

THE COMMLINK

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



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

The view of the Earth from the Moon fascinated me -- a small disk, 240,000 miles away. . . . Raging nationalistic interests, famines, wars, pestilence don't show from that distance.
- Frank Borman, Commander Apollo 8

Captain's Log

BY: Rear Admiral Lucy Ferron - Commanding Officer

Terrific movie! Better than the one before! Loved it! These are some of the reactions I heard when fans saw "Star Trek Into Darkness." I join them in relishing this great new addition to Trek filmdom (although it took me a second viewing to really take it all in and decide that I liked it). I'm excitedly waiting now for it to come out on DVD so I can watch it a dozen or so more times, although it will be a few months I expect. I fully expect we will be watching it together at the Christmas party!

Of course that is not the only thing that has been going on the last 3 months. We had another good experience with the M Braves baseball team as they celebrated "BraveCon" with the Haise and other science fiction groups. It's a really fun evening and I hope they continue it. This year the event coincided with Free Comic Book Day so everyone at the ballpark got a free comic book. I graciously declined a Star Wars comic book and took a Hulk one instead.

The Ad Astris Per Libris book club continues to read some very interesting science fiction and fantasy, as well as Trek, books so I encourage you to come out and join us the first Tuesday of each month. The reading list for the rest of the year will be posted to GoodReads and our webpage. We are still trying out some new places to meet so check with John, Philip, Emily or me for the latest spot.
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Calendar 2013

Meetings Stardate:

Sat., July 20 - 6:30 p.m.
BUSINESS MEETING
Taco Night
Rene Crawford Home
Jackson , MS

Fri. - Sun., Aug 2-4
STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013 (IC)
MCM Elegante Hotel
Dallas, Texas

Sat. Aug 17 - 6:30 p.m.
BUSINESS MEETING
Western Sizzlin
Private Dining Room
712 HWY 80 E
Flowood, MS

Sat., Sept. 21
COOKOUT/POOL PARTY
McNeil's Home
Raymond, MS
Time: TBA



Left: Scott Crawford & Lucy Ferron at Malco Grandview Theater
Below: Lucy Ferron at BraveCon



HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

EDITOR'S HAIL

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This issue contains photos and reports submitted from department heads & others. View more pictures on USS Haise Facebook & Website.

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Glenn & I attended Phoenix Comic Con 2013 May 24-26, and had so much fun. LOVED IT! It was the biggest Comic Con that we have ever attended. The total attendance was 55,513. WOW! And, it was really, really crowded on that Saturday & Sunday. So much Cosplay! The main reason we decided to go was the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Babylon 5. We loved this TV Show and were so excited to get autographs, photo ops & see a 90 minute Reunion Panel of the following cast members: Creator/Writer - J. Michael Straczynski, Billy Mumy - Lennier, Peter Juraski - Londo Mollari, Robin Atkin Downes - Byron, Jason Carter - Marcus Cole, Andre Thompson - Talia Winters, Tracy Scoggins - Elizabeth Lochley, Claudia Christian - Susan Ivanova, Jerry Dole - Michael Garibaldi, Julie Caitlin Brown - Na'Toth, Mira Furlan - Delenn, Walter Koenig - Bester, Pat Tallman - Lyta Alexander, & Stephen Furst - Vir Colto. Our only disappointment was that Bruce Boxleitner - John Sheridan, was unable to come because of work obligations.

The cast enjoyed telling stories about the filming of the show. J. Michael Straczynski shared stories about some of the cast members who have passed away. One of my favorite actors from the show, Andreas Katsulas - G'Kar, died in 2006. (He also had a role on *Star Trek Next Generation* 1989-1994 as Romulan Commander Tomalak & *Star Trek Enterprise* 2003 as Vissian Captain Drennik.) Richard Biggs who played Dr. Stephen Franklin died suddenly in May 2004 of an ascending aortic aneurysm.



FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR
Continued from the front page

REAR ADMIRAL LUCY FERRON



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The election season has officially opened for the fall election of a new Commander of STARFLEET. There are 2 announced teams at this time who are still working to garner the required number of nominations to appear on the ballot. I will share more on that as things progress. The term of the CS is 3 years and the CS cannot succeed himself/herself so we will have to say goodbye to Dave Blaser, the current CS. Dave has been IMHO an excellent leader of STARFLEET these 3 years and I know many of you share that feeling. We can only hope the new CS will be as strong a leader and as dedicated to the best interest of the diverse membership as Dave (and Sal before him). Being a good leader does not mean you can't have fun doing the job as Dave and Sal clearly demonstrated during their time with us at Summits!

