

THE COMMLINK

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



Calendar 2013 Meetings Stardate:

Sat., Jan. 12
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

STARFLEET DAY at
INFINITY SCIENCE
CENTER
NASA STENNIS
SPACE CENTER
Near Bay St. Louis, MS

Sat., Jan. 19 - 6:30 p.m.
FEDERATION DAY
CELEBRATION
Burgers & Blues
1060 E. County Line Rd,
Ridgeland, MS
(Private Dining Room)

Sat. Feb. 16 - 6:30 p.m.
BUSINESS MEETING
HOME OF
CLIFF TREADAWAY
BRANDON, MS

Friday-Sunday
March 8-10
REGION 2 SUMMIT
MUSCLE SHOALS, AL

Sat., Mar 16
THE ADMIRAL'S
CHALLENGE
TOURNAMENT
5:00 p.m.
(\$5 mini golf group rate)
Mac and Bones Golf
River Wind Drive
Pearl, MS
Followed by the
Champion's Dinner - 6:30 pm
At Shoney's
Pearson Rd, Pearl, MS
(back dining room)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and reality of tomorrow.
- Robert Goddard

Captain's Log

BY: Rear Admiral Lucy Ferron - Commanding Officer

Farewell to a very eventful 2012 and hello to 2013! The crew of the USS Haise is always on the go and busy in the community. In the final months of 2012, we enjoyed our Masquerade Party, Bajoran Gratitude Feast, and Christmas party. We also contributed to the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign. A "year in review" publication is planned to showcase all of our activities and community involvement as we continue to promote STARFLEET and our chapter at special events in the coming months. But you can always check our Facebook and web pages to stroll down memory lane! We did A LOT in 2012.

In 2012 we welcomed new members Emily, Philip and Charlotte Graves, Joe Keenan, and Gypsie and Austin Cannon to our merry band of Trekkie revelers. They joined us at events such as the Sci Fi night at the ballgame, roller derby, a local ComicCon, book club meetings, parties, and community service. Our collective has been greatly enriched by their assimilation!

After many months of travel and embargo, the package of Trek items we shipped to the crew of the USS Havana in Cuba arrived and they shared pictures of their joyous celebration with us. We enjoy community service in the Metro area, but it was nice this time to share our bounty with fellow STARFLEET members. The books, costumes, communication badges, action figures, and UFP flag are being put to good use in the USS Havana's recruiting efforts.

In December, we received word that our bid to host Region 2 Summit 2014 in Vicksburg was accepted by R2 HQ. Once again we will be able to share Mississippi and USS Haise hospitality with Region 2 and other STARFLEET members. Vicksburg has much to offer visitors including the Military Park, historic homes and buildings, museums, casinos, and favorites of Southern cuisine. In 2013 we will do much more Summit planning and preparation.

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Below & Right:
Masquerade Party 2012: The Crew of the USS HAISE had its annual Halloween Masquerade Party on October 27th, and as usual, it was a lot of fun. We had dinner and then watched the Vincent Price classic: *The Pit and the Pendulum*. Thank you everyone who set up and took down the decorations!



HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

EDITOR'S HAIL



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

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Hope everyone had a  & Happy New Year!

I would like to share with you a comment about this new year found on Facebook written by Actor, Richard Hatch.

Happy New Years to everyone!!!
 New Years come and go but hey, what do you all think about making a real commitment this year to finding the courage to step out of the box and go after what we've been putting off for ever.....our dreams, our hopes, our hearts desire.....to live a life that honors who we truly are, that reflects our deepest desires to celebrate and share our God given gifts with this world and be the person we know we are capable of being. All it takes is the willingness to believe that God, the Universe, Mother Nature, call it what you will, wouldn't have put you here if we weren't SUPPOSED to be here, and if we're here than we have something IMPORTANT to do or share with this world!! All important changes in this world came from us trusting our gut, our heart and being willing to take small committed steps of action without knowing what the next step or outcome would be. No matter what you did or didn't do in this life to this point or how bad a person you may think you are, I promise you that you are still an integral and very important part of this global community called humanity and in this moment of time if you are willing to let go of all your disappointments and limiting judgments about yourself and others you can shift powerfully and positively the course of your life and this amazing world. So, if you're willing.....lets all take the ultimate risk and have the faith to believe in ourselves and in this world and make this year of 2013 the beginning of the best and most productive time of our lives!!
 So Say We All!!



