

FALL 2020



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, Greetings, Salutations and *yI'e!* Welcome to the Fall 2020 issue of the Ticonderoga newsletter. This issue finds the intrepid crew of the Ticonderoga once again boldly moving where only the foolish dare...among Dragons!

Not only that, but we are going to explore our adventures among those whom we love to meet, who frequently bring dragons to life...the actors, authors, and artists that we've met and gotten their autographs!!

This has been an unusual year with the world health issues having made it difficult to get out and enjoy conventions, films, or most any of the large gatherings that we all love so much.

So this edition is going to help us live with our memories and share the times that we have had in the past meeting our celebrity crushes, while we look forward to the times in the near future where we will build new memories.

“Lockhart'll sign anything if it stands still long enough!”

— J.K. Rowling , *Chamber of Secrets*

Some autographs are rather easy to obtain because the “autographee” seems to be at every event ever planned, while others fall under the “holy grail” category due to the rarity of encounters. For those who collect them, the reward is worth the chase in either case.

So enjoy these stories of chasing dragons and autographs, stay safe and we'll all meet up on the other side!

“Star Trek' says that it has not all happened, it has not all been discovered, that tomorrow can be as challenging and adventurous as any time man has ever lived.”

—Gene Roddenberry

As always... *QaQ jaj laD* “It is a good day...to read”

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DRAGONS AND DRAGONS AND MORE DRAGONS...OH MY!!!!



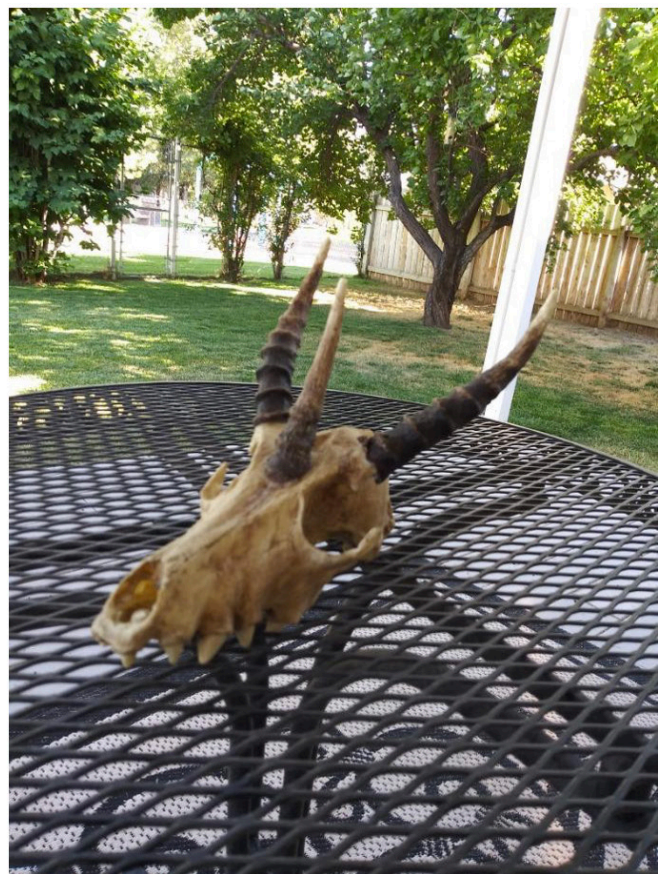
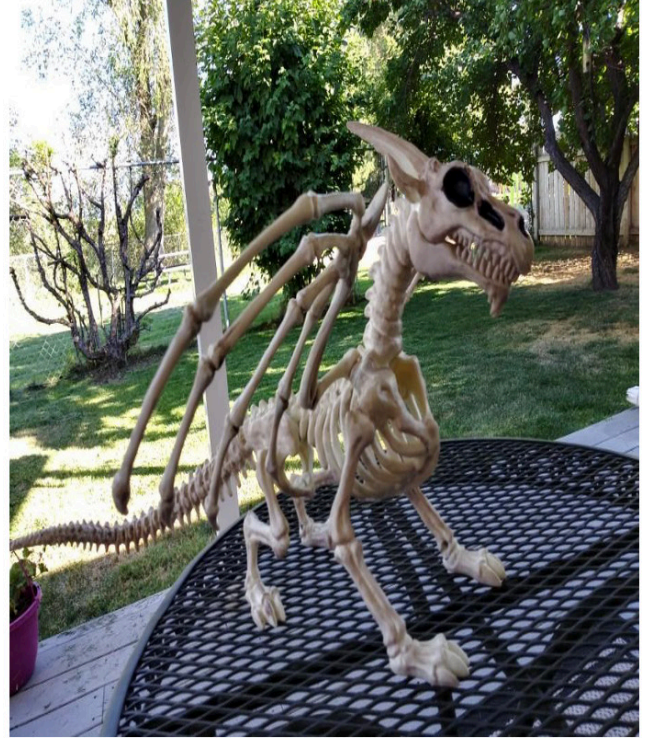
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A FEW DRAGONS FROM THE HOME OF OUR OWN TINA TORRES!



SEVENTH FLEET — SOMETHING, SOMETIME

Where: Who knows... (Fingers crossed for the Admirals Banquet in January 2020)

Description: Come and join the fleet as we embark on an away mission to somewhere fun doing something fun at some point in the future!

USS TICONDEROGA — WEDNESDAY MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Roy Utah Library...Perhaps

Description: The members of the USS Ticonderoga, along with friends, will be gathering (or not) & everyone is encouraged to virtually attend (or really attend) and bring a friend!

USS KELLY — MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Who knows...

Description: The USS Kelly Tactical Department invites you to something at some point to plan for something at some point.

WHITE BUFFALO — MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Planet Earth — Utah ...or where ever your home is.

Description: The intrepid members of the USS White Buffalo will be socially distancing and planning on getting to together to plan on getting together sometime and somewhere.

USS DELAWARE, RENDEVOUS, PULSAR & VALKYRIE — MONTHLY MEETING

Where: TBD

Description: See above planning sessions for similar details...

For a list of all the activities in the 7th fleet, look for us at
<http://www.seventhfleet.org/> OR <https://www.ussticonderoga.org>



MAKE IT SO! *STAR TREK — THE LOWER DECKS* ANIMATED SERIES IS HERE!

This animated comedy series follows the adventures of the support crew on one of Starfleet's least important ships, the USS Cerritos. In 2380, 4 ensigns have to keep up with their menial duties and social lives, often while the ship is being rocked by some science fiction anomalies! Check is out on CBS All Access.



STAR TREK DISCOVERY — SEASON 3 WILL RETURN IN OCTOBER!

Season three of Discovery will kick off in October 2020 and, when it does, viewers will see not just Burnham, Saru and Tilly in action again, but we will be able to find out what has befallen the crew of the USS Discovery.



STAR TREK — PICARD SEASON 2

CBS All-Access Star Trek: Picard renewed over a month before its season 1 premiere in January 2020. (Patrick Stewart has also indicated his interest in a third season.) As hoped for, the series has been a gigantic hit for CBS' streaming service. Before the coronavirus outbreak halted all TV and movie production, Star Trek: Picard season 2 was expected to bow in late 2020 or early 2021 but it will likely be pushed back to mid-to-late 2021 now.



STAR TREK THE CRUISE & DESTINATIONS

Don't you dare get on a cruise ship yet or you'll be stuck there for months, but in March 2022, set sail with the fans and crew of Starfleet!



STAR TREK: STRANGE NEW WORLDS' WILL WARP US ALL INTO CAPTAIN PIKE'S BACKSTORY.

