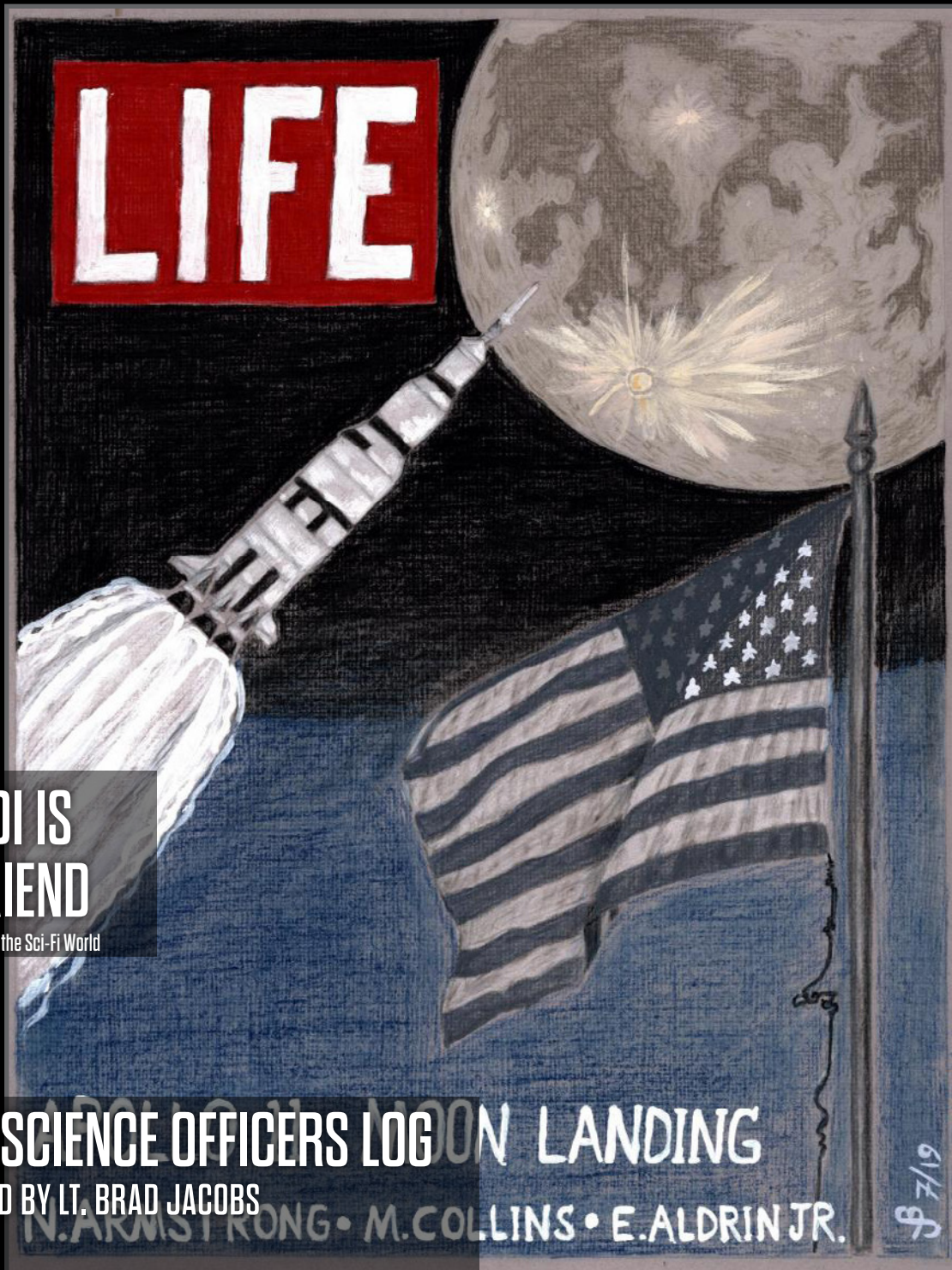


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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, Greetings, Salutations and y'l'el! Welcome to Summer 2019 issue of the Ticonderoga newsletter. As we rapidly approach the 20th year of this century, it can be easy to overlook the marvelous events from our past that have been so instrumental in everything that we now have at our beck and call

The 1960's were a time of much turmoil, and also tremendous change. It was during this time that a television show began with an idea of mankind having conquered space flight to such an extent that even the farthest reaches were obtainable.

It was during this time that we began to take the first real steps towards making space travel a reality. Although the crew of the Enterprise visited many planets, we decided to take the first step towards that goal with a visit to the closest celestial body, our own moon.

Of course we all know the results of that first endeavor, it's challenges and triumphant conclusion are well documented. Today, 50 years have gone by and so we want to take a journey back through memory lane to the event that was the catapult towards such an accelerated advancement of modern technology.

**“Ancient astronauts didn't build the pyramids. Human beings built the pyramids, because they're clever and they work hard.”** —Gene Roddenberry

Modern marvels that we take for granted as commonplace are relatively new inventions. All these items began with a dream, a hope, or as quite commonly happens, a decision to make science fiction a reality.

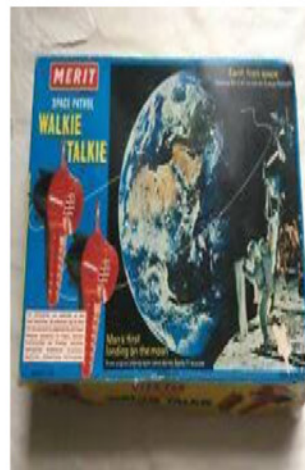
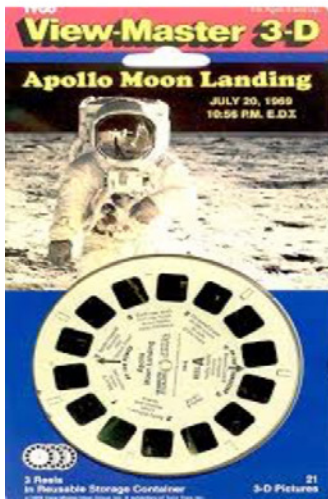
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The Newsletter Staff

# THE FERENGİ TRADER



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The toys kids played with during the 60's opened the imagination!

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### **SALT LAKE FANX CONVENTION SEPT 5 — 7TH, 2019**

Where: The Salt Palace in down town Salt Lake City

Description: The convention is the largest pop culture event in Utah, with cosplay, autographs & pictures with attending celebrities, vendor booths and best of all, The Seventh Fleet! Attending this year will be announced soon, along with other actors, authors and artists.

