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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, Greetings, Salutations and *yI'e!* Welcome to the Spring 2021 issue of the Ticonderoga newsletter. This issue finds the crew looking forward by looking backwards at the events and moments that made us love the USS Ticonderoga!

As we are moving at full impulse into the new year, we are seeing the end of one of the most unusual and difficult times that many of us have passed through. Our friends and crew-mates on the ship and in the fleet have been a comfort and anchor to keep us from feeling adrift.

A truly wonderful part of the human experience is the moment when we make the decision to take our map through life and merge it in the same direction as other individuals. Through the events, struggles, challenges, and triumphs, those individual journeys move from “my journey” to “our journey” and we are no longer a group of individuals passing along the same path, but we are now one crew, flying those paths together

This issue of the newsletter we'll be having fun looking at collectibles and events that were offered and attended during the past years. Additionally, crew-members have provided personal stories to share about why/how/when they joined and why /how they continue to love & be a part of our great ship

“The human race is a remarkable creature, one with great potential, and I hope that 'Star Trek' has helped to show us what we can be if we believe in ourselves and our abilities.”

—Gene Roddenberry

I feel quite safe in saying that every member of the USS Ticonderoga has some wonderful memories of their time with the ship, and so let's enjoy this look back to remind us of what it took to get here, and what we will need to do to continue on our Trek across the stars of life together!

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

The Newsletter Staff

THE FERengi TRADER



HERE'S A LOOK AT SOME TREASURES THAT WERE OFFERED DURING THE TIME SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE USS TICONDEROGA.



THE FERengi TRADER



SEVENTH FLEET — FLEET GAMES!! IT IS ON AND LIVE-IN PERSON!!!

Where: Barton Park, Clearfield Utah

Description: Come and join the fleet as we embark on the fleet games in person!!

USS TICONDEROGA — WEDNESDAY MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Roy, Utah Library

Description: The members of the USS Ticonderoga, along with friends, will be gathering once again live and in person at the Roy Library. Come out and join the crew!!

USS KELLY — MONTHLY MEETING

Where: TBD

Description: The USS Kelly invites you to join them also for a great time together!

WHITE BUFFALO — MONTHLY MEETING

Where: Planet Earth — Utah

Description: The intrepid members of the USS White Buffalo will be socially distancing, or perhaps not as we move to live and in person as well!

USS DELAWARE, RENDEVOUS, PULSAR & VALKYRIE — MONTHLY MEETING

Where: TBD We are all excited to be meeting in person soon!

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

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



HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND THE FEDERATION



STAR TREK — THE LOWER DECKS FINISHES SEASON ONE AND THE DVD RELEASE IS ON THE WAY.

The first season of Star Trek: Lower Decks will be released on DVD and Blu-Ray on Tuesday, May 18th. This unique comedy Star Trek series was a big hit when it first aired on CBS All Access (now Paramount+). This series was a big hit with Star Trek fans not only because of the humor, but of the many different easter eggs hidden throughout the series. Often after an episode had been released social media would buzz with “Did you spot this or notice that?” One of the more unique easter eggs was the infamous Star Trek Helmet that was made in the 1970’s by the toy company Remco.



STAR TREK STRANGE NEW WORLDS — ANSON MOUNT FEELS FILMING IS GOING WELL DESPITE COVID RESTRICTIONS.

“COVID [protocol] makes everything take longer, but you get through it and it’s weird trying to get to know my cast only on set.It’s been one of the smoothest starts I think I’ve ever had in television.”

Unlike Discovery, Lower Decks, and Prodigy; Strange New Worlds has a much bigger emphasis placed on it within the Star Trek community. The folks working on the show have been adamant about taking Trek back to its roots, more than likely as a way to curry favor with the disenfranchised fans who have been turned off by the so-called “Nu Trek”.

Mount is the lynchpin to that entire plan. Having him play Pike, the original lead character of the very first Star Trek series from the 1960s is not a coincidence. They want to tap into that nostalgia but avoid bringing back even more characters and actors from the 90s to do that. By tagging Pike, they’re attempting to build lore around a little-used and little-explored character that was left on the cutting room floor after a failed pilot.

This is the perfect idea to blend old and new Trek into one. Let’s hope it succeeds.



JOHN DE LANCIE REVEALS HE IS SHOOTING TWO SEASONS' WORTH OF A “VERY DIFFERENT Q” FOR 'STAR TREK: PICARD'

John de Lancie was part of the Star Trek: Picard teaser trailer and the Paramount+ First Contact Day panel from the beginning of April. We learned a little bit about his return as Q that day, but he has revealed more via his Cameo videos posted in April. “Q is coming back. As a matter of fact, for the last two weeks I have been filming on Picard and really annoying Picard – really annoying him. [laughs] Patrick was delighted to see me for the first couple of days and after a couple of more days of really annoying scenes, he said, “SO, how many episodes are you doing?” In other words, ‘When are you going to get out of my face?’ And the answer is six episodes. I think they are going to be coming out – actually I don’t know. But we are shooting season two and three all at the same time right now. and get ready to sail....just not this year. The Star Trek Cruise will set sail early 2022, so go ahead and book the adventure now!



STAR TREK CONVENTIONS ARE BACK!

The Star Trek Convention will be returning to Las Vegas in August from the 11th-15th. Join the fans from around the world as they celebrate the love of Star Trek on it's 50th anniversary!



STAR WARS — THE BAD BATCH

The Bad Batch's next mission is about to begin.

Lucasfilm and The Walt Disney Company announced today that Star Wars: The Bad Batch — the next Star Wars animated series — will debut on May the 4th, a.k.a Star Wars Day, exclusively on Disney+, with the second episode premiering on Friday, May 7. Subsequent episodes will premiere on Fridays. The series follows the elite and experimental troopers of Clone Force 99 (first introduced in Star Wars: The Clone Wars) as they find their way in a rapidly changing galaxy in the immediate aftermath of the Clone War. Members of Bad Batch, as they prefer to be called — a unique squad of clones who vary genetically from their brothers in the Clone Army — each possess a singular exceptional skill, which makes them extraordinarily effective soldiers and a formidable crew.



ITS A GREAT TIME TO BE A STAR WARS FAN WITH A MASSIVE LIST OF NEW SHOWS!

This fall has brought some excellent news for the fans of Star Wars. Disney released an enormous list of new shows for the streaming service, as well as new films to be released in theaters. In addition to season 3 of the massive hit, the Mandalorian, we have the following...

