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### Message from the CO - Rear Admiral Ryan Case

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Greetings Crew!

I hope this quarter's newsletter finds you well. The last three months were an absolute nightmare for me time/planning-wise. It seemed like every time I looked up, something else was vying for my time. So much so that I've already missed my first meeting as CO... sad times. As far as *what* I was doing, here's my rundown:

In April, I had to take a trip with Chase to Georgia to go and meet with the USS DaVinci for their anniversary meeting and to pick up donations from the ship to the Region 2 store. 11 hours in a car is not something I ever recommend when there's not Disney at the other end of it...

We had an incredibly successful MS Walk, the next weekend, raising the highest amount our group has EVER raised for the event - \$4180. Thank you all SO much, for this event alone I'd be proud to be a part of this group. I say we try and top it, again, next year!





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To memorialize my mess up at the April meeting, yes, I locked us out of the building for a solid half hour of setup time, LOL. Digital locks are my kryptonite, it would seem. It was fun to be able to host everyone in the community center again and be able to give out promotions and the like to everyone, despite my lapse in memory that day.

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Movie night to go and see Avengers: Endgame was great - that was one of the best turnouts we've had for a movie in my memory... probably speaks volumes for how well Marvel built up that entire universe/story.

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To begin the meeting shuffle-up, we had to move our meeting to the home of the Keenan's and were able to fill up my trunk with donations to Gateway Rescue Mission, you guys really are incredible.

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The following weekend was the Region 2 Summit - I'll have more to say on the dedicated page for the event, but suffice it to say, the ship did quite well and the Region walked away having donated \$350 to the local food bank.

Two short weeks after that, Ann and I got a vacation. an 11 day vacation to Italy, that is. Our trip took us through the areas of (in order) Milan, Arona, Verona, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Rome, the Vatican City, Pompeii, Sorrento, and Capri. I can't explain to you all how exciting it was to be in another country and get to see history all around. We don't have anything here that compares - and as an engineer, certain things just blew my mind: red and green marble, domes constructed thousands of years ago, doors constructed prior to the written word, it's so incredible. If you ever get an opportunity - go. Unfortunately, while we were in Italy, we had our meeting. I hated to miss it but I'm sure you can't blame me/us.







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Two weeks after that was the Mississippi Comic Con - obviously, I wasn't in attendance for that either, but allow me to explain why: My brother's birthday is June 29th (the weekend of the event) and I planned up with him to take a trip after I messaged the Con Director about us getting a fan booth and hearing nothing back for 6 months. After having made all of the plans, getting the hotel room, and registering for an event with my brother... I was contacted about our fan booth.

That's how my life goes sometimes... welcome. For my brother's birthday, we attended a major Magic: The Gathering event in Dallas, TX where we went and played and I got meet one of my favorite professional players, Reid Duke. (pictured to the right)

Despite all that, Ann, Bethany, Castlen, Scott, Linda, and Jason were able to man our booth and we received contact information for 46 individuals! I'm certainly hoping that at least some of those folks come give us a look in the coming months.

Well, that about wraps up my crazy last three months. IC is coming up in August in St Louis, so that should be... interesting. I'll be providing a better RC report next quarter and let you all know what in the world is going on at the organizational level.

Until then - On and Ever Upward!





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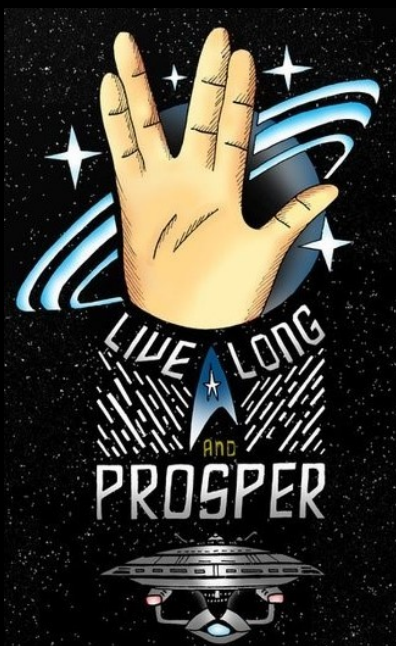
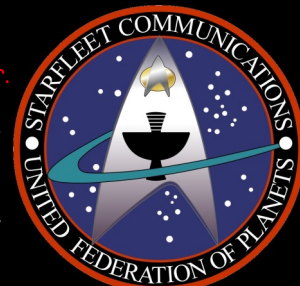
### Message from Chief of Communications - Lt. Commander Barbara Allen



Special "Thank You" to CO Ryan Case for his awesome help with the newsletter.

At Region 2 Summit in May, the USS Haise newsletter received the 1st Place Award for Region 2 Newsletter.

Congratulations to everyone who helps put together our quarterly newsletter - THE COMMLINK. As your editor, I am so very proud of the USS Haise Department Heads for their articles and pictures, crew members submitting pictures from meetings and various events. Your hard work made this possible! I feel very honored to serve as your Editor-in-Chief! Keep up the good work!





## Message from Chief of Communications - Lt. Commander Barbara Allen - cont'd

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**SPECIAL INVITATION FROM LUCY FERRON FRANCK to the USS HAISE**

To: The Officers and Crew of  
Region 3 Vessels and Guests

From: Vice Admiral Lucy Ferron Franck

Date: June 5, 2019

Subject: STARFLEET Region 3 Day at  
Space Center Houston



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This year the world celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of man's first steps on the moon! What better way to celebrate than a trip to Space Center Houston, Johnson Space Center and Mission Control! There will be special exhibits on display to celebrate this milestone in mankind's history. Mission Control has been restored to again reflect the way it looked during the Apollo 11 mission. It is possible Space X may have a rocket on display by September as well. Hosted by the USS Zavala, the Region 3 Starfleet Day at Space Center Houston will be extra special this year. Start making your plans to be part of the celebration by joining us on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

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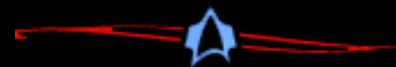
The Region will do a pre-paid advance group ticket purchase to reduce your cost to attend. With fees included, your total is \$18 per ticket (regardless of age). This requires a minimum 15 ticket purchase so please get your payment submitted by the deadline. Purchase your tickets by going to [qm.region3.org](http://qm.region3.org). Payment **MUST** be received no later than Tuesday, September 3, 2019. There are no refunds for this type of advance group sale purchase.

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Following our day at Space Center Houston, we will convene for supper at 6:00 pm (we know you'll be starving by then after the day of activity) at Victor's American Diner and Deli, 1425 NASA Parkway (literally next door to SCH).

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Space Center Houston opens for visitors at 10:00 am. Parking is \$5.00 after 9:00 am. We will gather in the parking lot prior to opening to distribute tickets at 9:30 am. We will convene at precisely 10:30 am for a group photo inside. Dress casually for your busy day at SCH (Region or chapter shirts or any Star Trek themed shirt) and bring your uniform to change into for supper (another group photo op).





