

# THE COMMLINK

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



## Calendar 2013

### Meetings Stardate:

**Sat., Oct. 19 - 4 p.m.**  
BOWLING CHALLENGE  
INDIAN LANES  
BOWLING CENTER &  
ARCADE  
815 EAST NORTHSIDE  
DRIVE  
CLINTON, MS

**Sat., Oct 26 - 6:30 pm**  
MASQUERADE PARTY  
BROADMEADOW  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
\*\*FELLOWSHIP  
HALL\*\*  
4419 BROADMEADOW  
DRIVE  
JACKSON, MS 39206

**Sat. Nov. 16 - 6:30 p.m.**  
BUSINESS MEETING/  
BAJORAN GRATITUDE  
FEAST  
LOCATION: TBA

**Sat., Dec. 14 - 6:30 pm**  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Home of Clay Bartunek &  
Craig Haga  
MADISON, MS

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** "I look up at the night sky, and I know that, yes, we are part of this Universe, we are in this Universe, but perhaps more important that both of those facts is that the Universe is in us. When I reflect on that fact, I look up—many people feel small, because they're small and the Universe is big, but I feel big, because my atoms came from those stars." Neil deGrasse Tyson

## Captain's Log

*BY: Rear Admiral Lucy Ferron - Commanding Officer*

Greetings from the center seat! And who is that smiling guy on the inside cover of the most recent STARFLEET Communique? Why it is none other than USS Haise member Capt. Mark Nichols! Congratulations, Mark, on being featured in STARFLEET's newsletter. Congratulations to Emily Graves on receiving the STARFLEET Enlisted Member of the Year award at the SFI International Conference (IC) in August! Emily was the Region 2 winner of that award and so was nominated for the international award. She has been an invaluable member of the crew since joining and has eagerly helped the chapter in so many ways. Our talented and hard-working Chief of Communication, Barbara Allen, deserves high praise for steering the Haise's newsletter, "The Commlink," to another international award! It was announced at IC that the USS Haise's "The Commlink" was recognized for Best Newsletter Content and Information. Way to go Barbara!!! I also want to thank the members who contributed articles and photos to the newsletter because without that great content, we would not have won. If I start naming names I am bound to overlook someone – so thanks everyone!

(Continued on Page 3)

Below: IC 2013 Dallas, Texas  
Commander of Starfleet, Dave Blaser, presents Emily's Starfleet Enlisted Member of the Year award to Lucy. Emily was unable to attend.



Chuck Franck & Lucy Ferron

# HAILING FREQUENCIES OPEN

## EDITOR'S HAIL



**Editor:** Barbara Allen  
Lieutenant  
Chief of Communications

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

Congratulations to all who have contributed to our newsletter winning an award at IC 2013 in Dallas, Texas. USS Haise's "The Commlink" was recognized for Best Newsletter Content and Information. Your Editor is so proud of you all.

### IN THIS ISSUE

Captain 's Log Begins .....1  
 Editor's Hail.....2  
 FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR Continued.....3  
 Commander Lucy Ferron Log Ends .....3  
 Meeting & Event Pictures .....4-7  
 Fred Haise &/Or Infinity Science Center News .....8  
 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.....9-14  
 XO.....9  
 Special Reports..... none  
 More News & Upcoming Events .....15

### THE COMMLINK-U.S.S. HAISE

**Captain:** Lucy Ferron  
**1st Officer:** John Yelverton  
**Editor-in-Chief:** Barbara Allen  
**Chief of Security:** Mark Young  
**Article Submission Deadline:** 10th day of  
 Publication Month  
**Publication Date:** Quarterly  
 Articles may be submitted to the editor at  
 ballen9252@aol.com

THE COMMLINK is the newsletter of the U.S.S. Haise. Opinions expressed herein are strictly the opinions of the U.S.S. Haise. *Star Trek*, *TNG*, *DS9*, *Voyager*, and *Enterprise* are registered trademarks of *Paramount Pictures Corporation* (a division of *Paramount Communications*), *Viacom, Inc.*, and/or the Estate of Gene Roddenberry. All rights thereto are reserved by them or by their respective licensees. Our use of these trademarks is intended to be for a "fair use" only as permitted by applicable law, and no claim of ownership or infringement is intended or implied. This publication and this fan organization are both "not-for-profit."

