



ONE BRIDGE OUT OF LIMBO

A Short Story from the Sci-Fi World

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, Greetings, Salutations and *yI'e!* Welcome to Winter 2019 issue of the Ticonderoga newsletter. Following the traditions of so many who have come before, we look to the new year. Yet it is also a marvelous time to look at the past and remember all the people, places and events that have brought us to where we are today. Therefore, we are pleased to present you with an issue filled to the brim with all of the good, the bad and perhaps a wee bit o' the ugly from 20 years of the Seventh Fleet!

Your newsletter crew has been getting in touch with members who have been with the 7th fleet since the beginning, alongside those of us who have joined in the adventure along the way.

The U.S.S Ticonderoga and her crew, alongside the other members of the Seventh Fleet, have time and time again shown the world what it means to be inclusive, to be joined together in a cause, to truly live in a way that the rest of the world cannot grasp. We are one Federation, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or upbringing.

We have the responsibility to show the rest of the world the possibilities, and the crew of the Ticonderoga is leading the charge. (Granted, having the esteemed leader of the fleet in the wings does provide a great level of motivation!)

“We must strive to be more than we are. It does not matter that we will not reach our ultimate goal. The effort itself yields its own reward!”—Gene Roddenberry

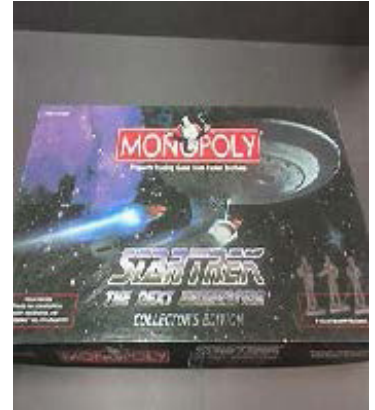
We want to tell every member of the Ticonderoga how much we, the crew of your newsletter, look up to, admire and truly love each and every one of you on the Ticonderoga! Have the best year ever!! As always... *QaQ jaj laD* “It is a good day...to read”

The Newsletter Staff

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ADMIRALS BANQUET — SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH 2019

Where: It is time for the Annual Seventh Fleet Admiral's Banquet.

Description: The Admirals Banquet is held annually and includes dinner and an awards ceremony. Arrive early for activities and socializing with other crewmembers.

USS TICONDEROGA — WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12TH MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Roy Utah Library

Description: The members of the USS Toconderoga 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, FEB 15TH — 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.

SALTCON — THURSDAY FEB 28TH, FRIDAY MARCH 1ST AND SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

Where: Davis Conference Center, 1651 N 700 W, Layton, UT 84041

Description: Utah's largest Board game convention. Join the 7th fleet for 3 days of fun and excitement.

SALT LAKE FANX SPRING EVENT — APRIL 19 & 20TH, 2019

Where: The Salt Palace Convention Center – 100 South Temple, SLC Utah

Description: The Bi-Annual 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.

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<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 Trekcentric things on tap for 2019...



STAR TREK DISCOVERY—SEASON 2 RETURNS!

Season two of *Discovery* will kick off in a couple of weeks and, when it does, viewers will see not just Burnham, Saru and Tilly in action again, but the likes of Pike, Number One and the *U.S.S. Enterprise* as well. *Discovery*'s sophomore year will premiere on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 8:30 PM, ET/5:30 PM, PT exclusively on CBS All Access in the United States and will also be distributed concurrently by CBS Studios International on Netflix in 188 countries and in Canada on Bell Media's Space channel and OTT service CraveTV.



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. Alex Kurtzman will executive produce the show, which will also tap the talents of Michael Chabon, the best-selling author who penned the *Star Trek: Short Treks* installment, "Calypso."



DESTINATION STAR TREK — CONVENTION EUROPE!

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.



STAR WARS — THE MANDALORIAN

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.

On March 8, 2018, it was announced that the forthcoming series would be written and executive produced by Jon Favreau. Favreau confirmed on the red carpet at the world premiere of *Solo: A Star Wars Story* that the series would be set three years after the end of the film *Return of the Jedi*, and that half of the scripts for the first season had been completed.

On August 5, 2018, it was reported that the series had been budgeted around \$100 million dollars for 10 episodes.[17] On October 3, 2018, it was announced that the series had been titled *The Mandalorian* and the show's central premise was revealed. The following day, it was revealed that additional executive producers would include Dave Filoni, Kathleen Kennedy, and Colin Wilson with Karen Gilchrist acting as a co-executive producer. Filoni was also expected to direct the series' first episode with additional directors including Taika Waititi, Bryce Dallas Howard, Rick Famuyiwa, and Deborah Chow.

On December 19, 2018, it was announced that Ludwig Göransson would compose the musical score for the series.

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."



