaser.

If it still won't fit, get someone who KNOWS how to use a phaser.

When the core is about to explode, the Captain will ALWAYS call you to say "We need more power".



The USF's Bit of Gossip (The Dirt)

edited by Captain Ariell Johannson-Riker

ATTENTION READER'S

Thank you to all of my sources both anonymous and otherwise for your juicy bits of gossip.

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. Please place the ship name and then DIRT in the subject of the e-mail. This will help me to find it more easily.

I would like to keep this section, but I can't do it without your help. Yes that's right. I NEED YOU ALL !! Is someone getting married on your ship, perhaps people are just pairing off, or maybe you just know more about the "Men in White". (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--

Gossip among the hosts

anonymous

I won't even try to list all the sources of gossip for this one. There are just too many to give out. You just thought that all of us hosts are boring and dull. ::Starts to laugh:: NOT !!! The following are just some tidbits from the latest edition of the "Men in White: The Teddy Bear Affair"

<Killian writes>::Tapping her foot:: You still haven't returned my blue bear. Now you have my purple one? How many more of mine do you have? And if you tell me you have the green one too.....I might just have to get violent.

<Killian continues>Also....if that stupid pink tu-tu is on any of my bears....I am...I am...I am...I am just going to have to dress YOU in it. So there!! ::sticking out her tongue at him and running to tell the men in white that Dakor needs another shot...in the butt::

<Dakor writes, Arkee Dakro that is>Frantically running around, trying to get the damn pink tutu's off of her bears:: Boy will she kill me when she finds out I have the red one too! ::Blushes and notices the MiW coming down the hall with the BIG needle:: help me!

<Dirt Editor>::Shakes head:: Yes that's right he had the red bear. Turns out old Arkee had the green and blue ones too. He even tried to get around that no pink tutu deal by putting them in fuschia.

<Arkee Dakro writes>::Runs up to Killa and snatches the Blue Teddy bear away from

her:: damnit it was fucia! Fucia fucia fucia! ::laughs like a maniac:: This one needs a fucia tu tu now!

<Dirt Editor>Didn't work. Killian still wanted his hide. ;-) She had this to say about it.

<Killian writes>::Screams:: Gimme back my teddy !!!! Fucia is just another shade of pink. So there. ::Walking off with a cuddly blue teddy bear in her arms and a soft green blankie hanging from her elbow trailing behind her:: Isn't that right, Teddy? I thought so.

<Dirt Editor>So are you aspiring to become a host on an USF ship? Well as others who have recently been inducted into the mail string have found out, you are in for a few surprises. You have to leave your fuddy duddy frown at the door, put on your straight jacket, and take your place in the padded play area with the others. Enjoy one and all !!!

Nigala Gossip

anonymous

According to my anonymous sources they quoted **CdrTok** as stating that she has an official technique for dealing with crew members. It would seem that it involves her office desk and those members of the crew. Look out that Cat has claws. She'll get ya in one way or another. ;-)

Orlando/Everest Gossip

LCdrOBrien

As of stardate 9712.07, Starbase Everest no longer exists. During a terrorist act, which our valiant **Captain Zier** made every attempt to avoid, Starbase Everest was destroyed. An SLM terrorist had strapped a bomb to her self, and had flung herself into the reactor core.

After several weeks of shore leave on Earth and other places, we have finally recieved our duty assignment: Orlando Station, an old repair dock in the Hawking Sector. Both the Starfleet Corps of Engineers and Everest R&D are trying to upgrade Orlando Station to starbase status. It is an immense change from Starbase Everest. Everest had finally found its place in the Hemaria Sector, when it was destroyed. The neighboring Hemarians had said they would not permit the construction of another starbase in the sector, so we were transferred to Orlando Station.

It seems that the only simmer on Orlando that seems to have a life is **LtCdrSmile**, who is marrying **JoanaMcCoy** of the USF Columbia at an undetermined time. Apparently, he asked her in Ten Forward. Congratulations Smile and Joana, hope you have a long-lasting, and loving marriage.

Integrity Gossip

Alison

Hi'ya folks just letting ya know what's going on the nuthouse formerly known as the Integrity. It seems that there's been a personality crisis on the behalf of our beloved medical crisis yet again. However, this time it's not dear mister Hopt... seems **Doctor Se.... err.... Doctor Tai..... errr Doctor Rand** can't seem to decide what her name'll be.

Anywho, it seems that someone actually made the choice to join the Integrity of **THEIR OWN FREE WILL!!** First one we've had in a long time, welcome Ensigns, please pick up your straightjacket at the door.

It seems that another recent addtion has been appearing in sickbay with weird injuries as of late.... huuuum Human + Klingon = ::ducks thwap::.... but then that's just specualtion.

On another note it seems that there's a certain Lt. that really gets around, she married the Doctor, divorced him, consoled the other Doctor about her marriage, was seen

in a French Resturant with a certain First Lt., was spotted in a "comprimising postion with the Doctor's ex, and then seemed to be trading glances with a certain hunk with four pips.... huuuum makes ya wonder ay?

And then as if things weren't already bad enough<g> a certain Commander showed up recently and was refered to as a "potato hoeing, berry pickin...." huuuum Then in the recent past the clash of longwords, shields, magiks and the cry of fair maids, graced the halls of Orbital Velocity as of late....