Mark Nichols and I will be representing the chapter at the STARFLEET International Conference (IC) in Dallas, TX, on August 2-4. It will be interesting I'm sure, particularly with the upcoming election. Some parts of IC are usually webcast and you could watch the Opening General Session on Saturday morning in particular to see who the award winners will be. I would not be surprised if they also webcast a candidate's debate.

I had a great cruise on a vacation I really did need. I appreciate all the warm and sincere congratulations I have received on the announcement of my engagement to Chuck Franck. You aren't rid of me yet though (grin) so I look forward to the activities yet to share with you.



APRIL MEETING PICTURES

April 20, 2013 - Home of Glenn & Barbara Allen
Brandon, Mississippi



Above:
Cadet, Robert Simmons, received a 2013 Region 2 Summit Award presented by CO Lucy Ferron: Fred Haise Scholastic Achievement. This recognition is awarded for outstanding achievement as a full-time student during 2012 and earning a 3.6 or higher GPA during the year.
CONGRATULATIONS!



Right: Crew member Emily Graves also received a 2013 Region 2 Summit Award presented by CO Lucy Ferron: Fred Haise Scholastic Achievement
CONGRATULATIONS!

MAY MEETING/EVENT PICTURES

Friday, May 17 - Saturday, May 18, 2013: Malco Grandview Theatre, Madison, Mississippi
Movie: *Star Trek Into Darkness*

All hands were on deck to man the USS Haise information tables at Malco. Since May 18, would have been the date of our regular monthly meeting, we used this time to promote the USS Haise, Starfleet International, Star Trek, and to recruit prospective members. Rotating crews manned the tables full of displays of information about Starfleet International and the USS Haise, Star Trek toys, books, etc.

We all worked hard and had a great fun time. **LOVED THE MOVIE!!!**

Malco management was gracious to let the USS Haise have the large hanging banner and large stand-up cardboard display pieces from the movie. **THANK YOU MALCO!!!** These will be very useful especially with 2014 Region 2 Summit coming up.

Below & next page are pictures from our adventures at Malco. For more pictures, visit our Facebook and website pages.



MAY MEETING/EVENT PICTURES CONT'D



JUNE MEETING PICTURES

Saturday, June 22, 2013 - Corner Bakery, Flowood, Mississippi

We had 17 members present and 5 guests that night. Former member, Michaela Austen, was among our guests. Also, one of our guests, Ricardo Lemus, was a new Haise crew member by the end of the night. Welcome Aboard!

John Yelverton, XO, presided over the meeting since our CO Lucy Ferron, who was away on some much needed R&R on Risa (she went on a vacation cruise), & welcomed members and guests. We all introduced ourselves. Since it was John's birthday, we sang, "Happy Birthday" to him. John also announced that his wife, Lt. Mariana Yelverton, is our newly appointed Chief of Medical. It was announced that we are saddened that Commander Janet Bullock resigned from Starfleet and the USS Haise due to personal and work obligations. We wish her well and hope she can come back to us sometime in the future. He also announced that another member, Jennifer McFarland, was moving to Virginia to live with her sister and that she will still be a member of Starfleet and will join a local chapter near her. We wish her well! We will miss you both!

We enjoyed great food, fun, and fellowship. After the meeting, we watched TOS, Space Seed.



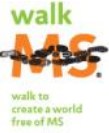
EVENT PICTURES

Friday, April 5, 2013 - 7-9 p.m.
50TH PRE-ANNIVERSARY OF STAR TREK FIRST CONTACT CELEBRATION
 (April 5, 2063)
 Heroes and Dreams Comics and Collectibles, Flowood, MS
 Cake , food, refreshments, door prizes & fireworks
 Watched Star Trek First Contact Movie



To view even more pictures, visit our USS Haise facebook page and our USS Haise website.

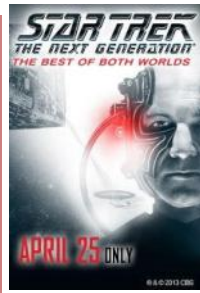
EVENT PICTURES



Saturday, April 20, 2013 - MS Walk - 100 Winners Circle Park Flowood, MS
 The USS HAISE MS WALK team raised slightly over \$1,500 this year. Scott Crawford, Haise crew member, who has MS says thanks to all his friends. We will cure multiple sclerosis that much faster!
 Below: Pictures from the event. For more pictures, visit our Facebook page & website.



Thursday, April 25, 2013
 Tinseltown - Pearl, MS
 Star Trek Next Generation
 The Best of Both Worlds Parts 1&2
 Several USS Haise crew members dressed in uniforms or Star Trek t-shirts joined a lot of other Star Trek fans to view these great remastered versions on the big screen.



