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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, Greetings, Salutations and *yI'el* (We cannot leave out the Klingon crew, now can we!) It has been quite the journey that the members of the U.S.S. Ticonderoga have been on since the last issue of our full newsletter. Not only have we seen changes in the crew with some wonderful new additions to the ship—(yours truly included), but we have seen the Ship herself undergo a complete restructure with a new spirit animal to accompany us on our Journey.

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(The needs of the many, over the needs of the few or the one. But neither will we forget the one!)

The U.S.S Ticonderoga and her crew are truly a close knit group of friends and family. With each new issue of the newsletter, we'll get to know each other better, remember the times that have past, good and bad, and discuss the paths we see coming before us so that we can navigate through them as a ship and crew, united in our desires to live life to the fullest, grow and become more than we are.

As we Boldly go into the unknown reaches of our future, let us all remember that change is the spice that seasons our culinary dishes known as life. The new and (hopefully) improved newsletter will be one of those changes. We will be adding new features, updating some familiar old ones, and assimilating (see what I did there) sections from other fan club publications that add to our collective.

We hope that you enjoy the changes that are forthcoming, and *QaQ jaj laD* "It is a good day...to read"

The Newsletter Staff

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(From Modern Coin Mart)



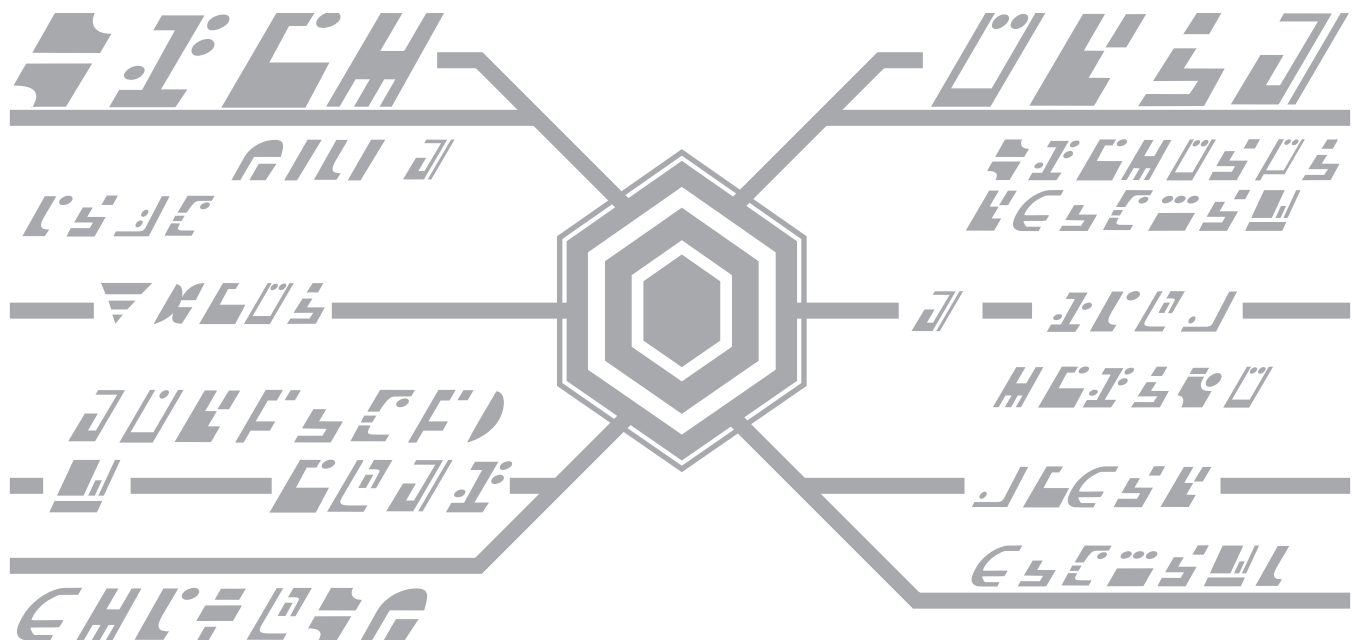
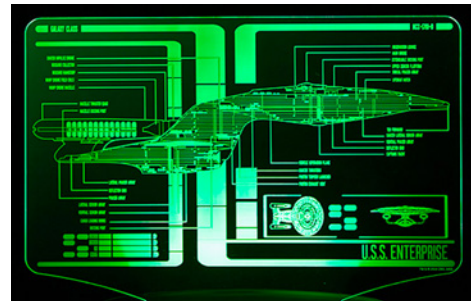
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(From Think Geek)