In closing remember that its free of charge to step in on this looney house, just check in first and dont' forget your straightjacket, ooo rah! Seal... errr.... Eve..... errr... awe foget it ::ducks::

Federation gossip

By CaptAriell

Oh yes we have quite a lot going on, on the Federation. Much thwapping and laughing has been going on with all of the comments and replies to the Federation Crew Quarters Assignments. It seems that a certain Lt (JG) was placed in a room between two Orion crew members. The JG's significant other, a Commander no less, caught the JG making eyes at the Orion's and a new Ensign female. ::Shakes head:: Shameful !! Never fear, I am sure that she will have him in the proverbial dog house for a while. Either that or she will 'take out' the competition. ;-)

A welcome to our new **Ensigns James Paul Wolfe** and **Isabeau Jazjial**. They have already let their creative talents shine. Happy to have you aboard.

Do we have any more marriages in the near future? ::Thinks about it for a moment:: I don't know but several members of the crew seem to be pairing off. Aside form the aforementioned **LtJStDueix & CdrTamara**, we have **DrWingnt & CnsIKy**, and **{Fst}LtJScott & EnsnValdyr**. Keep it tuned here to find out what happens next. February is the month of love. Let's see what cupid has in store here. ::Remembers when a cupid got loose on the **Darmok** and the results of that one::

Eclipse gossip

anonymous

Welcome new Commander Kenneth Dillon! We are glad to have you join us!

Congratulations to Goku Mantel on his promotion to Lieutenant Junior Grade. Fleet Captain Shodan had triplets (again!). Children of Eileen and Captain Alexander "Putty" O'Brien were born on stardate 9712.29 on board the USS Ecilpse and are fraternal triplets. Jenna Beth-Arhele Rachel Shodan-O'brien, Kenta Jonathan David Paazar Shodan-O'brien, and Marata Sorsha B'Elanna Caitlin Shodan-O'brien.

Ariell's Note: Now those are a definite mouthful of names. :-)

Marquesas Gossip

anonymous

Thinking of visiting the USS Marquesas soon? The CO and XO on that ship are great, but try to steer clear of sickbay. It seems that **LtJg Piqua Bu** is quite scalpel-happy. She seems to take just a little too much delight in performing surgeries.

****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.



Question of the Month

by CaptAhrele

The following question was recently sent to one of our esteemed High Command staff. In an attempt to keep all of our readers apprised of the latest changes to USF policy, we are running the reply. Captains are advised to look this over carefully before submitting any future "Permission to Promote" letters. ;-)

<< I haven't promoted anyone to Lt. Commander in a long time and seem to uh have forgotten the procedure. I do remember that I have to speak with you. Could ya tell me what I must to? I'd greatly appreciate it. >>

Yes, I need a brief description of who and why you want promoted. Please keep it under 30 pages if possible. I also need recommendations from 3 other CO's and 5 crew members that have served with the potential LtCdr for at least 5 months. Also submit the last 30 logs from the potential LtCdr, I like to see the quality of their writing. If their characters are human then they only have had to serve for 6 months before getting the LtCdr promo, Klingons are 7 months, all others except Bajoran are 8 months and Bajoran characters do not get LtCdr promos. I also need their mother's maiden name, and yours.. for security purposes. By the way, how old is your Chief Medical Officer?

I think that's about it.

Commodore Lynx ^,,^

So, there you have it folks, straight from the horse's mouth...or rather, make that the cat's mouth. ;-)

Disclaimer: This letter was for entertainment purposes only and in no way reflects the current policy of the USF. Please direct all inquiries to HC, specifically USFLynx.



More Talk with Michael Okuda

by LtCArronax

Two issues ago CptnSierra sent in to the USF PADD, an email conversation that she had with Michael Okuda, the co-author of the Star Trek Encyclopedia. I just couldn't resist e-mailing him. It took me a while to come up with an excuse to do that, but I finally got an idea - an interview. For those of you who don't know who he is...

<<Michael Okuda is the scenic art supervisor for both Star Trek: The Next Generation, and Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. He is responsible for those shows' control panels, signage, alien written languages, computer readout animation, and other strange things. Michael's work on Star Trek has been recognized with three Emmy nomination for Best Visual Effects. His credits include three Star Trek features, The Flash, Flight of the Intruder, and The Human Target>>
--The Star Trek Encyclopedia

Unfortunately, due to time constraints Mike Okuda didn't have time to write out big long answers to my questions. Anyway, here's the interview...

Arronax> What is your job as Creative Technical Consultant?

Okuda> I am one of the people who review scripts for the writers.

Arronax> *Can you tell me about the humorous text that is sometimes on the control panels?*

Okuda> There's actually very few gags in the graphics, since it would be a disservice to the show if they were ever visible on camera.

Arronax> *You worked with Denise Okuda on the Star Trek Encyclopedia (I have heard it referred to as The Bible). Who is Denise Okuda (since most people don't know if she is your wife or a relation)? How long did it take you to write?*

Okuda> Denise and I are married. The Encyclopedia took about two years of research and writing after regular work hours.

Arronax> *How did you end up working for the Star Trek producers? What did you do before Star Trek?*

Okuda> I was hired on Star Trek: TNG because of my previous work on one of the Star Trek films. I worked in corporate graphics and low-budget television commercials before Trek.

Arronax> *What is your best memory from working for Star Trek?*

Okuda> Helping to make fun stuff.

-Lt. Commander Arronax



Star Trek: The Experience

by USFLynx

Wow, what an awesome experience that was! =) While in Las Vegas for business this month I had the unique opportunity to try out the new attraction at the Las Vegas Hilton. The Las Vegas Hilton spared no expense when they constructed the \$80 million Star Trek attraction and it was absolutely geared toward trekkies <g>. A massive Star Trek symbol was erected outside the Hilton making it's theme very clear. Once you enter the Hilton you can't help but notice the holodeck like entrance which leads you to a space aged gambling casino where all the employees are dressed in Starfleet apparel and the room is decorated to resemble the DS9 promenade. Everything looks so high tech, the black jack tables have fiber optic lights in them making them glow and the slot machines are motion activated (pass your hand in front of a motion detector and it activates the slot).