Saturday, May 4, 2013 - MS Braves - Trustmark Park, Pearl, MS
 Brave Con: May the 4th Be With You: Sci-Fi & Comic Book Convention.
 USS Haise crew members manned a table for Brave Con - So much fun!
 See pictures below: See more on our Facebook & website pages.



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

Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise speaks at the University of Oklahoma - <http://newsok.com>

By [Silas Allen](#) Published: April 21, 2013



Former astronaut Fred Haise speaks during a visit to the University of Oklahoma. Photo by Silas Allen, The Oklahoman

NORMAN - When the crew of the Apollo 13 moon mission returned safely to Earth in 1970, it was the result of a series of minor miracles, crew member Fred Haise told a crowd at the University of Oklahoma on Wednesday.

But it was also the result of countless hours of training preparation, the design of the ship, and the efforts of the three-man crew and the people who staffed the Mission Control Center at Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, Haise said.

"It ... was based on sound process and methodology," Haise said. Classified as a "successful failure," the Apollo 13 mission was NASA's third lunar landing attempt. It was aborted after an oxygen tank exploded, leading to a number of system failures. The accident left NASA officials with the task of keeping the crew alive and getting ship safely back to Earth.

Haise's presentation at OU fell on the 43rd anniversary of the day the ship splashed down in the Pacific Ocean near American Samoa. Decades later, the anniversaries of key dates from the mission are still special, Haise said — he always speaks with mission commander Jim Lovell on what the two call "Boom Day," or the anniversary of the day the ship's oxygen tank blew.

For weeks before the launch, the crew, along with the alternate crew members, went through a series of flight scenarios in simulators. In each of the scenarios, the crew would experience a different set of malfunctions and failures, and would need to find a solution to those problems. In any given day, Haise said, the crew might go through launch simulations for half a day, then stop and go through each failure and discuss how to deal with them.

Haise was a backup lunar module pilot for the Apollo 8 and Apollo 11 missions. He underwent similar training before those launches, even though he didn't participate in the missions. During the training for those missions, crews still occasionally encountered scenarios for which there wasn't a good solution.

In those cases, he said, crews would need to sit down after the simulations and come up with a way to handle the scenarios.

When it came time for the Apollo 13 launch, the crew and Mission Control had been prepared well enough to handle nearly any situation that arose, Haise said.

"You feel reasonably confident in yourself," he said.

During his speech, Haise marveled at the progress technology has made since the Apollo missions. At the time, Mission Control used a bank of IBM computers that ran on whirring disks of magnetic tape. In the ship's command module and lunar module, the crew used similar equipment, which was some of the most sophisticated technology available at the time.

"We basically went to the moon with that machine that had a total memory of about one-tenth of a megabyte," he told the crowd. "You've all got more memory on your phones than Mission Control had."

Saints Host Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise at Facility - <http://www.neworleanssaints.com>

Posted May 14, 2013 - By Alex Restrepo



Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise wanted to personally thank Owner Tom Benson for the team's support with Infinity Science Center

The New Orleans Saints hosted two special guests Tuesday afternoon as Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise and Legislative Affairs Officer/Liaison to the INFINITY Science Center Myron Webb visited the team's facility on Airline Drive in Metairie.

Haise wanted to visit the Saints to personally thank Owner/Chairman of the Board Tom Benson for the team's support with INFINITY Science Center, an interactive science center in Hancock County.

The Saints teamed up with the Center and the Mississippi State Tax Commission to create Mississippi Super Bowl XLIV license plates to help raise funds for the Center, which opened in late 2012. The license plate monthly fees continue to support the Center's operations. Haise presented Mr. Benson with a #1 Mississippi Super Bowl XLIV license plate on Tuesday.

Haise and Webb met with Mr. Benson, President Dennis Lauscha, Executive Vice President/General Manager Mickey Loomis, Head Coach Sean Payton and Sr. Vice President of Communications Greg Benschel in Mr. Benson's office.

Normally it's the guests that ask all the questions when visiting the Saints facility, but it was the Black and Gold brass that was eager to query the NASA crew.

Haise told a number of stories from his exceptional career and Webb provided detailed updates on the Center.

"With our players I always use the line 'this isn't rocket science' but this is really rocket science," Payton joked.

After the meet-and-greet, Haise and Webb toured the team's facility.

For more information on the center, visit <http://www.infinitysciencecenter.org>.

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FIRST OFFICER



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I had an interesting conversation with a lady the other day. We were having a pleasant conversation when she made the snide comment that she didn't like organized religion. I quickly responded, "Well, congratulations, because you're about as disorganized as can be!"