USS Haise crew members Lucy Ferron, Janet Bullock, Barbara Allen, Michelle Allen, Emily, Philip, & Charlotte Graves, & guests, Chuck Franck & James Church attend Wizard World Comic Con in New Orleans, LA Nov. 30 – December 2, 2012. It was a celebration of the 25th Anniversary Reunion of Star Trek: The Next Generation minus Patrick Stewart who had to cancel a few days before the con due to a work commitment. We were so sad! We all had so much fun! So much to see and do! We all loved it! On the way down, we stopped at Middelorf's for some great seafood! At the con, I got to meet & have my picture made with Michael Rooker & Jon Bernthal from The Walking Dead TV Show. All the panels were great! Hope Patrick Stewart makes it next time!!!

Be sure to check out our next newsletter issue that will have a special report on STARFLEET DAY at Infinity Science Center at NASA Stennis Space Center. Astronaut, Fred Haise, was on hand.

More pictures for Oct, Nov., & Dec., can be found on our Facebook Page and our USS Haise website in a few weeks.

FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR
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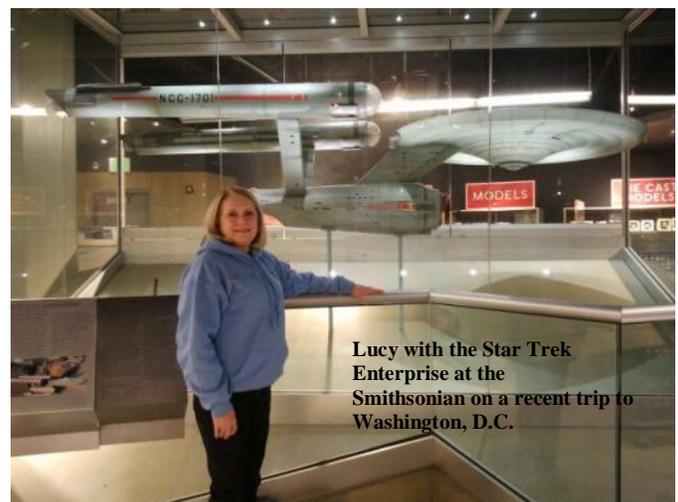


“To infinity and beyond!” exclaims Buzz Lightyear. We felt like that too when 53 STARFLEET members and family members from 7 STARFLEET chapters joined us for STARFLEET Day at the Infinity Science Center in Bay St. Louis on January 12. Apollo 13 astronaut and Space Shuttle Enterprise Commander Fred Haise was on hand to lead the way as we explored the many fascinating exhibits at the center. Loads of pictures are posted on Facebook and our website. Hopefully we’ll make it into a future edition of the CQ as well. Our gratitude to the USS Corsair, USS New Orleans, USS Okatoma, USS Odyssey, USS Neptune, and the USS Continuum for attending this exciting first event with us at Infinity. We had so much fun we might have to make it an annual event! We also got a chance to see the commemorative brick we purchased for the center’s entryway and encourage other chapters to support the center by purchasing one for their chapter too.

As we close this year, I would like to offer sincere appreciation to some individuals and groups that contributed to the USS Haise activities: Heroes and Dreams Comics, the MS Braves Baseball team management, Magnolia Roller Vixens, UMMC, Flowood Public Library, PulpCon, Tinseltown Cinema, Judy and Jim McNeil, Broadmeadow United Methodist Church, Fred Haise, Haise members that hosted us in their home, and a number of local restaurants. (Forgive me if I left anyone out.) I am a most fortunate CO to have such generous, kind, and enthusiastic crewmates. May the USS Haise and its members live long and prosper much in 2013!