Once you get past all the gambling area you are confronted by huge models of the Starship Enterprise A & D, Voyager, Romulan Warbird and a Klingon Bird of Prey. To go any further you have to pay \$9.95 but you're so excited you'd pay double that without even thinking. Your small admission fee gets you into the exhibit area and eventually "the experience" <g>. The first thing you run into is an exhibit that stretches along the sides of the walkway for about 50 yards and shows the timeline of Star Trek beginning with Albert Einstein to Zepheran Cochrane to Spock's birth to the current situation in Star Trek. There are lots of excellent displays of costumes and props along the way as well. Big screen TV's are on every wall playing the best scenes from all episodes and movies. The soundtrack to "First Contact" is choreographed to many of the scenes.

Then, the moment you've been waiting for.. the experience <g>. You are huddled into a small

room by one of the attendants, about 25 of you. Then you watch the TV screens above, it's Geordi Laforge! He starts explaining some instructions on your shuttle trip but the transmission is interrupted and the whole room goes pitch black! Sparks seem to fly then a few seconds later the lights come on and you find yourself standing on a transporter pad in front of 2 real Starfleet Officers at the transporter controls <g>. They beamed you off the Starbase and onto the Starship Enterprise. The attendants that had huddled you into the room to begin with are immediately taken away by a security team <g> then you are lead out of the transporter room and through the halls of the Enterprise.. it looks soooo real! Then you enter an oversized turbo lift and head for the bridge. The lights on the walls move in different directions, sometimes you seem to be going up and sometimes sideways. The Enterprise is suddenly hit by an attacking Klingon warship and the turbo lift loses power and you are jerked around lightly.

Once you stop, though, and those doors open you see something you thought you'd never see.. you're on the bridge of the Enterprise. The Hilton pulled all stops by creating an exact replica of the Starship Enterprise D, it was sooooo cool! But you have no time to marvel at the workmanship, you are under attack! Commander Riker comes on screen and gives orders to the actors playing real Star Trek roles before your very eyes. Red alert is called. After a few minutes on the bridge the security officer escorts you to the shuttle bay where you board the shuttle <g>.

Now the really fun part <g>. You climb into the shuttle simulator with seating for 25. The computer graphics and action are state of the art and are non stop throughout the entire ride. The simulator technology is similar to the Back to the Future ride at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL but the Star Trek graphics are much better. It gets confusing sometimes because there is so much going on but it really puts you in the middle of the action with phasers and photons exploding everywhere. At the end of the ride you exit out to the gift shops where they have lots of Trek goodies that you must have <g>. Then you come to Quark's bar, a cozy atmosphere to sit down with friends and chat about your favorite Star Trek episodes. :)

Hilton said it right, it's an experience not a ride. I especially liked the Star Trek actors taking us through the Enterprise, it just seemed so real. So if you're ever in Vegas make sure you stop by and try it out for yourself, you won't be disappointed. ;) If you plan on coming out here you only need to set aside a half a day or so at the Experience. A couple times through the simulator and some time hanging out at Quark's bar is enough to see it all. =) On a scale of 1-10 of fun/exciting things to do, I give Star Trek: The Experience a 9.5! (even if you're not a Trek fan).

Lynx ^,,^



-/\- USF TRIVIA -/\-

Editor: USF Tamara

Questions: CdrMasonMD, CdrKJanar, USF Tamara and a special thanks for USF Scully for this month's Voyager Questions.

So, ya think you've got what it takes? Ya think you're a true Star Trek fan? Perhaps even consider yourself a Trekker? Hmm . . . we shall see! Prove yourself, human, and answer our Trivia questions!

We hope you enjoy our little efforts of enlightenment (and frustration to those of you who have the answer on the tip of your tongue!) :)

=/\=THE NEXT GENERATION=/\=

How many lights did Gul Madred try to get Picard to say existed, against all objective evidence?

In "Face of the Enemy," what did Troi awaken to find herself transformed into?

=\=VOYAGER =\=

What was the name of the ship that the EMH went to in the Alpha Quadrant?

What model was the EMH that the Voyager EMH ran into on the previous ship? What model is the Voyager EMH?

=\= DEEP SPACE NINE =\=

To what department is Jadzia assigned?

What is the name of Miles & Keiko O'Brien's daughter?

=\= MOVIES =\=

At the Khithomer conference, Admiral Cartwright hoped his plan would stop the peace accords. From what movie was this plot?

To what rank was Worf promoted to for conduct above and beyond the call of duty in the movie, *Generations*?

=\= The Original Series =\=

In a conversation with Scotty according to Checkov, what liquor was invented by a little old lady from Leningrad?

Who was Kirk's Communications Officer?

Thanks for playing the February edition of USF Trivia! Please send your answers to CdrKJanar.

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Congratulations to our FIRST PLACE Trivia Buff: Doctor James Huston from the USS Darmok! WTG!!

And coming in at very close SECOND is CaptAhrele also from the Darmok. Humm . . . |:)

And bringing up the rear in THIRD PLACE is none other than USFShodan from the Eclipse!

Yeah!! Great work, guys!!



