



# THE COMMILINK

The Newsletter of the U.S.S. HAISE, NCC-74664 - Commissioned April 1996



**Quote of the Month:** "Seize the time, Meribor. Live now; make *now* always the most precious time. Now will never come again" -- Picard (The Inner Light)(Star Trek NG)

## Begin Captain's Log

**BY: Commodore Lucy Ferron - Commanding Officer**

The summer months have come and gone but we had some great get-togethers. Our fellow Sci-Fi fans The Mandalorians came to our pool party and members of the USS Haise returned the favor by going to theirs. It's a good thing for us to keep the hailing frequencies open! Janet will tell you about the Bantha Roast we attended. And also in this issue you will see updated pictures from Fred Haise on the Infinity Science Center's progress. Be prepared for an away mission to Hancock County in the spring!

We've had traveling members Ken Hackman and Tim Stubbs who will hopefully share their away mission adventures. Speaking of away mission, the October trip to Rainwater Observatory was postponed and we hope to reschedule sometime in the spring. Not too much is happening right now on the Region level and that is usual for the summer months. One tragic bit of news comes from Georgia though. A fire in the storage unit facility where Admiral Freddy Heller, R2 Auctioneer, kept a LOT of collectibles (overflow from his house) resulted in the total loss of everything Freddy had stored. We

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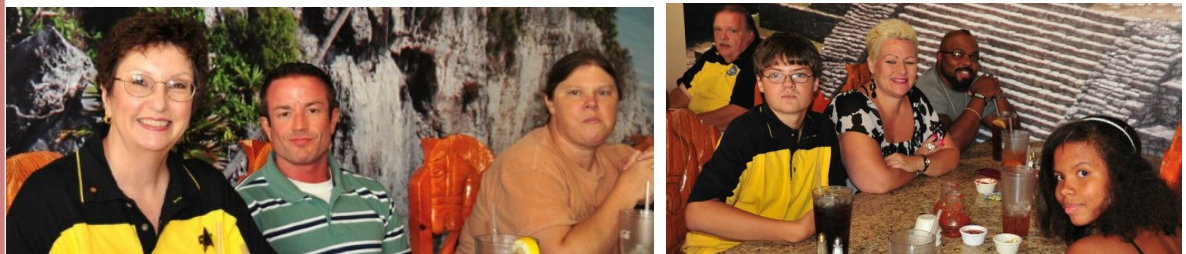
### Calendar 2011

**Meetings  
Stardate:**

**Sat. October 22**  
6:30 - 11:00 pm  
**Masquerade Party**  
Broadmeadow United  
Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
4419 Broadmeadow Dr  
Jackson, MS 39206

**Sat. November 19**  
6:30 pm  
**Traditional Bajoran  
Gratitude Festival  
Celebration**  
Location:  
Home of  
Cliff Treadaway  
Brandon, MS 39047

**Sat. December 17**  
6:30 pm  
**Christmas Party/  
Business Meeting**  
Home of  
Clay Bartunek &  
Craig Haga  
Madison, MS



July Dinner Meeting at ElPortillo Restaurant



**HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN**

**EDITOR'S HAIL**



**New Editor: Ensign Barbara Allen  
Chief of Communications**

This issue contains photos and reports submitted from department heads & others.

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**THE COMMLINK-U.S.S. HAISE**

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Hello from your new editor. It is an honor to serve you.

I would like to report on my family's August 2011 Star Trek adventure (vacation) away mission. Glenn, Barbara and Michelle Allen traveled to Creation Entertainment's Official Star Trek Las Vegas Convention August 11-14. Held at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, they celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Star Trek with over 70 Star Trek Guests, several thousand fans, Parties, Collectibles, Auto-graphs, Photo-Ops, and much more.

It has been three years since we trekked to the Las Vegas Convention. We had attended in 2007 and again in 2008 when it was at the Las Vegas Hilton. The Hilton still had the Star Trek Experience at that time.

WOW! It was worth waiting for. It was a great convention in a fabulous hotel/casino. We had the most wonderful time ever at what would turn out to be the largest Star Trek Convention ever recorded in the history of Creation Entertainment. We had Gold Tickets this year for the first time and were on the 4<sup>th</sup> row and worth every penny of it. I took a lot of pictures, of course. We also attended the Thursday Night "Gold Celebration Party" in the hotel's VooDoo Lounge at the top of the Rio – the 51<sup>st</sup> floor with indoor and outdoor views. Las Vegas was so beautiful with all those lights and a big moon shining down upon us.