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### Message from Chief of Communications - Lt. Commander Barbara Allen - cont'd

The designated motel for this event is the Days Inn & Suites, 201 N. Texas Ave., Webster, TX 77598. They have offered us a discounted rate of \$74.99 for a Single King and \$84.99 for Double Queen beds (plus taxes and fees). Please call the motel directly at 281-724-4672 to make reservations. The group code is Starfleet Region 3. There are more Double rooms on the second floor, but be aware there is no elevator. They do have handicapped accessible rooms on the first floor. The Days Inn has recently undergone a complete renovation. It offers free breakfast, a mini-fridge and microwave in each room, an indoor pool (bring your suit!), and free WIFI. You can cancel as late as 24 hours in advance without being charged. Check in is 3:00 pm with checkout at 11:00 am. The special rate is available to us for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

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There are other near-by options in case you have points you can use for a free or reduced room, or you prefer something a little more up-scale. Nearby are Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and SpringHill Suites/Marriott.

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We look forward to hosting you for Region 3 Day at Space Center Houston. If you need assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact me at [franck.lucyferron@yahoo.com](mailto:franck.lucyferron@yahoo.com), or Jeremy Carsten at [rc@region3.org](mailto:rc@region3.org). Celebrate the moon landing together on September 14!

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Saturday, April 20, 2019 the USS Haise celebrated its 24th Anniversary, Awards, and Monthly Meeting with a southern food style banquet held at 6:30 pm at the Greenfield Community Center/next to Monterey Fire Station, 3954 HWY 468, Pearl, Mississippi 39208

We had a great turn out for this wonderful celebration event.

Our door prize was won by Bethany Theilman. WOW! This was made by CO Ryan Case's mother! We all want one now! So awesome!

Promotions were given out by CO Ryan Case.

Clarence Winter was promoted to Lt. Junior Grade

Castlen King was promoted to CPO

Congratulations to everyone promoted!

Ryan announced that the new metal podium he was using tonight was made and donated by crew member Mark Nichols! Great looking item! Many thanks to Mark Nichols!

The Star Trek Episode we watched tonight was TOS: The Menagerie, E1



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2018 USS Haise Chapter Awards were given to:

Cadet of the Year - Clark Yelverton

Enlisted Member of the Year - Castlen King

Officer of the Year - Ann Case

Flag Officer of the Year - John Yelverton

These award winners will also be considered in the Region 2 Summit Awards.

Congratulations For a Job Well Done!





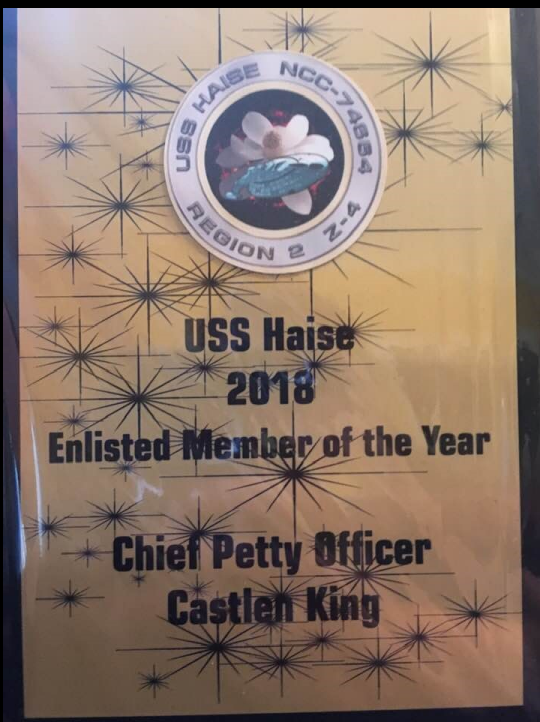
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Castlen King was not able to attend the banquet meeting due to a prior commitment. She will receive her award at a later date.

Congratulations!

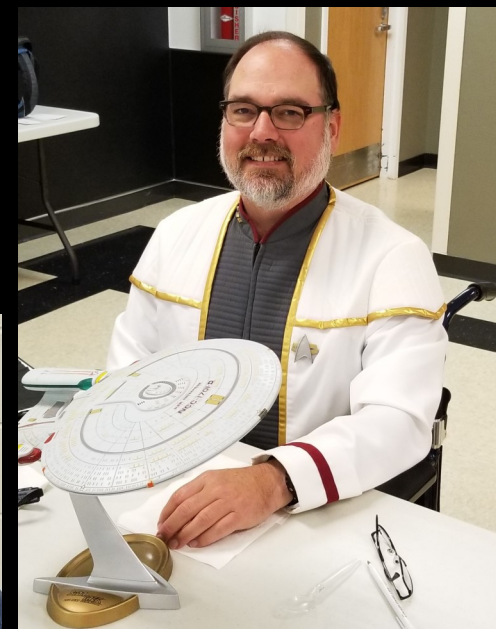




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The USS Haise May 18, 2019, was held at the Keenan's home at 6:30 pm. We had a sandwich bar theme. Joe supplied the bread. The ship supplied drinks and dinnerware. Everyone brought the remaining items needed from the food list. Our altruistic project was collecting donations at this meeting for Gateway Rescue Mission in Jackson, Mississippi.

We watched TOS - The Menagerie Part 2 after the meeting. Door prizes were won by Ann Case & Clarence Winter.



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Congratulations!  
To Chief Petty  
Officer  
Castlen King  
Awarded  
USS Haise 2018  
Enlisted Member  
Of The Year





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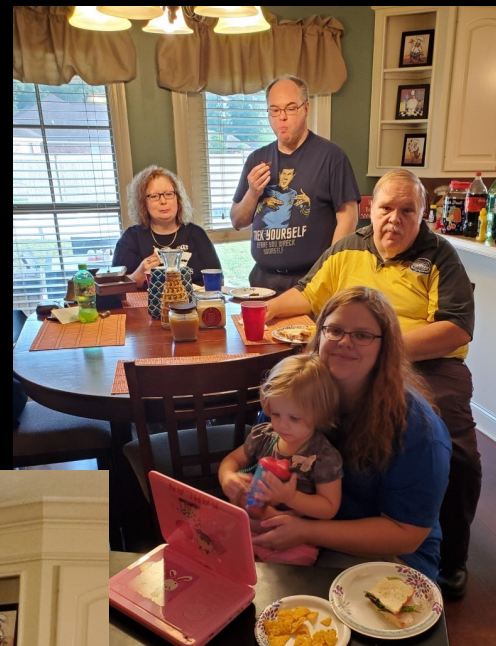


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Why Donate? Because Gateway Rescue Mission meets real human need. We practice what Jesus preached by offering the hungry something to eat and the thirsty something to drink. Offering a hot meal to a hungry person is a simple, yet profound way to offer the love of Jesus. We don't just talk about what we ought to do as Christians, we do it.



# JUNE MEETING/PICTURES

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Saturday, June 15, 2019 - 6:30 pm meeting was held at Los Cazadores Mexican Restaurant, 2855 Highway 49 South, Florence, Mississippi 39073. There we 10 crew members in attendance. XO Captain Joe Keenan was leading our meeting tonight since our CO Rear Admiral Ryan Case was out of town. Door prizes were won by Bill Downes & Clarence Winter.

Joe Keenan reminded us to go online to sign up for volunteer work at the USS Haise Fan Booth at the Mississippi Comic Con June 29 & 30.

After the meeting we watched Star Trek: Voyager—Jetrel

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Love the Mexican Talavera Iguanas and Frog hanging on the walls in the restaurant!

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# walk MS

Saturday, April 13, 2019

The MS Walk was held at Trustmark Park Stadium in Pearl, Mississippi

USS Haise crew members volunteered and donated to this wonderful cause!

One of our crew members, Scott Crawford, has MS and was our team leader.