THE PICARD TOTE BOARD

1. Number of parts played by Patrick Stewart: 17
2. Number of actors who play Jean-Luc Picard: 3
3. Number of times we see Picard sleeping alone: 7
4. Number of times we see Picard in repose with a woman: 2
5. Number of times we see Picard in bed with Q: 2
6. Number of times we see Picard reading a book: 4
7. Number of people who call Picard "god" (or The Picard): 3
8. Number of times Picard decides the fate of an entire planet: at least 6
9. Number of times we see Picard with hair on top of his head: 3
10. Number of times Picard fixes his hair during a crisis: 0

From the Nitpickers Guide to Next Generation Trekkers, Volume II by Phil Farrand.
Submitted by USFTamara



BOLDY GOING THERE...HOW FAR IS IT?

by - Thomas Shepherd (SSKapitan/LtjgQuell)

Are you old enough to remember *Battlestar Galactica's* incredibly ignorant cosmology? They delighted in crossing vast tracks of space at sub-light speeds and regularly confused the words *galaxy* and *solar system*. An otherwise delightful Sci-Fi shoot-'em-up, marred by lousy science.

But are we guilty of similar--though less glaring--astronomical faux pas? Does your starship whiz across the galactic disk to the Rim in one session?

Does your ship's computer seem to know all the star systems and all the inhabited worlds along your flight path? Do you think of the Milky Way as a cluster of a few thousand stars, scattered within easy reach of Federation vessels at maximum warp?

Forget it, pal. You ain't living in the real Universe. Let's visit our galactic homeland and see what's really there.

The Milky Way Galaxy is incredibly vast and dense with stars. The diameter of its spiral disk is approximately 100,000 light years, and the disk is thought to be about 700 light years thick at our sun's location. Like a sprawling pinwheel of glowing sand grains, the Milky Way Galaxy is now thought to have well over 100 billion (that's right *billion*) stars and has been in existence anywhere from 13-15 billion years. Our sun is located in the Orion spur, on one of the four spiral arms, about 27,000 light years from the galactic center, which is now thought to be dominated by a massive black hole in the middle...perhaps explaining how galaxies hold themselves together. The center of the galaxy has a bulge--25,000 light years thick--which cannot be seen from earth, because we are looking cross-wise through the starfield toward the middle.

If we accept that a Starship can travel faster than light--which we do--then we must consider how much faster? According to a chart in the *Star Trek Encyclopedia* (NY: Pocket Books, 1994, p. 372), it would take thirty-three years at Warp 9.9 just to cross the Federation! Since this distance is given as 10,000 light years, we can multiply it out and discover a trip across the galaxy--Rim to Rim--would take 660 years even at speeds approaching Warp 10. This chart runs into conflict with the *Voyager* script scenario, because the apparent formula for that ship's trek home is 1,000 light years for every terrestrial year. (70 years to get home; 70,000 light years away.)

THE VASTNESS FACTOR: HOW MANY??

But distance alone isn't the only barrier to our simming scenarios. The problem of a ship's computer knowing all the worlds and their civilizations is one of sheer magnitude. I call this the "Vastness Factor." Even if we could cross the galactic disk quickly, we wouldn't have the foggiest notion what star-systems we've whizzed past. To use a terrestrial analogy, let's say you walk a

mile down the beach and stop. You have miles of silver sand stretching both directions from you. Is there any possible chance you could explore and examine every grain of sand, down to the bedrock, along that beach? Those are the kinds of numbers you're looking at when talking about exploring the galaxy.

HOW TO OVERCOME DISTANCE & VASTNESS FACTORS?

We can't. But we can be a little more logical when we compose our plot sequences. For example, we could--as some Captains do--build in more time factor to the plot. Sometimes on *TOS*, *TNG*, or *Voyager*, the Captain will make a log entry which jumps across time: CAPTAIN'S LOG STARDATE.....

WE HAVE BEEN CRUSING TOWARD SYSTEM XYZ FOR TWELVE DAYS NOW AT MAXIMUM WARP....etc. Also, we might consider the vastness quotient by allowing a lot more alien worlds and many, many unknown civilizations, some of whom we will never discover because they don't want to be found. Returning to the sand analogy, if a few dozen--or hundreds--grains of sand which lie a meter beneath the surface wanted to go unnoticed, how long would it take for our pedestrian to discover them? The Vastness Factor is a civilization's best defense.

BUT WE'RE ROLE-PLAYING!

I am aware that the dynamics of simming require conflation of time and space to keep the story moving, but I think we can interject more astronomy and space science into our plotlines and the result would be a richer, more "realistic" simming experience. For example, do you know what a *globular cluster* is? How about the vast, virtually empty corridors between the spiral arms of the galaxy? And how about up-and-down movement within the disk, instead of just center-or-rim directions of flight? Do we write about young blue 'O stars' found primarily in the spiral arms of the galaxy, or the vast hydrogen clouds of the Orion nebula just 1,300 light years from earth, or white dwarfs/brown dwarfs? Any commercial bookstore will have tons of reference materials. I hope we continue to sharpen scientific/astronomical elements in our simulations so that the USF can become the finest sci-fi experience in known space ... and boldly go there in a plausible space-time configuration.



HUMOR!!!!!!!!!!!!

by LtCmdrKivo

Hello! Welcome to this edition of Humor. I don't feel like talking, let's just get to the funny stuff!

Here's the differences between Trekkers and Trekkies.

A Trekker wears a starfleet uniform to a convention because it's fun.
A Trekkie wears a starfleet uniform to a convention because s/he has heard that it is in style at the academy.

A Trekker has a Starfleet Academy window sticker on his car.
A Trekkie is cramming for the entrance exams.

A Trekker meets Marina Sirtis/Gates McFadden at a convention, tells her how pretty he thinks she is, that it is too bad she is married or he would ask her out.

A Trekkie meets Deanna Troi/Dr. Crusher at a convention, tells her how pretty he thinks she is, and asks her if she is still seeing Riker (Picard, some alien patient, et al).

A Trekker loves watching the show, nitpicking and discussing it with friends.

