



# THE COMMILINK

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



**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

"Let's make sure that history never forgets the name... Enterprise" --  
Captain Picard (Yesterday's Enterprise)

## Captain's Log

**BY: Rear Admiral Lucy Ferron - Commanding Officer**

Members of the USS Haise certainly cannot complain that there is nothing to do or that all we do is have meetings. The last three months alone prove that wrong. We did meet and have fun sharing delicious meals together, but there was so much more! Numerous crew members have participated in events such as the New Orleans ComicCon, Flowood Library ComicCon, Taste of the U, Regions 2 and 3 Joint Summit, Magnolia Roller Vixens, and the official opening of the Infinity Science Center in Bay St. Louis.

We had a great time visiting with Fred Haise at dinner on our trip to the coast. We chatted about many topics including the center's opening and development, pets, chapter

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**Calendar 2012  
Meetings Stardate:**

**Sat., April 11  
11 a.m.**

**Away Mission  
Ribbon-Cutting  
Ceremony for  
INFINITY Science  
Center  
Bay St. Louis, MS**

**Sat., April 21  
6:30 p.m.**

**Allen Home  
Brandon, MS  
First Contact Day  
Celebration**

**Sat. May 5  
9:00 a.m.**

**Walk for Multiple  
Sclerosis  
Winner's Park  
Flowood, MS**

**Sat., May 19  
6:30 p.m.**

**Cool Water Café  
Spillway Rd/  
1011 Lake Harbour Dr.  
Ridgeland, MS**

**Sat. May 26  
Away Mission**

**Rainwater Observatory  
French Camp, MS**

**Sat. June 16  
6:30 p.m.**

**Berry Home  
Jackson, MS**



HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

EDITOR'S HAIL



New Editor: Barbara Allen
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This issue contains photos and reports submitted from department heads & others.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO US!

At the R2/R3 Joint Summit, we won First Place Award for our newsletter for 2011.

Congratulations to all the 2011 editors, department heads, and others for their contributions of reports and photos for the year 2011. Keep up the good work!

I would like to tell you about our exciting Away Mission to New Orleans Comic Con - January 28 - 29, 2012 held at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.



Four ladies from our crew attended this fantastic, fun packed weekend in New Orleans: Myself - my daughter, Michelle - Lucy Ferron - Janet Bullock We had great and convenient accommodations at the Hampton Inn across the street from the New Orleans Convention Center. They had a great free breakfast buffet too!



Above: Friday night, Jan. 27 - Left to Right: Janet, Lucy, Michelle & Barbara. We are in the French Quarter eating supper at the French Market Restaurant. The seafood was delicious. We had a great time,

HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

EDITOR'S HAIL *continued*

On Saturday morning we arrived early to register and get inside the con. First thing on the agenda - William Shatner, Captain Kirk himself was there in person! Lucy, Janet and I stood in line awaiting his arrival at his booth for autographing items. Michelle was walking around checking out everything. It was so exciting to see William Shatner autograph my Hallmark ornament of Captain Kirk in the Captain's Chair and actually talk to him! Lucy and Janet got their autographs ahead of me because they had VIP passes! They had an exciting experience with him also. Then they headed off to get in line to have their photo ops with him. At the photo op, Lucy said he told her she was pretty! WOW! That's neat. Janet said she talked to him at her photo op too. What an exciting time that morning!

Michelle and I walked around looking at all the great vendors, artists and media guest booths. I got autographs that day from: Adam Baldwin (from Chuck & Firefly) - very nice and friendly guy. Lou Ferrigno (The Hulk from TV series) - still built like The Hulk, Erin Gray (from Buck Rogers TV show) - very nice, Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca from Star Wars) - got my Hallmark Star Wars Chewbacca ornament autographed, Kevin Sorbo (Hercules TV show) - he still looks great too!

Saturday afternoon we all the exciting pleasure of seeing William Shatner on stage in a Q&A session. We were on the 4<sup>th</sup> row from the stage and had a great view of him. Before he came out on stage we were all entertained to a musical interlude by the band Five Year Mission, as they opened up with a special Star Trek medley and then played their very own Star Trek Music. It was great. They all were dressed in Star Trek uniforms. Check them out on their web site.



HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

EDITOR'S HAIL continued

Later Saturday afternoon, we went to the Mary McDonnell (Battlestar Galactica –newest TV show) Q&A session. Having starred in one the most popular and longest running Sci-fi shows ever on television, she talked about her extensive career, what went on behind-the-scenes of “Battlestar Galactica,” and gave her thoughts on the new generation of sci-fi and fantasy on television. We all enjoyed listening to this beautiful lady and talented actress. I got her autograph on Sunday afternoon.