The Bad Batch – 2021

Visions – 2021

Book of Boba Fett – 2021

Andor – 2022

Obi Wan Kenobi – 2022

Acolyte – TBD

Rangers of the New Republic – TBA

Ahsoka – TBD

Rogue Squadron – 2023

A Droid Story – TBD

Taika Waititi's Star Wars Movie – TBD

Kevin Feige's Star Wars Movie - TBD



STAR WARS CELEBRATION MOVES TO ANAHEIM CALIFORNIA IN 2022

Although we won't be attending the Celebration in 2021, every Star Wars fan can be excited to join other fans together next year in California for the biggest gathering of Scum and Villainy this side of a Galaxy Far Far Away!



INDIANA JONES SET TO BEGIN FILMING THIS YEAR FOR A 2022 RELEASE DATE!

Although we have not received any news about the plot as of yet, we can confirm that filming is set to begin with Harrison Ford, Mads Mikkelsen, and many more tapped for the film! I know that we are all excited that the best archaeologist ever is set to ride once again!

BOOK REVIEW: STAR TREK: PICARD THE LAST BEST HOPE



By Admiral Carl Stark

(Why have a short story when we have original content!! C'mon people, send it in :))

Title: Star Trek: Picard The Last Best Hope

Author: Una McCormack

Page count: 336

Breakdown: Fifteen chapters in three parts.

Year Published: 2020

ISBN: 978-1-9821-3944-5 (Hardcover)

ISBN: 978-1-9821-3945-2 (ebook)

The Last Best Hope is the first novel based on the CBS All Access (now Paramount+) series “Star Trek: Picard”. I recently had a chance to purchase this book for my Amazon Kindle to add to my reading list. Being the first book in the series, I knew that I just had to know the show and not any previous books (I’m doing a lot of catch up on my Star Trek reading right now) so I was eager to open this book up and explore.

This book starts out with Starfleet Command approaching Captain Picard with the task of assisting the Romulan Star Empire after the discovery of the supernova that will destroy countless inhabited planets. The newly promoted Admiral Picard is immediately moved into a role of coordinating the relocation efforts that the Federation extends to the Romulans. He first meets Lt. Commander Raffi Musiker who briefs the Admiralty on the supernova that we first learned about in the 2009 Star Trek movie.

There is a lot of discussion about how the Federation would handle such an evacuation. The resources needed, the ships built, and the manpower required. What projects would be placed on hold just to accomplish such a goal. There is a lot of insight into what happens with refugees. Especially when the government like the Romulan Star Empire is built upon keeping secrets.

Author Una McCormack introduces us to several of the characters we will get to know in the Star Trek: Picard television series. The above-mentioned Raffi Musiker and her time as Picard’s Executive Officer on the USS Verity. We get an insight into the effects the mission has on her family life. Doctor Bruce Maddox mentors a student known as Agnes Jurati. This mentoring develops into a relationship, especially when Dr. Maddox is forced to abandon his life’s work to develop a form of artificial ship builders known as the Synths. One of the Romulan planets that is evacuated by the Verity contains Zani and the band of warrior nuns known as the Qowat Milat. Here Picard meets a very young boy named Elnor. While not seen in the series, Geordi La Forge features prominently in this novel as he heads up the shipbuilding efforts at the Utopia Planitia Fleet Yards building the Wallenberg Class transport. We also get a chance to meet future Fleet Admiral Kirsten Clancy at Federation Headquarters.

There is also a rich band of characters that are introduced for this novel. Estella Mackenzie works at Utopia Planitia alongside La Forge and comes up with the idea of creating androids to help with construction. With the supernova being a unique event, Doctor Amal Safadi at Cambridge's Institute of Astronomy conducts several studies. He tries to get a hold of his Romulan counterpart, the scientist Doctor Nokim Vritet who first discovered the disaster that had befallen his people. On the USS Verity are two interesting individuals such as Lt. Koli Jogan, a Bajoran who is very familiar with relocation due to the history of her people and provided one of the most inspirational moments within the book. The other is the Romulan "cultural liaison officer" Lt. Tajuth sent to make sure that Picard considers Romulan interest while within their territory. Tajuth provides quite a bit of insight into the Romulan culture. One of the more interesting characters is Olivia Quest. A politician who is a representative from the agricultural colony near the Romulan border called Estelen. She provides a lot of insight into how the smaller worlds within the Federation feel about the sudden influx of Romulan refugees into the area.

With this book set before the Romulan star exploded I was wondering if we were going to see or hear from two individuals. The first one, Spock, did not disappoint me. I was also wondering if we were going to hear anything about Nero and his crew. They did not make an appearance, but this may have been due to (at the time) the rights to characters from the 2009 movie.

The writing style and detail provided by the author delved very deeply into the characters and various sub-plots. The short chapters made for quick reading. Unfortunately, my reading schedule only allowed for short reads each day. Most of these I did not want to put my reading tablet down. I found myself spending extra time reading "just a few more pages". The writing was that engaging in the story and characters.

This was also the curse of the book. The main characters seen in the show had their stories wrapped up by the end of the book in a very good story. I'm not certain if there was a limit on the number of pages, but it seemed like the very well written characters introduced into the book were quickly wrapped up in a few pages. This disappointed me a little. With how well these characters had been written, I was hoping to find out more about what happened with them at the end of the book. Perhaps this could be an opportunity to see some of these characters again in future novels.

If you enjoyed watching the first season of Star Trek: Picard and would like to know how some of the characters developed before the television series, I would highly recommend *The Last Best Hope*.



CREW DATABASE



ROBERT ASWAIN

Where are you from and where are you now?—So, I grew up as a Military Brat, I traveled all over the world and experienced a lot of cultures. I fell in love with Star Trek the Next Generation in Germany during High school. We were getting the first season as the United States was getting season three. I am currently living in West Valley City now.

Married/Single?—Divorced as of December 2020.

Family?—Immediate is scattered, because of this and a personal car accident back in 2008. I was laying on a backboard for over 6 hours in the emergency room by myself, the only noise was a nurse coming in ever so often, that intense loneliness made me realize that no one should ever face anything alone. That is where I came up with the phrase Fandom is family. No matter what hardship we face, as a Fandom, we should face it as a family.

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—Long car cruises, cosplay, prop building, Movie and TV binge watching, convention going, traveling when I can.

Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?— Being the First Officer of the USS Euphrates and watching the USS Ticonderoga being launched, so proud on how far the club came. Even though I parted ways, I wished nothing but good fortune.

Favorite Fan Encounter?—All the times I met Chase Masterson, we had a great friendship at one time, I remember going to Starfest one year and she was busy on Friday and told me to come back on Sunday so we could chat for a bit. So, I came back and Security stopped me and stated that Chase had to catch a plane in a hour, she was finishing up autographs and I couldn't pass. At that moment, she looked up, saw me and called me by name and patted the seat next to her. Security parted like the Red Sea and I walked right on through. I had a great 30 minute conversation, gave her a hug and she left for her flight.

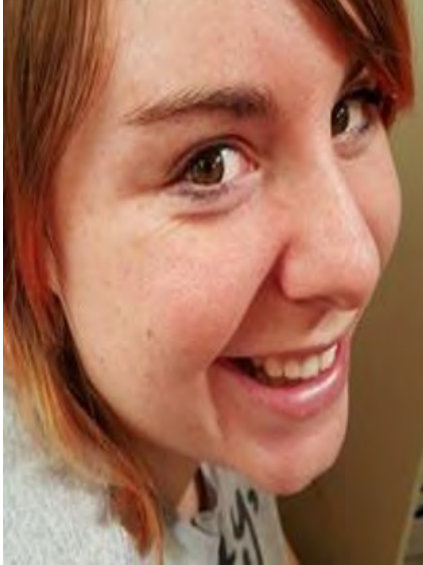
Worst Fan Encounter?—Kate Mulgrew, I had won a lotto ticket for her autograph at Starfest, I loved her character in Voyager and as a fan I wanted to tell her my admiration and get something signed too. As I was next in line, the person before me distracted her too long, so when I was able to say anything, all she had time to do was sign my item and she moved me along. No apology for the delay, no extra moment to chat. This was a big let down for me as a fan.

When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?—I have always been a fan when I first got into anime when I 7-8 years old. I was fascinated with Mecha. That branched out more for my love for other genres.

Favorite series, Episodes, and Films in Star Trek?—Deep Space Nine, the story arc going over seven seasons, my favorite episode is In the Pale Moonlight. That showed that all leaders eventually faces a moral dilemma and how far would you go to push your own code. In Next Generation, The Measure of a Man, I got to use this episode in a college philosophy class, the instructor never even heard of it. After watching it, she decided to include it as part of her curriculum. Plus bonus, I became friends of the writer of that episode and finally got to meet her at FanX a couple of years ago.

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—Stargate, Firefly, Continuum, Aliens series, anything with Mecha, Bubblegum Crisis 2032,2033,2040, Alcatraz vs The Evil Librarians series plus a ton more.

What are some of your Dreams and Goals?—Currently finishing a custom Mandalorian armor in memory of my brother, who passed away seven years ago. Other then that, just waking up one day at a time and making sure the sun still rises.



K'LAR JACOBS

Where are you from and where are you now?—I grew up in Syracuse, Utah for 24-ish years and haven't really left.

Married/Single?— I'm kinda married to a man named Chris for six years now.

Family?—I grew up with my two younger brothers and now, I have a five-year-old son of my own with Chris.

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—I love to troll my parents with dumb stuff I find on the internet. I like playing Pokémon Go when I take my son to the park. When I get the chance, I enjoy playing World of Warcraft or Magic the Gathering with Chris. And my favorite hobby is sleeping.

Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?—I remember as an ankle-biter going to a few club camp-outs with games like Targ Toss. I also remember sitting in the Odgen library on the first Saturday of each month if my memory is correct.

Favorite Fan Encounter?—My favorite fan encounter was being able to see Matt Smith, Karen Gillian and, Billie Piper at SLCC before my son was born. Once a Whovian, always a Whovian.

Worst Fan Encounter?—I don't think I've had a bad fan encounter. Guess I got lucky.

When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?—I was born into the nerd life! My name is Klingon based and I will never leave the world of science fiction. Well, to answer the question honestly, my dad would watch Star Wars or Trek and I guess I would wonder in and sit with him.

Favorite series, episodes, and films in Star Trek?—Oh, easy! The Gamesters of Triskelion from the Original Series.

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—I love watching Rhett and Link's Good Mythical Morning on YouTube and listening to the podcast by the same duo called Ear Biscuits. I will never not stop reading Harry Potter and spouting off facts as I watch the films. Alongside what I mentioned, I've been playing the mom game of being there for my son.

What are some of your Dreams and Goals?—I'd like to be a voice actor someday.



CREW DATABASE



MEAGAN JOHNSON

Where are you from and where are you now?—•I grew up in Roy, Utan and am still living there now

Married/Single?— Single

Family?—I have a mom, dad, sister, and a teacup poodle named Jazzy.

Hobbies outside of Star Trek?—I love to bowl, swim, camp, play video games, play pinochle, and hangout with friends.

Favorite Ticonderoga Club Memory?—My favorite memory was when we played laser tag and we tried to shoot the other person before they shot us.

Favorite Fan Encounter?—My favorite fan encounter was when I got to meet Jason Isaacs at FanX last year

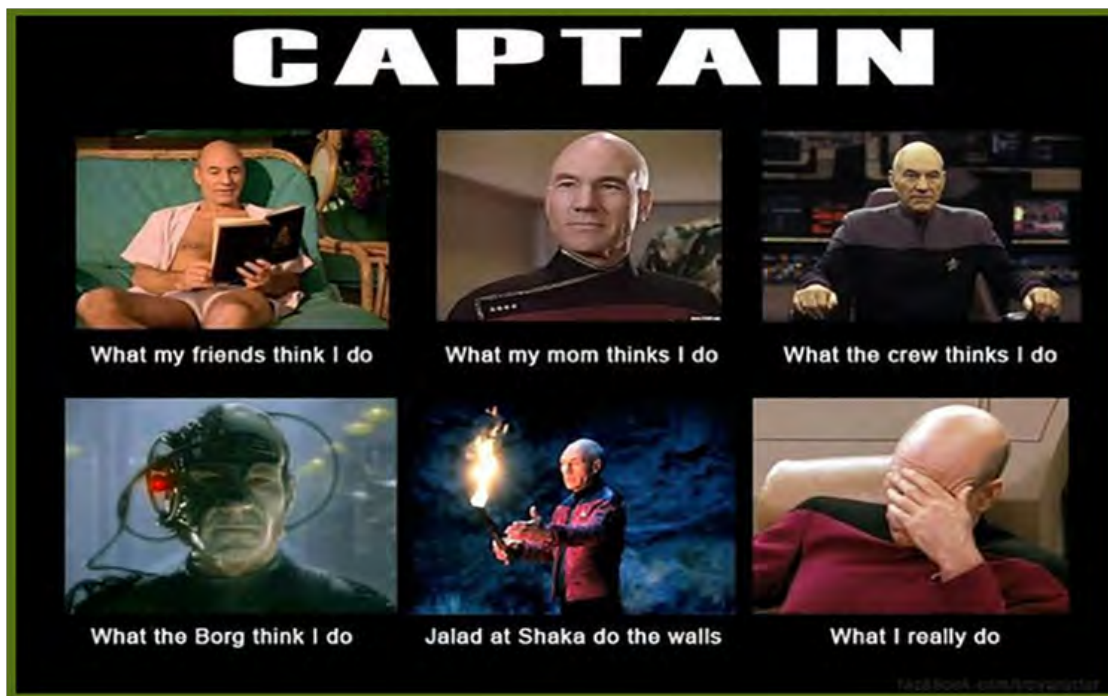
Worst Fan Encounter?—I have never had a bad fan encounter.