I also participated in the World Record Attempt: Most Star Trek Costumes in One Place. I was number 871 of new world record of 1040. They said the room was full and they could not let the other few hundred standing out in the halls enter the room because of the fire codes.

It was wonderful to see Leonard Nimoy again. It was his historic last appearance at the Vegas Convention. He said he is retiring from the conventions after this year. We had our picture made with him in 2007, and that is another treasure.



## HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

### EDITOR'S HAIL *continued*

The best thing I did and what I went for was to see Sir Patrick Stewart and had a Photo-Op with him. Since they only allowed up to two fans per photo, Michelle & I had the exciting pleasure of having our picture made with Sir Patrick. We were told that you could not touch him, but you could talk to him and I did. I loved that British accent. You can see a copy of our picture in this newsletter. Glenn enjoyed his photo-op with Chase Masterson and getting her autograph. We also got autographs from several other stars that was included with our Gold Ticket. In the Venders Room (this is place where you could buy anything Star Trek, Sci-Fi and a lot of everything else!); Michelle and I got autographs from Brent Spiner, Jonathan Frakes, and John de Lancie. A wonderful surprise and pleasure to me was also meeting and getting an autograph from Eddie McClintock who is on Syfy's Warehouse 13. He also came up on stage and visited with Kate Mulgrew because she has had a few guest appearances on the show this season. I love Warehouse 13 and you will too.

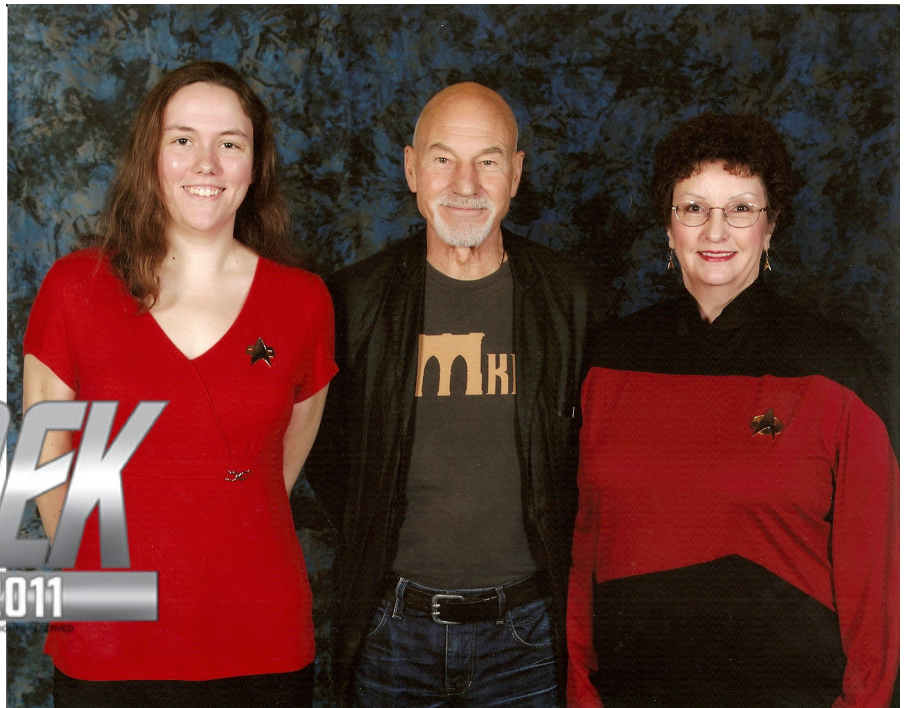
The stars we saw were: Garrett Wang, Lee Meriwether, Yvonne Craig, Clint Howard, Dominic Keating, Conner Trinner, Beverly Washburn, Michael Forest, Jeffrey Combs, Nicole de Boer, Vaughn Armstrong, Casey Biggs, Max Grodenchik, Armin Shimerman, Kitty Swink (who is Armin's wife – didn't know that either and got her autograph), Walter Koenig, Tim Russ, Rene Auberjonois, Nana Vistor, Jonathan Frakes, Denise Crosby, Suzie Plakson, and John de Lancie.