Our combined Team total was \$4,180, a new team record!

Great job y'all!



## Walk MS: Jackson 2019

We're taking a step towards a world free of MS.

The USS HAISE, Jackson's Chapter of Starfleet International (the Official Star Trek Fan Club), formed a team for Walk MS because we want to help the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fund research, advocate for change, and help people with MS live their best lives. We believe in this cause. Can we count on your support?

Walk MS is a day that brings friends, families, and coworkers together to embrace an important cause. Join us and participate together to make a powerful statement and to keep moving toward a cure. Each step we take brings us closer to a world free of MS.





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# MOVIE NIGHT

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Tuesday, April 30  
USS Haise Movie  
Theater Night  
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Theater,  
Flowood, Mississippi

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This fun group enjoyed seeing AVENGERS: END-GAME



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Reported By - Regional Coordinator & USS Haise Commanding Officer Rear Admiral Ryan Case

The Region 2 Summit was held alongside the USS Republic's convention, TrekLanta on Memorial Day weekend. The guests in attendance were Aron Eisenberg, Bill Blair, and Nichole McAuley. The Commander of Starfleet was also in attendance to help me give out several Region commendations, a few promotions, and our annual Region Awards.

The R2 award winners were (**USS Haise winners in red**):

Ship of the Year - USS DaVinci

**CO of the Year - John Yelverton, USS Haise**

Flag Officer of the Year - Richard Trulson, USS Wernher von Braun

**Officer of the Year - Ann Case, USS Haise**

Enlisted Member of the Year - Bill DeBarr, USS Hephaestus

**Junior Member of the Year - Clark Yelverton, USS Haise**

**Recruiter Award - USS Haise**

Social Activity of the Year - USS Wernher von Braun

**Social Media Award - Scott Crawford, USS Haise**

Newsletter Awards:

**1st place - The Commlink, USS Haise**

2nd place - The Arrow, USS Longbow

3rd place - The Anvil, USS Hephaestus

Website Awards:

1st place - USS Wernher von Braun

2nd place - USS Republic

**3rd place - USS Haise**





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SUMMIT AWARDS





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Moogie's Store (the Region store run by Haise member, Ann Case) and the charity auction were able to raise \$350 for a Region donation to the local Food Pantry.

RC/CO notes: Some of the planning of this event was a headache. Ann was never truly able to leave the store and had Kahlan in tow the entire time, I felt bad for her, but I was also indisposed - I had been added as a presenter to every panel for the entirety of the weekend. That being said, there were no true disasters at the event, and everyone genuinely had a good time. Prices were a bit higher than the Region is generally acclimated to, but that was expected and planned for, accordingly.

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Next year's Summit location was announced to be at the USS Neptune's CoastCon, which will be in Biloxi, MS on March 6-8, 2020. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

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Above Left:

Mark E. Nichols' Delta Shield is a work of art! — with Jason Young, Mark E. Nichols and Ann Mize Case at Comic Con Mississippi. Thanks so much Mark for bringing the Delta Shield down from Greenville! We have been missing you so much!







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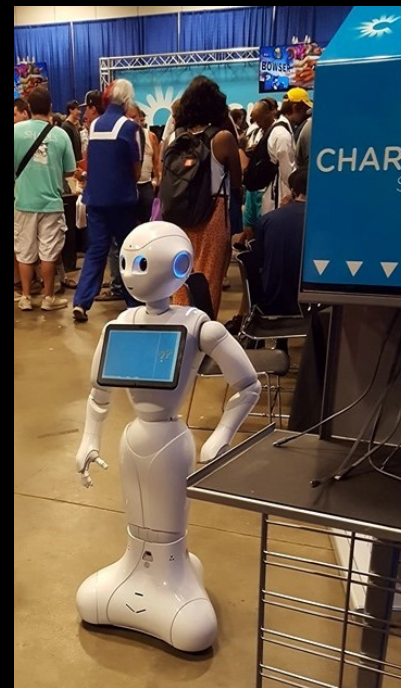
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Thanks so much to Fred Haise for sending me these pictures showing some of his activities during this quarter. - your editor

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At Space Center Houston with Gene Kranz and Ed Findell for a talk to a teacher group.



Explorer's Club event in NYC

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The list of celebrated NASA alumni includes:

As the 50th anniversary (July 20) of historic Apollo 11 lunar landing fast approaches, The Explorers Club's 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner hosted all remaining Apollo astronauts and engineers who made the once unimaginable moon-landing a reality.

- Buzz Aldrin, Apollo 11 Astronaut
- Michael Collins, Apollo 11 Astronaut
- Walt Cunningham, Apollo 7 Astronaut
- Charlie Duke, Apollo 16 Astronaut
- Fred Haise, Apollo 13 Engineer
- Harrison Schmitt, Apollo 17 Astronaut
- Rusty Schweickart, Apollo 9 Astronaut
- Tom Stafford, Apollo 10 Astronaut

The Apollo team joined over 1,500 of the world's greatest explorers, scientists and researchers at the annual dinner, taking place at Marriott Marquis on Times Square, New York, on Saturday, March 16, 2019.



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Above:

At Apollo 10 Anniversary event - Stafford Air Museum, Weatherford, OK

... current NASA Administrator is on right in sitting

VIPs of the evening - Back Row L to R: John Herrington, Fred Haise, Jack Lousma, Joe Engle, Al Worden, Charlie Duke. Front Row L to R: Dave Scott, Rusty Schweickart, Walt Cunningham, Tom Stafford, Jim Bridenstine



Below:

Fred is putting finishing touches on painting the Saturn V first stage at Infinity Science Center. He along with volunteers from Colorful Communities helped with the painting project.



## Message from XO - Captain Joe Keenan

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Spring and going into Summer has been very active for Star Trek in general and the USS Haise! We have done so many exciting things and we are only about halfway through the year! It continues to be my honor and privilege to help lead such an amazing crew - you all make my job so easy! I am personally very excited about the new Star Trek Picard series and can't wait for it to come out. I have also recently been re-watching Voyager and DS9 - two excellent series! Below is a great article I found on Star Trek Trivia. Some of these I knew but quite a few were a surprise! Here's looking onward to a great summer and fall!



### 10 Things You Probably Didn't Know About 'Star Trek'

Nicole Weaver

September 27, 2017

*Star Trek* is one of the best-known sci-fi franchises ever created with a long and fascinating history. That being said, there are many unusual facts about the show that even longtime fans may not be aware of. So what are some things you don't know about *Star Trek* other than the fact that red shirts are almost always as good as dead? Here are 10 facts about the franchise that just might surprise even the biggest Trekkie.

#### 1. Spock and Uhura were supposed to have the first interracial kiss on U.S. television

The series will forever go down in history for having the first interracial kiss on American television in 1968. The kiss was between Captain Kirk and Lt. Uhura, but originally the kiss was supposed to be with Spock! But once William Shatner got a whiff that history was going to be made without him, he immediately got it changed.

"Bill Shatner saw what was going on," Nichelle Nichols said, according to Blastr, "and he said, 'Woah, woah, woah. If anybody is going to get to kiss Lieutenant Uhura it's going to be me.' And he had the whole thing changed so the first interracial kiss was with Lieutenant Uhura and Captain Kirk." After that it seemed like he was really nervous and wanted to make the scene perfect.

"Bill wanted to rehearse all the time," continued Nichols. "He said he wanted to get this right! I said to him, 'It's right, it's right. I promise you, it's right.' And the camera was shaking and the director was laughing his head off. We really had a good time."