Patient "Star Trek" fans have waited 55 years for Captain Christopher Pike to have his own series — and that series will finally launch in just a few months. As the team prepares to show their stories to the world, they've been taking inspiration from all the "Star Trek" series, especially watching and re-watching TOS, several writers and actors said during the panel. They added that "Strange New Worlds" will stay true to the long devotion to diversity that "Star Trek" engendered.



STAR WARS — THE MANDALORIAN SEASON 2

The Mandalorian series that took place after the events of Return of the Jedi and before The Force Awakens, and followed a lone Mandalorian gunfighter and his ward, “The Child” concluded this past December. Set to premier on October 30th, season 2 will continue the adventures of the Mandalorian and “Baby Yoda” as he is affectionately known.

We will have the characters from season one such as Kara Dune continue, and be introduced to another fan favorites such as Asoka Tano, and perhaps another famous Mandalorian who knows “He's worth a lot to me!”



AVATAR 2 IS READY TO LAUNCH...WITH 3 AND 4 RIGHT BEHIND IT!

It all sounds suitably intriguing, provided part deux turns out to be a cosmic take on The Abyss rather than Waterworld in space. And it remains to be seen if Avatar's 11-year absence will inspire new fervor for its sequels, or whether all that time away means Cameron has rather missed the boat.



STAR TREK CONVENTIONS 2021....TBD.....

There will be many more local conventions to book and cancel, so keep a watch out and enjoy the away missions from home this year!

(Ok folks, after reading the past three sections from the spring - summer edition and these from the Fall, if you didn't once again find the humor in that, lets get on a zoom cause ya'll need some happy time!)

EDWARD AND THE DRAGON

BY PEDRO PABLO SACRISTAN

A Short Dragon Story for Children...and grown ups who still believe!

Edward was the youngest knight in the kingdom. He was still pretty much a boy, but was so brave and intelligent that, without having to fight anyone at all, he had defeated all his enemies.

One day, while riding through the mountains, he came across a small cave. On entering it he found it was enormous, and that inside was an impressive castle, so big that he thought the mountain couldn't be real, and that it must have been a facade put there to hide the castle.

On nearing the castle, Edward heard the sound of voices. Without hesitating, he climbed over the castle walls, and followed the voices.

"Anybody here?" he asked.

"Help! Help us!" came the response from inside, "we've been locked in here for years, serving the castle dragon."

"Dragon?" thought Edward, just before an enormous flying flame almost burnt him alive. Edward spun silently around, and addressing the terrible dragon face to face, said: "It's all right, Dragon. I forgive you for what you just did. You probably didn't know it was me."

The dragon was very surprised at words like these. He never expected anyone to stand up to him, and certainly not in such a brazen manner.

"Prepare to fight, dwarf! I don't give a fig who you are!" roared the dragon.

"Wait a moment. Well, it's clear that you don't know who I am. I am the guardian of the Great Crystal Sword!" continued Edward, who - before fighting - was capable of making all sorts of things up. "You well know that the sword has killed dozens of ogres and dragons, and that if I unsheathe it, it will fly straight into your neck and kill you."

The dragon had never heard of such a sword, but this frightened him. He certainly didn't like the sound of something cutting his throat. Edward carried on talking.

"In any case, I want to give you a chance to fight me. Let's travel to the other side of the world. Over there there's a snow-covered mountain, and at the summit there's a great

tower. At the top of the tower there's a golden cage where a wizard made this sword. There the sword loses all its power. I'll be there, but will only wait for you for five days."

On saying that, Edward raised a cloud of dust and disappeared. The dragon thought Edward had performed some kind of magic, but he had only hidden in some bushes. Wanting to fight with that impudent knight, the dragon quickly flew out of the cave, towards the other side of the world, in a journey which lasted more than a month.

When Edward was sure the dragon was far away, he came out of his hiding place, entered the castle, and set free all the prisoners inside. Some had been missing for many years, and when they returned home everyone praised Edward's great intelligence.

And what about the dragon? Well, can you believe that on the other side of the world there was really a snowy mountain with a big tower on top, and a gold cage on top of that?

Well yes, the dragon squeezed into the cage and couldn't get out; and there he remains, hoping that someone intelligent will one day come and rescue him...





CREW DATABASE



SARAH PODWYS

Where are you from and where are you now?—I grew up in West Jordan. Now I live in a little apartment in Clearfield.

Married/Single?—Married! To Ivan!

Family?—I don't have any kids (but I have a couple cats). I have 2 brothers and two sisters. Between them they had 11 kids. My nephew Stephen died when he was 8 though. My parents are still alive and together. Ivan's parents are divorced. His dad is on wife number 4 I think. Ivan has 4 half sisters and I don't remember how many nieces and nephews on that side.

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—I have a modest doll collection. A very small but treasured collection of Labyrinth stuff. I love Doctor Who, The Nightmare Before Christmas, The Phantom of the Opera, Star Wars, The Hunger Games, Fablehaven, and probably a million other things.

Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?— Frank's nuts?

Favorite Fan Encounter?—Ivan and I went up to Christopher Judge when his line was empty and he talked to us quite amiably for like 10 minutes. When he realized we couldn't afford a selfie he went against his handler and told us to take a pic with him anyway. He was so nice to us.

Worst Fan Encounter?—The worst I can remember is going to lines and seeing "no meet and greet" on the sign. I usually can't afford more than food at those things. I can't remember anyone being downright rude. Even Bo Derek said Excuse Me after walking into me that one time in Hollywood.

When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?—I grew up with it. My dad was into sci-fi and some fantasy. I remember watching next gen more than tos though.

Favorite series, Episodes, and Films in Star Trek?—It's hard to pick a favorite series, but I know it isn't tos. My favorite film is First Contact.

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—I'm pretty into the Fablehaven and Dragonwatch books. There are too many things to watch to choose one.

What are some of your Dreams and Goals?—I have the impossible dream of living pain free. And the simple goals of going back to Journey House (a clubhouse for people with a history of mental illness) a couple times a week as soon as they let me and getting back into socializing a little more.



WILL RODGERS

Where are you from and where are you now?—I grew up in Bountiful got married moved into apartment in Centerville, then got a house in Layton. Got divorced now live in an apartment across the freeway from what was my house.

Married/Single?— Divorced, so single

Family?—I have my mom and dad and my sister. Then I have my four children.

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—I paint miniatures for some of the games I play like Warhammer 40K, and Warmachine hordes. I also have stuff for bolt-action and Gates of Antares.

Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?—Going to the fleet games with my kids and having them comeback winning a bunch of medals.

Favorite Fan Encounter?—Meeting Chuck Norris at a gas station in Centerville, and getting him to laugh.

Worst Fan Encounter?—I can't think of a worst fan encounter that I've had. I've had a moderator at a panel I want to throw my backpack yet because I stood in line for an hour to ask my question by the time I'm next in line to ask my question he cut it off.

When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?—I started off collecting the small micro machines Star Trek ships. Got a few action figures, and then got into collecting other things as well like Star Trek attack wing, and Star Wars Armada and X-Wing.

Favorite series, episodes, and films in Star Trek?—My favorite Star Trek series it's Deep Space Nine. Captain Sisko has most character growth out of all the Starfleet captains in the series that he's in. And he also punches Q.

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—I enjoy watching Babylon 5 I have nearly everything made on DVD.

What are some of your Dreams and Goals?—I would like to get into a house again, I would like to have my next license, and eventually have a good woman in my life.



CREW DATABASE



TIM MADDEN

Where are you from and where are you now?—I grew up in Bountiful, Utah. I lived a couple of years in Casper, Wyoming. I graduated from Woods Cross High School in 1983. After that I lived in Phoenix, Arizona where I went to college. I have a vivid memory of a weather report there where the daytime high was 112 degrees and the overnight low was 102 degrees, and thinking the low was still three digits? I moved to rural Western Nebraska in 2010. In December of 2018 I moved to Illinois just over the Mississippi River from St. Louis.