DR WHO GIVEN GREEN LIGHT FOR SEASON 2 WITH NEW DR JODIE WHITTAKER

Rumors from the likes of Radio Times indicating that 2019 might be another problematic gap year with no new Who turned out to be totally correct. We're definitely getting a 2019 New Year's Day Special, but Season 12 won't begin until "early 2020." So we're looking at pretty much an entire year with no new episodes. Keep in mind, however, that we still get either a 2019 Christmas Special or a 2020 New Year's Day Special. It's also entirely possible that a 2020 New Year's Day Special could kick off Season 12. Fret not because Jodie Whittaker and Chris Chibnall are sticking around — at least for Season 12 — and so are the Doctor's current companions. The official announcement from BBC said "The Doctor and her friends," implying that the core Team Tardis group won't change.

ONE BRIDGE OUT OF LIMBO

BY LYNDA CARRAHER

Amanda sat quietly, watching her husband's face as he reached out to close the communications channel. There was a wrenching within her chest, so compelling she felt sure it must be audible, as she watched Sarek struggle to accept fully the consequences of an action he had requested of a man he barely knew.

At last he turned toward her, his weathered face carefully still. Only his eyes betrayed the turmoil within. His eyes, and his words. "I ... did not realize..." His voice trailed off. Amanda knew he spoke not in an attempt to excuse himself, but in true bewilderment, and her heart convulsed again for the weight of guilt he had taken upon himself. "No," she said softly. "Neither of us did. You did what you were compelled to do, Sarek, for our son and for the Tradition." "But Admiral Kirk ... and his companions ... have destroyed their lives. It was not my intent..." "The choice was theirs, my husband. They chose the only course available to them, as you did." "There must have been an alternative," he insisted, still unable to comprehend what seemed to him to be the totally illogical actions of the humans his son had called friends. "None that he could see, Sarek. And we do not know the obstacles he faced, or even that he considers the cost too high. Did you not say he told you he could not have acted otherwise and retained his soul?"

Sarek made an impatient movement, and she stilled his objection before it could be voiced. "Grant him command of his own destiny, Sarek. And consider what he gained -- for himself, for McCoy ... and for us, through Spock." Sarek's eyes shifted away from her face, and she knew the rest of the struggle would be his alone. She had counseled him as well as she could. "I must tell him," Sarek said. "It will not discharge the debt I owe, nor will it change the situation ... he must be told." "Tell him, if you wish, my husband. But I suspect he already knows." * * *

Admiral James T. Kirk -- who at the moment was at best AWOL and at worst guilty of a list of offenses beginning with insubordination and ending with the willful destruction of several million credits' worth of Starfleet property -- lifted his glass in silent toast and drained the last of the potent amber liquid. He looked at his chief engineer with a bemused kind of awe. Leave it to Scotty, he thought. Even on Vulcan, he can manage to ferret out and acquire a very fine stock of drinkables ... and then passes it around without a second thought. He stretched a little, attempting the impossible -- finding a comfortable

lounging position in an uncompromising Vulcan chair. He felt disinclined to move, or even to speak, and his companions seemed to share that attitude. For over an hour, they had sat in wordless companionship, each trying in his or her own way to absorb the events of the last 24 hours and to comprehend the repercussions of those events. It was an impossible task, and at the moment it seemed unnecessary as well.

They had done what they had set out to do. Spock lived. McCoy lived. Each man whole, healing, and if not precisely the man he had been scant weeks ago, still potentially capable of becoming that former self. Kirk felt his eyelids begin to droop. He really should make some announcement, give some signal, that this private-but-shared sacrament of rebirth was ended. Otherwise they would all go the way of Chekov, who sometime in the last thirty minutes had managed to curl up in his irrevocably angular chair and drop off to sleep, neck bent at an impossible cant, one hand limply brushing the floor while the other still cradled a half-empty glass against his chest. Kirk repressed a slight smile at the thought of Amanda finding them there in the morning, like left-over revelers at the end of a party that didn't know how to adjourn itself. He put the glass down and was halfway out of his chair when Sarek entered the room.

Kirk was painfully aware of the picture they must present -- six Humans and one Vulcan-Romulan, sprawled in slovenly abandon about the severely neat room. "Ambassador..." he began, but his embarrassed apology was cut off by a sharp movement of the other man's hand. "I have most disturbing news," he said. The tone of his voice garnered the attention of everyone in the room -- except Chekov, who slumbered on. "You've had a message from Starfleet, I presume." One dark eyebrow went up in a gesture so familiar that Kirk had to smother the urge to laugh out loud. "Not through official channels, Admiral." The eyebrow settled itself, but the look of puzzlement remained. "I take it you were expecting Starfleet's ... interest in your whereabouts." "Yes. Though, frankly, I expected it to be delivered by an armed security detachment." He wondered fleetingly where the leak had been, who his unknown ally might be. "I understand an official notification is due in fifteen point seven hours."