When did you first get into Sci Fi and with what series?—I got into Sci-Fi fantasy when I was a little kid and started reading the Harry Potter books.

Favorite series, episodes, and films in Star Trek?—My favorite Star Trek series was The Trouble with Tribbles - Star Trek - The Original Series.

Favorite series outside of Star Trek?—My favorite series outside of Star Trek is Kipo and the Age of the Wonder Beasts.

THE LAUGHING KLINGON JOKES, FUNNIES, ETC



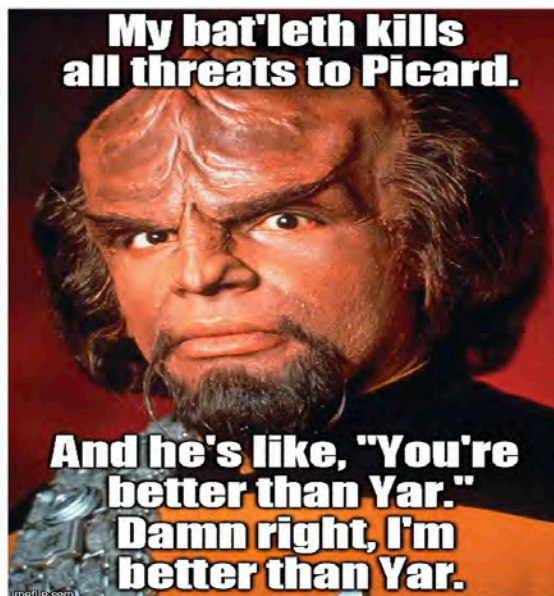
Q: What do the Klingons do with the dead bulb?

A: Execute it for failure.

Q: What do the Klingons do with the Klingon who replaces the bulb?

A: Execute him for cowardice.





Q: How do you get a one-armed Klingon out of a tree?

A: Wave to him.

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: Mr. Worf: For the honor of all chickens.





A LOOK INSIDE WHAT THE TICO COLLECTIVE COLLECTS.

In this edition of the collective collectibles, we are going to delve into yours truly's rather large (yet surprisingly not ever large enough) collection of high end books from not only the realm of Star Trek, but from Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Dr Who and more.

From the time I was a young teenager, I loved digging into a new novel. The ability to go somewhere and experience another world entirely, even if only for a short time, had me hooked from the moment that I first read Lloyd Alexander's "Prydain" chronicles. Since then, I have bought hundreds, if not thousands of novels.

For today's collectibles though, I'll focus more on the other side of book collecting, the high end, hardbound, picture heavy, swag filled variety.

I have pictures of many, but for review I want to focus on 3 favorites, the "Vault" editions.

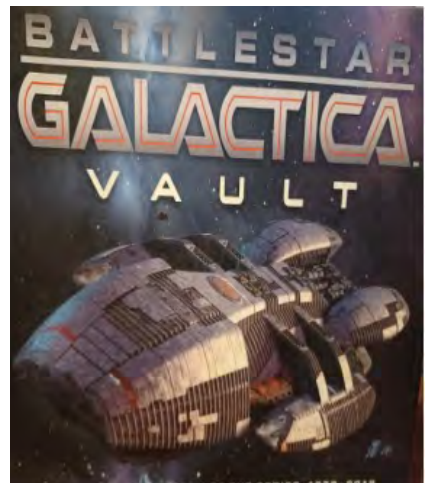
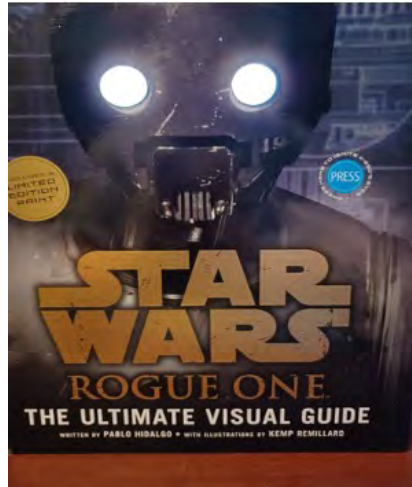
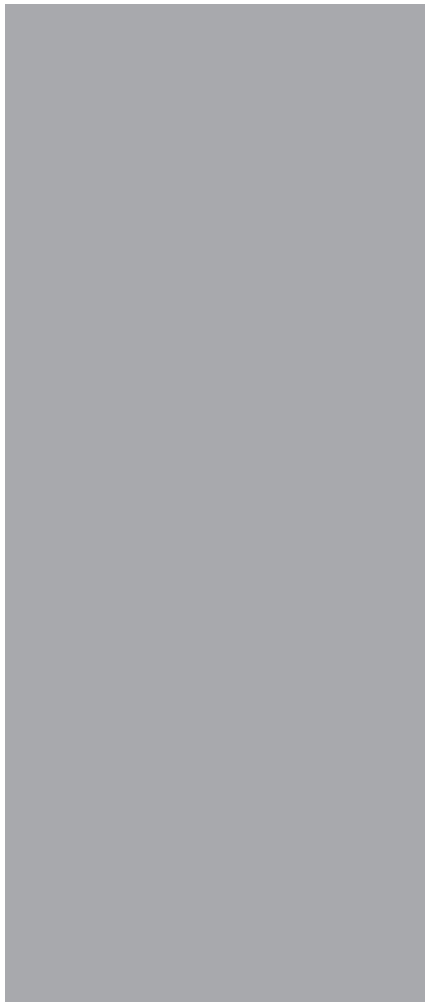
Star Wars Vault came out in 2007 and was instantly a "must have" as it reviewed the entire history of Star Wars up to that time, and included over 40 collectible swag items inserted throughout the book. From the moment a fan pulled it out of the hardbound sleeve, there was no putting it down until the end!