There was Klingon Summit on Stage one day. Stars in their Klingon costumes were: The Duras Sisters (B'Etor & Lursa) – Barbara March & Gwynyth Walsh, Martok: JG Hertzler and Gowron: Robert O'Reilly. Then all the fans who were dressed in Klingon came and joined them on stage. It was an awesome site to see all of them up on stage in costume. WOW! Loved it!

Other stars we saw were: Terry Farrell, Brent Spiner, Kate Mulgrew, Ethan Phillips, Joseph Ruskin, Robert Brown, Roger Perry, Mariette Harley, James Darren and his band, William Shatner, Grace Lee Whitney, George Takei, John Cho, Nichelle Nichols. Hope I didn't leave anyone out.

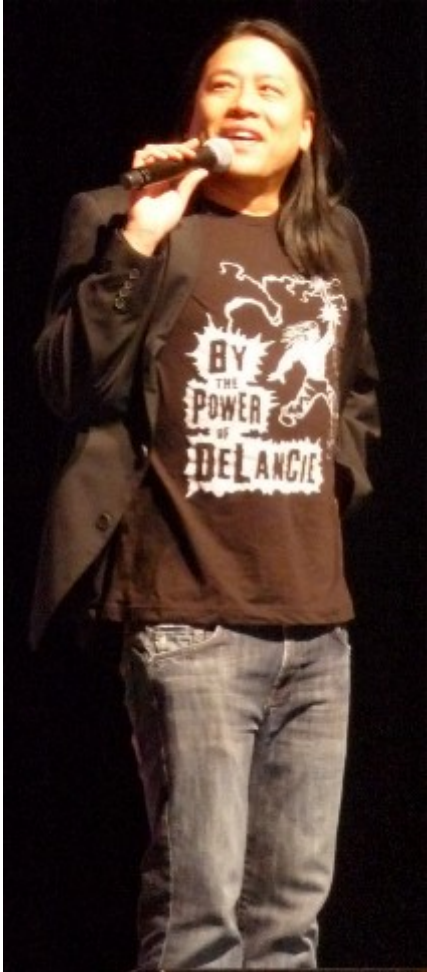
Saturday night was the big costume contest. There were some fabulous costumes there to see.

And now for pictures. Some of the pictures are taken by me and others were downloaded from the Creation Entertainment web site.



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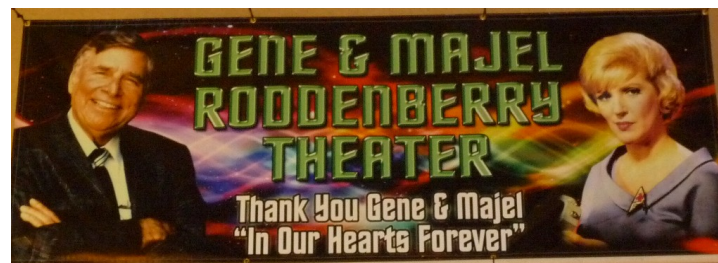
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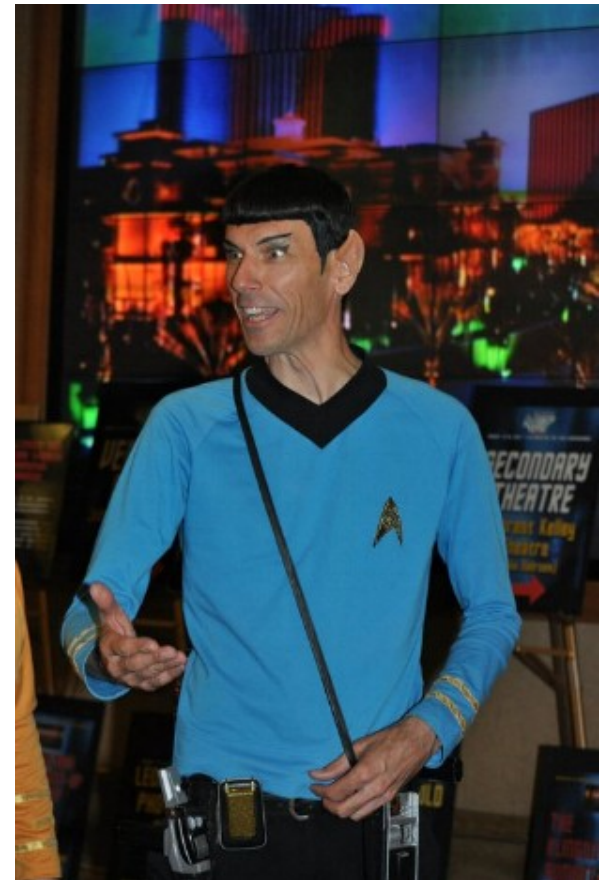
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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR

Continued from the front page!