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## 2. Spock's skin was originally going to be red

In the original television series the iconic character could have looked a lot different. Gene Roddenberry pictured Spock with not only high eyebrows and tapered ears, but also red skin, according to Trek FM. This plan however fell through after screen tests showed that the red came off as jet black with the black and white television. They then made the switch to yellow, which came off as green on the screen.

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3. Eddie Murphy turned down a *Star Trek* role

The comedian has a long list of awesome projects under his belt. But that list is missing one huge one because he turned it down! According to *I Am Spock*, Paramount offered Murphy a contract to star in a *Star Trek* movie after his success on *Saturday Night Live*. Murphy was open about wanting to be a part of the franchise so multiple scripts were drafted, but he wasn't impressed with what they came up with. He instead starred in *The Golden Child*, and the writers switched the movie's tone to be more serious and wrote *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*.

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4. Stephen Hawking is the only person to play himself on *Star Trek*

The appearance happens in the episode, "Descent" where Data, Albert Einstein, Sir Isaac Newton, and Stephen Hawking are playing poker. Hawking is pretty much the jokester while Newton is a total buzz kill. You can find out who wins the game by watch the interesting scene on YouTube.

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## 5. William Shatner has never watched the series

It's not that uncommon for actors to not watch their own work. But this could be very heartbreaking to devoted Trekkies. The star of the hit show hasn't bothered to watch one episode of his work. "I never watched *Star Trek*," the actor said in an interview. "I have not even seen any of the *Star Trek* movies. I don't watch myself. When I direct and have to look at filmed scenes of myself, I suck."

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## 6. Gay story lines were reportedly blocked

The sci-fi show repeatedly pushed the envelope on society's prejudices because the show is supposed to take place in a utopia. However one thing they dropped the ball on was featuring gay characters. This however wasn't because there wasn't a demand. Fans did ask for these characters. But executive producer Rick Berman reportedly blocked these stories after they were pitched by writers.



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"Berman was ultimately responsible for killing almost every pitch for gay characters," claimed openly gay writer Andy Mangels, according to *Logo*, "And in interviews, was mealy-mouthed and waffling about the need for GLBT representation. At the very least, he was gutless and didn't care about GLBT representation. From the information and evidence I've seen, heard, and read, I believe that Berman is the reason we never saw gays on *Star Trek* I shed no tears that he's gone, except that he did his best to ruin the franchise on his way out."

## 7. Zachary Quinto couldn't do the Vulcan salute

Everyone knows the iconic Vulcan salute, but the latest actor to take on the role just couldn't really nail it without some tricks. "Zach could do the salute some of the time," an insider said according to Daily Mail, "but only after he'd positioned his fingers the right way off-camera. In some scenes he has to do the salute while speaking his lines so they ended up using skin-protective superglue, like they use in hospitals, to stick his fingers together. It was the only way they could make it work."

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## 8. James Doohan (Scotty) created the Klingon language.

The show is notorious for creating an entire language for its fictional Klingon alien species. How this came about was Doohan made the grammar and vocabulary for the language. They then brought in a linguist Mark Okrand to finish up the language.

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"I started by looking at *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*, because that's where Klingon was actually first spoken," Okrand told StarTrek.com. "There are perhaps a half dozen lines in Klingon with subtitles at the beginning of the film. I wrote down those lines as best I could, made a list of the sounds in the words and figured out what a legitimate syllable was. That was the beginning." He then explained, "When I met Mark Lenard, the actor who spoke them in that film, he told me that they were devised by James Doohan. So James Doohan actually originated Klingon. I came along and fleshed it out."

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## 9. There was a disagreement on set about Vulcans and chest hair.

When you create a whole species, you might want to give them specific attributes. Gene Roddenberry decided Vulcans don't have chest hair so actors would have to manscape. This however was against what was in style at the time so Lawrence Montaigne put up a fight when he got the role for Stonn.

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"They told me to shave my chest, that Vulcans didn't have chest hair," he explained, according to Trek Today. "Well, this Vulcan has chest hair. So they called Roddenberry. Gene was a big man, a former cop. He talked down to you, like he was about to give you a citation. But I still refused, so they called my agent. They worked it out, but by then everyone hates me and Gene won't talk to me."



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10. Leonard Nimoy created the Vulcan pinch and salute,

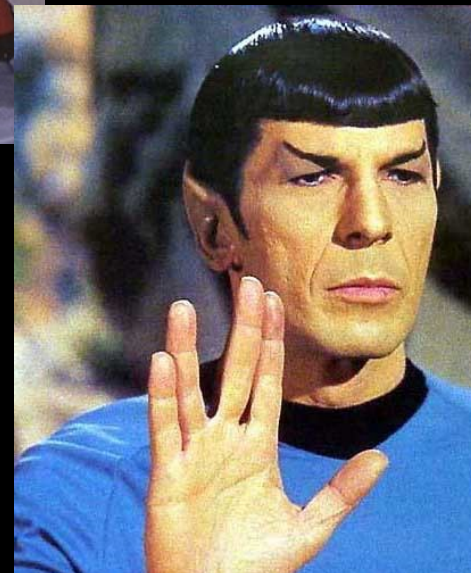
Not only was the actor the first to bring this character to pop culture, but he also created some of the most iconic aspects of Spock. "The episode was 'The Enemy Within.' Kirk was split into two personalities and his evil side was attempting to kill his good side," Nimoy told *Star Trek*. "Spock was supposed to sneak up behind the bad guy and hit him on the back of the head with a phaser ... Not very Vulcan. So, I invented the nerve pinch. The mind meld was a Gene Roddenberry creation, and I added the Vulcan hand salute from my own background."

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### Message from Chief of Operations - Lt. Commander Clay Bartunek

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Thanks to all who participated or donated to Walk MS on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Trustmark Park in Pearl, Mississippi. Our team exceeded last year's donation and this year's goal. Teams like us are a powerful force in changing the lives of everyone affected by multiple sclerosis. The National MS Society provides more programs and services than any other MS organization in the world. Your participation and generosity advances the Society's efforts to free the world of multiple sclerosis. Good job Haise!



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On a sad note though April started out with a bummer for me. I had to put down my 14 some year old Italian Greyhound, Tanner. He was a rescue from a kill shelter in Jackson at 11 months old. Our Dachshund kept going through the house, searching for her 14 year companion for over 3 weeks after Tanner left us. But I look at it this way: we saved his life at 11 months and gave him a loving home for 14 years. We miss him, but I wouldn't change anything for the world. Canines are my favorite species.



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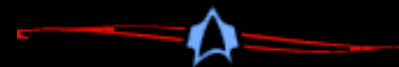
Then Craig had major knee surgery on the 16<sup>th</sup> with over 12 weeks recovery! I've spent these three months waiting on Craig & my mom. I'm O.K. with it (taking care of my family), but it can sure get tiring. I will finally get a break at the end of June as you will soon see.

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Then (it always comes in threes), on the 27<sup>th</sup> I got in a fight with a washing machine and lost. But, hey, you should see the dryer. I nailed that one. I should really wear better shoes when moving heavy appliances. My footing slipped while moving a heavy washing machine on a dolly and my face went straight into the concrete floor. I'm just glad I didn't lose any teeth. I came close to breaking my nose. My face was cut up pretty bad with swelling and black & blue coloring. Actually, I'm amazed at how well I have healed.