### **USS TICONDEROGA — WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH MONTHLY MEETING**

Where: Roy Utah Library

Description: The members of the USS Ticonderoga along with Friends will be gathering at the Roy Library for the monthly meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

### **USS KELLY — FRIDAY, SEPT 20TH — ARTIMIS SIMULATOR**

Where: 9853 S Blossom Dr, Sandy, UT 84092

Description: The USS Kelly Tactical Department invites you to join us for a night of simulator role play.

### **USS TICONDEROGA — KLINGON BBQ - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH!**

Where: TBA – Somewhere in the neutral zone!

Description: Prepare yourself for the delicacies of true Klingon cooking! Blood wine and Gagh will flow freely, as will the blood of those unwise enough to criticize the feast! (Not really, but there may be some shoving to be first in line!).

### **USS TICONDEROGA — CORN MAZE — SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH**

Where: Black Island Farms – Syracuse, Utah

Description: Join the USS Ticonderoga and her intrepid crew as they form an away team to conquer the maze at the Black Island Farms. Just don't wear your red shirt because you might not make it back to base!.

For a list of all the activities in the 7th fleet, look for us at <http://www.seventhfleet.org/> or on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SeventhFleet>

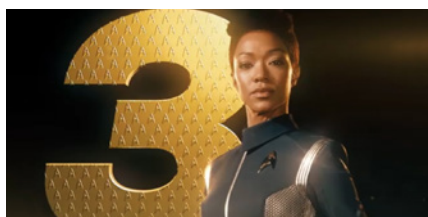


## HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION



### MAKE IT SO! THE TREK TO COME IN 2019

2019 will surely be a memorable year for *Star Trek* fans. Where to begin? Patrick Stewart will be back as Picard. *Star Trek: Discovery* will return for its second season. And there's more, plenty more, from *Star Trek: The Cruise III* to the annual *Star Trek Las Vegas* and *Destination Star Trek* events to an array of books, comics, apparel and other *Trek*-themed products coming down the, ahem, pike. Today, *StarTrek.com* previews just a few of *Trek*-centric things on tap for 2019...



### STAR TREK DISCOVERY — SEASON 3 WILL RETURN!

Season three of *Discovery* will kick off in mid 2020 and, when it does, viewers will see not just Burnham, Saru and Tilly in action again, but we will be ble to find out what has befallen the crew of the USS *Discovery*. *Discovery's* sophomore year will premiered on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 8:30 PM, ET/5:30 PM, PT exclusively on CBS All Access in the United States, and season 3 will most likely follow suit next year!



### STAR TREK — PICARD'S NEXT TREK!

Sir Patrick Stewart will return to his iconic role as Jean-Luc Picard in a new CBS All Access *Star Trek* series that tells the story of the next chapter in Picard's life. As we learned from the San Diego Comic Con, Many of the charcters from *Next Generation* and *Voyager* will also be appearing. The season is set to begin in the first months of 2020.



### THE MOTION PICTURE' RETURNS TO THE BIG SCREEN

In 1979, the Starship Enterprise flew its very first big-screen mission in *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* and to mark the film's 40th anniversary, Fathom Events and Paramount Pictures will bring this awe-inspiring adventure back to movie theaters for two days only, on September 15 and 18.



### DESTINATION STAR TREK — CONVENTION EUROPE RETURNS OCT 25TH - 27TH

Fans in Europe are already counting the days until the next Destination Star Trek event, which will once again be held at the NEC in Birmingham, UK, from October 25–27. Among the guests set so far... George Takei and Michelle Forbes. Keep an eye on [DestinationStarTrek.com](http://DestinationStarTrek.com).



## STAR WARS — THE MANDALORIAN : UPDATES

Set in the *Star Wars* universe created by George Lucas, the series will take place after the events of *Return of the Jedi* and before *The Force Awakens*, and follows a lone Mandalorian gunfighter beyond the reaches of the Republic.

In November 2019, the forthcoming series will premier and be set three years after the end of the film *Return of the Jedi*.

On August 5, 2018, it was reported that the series had been budgeted around \$100 million dollars for 10 episodes. San Diego Comic Con, as well as the Star Wars Celebration held in Chicago, gave us the first moments from the new series and it looks to be just as much fun as the fans have hoped. Already shown from the series were galaxy familiars, such as Stormtroopers, IG 88, and a whole slew of scum and villainy. We must be cautious!!



## ARRIVING IN OUR OWN BACKYARD, OGDEN UTAH IS A NEW CONVENTION — OGDEN UN-CON

Ogden UnCon is Ogden's untamed and unconventional pop culture convention. Our convention is about the attendees' convention experience.

"We are only inviting celebrity guests and authors who want to meet and talk to fans. So our guests are an engaging, fun-loving group. We also want guests with unconventional messages and unique content who are not likely to have been seen before at a Utah convention."



## STAR WARS CELEBRATION | ANAHEIM 2020

ANAHEIM, CA

Tickets on sale June 21st! Star Wars Celebration, the one-of-a-kind event that welcomes thousands of fans from around the world, will return to Anaheim in 2020! We would be honored if you would join us.



## JODIE WHITTAKER WILL RETURN AS *DOCTOR WHO* — BUT NOT UNTIL 2020.

The eleventh series has come to an end with an episode that saw the eponymous time-traveller answering distress calls from a battle-scarred planet. Following the New Year's Day special, Whittaker – along with her trio of companions, played by Bradley Walsh, Mandip Gil and Tosin Cole – will reprise their roles on BBC One in 2020.

# GEORDI IS MY FRIEND

BY ALEX VILLEPIQUE

Chief Engineer Geordi LaForge took a sip of coffee while inspecting the little rest area at the Deep Space 6 station. It was empty and soundless. DS6 hung in a quiet piece of the galaxy bordering Romulan space. Not like there was much trade going on with them. He glanced at his notes from the AI conference. His presentation had quite an impact on the audience.

Geordi talked about his modifications to Hugh, the wounded Borg the Enterprise picked up a few months ago. He squeezed his fists, remembering a red flushed face of one of the Star Fleet officers, just inches from his face, droplets of spit hitting him. Captain Hansen could not understand why Enterprise gave up on an opportunity to wipe out the Borg with the computer virus. Geordi tried not to react at the time, aware that the man suffered personal loss from the Borg.