A Trekkie loves watching those documentaries filmed aboard the Enterprise.

A Trekker thinks Wil Wheaton was a lucky kid who got to play a kid on Star Trek.

A Trekkie thinks that Wesley Crusher was a lucky kid who got to sit on the bridge.

A Trekker thinks that it is a shame that the show is coming to an end.

A Trekkie thinks that it is a shame that the crew is being reassigned and that the Enterprise is being decommissioned.

A Trekker knows that there are gaping holes in the technology, but ignores them and enjoys the show.

A Trekkie can't wait for the price to come down on those home food replicator units.

A Trekker buys pips for the rank s/he wants to be.

A Trekkie wonders why he is constantly passed over for promotion.

A Trekker tells his/her new girl/boyfriend that s/he really likes Star Trek.

A Trekkie's new girl/boyfriend is an underclassman at the academy.

[<http://www.math.columbia.edu/~matzinno/trek/humor/trekkie>]

And to end this month's 2 out of 3 dentist recommended dose of humor, 20 plots you'll never EVER see on ST:TNG.

1.The Enterprise encounters a mysterious energy field, and they've seen it many times before.

2.The Enterprise successfully ferries an alien VIP from one place to another without incident.

3.The Enterprise visits a remote outpost of scientists and they are all OK.

4.Picard, Riker, and Data visit the Holodeck and it works perfectly.

5.Captain Picard has to make a difficult decision about a less advanced people, but the Prime Directive makes it easy.

6.A power surge on the bridge is correctly diagnosed as a faulty capacitor by a well-trained engineering staff using common diagnostic equipment.

7.The officers of the Enterprise encounter a new lifeform, which later turns out to be a common, well-known lifeform who was wearing a funny mask as a joke.

8.A major emergency happens near the Enterprise, but fortunately some other ships in the area are able to deal with it.

9.The Enterprise kicks in warp speed and hits a large planet coming from the right that they didn't see in time.

10.The crew of the Enterprise is struck by a mysterious illness, but the cure is found in the well-stocked sickbay storeroom.

11.Geordie looks at something through his electronic eye band and realizes he hasn't the faintest idea what he is looking at.

12.While being attacked by Romulans, Picard orders warp speed and the Enterprise stalls and won't start up without a call to AAA.

13.Data is passed over for promotion because he cannot understand the most basic nuances of what people are saying to him.

14.Wesley Crusher gets beat up by his classmates for being a geek and he has to start making friends his own age for a change.

15.Counselor Troy makes an analysis that states something other than

that which is blindingly obvious.

16. A mysterious being composed of pure energy tries to enter the Enterprise's computer but finds out it didn't bring the right plugs along.

17. Riker falls in love with a woman on a planet he visits, gets her pregnant accidentally, and winds up having to marry her and he gets court martialled.

18. The officers are beamed down to a planet called "Paradise" where everyone is happy all of the time. Eventually, they find out that everything is just as it seems - it's really a neat place to live!

19. The Enterprise is involved in a time warp experience and does NOT wind up in the 20th century.

20. Captain Picard, Riker, and Data are captured by a superior intelligence, who apologizes for the mistake and does not put them on trial.

[<http://www.bazza.com/sj/trek/humour/20PlotsYoullNeverSeeOnTNG.html>]

That's it for this time! I'll be here next month.... Will you??

Good nite everybody!

-Lieutenant Commander Kivo



Trek Gossip and Upcoming Episodes

By: CptAriell

News from Home

I truly hope that you have not missed the latest in Star Trek: Voyager's adventures. I was truly rolling laughing from most of the recent episode, "Message In a Bottle". It was absolutely hilarious. Robert Picardo was at his peak and the wit of Andy Dicks was welcomed. They made a good team.

"Message In a Bottle" is the first of a 6 episode arc that the Voyager writers are giving us in the month of February. Is that the end of what we will hear from the Alpha Quadrant??? Don't count on it. Now that they have the relay something more has to happen. Will the Hirogen let Voyager keep using the relay? I wouldn't count on that either. Parts 5 and 6 will air together in a 2 hour running of the episodes :-)

Also what are they going to do about Roxann's (B'Elanna's) real life pregnancy? If you noticed her uniform changed starting in the episode "Waking Moments". She now wears the convenient lab type coat that Beverly wore, except in Gold. I have heard rumors that they will fit her pregnancy in with her relationship with Paris. ::Smiles because she likes that idea:: We will just have to watch and see. I know that she has had her baby already. I will try to track down information for you all about it.

Have you ever wanted to interview one of the Star Trek actors at a convention that you attended??

I know that I have wanted to do something like that, and our own CptnSierra was able to interview Garrett Wang last year. It was a treat to hear the audio tape of the interview session. This year she is trying to get an interview with Robert Picardo. ::Crosses fingers:: Good Luck Si.

Given any thought to writing and submitting a script for Voyager or Deep Space Nine?

In my time here I have met some very talented individuals. Here is the information that

you will need to get their script writing guidelines. Who knows, maybe we could someday see a written by fellow USF'er in the credits. :-)

Send a 9" X 11" self-addressed stapled envelope (55 cents) to
Lolita Fatjo
C/O Paramount Pictures
Hart Building 105
5555 Melrose Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90038

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)
2/07/98 538	Far Beyond the Stars
2/14/98 537	One Little Ship
2/21/98 539	Honor Among Thieves

Some of us are a week behind the above scheduled so don't worry if you don't get them until the next week. Keep your VCR ready just in case.