Chuck Franck & Lucy Ferron



Lucy with the Star Trek Enterprise at the Smithsonian on a recent trip to Washington, D.C.

OCTOBER MEETING PICTURES

MASQUERADE PARTY/BUSINESS MEETING
BROADMEADOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
JACKSON, MS



NOVEMBER MEETING PICTURES

November 17 - Bajoran Gratitude Festival: The Crew of the HAISE was kindly invited to meet at HEROES AND DREAMS in November to have its annual Bajoran Gratitude Festival. During the ceremony, taken from *Deep Space Nine*, we write a problem/issue we'd like to get rid of, and burn it in the fire. I cannot recall what I wrote, so it must have worked! - Scott Crawford

Toys for Tots:

All the toys brought that evening by crew members were displayed on a large table & crew members gathered around for photos. Since Heroes & Dreams had several boxes for Toys for Tots in their store, we deposited all the toys in one box. Toys for Tots picked up these toys in December. Thanks to Haise crew members for their generous donation to a great cause.



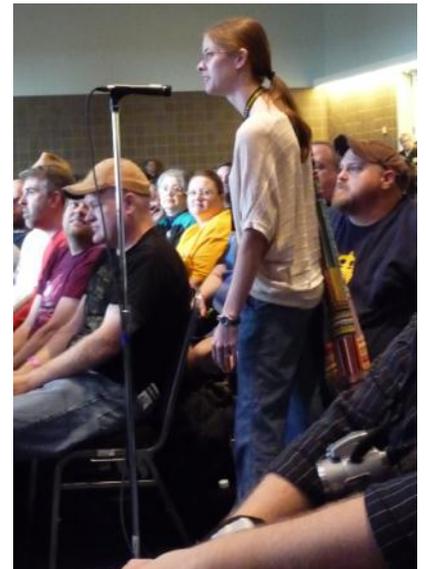
DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING PICTURES

Thank you to Clay and Craig for hosting the Christmas Party. We had a big crowd which included 4 guests. Dirty Santa made an appearance and of course, we had so much great food & fun.

Promotions were announced at the meeting by John Yelverton & “pipped” by Lucy Ferron. CONGRATULATIONS! Those promoted & their new ranks are as follows: Lt. Glenn Allen, Lt. Tim Stubbs, Lt. Mariana Yelverton, Ensign Emily Graves, Ensign Philip Graves, MCPO Pat Simmons, & PO2 Joe Kennan.



EVENT PICTURES



**INFINITY SCIENCE CENTER
AT NASA STENNIS SPACE CENTER &/OR FRED HAISE NEWS**

From Fred:

This Earthling thanks all for remembering, although I wish I could figure out a way to make my birthdays start going backwards!

INFORMATION IN EMAILS FROM FRED HAISE:

Private venture wants to keep its wary eye out for asteroids
Deep-space telescope could be ready in 2018
James Dean - Florida Today

So, the world did not end Friday, December 21, 2012, because of an asteroid blast or any of the other calamities imagined to be predicted by the ancient Mayan calendar.

But some say a serious asteroid strike is just a matter of time, and we should be ready.

For evidence of what might come, see the 1908 “Tunguska event” in Siberia, said Ed Lu, a former shuttle and International Space Station astronaut who heads the nonprofit B612 Foundation (the name references the asteroid home from “The Little Prince.”)

A relatively small comet or asteroid that exploded before hitting the ground wiped out that unpopulated area of Siberia in 1908 with a force 1,000 times greater than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, leveling forests, photographs later showed.

“These hit the Earth about every 100 to 200 years,” Lu said this fall. “So flip a coin. That’s the odds that somewhere on Earth during your lifetime it’s going to happen again. Random spot. Most of the world is unpopulated. But wouldn’t it be a shame if it was a populated area?”

No such strike is imminent, but the Mountain View, Calif.-based foundation has embarked on a privately funded mission, called Sentinel, that it believes could save humanity from going the way of the dinosaurs.