Saturday Night: While Lucy and Janet went to supper with the USS Corsair’s Commanding Officer, Trisha Tunis and crew members, Michelle & I stayed at the Con to see the Adult Costume Contest judging. It was great fun. There were all kinds of costumes from crazy to outrageous to awesome. Here are some pictures of winners.



There was a Klingon in the finalists!.

## HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

### EDITOR'S HAIL *continued*

Sunday was another busy day for us at Comic Con. More autographs, more photo ops, and shopping at the venders. Lucy and Janet had to head back to Jackson early Sunday afternoon. Michelle and I stayed at the Con until closing. We were just having so much fun! Michelle and I saw the Adman Baldwin Q&A session. He is an awesome guy. Then we went to the Stan Lee Q&A session. He is quite a character - so funny and so full of energy for someone who is 89!

Other star's booths that we saw were: Norman Reedus (Walking Dead TV show) James Marsters (Buffy the Vampire Slayer), Paul McGillion (Stargate SG-1). There were many others also, but just not enough time to see everyone and everything.

You can view a lot more pictures from New Orleans Comic on our Facebook site: USS Haise



**FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR**

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Below: Lucy with Willam Shatner - Captain Kirk - at New Orleans Comic Con - Saturday, January 28, 2012



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activities, what's going on with NASA and the future of manned space exploration, and Stennis Space Center to name a few. The four Haise representatives felt like real "big shots" getting to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with all the state and local officials, Congressmen and Senator, and NASA representatives including two shuttle astronauts. Scott took lots of great pictures you can see on Facebook and hopefully later on our website. The weather was perfect and it couldn't have been a better day and experience. Even though we did not wear uniforms (NASA PR office was freaking out at the prospect), we did wear our Comm badges and a number of people commented (favorably I might add) on them.

The first ever Joint Summit between Regions 2 and 3 was very successful. It was a real pleasure to get to meet and talk to some of the Region 3 folks and find out that they can be just as fun and crazy as our R2 buddies! Dave Blaser, CS of STARFLEET, was in attendance too and did all the usual official duties you'd expect, as well as party nearly all night long with many of us. The USS Haise received a certificate for Perfect Reporting and won First Place in the Newsletter Award category! It was very special to me to be awarded a promotion during Summit and be pinned by



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Jack and Dave. Everyone was impressed with the Delta Shield of course, and the new sign Mark Nichols made and attached for the Summit. We really appreciate his taking the extra time and effort to make it a part of Summit. We must admit though to having “shuttlepod envy” after seeing the USS Corsair’s shuttlepod in person in the lobby! Maybe we should start a shuttlepod naming contest to be prepared if a certain Engineer in Greenville gets inspired to make one for the Haise! I’m sure there are ways we could all contribute to the construction and other aspects of creation.

I have never been more grateful for my dear Haise and STARFLEET friends as I have the last three months. In the last newsletter I mentioned the passing of my Mother on Christmas Day. Little did I know that just weeks later my Grandmother would also leave for her Heavenly Home. Your love and support have kept me going during these difficult times of dealing with not only the grief of two losses but all the legal, financial, and personal issues that must be dealt with when family members pass away, and in this case double of everything at the same time. I appreciate all the thoughts, cards, prayers and hugs more than I can express.

Our busy schedules aren’t slowing down as we have other events coming soon. We have been invited to participate again in the “Total Sci Fi Night “at the M Braves baseball game on April 28. MobiCon in Mobile, Alabama, in May is another opportunity to have a joint mission with chapters in Louisiana and Alabama. We are still on schedule for an away mission to the Rainwater Observatory at French Camp Academy in May as well. And don’t forget to register or contribute to our walk team for the Walk for Multiple Sclerosis on May 5. Hopefully it won’t be too long before we can welcome (and recruit or assimilate) the two teen boys that Tim and Suzanne Stubbs are adopting from the Ukraine. Our First Contact Celebration will be at our next meeting and will again include fireworks! Lots of exciting things are going on and the best way to feel like you are getting your money’s worth from membership is to participate in as many events as you can. We certainly keep the Transporter Room busy as we beam down to “seek out new life and new civilizations.” Let us continue to BOLDLY GO!



Right:  
Lucy accepts  
USS Haise’s  
Newsletter  
Award.