Upcoming Voyager Episodes

(All dates are Wednesday week of)

2/04/98 175R	Scientific Method
2/11/98 183	Hunters (2/6)
2/18/98 184	Prey (3/6)
2/25/98 185	Retrospect (4/6)
3/4/98 186/187	????? (5 & 6 of the 6 part arc)



Babylon 5 is Here to Stay

By Captain Ariell Johannson-Riker

Yes, you have that right. The show Babylon 5 is definitely here to stay. Did you miss the first 5 season's episodes?? Never fear, TNT has moved in to the rescue. The Turner Network Television (TNT) cable station has started airing the first years of Babylon 5 episodes every day at 7pm Eastern. You will also find the newest episodes airing every Wednesday night at 10 pm Eastern in most areas.

Turner Network Television acquired the Babylon 5 series from Warner Bros. Television. On the good 'ol WB, Babylon 5 was kicked around and placed in strange times, so that those of us who really wanted to watch B5 had to search the TV guide each week to find it. No problem, we found it and kept it alive. Not even WB could kill the fan interest.

If you don't receive TNT, please contact your cable company or satellite provider. You are missing out on a fabulous show.

Babylon 5 has an excellent cast including Bruce Boxleitner, Tracy Scoggins, Jerry Doyle, Richard Biggs, Mira Furlan, Bill Mumy, Stephen Furst, Peter Jurasik, and Andreas Katsulas. It is a fine group of talented actors.

J. Michael Straczynski is also an amazing writer. The whole concept of the show originated from a 5 year story arc that he dreamed up. Nicely enough, JMS is also very accountable to the fans. If we do or don't like something, he likes to know. Many things have been changed for the better due to fan input. ::Wonders if Berman will ever get the hint and listen to us fans. Laughs knowing that will never happen::

So tune into TNT and catch the show that is giving Star Trek and other science fiction

shows a run for their money. Check out Babylon 5 !!!



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.



Star Trek Fan Clubs: Deep Space Nine

By: CptAriell

Let's Continue On

This month we are continuing in our SALUTE to the fan clubs of Star Trek actors. This month's feature is Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. 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.

ORACLE

Officially Sanctioned Rene Auberjinois/ODO Web Page
C/O L. Wilcox
2604 ElCamino Real # 377
Carlsbad, CA 92008
[Rene's motto is: "Reach for the Stars"]
<http://www.thegreatlink.com/>

EMISSARY

Avery Brooks/Benjamin Sisko Fan Club
c/o Bartricia Williams
P.O. Box 621719
Oviedo, FL 32762-1719
E-MAIL emissary1@aol.com or baw44883@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu for more information.
<http://members.aol.com/emissary1/emissary.html>

ARON EISENBERG FAN CLUB

Anita Campbell, president
1659 Porter Road
Union, NJ 07083-4359
SoupTime@aol.com for more information.
http://members.aol.com/SoupTime/Aron_Eisenberg-Nog_FanClub.htm

TERRY FARRELL FAN CLUB

{Unfortunately Terry Farrell's regular fan club has put a cap on its membership right now. No new members are being accepted.}

<http://www.koganuts.com/TFIFC/>

ROM'S BAR
The Official Max Grodenchik/Rom Web Page
C/O C Peterson
5016 Lakecrest Dr
Charlotte, NC 28215
E-MAIL roms-bar@aol.com for more information

THE OFFICIAL CHASE MASTERSON FAN CLUB
Chase Masterson/Leeta Fan Club
C/O Michele Hemming
2029 Verdugo BL
Montrose, CA 91020
E-MAIL DABOLeeta@aol.com for more information.
<http://members.aol.com/DABOpage/>

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
<http://www.astro.umd.edu/~sgeier/obrien.html>

ANDY
The Official Andrew Robinson/Garek Fan Club
C/O G. Stever
PO BOX 11261
Scottsdale, AZ 85271-1261
E-MAIL gales@mindspring.com or hanna@ids2.idsonline.com for more information.
<http://www.cyberlifecom.com/oarfc/>

OASIS
Official Armin Shimmerman/Quark Fan Club
c/o Kathy Bayne
26 DogWood Street
Jersey City, NJ 07305
E-MAIL kathybayne@aol.com for more information.

THE DOCTOR'S EXCHANGE
Official Alexander Siddig/Bashir Fan Club
c/o Joan Marie Verba
P.O. Box 1363
Minnetonka, MN 55345-0363
E-MAIL verba001@maroon.tc.umn.edu for more information.

NANITES
Official Nana Visitor/Kira Nerys Fan Club
C/O Nanites
8824 Cross Country Place
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
E-MAIL nananut@aol.com
<http://rainbow.rmii.com/~blanche/DS9/kira.html> and <http://www.nanites.com/>

OFFICIAL MARC ALAIMO FAN CLUB
PO Box 6392
Te Aro, Wellington 6035

New Zealand
E-MAIL teroknor@actrix.gen.nz for more information.

MORN WATCHERS
c/o Tina Jafari
P.O. BOX 630175
Houston, TX 77263-0175

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)



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.