Married/Single?— I have been married to a wonderful woman for 25 years. I look forward to the next 25 or more years.

Family?—I have a daughter who currently lives in Utah and teaches fourth grade, and two sons, one who lives and works in Rapid City, South Dakota, and the youngest goes to college in Nebraska. I also have a sister and two brothers. I think there might be a pattern. Holly Bolland of the White Buffalo is my second cousin if I have the family relationships right (granddaughter of my father's sister...yeah, I think that's right).

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—I do software development professionally and as a hobby. I've always loved history and science. As a child I built a lot of plastic models and as now I do 3D models on the computer using a free program called Blender. I am not sure this counts as outside of Star Trek as many of them are starships. I spent a lot of years coaching soccer teams. I enjoyed doing it and watching the kids grow into adults.

Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?—Soon after attending my first meeting I told then Captain Carl Stark I was going to watch The Wrath of Khan with my sons. He and quite a few members showed up at my house that night to watch with me, much to my surprise. Carl told me years after he was sure I had been scared off that night.

Favorite Fan Encounter?—After the 2004 Slanted Fedora Convention wrapped up I joined the long line to the restroom. The guy behind asked how I liked the convention. I turned to answer and recognized him as Robert Picardo, with Ethan Phillips behind him. He chatted with me the whole time we stood in line.

Worst Fan Encounter?—I can't think of one.

When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?—I watched reruns of the original series on TV as a kid.

Favorite series, episodes, and films in Star Trek?—This one is hard to say because it depends on my mood. I've watched "The Balance of Terror" and "The Doomsday Machine" more than any other episode. I also find that episodes I didn't like the first time viewing seemed better after a second or third time. My favorite movie is "First Contact".

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—My favorite book is "Lest Darkness Fall" by L. Spague DeCamp. I've read it more than one hundred times. A sequel to it was done by another author many years after his death and is pretty good. I am of course a Star Wars fan, as well as Battlestar Galactica, Babylon 5, and Dr Who. I am not a fan of Firefly although Serenity was good.

What are some of your Dreams and Goals?—I post a funny meme, photo, or video to the Fleet page on Facebook each week. This started as something I thought would be short lived. I would then post it to other groups. The posts would get likes and ha-ha's, but one comment stuck in my head. It said: "Thank you for this. You made my whole day." My goal in doing this now is in the hope that it brings a smile or some brightness to someone's day.

THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



A dragon would never explode....But a Dino-might!

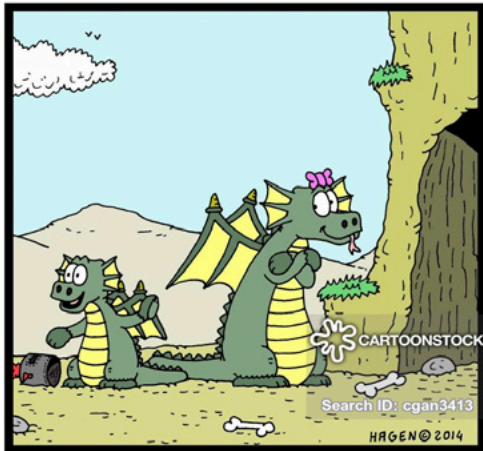
Why do Dragons like Knights....they come with their own baking pans.

Two dragons walk into a bar, one says "it's hot in here". Shut yer yap!" says the other.

A leprechaun, a walking tree and a dragon walk into a bar...man, I really need to quit drinking!



THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



Mum, go and get Daddy,
there's another knight coming: This is so much fun!



Me, I don't believe in hoarding anymore:
I invest in real estate...



What is the difference between Hanukkah and a Dragon? One is eight nights and the other ate knights!

What do you get when you try to crossbreed a Dragon and a turtle...a crushed turtle.

Whats worse than a dragon talking to you? The money that you have to pay for the therapy.

How many Dragonball characters does it take to screw in a lightbulb? One, but it takes 12 episodes!





DRAGONS ARE REAL...VERY REAL

Once upon a time Bob and Doug had a Dragon. And they flew it very far away to a space station where other humans were who had flown great birds, but not dragons. While their dragon waited for the riders, they researched ways more and more humans could fly bigger, stronger and faster dragons, farther than anyone has gone before.

And now this fairy tale is over and has become a mission. Crew Dragon, the International Space Station and its humans are exploring and researching what we will need to be spacefarers in the final frontier.

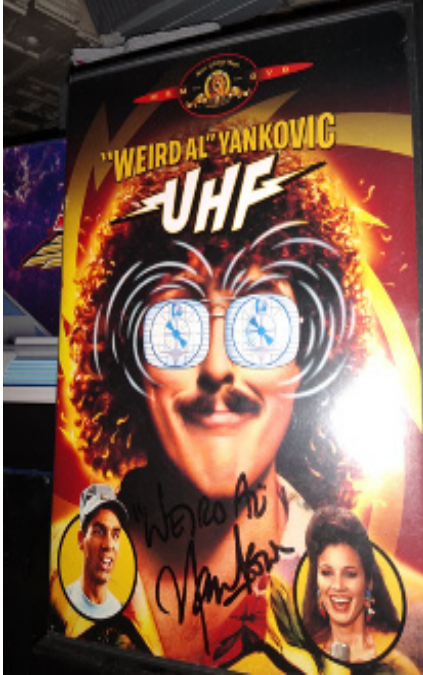
Dragon is a freighter as well. The supplies it carries to the ISS are vital to discovering how we are going to survive and thrive while living on Mars and then Jupiter and then...to infinity and beyond. (One of Enterprise's crew members will most likely say this in a moment of awe and inspiration.)

While onboard this orbiting laboratory Bob and Doug spent over 100 hours completing ship duties. They helped install RiTS, a Robotic Tools Storage compartment that holds tools to 'sniff' out gases such as ammonia that is used to cool the ship's operating system. Someday a tri-corder will do this.

Doug took photos of "modules for the Advanced Colloids Experiments (ACE) aboard the space station. The ACE experiments use microgravity to examine the behavior of colloids, suspensions of microscopic particles in liquid. Colloids are found in products ranging from milk to fabric softener." Experiments like this help us use products more effectively on earth but also teach us how to use them in space. Are you thinking tri-corders will do this as well?

Bubbles are important on the ISS. The guys got to switch out parts for the Electrolytic Gas Evolution Under Microgravity (EGEM) experiment, which looks at bubbles created using electrolysis." Apparently bubbles are part of the delivery system used for skin patches. This will get perfected and the good doctors will just be able to zap crew members with a good hypo-spray.





A LOOK INSIDE WHAT THE TICO COLLECTIVE COLLECTS.

In this edition of the collective collectibles, we are breaking from the single crew member feature because of the wide love that so many of the members have for this editions feature—AUTOGRAPHS!

A picture worth a thousand words...especially with a story behind it!

“Autographs, the icing on the cake.”

By Damon Ricks

For me, just getting an autograph is generally not worth the sometimes hundreds of dollars asked only to have someone write their name on a picture. Therefore, I am quite selective about the ones that I do obtain and they tend to be extra special

to me due to the story behind them. They are from a wide variety of genres too. I have three different autograph stories to share, one from a musician, one from an actor and one from an artist.

The year was 1980. My older sister had a cassette with a song on it that made me laugh because it was a parody of a song that I liked by Queen, Another one bites the dust. This one was “Another one rides the bus” by some guy named Weird Al Yankovic.