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(From Think Geek)



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Star Trek Inspired Enterprise Ship 3D Optical Illusion Lamp
(From Opticallamp.com)



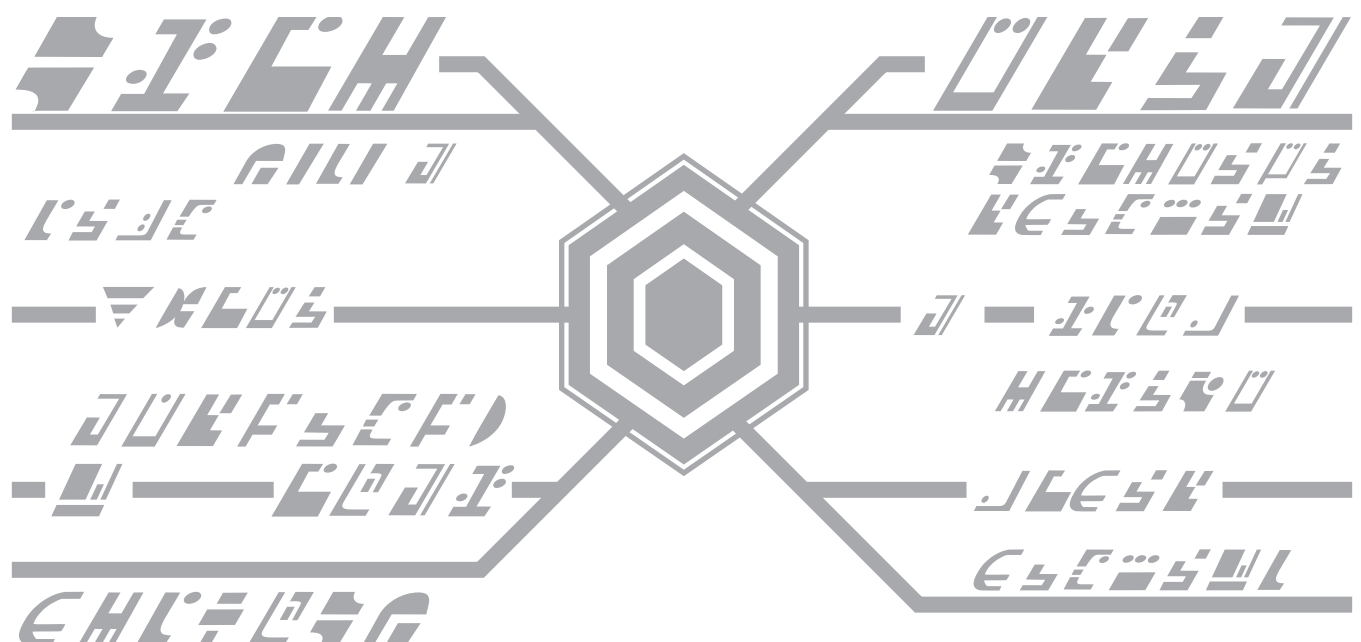
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Star Trek TNG Fleece Blanket
(From Think Geek)



Star Trek: The Next Generation "Make it so" Collection
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STAR TREK: DISCOVERY RETURNS IN JANUARY

First Season Finale Set For February

CBS has announced return and finale dates for the first season of *Star Trek: Discovery*. After Sunday's mid-season climax, "Into the Forest I Go," the series will return on **January 7, 2018** at 8:30 PM ET. The show will return for six additional episodes that will round out the first season of *Discovery* with a finale scheduled for **February 11**.