Have you noticed lately that Star Trek keeps showing up in TV commercials and everywhere lately? I love it!

"Greetings," Apple's latest commercial for the just-introduced iPhone 5c, features an array of people greeting friends or family – in their native tongues -- on their colorful new iPhones. Among those people? A pair of *Star Trek* fans in full, homemade Klingon regalia. And, of course, they're speaking Klingon. Check out the spot now, and look for the Klingons at the 38-second mark.

<http://www.startrek.com/article/did-you-see-the-klingsons-in-the-new-apple-commercial>

### Check Out The Trio Of Samsung Commercials Featuring Star Trek

Have you seen Samsung's latest TV spots? They're a blast from the past and include tips of the cap to *Star Trek*. There are actually three commercials. The first is called "Battlestar Marathon." It features a father and son on their couch, where they've been for a long time, having watched days worth of *Battlestar Galactica* episodes. They're trying to decide what to watch next when their TV, a Samsung Smart TV, makes a suggestion. And what flies by but *The Original Series Enterprise*.

The second spot is for Samsung Galaxy Gear and it's called "A Long Time Coming." It features iconic images of familiar faces using futuristic watch/wrist communication devices. So there are snippets from *Get Smart*, *The Flintstones*, *Knight Rider* and *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* (a scene with Kirk and Spock).

Finally, there's "Evolution," another Samsung Gear spot. It displays close-ups of popular movie and TV wristbound communications devices and features dialogue bits from those movies and shows. The sounds come from *The Jetsons*, *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*, *Inspector Gadget*, *Predator* and *Star Trek* (voice of Kirk, circa *TMP*).

<http://www.startrek.com/article/check-out-the-trio-of-samsung-commercials-featuring-star-trek>

And of course, it's always mentioned on the TV Show, *The Big Bang Theory*!

**Right:**  
 Just wanted to throw in a picture of my husband, Glenn, wearing his favorite Star Trek shirt of *Enterprise's* T-Pol at our meeting recently. He & all the guys love the Women of Star Trek. So sweet!



**FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR**  
Continued from the front page

**REAR ADMIRAL LUCY FERRON**



Commanding Officer  
of the USS Haise  
haisecapt@yahoo.com  
601 366-3932 (home)



Right:  
Chuck Franck,  
Lucy Ferron,  
&  
Jim Brunton



STARFLEET International Conference (IC in our lingo) was held the first weekend of August in Dallas, TX. The USS Rachel Garrett and other chapters in the area did a great job of organizing, scheduling, and orchestrating this annual gathering of the SFI administration and members. Mark Nichols was my “transporter chief” for the journey and yes we had a great time talking about all of you during the drive (just kidding). It was my privilege this year to sit in with Region 2 Coordinator, Jack Eaton, as his “second” for the AB/EC meeting the day before IC officially began. It was a great learning experience to see how that administrative body of SFI functions. They functioned so well this year that they took care of business and adjourned in record time. One of the biggest agenda items was the proposed changes in membership fees (passed as you have seen). The changes go into effect beginning January 1, 2014. The IC schedule and activities are much like the Region Summits except you get to meet not only national but international members of SFI. There was a lot of election talk as you can imagine. I hope everyone has submitted their ballot. I believe we will hear results in November sometime.

Special guest at IC this year was Vaughn Armstrong, Admiral Forrester from “Enterprise.” He is a delightful guy and spent a lot of time hanging out, taking part in the activities, presenting a panel, and SINGING. We really enjoyed his performance and presence. A copy of each CD was purchased (The Enterprise Blues Band) that I plan to play at the upcoming party. Thanks again to Judy, Jim, Scott and Rene’ for hosting the pool party and cookout again this year. Also again this year, it rained, so no one actually got in the pool. Maybe better luck next year.

We scheduled our first bowling event at Indian Lanes in Clinton, for Saturday, October 19. Geeks playing sports? Should be fun and funny if nothing else! Next up is our annual Masquerade Party on October 26. It’s always a lot of fun (and food) and includes a pre-selected “Hokey Horror Movie” as John calls it. The party will be held again in the Fellowship Hall of Broadmeadow United Methodist Church, 6:30 pm. Costumes are not required but are encouraged. We will vote on “Best Costume” and I have a prize for the winner. We will also have some promotions announced that night.