Flash forward to the year 2016. A concert was set in a beautiful outdoor arena in Sandy, Utah. The artist, the self-same Weird Al who was now one of the most, if not the most, well known parody/comedy musician in the world. I, along with my wife Amanda, had become extremely big fans of Al and were exceptionally excited to attend this concert because I was going to be backstage as part of the 501st contingent.

As the concert ended, I was able to grab Amanda and bring her backstage with me where we had the fun opportunity to meet Al himself. He was so kind and sociable and graciously signed anything that we had brought. I was able to get several items, including CD's, shirts, and my copy of the DVD for the film “UHF”.

Another very special autograph was also my most recent. As many of you know, I have made a Gamorrean Guard costume whose name is “Gurg” While creating it, I used images from the Return of the Jedi showing Gamorreans from Jabba's palace. One in particular was used as the principle model. This year has been tough to get out anywhere, and so when I told that Stephen Costantino, the Gamorrean Guard actor from ROTJ, was going to be in attendance at a Toy Store in Utah, we immediately began our plans to attend.

Once there, he was so approachable and nice, took pictures with us before we suited up and then were his guest as Gurg the Gamorrean while he greeted the fans who had come to see him. The icing on the cake was adding his signature to one of the pictures I had used for so much of my build.

The final autograph that I have to share today involves the marvelous artist, Dave Dorman.

Through the 1990's and early 2000's, Dave's art for Star Wars was featured on some of my favorite books, comics and collectibles. In 2005, a group of us went to Indianapolis for the Star Wars Celebration. The first day, I entered the convention center and thought it would



be good to head into artist alley since we were one of the first ones in the hall. Right there, nobody at his booth was Dave! I bounced up and had to get a print. Dave does not just give you a signature though, he draws a character that you choose right there while you watch! I now have 4 of his prints, however none of them are as special as that first because, like the other autographs above, they have the story along with the ink!



Encounter with the Belle of the Ball

By Tina Torres

Picture it.....Sacramento 1980. Two friends and I got tickets to opening night of the play "Grease" at the Music Circus. The Music Circus is a Sacramento, California tradition, similar to Tuacahn here. They have Broadway quality plays in a theater in the round in a huge circus style tent. The production we saw was starring Desi Arnez Jr. and his wife at the time, Linda Purl. We went in and got our seats prior to the start of the show. There was murmuring in the crowd that Lucille Ball was there to see her son and daughter-in-law on opening night! We looked around trying to see her, but it was dark in the tent during the show. During intermission we went out and one of my friends named Sandy, and I decided to stay out in the courtyard when the lights in the tent went out and the next act started. Sure enough, out of a side building here comes a large group of male bodyguards, surrounding Lucy. They were very tall and I couldn't even see her. My friend Sandy and I grabbed each other in disbelief! We couldn't believe she was really there. Sandy had a big mouth and went running toward them yelling, "Miss Ball, Miss Ball, we are your biggest fans!" Me, on the other hand, was speechless! I couldn't believe what Sandy had done! Then, something I will never forget happened! Lucy, stuck her little hand in between a couple of the body guards arms and patted one of them and said, "It's ok, let the girls through". The bodyguards parted and there was Lucy! Sandy in her very outgoing way asked if we could get her autograph. She signed each of our programs a simple, "Love Lucy"! I finally found my voice and said, "Thank you, Miss Ball" She said something about getting in to see the play. Sandy and I went back to our seats, giddy as teenagers, which we were! Our other friend Linda that had gone back in during the intermission and didn't stay out to see Lucy, was so jealous! Of course, the fact that Lucille Ball is also known as the "Godmother" of Star Trek just makes this autograph so much sweeter to own! If I had my wits about me when I saw her, I would have thanked her for saving Star Trek. But, like I said, I was speechless! Well, after all these years, I not only still have the autograph, but I finally got it framed! I know the photograph is photo-shopped, but I think it's cool!

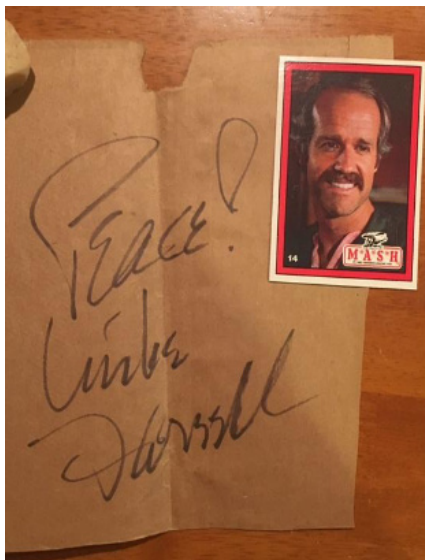




Yep! It's Authentic All Right!

A few memorable Autograph experiences to share

By Lt. Brad Jacobs



Mike Farrell (B.J. From M*A*S*H). Back when I was a teenager working at a local grocery store (Stop and Shop), I had the pleasure of bagging Mr. Farrell's grocery items. It was a surprise to say the least and to look up and see Mr. Farrell! Yes I fanboyed and stumbled on my own word, mind you I was a teenager at the time as I did so, he was polite, nice, and humble about the whole thing. As he was leaving I asked if I could get his autograph, He gracefully accepted as I grabbed the nearest thing to me which was a small unused brown paper bag and he signed it with black marker without hesitation. I thanked him as he exited the store.

Later, come to find out Mr. Farrell was here scouting locations to shoot a TV. movie of the week in and around the Ogden areas! The television program was "Incident at Dark River"

Dave Dorman (Illustrator, Star Wars Artist). As I was going over the extensive quest list in the FanX booklet, a name caught my eye....it was Star Wars Artist Dave Dorman!

He has painted great pieces of artwork from Alien to Predator, Marvel, DC, G.I. Joe, Indiana Jones, and others in addition to many, many Star Wars drawings and paintings! This guy I needed to meet and as a fellow artist/Star Wars Fan...This was on my FanX bucket list.

We finally found his booth as Day 2 of FanX got underway. My Wife and I went up and spoke with him at his booth for about 20 minutes. Aimee happened to be wearing a Star Wars T-Shirt (It was mine BTW) which so happened to have his artwork on it, Dave then out of the blue offered to sign the shirt. We accepted and he leaned over the table to sign it! Now there's that story to tell you this one.....

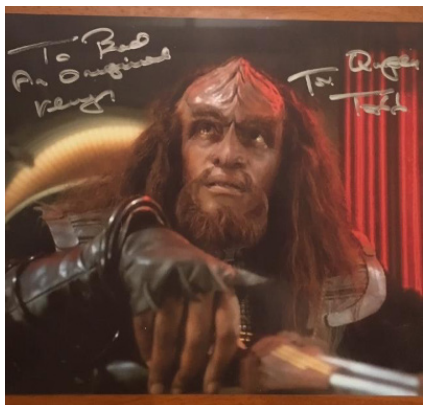
At FyreCon 2018 (a smaller local convention), Dave Dorman was one of the Special Guests at this Con. We most definitely made time to attend his panel! So we introduced ourselves and recalled meeting him earlier at SLCFanX a few years prior...As we jogged his memory he remembered us!

In this panel at FyreCon, we who were attending the panel got to see him paint from start to finish...Old Obi-Wan Kenobi from Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope! It was an Awesome experience to watch Dave work! He commented as he worked on the painting throughout the panel. Afterwards we chatted and he gracefully signed a few of his free booklets that had his art within. Dave is a nice, down to Earth kind of a Man!

Tony Todd (Klingon Commander Kurn, Zoom from "The Flash", Candyman). I've always wanted to meet Tony Todd and as I found out he was a guest at the Spring FanX in 2019 and believe me it was worth the wait to meet him!