But despite being parsecs and days away, Geordi's pressure rose. He wanted to defend himself, even if that meant using his fists instead of his brain. A hand touched his shoulder making him jump.

"Geordi! You're already here." The warm voice of Dr. Beverly Crusher returned him to the present, relaxing him. Geordi smiled, "Hi Beverly. I see your conference ended too." Beverly nodded, placing her pads and mug of steaming coffee on the table. "Yes. I got loads of great ideas. How about yours?"

Geordi nodded, anger still stuck in his mind.

"Yeah, it was a good one." He managed to utter words through clenched teeth. "But?" Beverly leaned towards him. "Hugh. I gave a presentation about Hugh, and people were wondering why we abandoned the initial plan."

Beverly nodded, grabbing her mug and taking a small sip. The glare of the hot cup drew his attention. His eyebrows lifted. Seen through his visor, the mug shone with the heat of the liquid inside, and Beverly sipped it. He wondered: does it hurt her? Finished her playing with the overly hot mug, she placed it back on a table and finally answered. "Something similar happened to me, and we're talking about doctors. People who swore to do no harm." Geordi nodded, still staring at her.

Beverly's throat flexed, as she was swallowing something way more significant than that little sip she took. She was not telling him all. An angry face flashed through his mind. He wondered: did she experience something similar to his argument? Geordi remembered her being the most vocal against exterminating an

entire species. And later, when Geordi got to know Hugh, he ended up grateful for Beverly's insistence. He touched his cheek where spit hit him during the encounter with the angry Captain Hansen, wondering: will he mention him at all?

Taking a deep breath, he changed the topic. "So, do you have any update on ETA of the Enterprise?" "Eighteen hundred hours." Geordi nodded. That gave them six hours of waiting. Plenty of time to ponder the guilt. This empty place did not provide any distractions. Unable to help himself, he circled back to the subject of Hugh. "Do you think we made a mistake?" Beverly shook her head. "No. The Borg collective is a terrifying opponent, but Hugh ended up being an individual. Killing him, performing a genocide over the whole species would go against everything that makes us human."

A blaring alarm interrupted their coffee. Both of them lifted their faces up, searching for the hidden speakers at the ceiling, waiting for the commands. Finally, the chilling words came. "Battle stations! Battle stations!" Coldness filled Geordi. What if this is the Borg's attack? He shook his head, chasing away the guilt induced thought. No, it's Romulans. We're close to their territory, and they are tricky ones. Beverly jumped up, nodding at him. "I'll head to medical to give them a hand." Geordi nodded back. "I'll report to Engineering." Both grabbed their stuff, leaving their steaming mugs.

"Lieutenant Commander LaForge, Chief Engineer of the Starship Enterprise, reporting!" The words left his lips as soon as he touched the closest communication panel. "LaForge? Please report to Ops." Geordi ran towards the command centre of the station, Ops, stumbling each time the station shook. He strained his hearing to catch the vibrations and hums of the station firing back. A smile flashed over his lips as he heard the faint buzz caused by the station's weapons. The station's tremors jolted him, throwing him against a window. His face pressed against transparent metal, he could not help looking out into space. He grabbed window frame, his knuckles going ashen, his whole body tensing. Through the window, he faced the corner of the giant cube.

It flashed with green lights, flaunting the ugliness, conduits, and tubes filling the surface. The cube was close enough to detect small craters on its dark surface. He stared at one, his mind refusing to accept what he saw, wondering instead about the lack of maintenance of the cube's surface.

The Borg.

His throat closing, he bent his head, staring at the station floor. He envied people with regular sight, they could just close their eyes when they did not wish to see something. He could not, not with the visor on. His chest tight, he let go of the window and rushed towards Ops. The angry face of Captain Hansen from the conference flashed in his mind again. Geordi had a sinking feeling that man was right, with all his hate-filled words and anger-distorted face. People will die now, and he could have prevented that if he just sent that virus.

Head buzzing, he skipped down the corridors, working with the station jolts, keeping steady in his direction. In no time he reached Ops, barging through one of the doors and dashing towards the engineering station. "Lieutenant Commander LaForge reporting." The station's chief engineer glanced at him. "We lost power on level 8. Power conduits need to be manually rerouted." Geordi nodded, his eyes fixing at the woman's rank pips. She was just a lieutenant. She typed furiously, her eyes fixated at the console. "Go with Ryb on level 8, and help him. We'll transport you."

Geordi glanced at the console, noting the skill used by the station Chief to solve the problem. She had this. He looked around searching for the transporter pad before another jolt threw him off his feet. Someone grabbed his biceps firmly, holding him upright. Geordi stared at the hand holding him. Chill spread in him. The hand barely emitted warmth. With his visor, alive humanoid glowed with the warmth of their bodies, except only a few species.

The Borg was one of them. His eyes shoot towards the creature's face, noting the absence of the implants and two protruding antennas on top of the male's head. "This way." A tall, muscular Andorian nodded at him. Geordi nodded back, the tension leaving his muscles. Andorians evolved on a cold planet, where keeping warmth inside your body was a more significant problem than cooling down. With a smile, he joined in the mad dash toward the transport pad.

The attacks intensified, making the station floor all wobbly and bouncy. Tension returned to Geordi's muscles while he fought to stay upright. Reaching the pad did not help. The floor still wobbled, and the officer at the engineering station did not bother even to look in their direction. Geordi opened his mouth, ready to yell at the officer when the familiar transporter field enveloped him. Geordi crawled deeper into a station wall, pulling at the hot conduit, ignoring the pain. He tugged, trying to bend the conduit into the new connection. The station stopped shaking. Geordi

crawled back out from the wall, glancing at a lamp, flashing red. The attack was still continuing, and stillness could only mean they were being boarded. He clenched his teeth, taking a deep breath. At least it will be easier to work.

He dived back into the wall, determination pumping new strength into his limbs. Tugging the conduit harder with one hand, while other was gripping the hot connector, he finally bent the conduit into the connector, hearing it latch. He could not shake off the hope of the Enterprise arriving in the nick of time. Finally finished, he scuttled out of the wall. Paralyzing pain enveloped his burned hand. He fanned it to ease the agony. A movement grabbed his attention. His head whipped towards it. A Borg drone.