Other celebrations are coming as well with the annual Bajoran Feast in November and the Christmas Party in December. I look forward to seeing a big crowd at each event and till then – Live long and party (I mean prosper)!



Above: Lucy presents Emily Graves her IC 2013 award. Congratulations, Emily!



Above - IC 2013 Dallas, TX  
Lucy Ferron & Jack Eaton

## JULY MEETING PICTURES

Saturday, July 20 - Taco Night - Rene Crawford's Home - 23 members present plus one guest  
Announcements: Welcome new members: Ricardo Lemus & Chuck Franck. Upcoming birthdays & Starfleet renewals were announced.  
Agenda: Lucy announced detail plans for assignments for members for R2 Summit 2014 plus other plans for Summit. Future bowling date information was discussed. Charity/volunteerism, Commander of Starfleet Election Update, & Ad As-tris Per Libris book club updates were discussed.  
Thank You Rene for hosting a terrific Taco Night enjoyed by all!



# AUGUST MEETING PICTURES

Saturday, August 17 - Western Sizzlin, Flowood, MS  
17 Members Present plus we welcomed two guests: Ryan & Ann Case  
Lucy announced IC 2013 awards for the USS Haise:  
Congratulations to Emily Graves on receiving the STARFLEET Enlisted Member of the Year award  
USS Haise's "The Commlink" was recognized for Best Newsletter Content and Information.  
Lucy gave the Financial Report. Bowling event info was discussed. Book club and charity/volunteer work was discussed.  
R2 Summit web page, hotel registration, and Early Bird Registration was discussed.  
At the end of the meeting we drew for door prizes and a group of books were available for free.



# SEPTEMBER MEETING PICTURES

Saturday, September 21 - Pool Party at the McNeil's Home  
17 Members were present  
Thank You to our gracious hosts, Jim & Judy McNeil. Though the "pool party" was rained out, we still had a great time eating BBQ pulled pork and watching "Star Trek Into Darkness". Also thanks to Scott & Rene'.  
Region 2 Summit information was announced.  
Clay led a discussion on volunteer work with Keep Jackson Beautiful and reminder about TOYS FOR TOTS. Bring your toys to the October or November Meeting.  
Bowling event info, and our upcoming Masquerade Party were announced.



# EVENT PICTURES



**STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013**  
**AUGUST 1-4, 2013**  
**MCM ELEGANTE HOTEL**  
**DALLAS, TEXAS**

Representing the USS Haise: Lucy Ferron & Mark Nichols



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

***Infinity Science Center Facebook reported on Aug 8:***  
Retired Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise speaks to our local teachers at the Teachers' Appreciation Dinner held at INFINITY earlier this week.



***Infinity Science Center Facebook reported on Aug 16:***  
Retired Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise speaks to our guest at the Possum Walk Ribbon Cutting Ceremony earlier this week.

**The Way of the Possum: Ceremony Wednesday to open trail**  
By Cassandra Favre  
Aug 13, 2013, 19:29

The first three miles of the Heritage Trail that begins at INFINITY Science Center will open Wednesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that includes officials from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Partners for Stennis, USM, NASA and Hancock County.

The 3.2-mile trail, called Possum Walk, starts at INFINITY and ends near the Pearl River. Markers along the way give the history of Possum Walk, an African-American community, as well as Logtown, another community that was located in this area. The Possum Walk, also known as the Discovery Trail, includes markers that teach the history of the area, as well as the plants native to this part of Hancock County.

The trail also has benches, a bridge, a floating dock and a kayak launch. The \$785,000 project was funded by MDMR through a grant from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program. The 3.2-mile trail is the beginning of what is a planned 100-mile Heritage Trail from INFINITY to Moss Point.

A reception begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday at INFINITY hosted by Compton Engineering, which was the construction firm for the Possum Walk segment of Heritage Trail.

Speakers include Jamie Miller, executive director of MDMR; Al Watkins, Partners for Stennis; Fred Haise, Apollo 13 astronaut and vice chairman of INFINITY Science Center; Joe Graben, USM; Lisa Cowand, president, Hancock

County Board of Supervisors and Ron Magee, NASA. INFINITY Science Center would like to thank Matt Touart with GT Development and Contracting, John Studstill with Compton Engineering, Allison Anderson, architect, and graphic designer Isabel Coelho for their work on the project. The reception will be followed by a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. at the beginning of the trail.