The first episode in what CBS calls *Star Trek: Discovery's* "second chapter," will be titled "Despite Yourself."



TNG REUNION HOSTED BY WILLIAM SHATNER

This Weekend at Rhode Island Comic Con (See youtube.com)

Members of the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* cast, including **Brent Spiner**, **Gates McFadden**, **Jonathan Frakes**, **Marina Sirtis**, and **Michael Dorn**, will take part in a reunion panel this weekend at Rhode Island Comic Con. The 45-minute panel, entitled "Beam Us Up: Star Trek Unites!," will be moderated by *Star Trek's* original Captain Kirk, **William Shatner**. It's scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 11th at 6:00 pm.



WHY DID ELITE FORCE BOLDLY GO WHERE NO STAR TREK GAME HAD GONE BEFORE?

Topping TrekNews.net's list of best *Star Trek* games is *Elite Force*, a first-person action game revolving around the Hazard Team, an elite squad of commandos stationed on *Voyager* as they made their way home from the Delta Quadrant. While one might not consider an action game as being prime *Star Trek* material, as *Elite Force* proved 17 years ago, that was indeed the case. Of course, there's a reason why this game is the highest-ranked *Star Trek* game, sitting at a comfortable 86 on *Metacritic*.



STATUE HONORING ANTON YELCHIN UNVEILED IN L.A.

The late **Anton Yelchin**, who played Pavel Chekov from the three most recent *Star Trek* films, was honored with a statue and a service on Sunday in Hollywood. Among those in attendance were a few of his *Star Trek* co-stars, including **Zoe Saldana** (Uhura), **Simon Pegg** (Scotty), as well as *Star Trek* (2009) and *Star Trek Into Darkness* director **J.J. Abrams**.

Anton's statue is at the Hollywood Forever cemeteries **Garden of Legends**.



HAPPENINGS FROM THE STARGATE



STARGATE RETURNS!

New series *Stargate Origins* will relaunch the franchise

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer announced plans to relaunch its expansive sci-fi *Stargate* franchise with *Stargate Origins*, a 10-episode digital series airing exclusively on MGM's new dedicated digital platform *Stargate Command*. The series is scheduled to begin shooting in August, helmed by **Mercedes Bryce Morgan** and written by **Mark Ilvedson** and **Justin Michael Terry**.

JODIE WHITTAKER'S FIRST OUTFIT AS DOCTOR WHO HAS BEEN REVEALED:



'BRAND-NEW STAR WARS TRILOGY' COMING FROM RIAN JOHNSON

Disney Says

Rian Johnson will develop a "brand-new *Star Wars* trilogy" for Disney and Lucasfilm, Disney CEO Bob Iger announced during an earnings call today.

Lucasfilm and Disney later added in a **news release** that Johnson will write and direct the first entry in that new trilogy. **Ram Bergman**, a longtime collaborator of Johnson's, will produce the film.

"In shepherding this new trilogy, which is separate from the episodic *Skywalker* saga, Johnson will introduce new characters from a corner of the galaxy that *Star Wars* lore has never before explored," said Lucasfilm and Disney in the news release.

COLLECTIVE REFLECTIONS

by Sean O'Keef



“Captain Picard.” “Seven of Nine.” Picard looked her up and down and could not help but be impressed by her fine form. Her bio held that she was twenty-nine, but he could swear she looked physically younger. What aged her was the nonsense look in her eye. “Or do you prefer Annika now you’re back on Earth?” It was clear the former Borg drone was still having trouble keeping the annoyance she felt at the errors of others from showing. She could not help but correct him. “I was born on the Tendara Colony, Captain. I have only the memories of other assimilated Borg to educate me on this world—aside from the guidance I have had from Admiral Janeway and Commander Chakotay.” The way she mentioned Chakotay gave Picard pause.