"I see." Kirk turned to survey his companions. "We will not embarrass you by making your home the site of that official notification, Ambassador. Please convey our appreciation to the

Lady Amanda for her hospitality. And now if you will excuse us..." "No." The steeliness in Sarek's tone caught Kirk in mid-turn. "Sir?" he queried, moving to face his host again. "I do not wish to disassociate myself from your dilemma," Sarek stated. "You acted in my service, Admiral, and I will defend that action." "Ambassador..." Kirk began. "The decision is no longer yours to make, Admiral." "The decision had already been made," Kirk replied evenly. "The responsibility is mine, and mine alone." He stilled the scattered objections with an icy command stare, and spoke softly, but in a tone that permitted no interruption. "Lieutenant Saavik comported herself with extreme bravery while on the Genesis Planet, and with commendable skill on the journey here. She had no knowledge that our actions were in any way irregular, and she is therefore blameless." The startled expression on Saavik's pale face told him that this moment was, in fact, her first inkling of his desperate and unorthodox gamble. "Spock was certainly blameless throughout. Dr. McCoy was the victim of a kidnapping and, since he was incompetent at the time..." "Incompetent!" McCoy put his glass down with a thump and came out of his chair. "Now just a cotton-pickin' minute..." "Shut up, Bones; I'm trying to save your pension," Kirk said without rancor. "Captain Sulu, Commanders Scott and Chekov, and Lt. Commander Uhura were told our actions had been cleared by Command but -- for political reasons -- could not be acknowledged until completion of the mission; therefore, reasonable force in meeting opposition was authorized."

Four voices rose in outrage at this blatant lie, but he ignored them, turning back to Sarek. "The responsibility is mine, Ambassador. I'll survive. They won't cashier Admirals -- bad for public relations. I'll be given a choice between a ground assignment somewhere at the tail end of nowhere or early retirement -- which I will take, at warp speed." Sarek's hooded eyes betrayed no emotion, but there was in his voice some trace of admiration. Ambassadors knew duplicity when they met it, acknowledged its necessity, and appreciated flair in its accomplishment. "Flawlessly logical, Admiral. You may even succeed in your machinations. May I point out, however, that if you vacate my home, it might appear that you -- and your officers -- had some apprehension over the consequences of your actions. A court martial might choose to interpret that as admission of guilt. Therefore, you will remain here."

He turned to go before Kirk could object, then stopped. "The resources of my Clan and myself are at your disposal in your defense, sir." Then he was gone, leaving a room that erupted into chaos. Kirk found himself surrounded by four officers in varying stages of anger. Chekov, awakening in uncomprehending

confusion, demanded to know what was happening, was filled in quickly by a loud and disjointed chorus, and added his voice to the fray. Only Saavik, still remote and pale, was silent. "It's settled." Kirk was adamant. "It's not settled," Uhura insisted. "They'll crucify you." "Not me." He tried a grin he didn't really feel. "I'm the Golden Boy, remember?" "Not any more, you're not,"

McCoy snapped. "Jim, they'll skin you alive, and your cover story for the rest of these people won't fly." "It will," he insisted. "I'll make it fly." He looked around him and knew with a sinking feeling that he wasn't going to be able to bully them into silence. They had followed him to hell, and would again, but he could not command them to leave him to the flames. "Jim..." McCoy seemed to sense the dissipation of his friend's determination, for his voice was gentle now. "When we stood on the Genesis Planet and watched the Enterprise flame out in the atmosphere ... you asked me -- asked yourself, really -- what you'd done. And I told you. You'd turned certain death into one more fighting chance for life. Don't quit on us now. Don't set yourself up for martyrdom. It won't save us -- won't save them." He shifted uncomfortably. "You're definitely right about Saavik. She's blameless in this whole thing. And we have to leave clear record of that, without tangling it up in lies about the rest of them. You might even be able to get me off the hook ... but if you think I'm just going to let you dangle in the wind, you're nuts." "Just what do you suggest, Doctor?"

There was bitterness in his voice, and he turned toward the others. "I'm sorry," he said. "I shouldn't have let you come." He locked eyes with Sulu. "Hikaru..." He could not recall ever having used his helmsman's given name before, but it seemed right now. He was no longer wearing the persona of command; he spoke as one man to another.

"For what I've done to you, especially, I'm sorry. You've deserved your own command for years. And now ... it seems..." Astonishingly, Sulu's face moved into a lazy, contented smile. "I'm not Khan," he drawled. "I'd rather serve in heaven." Kirk made a rude noise. "Not heaven, Hikaru. Not even a respectable hell, I'm afraid. Just ... limbo." "There's one bridge out of limbo that we didn't burn," he said softly. "We still have a ship."

There was silence as six pairs of eyes turned toward him. It was Kirk who finally vocalized it. "Just ... run?" "Yes." "Like criminals?" he spat. "No. Like free men. And women." "Where?" Again there was bitterness in the voice. The slow, Oriental smile, lotus-like in its serenity, bloomed again. Sulu polished the silence to perfection before he said one word: "Thataway."

THE END



ISSAC JACOBS

Where are you from and where are you now?—I'm from Syracuse, Utah and living in Roy, Utah.

Married/Single?—Single, never have had a girlfriend....