This took her off guard, and gave me an opportunity to correct her on the errors of her thinking. It's actually a pretty common fallacy, so I decided that I would address it in this article. The fallacy is, "Jesus is good, but organized religion is bad." Some preachers have even gone as far as to proclaim that they don't pay any attention to outside sources and focus solely from their own reading of the Bible.

This is about as stupid a statement as can possibly be made, and if you ever encounter a minister as described above, run away as fast as you can! There's a reason that ministers attend seminary before become ministers, just as doctors and lawyers are required to attend medical and law school. People's lives are at stake, or more importantly for the minister, their soul is at stake.

Let's use chemistry as an example. The modern chemist goes to school and learns all the basics. He starts with the periodic table, then moves into organic chemistry, and then meanders his way into subatomic particles. In other words, he stands on the shoulders of those who came before him. This is how we achieve better living through chemistry.

Now, imagine someone who makes the proclamation that they are not going to pay any attention to other chemists, but rather solely discover chemistry on their own. They may spend their entire lives piecing together the different elements, and they may even fashion some sort of periodic table; but they would fall miserably short of other chemists. They would never discover the transuranic elements, as they would have no idea of how to synthesize them. They would never discover the micron microscope and therefore have no idea what the atomic weight of the elements they "discovered" were. Worse yet, they may even dredge up old, disproved theories and actually go back to believing that there are four elements called earth, wind, fire and water.

Thus it is in religion. Just as the chemist must stand on the shoulders of Empedocles, Democritus, Geber, Robert Boyle, Antoine Lavoisier, John Dalton, Dmitri Mendeleev, Robert Millikan, Niels Bohr, and Erwin Schrodinger; so the theologian must stand on the shoulders of Augustine, Jerome, Bernard, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Owen, John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, C.S. Lewis and Billy Graham.

The theologian who runs off to discover the secrets of the Bible by themselves will remain woefully shy of their potential. Worse, they may find themselves dredging up old heresies like judaizing, gnosticism, montanism, and pelagianism.

The real cause behind this anti-organized religion sentiment are people's hatred for doctrines and dogmas. You see, in chemistry, you take two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen and create water. This occurs every single time. Because it happens every single time, we're comfortable and confident calling it a scientific law. We're not comfortable doing that with religion.

The Bible gives us everything we need to know about how to live the Godly life and the way to salvation. However, it doesn't answer other questions we as Christians have. We are forced to infer. We have to read in between the lines as it were. This gave us the doctrines of the trinity, sanctification, lapsarianism, baptism, hypostasis, predestination, millennialism, and the like.

These doctrines and dogmas are what separates the Christian churches into their individual denominations. For example, whether you immerse or sprinkle the child or adult when you baptize or christen them is not outlined in the Bible, and therefore we must infer how we are supposed to do it. However, no one is really comfortable saying that their way is the only way, or worse yet, putting their doctrine on a par with God's commandments.

We expect believers to love their Father and His word. As such, we expect them to read the Bible for themselves, and decide which denomination is the most faithful to God's word. The doctrines and dogmas were arrived at through centuries of study and contemplation. They are not there to hinder you, but to allow you to stand on the shoulders of the giants who came before you.

Finally, if your beef with organized religion is that you can't stand all the "hypocrites" who go there, then remember this. A church is not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners. And before you start casting stones, remember this as well. Romans 3:10 tells us, "None is righteous, no, not one."

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Thanks to all who participated at the April 20th MS Walk in Flowood as we helped raise funds and awareness to fight this disease. Afterwards we met that evening at Allen's for our monthly meeting, where we collected your donations for CARA (see photo) which also counted towards Admiral Dave's Challenge of raising pet supplies for animal shelters. The chapter or region with the most points wins. We totaled at least 8,658 points. I think we have a decent chance of winning. Our next philanthropy project we've selected is helping with the Keep Jackson Beautiful Campaign to take place either at the end of September or beginning of October. We'll keep you updated.

I loved seeing STNG *Best of Both Worlds* parts I & II at Tinseltown on April 25th. Blue Ray is calling my name. And how cool was it to meet someone who has an actual com badge from the series.

It was great having everyone over to view *Star Trek* before the new movie came out last May giving us a chance to get acclimated for *Star Trek Into Darkness*, which I was finally able to see about a week after it was released as I was in Virginia with Craig's family and missed the local release with you all. I truly enjoyed every second of it and how the plot kept progressing. Now for number 3 in 2014. It won't surprise me if they launch a new series from this next one to help promote 50 years of Trek. What was even more amazing when I returned from Virginia was seeing myself in "Below Deck Notables" in the October-November issue of the *Communique!* Thanks, Lucy for thinking of me. Now my *other* friends know how serious I am about my Trekkieness.