In 2011, the Star Trek Vault was released. Although the books were not related as far as publisher, it followed a similar pattern of relaying the entire 40+ years of Trek, including collectibles and fandoms, and also included the insertion of lots of collectible swag items.

Shortly thereafter, Battlestar Galactica entered the Vault arena with their edition. This included all the backgrounds, details, creation process and so much more from the original series, books and comics, as well as the reboot series from the 2000's. Once again, the book included a ton of swag items included inside.

As you can see from the following pictures, these 3 are just a smattering of the books that I've collected over the years. This type of book allows the reader the opportunity to see the creation of costumes, storyboards, toys, spin offs, and every other aspect of the franchises that we love.







A WORD-SEARCH FROM THE DELTA QUADRANT BY CREW-MEMBER ANNIE STEPHENS

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A REPORT BY ANNIE STEPHENS

NEXT STOP MARS

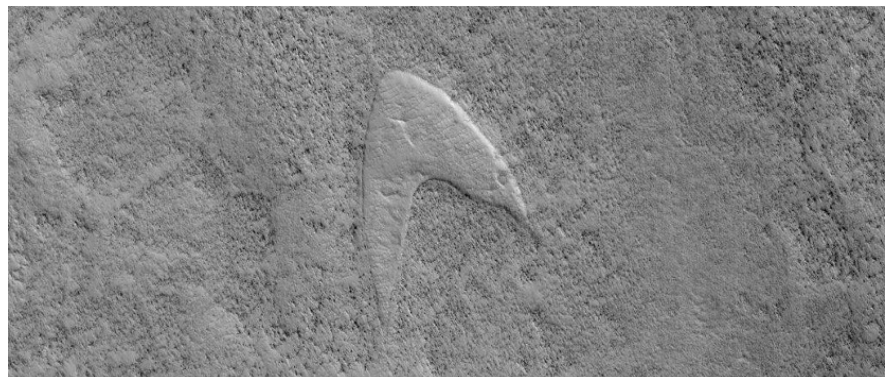
History may not know if it was Shannon O'Donnel who first said, "Next stop Mars!" but it will record her indefatigable vision of space. Her descendants were 'on to Mars' and from there Capt. Janeway went on to where 'no one had gone before.' From Mariner to the shipyards of Utopia Planitia we are on our way, and after Mars, space here we come.

July 15, 1965, Mariner sends back pictures of Mars craters looking a lot like moon craters that just did not impress everyone. "The Red Planet to the dead planet" was one sentiment until Mariner took pictures of Olympic Mons and the planet suddenly had a story to tell. This biggest volcano in the entire solar system is three times higher than Mt. Everest and is on a planet half the mass of earth. And how about Valles Marineris discovered a few years later in 1972. This Mars valley is another record setter for our solar system. It is the largest rift ever discovered and its span would cross the entire United States. Our Grand Canyon would fit into one of the side valleys.

Mars is amazing! Maybe a little scary for the military when they thought Quark, Rom and Nog were from there, not so scary for Rain Robinson who may have thought life existed on Mars, and not scary for Lt. John Kelly who was brave right up to the end despite his demise from a graviton ellipse.

Paving the way for the Federation, from the tiny but indomitable Sojourner to the searcher for life Perseverance, Mars has always had a destiny to be a jumping off port to the galaxy. Well that is after 'Percy' traveled 7 months and 7 minutes to get there and one of Tom Paris's ancestors piloted the first orbital glider over the lower Martian plateau.

September 3, 1976 Viking 2 takes a picture of the largest impact crater on Mars. It has a diameter of 2,100 miles and has as much water underneath it as water in Lake Superior. It is also the one and same Utopia Planitia, home of the fleet ship yard that built and launched the SS Artemis and THE Enterprise D.



The Daystrom Institute of Technology of the famous and brilliant Dr. Brahms and her thesis, 'Higher Order Warp field Propulsion Applications' all happened here...on Mars...



It is a good thing the believers we should go to Mars, outweigh the non believers. Plus where else would we build The Mars Heritage Site with the Carl Sagan Memorial and our heroic NASA rover Sojourner? A side note here, Capt. Kirk might never have seen the Mars Toothpaste ad on his visit to planet 892-IV if we had given up or chickened out.

Mars may not be a Class M planet, but it is a Class K planet, and that is pretty close. It's adaptable for humans with pressure domes that reflect the radiation from the sun, and places to breathe oxygen until the terra forming project is done. Lucky for humans, humanoids and friendly aliens there is lots of water on the planet. It may be frozen, and covered by frozen carbon dioxide, and embedded in copious amounts of permafrost but it is still there. If we can build a ship yard, we can melt and extract the water, of course.

February 18, 2021 Perseverance lands on Mars with technology to pave the way for future robotic and human missions. It has MOXIE, technology to separate oxygen from the CO₂ in the atmosphere. PIXIL and SHERLOC will map elemental composition of the surface material and there is MEDA to take measurements of temperature, wind speed and direction, humidity and dust size and shape. RIMFAX has ground penetrating radar. And how about that helicopter? This is the first powered flight on a planet besides earth.

Perseverance and its spiffy instruments are looking for signs of life and possible habitation. Whether Percy finds it or not our continuing mission will be to seek out life. We are indefatigable and indomitable. We are curious explorers and believers. We want to go where no one has gone before and then keep going...





SPECIAL TICONDEROGA 25TH EDITION

Who would have thunk that a club for fans of Star Trek would have not only survived, but thrived for such a long time? Oh, that's right...anyone who has been a fan since the 1960's, that's who!

Still, it's pretty impressive that we have grown and continue to be such a great influence for so many fans from all over the state, as well as many who have moved on to other areas of the country, yet keep in contact because of the friends formed in the club!

Join us as we review some of the best moments, and best stories about the club, why we joined and why we keep on trekkin with the ship.





