



THE COMMLINK

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Calendar 2010

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Sept 16, 2010
Monthly Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Corner Bakery
Lakeland Dr., Flowood

October 9-10
Astronomy
Away Mission

Meet at 3:00 OLD Craft
Center on Natchez Trace
Rainwater Observatory
French Camp, MS

October 23
Halloween Party at
Broadmeadow UMC

November 15
SFI Election
Ballots Due

Nov. 20
Harry Potter Movie

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Sept 24 Bill Williams

Quote of the Month:

All right. They're on our right, They're on our left. They're in front of us. They're behind us. They can't get away from us now. (General Chesty Puller, USMC)

From the Capt's (Lawn) Chair...Hot Fun in the Summertime!

by **Lucy Ferron**: The USS Haise doesn't let a little heat stand in the way of having fun and fellowship – but lots of air conditioning sure feels nice. In May several of us had the opportunity to meet our two Astronomy Camp scholarship winners and their teacher at Chastain Middle School.

Chastain students Emily Gomez and Elena Voisin were selected as winners of the "Reach for the Stars" Astronomy Camp Scholarship. Each applicant submitted an essay describing their purpose for attending astronomy camp and what they hoped to learn, along with a letter of recommendation from their science teacher. Having secured funding, the two Chastain students took part in camp activities at French Camp Academy, June 20-26, 2010. Participating in the scholarship presentation (as pictured above, from left to right) are C.O. Lucy Ferron, Chastain science teacher Johnnie Canalis, scholarship winner Emily Gomez, USS Haise Chief of Science Scott Crawford, USS Haise Chief of Engineering Bethany Theilman, scholarship winner Elena Voisin, and USS Haise Medical Chief Janet Bullock.



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Our Booth at ComicCon!

(more inside)
Mark Nichols, John and Roderick



Evan, Beth,
Mariana, John,
Lucy



John, Mark, Mariana

HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

EDITOR'S HAIL



Chief of Communications; Editor

This issue by those who sent in photos and reports! Compiled by Bethany Theilman, the letter 'S' and number '42'

Communications is looking for a good man or woman. ChoC is an Executive Committee Position. Requirements in the Membership Handbook are as follows:

The **Chief of Communications** is someone who excels at transferring ideas and information from one person to another via voice, print, computers and any other media which may develop. **Needs access to a computer with Internet access.** Supervises and assists with or performs the functions assigned to:

Publishing—the monthly newsletter, *The Comlink*
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Realspace communication — Makes contact, i.e. phone calls, e-mails or faxes as needed to remind the people who are writing articles or reports for the newsletter so that they make the deadline or helps disseminate any information the CO requests.

Computer Networking — Keeps us in touch with the sci-fi community and other ships. Provides information on upcoming events, inside trek info, etc.

Translations — Gets meeting minutes from Yeoman for use in the newsletter and for archival purposes. Transcribes if necessary into electronic format to archive.

It isn't specifically listed in the handbook, but common sense would require good English composition, spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. Experience teaches us that putting together a quality newsletter takes 6-8 hours on a computer, and that printing a e-copy to Adobe PDF is absolutely necessary to e-mail the newsletter due to size of photos.

Interested parties should contact the First Officer, John Yelverton to express interest and review their qualifications. The members of the Executive Committee are appointed by the Captain, and must complete Officer's Training School within six months (and thereby achieve the rank of Ensign) of their appointment. If they do not, then they may be replaced.

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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR

Continued from the front page!

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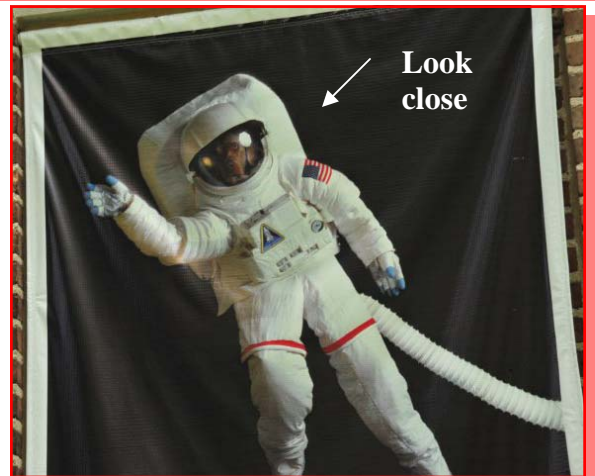
Emily Gomez and Elena Voisin are superior students and future scientists that we can all be proud of as they represent the ship at the Rainwater Observatory for camp at the end of June. We look forward to hearing about their experiences at a meeting later in the summer. We also appreciate the work of Chastain science teacher Johnnie Canalis and I have a special gift for him when school reconvenes in August. The group picture was published on the JPS website as well as our own, and was in *The Clarion Ledger's Northeast Focus* section. I have submitted it for inclusion in the Starfleet CQ as well. Fred Haise emailed, "Great work we need to get many young people interested in science & space. This country is woefully falling behind." Thanks again to everyone for the contributions that made these scholarships possible.