See you at Rene's in July for Taco Night!

OPERATIONS



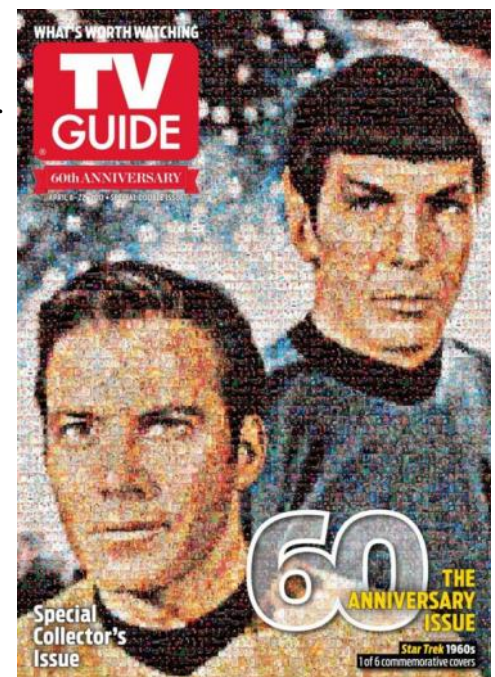
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NOTE: STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE - CQ#174 JAN-MAR 2013 Pages 20 & 21
Article and pictures about the USS Haise & Starfleet Day January 12, 2013

Right: One of TV Guide's 60th Anniversary Covers - mosaics showing Star Trek 60's.

April 8-21, 2013



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ENGINEERING

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Part of the nasty boring part of engineering is maintenance. We have spent a good bit of the last week cleaning out our in-laws home so we don't get that call saying they have broken a hip.

Some things to check in your home or an elderly relatives home.

1. The deep freezer. If you cannot identify the animal family, porcine, poultry or beef throw it out. Ditto if color wrong or if half container is ice crystals on one side with a bit of desiccated stuff on the other. Label and date everything. A corollary to this is to make sure your elderly relative can reach the bottom. Block ice or even boxes can be put in the bottom to raise the level up. Sort things by type. Vegetables meat heat and serve ...
2. Throw rugs are evil things. If they must have them, make sure the edges aren't curling up and put rubber backing tape on them or tack to floor.
3. Make sure stair hand rails are screwed in tight and that things are not left on the stairs to trip the unwary.
4. How much food do you really need to buy on sale and squirrel away on shelves in the basement? - The winning expiration date -1999. Make sure your stock is rotated and visible so you don't have to buy more because you don't know what is there. 10 lbs of raw popcorn and 12 packs of mitzvah crackers and you aren't even Jewish?! Seriously. If the stuff is not edible or no longer nutritious, it wont help you even after the zombie apocalypse.
5. Put stuff away and finish one project before starting another so you don't leave piles of things to trip on until there is only a path on the floor and all horizontal surfaces are piled up. Don't buy on speculation. Two totes of plastic flowers that still have the price tags on them?! Seriously.
6. Get Things Done - Break all projects and things you want to do down into small tasks that can be accomplished in a reasonable time. Don't put "Plant Vegetable Garden" on your to-do list, put tasks on the to-do list: example: buy seed and fertilizer, find/buy tools, rent tiller, till garden, rake garden, hoe furrows, plant seed, schedule watering on calendar....
7. "Later" never comes. Humans are not wired to remember to do more than 7-8 things, so delay will end up as procrastination.
 - If a task will take less than 2 minutes, do it immediately. Example: Pay power bill
 - If it takes equipment/materials you do not have, put them on a shopping list immediately. Buy seed, rent tiller
 - If there are time constraints, block out the time and schedule the tasks appropriately on your calendar. Example: Plant seed before rain (or by a certain date to have a watermelon by Spock's birthday)

A clean, well maintained and organized ship is a safe ship.

Bethany & family are currently on vacation and sent by email her article plus the picture below from somewhere in the mountains. She said, "Landscape from mountain landing site. This valley appears to be inhabited."



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SCIENCES



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

USS HAISE Raises \$1,500 for Multiple Sclerosis Research:

Team HAISE had a great time at the WALK MS event again this year. We raised about \$1,500 for the Alabama/Mississippi Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, that funds research and programs for people living with MS. Thank you to everyone that participated and donated!

My dog, Zoe, was once again, our official “mascot”.