A DROP IN THE BUCKET

HOW I GOT INVOLVED WITH THE U.S.S. TICONDEROGA

By Frank Buck

Back in 1998, my then wife (Karrie) told me that I needed to find something to do besides work and sleep. I agreed. I told her that it needed to be something that we would both have fun doing. She agreed. We started to talk about things we liked, both of us said Star Trek at the same time. she got on the WWW typed Star Trek fan clubs. Only two fan clubs came up. One in New York and one in Ogden Utah. The Ticonderoga. because I was working, I missed the first two meetings she and Joseph went to. She came home and said they gave me a poster.

After that it was off to the race's Karrie quickly became the CMO and it didn't take me long to become the Chief if Security. We loved being involved with the club. I have more fond memories that I can remember. I'm sure that my most fond memory is when we were at a Mountian Con out by the airport in 2000. Joseph was being interviewed by someone documenting the activity. He was calling himself (A man A camera and his shorts). Joseph was opperating the Remote shuttle opperation station. He looked up at the guy with a gleam in his eye and said I wish it were real. I just loved seeing him deep into his own imagination.

Fun and games aside, I've had plenty of up's and down's in my life and for the last 22 years the Ticonderoga has been there for me. I will never forget.



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George Takei, center, of the original 'Star Trek' television series gives the familia Vulcan hand salute as he poses with a costumed fan Saturday at FanFest 2000.

(FRANK BUCK - U.S.S. TICONDEROGA)

Captain Sulu Visits Planet Utah

BY DAN NAILEN

THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

George Takei, better known even to non-Trekkers as "Mr. Sulu," has enjoyed a 30-year career including a hit television series, blockbuster films and a best-selling autobiography. Now, to pad the income a bit, the "Star Trek" stalwart often spends weekends discussing them with fans.

Takei is just one of the television, horror and science-fiction icons appearing at FanFest 2000 this weekend at the

Utah State Fair Park's Grand Building. During his Saturday afternoon appearance, he showed just how deft he has become answering questions from people in "Star Trek" costumes, while admitting that he cannot fit in his old "Mr. Sulu" gear.

One fan asks a specific question about a specific episode of the "Star Trek" television show. Takei spins a 10-minute history of the episode's production, finishing to applause. Another asks about

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Catrine McGregor

FanFest 2000 Organizer

the mysterious daughter that showed up in now-Captain Sulu's life in "Generations," the most-recent "Star Trek" movie and who should play the part. Takei encourages the crowd to call out suggestions, then muses about a "young Sigourney Weaver," to much laughter.

One fan suggests Takei record some meditation tapes because his baritone is like "black velvet." Takei laughs heartily, then starts asking people why they live in Utah. His wry humor and presentation were much like a stage show in Las Vegas.

"At one period, I was doing a convention every weekend for three straight months," Takei said before signing a pile of photos. "If I wanted, I could do one every weekend."

The convention circuit is anything but conventional. Besides Takei, FanFest 2000 featured a who's who of niche celebrities. Catrine McGregor, a casting director who organized the event, has lived in Park City on and off through the years. She figured a convention focussed on specific

genres, like horror and sci-fi, could do well in Utah, and went about contacting Hollywood friends, and their friends, to put it together.

"There are these kind of festivals everywhere," McGregor said. "I wanted something where you don't have to wear all black, or have a cell phone or a water bottle hanging around your neck, to go."

The result is a mix of collectibles and kitsch. Vendors are on hand selling action figures, movie posters, Hollywood antiques and, at one table, candles and bear repellent.

Depending on the time of day, fans can walk away with autographs from Todd Bridges (Willis from "Diff'rent Strokes") or Mike Lookinland (Bobby Brady), or perhaps Gunnar Hansen, Leatherface from "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

Ticket sales were sluggish at \$22 per day, so McGregor decided to charge \$9.99 for today's autograph sessions and lectures. More information is available at www.slcfanfest2000.com.



Remembering the time I went to my First Ticonderoga meeting.

By Lt (jg) Aimee Jacobs

I was dating Brad at the time (2012) when he mentioned this Star Trek Club he belonged to called the USS Ticonderoga.

I was somewhat intrigued because I did not know that they had Clubs like that around here. I grew up watching Star Trek with my Brother and Dad so I have an interest in it.

Brad had invited me to go to a meeting with him, I was a little scared at first but decided to go. The meeting was at the Clearfield Library down stairs. There were a few people there when we arrived.

A lady came over and introduced herself as Beverly. Brad introduced me to her and she was very sweet to talk to.

Brad took me up to the front of the room to meet the Captain and introduce me, her name is Erica and she was very nice. She welcomed me with open arms and made me feel welcome to the Club. We sat down in the very back of the room.

When the meeting began, the Captain announced they had a visitor and asked Brad to introduce me. After he did then she asked me to tell everyone about myself, so I stood up and was about ready to talk when someone said stand up so everyone can see you (Joking I think) I smiled and said "I am". Then I climbed up on my chair standing on it then said "Can everyone see me now?!" Everyone laughed!

Everyone was so nice and it was a good meeting. I definitely joined the Club later!

The Pringles Incident-A USS Ticonderoga Staple

By Lt. Brad Jacobs

Okay, SO most of you as USS Ticonderoga crew members already know the story about the first ever New Years Eve Party when the Club was just starting out as the Runabout Euphrates with the potato crisps---pringles---. Better known to the Crew as "The Pringle Incident" or "The Pringles Forest". As for the rest of you lifeforms...Read on! This is a Runabout Euphrates/USS Ticonderoga event fixed in the Space/Time continuum! Messing with this event can have disastrous consequences to the Human Race and Future Federation events!

The year was 1996! New Years Eve, The Runabouts very first New Years Eve party hosted by myself and my then Wife, Mayloni.

This was also before our area was not more developed with a Smith marketplace, A Wal-Mart neighborhood market, Maverick, CVS, Walgreens and even a 7-11 was not up the street from where we lived at that time.

The simple announcement to the crew was to come have fun at the party and bring something to share. So when some of the crew arrived for the party they had a pringles can with them to contribute. At first there were only a few cans, and as more of the crew members showed up later they also had Pringles cans to contribute.

Now at first, I was like "Great! Just put it on the kitchen table and come on in for the party" sort of attitude, then later on when others arrived I was like "Put the pringles with the rest of the others on the table"

I do believe we had a few other dishes and items shared by some of the crew but I can't recall what they were since by the end of the night on the kitchen table was FULL OF PRINGLE CANS from original, sour cream, cheese, and BBQ! Yes indeed we did have a Forest of pringle cans on the

table! As I recall I counted them and I believe the count stands at 24 cans in total!