The first day of the Convention, we went to greet him and Mr. Todd took the time to talk to us (Myself, My Wife, and Son). As we were conversing he mentioned that he did not see any Klingons at all at this Convention, so as he was bringing this up I piped up and said that I was debating on going that next day of FanX as a Classic Trek (TOS) Klingon but was not sure. The Conversation continued in short. His response was "The old Micheal Ansara look?" and I replied "Yes! Exactly!" Well, That clinched the deal and gave him my word that I'd be at the convention the next day as a TOS Klingon in Honor of Tony Todd (aka: Kurn, Son of Mogh).

The next day I did indeed come to the Con in full Classic Trek Klingon regilla! What was cool was Tony signed my Autograph "An Original Klingon, Qapla!" A great guy all the way around.





Moroni Taylor (Artist, Animator). This guy has worked on such projects like Ice Age, The Iron Giant and Epic among others.

As some of you know, I love wandering over to the 'Artist Alley' at FanX (and other Conventions Big and Small) to check out all the various types of different and cool art creative minds and hands have come up with.

So approaching a booth, I picked up a graphic novel and struck up a conversation with Mr. Taylor as I was interested in other art he had on display. I mentioned that I too am a fellow artist as well with sketching and drawing up cartoons of my own making.

Throughout this FanX, I'd stop by his booth number of times just to chat with Mr. Taylor all the while strolling through Artist Alley. By the end of the event on the last day He asked me to stop by before going home and I did. So Moroni Handed me a quick original hand drawn sketch he drew at this convention of a few characters from 'Epic' Free-No charge! I offered to pay him but he refused. My. Taylor also signed the sketch for me as he handed it over WOW!! What an Honor! Later I spoke to my Mom, let her know that it just so happened I actually met Moroni and she laughed! (It is a LDS Thang!)

And last but not least....

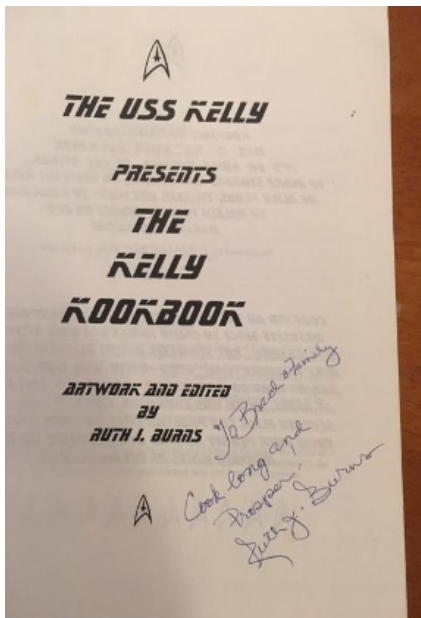
Ruth Burns (Fellow Sci Fi Fan and Friend). Ruth was apart of the U.S.S. Kelly (A Star Trek Club), then Commanded her own Ship (Club) the U.S.S. Ursa Major.

As She contributed to the Ships, Fandom and the local Community, Ruth came up with a great idea for her Command Project (to advance in rank within the Club)to put together a cookbook. Well...I talked to Ruth about this cookbook some time after the 'Kelly Kookbook' was printed. She had a few copies left but not very many and so I sent her the money for the cookbook.

Ruth mailed me the cookbook and as I opened the package and started looking through it for the first time, I saw she signed it and Whoa! What a cool thing to do! It may have been a small gesture but I'll tell ya what it made is a positive big impact! She signed it 'To Brad and Family Cook Long and Prosper!'

Yes I still continue to use the Kelly Kookbook and recipes from time to time.

It goes to show that not all autographs collected always come from celebrities, sometimes you cherish ones closer to home like Friends. Thanks Ruth We miss you!





Autograph Article

By Ensign Dennis Moyes

Years ago, Walter Koenig came to Salt Lake City for a convention and signed this picture. It just happened that it was Walter's birthday and everyone sang happy birthday to him. The next day, I went back to the convention and found Walter wandering around the parking lot by him self. I could tell that he was very down about something because of the way he was looking down at the ground. When I said to him "how's it going"? He replied "fine" but he did not look up at me. I knew that he wanted some alone time and I just let him be, then I walked away.

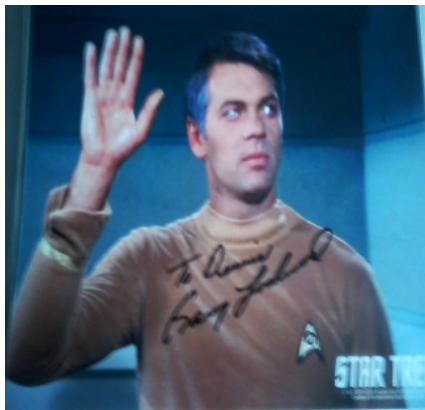
Two years later George Takei attended a Star Trek convention in Las Vegas and he signed the same picture with Walter Koenig. I told George that if I ever got the chance to meet him, I would like him to sign the picture. With a smile he said to me "now the picture is complete". Years later George Takei came to Salt Lake City and he signed a Sulu figure for me. George likes to talk to his fans and is very friendly guy.



Gary Lockwood came to Salt Lake City for Comic-Con and he is very fun guy to talk to. Gary will talk your ear off and loves his fans. I asked him how they made his eyes glow in the Star Trek episode "Where No Man Has Gone Before". Gary told me that he had to put a special contact lens in his eyes and he had a very difficult time with them. He said the lens felt like putting sand in his eyes. Gary did very well at the Comic-Con because he sold every one of his color pictures and only had a few black and white photos left. He also said that he did not know that he had such a big fan base here in Utah.

When I would attend the Star Trek conventions in Las Vegas, I had to go and see Tanya Lemani. She appeared in a Star Trek episode "Wolf In The Fold". Tanya always remembered me and greeted me with a big smile. At one of the conventions, she did a belly dance for everyone there.

Tanya's favorite car was a Ford Mustang even though a rich boy friend gave her a Cadillac. She said that the Cadillac was too big and she hated it. She told me that she wanted the Mustang back. In Tanya's book she talk's about the time when a leading part came up for a movie. She did not get the part because she refused a producers advances after he chased her around his office. Tanya Lemani is a very special lady and I hope to get another opportunity to meet her again!





My Autographs

By Isaac Jacobs

Stan Lee autograph on 9/7/2013 – My mother and I waited in line for 2 and half hours so that I could get his

autograph, but I didn't know that I had to bring something for him to sign. They had posters that you could buy, so being the best mom ever, she gets one for me and moments later I met him and witnessed the signing. I'll never forget that day, nor will I sell the autograph.

Peter Mayhew - I was 6 years old when I first met him, but I didn't get his autograph until the 2017 fleet games when we had a raffle and it was one of many prizes to choose from, but not the only autograph among the prizes.

Femi Taylor - I had drawn a beautiful art piece of Oola dancing for her to sign. She was an extremely nice, loved the art, and mentioned that another person had brought an art piece. I said "Did he have a gold sash?" She confirmed that he did and I told her that that was my dad. Then she asked me if I wanted a heart drawn. How could I say no, and by the way, there was no line! I walked right up to the table!



Some of my autograph stories.