STAR TREK - INTO DARKNESS: I thoroughly enjoyed the new J.J. Abrams’ STAR TREK movie, an innovative reimagining of the Enterprise crew’s conflict with Khan Noonien Singh. Like the first movie, Abram’s version was a non-stop action film with enough plot twists to keep people guessing. I for one entertained the possibility that they’d

portray Kahn as a “good guy” in this alternate reality. Alas, his genetically engineered psychopath got the best of him. It’s a must buy when it comes out on Blu-Ray!



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SCIENCES - cont'd



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

Below:
Here are just a few of my favorite Ray Harryhausen creatures.
There are many more. If you haven't seen these movies
recently, they are definitely worth renting!



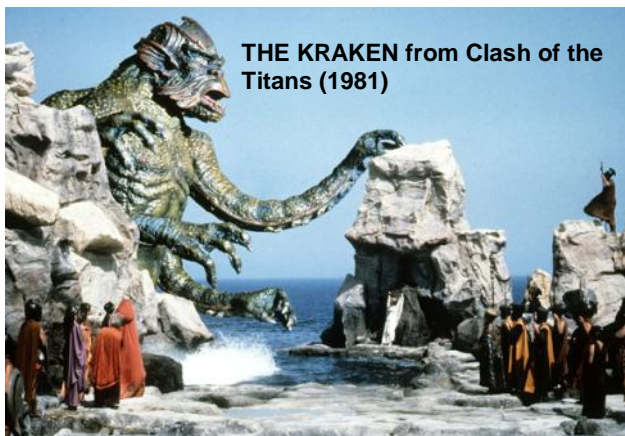
FIGHTING SKELETONS from Jason And The Argonauts (1963)



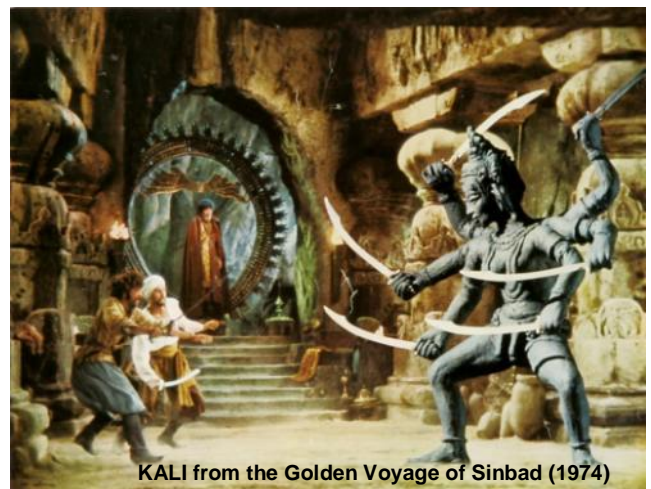
**CYCLOPS
from The
7th Voyage
Of Sinbad
(1958)**



MEDUSA from Clash of the Titans (1981)



**THE KRAKEN from Clash of the
Titans (1981)**



KALI from the Golden Voyage of Sinbad (1974)

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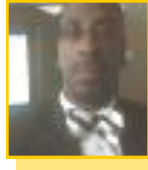
MEDICAL



Lt. Mariana Yelverton
Chief of Medical

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emergency.*

SECURITY



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

NO REPORT

Hi, my name is Mariana Yelverton nee Flores Corte. I am going to talk about myself and my city. I come from a city called Puebla its real name is Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza, better know as Puebla Puebla or just Puebla. The land of the angels, due to the legend that says that that city was designed by angels. It is also called the land of camote (a typical poblano bar candy)

One the main sources of industry in Puebla are the Volkswagen Plant, talavera pottery and our textile industry. If you go to Puebla there are some places you cannot miss such as: Amparo museum, Casa de Alfeñique museum, Santa Rosa museum where the mole poblano has its origin, el barrio del artista (the artist street), el parian, los sapos, la pasita, anlco, the Cathedral and the forts of Loreto and Guadalupe, where the battle of 5 de mayo had place back in 1868. When French troops fought against Zacapoaxtlas. Puebla is the only state in Mexico that celebrates 5 de mayo and to celebrate we throw a parade and that's it.

The battle of May the 5th was lead on the Mexican side by General Ignacio Zaragoza and General Ignacio Altamirano, and now we can appreciate the museum with the cannons used in the battle. There is a fountain with the image of Iganacio Zaragoza.

One of the legends of Puebla is the one of "la china poblana" the poblana Chinese girl. The legend is about an Indian princess who was kidnapped by Chinese people who sold her in an auction and the one who bought it was a Mexican man from Puebla who adopted her as his child. Her name was Catalina de San Juan. She liked, the colors of the flag so much (green, white and red) that she designed her own dress with those colors.