I came to find out afterwards most of the crew forgot to have something prepared for the party earlier, on the way to the party, they hurried and stopped off at the Albertson on main street in Layton (Now a VASA fitness center) to pick up a quick snack or other item to share . Albertsons had a front end display of...yep you guessed it... Pringles! As customers came into the store the display was right there. So most of the crew grabbed a can (or two) then headed to the New Years Eve Party out at our place.

So now for every New Years Eve Party someone brings a can of those potato crisps to remind and remember that funny part of our Ships history on that New years Eve back in 1996!

THE FINAL CUTS

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





Dressed as an Andorian, Brad Jacobs (above) talks with fellow "Trekkers" during the Fifth Anniversary of the local Star Trek group at the Weber County Library Saturday. "Trekkers" (below) communicate during the event.

Trekkers gather for intergalactic confab



By TAYNA DAREY
Reporter/Editorial Staff

OGDEN - Characters like Captain Kirk and Spock make Star Trek famous, but clubs like the USS Ticonderoga bring the show's legacy to life.

The monthly club celebrated their fifth anniversary as well as the 35th anniversary of the original Star Trek series Saturday afternoon. Members dressed up for the special event as characters like the Klingons, Vulcans and Andorians.

Members from the Ticonderoga and USS Kelly, two other Star Trek clubs, came to the Weber County Library to support the celebration. Although some people find such devotion to Star Trek a little odd, club members said it is anything but.

"Everybody has their own thing to do," said Candace Harding, a 14-year-old club member. "This just happens to be one of my things."

Harding, who dressed as a Vulcan, said her whole family participates in the USS Ticonderoga, because it's something fun they can do together.

"We come here, and we're not afraid to have fun," she said. Other club members said being involved has helped them become open-minded to different types of people.

"I can relate to the characters," said Brad Jacobs, a club member. "I've learned a lot from the episodes. They've helped me to accept everyone as they are."

Jacobs dressed his Andorian costume, complete with blue face and antennae, white wig and his Star Trek uniform, for the event. His wife, Mayloni, wore her Klingon outfit.

Trekkers like these take being a fan to a new level. The USS Ticonderoga tries, as do other trekker clubs, to understand technology used in the Star Trek shows. They also devote themselves to doing community service, working as security at Star Trek conventions, encouraging a sense of family among members and having fun.

Carl Stark, USS Ticonderoga captain, said while the club doesn't really have star ships, they do have strong friendships. Some club members like the Jacobs even met and then married because of their interaction at the meetings.





STAR TREK PREMIERE



John Barnes (left), of Ogden, the chief engineer and member since 2001 of the local "Star Trek" club USS Ticonderoga, and fellow member Jerry Girado (white shirt, of Ogden), take their seats in the theater before a special premiere screening of the movie Star Trek at the Megaplex 13 at the Salomon Center in Ogden on Thursday.

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'Trekies' and 'Trekkers' anxious for new release; some dress up

By TRENT TOONE

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OGDEN — With tickets clinched in the vulcan death grip, dozens of "Trekies" and "Trekkers" were beamed into the Megaplex 13 to see the premiere of "Star Trek" on Thursday night.

Only a dozen or so were arrayed in U.S.S. Enterprise uniforms, but there were two fan clubs selling memorabilia and others were loading up on popcorn and drinks before heading in to see the science-fiction thriller.

Unfortunately, no one dressed as a Klingon or came wearing Spock ears.

"From the moment I saw the trailer I've been freaking out," said Hunter Brown, 14, of Pleasant View. "I have been counting down the minutes for the last 12 hours."

Brown, who came with a group of friends from De Vinci Academy, was turned on to the "Star Trek" phenomenon two years ago. Dressing up for the premiere prompted him to cut his shoulder-length hair to replicate that of Capt. James T. Kirk. He also practiced his impersonation.

"You just have to talk so every syllable is like its own sentence. It builds up more drama," he said. "I love the original series because it's clever and has a certain amount of action to it. This may be the

lifetime. If I wasn't here to see it, I would have to kick myself."

Carolyn Taylor, the mother of one of Brown's friends, made attending the movie more fun by researching the movie's costumes, then buying material and spending hours sewing starship duds. The group of teens also went through eight boxes of cereal looking for the replica communicator pins for their costumes.

Troy Oldham, 44, of Roy, and his wife, Lois, showed up wearing matching "Star Trek" T-shirts. Troy used to watch the original series with his dad as a boy and is grateful to see that space, the final frontier, is still being explored.

"I'm amazed how it keeps coming back and never loses its following," Oldham said. "It started in the 1960s and here there is a new movie, director, and there are still people coming to see it."

As "Star Trek" fans filtered in, photos were taken and lines like "Damn it Jim, I'm a doctor, not a miracle worker," "Live long and prosper," and "Set the phasers to stun" could be overheard amid laughter.

Megaplex manager Jon Winterbottom described the atmosphere as fun and festive.

Thursday night's premiere marked the first time fan clubs had come to be part of the movie opening. He said "Star Trek's" opening rivaled the premieres of big movies like "Harry Potter," "Transformers," "X-Men" and "Twilight."

He anticipates a lot of Trekkies to boldly come throughout the weekend.

"It's an early showing. It's hard to say at this point, but there will be some great crowds. It will continue through the weekend," Winterbottom said. "Each

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Star Trek club to observe 20 years of geeking together

By ANDREAS RIVERA

Standard-Examiner staff

LAYTON — Since 1996, the USS Ticonderoga, a local Star Trek Fan Club, has been bringing sci-fi fans from the Ogden-Layton area together.

On Saturday, the club celebrates 20 years, over which it has created friendships and even marriages.

"It's an excuse to get together with Star Trek fans and other sci-fi fans and just meet people," Rear-Admiral Carl Stark said. "I would have never gone paintballing by myself. We quite literally go where we haven't gone before."

The group meets once a month to catch-up, cosplay, make art, discuss their favorite sci-fi franchises and other activities. The club is free to join and family-friendly. They also participate in a number of community service projects.

In the past, the group has raised money for

HOPE Kids, Operation Paperback and the Children's Justice Center, and it will have a booth at this year's Salt Lake Comic-Con FanX on March 24 to collect donations for a no-kill animal shelter, Stark said.

For longtime members of the club, like Stark, life-long friendships and love have sprouted from their fandom.