Family?—Start my siblings, I have one older Sister, K'Lar and she has a Son, Dean. And a younger Brother, Bowen. He is 6 feet 3 inches tall. The most geekyish Family member is my Dad. I'm like my Mom in a way that takes after the villains from various genres. 2 cats, Gandalf (He is 16 years old) and Lokai (He passed away in 2015).

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—*smiling* Well of course! Star Wars, Drawing, collecting Legos and mini figures, also collecting the Star Wars Bounty Hunters from "The Empire Strikes Back" and my favorite Bounty Hunter that I collect is the very deadly assassin droid IG-88. In addition I also collect General Grievous memorabilia also I have a large Funko Pop collection and have some pretty cool ones.

Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?—What I really liked was going over some ideas for the 7th Fleet monopoly game, Attending the laser tag event in which I got second place the first round and third place in the final round of the game (I was on the red team). Loved going to the Golden Spike, the Spiral Jetty and Thiokol for the first time this past year (2018). The 7th Fleet 2018 year games I got second place in the saucer separation event with the measurement of 80 feet 2 inches (I tasted first place for a short time). This was my first time participating in the saucer separation event. The Fleet games was hosted by the U.S.S. White Buffalo. I also like shoe and tell at the Ticonderoga Monthly meeting. It is the best part of the meeting. This helps us learn a little bit more about each other better.

Favorite Fan Encounter?—I waited in line with my Mom for 2 ½ hours to meet the legendary Comic Creator Stan Lee! At the first Salt Lake Comic Con in 2013. While waiting in line, we had no idea to bring an item for Stan Lee to sign, so when we got up to the table my Mom took \$30.00 to buy a poster to have Stan Lee sign it. This was worth the wait! So when I met Sean Austin I was wearing my 'Goonies Forever' T-Shirt. Sean pointed at it and loved my shirt. I got his autograph. This was at the first and only Fantasy Con in Salt Lake (2014). My best photo-op is with my Mother and 'Weird Al' Yankovich.

Worst Fan Encounter?—Really nothing of a negative encounter.

When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?—Ever since I can remember, I've always liked Science Fiction, etc.

Favorite series, Episodes, and Films in Star Trek?—My favorite episode is the TOS "The Doomsday Machine". It stuck with me because of the suspense and the music in this episode. The first time I saw the TOS remastered episode of "The Doomsday Machine" was on Nov. 21, 2018 I was glued to the TV.

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—I have a lot....Star Wars: The Clone Wars, Star Wars: Rebels, Avatar the Last Air bender, MYTHbusters, TV's Sleepy Hollow from 2013, TRON uprising, The Big Bang Theory, Teen Titans (From 2003 to 2006 series), The CW's The Flash, SpongeBob Square pants, and King of the Hill just to name a few.....

What are some of your Dreams and Goals?—Working on obtaining my Drivers permit and drivers license, to practice and drive a vehicle, want to get into animation making cartoons and art come alive



KATHY CAMPBELL

Where are you from and where are you now?—I moved to Kaysville, Utah in 2002. Born in Rock Ford, Colorado and lived in Manzanola, Colorado then moved to Utah when I was a toddler.

Married/Single?—I am single, loving it and I'm just fine.

Family?—2 older Sisters and a lot of nieces and nephews, My Immediate Family members are Sckhmet and Princess-my fur babies (cats). Sckhmet is named after a real Egyptian God.

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—OHHHH! First of all I cross stitch which my work can be seen throughout my house for example my wolf, kitty cats, the last supper, lioness and her cubs and furry family members. I make birthday cards for most of the members of my ward, also my Family, and close friends. I do massage and am a licensed to do massages on animals, I.E; Horses, dogs, and cats. No cold blooded creatures such as lizards.....and that includes the Gorn Hee Hee! Love to play with my kitties. Also like to read especially books from Josi Kilpack, John Grisham, Louis L'amour, and a local author Jewels Adams among others as well.

Favorite Ticonderoga activity?—Night with the stars with Garret Wang (Ensign Kim from STVGR) and Chase Masterson (Leeta from STDSN) singing Happy Birthday to Marcus using his Klingon name 'Bubbles'. Another memory was sitting with Walter Koenig (Chekov from STTOS) at dinner. Some role playing throughout the years.

Favorite Fan Encounter?—It has to be Garret Wang (Ensign Kim from STVGR).

Worst Fan Encounter?—I have not had one.