Before he could even open his mouth, Ryb yelled, grabbing a phaser rifle and sending a burst after burst towards the drone. Geordi's insides clenched. The phaser blast only caused the drone's shield to shimmer. It didn't even slow its progress. The Borg had already adapted their shields. Through the flashes, Geordi noticed the drone's hand rising. "Ryb, cover!" Geordi rolled on the floor in a nearby nook. Ryb yelled, still firing shot after shot. "Ryb! Take cover!" Geordi screamed again. The shimmers of drone's shield intensified. It was coming closer. The first shots of a Borg phaser, with its recognizable frequency signature, passed by Geordi. Desperate, Geordi lifted his upper body, screaming louder. "Ryb--" Ryb's yells stopped. A quiet gurgle followed. Footsteps approached Geordi's hiding spot. "Take cover." He completed his last warning in a soft voice, slumping back into his nook, staring at the opposite wall and not seeing it. His chest tightened.

If I'd just sent that virus. Taking a quick breath, Geordi's head whipped left and right, searching for a phaser. He would rather blow his head off than be assimilated. No luck. Remembering hot power conduits in the walls, he crawled on the floor, trying to reach the nearest hatch. Glancing down the corridor, his visor met the legs of the drone. Swallowing hard, Geordi stood, ready to face his fate. A few more drones lined up behind the closest one. There was no escape. Before his glance could reach the face of an attacker, the drone grabbed him, pulling him into a hug. Geordi felt gentle but firm pressure from hands dotted with mechanical parts. His nose ended up close to the drone's neck. A cloud of familiar Borg smell enveloped him, a mechanical oil mixed with the undertones of decomposition. Tensing, he waited for nanobots injector, wondering: will it hurt? Instead, he heard soft words. "Geordi is my friend." The drone released him, moving away.

His eyes glued on the drone's face trying to recognize the exposed parts. Who is this? He stumbled backward, eyes still glued to the drone's face. The drone turned away from him, dragging his glance with it. Another pair of hands filled with mechanical parts grabbed him, pulling him into a gentle hug, declaring friendship. His brain numb, Geordi stared at the face of a new drone, trying to find anything familiar. Drone after drone approached him, hugged him and declared friendship. His glance moved from face to face, desperately searching for anything familiar. But the faces were ones of strangers. Geordi took a deep breath. He tried to look at the drones still waiting to hug him, searching for the familiar face of Hugh. This strange behaviour must be connected with Hugh. Maybe I can use this to stop an attack?

Yells and screams announced the group of Starfleet officers approaching the corridor. Phaser blasts filled the air around him. He felt the gentle push of newly activated drone's shield. The drone released him, facing the sound and phaser blasts, in sync with its fellow drones. Surrounded by drones, he could not see Starfleet personnel. Visibility got worse when drones' shields started shimmering in response to Federation phaser blasts. Moving his head left and right, he attempted to see what was going on. He froze. Through the thong of the bodies he spotted one drone lifting its hand and shooting back: killing his fellow humans. "No!" he screamed. But it was too late. Drones finished the scuffle and returned to hugging Geordi. Some of the drones moved away following their programming, leaving the clear sight to the corpses in Starfleet uniforms. Geordi swallowed hard, unable to drag his eyes away from his dead comrades. Geordi closed the hatch and sat facing Beverly.

She squeezed the seat with her knuckles white, staring at the floor. "There, we'll have life support for four more hours. That will keep us until the Enterprise arrives," he announced. Beverly showed no sign that she heard him. "Beverly?" She whispered. "They would stop hugging me to kill. No amount of pleading stopped them." Geordi shifted uncomfortably. The little voice in his head resumed its accusations. Repair of the life support on the shuttle pushed the insistent voice back for a while, but Beverly's comment helped it return with a vengeance. The image of Ryb's accusing dead stare flashed in his mind, tightening his chest, his throat. If he could just do something to get rid of this guilt. "At least Jean-Luc will be happy," snarled Beverly.

"What do you mean?"

"Well, he wanted from the start to send something to the Borg

through Hugh. Remember?" Beverly finally looked at him. "The original plan was to kill ..." her voice trailed into silence. Geordi shifted again. That voice of his guilt reappeared, nagging still, pointing out that neither Ryb nor any other humanoid would die if he just sent that damned virus, instead of going all soft at the machine. You will be held responsible, whispered his guilt. He nodded, avoiding Beverly's eyes.

"During the conference, after my talk, Captain Hansen approached me, and asked me what right we had to give up on the virus plan." His voice cracked, barely allowing him to finish. He lifted his head meeting Beverly's stare. She was the most vocal opponent of the initial plan. "Now I wonder if maybe he was right." Beverly rubbed her forehead.

"Captain Hansen? I know him. He had a brother studying the Borg. They disappeared ages ago, and he took over his brother's research with one goal in mind: revenge." She looked away. Her lips clenched, her knuckles white from squeezing the chair.

"I don't know, Geordi. I know that Borg kill people. But still, it seems wrong to exterminate a whole species, even when they're our bitter enemy. How can you call yourself human and do something like that?" Involuntary laughter escaped Geordi's lips. "Tell me, what is easier? Pretending that you're moral even when you do something wrong, or watching the enemy stop hugging you just to kill another person? Or worse, assimilate them." Beverly broke.

She let go of the seat, almost folding in two, burying her face in her hands, sobbing. "I don't know. I don't know." Sobs shook her, somehow melting Geordi's numbness. His chest hurt. Why did they survive? Why didn't they die with all the rest? Tears filled his eyes. He knew he deserved death. After all, he did cause this massacre.

Blinking away the tears, while the visor transmitted a perfect image of his surroundings, he admitted to himself that he would still do the same with Hugh. He saw him become an individual; an innocent, young boy.

Geordi turned his head towards a shuttle window. A face flashed in his mind. Hugh's trusting wide-open eyes, soaking up every one of Geordi's words, even smiling. Hugh adopted human values, he became an individual. The Enterprise crew expected parts of Hugh's individuality to spread through the Borg collective. They hoped the same change will influence other drones, motivating them to demand the freedom from the slavery of the Borg collective. "I tried to stop them. I was telling drones, those creatures are my friends, don't kill them." Beverly whispered, her

face still buried in her hands. Geordi faced Beverly, his mind pregnant with the ideas. "At one point they started using stunners and assimilating people instead of killing them. I guess that was their answer to our pleading," he answered in a faraway voice. It fit.

Hugh's knowledge spread through the Collective, just not the way they expected. Individuality could not win, and it made sense.