For all Seven's severity, she softened a little at his name. Clearly an affection there. He shifted as he stood and cast a glance at the lectern. The lecture hall was only now just starting to fill. It would be a while yet before they would be needed. “May I suggest we continue this discussion over a cup of tea? I believe they serve an excellent Earl Grey in the cafeteria.” With one final glance over his shoulder he added: “It appears we have plenty of time.” Seven took him at his word and spun on a heel. “Perhaps some liquid nourishment would be advantageous at this time.” Picard smiled to himself and followed.

He knew himself to be one given to flowery speech, but Seven spoke like she had swallowed not only a dictionary, but the entire Encyclopaedia Galactica. Within moments they found themselves seated in the Academy's modest café with steaming cups of Earl Grey before them. Picard was curious that Seven had ordered the same brew as himself. She picked up on this. “I am unfamiliar with this blend and decided to extend my knowledge of the beverage.” She lifted the china cup to her lips and sipped. After a moment's contemplation she added: “Average.” Certainly not the word Picard would use, but there was a lot to be said for the eye of the beholder.

“I prefer Seven,” she stated. “Annika is nothing more than a distant memory for me.” Picard nodded. It was still too easy for him to recall the days when he was merely a personality trapped within

an altered body screaming to be heard and frustrated that he could not. Perhaps Annika's personality was truly lost after such a long period of time and being assimilated so young. “Seven it is, then.”

He gave her a polite smile. “What will you be speaking on today?” The woman didn't even blink when she said: “The eventual assimilation of the Alpha Quadrant.” She said it with a certainty that appalled Picard. All the same, he managed to maintain a poker face. “I wouldn't open your lecture with that, Seven,” he said, trying to sound genial. “You'll be speaking to a room full of Starfleet Officers and cadets. The cadets more than anyone need to have some kind of assurance that resistance isn't futile.” Was it arrogance in her eyes or simply certainty? He wasn't sure. “Admiral Janeway has demonstrated an uncanny ability to thwart the Collective's attempts at assimilation,” she conceded. She quickly added: “Including your own.” Diplomacy definitely was not this woman's strong suit, he thought. He turned his tea cup in his hands as he nodded and said: “That room will be full of people who need to hear about your and Admiral Janeway's victories against the Borg. I would suggest you finish by giving them hope that they won't become another Locutus.” He didn't quite succeed in keeping the bitterness out of his voice. At that Seven's eyes lit up. “Yes, Locutus. I remember him.”

“How is that possible?” Picard asked—practically a reflex action. Her words had unexpectedly stung. He set down his cup before he spilled it on himself. Blue eyes met grey as Seven said: “Locutus was a personality that was created partially from your own and mostly from the Borg. When you were severed from the Collective you were not truly lost because Locutus and his knowledge had been uploaded to Unimatrix One. As an adjunct there I was linked with Locutus and learned a lot from him and his experiences.” The thought that he had been “backed up” by the Borg had never entered Picard's mind. He had always hoped that, once he was separated from the Collective that that would have been the end of it. With his mind no longer connected they would no longer have access to his knowledge. To now find out that it was all still available to the Borg horrified and angered him.



"I had hoped that ..." Picard wanted to swear but was too much of a gentleman to do so, "being was dead and buried." Seven tilted her head to the side and studied him. "You are emotional about this subject. Don't be. Locutus is not you." Picard wanted to snap at her but her last statement brought him up short. Was she trying to comfort him? "How so?" he said tightly. "Locutus was mostly a creation of the Borg. A useful fiction. It was a "personality", which is the best word I can use to describe one who was not an individual yet still separate in purpose, that was created for a reason. They took elements of you and your knowledge, combined it with Borg and generated Locutus. It is no more you than the beverage you have consumed is still tea." He looked down at the remainder of his Earl Grey and wondered about that. He picked it up and let it slide down the back of his throat, warming his soul. All the same, he still had issues. "They can still use my knowledge against the Federation." Seven nodded. "Yes, they can. However, you are just one of many Starfleet officers who have been assimilated over time. Not to mention Klingons, Romulans and Breen. The Borg were already well aware of most of what you knew. It is arrogant of you to think your participation alone led to the destruction of the ships at Wolf 359."