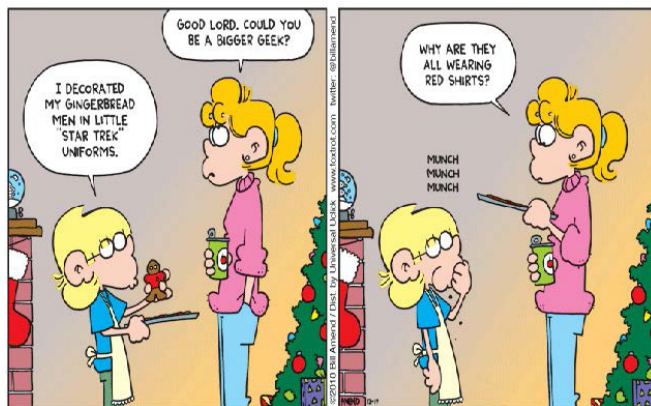
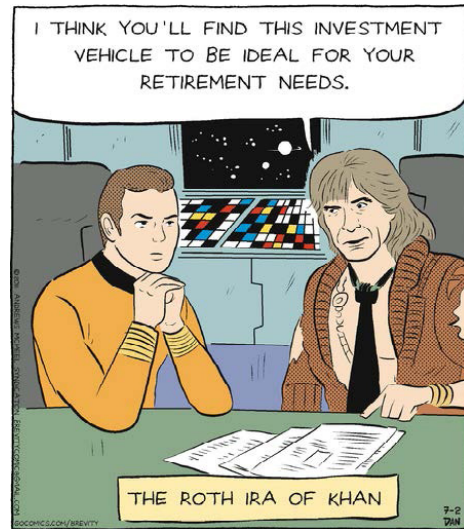
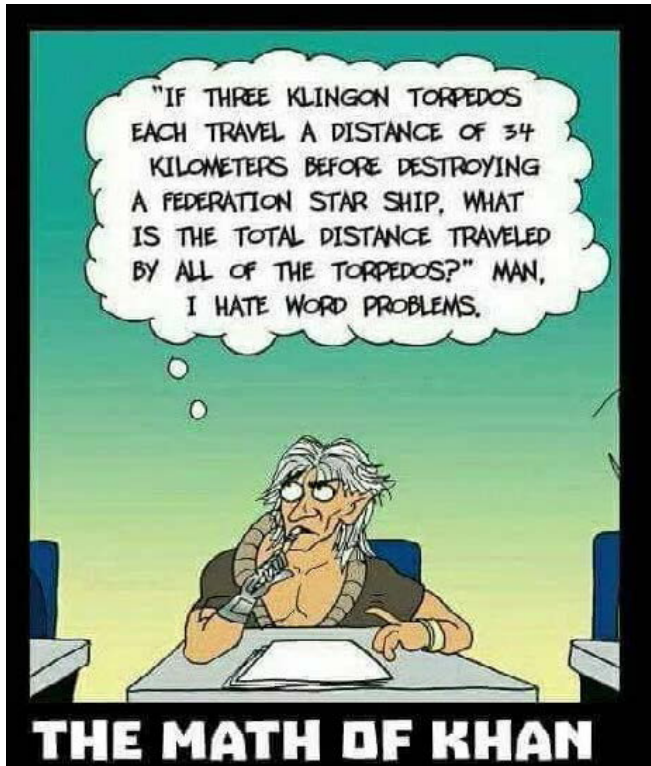
When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?—With the Original Series (Star Trek) back in the 1960's watching it on a black and white TV. when I was in grade school.

Favorite series, episodes, and films in Star Trek?—It would have to be the Original Series. TOS had the best story-lines and so good and best ever. My Favorite TOS episode is "Amok Time", My favorite TNG episode is "Night Terrors", DSN episode is "The magnificent Ferengi" and STENT episode "Carbon Creek". For the films it is "Star Trek IV The Voyage Home" and the first J.J. Abrams film.^F

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—*Galaxy Quest*, *Iron Man III*, I absolutely adore *Seabiscuit*, *Lost*, *Stargate the Movie*, *Stardust*, and I also like *Rin tin tin* and *Congo the Movie*.

What are some of your Dreams and Goals?—One of my goals is to get all the series of Star Trek on DVD. To become the weight and size I am comfortable with. I want to get to know the scriptures as I did when I was on a Mission for my Church. Need to paint inside and outside of my House. This next spring, I'm going to have a nice garden.

THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



You Might be a Trekkie If—

You've ever been in a fist fight over who is better Captain Picard or Captain Kirk
 You think that Captain Janeway is sexier than Princess Leia
 Your screen saver says "Resistance is futile, you will be assimilated"
 You find yourself in a jam and say "Scotty, beam me up!"



THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



Why did the chicken cross the road?—

Mr. Scott: 'Cos ma wee transporter beam was na functioning properly. Ah canna work miracles, Captain.

Dr. McCoy: Dammit Jim!! I'm a doctor not an farmer!

Mr. Spock: Obviously, it was the logical thing to do.

Mr. Worf: For the honor of all chickens.





AN ASTRONOMY REPORT BY CREW-MEMBER ANNIE STEPHENS—NEBULA

Furry Fuzzy Things

If you look up at the dark night sky long enough you will see them. Furry, fuzzy things. These things are NEBULAE. It's the Latin word for 'cloud'. In a way that is exactly what they are...clouds, clouds made up of dust and gas. It's easy to see why they called them clouds, they really didn't know what they were. They certainly didn't look like the stars but little did they know they were stars after all, kind of...they are stars that have died out gradually or explosively and left behind glorious masses of color and creation, darkness and light. It's no wonder our captains loved to explore them. We do, too!!!