The mission plans to catalog 90 percent of the near-Earth asteroids at least 460 feet wide that could cause devastating damage, plus many more as small as 100 feet, to provide the notice needed to deflect any threats.

Deflecting an asteroid is relatively easy with enough warning, because its velocity need only be tweaked very slightly to turn a hit into a miss, Lu said. A spacecraft could impact an asteroid or act as a “gravity tractor” to pull that off.

The problem, Lu said, is that we know the locations of only a fraction of the asteroids that whiz through Earth’s vicinity.

“We’re driving around the solar system with our eyes closed, essentially, and that seems kind of crazy, right?” he said. “Because these things do hit the Earth.”

To open Earth’s eyes, the B612 Foundation has partnered with Boulder, Colo.-based Ball Aerospace to design and build a roughly \$500 million infrared space telescope able to spot hundreds of thousands of asteroids.

The proposed spacecraft, which has passed a preliminary technical review, is the size of a FedEx van. The foundation hopes to launch it on a SpaceX rocket by 2018, possibly from Cape Canaveral.

Sentinel would launch into a Venus-like orbit around the sun, repeatedly taking pictures as it scans the sky.

“As the sun shines on these asteroids, they warm up and they glow, and we’re putting the night vision goggles together in Sentinel that can see that object,” said John Troeltzsch, the project manager at Ball, in a recent interview.

Comparing images of the same patches of sky will reveal objects that have moved — asteroids. Further analysis will determine their orbits or identify objects for follow-up.

Lu said Sentinel would discover 10,000 asteroids a month — about as many as have been cataloged to date. The mission will last at least five-and-a-half years.

Aside from its scientific goals, Sentinel is notable because it seeks to raise a huge sum to fly what Troeltzsch called the “first privately funded deep space mission.”

The foundation reasoned that the cost is similar to what some organizations raise to build a new wing on an art museum. So why not pursue such an important mission on their own if cash-strapped governments wouldn’t?

“It’s almost a litmus test for a civilization to figure out whether or not they can figure out how to do something about (an asteroid) before they get smacked, right?” Troeltzsch said. “And we’re at a point in time now where we can raise the money, we have the technology to do it, we have the concepts, the data analysis. It all comes together. We could change the evolution of the Earth.”

On its website, the foundation solicits donations as small as \$25, asking, “Do you want to help map the great unknown and protect life on Earth?”

Said Lu: “We are going to find and track threatening asteroids before they find us.”

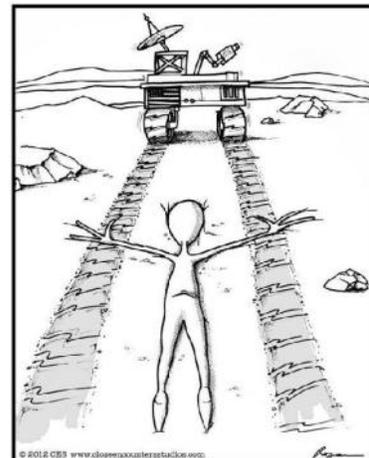


Looking at the Earth out the Lunar Module window on Apollo 13. Note the RCS thruster in the photo. It was neat to see the firing and often some residue propellant material dribble out the end of the thruster.

Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise Speaks to MJB-TV - You Tube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsJXeAHEBqc&feature=youtu.be>

Good interview with Fred to watch. Once you watch it, there is another interview available that was done at the Intrepid museum with Fred at the new Enterprise exhibit (and he was asked about Star Trek). Enjoy!



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FIRST OFFICER



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I was so thankful when December 21 came and went with as little fan fair as possible. I've been worn slap out of every single dime store flunky proclaiming new found prophecies and disasters proclaiming that the end of the world is nigh. First, it was Y2K. Then it was January 1, 2001, because that was the REAL start of the third millennium. Then it was June 6, 2006, because it was the sign of the beast. Then it was July 7, 2007 because it was the sign of the lamb. Now it was December 21, 2012 because the Mayan Calendar came to an end. Do you know why the Mayan Calendar came to an end? Because they didn't make their giant stone calendar any bigger! Who needs a calendar that can tell you the date for over 5,000 years anyway? But there was a buck to be made, and we were forced to suffer through it. Now, they're proclaiming the new doomsday of the Apophis asteroid in 2036. Enough is enough! The world is not going to end any time soon. At all. Even a little bit. How do I know? The Bible tells me so.