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Thank goodness for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> with our Anniversary Banquet at Greenfield Community Center. I enjoyed seeing everyone on our ship. I just needed this family ship with you all as April was such a challenge for me. You all encourage me more than you know.





### Message from Chief of Operations - Lt. Commander Clay Bartunek - cont'd

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Still taking care of Craig & mom, I was able to make our meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Joe Keenan's home where we collected items for the *Gateway Rescue Mission*. Thanks for your donations for one of our philanthropy projects this year. These items were much needed in the community.

And, still taking care of Craig (he's now been out of work since March 31st) & mom, I was able to make our Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Los Cazadores in Florence. This chain has some of the best Mexican food around. Again, great to see everyone.

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I missed the Comic Con on June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> as I was somewhere in South Georgia with our cadet, Ethan. This was the break I so needed in my life for enduring these past three months. Ethan graduated from the Mississippi National Guard Youth Challenge Academy program at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. He was in an over five month program of training and growing. As his "mentor" for this program, I was able to have lunch with him once a month for four months. Yes, some people think I may be crazy, but I would drive 127 miles each way, 2 hours and 45 minutes each way to only spend 45 minutes with him. It meant everything in the world to him and me. As part of his celebration, we went to South Georgia to visit with his dad's side of the family. They are great people and we had a great time "bonding". Thanks for your prayers for him and any letters you may have written him. I'm very proud of Ethan for taking on this challenge. There is follow up for this program. For the next year we are to meet and engage four times per month and to report to Camp Shelby about supporting and encouraging and assisting his growth and success in life. We hope to see you, Ethan, at some of our gatherings this year.

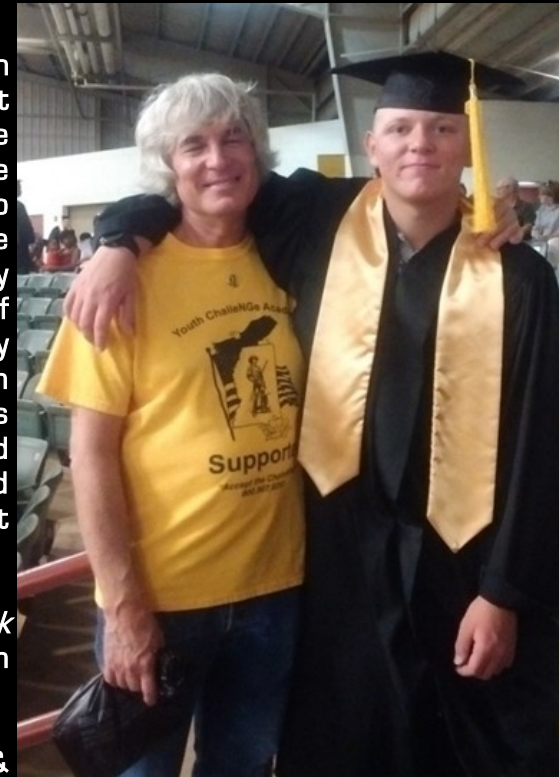
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Well, I have NOT met my goal for this quarter to get back to watching *Star Trek Discovery*. Can you believe I still haven't seen the 2<sup>nd</sup> season yet? I'm still hearing I'm missing out on some of the best *Trek* ever. Where does the time go?

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Our next philanthropy project is donations to CARA (Community Animal Rescue & Adoption). They have a "wish list" on CARA Amazon.com. Bring your donations to our next meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> for this wonderful no-kill shelter. See you then!



## Message from Chief of Engineering - Admiral Bethany Theilman

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Meanwhile on the launch pad: Spaceflight Engineering seems to be back on track with the SpaceX Falcon Heavy lifting off from historic Pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. It's first commercial mission was to deploy Arabsat-6A, an advanced communications satellite that will provide internet and communications services to residents of the Middle East, Africa and parts of Europe.

All three of the boosters returned to landing pads safely, two at Canaveral and the third landed on SpaceX's drone ship landing pad "Of Course I Still Love You," stationed in the Atlantic Ocean.



SpaceX made the transition to Block 5 for its Falcon 9 flights in May, after the demo flight of Falcon Heavy in February 2018. April 11th's Falcon Heavy boasted more than 5 million lbs. of thrust, a 10% increase over its predecessor.







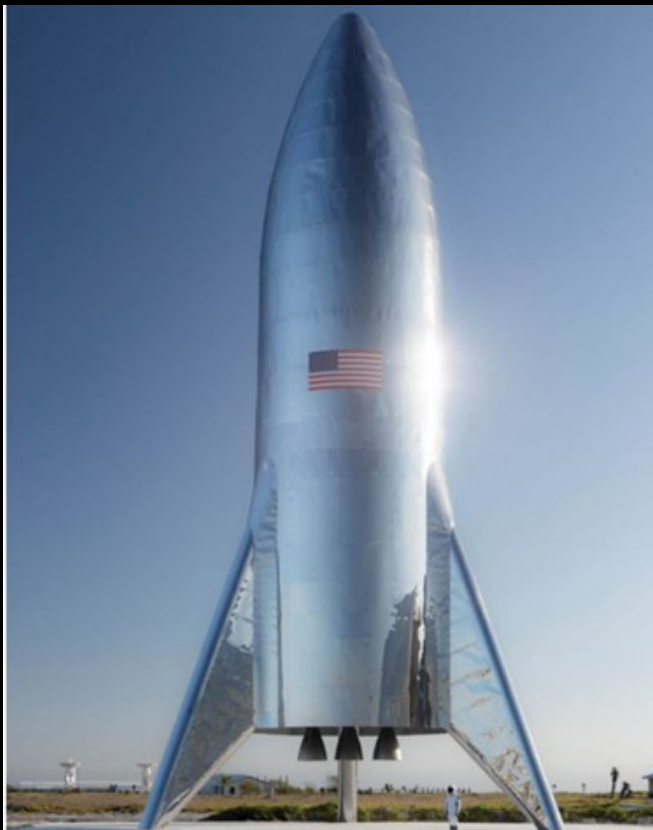
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In addition to the added thrust, the Block 5 Falcon 9 now features a plethora of upgrades, all of which are designed to facilitate reusability. The design changes — including improved engines, a more durable interstage (the piece that connects the rocket's two stages), titanium grid fins and a new thermal protection system — were developed to help the rocket better handle the stresses of launch and increase reusability. Musk says the Block 5 is capable of flying as many as 10 times with virtually no refurbishment between flights.

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Falcon Heavy fetches a base price of \$90 million per launch. And crewed launches are coming up soon.



Test fires have begun on a SpaceX prototype for a massive rocket, "Starhopper", a fully reusable deep-space launcher for missions to the moon, Mars and beyond. The program already has its first passenger: SpaceX announced last September that Japanese entrepreneur Yusaku Maezawa has booked a trip around the moon that's slated to fly no earlier than 2023.

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SpaceX's next launch from the Cape is currently scheduled for April 30, when a Falcon 9 rocket will ferry a Dragon cargo capsule to the International Space Station.