Lets back up just a bit to the years 1780 to 1781 and meet Charles Joseph Messier a comet hunter. That was his job, hunting and mapping comets. He was a great comet hunter and while he charted what he saw he also charted the furry, fuzzy objects he observed so he wouldn't get them mixed up. The later are known as the Messier Objects. We now have incredible telescopes that distinguish what these are: galaxies, clusters or nebulae.

Capt. Janeway sure knew about Messier objects. She traveled by and through a host of these. The astrometrics lab on Voyager displayed pictures of several famous ones we can see today which is before the Federation was even founded and include: the Veil nebula, Crab nebula, Butterfly, Eagle and Trifid nebula and the Orion nebula. We know about the Orion nebula for sure.

Most of these are pretty friendly. But the unfriendly ones are exciting as well. Reliving some scary memories from a previous nebula experience, Neelix was quite unsettled as Voyager entered a Class J nebula to collect deuterium. The ship became just a bit 'haunted' while he tried haunting the Borg children with chilly encounters.

Tuvok as well had some nebula nightmares come back to him as they traveled to the Azure nebula to investigate a prominent element sirillium; a very combustible source of potential energy.

Being true to Capt. Janeway, Capt. Janeway entered an inversion nebula to explore what the heck 'plasma strands' are. She knew they were unstable but that was not going to stop her. One can only wonder if she would have just zoomed on by if she had known they were not a natural occurrence but dampened by Marayana who also kidnapped Tuvok. Poor Tuvok! Not again!

So you might be asking yourself "Yeah I know starship nebula have fancy elements like deuterium, sirillium, and even fluorine and theta-zenon, but what elements do the nebula in my night sky contain? And what are they good for? Good questions! (Einstein said,"The important thing is to not stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing." He would have loved the astrometrics lab.)

Well, let's start with hydrogen. Most nebula are 90% hydrogen. Combined with oxygen we are mostly made of this as well. Helium, 10% and then other elements we find on our planet and in our bodies as well: oxygen, nitrogen, magnesium, potassium, calcium, iron and a few others...hmmm it would seem we are made of the same stuff! How did this happen?

One could wonder if a starship could hide out in these types of nebulae. Probably not, but some of the nebula in different quadrants of our galaxy turned out to be very convenient clouds to hide out in to



QUANTUM LEAP



evade or surprise enemies. We weren't the only ones to know this either. The whole galaxy seemed to be in on this 'secret.' Going into the Mutara nebula, sacrificing the ship's ability to use its sensors and completely losing its shields did not stop Kirk or Khan from entering it and 'evening out the odds.' Thank goodness the crew of the Enterprise skillfully used evasive maneuvers to save the ship...for awhile.

Another question. Nice! You asked what would happen if we went into a nebula right now... Well, first we have to get to one...and the nearest one happens to be the SPECTACULAR Orion nebula. (Also known M42, with M standing for Messier and 42 standing for the 42nd fuzzy spot he charted.) It is a mere 1.5 light years away. That comes to about 10 trillion miles per year at the speed of light, about 15 trillion miles...just how long would that take... wow, let's just jump to warp and take a look inside.

It will take a while to get inside because this part of the nebula itself is 24 light years across. (Hmmm...24 x 10 trillion...) We can see part of the nebula with our naked eye, it is the fuzzy spot in Orion's belt, but the whole nebula itself is almost as big as Orion itself. And it seems to be the answer to everything...42...because there is a lot going on in there.

It is very likely that there is a massive black hole in the center which means that a very large star exploded and the resulting spinning gravity is pulling the debris back in. Other debris is pulling itself towards other debris and forming new stars.

This area is so very famous for its stellar nursery. Four bright stars near the center known as the Trapezium light up the entire nebula making it visible for us to marvel. These stars emit their own light and also reflect off even more debris. And wouldn't you know it...some of the debris called 'proplyds' could actually be planets forming around their own star.

This nebula has it ALL! It is living long and prospering!



WINTER ISSUE MEMORIES FROM THE TICONDEROGA AND 20 YEARS OF THE 7TH FLEET! DECOMMISSIONING THE USS ALIOTH





TICONDEROGA HALLOWEEN 2018

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WHETHER THE CREW WAS PIRATING OR ROLLING WITH NASA, THIS YEAR WAS A FUN EVENT!



THE OBLIGATORY GROUP PICTURE.....BUT WHAT A BUNCH OF GOOD LOOKING FOLKS!!



MY STARFLEET 7TH FLEET MEMORIES AND THEN SOME... By Lt. Brad Jacobs, U.S.S. Ticonderoga

Holy Rings of Betazed! It has been 20 years since Starfleet 7th Fleet has been organized with only a few local Chapters (Ships) and from those small beginnings to a multitude of Chapters that span from Vermont to Illinois, Utah, and Idaho. We still continue to grow and that shares a common interest.... To explore New Worlds, New Civilizations and as always TO BOLDLY GO....All with good friends and also have a ton of FUN along the way!

WOW! Where to begin.....!?!? There's a lot of really cool moments, events, and experiences from over the years that the 7th Fleet has been around to be apart of and to participate in.