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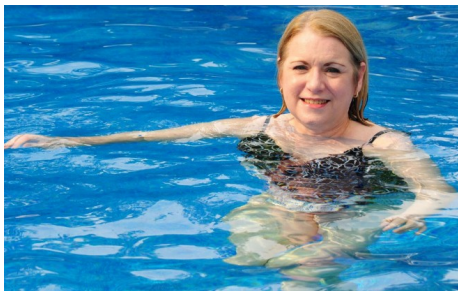
all feel sick for Freddy and the loss of a large personal collection of Star Trek, famous newspaper, and many other collectibles. All of the Region 2 items that were donated or reserved for auction at Summit were destroyed as well. Freddy has decided to retire as Region Auctioneer but will remain on staff until a replacement is appointed. BTW, this means that the Region will be looking for donations of items for the auction at Summit 2012.

Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas all will be happening in fast succession. In December the Executive Committee will meet to set a schedule for meetings and meeting locations for 2012. We'd love to have some new ideas so pass those along to any EC member for consideration. BTW, this is an odd numbered year so the position of First Officer (XO) is up for election.

We wish Sick Bay patient Bill Downes a speedy recovery! Live long and prosper!

Photos by:  
Scott Crawford

August Pool Party -  
The Mandalorians  
and the USS HAISE  
crew have a cookout  
at Jim and Judy  
McNeil's house!



CAPTAIN'S LOG ENDS: SEPT. MEETING PICTURES



Photos by:  
Scott  
Crawford

Below: Scott Crawford displays his latest Trek Gear on his USS Haise shirt



Above: Pat Simmons holds our newest Cadet Clark Yelverton. Congratulations to Pat who is now heading our Commissary Department



Pictures on this page from:  
September 2011 Dinner Meeting  
At  
China Belle  
At the Quarter on Lakeland Drive  
Jackson, MS



**INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HAISE**

The following are some photos taken August 24 before a group, including several representatives from Louisiana Foundations!



**Left: Looking across the Earth Gallery toward the southwest!**



**Above: Looking down the length of the Space Gallery toward the west!**

**Right: Looking down into the Earth Gallery from the upstairs**



**Right: Looking east over the 3D Immersive Theater toward the Science Express area and the front entrance to Infinity. I am standing on the upstairs curved walkway leading to the Space Gallery.**



INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HAISE - CONTINUED

Below are some photos that I shot September 26 while visiting the Infinity construction site. The covered pavilion with overhang roof will be used for outdoor eating and a play area for very young children.



Left: I am standing at the entry walkway in front of a water feature that can coordinate a number of spouts through a computer to create patterns. There is one of these at Disney World.

Right: I am standing on the raised floor in the Earth Gallery. The lights are supposed to give one a thought of clouds?



## INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HAISE - CONTINUED



Looking west upstairs down the length of the Space Gallery! The Space Shuttle templates that I mentioned would be hung at the far end in some artistic manner to block out some of the setting sun.

Looking east over the stairs from the Earth Gallery. I am on a curved walkway that leads to the Space Gallery. The 3D Immersive Theater is to the left and the glass elevator to the right. Beyond where I am standing is the Science Express area and the front entrance to the museum with the Gift Shop and Restaurant to the right. You can get more information at the web site:

[www.infinitysciencecenter.org](http://www.infinitysciencecenter.org)

It has been a fun, interesting project to be involved with over the past 5 years and see it coming closer to reality.



Memo from Lucy:

[http://www.nasa.gov/centers/dryden/Features/Fred\\_Haise\\_Honored.html](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/dryden/Features/Fred_Haise_Honored.html)

*Retired NASA astronaut and research pilot Fred Haise returned to NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center Aug. 11 —*

Congratulations, Fred! A well-deserved honor indeed. And it sounds like it was a fun weekend with the ballgame and all. What a hoot to have a bobblehead passed out! Really nice portrait too.