Had the Borg led him to believe that he alone had been instrumental in the rout at Wolf? Was that knowledge meant to cripple him? Or was it simply his own guilt? It was a burden he still carried and yet, in the light of Seven's statements, an irrational one. He determined to rid himself of it. He gave her a genuine smile from the heart and said: "Thank you, Seven. I needed to hear that." He glanced at the clock and realised they needed to get back to the symposium. "We should get going." As he made to rise Seven kept him seated with a simple look. "Captain, I want to thank you for reminding me that I, too, am more than the sum of my experiences with the Borg. It is something I've forgotten since I have been separated from the rest of my new Collective—my family—on Voyager." A profound sadness swept over Seven's face, but didn't stay long. Her ever present resolve returned quickly. Picard mused that there was nothing this woman determined to do she would fail to bring about. "Since your link was severed you

have continued to grow and learn as an individual, as I did. Since meeting you this morning you have demonstrated to me the differences between Locutus and Picard. They are profound. While I am and probably always will be Seven the being I am today is more Annika than I ever was when I was in the Collective. I am—happier."

Picard was certain most of her happiness revolved around the Voyager crew, particularly Chakotay. "Perhaps you need to reconnect with them after the symposium," he suggested. "Yes," Seven said with the certainty Picard had come to expect from her. He knew she would actually do it. "We should go." With one fluid movement Seven was on her feet and waiting for Picard to join her. He mused that her strength was much more than just physical. As they walked back to the lecture hall, Picard ventured: "Which one of us did you prefer?" Seven gave him a cheekily raised eyebrow and said nothing. ♪



CREW DATABASE



BRAD JACOBS

Where you from and where are you now?—I was raised in Plain City, Utah (West of Ogden) and now live in Roy.

Married or single?—I am married to My “hobbit”, Aimee.

Family?—I have an older brother and an older sister.

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—I like to ski and I really enjoy art/drawing. I also like to cook (a variety of foods), as well as hiking and being out in nature. I do love the Outdoors, but not being Grizzly Adams about it. I also scrapbook and collect news articles, collectibles, trading cards, autographs, etc.

Favorite Tico Club memory?—There were several, but one was when the club dropped off some food at a house in need.

Favorite fan encounter?—There have been a few, and it is a toss up between them, but a stand out is Glen Mowshawer. We were at the panel and he invited everyone to come by and chat, and in the line he came around the table and met us and asked us up to chat. After shaking our hands and apologizing for the wait, he went over his family, including Father's military service, plus other memories. We spoke to him for several minutes, got his autograph and he gave us a picture too. Upon returning a few cons later, he remembered Aimee and myself.

Worst Fan Encounter?—Carrie Fisher—After waiting for a very long time to meet her and get an autograph, she was not interactive with anyone, just signing her name and moving to the next.

When did you first get into sci-fi and with what series?—*Star Wars* in 1977 with the first film. This was my initial introduction into to the world of sci-fi and I have loved the genre ever since.

Favorite series, film, episode in Star Trek?—My favorite series is *The Originals*. The movie is a tie between *The Wrath of Kahn* and *The Voyage Home* (this was the hardest to answer), and the favorite episode would have to be *The Omega Glory*.

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—*M.A.S.H.*—Outside of the sci-fi genre, and *The Big Bang* alongside the *LOTR* (*Lord of the Rings*).