JANUARY MEETING PICTURES

USS HAISE MEETING  
January 21, 2012  
Mazzio's in Richland, MS  
Photos by: Scott Crawford





FEBRUARY MEETING PICTURES

USS HAISE - FEBRUARY 18, 2012  
Home of the Theilmans  
Photos by: Scott Crawford

We enjoyed our Breakfast Supper at Bethany's home. We collected dog and cat food and other needed items for Community Animal Rescue & Adoption, Inc. (CARA) .



MARCH MEETING PICTURES & SOME CARTOONS

Our meeting was held Saturday, March 10, 6:30 pm, at the Corner Bakery in Madison, MS near the Grandview Cinema. Clay reserved the private dining room for us. Several of us went to Grandview Cinema beforehand to see the 4:00 p.m. movie - "John Carter". We enjoyed the movie. We apparently forgot our cameras that night.



Left & Below:  
Photos from Facebook

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.

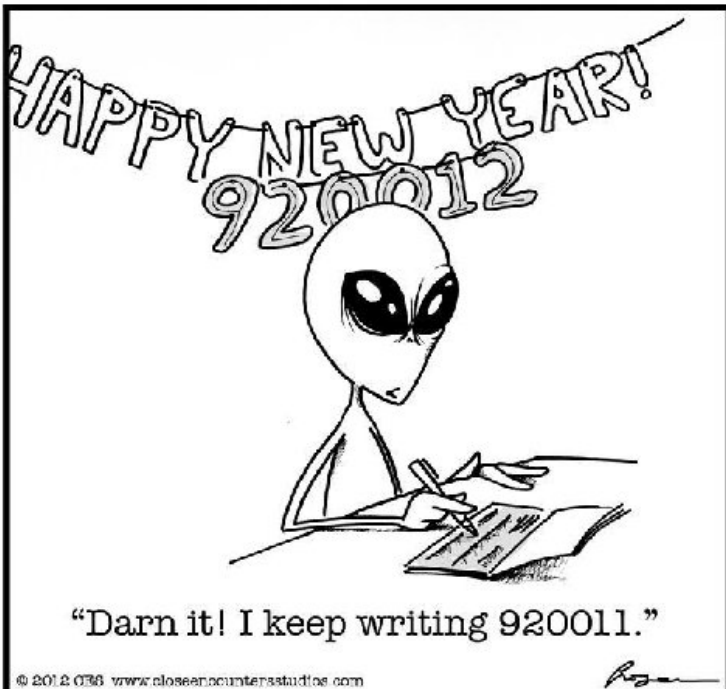


STARBUCKS IN  
STARBUCKS

Your argument is invalid.

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Cute cartoon from Fred Haise



UNEMPLOYMENT

Sucks when your job gets blow'd up.

EVENT PICTURES - TASTE OF THE U - FEB 25



To view more photos from Taste of the U, go to our Facebook Page: USS Haise

EVENT PICTURES - REGION 2 & 3 SUMMIT - MAR. 16-18



EVENT PICTURES - FLOWOOD COMIC CON - MAR 24



EVENT PICTURES - MARCH 31 ROLLER DERBY



INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HAISE

March 5, 2012 -  
I have posted an album of photos on my Face-Book page from my stop at the Infinity Site this past Thursday on my drive back to Houston.



These two photos are of the ISS Laboratory replica that has recently been installed at the far west end of the Infinity Space Gallery. It was transferred from NASA KSC where it was part of an exhibit in the Space Station Processing Facility there. KSC is revamping their ISS exhibit and it became available. It was completely refurbished by the manufacturer in Orlando enroute to delivery at Infinity. As you can see, visitors are able to walk through the interior of the lab and observe pseudo replicas of experiments being studied in space. This is a perfect addition to Infinity that is meant to be a science & engineering learning center and the ISS Lab story is all about science!



INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HLAISE - CONTINUED

Two photos of an F-1 rocket engine that will ultimately be placed under the roof in the outdoor pavilion. Five of these engines were employed in the first stage of the Saturn V rocket to support 10 Lunar Missions. It also was utilized to place Skylab in orbit. Each engine provides 1,500,000 lbs of thrust at sea level and remains the most powerful "single nozzle" liquid fueled rocket engine to have ever been used in service. This particular engine was test fired at Stennis Space Center, but I do not know which of the canceled lunar flights it was schedule to support.





INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HAISE - CONTINUED

Right:

An H-1 rocket engine .... eight of these, each producing 200,000 lbs of thrust, powered the "small" Saturn or SIB. This rocket most notably supported the unmanned flight of the first Lunar Module, all three of the manned flights to Skylab, and the Apollo Soyuv joint mission with Russia.