Check out the story online.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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The voyage has been long and taking the second star to the right and straight on till morning got me lost. Hey, crewmates had been missing all yall. Hopefully, I'll be able to join you at the next meeting. Much hasn't been going on since I last you all. Back in school and finishing other masters, which is leading to a doctorate. Working full time and taking care of little Mark. Majority of my time has been reading or writing research papers to finish this degree. Well my trekkie friends, until we meet again! Mark

I just rolled in from Craig's and my vacation in Virginia and it was great! The weather was a little cooler than here, so we really enjoyed the heat relief. This was a perfect way to wrap up this summer as it started with a lot of time and energy taking care of my mom who had her 4<sup>th</sup> back surgery. She's recovered from it for the most part, but she still has pain that she has to cope with. I did enjoy meeting with the Haise for our "Cowboys & Aliens" movie excursion at the end of July (see photo below) and our annual pool party at the McNeil's in Byram in August. Seeing "Star Trek vs. Star Wars" was the coolest especially since the Star Wars fan club was there to enjoy it with us. On a sad note, Craig and I had to put down our 16 ½ year old Italian Greyhound, Abby as she had a stroke at the end of August. "Thanks" to all who sent e-mails of condolences and your prayers. We had her cremated and is now back home with us and next to her deceased life-long companion, Sterling. We miss them both terribly.

Checking with Bethany we did have our "Star Trek" canine watering stations set up at the Mississippi's Walk for Diabetes this past Sunday. I was in Virginia at the time. Thanks to Janet for providing the water for the stations. At least the Haise had our annual presence there.

I'm looking forward to our Masquerade Party Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Broadmeadow United Methodist Church starting at 6:30 p.m. I'm coming as "a transporter malfunction". Also, remember to bring your extra Star Trek items (i.e. VHS tapes, DVDs, badges, pips, books, etc.) to donate to the starship, Havana in Cuba as they are starting up and don't have much to work with yet. The Haise will pay for the shipping. Then, at our November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at Cliff's we will celebrate the Bajoran Gratitude Festival, and we would like to donate to Toys for Tots this Christmas. So bring your unwrapped toys to this festival so we can get a jump on this project. If we wait 'til our Christmas party, it will be too late to donate. Hope to see you all there!



## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### ENGINEERING



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### SCIENCES



Lt. Cmdr. Scott Crawford  
Chief Science Officer



NCC 74664/01 is still going although the dashboard goes out from time to time. A bit disconcerting to not know how fast you are going or much dilithium you have, but after two days its back on again as mysteriously as it stopped!?!

**Break-in at Science Officer's Quarters:** While your intrepid science officer was exploring Nashville's transportation system, nefarious evil-doers broke into his home and stole all of his electronics, including his computer and back-up hard drive. Luckily, he had his iPad and camera body with him on the trip (although the lenses, telescope, and other equipment were stolen).

#### Trip to Nashville, Tennessee:

I investigated quaint 21<sup>st</sup> century public transportation options as well as cultural destinations in Nashville

At right is a typical street bus outside the very posh Loews' hotel, where I stayed.



Below is an example of bus rapid transit, nearly identical to a streetcar except there is no track. The only limitation is that it needs very smooth streets.

### USS HAISE ON FACEBOOK

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



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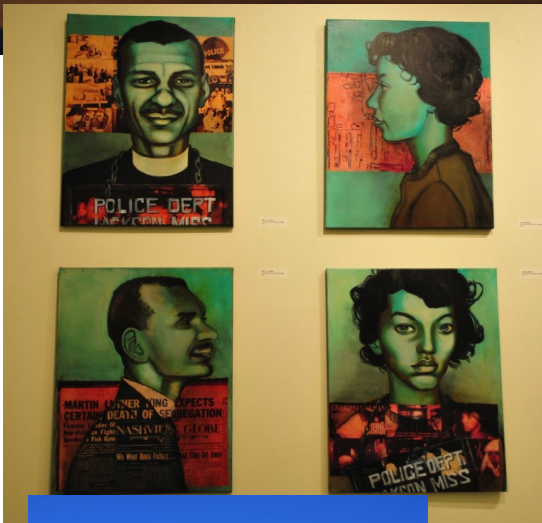
### SCIENCES - continued



Lt. Cmdr. Scott Crawford  
Chief Science Officer

Another aim of the trip was to retrace the steps of the Freedom Riders and to evaluate the accessibility of Greyhound's Bus System. The trip was not without its problems, but I did manage to make it back.

Below is a view of artwork based on the mug shots of the Freedom Riders when they were arrested in Jackson, MS. The paintings are the work of artist Charlotta Janssen, who wrote: "Mug shots are normally portraits of shame, but in those of the Freedom Riders I see their heroism, determination and courage."