The Borg Collective has to have something to suppress the individuality of the assimilated people. Beverly slammed her fist in the shuttle bulkhead, making Geordi jump in surprise. She stared at her bleeding knuckles, mumbling softly: "Yes." Putting his thoughts aside he looked at her. She shivered, roughly rubbing her bleeding knuckles, like she was trying to remove her own skin. He glanced around the shuttle, using the infrared part of the spectrum, checking the temperature of the walls. Beverly's shivers were not caused by the cold. He cleared his throat.

"Maybe we can turn this around." Beverly's eyes shot to his face, her face contorted in a crooked smile. "Make this attack not happen?" "No, no. See, something did spread from Hugh. Not the individuality as we hoped, but something deeper, an emotion. A feeling of friendship towards us."

Beverly bitterly laughed. "I noticed that." "Wait." Geordi lifted his hand. "What if we develop a method that will make Borg, the whole Borg collective, see all of us as friends? What if we develop something that will turn Borg into friendly neighbors, instead of this menace?"

Beverly stared at him, forgetting her bleeding hand. "How?"

"I do not know yet. We will have to work on it, find the solution. Get some more drones and try to do with them as we did with Hugh. We have to figure out what actually happened when Hugh was re-assimilated." Geordi's thoughts were all over the place. He was already working on the problem. Beverly nodded. He could see a smile appearing on her lips, her nods increasing the tempo. "Yes. We could develop the way to coexist with the Borg."

Grinning at her, Geordi nodded back.

They survived for a reason.



## TROY OLDHAM

**Where are you from and where are you now?**—I am a military brat, my father was in the Air Force, so until I was 12 we moved around a lot. Then it was Northern Utah, mainly Kaysville.

**Married/Single?**—I am married. 31 years, this past February.

**Family?**—I have two sons, two daughters, one daughter-in-law, and one grandson, so far.....

**Hobbies outside of Star Trek?**—My hobbies and past times all center around my family. I love musicals, thanks to my daughter with the excellent singing voice. I keep on top of Super Heroes, thanks to my oldest daughter. I run a Dungeons and Dragons campaign for my oldest son (and so grandma can have time with the grandson). There are times I am not so sure about my youngest son but I am there for him. Finally, I just enjoy spending time with my wife.

**Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?**—My favorite Tico memories involve spending time at the conventions and helping with the fleet booths.

**Favorite Fan Encounter?**—My favorite fan encounter was when I went to SLCC with my two daughters and we met with both Peter Davidson and Paul McGann (the 5th and the 7th Doctor). We are all Doctor Who fans and they were cordial and friendly.

**Worst Fan Encounter?**—The worst fan encounter would have to be William Shatner (Capt. Kirk). It was all business. Rushed in and right back out.

**When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?**—I remember sitting on the floor and watching this brand new TV show, Star Trek. From that moment on I was hooked and many sci-fi series have become engrained within me.

**Favorite series, Episodes, and Films in Star Trek?**—My favorite *Star Trek* series is actually all episodes that deal with the mirror universe. It may have had something to do with seeing female midriffs at such a young age. I'm not really sure.

**Favorite series outside of Star Trek?**—There are a number of sci-fi series I would watch throughout the years. Back before binge watching was a thing. I would have to go with the tried and true of BBC programming, *Doctor Who*. I watched it in my youth and have latched onto the series again during the relaunch.

**What are some of your Dreams and Goals?**—My current dreams and goals have to do with just living another day. With my many medical problems, it is all I can manage some days.



## KATHRYN LUKE

**Where are you from and where are you now?**—I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah at LDS Hospital on September 13, 1947 at about 4 O'clock in the afternoon. My Father was a World War II Vet attending the U of U on a G.I. Bill. I'm in the first home we are buying in Roy, Utah and a 71 year old Grandmother!

**Married/Single?**—Of course! I am married to Richard Luke and have been married for over 37 years on October 23, 1981. We met at a Science Fiction Convention in Salt Lake City.

**Family?**—I have 2 children from my 1st marriage. Jason was born in 1975, He enjoys Science Fiction and works for UTA driving a bus. My Daughter, Julia Neilson was born in 1977. Both are married. Julia and Andrew have 5 children. My Granddaughter Alyson is on an LDS Mission to Edmonton, Canada.

**Hobbies outside of Star Trek?**—I collect Dolls and stuffed animals (\*See Collectives corner for related article). I also make dolls and doll clothes, I like to read, I play World of Warcraft and that may surprise some people! With reading, I read fiction and non-fiction. With Non-fiction it is National Geographic along with science facts. When I was younger I used to rock climb with my Hubby, Richard. Go camping, go on walks in the wilderness and camping areas. Enjoy kayaking in calm waters (A lake, etc.) NOT white water or swift rivers. Love to buy a kayak of my own. An interest in archeology and paleontology. I'm a big fan and collector of dinosaurs, when I was young and still have an interest in dinosaurs. Ever since I was 9 years old I have collected dinosaur toys and have most of my dinosaur collection today. I also enjoy Shakespeare and the classics. Involved with the Mountain Men rendezvous reenactments and participating in full costume from the U.S. 1824-1842 Era.

**Favorite Ticonderoga activity?**—I have enjoyed the Science hikes and walks. The hike to waterfall canyon in Ogden, Utah back in 2016. I enjoyed the away team to the Rocket garden at Thiokol, the Golden Spike in Promontory and the spiral jetty at the north end of the Great Salt Lake (this was an all-encompassing away mission). I particularly enjoyed the Club campout with the U.S.S. Pioneer our Sister ship in Colorado. I am looking forward to the upcoming campout the August.

**Favorite Fan Encounter?**—When I got hugged by a "Dwarf" with actor John Ryes Davies who portrayed "Gimli" in the Lord of the Rings Films (2001-2003) at FantasyCon in 2014. I particularly enjoyed this Convention too. I was a photographer at FantasyCon for Convention goers. FantasyCon was COOL al together!

**Worst Fan Encounter?**—My worst fan encounter was Con Chair that put me down in front of Richard to try and volunteer for this particular convention.

**When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?**—First got into Science Fiction I was about 10 years old reading Tom Swift jr. books and at the same time I was reading the Wizard of Oz book series which has about 25 in this series of books. Those were the first two genres that got me into the Science Fiction, Fantasy realms. My Brother was one of the first fans of Star Trek and persuaded me to watch an episode with him and that episode was Star Trek TOS "The Empath" and I was HOOKED! I have been involved with fandom ever since. My Brother got me into Science Fiction too.