Several of us traveled to Laurel and Magee in early June for two special events. The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel had a special Smithsonian traveling exhibit of original NASA art. Throughout the Mercury through space shuttles years, NASA has contracted with artists to produce original artwork documenting the space program. There were lots of very interesting images I've never seen before in a variety of artistic medium. One of our favorites was a painting depicting the space shuttle Enterprise and the Star Trek Enterprise! There were many "behind the scenes" depictions and also two oil paintings by Astronaut and moon-walker Allan Bean.

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Beth, Roderick, Lucy, Scott and Barbara



VISIT TO USS OKATOMA MEETING



Combined Okatoma Crew and Haise Away Team



Lucy pips new Lt. Commander (& 3 Ensigns)

below: 3/4 of the shiny new officers



After we left Laurel, we stopped in Magee to participate in the USS Okatoma's monthly meeting. Members from all four Mississippi chapters (Zone 4) were present. We got to meet some of the new members of the Okatoma and I had the privilege of "pipping" their newest Ensigns. It's always great to see our Southern Mississippi friends and hopefully we can have another Zone Event in the future. Once again we realized how very HOT black polyester is!

Quite a crowd filled my deck and house for the June meeting and picnic. Barbara Allen always does an excellent job of coordinating things and we had lots of good food to enjoy, including pizza, Bethany's famous watermelon fruit salad bowl, Clay's wonderful baked beans, dip and chips, and lots of desserts. John provided us with a Voyager episode to watch after we discussed business. The previously scheduled July 15 meeting was re-scheduled as a movie and dinner event for July 17.

Jackson Southern Fried ComicCon was again successful in drawing great attendance, even if it was in a smaller venue. Our display table was well-received and we had quite a number

of people stop to chat and some signed up for further communication with us. The vendor room was packed with participants but cool, while the hallway where we were located was very hot. We suffered through with frequent breaks to seek cooler air. Staffing the booth the two days of the con with me were John and Mariana Yelverton, Barbara Allen, Scott Crawford, Mark Nichols, Rod Berry, and Clay Bartunek. Bethany and Evan Theilman were right beside us at the SCA table and helped out as well. Scott represented the



Scott and Orion Slave Girl Kristina Kelly of the (MissiHippy Bellydance troupe)



VADM Theilman was wearing the Honorable Lady Thielmann hat at ComicCon and demonstrating weaving for the Shire of Iron Ox while guarding the USS Haise from the dread pirates Sara Tereza and Miguel of the *Navio dos Tolos (Ship of Fools)* across the aisle from the USS Haise table.



Haise on a panel presentation. Thanks to you all! It was fun but we look forward to next year's con in a bigger building.

Our last summer event was our annual pool party and bar-b-q at Judy and Jim McNeil's in Byram on Saturday, August 21. Swimming, croquet, loads of great food, special French pastries made by Nana Visitor (with autographs) given to us by Janet Bullock, and a presentation by our astronomy camp participants made for a great party! We had several guests that attended and hope they will join us again. More great activities are planned for this fall so make plans to join the fun!

Til we see you next – Live long and prosper! Captain out.



Joanna Gomez, Emily Gomez, Elena Voisin, Susan Voisin

Science officer Scott Crawford joins the light-hearted panel of the Jackson Skeptical Society to debunk false science (2012 is surely doomsday), and explain the *REAL* science behind some of science fiction's more popular ideas



Nana Visitor, who starred in DS9 as Major Kira, was kind enough to autograph her famous French Pastries for each of us! Thanks to Nana and Janet Bullock for this very thoughtful gift!

ON THE NET: FACEBOOK

The USS Haise has a Facebook Page. Please friend us and send to all your friends! And USE the page. The more exciting it is, the more people will see it.