To start it off, this may be a little cliché, the first thing that comes to mind about the 7th Fleet is the 2 official Fleet gatherings for all the Chapters involved that happens each year is the Admirals Banquet, in January and the 7th Fleet Olympics or the Fleet Games in the Summer Months. Both are great events is the fact that all the Chapters in the 7th Fleet gather together to be among one another's company and what better way to do this is to have both be interactive and involved! What is also great about these 2 events is it gives an opportunity to give a different Chapter each year to host the Banquet and the 7th Fleet year games! For me these events have been a good way to be with the crew of the other Chapters and to get to really know them.

From the start of this Organization, I remember the 7th Fleet has always been involved in local charities, volunteer work, assisting, promotion, and participating in community events, conventions both small and big alike, supporting and positively interacting with other star trek chapters (non 7th Fleet) and other clubs and groups not trek related in the area.

When at CONdiut, Slanted Fedora, Mountain CON, Fan Fest, or even at SLCC have been held, the 7th Fleet and her members are there to help in one form or another. From getting ready behind the scenes at a convention, promoting a con or an event, being a panelist on various subjects and discussion, volunteering, doing security, assisting at the registration table and other positions needed. And it is Awesome to see and experience coming together at the various Cons that the 7th Fleet can count on our Fleet members to be a good influence in these and other capacities.

I also remember and this is still happening, the 7th Fleet, when these Cons are in the area, we get a space for a table or a booth to promote the Fleet and her Chapters. In past years, the 7thFleet has set up the Fleet and several of the Chapters banners side by side with information about the 7th Fleet with Fleet member's uniform answering questions and handing out flyers. At ComicCon, we brought in really nifty displays of the TNG shuttlecraft the U.S.S. Rendezvous constructed ("Stay Frosty"), The Borg alcove and the TOS transporter console the U.S.S. Ticonderoga constructed and just this last SLCC in 2018, the captain's chair from TOS the U.S.S. Rendezvous constructed. This allows convention goers to participate and interact with members of the 7th Fleet as well as find out more about the Fleet and the chapters nearest to them should they choose to join. Let us not forget the Simulator run by the U.S.S. White Buffalo! Now that is a cool way to interact and have a Blast in the process!

Oh yes, The Ice Bucket challenge that happened in 2015 as the 7th Fleet got together to support awareness of ALS. Filming a short video hosted by the U.S.S. Ticonderoga and narrated by Captain Erica A. Stark challenging other clubs and groups in the area to participate and support in the Ice



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Bucket Challenge. There was representatives from most of the 7th Fleet Chapters at this COOL activity *Burrrrrrr* Boy oh Boy I can still feel the icy water being dumped on me...not once but twice! (We had to reshoot the video). It was worth it.

As the 7th Fleet is a Star Trek based Organization, it is not only exclusive to Star Trek only. The Fleet members are very inclusive of other really cool genres from Japanese animae to Zena Warrior Princess and everything in-between! We have fans that like Stargate SG1, Teen Titans, Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, Marvel, DC, Star Wars, Dr. Who and countless others.

Now I was not able to get to all of what I wanted to share about my experiences with the 7thFleet such as episode viewing parties, room parties and conventions, road trips out of state, etc. I'll close with this, no matter what we do in our own Chapters or in the Fleet, We all are apart of this positive group of people. We have made lifelong friendships that support, help, and look out for one another and we have also lost beloved friends, have honored and cherished their memories we have of them. In a way we are a Family....A Trek Family! As the motto for the 7th Fleet states "We do not Stand Alone" Here is to another 20 years!



What a marvelous group of humanoids we have in the Fleet!



GROWING UP IN THE 7TH FLEET—ISSAC JACOBS

Growing up the Ticonderoga has never left my brain because of the monthly meetings and the few activity's I still remember, but the memories are in fragments like going to events at someone's house but I can't Remember who's house. I do remember where was had the monthly meetings were I do remember going to laser tag but barely remember what happened during the game

For example, I saw my mother blasting over a wall and Steven saying don't shoot me saying "I'm dead" because several people were in the area. At the end of one of the meetings we were choosing which restaurant to go to it was Chinese or hungry bear pizza but most wanted the pizza, I know I didn't

Years later in 2017 my dad said the fleet is holding a banquet do you want come? I went and lots of members remember me from across the fleet ever since I've been going to every meeting.

One activity that's one for my time-line is seeing the golden spike and the spiral jetty for the first time. It rained while we were there, but really bright at the jetty and the bumpiest ride ever to the jetty. We could barely hear each other speak

Also I loved the Halloween partly of 2018. I sadly missed 2017 but I got to wear my costume. I made The horsemen of war and seeing everyone awesome cosplay as well enjoying a good meal a raffle and scaring the kids, but I was screaming too from time to time and its hurt my rib-cage.