What are some of your dreams and goals?—One of my main goals is to improve my artistic abilities. Also with this line of improvement, my religious knowledge/understanding/depth. I would love to go to New Zealand to visit Hobbiton, and also go to the U.K. and Holland (Where my ancestry is from). It would be great to visit the location Vasquez Rock (where Captain Kirk fought the Gorn) and go to the locations where *M.A.S.H.* was filmed.



What are some of your dreams and goals?—I would like to be able to meet all the *Star Trek* actors, and all of the *Power Ranger* actors. I also want to continue towards getting my rank up. My character on the ship is a human cat.



AIMEE JACOBS

Where you from and where are you now?—I was born in Vernal, Utah, then we moved to Kaysville for just about one year before moving moved to Layton, which is where I was essentially raised. I currently live in Roy.

Married or single?—I am married to Brad since August of 2013.

Family?—I am the 2nd of 6 kids. I have two brothers and 3 sisters.

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—I really like to scrapbook. In addition, I enjoy other crafts such as ceramics, toll painting, etc.

Favorite Tico Club memory?—Two that most readily come to mind are the most recent club activity for Halloween and the last club summer BBQ that we attended.

Favorite fan encounter?—Julie Benz who played Darla on *Buffy*. I had a really fun experience talking to her. She really razed Brad about never having watched *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. She was just sitting right by us visiting, and so we were able to speak with her for quit a while. It was really awesome.

Worst Fan Encounter?—There are actually two of them. Kevin Sorbo or Carrie Fisher. Kevin was really rude when I talked to him. I was trying to decide what picture to get, and I kinda drew out a question about Lucy Lawless, since she had guest starred in his series and vice-versa. I asked him how was it working with her, and he sighed and pulled over a pic with him and his side kick, and pointed to the actor and said, "This is my side kick." I was stunned with the very rude manner that he responded.

Carrie Fisher was distant and inattentive as we went through her line.

When did you first get into sci-fi and with what series?—I would say that I got into it from when I was very little because my dad was big into it. Dad watched *Star Trek* and *Star Wars* with the whole family. Dad and my brother and me were the only big *Star Trek* fans. *Star Wars* was the first one to get me into it.

Favorite series, film, episode in Star Trek?—*The Original Series*, with my favorite movie being *The Wrath of Kahn*. My favorite episode is *The City on the Edge of Forever*.

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—A wide variety of fantasy, along with *LOTR*, *Star Wars*, and *Disney*.

What are some of your dreams and goals?—I would really like to be able to travel. I want to go to Hawaii and Europe. I would also really like to buy a house. Plus, it would be a dream to meet my favorite country singer, Dolly Parton.

THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



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What does a Romulan frog use for camouflage?—A croaking device.

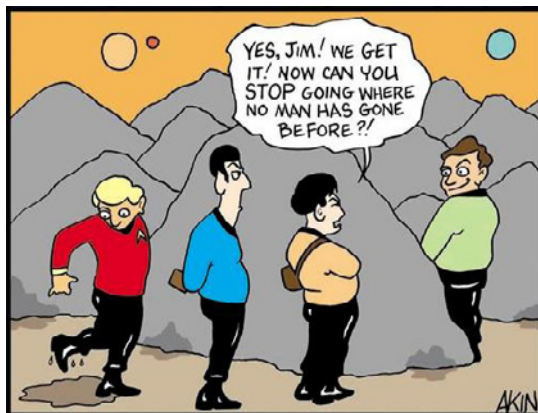
What do you call it when that Strategic Operations Officer on DS9 runs as fast as he can? —Worf Speed.

How many Klingons does it take to change a lightbulb?—TWO: One to screw it in, and one to stab the other in the back and take all of the credit.

Have you read the book "Damn it Jim"?—It's by: Ima Doctor and Nada Bricklayer.



THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



Have you read the book "Chekov: The Navigator"?—It's by: I. Kiptin

Why can't Klingon kids play in sandboxes?—Cats keep trying to cover them up.