Left:


A one-tenth scale model of the Saturn V rocket. It has been prepared for re-painting by volunteers from Stennis to eventually be placed along with a similar scale SIB rocket inside of the Infinity Museum. Both rockets had been outside for over a decade at the Stennis Space Center and were badly in need of refurbishment. They will be mounted vertically in the area just outside the exit from the 3-D Immersive theater. The Saturn V will go almost up to the ceiling of the museum.



INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HUISE - CONTINUED

Notes from Fred -

National Aeronautics and Space Administration 



# INFINITY

AT NASA STENNIS SPACE CENTER

*You are cordially invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for INFINITY at NASA Stennis Space Center NASA's newest science center and visitor attraction.*

*Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 11 a.m.*

*Special Guests include:*  
*Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant*  
*Senator Thad Cochran*  
*Congressman Steven Palazzo*  
*Stennis Space Center Director Patrick Scheuermann*  
*Gulfport Mayor George Schloegel*  
*Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise*

*Please R.S.V.P. no later than Monday, April 2 by contacting the NASA Office of External Affairs at (228) 688-3333 or SSC-PAO@mail.nasa.gov.*

*Reception to follow.*

[www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)



THAT LOOK  
That says, 'Are you out of your Vulcan mind'.



This is about as close to a "launch" as I get these days!

## INFINITY CONSTRUCTION FROM FRED HAISE – CONTINUED

**From: sunherald.com**

**Saturday, Mar. 17, 2012**

**T-minus 3 weeks and counting until Infinity's liftoff**

**By MARY PEREZ - [meperez@sunherald.com](mailto:meperez@sunherald.com)**

HANCOCK COUNTY -- The April 11 ribbon-cutting at Infinity Science Center comes 42 years to the day after Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise blasted off for the moon.

An explosion aboard the spaceship changed that mission from landing on the moon to bringing the three astronauts back to Earth alive. It was called NASA's "finest hour."

Hurricane Katrina and the national recession added years to the wait for Infinity and altered the opening mission of the science center. Construction of the 72,000-square-foot science center was completed in the fall. Rather than waiting until several more million dollars are raised to create the world-class exhibits that are planned, the board decided to open "Infinity the Beginning" for travelers on Interstate 10 and for school groups to visit this year.

"In the long run it may be better," said Haise, who was born in Biloxi and serves as a director of Infinity. The late Roy Estes worried Infinity as it is planned might not have enough exhibits to captivate young visitors, he said. Word of the revised opening plans went out across NASA, and exhibits -- some of them never seen by the public -- began arriving in Hancock County.

"People around the agency really came together to help us," said Paul Foerman with NASA public affairs at Stennis Space Center.

Already uncrated are a full-size model of a lab in the International Space Station and a replica of the Orion space capsule, which will fly American astronauts back to the moon and into deep space to asteroids and Mars.

Last week, a team from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., brought an Infinity amazing exhibit.

"It was almost a whole tractor-trailer load," said Jeff Spurgin, lead technician. The Great Nations Dare maze took a week to assemble and is a journey through time and technology. The maze and the time line start with the Phoenicians in the first century A.D. The maze ends with the work of today's rocket scientists a few miles away at Stennis Space Center, where after Infinity visitors can take a bus tour to see where rocket engines are tested and Navy SEALs train.

The only other place the maze has been viewed is at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center at Huntsville. Alyssa Bermea, exhibits operations lead at Marshall Flight Center, designed the maze, which leads visitors past a carved totem pole to a Venetian spice display created by NASA technician Aaron Stanfield. Push a button and the scent of cinnamon, cloves or cardamom is released.

The 50-year story of space travel is told with more pictures and interactive displays. Bermea said there are intentional dead ends along the way to capture the attention of the avid space buffs and the imaginations of kids,

"Infinity is all about inspiring the next generation of explorers," Foerman said.

A personalized experience will await school groups when they visit Infinity. And when they stand before Haise's spacesuit on display, he will tell them by video what it was like for a boy who grew up in Biloxi to soar into space.

Visitors will see how lettuce will be grown on long-duration space flights to Mars. An engine boom box outfitted with heavy-duty speakers will simulate a Stennis engine test. "People can feel the shake, rattle and roar of a rocket test," Foerman said.