AUGUST POOL PARTY



Scott in foreground, Beth behind

**BBQ, Brownies, Puppies, Pool,
Friends and Guests
Life is good.**



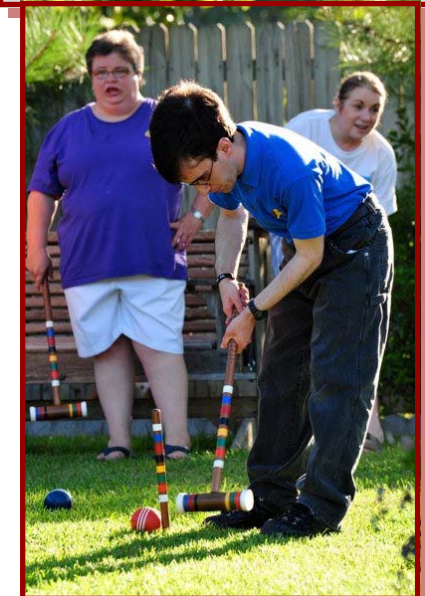
Chasing balls around the wickets.



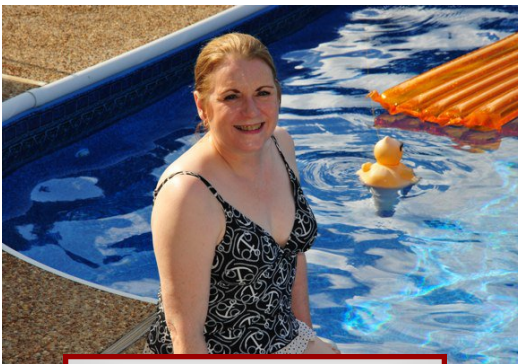
The Allens



Calendar Tim



Bill Downes - The next Tiger Woods??



Our Captain

Vast Majority of these photos by
Scott Crawford

MORE POOL PARTY



Evan in the pool



Bill and Clarence



Jim, Judy and Lucy give us the salute



Kirby



Rod and a pup



Scholarship winners Emily Gomez (right) and Elena Voisin (left) give the USS HAISE a summary of their time at Astronomy Camp at Rainwater Observatory



Dogs cc from top: Maggie, Bandita, Zoe



Rod and Rene

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

FIRST OFFICER



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I'm going through withdrawal. My crack dealer took his smack and went home. And by smack, I mean Star Trek. And by crack dealer, I mean Paramount. I try to suck it up, and think about those who came before me, and were stuck watching a measley 79 episodes over and over again for 9 years before the first movie cam out. (Unless you count the animated series, but let's not get technical here!)

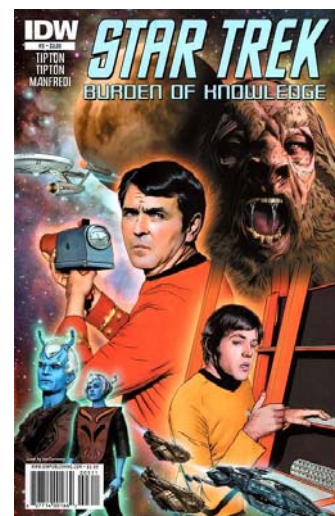
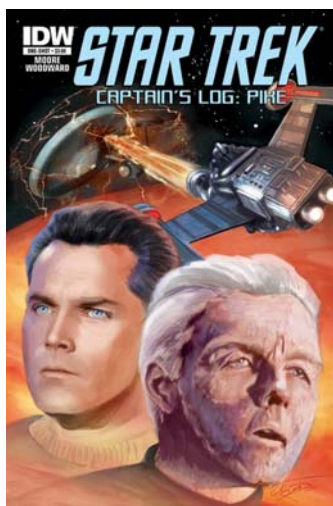
Oh, the previous generation was made of stronger stuff. That being said, they didn't have to endure the red headed (or blue jumpsuited) stepchild that is Star Trek: Enterprise. (To Boldly Go Where We've Already Been Before!)

Then, just when I'd gotten to where I could control my addiction, good old J.J. pulled me back in! (Does best Al Pacino impersonation)

So, how does a Trekkie survive in a Star Trekless world? Comic Books!!! Ever wondered how Captain Pike was doused with Delta Waves? Read "Star Trek: Captain's Log - Pike". Want more adventures from the original Captain Kirk? Read "Star Trek: Burden of Knowledge". How about the new Captain Kirk? Read "Star Trek: The Movie Adaptation".

These books are being put out by IDW Publishing, and they are rocking awesome! Finally, something to soothe my hunger, quench my thirst, and any other appropriate euphamism. I love Star Trek, and I love comic books, and when the comic book is well written, it's like watch an episode of Star Trek. (only at one frame per second)

So, if you've been "Jonesing" as much as I have, go to your local comic book store, and Jones no more!



DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

OPERATIONS



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Been REALLY busy at work. Took a day off to do this newsletter among other things.