Now I am going to talk about me: I was born on March 29th in Puebla Puebla. My parents names are Hugo and Mary and they both live down in Puebla. I studied foreign languages. I have a college degree in it. I learned how to speak English when I was 17 and since then I knew I wanted to be an interpreter/translator, and now I work as an interpreter/translator at a Doctor's Clinic in Brandon.

I love dancing, writing poems or stories and learning foreign languages. I love listening to music, especially music that will remind me of my childhood. My favorite color is mint green. I am married to John Yelverton and I have a son whose name is Clark Yelverton. He is my little one.

Thank you for reading about me.

Mariana Yelverton



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. SHARE!

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

COUNSELOR



Ensign
Emily Graves
Ship's Counselor



At the end of May, we went to Creation's Star Trek Convention in Chicago. That was a lot of fun, of course, and I could write about what we did there – particularly *finally* meeting Patrick Stewart, the hard-to-catch Sir – but who really wants to read about someone else's vacation? You put up with others' travelogues so they have to put up with yours. So I won't do that. This time.

What I want to talk about instead is what happens at the conventions beyond meeting the stars of the show and spending obscene amounts of money on merchandise. What I want to talk about is this: See the two pictures at left.

The best part about conventions, truly, is the others who are there as fans. They come from all over the world. They're all ages, all shapes and sizes and colors, some of them are dressed as terrifyingly lifelike Borg (just ask Charlotte) or remarkably cuddly Klingons (just ask Charlotte) or as Guinan (just ask Charlotte). Some of them are shy, some of them are outgoing, some of them are first-timers, some of them have been going so long that everyone seems to know them by name. They come from all over the world (that's making the assumption of coming from just one world, but I wouldn't bet money on it). And you know, instantly, that with this group, you've got things in common.

How cool is that?

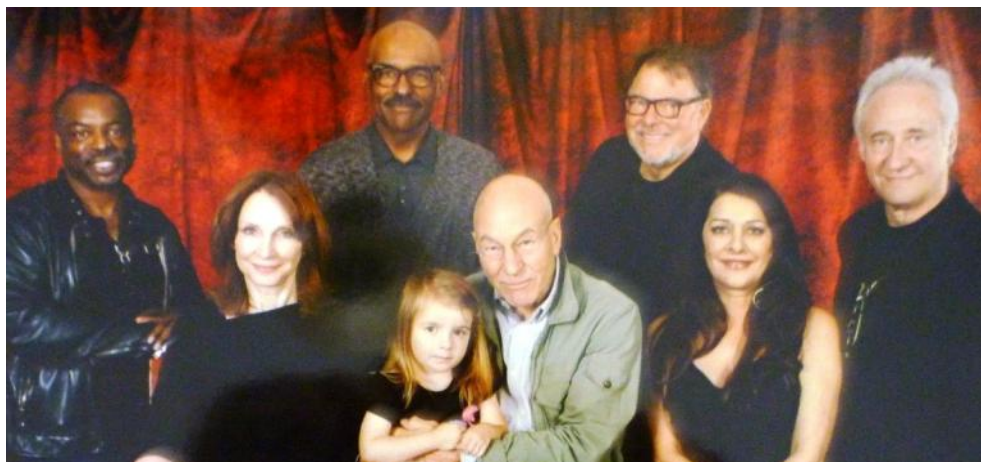
Personally, I was always the ultra-shy kid; I still tend to be pretty withdrawn and socially anxious. I know, totally unbelievable for a nerd, right? So in my mind, there's a lot to be said for having an instant conversation-starter, and conventions certainly provide that. But I was also always the person who was fascinated by people, one of the reasons I love both history and psychology – one is the stories of people, the other the science of people. I always loved meeting people from different places and different backgrounds; I was lucky enough to grow up in two countries and too very young to know some people who were remarkably different from your average Mississippian when I was living here, and I think that gave me the itch for things that are a little... well... *different*, people included. I want to know about everywhere, and I want to know people *from* everywhere, and it's the coolest thing in the world to be somewhere where you get an amalgam of not only looks, but also accents and beliefs and countries of origin. And conventions are a wonderful place for that.