"When Infinity opens to the public on April 12, visitors will be able to actually see how astronauts from several countries are currently conducting experiments in space, 200 miles above Earth," said Myron Webb, NASA legislative affairs officer at Stennis and one of the original group that created Infinity. Life onboard is illustrated with Velcro tabs on pencils and tablets, a sleeping bag astronauts zip themselves into to keep from floating, and a fluid-recycling system that shows how "yesterday's coffee is today's drink of water."

The "wow" at Infinity begins outside the building, where artist Marlin Miller is carving an eagle from an oak tree destroyed by Katrina. The sculpture will get its edge from metal wing, talons and tail fashioned out of parts salvaged from the rockets built and tested at Stennis.

Miller has plasma cutters, MIG welders and a vision to create the design. "How it ends up I'm not entirely sure," he said as he worked.

Near the entrance to Infinity will be a fountain with computer-controlled jets choreographed to music and a rocket garden planted with rockets, engines and buoys from Stennis.

Infinity is adjacent to the rest area at Exit 2 of Interstate 10, where thousands of drivers zip by each day unaware of the significance of nearby Stennis Space Center. Stennis Director Patrick Scheuermann said Infinity will be an outreach for Stennis and a layover that will entertain and educate travelers. "Take a rest. Take in what we do," he invites visitors.

What people learn about Stennis at Infinity they can see in person on a 35-minute bus tour of the NASA facility, included in the price of Infinity. A guide aboard the bus will describe what goes on at America's largest rocket-test complex. The bus will pass the production site where the world's only tsunami buoys are built by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the site of all riverine training for the Navy SEALs, facilities that house the world's largest contingent of oceanographers and one of the most powerful supercomputers in the world.

"It's real rocket science," Webb said.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to visit Infinity each year and Tish Williams, director of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, said, "It's an exciting opportunity for the Mississippi Gulf Coast to showcase our best."

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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All hands were on deck for the First Flowood Mini Comic Con held at the Flowood Library this past March. Despite initial thoughts and projections, mini seemed to be the operative word. With a handful of dealers, fewer artists and a guest list consisting of no one, one could easily call this event a complete bust. It wasn't however.

Significant funds were raised for the Make-a-Wish Foundation with special fundraising provided by the USS Haise in the form of posters for a raffle which was held at the end of the convention. There was also great camaraderie between the members of the crew as we marveled at taking over the entire center of the library (for good or ill).

When you are used to running actual Star Trek conventions and attending full blown comic book conventions, it's easy to feel let down at a mini comic con. However, when one considers the fun that can be had from life's simple pleasures, and the joy we will have brought into the lives of dying children through our time, donations, and participation, I'd call this one of the best cons that we've ever been to.

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Sorry that I've missed much of the busiest quarter our ship has ever had with the "Taste of the U", a UMC benefit at the Jackson Medical Mall, Region 2 & 3 Summit in Hammond, LA, the Flowood Library ComicCon, Star Trek: The Third Generation Roller derby, and the Infinity Ribbon Cutting Away Mission. I've just been spread too thin with the kennel club and church that I belong to. I feel like I've missed out on so much.

What I did attend; however, I did enjoy: our January meeting at Mazzio's in Richland for Federation Day, February's breakfast supper at the Thielman's (chocolate chip waffles are the best), and March's movie outing of "John Carter" prior to our monthly meeting at Corner Bakery (where one of the manager's is a Trekkie!) and watched an original series episode of Star Trek on their flat screen. They really have a nice set-up there.

We received a nice "thank you" letter from CARA after I delivered the dog food and accessories we gathered for them. They were very appreciative of our support for their canine tenants.

The **Multiple Sclerosis Walk** is our next charitable work on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Our team *USS Haise Starfleet International* with co-captains Scott Crawford & Cliff Treadaway want to help raise money to end multiple sclerosis. Registration is at 8:00am, walk starts at 9am in Flowood at Winners Circle Park, 100 Winners Circle. Get your friends/family to donate and wear your crew shirts.

See you at the Allen's for our "First Contact Day" celebration on April 21<sup>st</sup> and then again on Saturday, April 28 for "SciFi Night" at Trustmark Park.



DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING



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*Our tent*

Engineering was quite busy making items to use for insertion on a primitive planet recently.

Admiral Theilman and Johann Theilmann spent a lot of time working on a chest, bed, chair and other smaller items for Gulfwars XXI. We arrived and set up our tent and assumed the identity of The Honorable Lady Elisabeth Thielmann and her son Johann.