Stark met his wife Erica around the founding of the club and have since started a family together, all thanks to the group.

"It's a huge family really. You can go to an event or meeting and you're guaranteed to meet someone with the same interests as you," Captain Erica Stark said. "A lot of us have been treated as anti-social, basement types, but this is a place you can go and have a conversation with people like you."

Of course the group is excited about the upcoming movie "Star Trek Beyond"

this summer and the new Star Trek television series being developed by CBS.

The club is centered around Star Trek, but Doctor Who fans, Star Wars fans and any other sci-fi fans are welcome to join and geek out together.

The group is meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Golden Corral at 624 N. Heritage Park Boulevard in Layton to celebrate the anniversary. Stark says there will be cosplay, art and good times. People interested in joining or finding out more are welcome to attend or go to the group's next meeting on April 13 at the Weber County Library's Southwest Branch in Roy.

The group meets at the library on the second Wednesday of every month.

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Members of the USS Ticonderoga Star Trek Club pose for a photo at one of their banquet meetings. The club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Weber County Library's Southwest branch in Roy.

Fans in full force/1B

Club members celebrate
latest Trek film

Trekkies take on Ogden



BUDDA BROWN/Standard-Examiner

Dave Stock (left), Erica Stark (right middle) and Carl Stark (right), members of the Seventh Fleet USS Ticonderoga Star Trek fan club, show off their Star Trek memorabilia Friday at The Junction Megaplex theater in Ogden.

May 18, 2013

Newest film in cult series brings out fans in full force

By DANA RIMINGTON

Standard-Examiner correspondent

OGDEN — With the opening weekend of "Star Trek: Into Darkness" in movie theaters across the nation, the USS Ticonderoga, a Utah-based Star Trek fan club for residents in the Ogden and Layton areas, came out in full force.

The group congregated Friday night at The Junction Megaplex movie theater to celebrate the movie's opening.

While decked out in handmade Star Trek uniforms, group members showed off much of their prized Star Trek memorabilia, including a small sports car-sized 3-D Styrofoam ship of the USS Ticonderoga, the name of the ship used in the Star Trek: Voyager television series, which ran in the '90s.

The club was formed in 1996. "One of the biggest reasons why I'm a part of this club is because it gives us an excuse to get together

and do something fun," said Carl Stark, one of the founding members.

One of the big messages in Star Trek culture is to boldly go where one hasn't gone before, something Stark says the members live by when they do things as a club, such as service projects, paintball or attending conventions.

"Being a part of this club allows you to do more than you probably would be able to do on your own," said Stark, who admits he probably wouldn't have gone out to a Star Trek convention had it not been for the club.

The club has about 30 members of all ages, backgrounds and religions.

Stark's 14-year-old son, Steven, says his parents converted him to Star Trek.

"I started to enjoy Star Trek when I was 12 years old, probably because I started understanding the movies and shows then," said Steven Stark, who remembers watching "Star Trek: Enterprise" when he was

what might happen to the world in the future."

Many theater-goers checked out their display of intricately designed uniforms Friday night.

Frank Buck, of Layton, has six uniforms and was decked out in his Chief of Security uniform for the night. The uniform has 13 zippers and eight pockets, he said.

Buck spent a year researching the uniform design, and then helping his wife, at the time, find the specialized material it required and sew it up.

For Buck, being a part of the club is a way to get away from work.

"I work 70 hours a week at a railroad switching yard, so this is my distraction to get my mind off of work," Buck said.

Even though the club has been around 16 years, members say they are surprised how many people didn't even realize it exists. The group meets monthly, and anyone can join.

For more information, visit www.uss-ticonderoga.org.



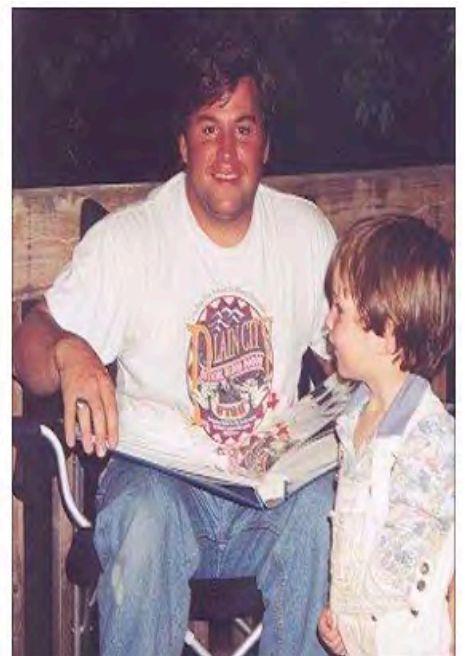
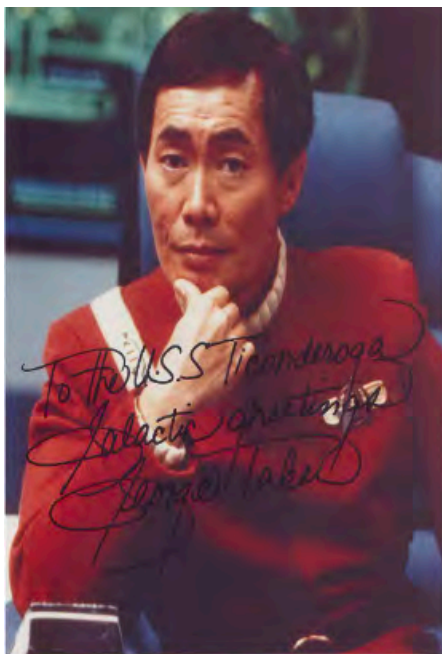
A few Pictures of Tico Adventures From the Lukes....

....and now a few more pictures from the Admirals Office









CAPTAINS LOG

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

(Forwarded from an earlier edition)

Greetings, Crew!

Welcome to 2021! This new year is shaping up to be every bit as wild and crazy as the last one. Fortunately, we already know how flexible we are. There's a light at the end of the tunnel, this year, as long as we keep being smart.

FanX is (hopefully) going to be back in the fall, and we will be hosting Fleet Day (finally!) There may be some additions and changes to that day, but we'll keep you updated as we have more information.

In the meantime, thank you for all you have done, and all that you will do. Thank you for sticking with us as we all twisted ourselves into pretzels to make it through the insanity that was 2020. We're all stronger for it.

Here's to a 2021 that is bigger and better for all of us. We have some catching up to do!

Captain Erica Stark

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