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)

**MARCH**  
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- 2nd- Gates McFadden (Dr. Crusher, TNG)
- 3rd- James Doohan (Scotty, TOS)
- 20th- John de Lancie (Q, TNG/DS9/VOY)
- 22nd- William Shatner (Kirk, TOS)
- 26th- Leonard Nimoy (Spock, TOS)
- 29th- Marina Sirtis (Counselor Troi, TNG)

Know of anyone I missed for February/March 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 (Doctor) John Huston (DrJHuston)
Nov. 9th- Captain Ahrele Johannson (CaptAhrele)

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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)
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. 5th- Lieutenant Anne Farnah Molari (AnneMolari)
Jan. 22nd- Lieutenant (JG) James Michael Riker (LtjJRiker)
Feb. 4th- First Lieutenant Serena Powell-Shrader (DrSerena)
Feb. 10th- Commander Tamara Zekad (CdrTamara)
April 5th- Ensign James Paul Wolfe (EnsJPWolfe)
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-Chid (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)

Feb. 28th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Bo Duster (BoDuster)
Feb. 29th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Bonnie Duster (LtBonnie)
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)
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)

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KEMO SABAY (USS)

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

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KHAZARA (Romulan)

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

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LOTHLORIEN (USS)

Jan. 22nd- Lieutenant Commander Quint Kivo (LtCmdrKivo)
May 12th- Commander Josh (USFJosh)
Aug. 4th- First Lieutenant B Hobbes (LtHobbes1)
Sept. 11th- Lieutenant Junior Grade Wesley Riker-Troi (LtJGWTroi)

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MARQUESAS (USS)

Mar. 14th- Commander Maarek Steele (CmdrMaarek)

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NIGALA (STATION)

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

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ODYSSEY (USS)

Nov. 25th- Ensign Doug (EnsDoug465)

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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. 1st - Commander Katarina Janar (CdrKJanar)
Dec. 18th- Captain Putty (CaptPutty)
Dec. 23rd- Ensign Kathrine O'Dell (retired)

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RODDENBERRY (USS)

July 9th- Lieutenant Jon Harwood (Lt Jonny)
July 12th- Lieutenant Commander Ellen Yuch-Qorgh (LtCmdrEllen)
Oct. 31st- Lieutenant Junior Grade Ray

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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)

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SUNDANCER

Jan. 9th - Lieutenant Commander Bargeil Leen (Beeg)
Oct. 10th- Commander Hughes (USFHughes)
Oct. 26th- Captain Karral (Kari) (CaptKarral)



-A- USF TRIVIA ANSWERS-A-
January Edition

Submitted by USFTamara
Editor: USF Tamara
Questions: CdrMasonMD, CdrKJanar, 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
(Shades of Gray)

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

=Λ=VOYAGER =Λ=

What is Tuvok's current rank?
[Lt. Cmdr.]

What was Kes' "gift" to Voyager and her crew?
[She used her newfound powers as a non-corporeal life-form to throw the ship clear of Borg space, 10,000 light years closer to home.]

=Λ= DEEP SPACE NINE =Λ=

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

The normal gestation period for Betazoid Babies is ____ months.
[10]

=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?
(Decker)

In Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, what was the first name of Dr. Marcus and her son?
(Carol and David)

=Λ= The Original Series =Λ=

What was Sulu's first name?
(Hikaru)

What was Chekov's first name?
(Pavel)



SCI FI/FANTASY CONVENTION LISTING
(Updated 1/31/98)
by CptAriell

I began doing the convention listing for the USF PADD a year and half ago. In May of 97 I

began an even more up to date convention listing on the web. It is there for those of you who want to remain more current than once a month, or want to recheck some information. For all those of you who have read the listing in this publication and visited my web listing I would like to say thank you.

A particular thank you to all of you who have visited the convention web page (<http://members.aol.com/captariell/fanclubs/convention.html>) since May of 1997. I am thrilled that as of 1/30/98 we've had over 1000 visitors. Due to the nominating from a convention web site member we have won the IFT web link of the month of January. ::claps and smiles::

It takes a lot of effort to keep both of these lists current, and knowing that you are visiting, and enjoying, the site makes it all worthwhile to me. Thank you again.

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.

LOOKING FOR I have someone who has contacted me looking for any Bond conventions. If you have any information on this type of convention please let me know. I am a fan of Bond myself as well. :-)

United States Conventions Listing

ARIZONA

1. May 30, 1998 Phoenix, AZ (Star Trek Convention: Civic Plaza)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)
2. May 31, 1998 Phoenix, AZ (Hercules/Xena Convention: Civic Plaza)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)
3. June 6-7, 1998 Tucson, AZ (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.)

CALIFORNIA

1. 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}
2. April 3-5, 1998 Pasadena, CA (Grand Slam VI: The Pasadena Center)
THE FOUR CAPTAINS TOGETHER AT ONCE ON SUNDAY. Guests already include: William Shatner, Patrick Stewart (tentative), Avery Brooks, and Kate Mulgrew. Also appearing are Michael Dorn (Sat only), Terry Farrell (Sat only), and Jeri Ryan (Sat and Sunday). John de Lancie and Leonard Nimoy are scheduled to perform in an "Alien Voices" production on Saturday. On Friday these Trek guest stars will appear: Dwight Schultz (Barclay), Louise Fletcher (Kai Wynn), Andrew Robinson (Garek), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), and Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat). (Creation Entertainment)
3. 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/>}
4. 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/>}
5. August 1-2, 1998 San Francisco, CA (Star Trek Convention: Masonic Center)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)
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.

7. October 18, 1998 San Francisco, CA (Hercules/Xena: Masonic Center)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

8. November 21-22, 1998 Burbank, CA (Salute to Babylon 5: Airport Hilton)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

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. 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. February 7-8, 1998 Fort Lauderdale, FL (Visions', War Memorial Auditorium)
Guests include: Robert Picardo, Mark Goddard (Lost in Space), Marta Kristen (Lost in Space?), Angela Cartwright (Lost in Space), Andrew Prine (V), and Richard Herd. (E-Mail ivisions@cape.com for more information or CALL 508-896-7402)

3. 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}

4. 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}

5. 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 (The Original Series Fab Four)
Guests Include: Jimmy Doohan, George Takei, Walter Koenig and Nichelle Nichols. Also Stephen Furst (Babylon 5) will now be attending this convention. {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.stlf.org/archon>}
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INDIANA