Walk for Diabetes is October 3, and I'll have posters and walker envelopes at the Thursday meeting. Given the economic climate, people want something for their donation so DFM is letting teams sell stuff this year like cute teddy bears in walk t-shirts in the \$10 to \$20 range, wristbands and sugar-free lollipops, the purchase of which adds to the USS Haise team total. Also if you work somewhere you can put up cards with peoples names on them, you can sell Let's Lick Diabetes cards with cute kids with lollipops for \$1.00.

Saw a documentary about the earth crossing asteroids like Apophos and what we can do about it. Scary and not much right now.

DELTA QUADRANT



Amile Wilson
Former Security Officer

I had to share this link! This Trek piece was just Produced by a friend of mine. Worth the 2 minutes to watch and the 202 minutes when you include watching it 100 more times as you share with friends! Enjoy!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MyO2k-jApng&feature=player_embedded

Editor: ROTFLMAO!!!

SECURITY



Lt. Cmdr. Mark A. Young Sr.
Chief of Security

As we all know, September 11, 2010 passed and we remembered those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center Towers. As I was watching all the news coverage on Saturday, one of the National Security Advisors made a statement that made me ponder! He stated (because of our inadequate security measures that we had in place, a situation like 9/11 was just waiting to happen) - I wonder when dealing with people aboard our various ships and because we don't have the social skills (Not the Haise LOL) being inadequate; we may be able to foresee some tragedies that might come our way! Just food for thought on security and dealing with people! Until next time, live long and prosper! Hailing frequencies closed!

SCIENCES



Lt. Cmdr. Scott Crawford
Chief Science Officer

Houston, the USS HAISE is a *GO* for a Rainwater Observatory "away mission" - Saturday, October 9th! We'll bring sleeping bags and stay in the first floor classroom. The lecture that night is "Archeoastronomy of the American Southwest." Then, we'll go up the hill for a night of observing!

We'll carpool and motorcade up to French Camp, leaving about 3pm. The lecture itself is at 7pm, with observing afterward. Please RSVP so we can coordinate transportation. Thanks!

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MEDICAL



**Ensign Janet Bullock
Chief Medical Officer**

Janet and Evan hand out Bouboulette from un Petit Morceau, each signed by Nana Visitor, who played Major Kira in Deep Space 9!

Hello everyone! Your CMO has had a cool Summer having some close encounters with some Deep Space Nine celebrities.

First, Cadet Mason Crowe and I got to meet Cirroc Lofton (Jake Cisco) on a nice Saturday afternoon at the El Portrillo Mexican Grill at Dogwood Festival on Lakeland Drive. We were the first to arrive that day in July, and we spoke with Cirroc for about 15 minutes getting his autograph and having our photo taken with him!

He told us he did some extensive travelling after he finished DS9. He saw Europe and visited many exotic places, seeking a direction for his life. Upon returning home he decided that he was being led to reach out to teens and young adults through a familiar venue--the hip-hop song.

He freely admitted that he is no Nat King Cole in the musical department, but he said anyone with a sense of musical beat and rhythm can rap! After much hard work he is set to release his first Christian hip-hop album in November. He gave the gathered audience a taste of the album by performing 2 songs from it before completing his appearance for the day.

Mason and I were both tickled pink to get to meet

Cirroc. He is a fine young man, and definitely has his head on straight, in the finest tradition of Star Trek. We are both hoping that this is not our last encounter with him....

Though we never met in person, I was also ecstatic to find another DS9 crewmember, Nana Visitor, who portrayed Major Kira Nerys. It was pure luck that helped me find her on the Internet.

I happened to be watching DS9 on DVD while searching the web on my iPhone. The website nndb.com is a database where you can look up biographies of all kinds of famous folks--dead and living--from all walks of life.

I did a search for Nana, and found her biography, along with a website for her. The website led me to her recently-opened French pastry shop in Corrales, NM. I contacted the shop, and spoke with her business partner, and placed an order for some of Nana's specialty pastries called "bouboulettes."

They proved to be delicious!! So I got the idea to share them with my other Haise members!!

I talked with Nana's business partner, Kim, and placed the order. I also decided to "go boldly" and ask if Nana might possibly send some autographs for everyone, since it was a rather large order, and it was for a group of fans. I was floored when she said "Yes" and all she needed were the names so she could individualize them!

The rest is history, as many of you experienced at our August meeting when the autographs were delivered along with the very delicate pastries.

For those of you who missed the meeting, rest assured that I saved your autograph and will give them to you at a later date. The pastries were given out to several visitors who attended that night.

What a great way to end a Summer of close encounters!!