By Carl Stark

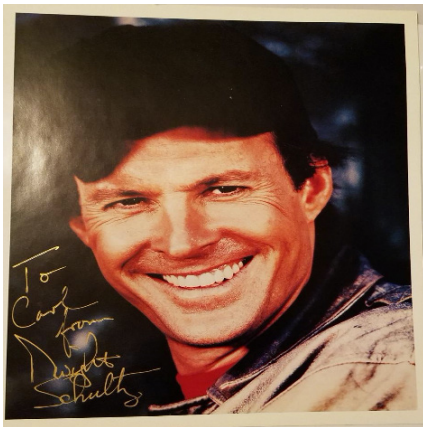
For the bulk of the autographs that I own, I had the opportunity to watch the person sign it myself. This gave me the chance to speak, most of the time briefly, with some of the actors who have brought my favorite characters to life. Usually while I'm in line for the autograph, I rehearse what I'm going to say. If I'm lucky, I'll get more than 20-30 seconds with the person. Sometimes there have been no one else at the autograph table so I can spend a little bit more time. But with the more popular ones, I know I'm going to be on a very tight schedule. I also have to remember that the celebrities are people too. Perhaps they had a bad lunch or are worried about catching their flight home. I usually try to ask if they are having fun as well. I'm attending the event to have fun myself and it makes me happy to know that the celebrity is having at least a little bit of fun.





Jason Isaacs

When Jason Isaacs attended a FanX a few years ago, it was my first opportunity to get an autograph from a member of the Star Trek Discovery cast. I almost didn't get his autograph when I found out how much the price for the autograph was. Luckily, a co-worker, who was also at the convention, eagerly lent me the money for the autograph with the promise that I would pay him back (I did). Mr. Isaacs played the part of Captain Gabriel Lorca on Discovery as well as many other memorable parts. At his table I found a group shot of the Captain Lorca character along with three other main cast members from the show. I like group shots because I can attempt to get the other actors to sign on their characters as well. After paying for my autograph and talking with Mr. Isaacs, he eagerly signed the picture. As he was handing it to me it said, "Now take a look at that bulge in my pants." Before I had a chance to wonder what he was talking about he continued. "I had my cell phone in my pocket and the outline of the phone can be seen in the picture. The producers were not happy with me." Needless to say, I felt relieved that it wasn't an embarrassing situation.



Dwight Schultz

It was in Los Angeles during the mid-90's where I had the opportunity to meet Dwight Schultz. Mr. Schultz is primarily known as "Howling Mad" Murdock on the 80's hit TV series, "The A-Team". As a Star Trek fan, I wanted a signed picture of his Reginald Barclay character from Star Trek: The Next Generation (this was before appearance in Star Trek: First Contact and Star Trek: Voyager). Before the actor had arrived, his autograph table was set up. There were several stacks of different A-Team photos, but none from Star Trek. No problem, the dealers room usually has photos for sale. After a short search I found a picture of Lt. Barclay in his Starfleet uniform. I then went and stood in line to get my autograph, getting a place in line with only a dozen people in front of me. When I arrived at the table, I paid my fee and handed over the autograph. The assistant slid the photo over to Mr. Schultz whose eyes went up. Apparently, this was his first Star Trek signature request at the convention. As his pen was reaching down to sign the picture, another hand came from his other side and yanked the photo away from him. Both Mr. Schultz and I gave a questionable look to the woman who had taken the photo. Before I could say anything this person started shaking the picture at me and yelling "Where did you get this picture? It's an illegal picture!" Immediately I responded that it was the photo I wanted signed and that the rules of the convention state that the guest will sign items that are within reasonable taste. I had paid my money and I wanted my autograph on a Star Trek picture. The back and forth between myself and the manager went on for about five minutes. I could see Mr. Schultz's head going back and forth like he was watching a tennis match. The pen still in the same position when the photo had been snatched from him. I wasn't leaving without an autograph and the manager knew she couldn't get me to budge. She wanted to know where this photo had come from, so she whirled around, grabbed the next A-Team photo and slapped it down in front of her client. "Sign it!" she demanded. After quickly asking me for my name, Mr. Schultz signed the photo and handed it to me. Then the manager grabbed me by the arm and said, "Now you're going to show me which dealer you purchased this photo from." As we walked past the line, I could see other collectors quickly hiding the same photo they had also purchased at the con. When we got into the dealers room, I waived my hand in the general direction of the vendor's table and walked in the other direction. She went stomping down the aisle and after a few seconds I could hear her screaming at the top of her lungs demanding to know where these photos had been acquired. When I saw Mr. Schultz again at Starfest several years later, I noticed he didn't have the same manager.





Barry Jenner

I've always liked the character of Admiral William Ross in the later seasons of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. When I had the opportunity to meet him at a Star Trek Las Vegas convention, I took advantage of the time. Not only did I have a very pleasant conversation with him about seeing the sights of Utah, but he also admired my Marla Trowbridge creation of an Admiral's Dress White uniform. He inspected the detail and complimented Marla on her workmanship. I let him know that I was wearing it for the Guinness Book of World Record attempt for the most Star Trek cosplayers in one room at the convention. Las Vegas wanted to beat the convention in Germany for the record. While we were talking, suddenly a gopher came up to me and stated, "If you are going to be in the record attempt, you need to get to the room now." Mr. Jenner turned to me and said, "Get going." I ran off and was able to make it in time to be counted as one of the attendees. We broke the record. Later that day I was admiring the photo (the one where he is holding the PADD) and it dawned on me. Because of how fast I had left his autograph table, I had never paid him for the autograph. Luckily, he was back at his table for the next day of the convention. He recognized me immediately when I came up. I shyly let him know that I had ran off without paying and presented the money owed with an apology. He was so happy that I had the integrity to come back that he quickly forgave me with a big smile. He also demanded that I take a second autograph to which he signed "To Karl, an honest man." It was the only time I didn't mind that my name was misspelled. When Mr. Jenner passed away a few years later, I commented how much of a generous man he was.



Mark Sheppard

When you see Mark Sheppard, you know his face. He has been on a ton of different geeky shows such as Doctor Who, Firefly, Supernatural, the new Battlestar Galactica and many, many more. On Star Trek: Voyager, Mr. Sheppard played the part of Leucan the father of Icheb. This is the autograph I wanted to pick up when Mr. Sheppard was a guest at Starfest in Denver. Erica and I stood in his line to get his autograph and was pleasantly surprised how talkative he was with all his fans. He asked us how we liked living in Colorado. When we explained that we had traveled from Utah, his eyes lit up. He then told us how he had just completed filming for his Doctor Who appearance in Utah. He loved how beautiful it looked. Our daughter started fussing (as younger kids do when they are bored) and Mr. Sheppard lightened the mood by pulling out pictures of his two boys. One was just slightly older than Aurora, the other was slightly younger. He offered either one of his two boys to be betrothed to Aurora in an attempt to build a geek dynasty. I've always wanted to meet up with Mr. Sheppard again and ask "So how is my future son-in-law?"