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## Message from Chief Science Officer - Fleet Captain Scott M. Crawford

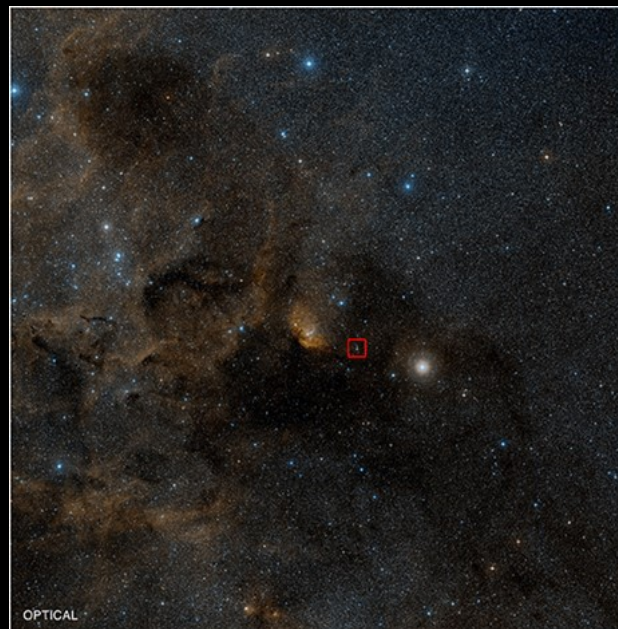


## FIRST IMAGE OF BLACK HOLE!

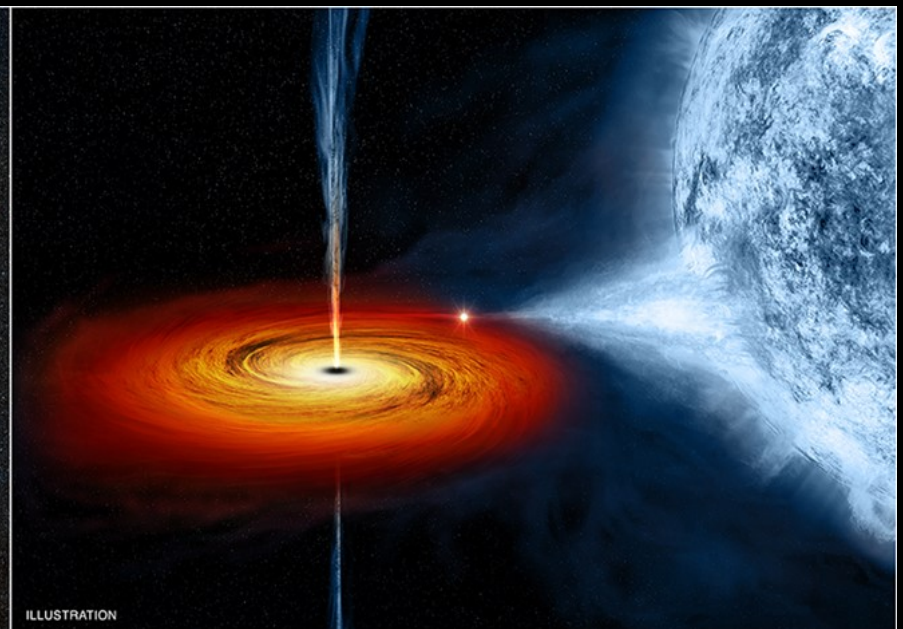
Einstein's general theory of relativity, our current and best understanding of how gravity works, predicts that if any massive object (even YOU!) were compressed small enough, the gravitational field would become so powerful that nothing, not even light, could escape. We call such objects, "Black Holes" and it took decades for us to find evidence of their existence. That evidence emerged as technology advanced and Cygnus X-1 was discovered in 1971 (see below), about 6,000 light-years from Earth:



Photo Credit: NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory Website



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Cygnus X-1 was detected by the Uhuru X-Ray Satellite, which measured x-ray emissions coming from an unseen companion to a 20-solar-mass blue giant star. That star is slowly losing mass to an invisible object. The x-rays are emitted as stolen gas whirls around the black hole at speeds approaching the speed of light in what is called an "accretion disk". The fact that we know Cygnus X-1's unseen companion has roughly 15-solar-masses, and is yet invisible, cinched it as a "black hole." Yet, we couldn't actually image the hole itself.

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Fast-forward almost 50 years. It is just now possible to synchronize and combine the light-gathering power of many telescopes all across the globe to effectively create one HUGE "virtual" telescope, capable of resolving incredible detail. The technique is known as "Very Large Baseline Interferometry (VLBI)" and is not easy! It requires precise timing and perfect weather conditions at multiple sites. So much data is collected over such a long period (days) that it cannot be shared over the internet, and has to be hand-carried to a central location and processed by a powerful computer.

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Researchers at eight telescopes around the globe collaborated to create what is now known as the "Event Horizon Telescope". The "event horizon" of a black hole is the point of "no return" where light can no longer escape. Theoretically, it should look like a black silhouette surrounded by light from infalling gas and light from stars being warped around the hole in the distance...so-called "gravitational lensing." The locations of the EHT component telescopes vary from the South Pole to Greenland, from Spain to Hawaii!

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The Atacama Large Millimeter/Sub-Millimeter Array (ALMA) in Chile has 66 high-precision telescopes, and it is only one of the eight observatories combined to form the Event Horizon Telescope. (Image Credit: NRAO/AUI/NSF)



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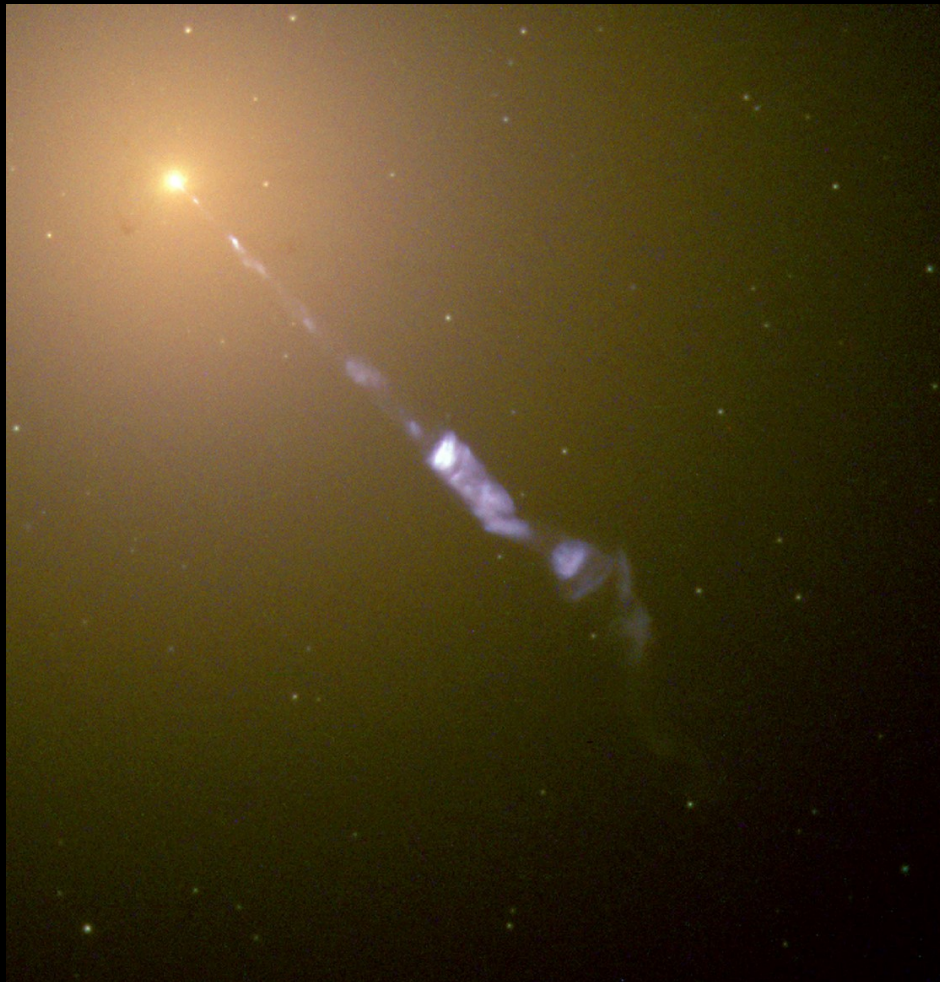
The team began with two targets: the 4-million-sun mass black hole in the center of our Milky Way Galaxy, known as Sagittarius A\* (pronounced "A-Star"), and the active galactic nucleus of M87, a massive Elliptical galaxy some 53 million light years away. It's supermassive black hole, M87\*, makes ours look like a light-weight: 6.5 billion solar-masses!!! They picked M87 because it is currently "feeding". It turns out that there's a theoretical limit on how much a black hole can absorb in a given period of time, and the rest gets caught in their massive magnetic fields and ejected from their poles at velocities approaching the speed of light. This is an optical light image of just such a jet of subatomic particles streaming from M87\*:

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As even amateur astronomers like myself know, it's hard to find the PERFECT observing conditions due to weather. Well, try finding good weather for eight different locations all around the globe! In April 2017, astronomers managed to find a 10-day window in which they got four full days of perfect observations at all eight sites. Once the data was collected, it was "stitched together" using atomic-clock-accurate time stamps to form an image roughly 4,000 times better than the Hubble Space Telescope can achieve, roughly the equivalent of imaging an orange on the surface of the moon!

Left:

Close up of M87. The diffuse cloud is the galaxy itself with the bright light at the center being the densest core region. What here looks like individual stars are actually huge globular clusters surrounding the main galaxy. The blue jet of subatomic radiation is clearly visible. Photo Credit: NASA and the Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA)





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Well, this is it! An actual image of an event horizon surrounding black hole M87\*, 53 million light-years away. We expect the resolution to improve as more telescopes join the EHT array.

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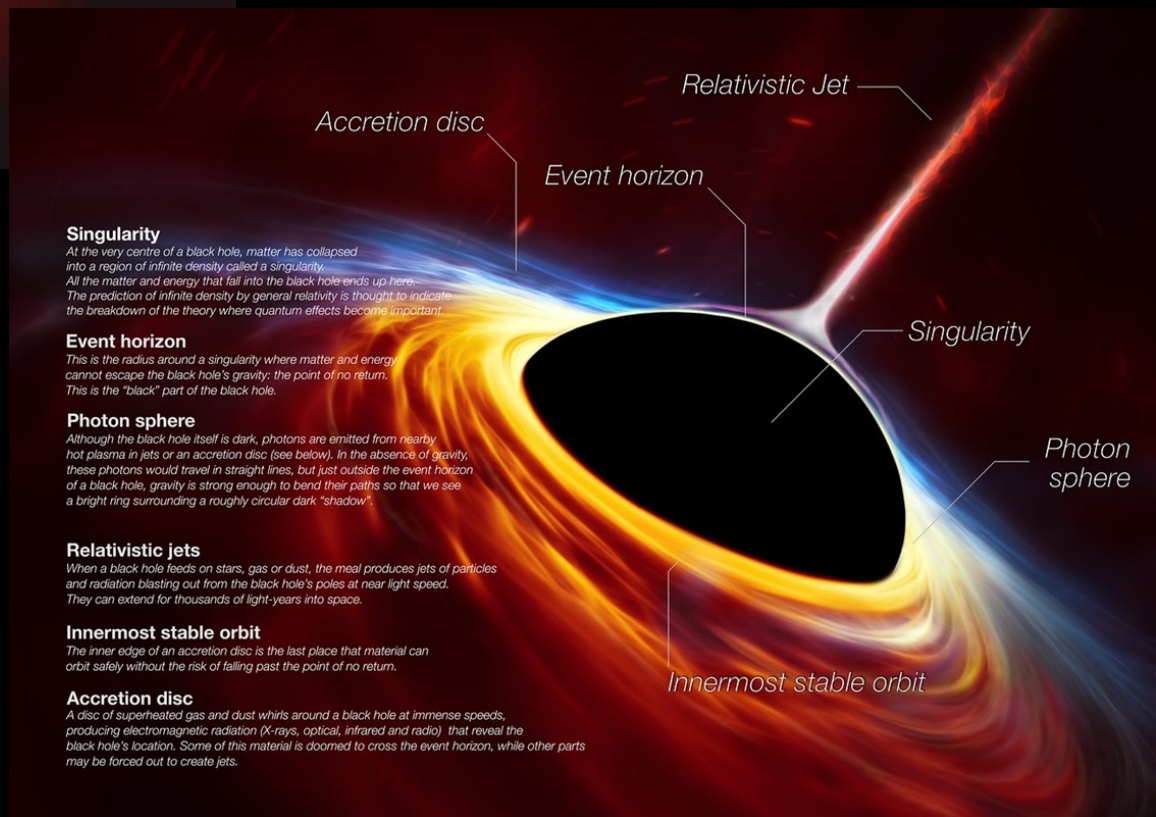
Photo Credit: Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration

If one could actually get close (NOT recommended!), M87\* would probably look something like this:

Right:

Photo Credit:

European Southern Observatory



**Singularity**

At the very centre of a black hole, matter has collapsed into a region of infinite density called a singularity. All the matter and energy that fall into the black hole ends up here. The prediction of infinite density by general relativity is thought to indicate the breakdown of the theory where quantum effects become important.

**Event horizon**

This is the radius around a singularity where matter and energy cannot escape the black hole's gravity; the point of no return. This is the "black" part of the black hole.

**Photon sphere**

Although the black hole itself is dark, photons are emitted from nearby hot plasma in jets or an accretion disc (see below). In the absence of gravity, these photons would travel in straight lines, but just outside the event horizon of a black hole, gravity is strong enough to bend their paths so that we see a bright ring surrounding a roughly circular dark "shadow".

**Relativistic jets**

When a black hole feeds on stars, gas or dust, the meal produces jets of particles and radiation blasting out from the black hole's poles at near light speed. They can extend for thousands of light-years into space.

**Innermost stable orbit**

The inner edge of an accretion disc is the last place that material can orbit safely without the risk of falling past the point of no return.

**Accretion disc**

A disc of superheated gas and dust whirls around a black hole at immense speeds, producing electromagnetic radiation (X-rays, optical, infrared and radio) that reveal the black hole's location. Some of this material is doomed to cross the event horizon, while other parts may be forced out to create jets.

Message from Chief Science Officer - Fleet Captain Scott M. Crawford - Cont'd

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LEGO "SAL & MOOKIE'S" IS COMPLETE!

It took about five months and many specialized orders of some 10,000 bricks, but I've completed a detailed replica of Jackson's Sal & Mookie's Pizza and Ice Cream Joint. I've shown Jeff Good the photos and he is delighted. It will debut as part of "Keep Building Jackson!" on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Don't miss it!

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The roof panels are removable to show the detailed interior. I added the solar-powered "Water Reclamation and Purification System" based on NASA technology. It even has a special "Fountain of Youth Mode" so you can make your customers younger and healthier.