This is also why I had absolutely no fear about Global Warming. Why? Because God promised Noah that He would never again flood the Earth, and anytime someone tells me otherwise, I just merely need to look into the sky, see a rainbow, and know I am safe (Genesis 9:13). Of course, if you don't believe in God, then I am talking about leprechauns and unicorns. But, if you do believe in God, then you know that all of this tripe is absolute garbage.

Matthew 24:36 tells us that no one knows when the world will end, not even the Son. Which is amazing when you think about it. How can God keep secrets from Himself? But that's a discussion for another article. The fact of the matter is, if anyone tells you they know when the world will end, they're a liar. Plain and simple. Save you money, your time, and your energy. The world will not even end in our lifetime, and I can say this with certainty also. How? The Bible again.

In Genesis 15, we read of God's covenant with Abraham. God promises Abraham in verse 5 that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the heavens. Then later in the chapter, we read that God instructed Abraham to cut certain animals in half and spread them apart, opposite of each other. Then, God passed in between the cut up animals. This was to symbolize that God would be cut up as these animals were, should He break His covenant with Abraham.

In 2003, it was estimated that there are 70 thousand million, million, million stars in the universe. If my math is right, that number would look something like this.

70,000,000,000,000,000,000!

Earth's current population is currently, approximately 7,000,000,000. Even if you count every single human that ever lived, we're still a long, long way away from that giant monstrosity I just posted. However, as Mr. Sulu told Capt. Kirk in "Where No Man Has Gone Before", "Think of a penny and double it every day. In a month, you'll be a millionaire!" So, when will we reach that magic number? Only the Father knows.

Now, there are some theologians who take this passage metaphorically, but I believe that God was being very literal, especially since He threw in the cut Me into pieces part at the end. That means we've still got a while to go as a race. There are things left that God wants us to do. So, stop worrying about when the world will end. Merely, rejoice in the day the Lord has made and be glad in it.

As one of my favorite philosophers, Charles Shultz once said, "Don't worry about the world ending today, because it's already tomorrow in Australia."



OPERATIONS



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I really enjoyed our October 27th Masquerade Party. Delicious food, an enjoyable Vincent Price movie, great decor and unique costumes prevailed. Mine, to say the least, was unique (see photo). When Evan saw me, he said, "Clay, I have a sudden urge to play with you." It was difficult to get in it and even more of a challenge to get out of it. Our November 17th Bajoran Gratitude Festival had its moments too. When it came time to burn our scrolls of "troubles" in the fire pit, John read the script with a faux pas: "...let us burn our braziers ..." instead of "brazen". One of the young guys from the comic store standing next to me said with cautioned excitement, "so what kind of club is this?" To John's credit, it was dark outside and he was trying to read the script with only a pen light. We did collect a lot of toys for the *Toys for Tots* campaign. Luckily, the comic store had their large containers for collecting toys as they were participating as well.

I missed our Star Trek TNG season #2 blue ray release at Tinseltown due to a medical procedure Craig was having that day. It seems he may have celiac, a disease where one is allergic to wheat. He is now gluten free meaning no breads or baked goods for the most part. Craig and I enjoyed having everyone over for our USS Haise Christmas party December 15th. Thanks to all who brought the great food. And what a blessing it was to have our ham thoroughly cooked this year! I'll have our results of our philanthropy voting for 2013 at our next meeting on January 19th at *Burgers & Blues*. See you all there.