Deep Space Nine cast

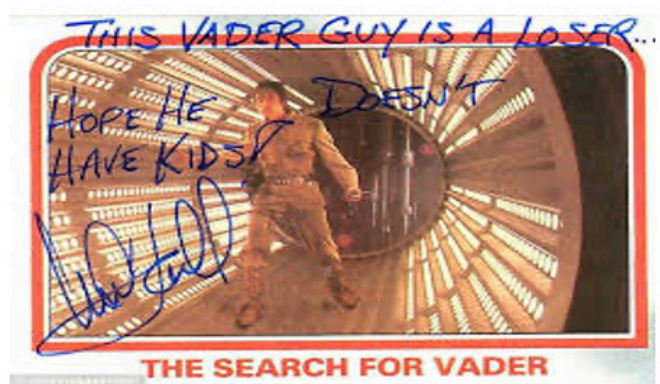
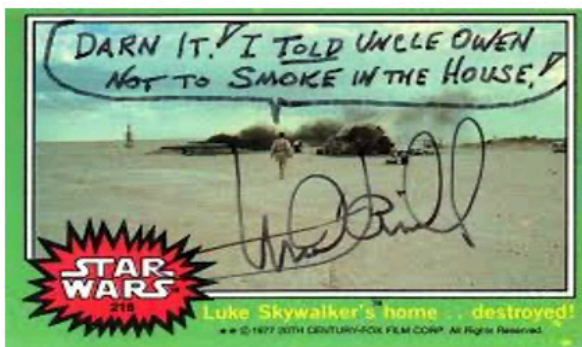
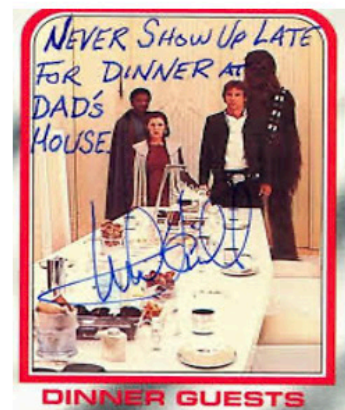
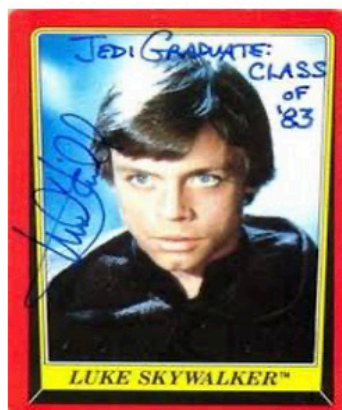
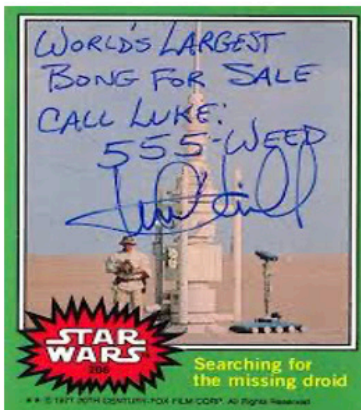
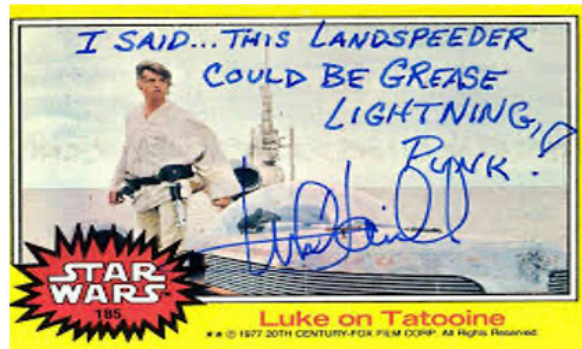
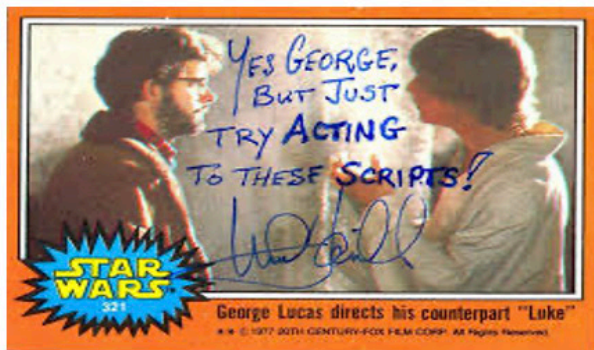
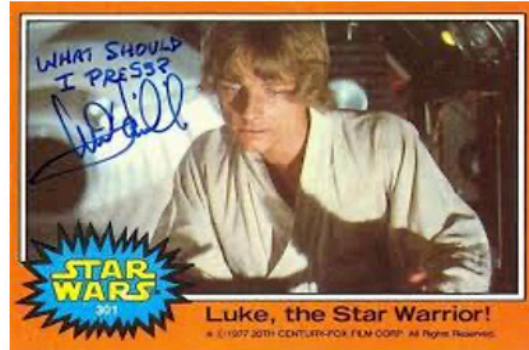
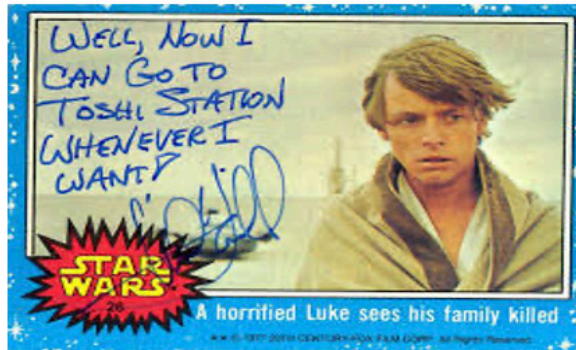
As I mentioned above, I love getting group shots autographed. I only have to buy one photo and it makes it easy to display. Just after Star Trek: Deep Space Nine premiered, I picked up a first season cast photo and started my quest. That quest has been completed and there are two autographs that stand out in my mind. When I had the opportunity to meet Terry Farrell I had already gathered a few signatures. I remember placing the photo in front of her and when she looked down she loudly exclaimed "Armin takes up all the damn room!" Armin Shimerman's autograph had moved from his character of Quark to her character of Jadzia Dax. The second interesting story came from the last autograph on the photo. Avery Brooks has basically retired from acting and rarely makes convention appearances. When I found out that Mr. Brooks was going to be a guest at a Star Trek Las Vegas convention, I had to go and see if I could complete my quest. It was nearing 20 years since I had started this project and I wanted to see it through. He was only signing on the last day of the convention and, as you would expect, the autograph price was pretty high. The convention had set us up

in groups and would only call us up to stand in line when it was time. Even with this set up, I was in a line for quite some time (all while my friends were waiting to leave since it was the last day of the convention). There were times when I thought that Mr. Brooks had left and that my chance had slipped through my fingers. Finally, I got up to the assistant where I could present my voucher and photo for signing. The assistant took the items and then exclaimed that the person in front of me had a large number of vouchers and items to be signed. I looked over and the guy was pulling different photos out of a metal box. Mr. Brooks knew immediately what was happening. This guy was a professional autograph gatherer picking up signatures for people who could not be bothered to stand in line. They had paid him to get the autographs for him. Obligated to sign the items, Mr. Brooks took the first photo, and started yelling at the guy that this was the reason he didn't come to conventions any more. As he continued to sign, he continued to yell. Let me tell you, that was not a pretty sight. The guy was quickly stuffing the photos back in the box and wanted to escape as quickly as he could. As he was running out of the room, Mr. Brooks was still screaming at him about not being a fan. Mr. Brooks then calmed down and looked at my group photo that had just been slid over to him. He could see how old the photo was and how scratched some of the autographs had become. He looked directly at me and pointed his finger right at my face. "Not You!" he said out loud. Seeing this caused my prepared speech to escape out the back of my head. "You are a true fan!" Stated Mr. Brooks. He reached down and signed the last spot. "Thank you. People like you are the reason I come to these conventions." I eked out a thanks and took my picture and walked away. I must have had the same shocked look when I got back to my friends because they wanted to know what had happened. They laughed when I described what happened to the guy in front of me and cheered when I told them what Mr. Brooks said about me. It will be something that I will never forget.

Conclusion

I have more stories that I could have included in this (probably longer than needed) article. Meeting the actors when you get an autograph gives you the chance to get a unique story. There are several autographs that I look at now and have fond memories of when I got them. I would encourage you to take the opportunity to meet some of these people and thank them for all that they have done.

Just for fun, here are some of the autographs that people have receive from Mark Hamill. He has a marvelous sense of humor about his character!