Also took a class on mortality and longevity statistics in the middle ages. Turns out that on average it wasn't as bad as later in the Victorian industrial England where giving birth in a hospital meant the mother and baby had less chance than in the countryside where midwives had the common sense to wash their hands between patients. Things pretty much the same through history until understanding of bacteria and invention of antibiotics.

*Evan working on his knife*



*Evan's 6.5 foot bed only 3 inches to spare! Cart and Chest*



*Evan the minion pulling cart*

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ENGINEERING - continued



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Oh yeah, it was a war.



The Green Dragon Inn

and its outbuildings

While there, I improved my retro-engineering skills by learned how to repair a spinning wheel so it worked without the modern attachments it came with, took classes in woodworking , jewelry making, clothing making, weaving, period pigments (mostly toxic), and I taught two illumination classes.

Cadet Evan spent all week making shoes, a knife and still found time for blacksmithing to make nails. As well as staying out all hours dancing and playing games with the other teens in our camp.

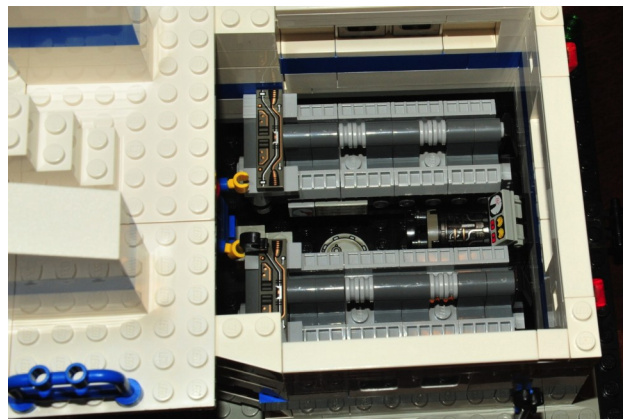
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SCIENCES -



**Commander  
Scott M. Crawford  
Chief Science Officer**

**Nichol's LEGO Tug:** After watching Captain of Engineering Mark Nichol's Company building his river tugs on FACEBOOK, I got the idea to build one of my own for next year's LEGO JACKSON exhibit. Okay, it's not exactly something one would see in Jackson per se, but it is so very "Mississippi" to see river tugs. Besides, once I get an idea in my head, and it looks like a challenge, I can't get rid of it until I've made it happen, somehow. Authenticity is the goal when I build a LEGO model, so getting the boat right required printing out actual pictures of Nichol's tug boats and keeping them close at hand during the building process. The interior details include a pilot house, galley, and engine room:



**Taste of the University:** We were invited by the University of Mississippi Medical Center's University Physicians Billing Department to help with their yearly fundraiser. The UP staff, led by Karen and Chris Marble, and USS HAISE teamed up to create a "Quark's Bar" motif and in my humble opinion, the effort paid off! It was an impressive set. They even created details such as the menu in Klingonese! Everyone had a great time. (See next page for photos)

I've also been working on an extremely ambitious project, Bailey Middle School, but it remains a work in progress.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

SCIENCES - continued



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Photos by Scott Crawford at Taste of the U.





DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

SCIENCES - continued



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**The ART OF LIFE 2012:** Living Independence for Everyone's mission is to help people with disabilities live as independently as they can and want to be. They purchase needed equipment, modify homes with ramps and accessible bathrooms, and provide necessary support to individuals who want to move from nursing homes into the community. This fundraising event features artists with disabilities donating some of their work

to raise money for LIFE. Dr. Christy Dunaway, the director, asked me to put together a poster of LEGO Jackson to sell.



(WJTV Reporter Melanie Christopher hosted the event.)



Left: is a photo mosaic of 100 images painstakingly cropped and assembled over the course of a week. There are a few still available for \$20. You can call LIFE of Mississippi at 601-969-4009.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

SCIENCES - continued



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**“STAR TRAK” Night with the Magnolia Roller Vixens (Roller Derby):**

Always looking for new ways to have a good time, the USS HAISE crew made an appearance at the Magnolia Roller Vixen Match against the Capital Defenders from Baton Rouge, LA. It was a blast seeing the combination of good-sportsmanship and “Girl Power”! One could easily tell the ladies were having a great time out on the track and the crowd was both large and enthusiastic. Thanks to all the Roller Vixens for inviting us...we’ll be back!