Finally I got to play laser tag again with the tico on 6/16/2018 but my training would be put to use with both rounds. First round Death Match, I got second place with the score 6,950 and accuracy of 13.07



The last round was a team death match. Combatants are now split into teams of red and yellow and I was on team red. I got third place with the score 9,952 and accuracy of 14.02. My game tag name was boo



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Here are a few memories and a journey back down memory lane!





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The 7th Fleet has always been about getting together, and conventions are a great place to meet!





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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.— TINA FABIANO TORRES

Nesting Dolls

1. After my Son was born over 30 years ago and when we were watching Sesame Street there was a skit about nesting dolls that opened up and each one came out one by one. I had no idea they were or where they came from but I wanted one. I found my first one at a flea market in California.
2. How long have you been activity involved in this hobby? Over 30 years.
3. Have you came across any discoveries while collecting? I've learned that they make them (nesting dolls) all over the World, The most common ones are in Russia. Also a Thermos nesting doll, plastic on the outside and glass on the inside and it comes with a cork. This one is from Russia.





THE COLLECTIVES COLLECTIBLES



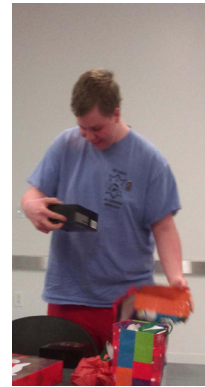
4. What are some of your favorite items in your collection? My largest set of 20. A friend of mine went to Poland, I gave her some money and asked her to find one to bring one home for me and she did. She has since passed away. That nesting doll means a lot to me. Also the Bottle holders are pretty cool.



THE FINAL CUTS



Here are a few bits of History and wisdom, past and present, from the office of the Admiral! (Or, we may have hacked the database and just plain 'ol went crazy with Tico Pics from 2018!!)



The Mugatu Gift Exchange!

A traditional event within the Ticonderoga, the gift exchange is just that, giving gifts with one little caveat....we turn into Ferengi and steal what we want! Strategies abound, skillful concealing of gifts in hopes of keeping a favorite item, and Phasers are left at the door! (Seriously, one of the most fun events of the year.)



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As the gifts are revealed, sometimes there are OOOOO's and AAAAHH's as an unusual collectible is brought forth, at times there are HUH's as we all collectively wonder what we have just witnessed.

Regardless, the time spent together as friends and crew-mates is ultimately the best part! (Well, unless you are the one who gets the items nobody has a clue as to what it is even after having thoroughly examined it during the entire meeting...seriously, what was that thing?!?)

Oatmeal Chip Cookies (recipes provided by Richard Luke)

2 cups Butter 1 ½ cups granulated sugar

3 – 4 cups oatmeal 4 eggs

2 tablespoon vanilla (I use Watkins double strength original)

1 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoon baking soda 1 cup Applesauce

4 – 5 cups chips, (use a variety from chocolate, white, butterscotch, etc)

2 cups nuts (I usually use Almonds)

Cream Butter, sugars and applesauce together. Add Eggs and Vanilla. Mix Dry ingredients together and add one third at a time until all mixed together, fold in chips and nuts. Usa a 1 inch scoop (if you don't have one, use 2 teaspoons) Drop on a baking stone or cookie sheet about 1 inch apart. Bake at 375 for 12 – 15 minutes until edges are golden brown.

Bacon Ranch Dip recipe,

1 pkg. Cream Cheese

1 pint Sour Cream

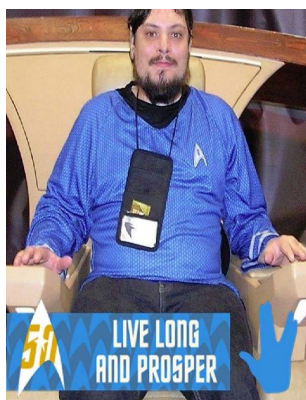
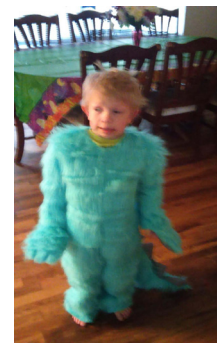
1 packet Hidden Valley Original Ranch salad dressing mix

1 packet Hidden Valley Buttermilk Ranch salad dressing mix

Crisp Bacon to Taste.

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. You can serve this immediately, but it is better if you also it to sit covered in the refrigerator for 48 hours.

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IN MEMORIAM



As we celebrate the 7th Fleet from the past 20 years, we are enthusiastically looking into the future at the next 20 years and all that it may bring. However, we would be remiss in our duty if we did not take a moment to honor those who were a part of the Fleet, helped us become what we are today, and have since gone beyond to...The Final Frontier.

Richard Henline 1954-2018 U.S.S. Kelly

Beverly Miller 1951-2017 U.S.S. Ticonderoga

Marcus Rosales 1974-2016 U.S.S. Ticonderoga

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George Bogler 1960-2010 U.S.S. Kelly

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Dave Powell 1944-2005 U.S.S. Kelly

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Joseph Reiley 1976-2014 U.S.S. White Buffalo

Travis Henline 1974-2004 U.S.S. Kelly

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

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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