Why don't the Borg go to prison?—Because they obey the Lore!

Why did the Borg cross the road?—Because it assimilated the chicken!

Where do the Borg eat fast food?—At their local Borger King!





QUANTUM LEAP



The security department did a recon mission this week to the Spiral Sector to lay the plans for their annual away mission for next year.



The *Qel'poh's* journey to the Viking Exhibit.



The Ticonderoga Activity at the Seaquest aquarium was really fun and a lot of the members came to participate!





At the Black Island Farms corn maze.



Missions around the quadrant



What, no smile?



Excited for an away mission.



Dave meeting his leader...hopefully no "snacks" were served.



The beginnings of the assimilation.



Rule from the Klingon throne.



The Admiral and XO considering a new ship design?

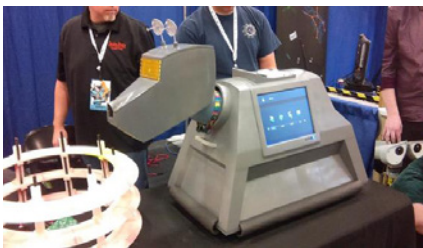


Supporters assist with the rule!

BEVERLY MILLER — TO BOLDLY GO

You are, and always shall be...our Friend!





SPECIAL “QUANTUM LEAP” AWAY MISSION REPORT

1st annual Snake River ComicCon

Officers Log Entry Earth date September 30, 2017

Lieutenant Brad Jacobs Reporting

The 1st annual Snake River ComicCon (SRCC) was held in Pocatello, Idaho from September 29th to October 1st, 2017 at the Mountain View Events center (main vender hall), Clarion Inn (Panels), and the Red Lion Inn (Registration, Panels, and activities).

This was a smaller convention and reminded me of CONduit the multi genre/literary convention that was held for a number of years in Salt Lake City, Utah. A lot of the format for the SRCC was similar to of CONduit as with the atmosphere and the feel of the SRCC.

The away mission consisted of a team of Three, Myself, Aimee, and Greg (Aimee's geeky big brother). Although SRCC was a 3 day event we could only attend on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

SRCC had some great guests that included Allison Arngim (Nellie Olsen from *Little House on the Prairie*), Parker Stevenson (*The Hardy Boys*, *Baywatch*), Paul Glassner (*Starsky and Hutch*), Don Shanks (*Halloween*), Russ Adams (SP FX Artist), Davis Vincent (Voice Actor), Steve 'Warky' Nunez (Voice Actor), Erin Leach (Artist), Adrian Ropp (*Disney* Artist), among others.

Alison Argrim was a delight to meet with and to talk to, we spent about 25 minutes just chatting. She mentioned to us during the conversation that devoted fans of *Little House on the Prairie* are “Bonnet Heads” just as devoted *Star Trek* fans are “Trekkies” and she actually used that analogy. (on a side note she did mention she was watching *Star Trek* that morning while having her breakfast and getting ready for the Convention). All of us got our picture taken with Alison while we were chatting. Nothing like her character on *Little House*, a very nice down to Earth individual. Alison did admit she loved playing Nellie Olsen.

Parker Stevenson was also a nice guy to talk to with, Aimee asked him about his role in *Baywatch* with David Hasselhoff and he gladly answered her inquiries about the show when he appeared in it. He also mentioned that on David's license plate at the time had 'Knight1' on it. We mentioned Salt Lake ComicCon to Parker and described the event at the Salt Palace and me may be a guest at a future SLCC. We also took this opportunity to get a photo with Parker Stevenson.

I had a chance to speak with Erin Leach, a professional Artist, She was actually working on a drawing as we were conversing at her table! She has an online comic series entitled *Happy Cat* currently. Erin has worked in the *Star Trek* universe and worked on some *Star Trek The Next Generation* Comic Book series.