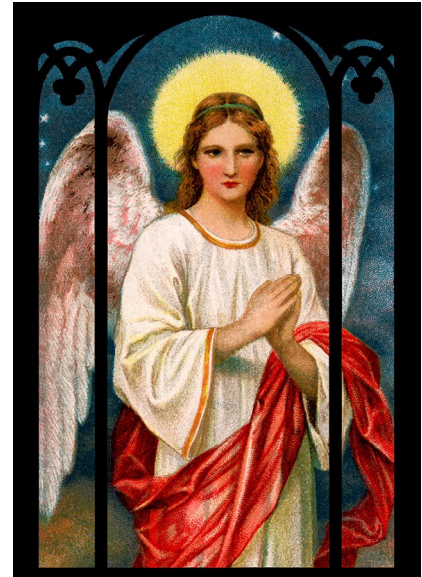


## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## SCIENCES - continued



**Commander  
Scott M. Crawford  
Chief Science Officer**



## In Honor of Powell Calhoun and Donna Williams

The next time someone refers to a sidewalk as a too-expensive “amenity,” think about Powell Calhoun and Donna Williams. They were hit by a car as they walked and rolled along a frontage road in Jackson, Mississippi two weeks ago. Ms. Williams uses a wheelchair and Powell helped push her around the streets of Jackson. He died at the scene; she died a few days later of her injuries. The deaths were all the more painful because three years ago, another man using a wheelchair was killed in Jackson as he traveled in the breakdown lane of another road without an accessible sidewalk.

Dr. Scott Crawford, a longtime supporter of Complete Streets and a member of Jackson’s ADA advisory council, was friends with Ms. Williams. He blames a failure to enforce the ADA for the deaths. “Many may wonder: “Why were they in the street with a wheelchair?” says Crawford. “The answer is simple. Our society hasn’t yet decided to build and maintain roadways that are safe for ALL its users, including vulnerable ones like bicyclists and pedestrians, and especially those with disabilities.” Dr. Crawford says Williams had spoken to ADA Council members about the need for ADA compliance, and the fact that when she encountered a road without a sidewalk, she didn’t have the option of walking in the grass.

The man driving the car that has not yet been charged, and police made a sympathetic comment that the couple may have been in his ‘blind spot; an attitude that recalls the case of Raquel Nelson in Georgia. From our perspective, even more glaring is the fact that the public right of way had no safe place for Calhoun and Williams to travel. I’d guess that right now hundreds of people who use wheelchairs are out in the street across the United States, because there is no sidewalk, an obstructed sidewalk, or no curb ramp between their home and their destination.

At this point in my blog post, I could quote statistics about pedestrian deaths from *Dangerous by Design*. But right now, I’m not thinking about statistics. I’m thinking about Powell Calhoun and his partner, Donna Williams, and their friends and families. Let’s build Complete Streets for them.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### MEDICAL



**Lt. Commander  
Janet Bullock  
Chief Medical Officer**



The USS Haise and Mississippi, in general, were well represented at our first Joint Region 2 and 3 Summit in Hammond, Louisiana this past March. Along with our fearless Commodore Lucy (who is now our fearless REAR ADMIRAL Lucy), Captain Mark Nichols and I, your humble CMO, traversed the 150 or so miles down I-55 to begin our weekend-long adventure in Cajun country!!

When we arrived at the Hotel that served as home-base for the Summit, we were greeted by the Shuttle belonging to the our friends from Baton Rouge. It was a perfect replica of a TOS shuttle, and was very well done by Trisha Tunis and her group. Of course, not to be outdone, the USS Haise brought along our own Delta Shield with a special plaque attached commemorating the first JOINT Summit between our two Regions in Starfleet. Thanks to our own Captain Mark, the Delta Shield was very well-received, and several folks took advantage of the photo op!

Friday night, the Admiral's Dinner was enjoyed by all at the famous Middendorf's Seafood Restaurant on the Bayou at Manchac, LA. about 15-20 minutes down I-55 from home base. Jim Brunton, our stalwart USS Okatoma commander, feasted on the biggest flounder I have ever laid my eyes upon!! He gnawed it to the BONE, too!! The rest of us feasted and feasted, catching up with old friends and new acquaintances, until we couldn't feast anymore. The shrimp, oysters, catfish, and turtle soup just kept coming!! NO ONE went back to home base empty. STUFFED would be a more appropriate description. It was the perfect way to begin what would prove to be the most enjoyable Summit this year (so far...).

Saturday morning started off with the Opening Ceremonies, where the joint Region 2 and 3 Marines did a very fine job of presenting the Colors. Then came the preliminary awards and promotions. Did I mention that our commander is now a REAR ADMIRAL!!!! We were all very proud of our Lucy Ferron. We all felt it was well deserved!!! Those Admiral bars look pretty good on her, too!