***Favorite series, episodes, and films in Star Trek?***—I'd have to say Star Trek TOS since I believe I've seen every episode of TOS. I very much enjoy Star Trek TNG and Star Trek DSN. My favorite episode is the TOS "The Empath" because it was my first episode I saw from Classic Trek. They (the writers) told an important story with very little props and scenery, very little wiz bang action with more dialogue I felt like it was an important story to tell. My two favorite Star Trek films are Star Trek III The Search for Spock and Star Trek IV The Voyage Home, It should have been all one Film because it is all one story.

***Favorite series outside of Star Trek?***—Oh this is difficult.....I enjoy a lot of stuff out there, What I like the most is the A&E's Pride and Prejudice. They basically made P&P into six movies and played it into a mini-series, I've watched it several times. They researched the clothing of the period (1800-1812) and was shot on location in the United Kingdom. The series was true to the book. I used to listen to radio plays when I was a child before we got television. Programs such as Rin tin-tin, The Lone Ranger and the Canadian mounted Police.

***What are some of your Dreams and Goals?***—I would love to visit the Yucatan Peninsula and all of the ancient cities in Mexico, especially the Chic hen Itta and I would like to be there on April 6th (any year) to see the full shadow of Kulkulkan. I'd love to have enough space to display my Dolls as a Starbase.

## JUST OUTSIDE THE BOX



THE FAKE MOON LANDING WAS BUILT  
USING ACTUAL SOIL FROM THE MOON.



*How did Luke Skywalker get around the forest moon of Endor? Ewoked!*

*What did Buzz Aldrin, the second man to get to the moon, say when he reached there? Neil Before Me!*

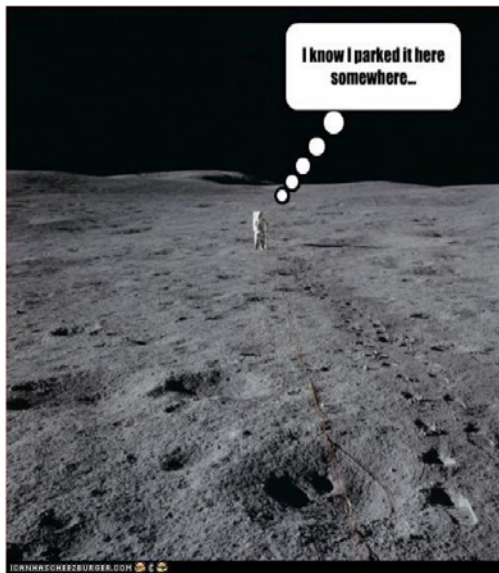
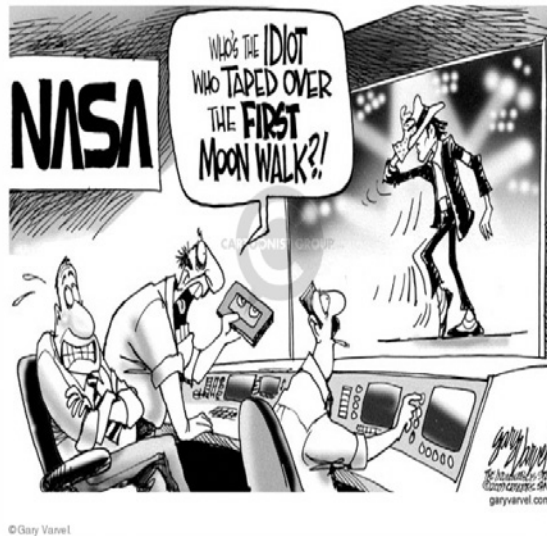
*What did the spaceship say when it landed on the moon? I APOLLOgize!!*

*Why did NASA fly to the Moon? It's too far to walk!*

*What do you call a bug on the moon? A Luna-Tick!*



# THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



*Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Good Food, No Atmosphere!*

*Why wouldn't the Moon come to the Sun's funeral? He isn't a mourning person!*

*How does the man in the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it!*

*Astronomers got tired after watching the moon go around the earth for 24 hours...so they decided to call it a day.*





## AN ASTRONOMY QUIZ BY CREW-MEMBER ANNIE STEPHENS — LUNAR

Our Marvelous Moon — Questions for the Querying Mind

1. Who was the first American to walk on the moon?
  - a. Alan Shephard
  - b. Travis Mayweather
  - c. Neil Armstrong
2. Who was the second American to walk on the moon?
  - a. Michael Collins
  - b. Buzz Aldrin
  - c. Harry Kim
3. Where on the moon did Apollo land?
  - a. Tycho Crater
  - b. Tranquility Bay
  - c. Talaxia Bay
4. What is the name of the first moon module to land on the moon?
  - a. Eagle
  - b. Delta Flyer
  - c. Enterprise
5. Apollo 11's L.E.M. landed with less than \_\_\_\_\_ of fuel left?
  - a. 1.30 seconds
  - b. 23 seconds
  - c. 20 seconds
6. "Just like going down the L.E.M." What does L.E.M. stand for?
  - a. Lunar Excursion Module
  - b. Landing Excursion Module
  - c. Locutus' Excursion Module
7. What is the first thing the astronauts of Apollo 11 did after they stepped onto the moon?
  - a. Plant an American flag
  - b. Hit a golf ball
  - c. Collect rocks
8. Buzz Aldrin compared moon dust to being as smooth as \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a. Commander Sisko's head
  - b. Talaxian spice blend
  - c. Talcum powder
9. Apollo 11 lunar experiments provided knowledge for \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a. Mining potential for deuterium
  - b. Strength of moon's magnetic field
  - c. Composition of solar wind and lunar atmosphere
10. Every system for Apollo 11 had a backup system except for \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a. Subspace signals back home
  - b. Descent back into earth's atmosphere
  - c. Ascent takeoff from the moon