MEETING MINUTES

Members Lucy Ferron, Scott Crawford, Rene Berry, Rod Berry, Clay Bartunek, Janet Bullock, Clarence Winter, Bill Downes, Glenn, Barbara & Michelle Allen, Tim Stubbs, Bethany & Evan Theilman

Our Hosts: Jim and Judy McNeil
All Hail the grill master!

Guests: Elena Voisin and parents, Emily Gomez and parents, Kirby Lindsey, Pete and Nona (sorry I forgot to write their last names down, friends of Janet)

Crew members donated school supplies. Supplies were delivered to the Boys and Girls Club.

Ship announcements:

Birthday best wishes in August went to Mark Young and Glenn Thomas. September birthdays will be celebrated by Barbara Allen on Sept. 2 and Bill Williams on Sept. 24.

SFI membership renewal reminders go to Clay (9/12) and the Yelvertons (9/28)

Election update: Packets will be mailed to all paid SFI members (one per family membership) on September 1. Ballot for election of Commander Starfleet and for approval of the new SFI Constitution and By-laws is included along with a copy of the proposed Constitution and By-laws. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Also in the packet is a questionnaire on the future of the "Communique," our bi-monthly SFI newspaper (to print or not to print, that is the question). Please be sure you complete that questionnaire and return it as well. Deadline for receipt of ballots is Nov. 15.

The official announcement for R2 Summit 2011 has finally been made. It will be March 11-13, 2011 in Tampa, Florida, at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) with hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn & Suites near Busch Gardens. Early Bird registration special rate of \$30 available until Jan. 10.

All indications still point to a joint R2 and R3 Summit in 2012. Nothing else to report on that yet. Possibilities of Vicksburg, Jackson, Baton Rouge, New Orleans area, or Lafayette mentioned.

It has been announced that IC 2012 will be held in Memphis, though technically the hotel is across the state line in Mississippi! That's August 3-5, 2012, Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center, Olive Branch, MS. Announced charities are St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Juvenile Diabetes. www.ic2012.com

Agenda

Financial report: debits of \$5.30 (soft drinks for June), \$31.68 (stamps), and \$16.52 (candy for ComicCon table), balance \$445.43

Old business: "Save the Enterprise" – Lucy called Mark, Clay's friend, and has not heard back from him on furthering the cause through Senator's Cochran's office.

New business: Away mission, shore leave and other fun stuff!

1. Cirroc Lofton possible re-appearance Sept. 18 - It is obvious that the Sept. 18 date/event is not going to happen. A possibility exists that he could come back to Jackson in October. We'll keep everyone posted if there is any progress. Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Ridgeland is very interested in partnering with us if this occurs.
2. October away mission to Rainwater Observatory and other "news from the hill" – Jim Hill is retiring as Director and Edwin Faughn will be the new Director. October 9 was decided on as the date for our away mission. (Later note: Scott will take the lead in getting the trip set up. He has confirmed the date with Rainwater. Check our Facebook page for the event announcement.) The topic for Jim's presentation that date is "Archeoastronomy of the American Southwest." And of course we'll do some stargazing after that.
3. Last shuttle mission request from the USS Star League – Rene volunteered to help us get the page ready for the scrapbook of well-wishes for the shuttle crew. This is due to the Star League in November which gives us time to get the page ready and have all crew members sign it.
4. Center Players performance of the "1940's Radio Hour" Aug. 26-28 – Several members were interested in attending and made plans to do so. (Later note: As it turns out, circumstances prevented anyone from attending.)
5. Other Shore Leave possibilities: Fat Cat Ceramics, new miniature golf location in Rankin Co., Museum of Natural Science, Davis Planetarium – Interest was expressed in exploring these event options. We'll work on setting dates at the September meeting.
6. New Harry Potter movie to open on November 19 – This was just a reminder. We'll later see about setting a date to go together to see it. We have a meeting Nov. 20 at Mugshots, next to Parkway Place Cinema, so that date is a possibility. We could go prior to our supper/meeting at Mugshots.
7. Schedule EC meeting in September – EC meeting was set for September 7, 7:00 pm, at Scott's house.
8. Next meeting: THURSDAY, September 16, 6:30 pm, Corner Bakery in Flowood. Tim Stubbs has confirmed the reservation for the private dining room.



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In This Issue... Hot Fun in the Summertime! Cool Pools! Picnics! Departmental Reports

MAIN VIEWER: Harry Potter and Narnia

BIG SCREEN



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows:
Part I
19 November 2010 (USA)



Voyage of the Dawn Treader
December 10, 2010