The role-call of all the fleet members was exceptional this year. Both Regions are growing in size, and it just goes to show how great our Regions are within Starfleet.

The rest of Saturday was full of shopping (Moogie's Store was exceptional, as usual!), various panels, and just visiting with like-minded folks in general. I attended the panel on how to write award nominations presented by our own Lucy! It was very informative, and I will definitely be hanging on to the outline for future reference. Who knows who might be placed in nomination for future awards!

Our own Tim Stubbs joined us for part of Saturday, and when the Region 2 Staff meeting ended, the USS Haise crewmembers "snuck" across the street from the hotel to enjoy a delicious seafood lunch so we could de-brief. We had a blast, and the food over there was even BETTER than at Middendorfs (if possible!) We said our "goodbyes" to Tim, as he had to beam back to Jackson, and the rest of us headed back to home base for the rest of the afternoon's fun.

The annual PIE TOSS was exceptional this year. One of the Region 3 folks got the bright idea of adding a little chocolate pudding into the usual mix of whipped cream! Since the event raised over \$1200 alone for the Summit charity, I feel sure that our leaders, Reed, Jack, and Dave, didn't mind the little addition to the pies. (Next time you see Jack, ask him about the clean-up!! Hilarious story!!)

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The Awards Banquet Saturday night is always the highlight of the weekend for me! Everyone is dressed up in their finest Starfleet uniforms and all the accoutrements! I was impressed this year by the Final Mission presentation, where all those Starfleet members from the Region who were lost the past year are remembered. It was a really beautiful ceremony, and the Marines did an outstanding job!

Of course, the USS Haise won the award for Best Newsletter of the Year for the second year in a row. Congratulations must go to Barbara for the absolutely fabulous job she has done. Cudos to Lucy, also, for the job she did on keeping the newsletter going until we found Barbara. We certainly do have some talented people in our group!!

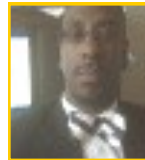
After the "party" was over, the real "Party" began! A stalwart group of Fleeters always get together on Saturday night to sit around and share funny stories and anecdotes into the wee hours of the AM. There are always lots of snacks to chew on (if anyone still has room after the fabulous banquet dinner!) and the Romulan Ale flows freely. But, alas, I can not tell more because, you see, "what happens at Summit, STAYS at Summit!!!"

By Sunday morning closing ceremonies, everyone has had such an enjoyable weekend that it is hard to say good bye! The charity for this year's Joint Summit, Our Daily Bread, a local food bank, received a check for well over \$3000! The representative was simply overjoyed, and it really makes you feel proud to be a part of such a great organization as Starfleet, where the ideals that Gene Roddenberry tried to instill in each of the Star Trek franchises continues to live on and be lived out!!

If you ever, EVER get the chance to attend Summit, you will not be disappointed! It is a time to reconnect with old buddies, and a chance to make some lasting friendships with new ones. I am very excited about the upcoming IC in Memphis because I have heard that it is like our Summit, only on a much grander INTERNATIONAL scale!! I can hardly wait!



SECURITY



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**MORE NEWS - UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS**



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AWAY MISSION - April 11 - Infinity Science Center Ribbon Cutting  
NASA Stennis Space Center, Bay St. Louis, MS**

This year, Cliff Treadaway and Scott Crawford will co-captain a **MS WALK Team** (USS HAISE STAR-FLEET INTERNATIONAL) to raise money to end multiple sclerosis. We'd love to have all the crew out on May 5th.

**NEW LOCATION:**

**Date: May 5th, 2012, CHECK IN BEGINS AT 8 AM - WALK BEGINS AT 9 AM**

**Location: Winners Circle Park, 100 Winners Circle, Flowood, MS**

**Event Manager Name: Mandi Easterling**

**Email: [mandi.easterling@nmss.org](mailto:mandi.easterling@nmss.org)**

**For more information call: 601-856-5831**

**Here is the link to join our team:**

**[http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/ALCWalkEvents?team\\_id=283121&pg=team&fr\\_id=18230](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/ALCWalkEvents?team_id=283121&pg=team&fr_id=18230)**

**Click on the words "[Join Team](#)" near the bottom of the page under the event description.**

**Fill out the required information, and you're done. Then get your friends/family to click on our team link and donate online using a secure connection. It's really quick and easy.**

**Thank you so much for volunteering to help. It will be a lot of fun.**

**AWAY MISSION - Saturday, May 26  
Rainwater Observatory & Planetarium  
French Camp, MS**