Pictured above are two of Charlotte's friends – Kiera we met in Las Vegas last year; she and Charlotte instantly hit it off, and we've kept in touch since then. We arranged to go together to Chicago this time around, and Charlotte and Kiera spent the majority of their time together. The other picture is Charlotte with Jirod, who we met in Chicago – he's from Germany, and was over with his mother for the convention. He was amazingly sweet to Charlotte in and out of costume; we saw him post-convention at a nearby pizza place, and he very patiently showed Charlotte how to play the football (soccer) game on his Nintendo DS while we waited for our food. We were there a good 45 minutes, and he walked her through what he was doing the whole time. How many 12-year-old boys will willingly entertain a 3-year-old girl for nearly an hour? Forget his great costumes, he was an amazing kid, and we, of course, exchanged contact information with his family. They were there with a family they had just met at the convention, a family from Canada. So just standing there in that restaurant waiting for our food, four countries – the US, Canada, the UK, and Germany – were represented, and everyone was having a wonderful time talking about Star Trek, and places we had visited, and places we wanted to go, and making plans to try to do a meet-up in Las Vegas next year.

The best way to understand the world, I believe, is to experience it. A large part of that is getting to know people from all sorts of different places – places similar to where you live, places very different, and all the places in between. Try to understand them, and why they think differently from you, and how much you still have in common, because in the end we're all still human. A large part of the message of Star Trek has always been not only the exploration of new worlds, but also, of course, those new lives and new civilizations. Some are legendary within the Trek universe, some come and go in a single episode, but all are given their chance by our intrepid favorite crews to become new compatriots – new friends.

Here on Earth, if they've got it right, we've still got a good half century before the Vulcans show up to expand our own horizons. And if the timeline is to be believed, we've got another nasty world war to get through before we can put our differences aside and unite as one humanity. But in Giordano's that night in Chicago, it really seemed like maybe we could get there sooner – just by talking to each other, as people worth getting to know no matter how we look or what we sound like. Make friends over a pizza and a love of exploring the unknown. It's worth a shot, right?

That is the best part of conventions. For just a little while, everyone lives in harmony. Everyone is a friend.



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The theme for this IC is "The Year of the Phoenix", as 2012 is supposed to be the year the world comes to an end. From the ashes, the phoenix will arise, reborn. As Gene Roddenberry was often referred to as the Great Bird of the Galaxy (which was also referred to in the *Star Trek: New Frontier* books by Peter David) and the Phoenix was the name of Zefram Cochrane's ship in *Star Trek: First Contact*, we felt it would be a fitting theme for this 2013's International Conference.

Appearing at Starfleet's International Conference in Dallas, Texas on Saturday, August 3, 2013 will be none other than Region 3's Vaughn Armstrong. He will be appearing Saturday only, but may be hanging out with us most of the weekend.

Vaughn is on the 340th MEU with a couple other Star Trek cast members in Region 3. You might know Vaughn best as Admiral Forest in *Enterprise*; however, Vaughn is one of the few actors who has played over 8 Star Trek roles (I think he played 9).



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Star Trek Into Darkness will beam onto Blu-ray, Blu-ray 3D, DVD and On Demand in the U.S. on September 10, via Paramount Home Media Distribution; fans can access the Digital version three weeks early, on August 20. The J.J. Abrams-directed blockbuster, which is still playing in theaters across the U.S. and internationally, has so far grossed a whopping \$445 million, making it the top-grossing *Star Trek* film... ever.



The Blu-ray/DVD combo pack, which includes the Digital edition, will feature numerous extras, including "Creating the Red Planet," a peek into the creation of the world glimpsed in the film's opening sequence; "The Klingon Home World," a featurette about Kronos and the new-look Klingons; "Attack on Starfleet," with the cast and filmmakers discussing the pivotal sequence; "Ship to Ship," a piece about the space jump scene; "Brawl by the Bay," with Zachary Quinto and Benedict Cumberbatch discussing the Spock-Khan throwdown; and "The Enemy of My Enemy," which examines the how and why of choosing Khan as the villain and the decision to keep his identity under wraps.

The Blu-ray 3D/Blu-ray/DVD Combo Pack includes all of the above, plus the film in hi-def and 3D (on a disc presented in 1080p high-definition), while the Single-Disc DVD presents the film in widescreen enhanced for 16:9. The Blu-ray 3D/Blu-ray/DVD/On Demand Combo will cost \$49.99, with the Blu-ray/DVD Combo Pack priced at \$39.99 and the Single-Disc DVD at \$29.99.

"I'm excited for viewers at home to check out *Star Trek Into Darkness* on Blu-ray and DVD," J.J. Abrams said in a statement. "They did a great job and I'm thrilled with how everything looks and sounds. We also have some really fun behind-the-scenes special features that we shot on the Red and created entirely in-house at Bad Robot. They really look amazing and unlike anything I've seen on DVD or Blu-ray before."

Abrams added, "I hope fans enjoy seeing the process that went into making the movie and the truly amazing work of our most spectacular cast and crew."