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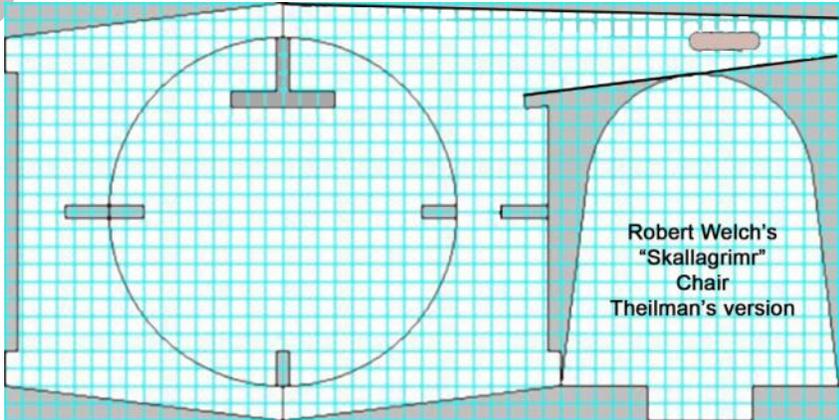
ENGINEERING



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The pattern is as follows



During the End of the last revolution around our star, Engineering began construction of easy portable chairs. This is "Engineering for the Win". Anyone can make a chair. it takes an engineer to make a nice chair with only a quarter sheet of plywood and no fasteners.

The Skallagrimr Chair

Original chair plans were located and shared by Robert Welch but I fiddled a lot with them. Here are adjusted plans making the tabs and slots the correct length and extending the back up the full length so handle more obvious. Also tightened up the slots for base of chair for better support of seat.

Materials: a 2 foot by 4 foot piece of good (oak or birch) cabinet plywood 3/4 inch thick
Saw capable of cutting curves like a skill saw, band saw or scroll saw/ sharp blades

- Drill for starting handle hole
- Clamps help!
- Finishing supplies like sandpaper, files, stain, satin polyurethane, etc.

Draw plans on plywood

Cut along the lines. All the grey shaded parts are waste wood.

Be as precise as possible in the joint areas and along the top of the leg sections. A little looseness is OK as the wood will swell with high humidity sometimes in Mississippi, but you don't want a wobbly chair either. You may need to clamp the two leg sections together and sand/file/trim a bit to make the seat not wobble. The top of leg sections should be identical except for the handle part. Once not wobbly, mark and trim little seat holding tabs down even with seat.

Optional : recline seat back more if desired Just move handle down until there is an inch of solid wood on either side of it for strength. Be sure to also adjust the angle of the 1.25" inch slot on the leg section with the handle for back tab to match whatever angle you use. And make the back slot on the seat 1.25 inches or so wide to make up for the angle.

Some fiddling/ filing will be required.

Sand and finish as desired. I think a gloss black would work well if painted and sanded to mirror finish, or most any wood stain color.

RADM Theilman's assistance with tools/ woodworking is available upon request. If temps < 45 it is recommended that you bring a heater for the garage though.

Last weekend, We went to the Infinity Science Center and hung out with our astronaut Namesake, Fred Haise. He remains the sweetest man, and a real role model for all of us. I hope all the ships in the area support the Infinity Science Center to the best of their ability. Lucy and I challenged them to a least buy a brick.

SECURITY



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No Report

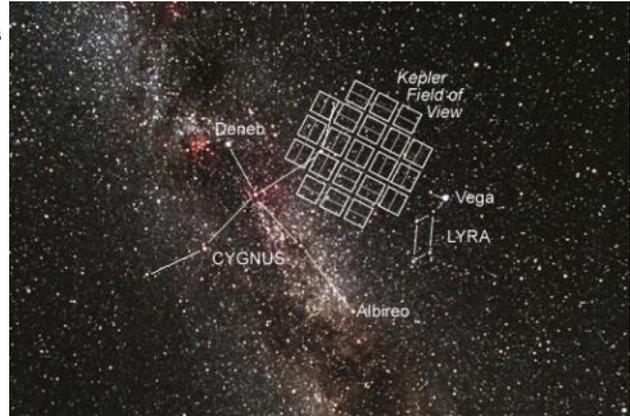
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SCIENCES -



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

Right:
This image shows the area of sky constantly monitored by the Kepler Space Telescope.