1. April 4, 1998 South Bend, IN
Guests Include: Mark Allen Shephard (Morn, DS9). {For more information E-Mail USSValhalla@juno.com}
 2. September 26, 1998 Hammond, IN (Summertrek '98', Purdue University-Calumet Athletic Building)
The guest list will be coming soon. Please check out <http://www.garrisonent.com/ainsworth/summertrek/> or E-Mail ainsworth@iftcommand.com for more information as it is available.
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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.)
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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 (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>.}
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MASSACUSETTS

1. March 15, 1998 Boston, MA (Star Trek Giant Show: Park Plaza Hotel)
More details to come (Creation Entertainment)

2. March 22, 1998 Boston, MA (Hercules and Xena Convention Tour: Park Plaza Hotel)
Ted Raimi (Seaquest and Xena) is scheduled to appear at this time with more to be announced later. (Creation Entertainment)

3. July 18-19, 1998 Boston, MA (Visions '98' Boston's Premier Sci Fi and Comic Gaming)
Robert Beltran is already scheduled to appear. (Contact ivisions@cape.com or check out <http://www.digiclicks.com/visions.htm> for more information.)

4. 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

1. April 25-26, 1998 Dearborn, MI (Star Trek Giant Show: Civic Center)
Leonard Nimoy (Saturday Only) and John de Lancie (Sunday only). (Creation Entertainment)

2. August 22-23, 1998 Dearborn, MI (Star Trek Convention: Civic Center)
More details to come (Creation Entertainment)

MINNESOTA

1. August 8, 1998 Minneapolis, MN (Hercules/Xena: Convention Center)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

2. August 9, 1998 Minneapolis, MN (Star Trek Convention: Convention Center)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

MISSOURI

1. February 15, 1998 St Louis, MO (Hercules and Xena Convention Tour: Ritz Carlton)
Ted Raimi {Seaquest & Xena}. (Creation Entertainment)

2. 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 JERSEY

- August 29-30, 1998 Cherry Hill, NJ (Hercules/Xena: Hilton)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

NEW YORK

1. February 21, 1998 New York City, NY (Star Trek Giant Show: Marriott Marquis Hotel)
Michael Dorn and Terry Farrell. (Creation Entertainment)

2. February 21, 1998 New York City, NY (Hercules and Xena Tour: Marriott Marquis Hotel)
Ted Raimi (Seaquest and Xena) and Danielle Cormack (Ephiny, Xena). This convention is a 10:00 am - 2:00 pm convention. (Creation Entertainment)

3. 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)

4. 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.)

5. October 11, 1998 New York City, NY (Marriot Marquis)
More details to come. (Creation Entertainment)

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}. Walter Koenig and Mark Allen Sheppard (Morn:DS9) are already on the guest list for this one. Marc Okrand (Founder of the Klingon language) and Lawrence Schoen (Klingon Language Institute) will also be available at this event. (Check out <http://www.nb.net/~qsera/praxis/praxis.html> for more information on the convention and updates as they are available)

TEXAS

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. 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. April 3-5, 1998 Harrisonburg, Virginia (Madicon 7, James Madison University's Taylor Hall)
This year's guests have not yet been confirmed, but please check out <http://maavwik.simplenet.com/sffg/madicon.html> for more information as it is available.

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

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)

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LIST

I am happy to report that our International Convention Listing is indeed still growing.

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 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. :-)

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 and 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. February 13-15, 1998 Bournemouth, 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. February 26-28, 1999 Kent, UK (Redemption '99', Ashford International Hotel)
Guests already include: Gareth Thomas, Jane Killick, Sheelagh Wells, and Joe Nazzaro. For more information please check out <http://www.smof.com/redemption/> or E-Mail STEVE.ROGERSON@MCR1.poptel.org.uk

9. 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/galcon.htm>

GERMANY

1. April 17-19, 1998 Bonn, Germany (Federation Conn VI -- Hotel Maritim)
Scheduled Guests: Nichelle Nichols, Robert Beltran, Gates McFadden, Rene Auberjinois, Kate Mulgrew 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. October 9-11, 1998 Hagen, Germany (Encounters '98' -- Stadthalle)
Guests Include: Larry and Janet Nemecek. (E-Mail office@factandact.com or check out

<http://www.factandact.com/Starlight/> 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 !!!

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Sunday	USS Excelsior	9:00	Orbital Velocity	USFABC1701		=OPEN=
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		USFDylan
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	USS Aldrin	11:00	Private Room	USFKillian		filled
Wednesday	USS Stealth	9:00	Orbital Velocity	USFTarjoto		
CdrNicole						
Wednesday	USS Halifax	10:00	Private Room	USFDakor		USF Spock
Wednesday	USS Kemo Sabay	10:00	Private Room	USFAhrele		USFAkarn
Thursday	Outpost Cousteau	8:00	Java Chat Room	USFSierra		=OPEN=
Thursday	USS DarkPath	9:00	Private Room	USFMstrad		CdrEktor
Thursday	USS Potemkin	10:00	Private Room	USF Sierra		CdrKJanar

Thursday	USS Agamemnon	10:00	Private Room	USF Zaphod	USFGeek
Thursday	USS Sundancer	11:00	Java Chat Room	USFDamara	USFHughes
Friday	USS Lothlorien	9:00	Private Room	USFWinger	USFJosh
Friday	USS Integrity	10:00	Private Room	USFRigel	USFGorkon
Friday	USS Darmok	11:00	Private Room	USFAhrelle	USFDamara
Saturday	USS Odyssey	9:00	Orbital Velocity	USFCaitlin	=OPEN=
Saturday	IKC Hegh'ta	8:00	Private Room	USFABC1701	USFKurn

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