11. How far away is the moon?
  - a. 238,900 miles
  - b. 1,572,300 miles
  - c. 696,400 miles
12. How many moons would fit inside the earth?
  - a. 62
  - b. 120
  - c. 49
13. How much of the moon is visible from the earth?
  - a. 50%
  - b. 59%
  - c. 48%
14. What sounds did the astronauts hear they walked on the moon?
  - a. None
  - b. Solar winds
  - c. Laser beams
15. In China, dark shadows on the moon are called?
  - a. Portals to subspace
  - b. The toad in the moon
  - c. Wispy clouds of intrigue
16. Moon dust smells like?
  - a. Licorice
  - b. Gun powder
  - c. Leola root soup
17. Astronaut David Scott from Apollo 15 did Galileo's experiment using?
  - a. A moon rock and a sock
  - b. A bar of latinum and 1 darsek
  - c. A hammer and a feather
18. How many men have walked on the moon?
  - a. 12
  - b. 3
  - c. 24
19. Who is the last man to have walked on the moon?
  - a. Neil Armstrong
  - b. Tom Paris
  - c. Gene Cernan
20. As a result of moon exploration NASA has developed technologies for
  - a. Computer microchips
  - b. Cordless tools
  - c. Joysticks
  - d. Ear thermometers
  - e. Freeze-dried food
  - f. Invisible braces
  - g. Memory foam
  - h. Satellite television
  - i. All of the above and a lot more

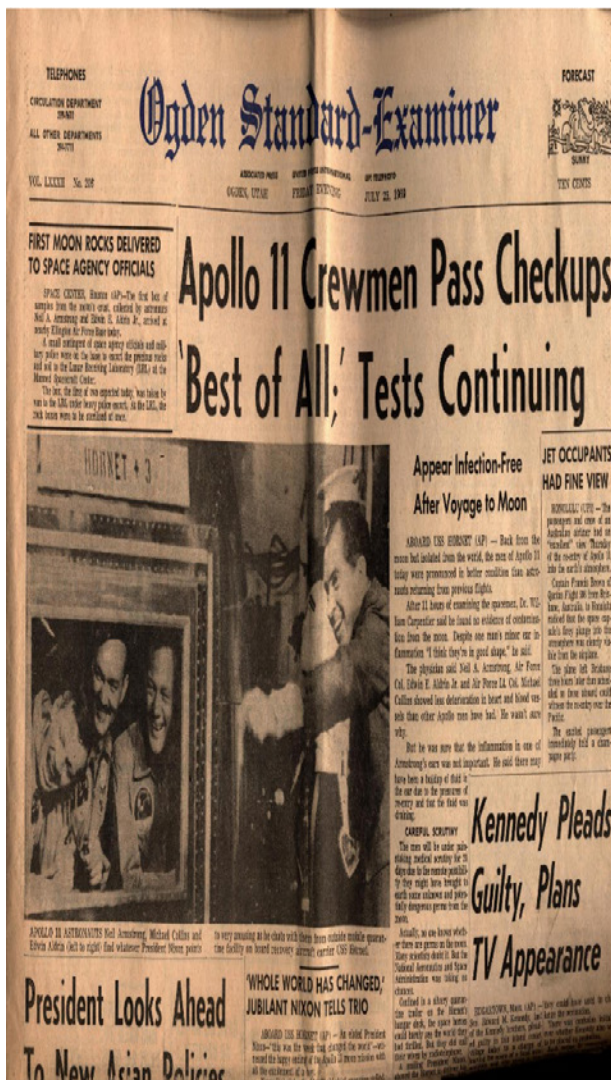
Enjoy taking this quiz, and enjoy upcoming events that celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

(P.S. There will be prizes for questions answered correctly on the first monthly meeting after the newsletter comes out.) magnesium, potassium, calcium, iron and a few others...hmmm it would seem we are made of the same stuff! How did this happen?



# QUANTUM LEAP

LANDING ON THE MOON...A DAY THAT WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED!!



For many months before the launch, and for many more after the success of the mission, the papers were filled with articles about going and returning from the moon.

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## 6,000 Greet Astronauts In Hawaii; Houston Next

HONOLULU (AP) — American welcomed the three Apollo 11 astronauts as they arrived in Hawaii Sunday. They arrived in a helicopter and were escorted to the ship being "delivered to you in a box."

The Apollo 11 astronauts were welcomed by more than 6,000 Hawaiians at the recovery ship USS Hornet docked at Pearl Harbor.

Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. and Michael Collins, pronounced in good health and rested from their half-million-mile flight to and from the moon, watched from the narrow confinement of their silver van as the carrier cruised into the harbor.

A band played "Harvest Moon" and "The Eyes of a Lion." One well-wisher carried a sign saying "Ode to Neil Armstrong." Armstrong is a native of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Gov. John Burns of Hawaii and Honolulu Mayor Frank I. Fong were in the large crowd at the harbor, a brown attached to the harbor and a sign of success, inched to the pier.

**SPECIAL DRESS**

Railers lined the deck in the formal white uniforms they wear for special occasions.

The big container van was lifted from the Hornet in a manner that took more than an hour.

As the van was lowered onto a special hydraulic truck, Armstrong appeared on a window, waving to the crowd below.

The van hurried slightly as it moved forward, positioning the truck. Armstrong looked down at the crowd, waving and smiling.

The van was lowered to the pier, and the astronauts were escorted to the ship.

## U.S. to Stress Economic Help for Asians-Nixon

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## Scientists View Moon Materials

ROCKS AND DIRT samples from the lunar surface lie in a plastic bag which has been cut open by NASA Apollo 11 astronauts, are described as being coated with a powdery, blackish substance that appears to hide the true makeup of the rocks. — Standard-Examiner UPI Telephoto.

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Excited scientists viewed their first treasure chest of moon rocks brought home by Apollo 11 astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. as they stepped ashore Sunday.

## Kennedy Gets Broad Credit Card for Church?

CREDIT CARD FOR CHURCH? Kennedy Gets Broad Credit Card for Church?

Not only the astronauts, but the families and citizens from all over interviewed too!

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## U.S. Citizenry Basked In Space Triumph

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## **CHIEF SCIENCE OFFICERS LOG ENTRY: JUNE 2019....** By Lt. Brad Jacobs, U.S.S. Ticonderoga

The Department held its annual Science Nature Walk on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the mouth of Ogden Canyon meeting at Rainbow Gardens as the Science Away Team headed down The Ogden river parkway trail. The paved path paralleled the Ogden river flowing out of the canyon, this was a benefit since not only the trail was lined by large trees giving shade to the path, the coolness of the river with the breeze made this an enjoyable walk throughout the time we all spent on the parkway trail not to mention the Science Away Team members participating in this event.

We also passed by the George S Eccles Dinosaur Park on the North side of the park and took a peek in to see a few of Earth's prehistoric creatures that roamed the Earth millions of years ago.