KEPLER SPACE TELESCOPE: PLANETS ARE COMMON: The Kepler Space Telescope was launched in March, 2009 with the ambitious goal of discovering the first Earth-like planets orbiting other stars (“exoplanets”). Kepler works by simultaneously monitoring about 100,000 stars for tell-tale “dimming” that may indicate that a planet is crossing the disk of the star from Earth’s vantage point. Obviously, this is a very rare event, called a “transit”, hence the need to monitor so many stars for a long period of time (years). Only stars with planetary systems seen “edgewise” from our point of view will show this regular dimming effect, so Kepler is obtaining a statistical sample of the number of planets out there.

Initial results provide the first accurate estimate of the number of planets orbiting stars in the Milky Way Galaxy: at *least* 100 BILLION! That’s at least one planet per star (there are about 100 billion stars in our galaxy). Moreover, most of the planetary systems are orbiting small M-Dwarf (Red Dwarf) stars, which are both much smaller and cooler than the Sun, but last much longer. Whereas our star will last roughly 10 billion years, a red dwarf can last upwards of 1-10 trillion years!



Left:

Artist’s conception of the red dwarf star CHRX 73 A and its companion object CHRX 73 B. The companion object is around 12 Jupiter masses, and may either be a planet, a failed star or a brown dwarf. Astronomers theorize that moons around such gas giants in the habitable zone around a red dwarf may harbor life. Small planets close to a red dwarf would be tidally locked and always have the same face toward their star. This creates temperature extremes that make life more difficult (not impossible). Moons around a gas giant, however, would be “tidally locked” to their mother planet (not the star). This has the advantage of rotating the planet relative to the M-Dwarf, equalizing temperatures and creating a more hospitable temperature range.

Kepler’s mission was extended for another four years to give it more time to detect smaller Earth-like planets around their host stars. The more data we obtain, the more likely it is that life is abundant in the universe.

LEGO JACKSON 2012: Scott’s LEGO JACKSON opened on December 8th at the ARTS CENTER OF MISSISSIPPI, 201 East Pascagoula Street, and will show until January 17th. Those of you that haven’t seen it, make sure you get there. It’s the biggest yet!

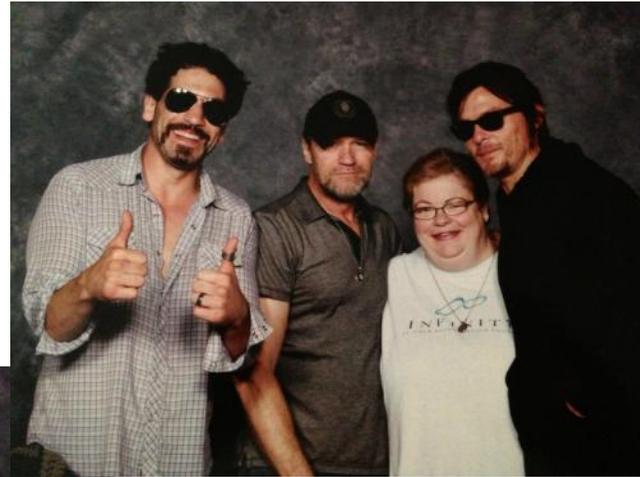


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MEDICAL



Commander
Janet Bullock
Chief Medical Officer



To say that the New Orleans WizardWorld Comic-Con was “awesome”, “amazing”, and “astounding” would be gross understatements. For me, this Con was, quite simply, the “WOW-est” Con EVER!! All I could say as I made my rounds of the various vendor tables, exhibitions, and celebrity panels and tables was, “WOW!”

I can not tell you how truly excited I was to be able to meet, stand close to, and talk candidly with, my heroes from Star Trek: TNG was. I found them all to be the nicest folks ever—just really down-to-earth (no pun intended!) I had bought tickets beforehand to get my picture made with each individual actor, plus, my VIP ticket included a group photo-op with the cast. It was fabulous, and my pics, along with the accompanying autographs, are now quite protected in my photo album. (I started a new one because the original one was full!)