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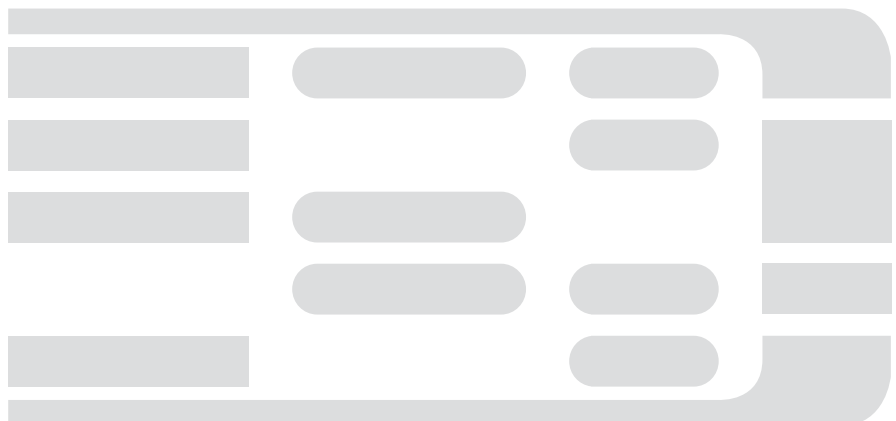
Paul Glassner of *Starsky and Hutch* fame was there and was promoting and selling a book he wrote entitled *Chrystallia and the source of Light*. He was a quiet guy and didn't really converse but in no way was he rude, distant, or negative. He did as well as his assistant did explain a little bit about his book and what it was about. We decided to purchase a copy and he graciously signed our copy for us.

The panels were all Family Friendly, some activities were geared for the children such as Build your own lightsaber, build your own wand, build your own *Pokémon* hat and others. There was panels throughout the day devoted to *Harry Potter* from the creatures that inhabit that universe to making potions, another was devoted to the beloved time bouncing *Doctor Who* from fan theories to Classic *Dr. Who* VS the New *Dr Who*. Other panels going on were warp drive (which our Fleet member Stuart Hunsaker of the USS Rendezvous hosted), *The Walking Dead*, time travel, and some art related panels as well.

The USS Rendezvous was at SRCC in full Starfleet regalia with the Shuttlecraft Fairbanks proudly on display! Some members of the USS Valkyrie was also in attendance here at SRCC! It is always good to see and interact with other members of the Fleet Family at these kinds of events! Alison Argrim and Paul Glassner had their pictures taken in front of the Shuttle Fairbanks. Alison even send the photo of her to William Shatner and Jeri Ryan on twitter. (See article in the USS Rendezvous latest newsletter 'Subspace Interference').

Snake River ComicCon estimated that for over the 3 day span of the convention there was 1,800 people that attended. Not bad for a 1st time smaller convention. Plans are in the works for a 2nd annual SRCC in September 2018 in the same location of Pocatello, Idaho.

End of Log entry.



CAPTAINS LOG

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

Greetings all, and welcome to the latest iteration of the Ticonderoga Transmissions!

I can't believe that 2017 is nearly over, already. It seems as though it started just a few weeks ago. There is a saying that states: the only constant in life is change. We see that daily in growing children, changing seasons, and the multitudinous, mundane changes of everyday life.

"When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change." ~ Paulo Coelho

Looking forward into 2018, I can guarantee there will be more changes to come. Watch for new members, for new sub-departments, for new activities. Ferengi rule of Acquisition number 45: Expand or die. We are always on the lookout to add new members to our expanding *Star Trek* family, because whatever other differences we may have, love of *Star Trek* (and all things sci-fi and fantasy), and hope for the possible future created by the Great Bird of the Galaxy is what unites us.

If you are new to all of this, Welcome! I hope you will feel at home in our multi-faceted group. If you are returning, Welcome back! We've missed you! If you've been here the whole time, Thank you! It's wonderful to have good people upon whom we can depend.

Thank you all for your time, and may these coming holidays be bright!

Yours in Service,

Captain Erica Stark

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