HERE ARE A FEW BITS OF HISTORY AND WISDOM, PAST AND PRESENT, FROM THE CREW OF THE TICONDEROGA!

FantasyCon 2014 Where there be Dragons!

Lt Brad Jacobs

Salt Lakes' first and only FantasyCon in July of 2014 has some very sweeeet surprises as convention goers came to find out.

The Massive Red Dragon! Its wings out, eyes glowing , and with smoke coming out of its mouth and nose ready to greet (or eat) fans of all kinds in the dealers room! An Awesome and well put together display (....or should I say Dragon!)

Out in the main front lobby of the Salt Palace by the grand ballroom was a water fountain with a knight of old fighting a dragon in flight! Locked in combat as the water depicting the dragons fire poured from its mouth upon the knights shield. Again a Grand display for the attendees to cherish as they stop to take it in and get a snapshot or two on their cameras and the like. These two displays symbolized in large part what FantasyCon 2014 was all about!



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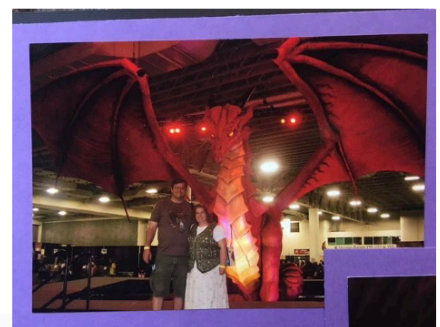
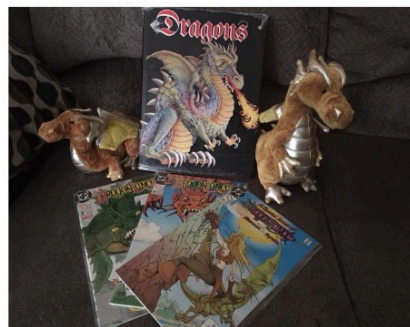
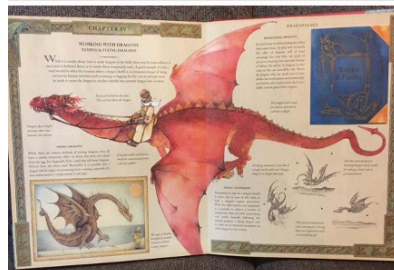
Lego Smaug -Acquired on Christmas of 2014 in the 79018 The Lonely Mountain set sold in the theme The Hobbit:The Battle Of The Five Armies.

Lego Red And Black Dragon- Bought in 2013 in the 70403 Dragon mountain set Sold in the theme Castle.

The Ender Dragon -Acquired by collecting the minecraft series 16 mini-figures the theme is achievement. Smaug Book- Acquired in the first and last fantasy-con in 2014 .

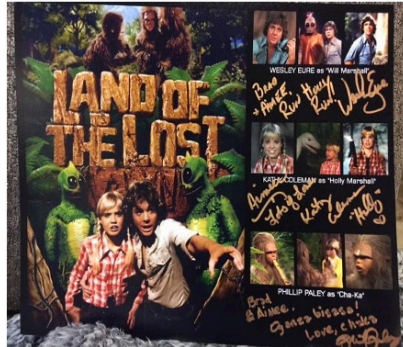
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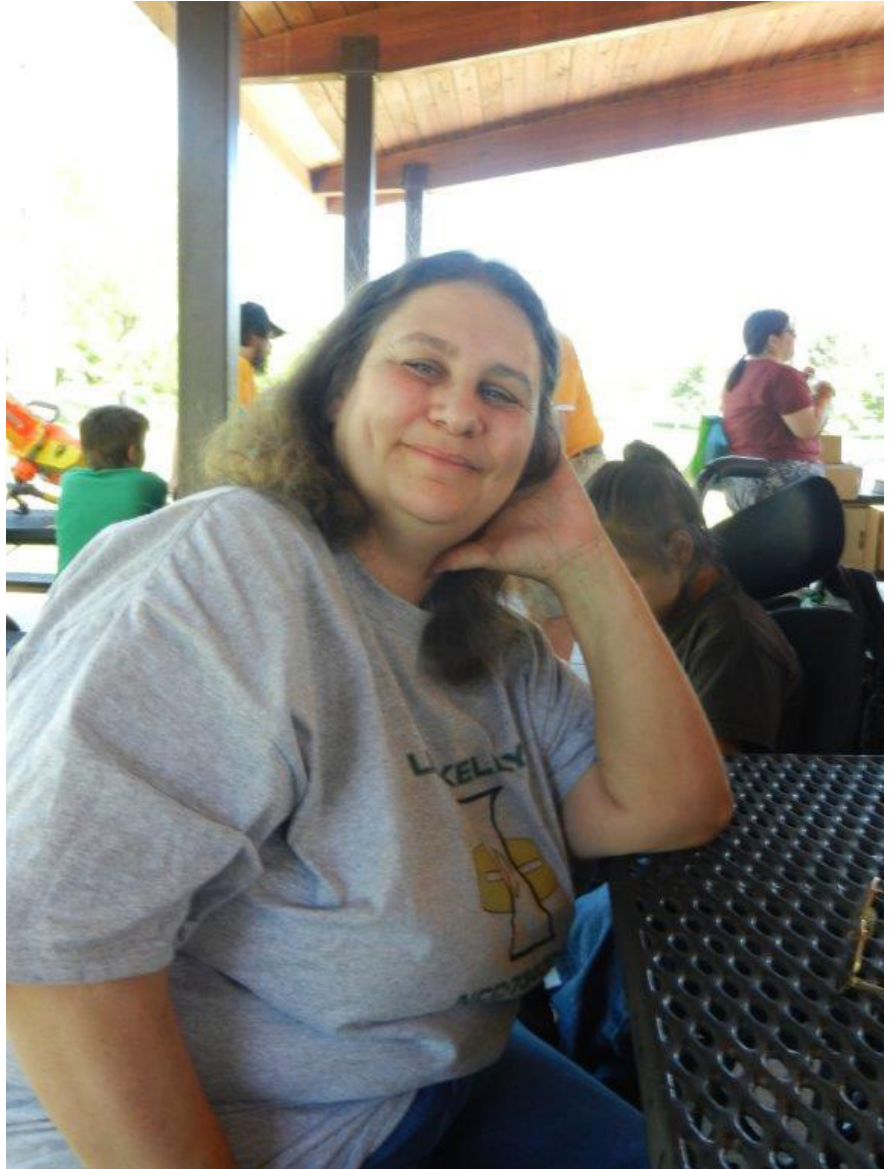


AIMEE AND BRAD JACOBS WITH THE THREE CAST MEMBERS OF THE 1970S HIT SATURDAY

Morning TV show "The Land of the Lost" with Kathy Coleman, Phillip Paley and Wesley Eure. This was at Ogdens UnCon, June 2019



IN MEMORIAM



CAPTAINS LOG

WORDS OF WISDOM (OR OTHERWISE) FROM THE CAPTAINS READY ROOM.

Greetings, Crew!

Welcome to the final stretch of 2020. It's been a weird year, with more changes and adaptations than we've had to deal with before.

I want to thank you all for being so flexible. A year like this would have wiped out a lesser crew.

For safety, we will continue holding our meetings online. Here's hoping that things will have calmed down by December, so that we can at least do our annual gift exchange.

If that doesn't work out, we'll come up with something fun, that won't risk anyone's health.

Remember, in this year of way too much stress, take time for yourselves, breathe, listen to some good music, and don't be afraid to dance around... (clothed or naked is entirely up to you!)

Brightest of blessings to you all!

Captain Erica Stark

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