The panels were very funny, and really gave you a sense of how close the actors got to one another after having worked with each other for 7-plus years in TV and Films. The audiences were polite, and asked some very good questions of the actors. I found that Marina Sirtis was perhaps the most talkative of the group. Brent Spiner was equally talkative. A highlight was when Jonathan Frakes walked away from the podium for a moment, and our own Emily Graves placed the Riker figure from the TNG PEZ collection on the table in front of his chair; when he returned, he saw the figure, and laughed uproariously. (He never did give it back to Emily either.)

I spent Friday and Saturday with the cast from TNG, and loved every minute of it!! The Sunday event of the Skype conversation with Patrick Stewart was VERY good! Since he was involved in filming a new project, he had to cancel his appearance in New Orleans and was gracious enough to spend a few minutes with us via computer! What a wonderful technology has come from fellow Trekkies!! I got to ask Patrick a question concerning if there were any roles he would like to have played that he hasn't had the opportunity to do yet, and what he enjoys doing in his spare time. He said that the roles he would like to have played or play are plentiful, and the list is as long as his right arm. He loves his work so much that it feels like “off” time, but when he does have a vacation, he enjoys snow skiing, walking on the beach, and just relaxing.

What a special event!

The rest of my Sunday was involved with “The Walking Dead” crew! If you haven't seen this show, it is purely addictive!! The actors I got to meet were just truly outlandish. I made the comment to someone while I was standing in line waiting to get in to the WD panel that there is a definite difference between the ST and WD fan bases. The ST fans are older and more “geeky” while the WD fans are much younger and more raucous! I enjoyed all of it!!

I HIGHLY recommend that you plan on attending a WIZARDWORLD COMIC CON in the future. I promise you that a fun time will be experienced!! I am already saving up for the next New Orleans Con for February, 2014! I had the opportunity to tell the CEO of WizardWorld that 2014 will be the 20th Anniversary of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, and it would be wonderful to have a reunion with that entire cast, too.

His thinking cap definitely went on!! We will see!!

MORE NEWS - UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS



January
28 - Cadet Robert Simmons

February
12 - Rene' Berry
19 - Mike Knezevich
26 - Cadet Charlotte Graves

March
15 - Clay Bartunek
28 - Cliff Treadaway
29 - Mariana Yelverton

Heroes and Dreams: Comics and Collectibles



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Friday, April 5, 2013 -
50th Pre-Anniversary of First Contact
Celebration (April 5, 2063)
7:00 P.M.
Cake & Refreshments - Public Invited



walk to
create a world
free of MS

SAT., APRIL 20, 2013
Address:
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Flowood, MS
Site Opens: Registration: 8:00 a.m. - Walk
Starts: 9:00 a.m.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT and participate
with the **USS Haise** in the annual Walk
MS: Jackson event.

Walk MS is the rallying point of the MS movement, a community coming together to celebrate hope for the future. Participants can enjoy the park and participate in our 1, 2, or 3 mile walking route. Not interested in walking but want to be a part of the day? Come celebrate with us by being a VOLUNTEER or VIRTUAL WALKER! Walk MS is a celebration and we want everyone there! Register now, connect with others and start fundraising today. Walk MS is a rain or shine event – in the event of predicted rain we will provide information about the rain plan via phone call or e-mail so be sure to include the correct information when registering.



Saturday, May 4, 2013
Time: TBA
Braves Con:
May the 4th Be With You:
Total Sci-Fi Night
National Free Comic Book Day

Trustmark Park
Pearl, MS



The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is pleased to announce an air show scheduled for **Friday & Saturday, May 11 - 12, 2013** at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.



The famous Navy Blue Angels squad will make a special appearance.

USS Haise plans for attending - TBA

REMINDER TO THE CREW:
Local dues (\$15 single or household)
are due at the February Meeting



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.