Above: A picture taken in front of the State Capitol Building in Nashville.



Left: A picture outside an exact replica of the Parthenon, built for the Tennessee Centennial Exposition of 1897. It was intended to be a "temporary" exhibit, but was subsequently reinforced and made a permanent monument in Centennial Park.



DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MEDICAL



Lt. Janet Bullock  
Chief Medical Officer

Greetings Fellow Haise Members!

Recently, our CO, along with 5 other members of the crew, participated in an away mission to another part of the galaxy, far, far away when we attended a get-together hosted by the Mandalorians. We journeyed by shuttle crafts to an area just south of the Alpha Quadrant known as Richland, MS. Upon arriving in this strange, new landscape, we encountered friendly aliens who invited us to dine with them on "Bantha." It turned out to be quite tasty and enjoyous (?). They even provided some more human fare, which included hamburgers, chips, pulled pork, and (if you can believe it!) HOTDOGS just like in the old ballpark traditions of Earth!

There was a great sense of camaraderie among the various species of this section of the galaxy, and they made the members of the USS Haise feel quite welcome, indeed. We talked everything from proper care of certain farm animals, of which they had several different species, to the similarities between the Trek and Wars universes. There was no formal meeting; everyone just ate, talked, and enjoyed one another's' company.

After the eating of the Bantha fare, there was an enjoyable time to be had by all at the local Bantha swimming area. You should have seen the Wookies splashing and diving into the pool! It was quite a site!!

Overall, your away team had a most entertaining time, and we went away feeling that this little part of the universe didn't quite feel so strange anymore! We have invited the Mandalorians to participate in our Halloween festivities, and we are hopeful that several of them can come and participate so that you, too, will get to make first contact with them!!

Until then, May The Force Be ... Uh, ... Live Long and Prosper!!

Lt. Bullock, CMO



DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MEDICAL - continued



Lt. Janet Bullock  
Chief Medical Officer



Photos on Pages 17 & 18 were downloaded from the Facebook Page of The Mississippi Mandalorians



USS HAISE CREW MEMBER SPECIAL REPORT

**Report From:** Tim & Suzanne Stubbs  
Trip to Cuba - September 2011

What an amazing trip! This was a people to people exchange through both governments, and we found the Cubans to be some of the most hospitable people we've ever met! We visited Old Havana, which in itself was like a museum – the old cars, the beautiful yet dilapidated buildings, the amazing architecture, and the abundance of mojitos and cigars! We visited Batista's former palace, now the Museum of the Revolution, where the Rebels' bullet holes are still clearly visible. Outside the museum was a tank Fidel rode in during the Bay of Pigs . We visited a Foster Home which where the precious children performed for us, we had a Q & A with the principal, and we visited their dormitories. One evening, we attended a Block Party with locals and officials – it was In Defense of the Revolution – and the locals were thrilled to see Americans, as most had never seen any before. The Cubans are very passionate about their government, the Cuban Five (Cuban prisoners in Miami ), and their literacy rate, one of the best in the world. We visited the Literacy Museum to learn how Cuba is so highly literate, and met many teachers who helped explain how Fidel created a literacy program to make all Cubans literate. Our final evening, we attended a Cannon Blast Ceremony at San Carlos de la Cabana Fortress, which happens every night of the year. It was truly a spectacular trip and we are very fortunate to have been able to participate in such a wonderful program.



MORE NEWS



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*Upcoming Birthdays*

**October**

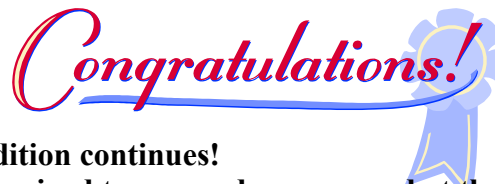
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31 - Evan Theilman**

**November**

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**December**

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17 - Mason Crowe**



**Our winning tradition continues!**

**The USS Haise received two awards announced at the August 2011  
Starfleet International Conference in the Poconos.**

**The USS Haise won:**

**SFI 2010 NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR!**

**SFI 2010 FUN WEBSITE OF THE YEAR!**

**Also, Starfleet Academy awards were announced: Our own Janet Bullock received Red  
Squad recognition for the College of Treknology!**

**Congratulations to everyone!**