The interior is highly detailed and authentic, based on photographs. It even has the large dining room mirrors and ice cream bar.

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## Message from Chief Medical Officer - Lt. Commander Ann Case

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### Medical Update:

It's a hot summer don't forget to be drinking plenty of water and avoiding the hottest part of the day.

April and May were two very demanding months for me at work and led to a lot of stress in my life. It made me realize how much your work environment can affect your personal life, your outlook and your eating habits. With that being said, I really want to say thank you to this group for being such an amazing group of people. I look forward to the time I get to spend with all of you and the support from talking out some of the things that were going on. It re-centered and reminded me that we need to look after ourselves and evaluate our own personal needs and whether who we work for is the right fit. For those of you reading and worrying, I am not leaving teaching, but I am looking at it in a different way and my path after this year or the next few may lead me away from teaching. But I know that I am part of a group that will back me and lift me up! So, thank you all so much.



## Message from Chief Medical Officer - Lt. Commander Ann Case - cont'd

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June was an incredible month for Ryan and I! We got to take a trip to Italy. We went traveled to Verona, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento and Capri. I fell in love with art, architecture, and Italian food all over again. We also made some new and incredible friends along the way. I absolutely love to travel and really do hope to continue traveling and to one day take Kahlan along with us and instill the same love for exploring that Ryan and I have. If you have questions about our trip or Italy or want to see more pictures just let me know!

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## Message from Ship's Counselor - Lieutenant Commander —Jason Young



### COUNSELOR'S RAMBLINGS -

On June 29th, 2019, I was able to spend some time staffing the U.S. Haise's fan booth at Mississippi's Comic-con. To be honest, I was expecting relatively low amount of interest from the con's attendees: I was expecting them to be more interested in the former wrestlers, cosplayers, other celebrities and the vendor booths. I was pleasantly surprised to be proven wrong. During the hour that I was officially on staff, the booth received several visitors who were curious about the Haise and Starfleet International. Many of them were really excited that such an organization exists, and more than a few displayed shock that they have never heard of the Haise before. A large percentage of the visitors signed up for the newsletter.

While it is just shy of a full year away, I think that one of the best ways we can expand membership in the Haise is to continue attending Mississippi's Comic-con in an official capacity. That is where the like-minded fans of Star Trek can easily be found and engaged in a low-pressure and fun atmosphere. I for one am looking forward to next year.



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Many people read street signs and assume that they mean one thing, when in fact they mean something else. Here are twenty examples, and hopefully, this will clear up all of the confusion:

1. Slow Children at Play - does not mean that the children are slow.
2. Caution Falling Cows - does not mean fat women are fainting.
3. Dead End - does not mean that there is no afterlife.
4. Road Work Ahead - does not mean that the road behind you stopped working.
5. Violators Will Be Towed - does not mean rapists get dragged behind a car.
6. Don't Walk - does not mean run.
7. Speed Limit 70 Your Speed 90 - does not mean only you get to go 90.
8. Keep Right No Left Turn - does not mean vote Republican.
9. Last Chance for Gas - does not mean Democrats are pushing solar power.
10. Draw Bridge - does not mean to create artwork.
11. No Traffic Ahead - does not mean the way is clear in front of you.
12. 2 Hour Parking - does not mean you can make out with your girlfriend for 2 hours.
13. No Trespassing - does not mean it's okay to pass only two times.
14. Speed Hump - does not mean the cocker spaniel is quick about it.
15. Slow When Flashing - does not mean you must expose yourself slowly.
16. Public Restrooms - does not mean you urinate in front of an audience.
17. Bump Ahead - does not mean you smack someone in the head.
18. No Firearms - does not mean it's okay to set your legs on fire.
19. Beware - does not mean to stop being yourself.
20. Slow Workers Ahead - does not mean... actually, that's exactly what it means.

Hopefully, this cleared up any confusion for you.



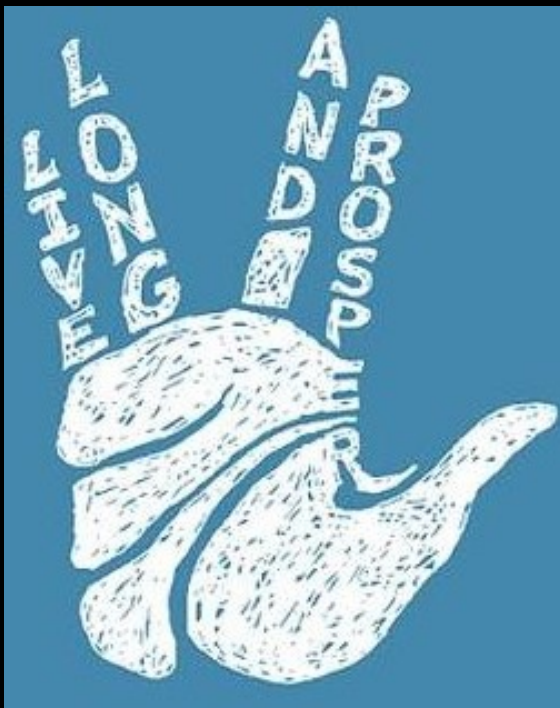
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 16 - Mark Young, Sr.  
 30 - Linda Nobles

SEPTEMBER  
 2 - Barbara Allen  
 26 - Alex Kelly



July 20, 1969



“That’s one small step for (a) man,  
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Friday, September 6, 2019

Time: TBA

Location: Clay Bartunek's home, Madison, Mississippi



## USS HAISE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

**NOTE: locations, dates, & times are subject to change**

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**MEETINGS****Saturday July 20-6:30 pm – Meeting at the Yelverton's home – collect donations for CARA****Saturday, August 17-4 pm – Meeting/Pool Party at McNeil's home (Scott's parent's home) Pool Time starts at 4pm, followed by supper (6 or 6:30pm), meeting, and Star Trek episode****Saturday, September 21-6:30 pm – Meeting at Panera Bread (private dining room), 249 Ridge Way, Flowood, MS – donations for Blair E. Batson****Saturday, October 19-6:30 pm – Meeting/Costume Party at Broadmeadow United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 4419 Broadmeadow Drive, Jackson, MS****Saturday, November 16-6:30 pm – Meeting/Anti-Turkey Pizza Party at Case's home****Saturday, December 21-6:30 pm – Meeting/Christmas Party & Dirty Santa at Clay's home****MOVIE NIGHTS – Time: 7 PM****Friday, September 6 at Clay's home****Friday, December 6 at Yelverton's home****MOVIE THEATER TRIPS –****We will start going to Parkway Theater in Flowood, MS–Tues. discount night****Tuesday, December 30 – Star Wars: Episode IX – Time: TBA**

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**CHARITIES FOR 2019**

Saturday July 20 meeting – CARA (Community Animal Rescue & Adoption, Inc.) – donated items to be collected & taken to them

Saturday, September 21 meeting – Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital, Jackson, MS – donated items to be collected & taken to them

Saturday, November 21 meeting – Toys for Tots – collection of toys for donation

Saturday, January 18, 2020 – StewPot, Jackson, MS – food, etc., donations to be collected & taken to them

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**BOOK CLUB** - Ad Astris Per Libris – website:

<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/86442-ad-astris-per-libris>

Location: Case's Home

Time: 6:30 PM

2019 Dates: July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, & Jan. 7, 2020

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