When the away team reached the Big D Sports Park it was time for a light lunch, out came the food. The youngest member, Dean loved running around the park, playing on the slide and in the sand. We stayed at the sports park for a while then headed back to our starting point, Rainbow Gardens.

After the Science Walk Away Mission a few of us walked over to Rainbow Gardens to window shop at the gift shop and the main area. It is always fun to check out what this long-time local business has in store!

Thank you to my Assistant Science Chief, Ensign Dennis Moyes and Crewman Issac Jacobs for bringing the liquid goodness for the walk! Issac was not able to make it due to employment obligations. Annie Stephens, Kathryn Luke, Mayloni Minchew and K'Lar Jacobs for sharing their goodies on the trail and at lunch at the park. Another successful Science walk Thank you all!!

My Assistant Science Chief brought something up to the Crew at this past monthly meeting (June 2019) about NASA inviting the public to submit our names to fly aboard the next Mars rover and he had the information with him to give out to whoever was interested to participate in this Awesome Endeavour! Kudos to Ensign Moyes!

The Mars Rover is scheduled to launch in July of 2020, a year from now and expected to reach the Red Planet in February 2021.

Ensign Dennis Moyes, Myself along with a few other crew members submitted our names, printed off our boarding passes and are ready to go! If you'd like to submit your name, here is the website to go to: <http://go.nasa.gov/Mars2020Pass>

There you have it! End of Report!

Lieutenant Brad Jacobs

Science Chief, U.S.S. Ticonderoga NCC 74676

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## DENNIS MOYES MOON MEMORIES

On July 20th, 1969, I was fourteen years old and I remember the moon landing very well.

All of my family and myself were around the television, watching Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon. I was amazed that the black and white images, were being transmitted from a quarter of a million miles away from the earth.

This was a incredible accomplishment for NASA, to actually send two astronauts to explore another world. It was no longer a science fiction dream, to travel to another planet.

Around that time, tv shows such as Star Trek, Lost in Space, Land of the Giants, Battle Star Galactica, The Invaders, and many other sci-fi movies, contributed to my interest for NASA. Also, NASA's study of the universe, encouraged my hobby of astronomy and looking at the night sky, through a telescope.

I'll never forget, the first view of the moon through my first telescope. Just after watching the astronauts broadcast from the moon, I ran outside and it was starting to get dark, to look at the moon. I stared at the moon and imaged what an incredible experience it would be, to walk on the moon.

I'm excited that NASA will land again on the moon, scheduled for 2024. I am encouraged that space exploration will continue and increase the understanding of the universe.

Ensign Dennis Moyes reporting.....Log entry.....OUT.....





We will assimilate your collective talents into our own! (Disclaimer – Although true, we prefer to keep you as an individual....with only a few drones. :) )

## A LOOK INSIDE WHAT THE TICO COLLECTIVE COLLECTS.— KATHRYN LUKE

Dolls of all kinds

1. What do you collect and when did you start collecting?

Collect all different kinds of Dolls, mostly 14 inches and under. Although I have some bigger ones too. I collect Dolls from Star Trek, Star Wars, Fantasy, Barbie, G.I. Joe, Trolls, all kinds of Action Figures, a few porcelain Dolls, etc. I believe I was 10 years old, my older Brother and I bought a Bob Doll—My Brother gave this Doll to me for my 11th birthday, this is when I started collecting Dolls.

2. What sparked your interest with collecting these items?

I already loved Dolls, I played with Dolls with my Brother. We saved up our money to buy the Doll which was Jeff (By Vogue Doll Company). Jeff was the First Male fashion Doll ever. We took them on Science Fiction and Fantasy Adventures including Edger Rice Burrows (Mars Books).

3. What are some of your favorite items in your Collection?

I would have to say Bob and Jeff that I've had the longest and their Wives, Nancy Ann and Floria Lee. Another favorite I'd have to say....the Barbie I have had the longest, a 1st issue Bouffant Series and her name is Barbara AnnBaileen, She was gifted to me about when I was 15 years old. (Kathryn made the outfit the Barbie is wearing in the photo). Also, a 1st issue Ken Doll with Barbara Ann photo (Her Husband).





4. How did you come across some items in your Collection?

I have been gifted with a number of them such as Christmas, Birthday, and Mother's Day. I either found them at the store or at the thrift stores. A couple of them I rescued them for my Sister from my Mom because my Mom would throw them away by hiding the Dolls in my clothes drawer. The most unique Doll I have, and people probably have never heard of him a gay Bob Doll. I bought him from a dealer that brought Dolls into Utah from other States. Another one is a USMC World War II Navajo Code Talker. Pretty valuable! He has a speaker and talks in both the Navajo Language and the English Language (from Hasbro).

5. Is there any items in your Collection that has a story to it?

Almost every Doll has a backstory in my Collection. Some of them I'm still working on their backstories and where they (the Dolls) are from.

6. What other items, outside of this Collection do you enjoy collecting?

I have a number of stuffed animals of all types, Winnie the pooh, Harry Potter (new to my Collection), and Dinosaurs and Dragons.

7. What are some of your favorite items in your collection?

My largest set of 20. A friend of mine went to Poland, I gave her some money and asked her to find one to bring one home for me and she did. She has since passed away. That nesting doll means a lot to me. Also the Bottle holders are pretty cool.



# THE FINAL CUTS

Here are a few bits of History and wisdom, past and present, from the office of the Admiral!  
(Or, once again we may have hacked the database and just plain 'ol went crazy with Tico Pics from summer 2019!!)



## The Display!

Our own Annie Stephens worked diligently gathering swag, collectibles and Trek Treasures from all over the fleet to create this marvelous display. It showcases the entire history of the series from the original to Discovery.

It truly is a beautiful collection to see! Great work Annie!

# THE FINAL CUTS





# CAPTAINS LOG

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

(From an earlier edition, these words from our Captain are even more relevant now as we pass the midway point of the year. Read, ask and assess once again!)

Greetings, All! And happy 2019!

I hope this issue finds you well.

Did you make any resolutions? How have you kept up on them?

Remember that any progress, no matter how slow, is still progress. If you've somehow not lived up to your goals and expectations, don't worry.

There is always another day to start again.

According to the Chinese calendar, 2019 will be the year of the pig, a year of good fortune. May that good energy serve to support and aid you in all the new year's endeavors.

Captain Erica Stark

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