State and local officials will officially open the Possum Walk Heritage Trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony today. Above: The trail bridge is suspended over the Bogue Houma river. The bridge was installed on June 28 and was the final piece linking Logtown and INFINITY Science Center.





## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### FIRST OFFICER



Capt. John Yelverton  
XO  
yelvertoncomics@gmail.com

There's been a lot of talk lately about books that were left out of the Bible and a conspiracy to repress them and so forth. How do you respond to something like that? How do you know that the 66 books of the Bible are indeed the inspired word of God?

Well, for starters, all 39 books of the Old Testament are either directly quoted or referenced in the New Testament. Just so you won't have to take my word for it, here's the list: Gen. in Mk. 10:7-8; Ex. in Mk. 7:10; Lev. in Mt. 22:39; Num. is referenced in Jn. 3:14-15; Deut. in Mt. 4:4; Josh. in Heb. 13:5; Judg. in Heb. 11:32; Ruth in Mt. 1:5; I Sam. in Acts 13:22; II Sam. in Rom. 15:9; I Kings in Rom. 11:4; II Kings in Heb. 11:35; I Chr. in Rom. 11:36; II Chr. in Lk. 12:27; Ezra in Mt. 1:13; Neh. in Mt. 1:13; Esth. in Mk. 6:23; Job in I Cor. 3:19; Ps. in Lk. 4:10-11; Prov. in Rom. 2:6; Eccl. in Jn. 3:8; Song. in Lk. 12:27; Isa. in Mt. 1:23; Jer. in Mt. 2:18; Lam. in Rom. 8:34; Ezek. in II Cor. 6:16; Dan. in Mt. 24:15; Hos. in Mt. 2:15; Joel in Acts 2:17-20; Am. in Acts 7:42-43; Oba. in I Thess. 5:2; Jon. in Mt. 12:40; Mic. in Mt. 2:6; Nah. in Rom. 10:15; Hab. in Acts 13:41; Zeph. in Mt. 24:29; Hag. in Heb. 12:26; Zech. in Mt. 21:5; and Mal. in Mt. 11:10. Feel free to peruse at your own leisure.

As for the NT, it was written by eight men: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, Peter and Jude. How do we know that these guys are who they say they are? The NT cross references itself! Lk. 6:14-15, "Simon, whom he named Peter... and John... and Matthew" Peter, check. John, check, Matthew, check. II Tim. 4:11, "Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you..." Luke, check. Mark, check. Mt. 13:55, "And are not his brothers James... and Judas?" James, check. Jude, check. Finally, "II Pet. 3:15, "...just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him..." Paul, check. All eight authors, verified by the other authors, of their authenticity.

What about the apocrypha? Those books are actually in the Roman Catholic Bible. They're Baruch, Bel and the Dragon, I and II Esdras, Judith, Sirach, Susanna, Tobit, I, II, III and IV Maccabees, the Wisdom of Solomon, the Prayer of Azariah, the Prayer of Manasseh, the Letter of Jeremiah, and expanded versions of Esther and Psalms. The NT does make references to these books. For example, in John 10:22, you can read about Hanukkah, which can be found in I and II Maccabees. But do you remember that I spent forever showing how the NT writers went out of their way to reference and quote OT scripture? Not one book from the Apocrypha is quoted in the NT. That should tell you all you need to know about why it's not in your Bible.

And the books that were left out? Over 1500 years ago the Christian church sat down and said this does not belong in the Bible if, A: it does not have apostolic authorship B: it does not have cohesion (in other words, it disagrees with the other books) and C: it was written after Revelation. If it does not meet this criteria, it's not divinely inspired, and it does not belong in the Bible. These books were considered, but they did not meet the above criteria. I and II Clement (written after Revelation), Shepherd of Hermas (no apostolic authorship), Epistle of Barnabas (no cohesion), the rest: Didache, Apocalypse of Peter, Infancy of James, and III Corinthians do not meet any of the above criteria. And the Gnostic gospels? What about the Gospels of Mary, Thomas, Philip, Judas and Truth? First, the Gnostic gospels disagree with everything that Jesus taught. There is no hidden truth, and there is a resurrection of the dead. Additionally, every single one of those books were written in the 2nd century, which means that none of them have apostolic authorship, which means that none of those books meet any of the above criteria.

That's your Bible in a really tiny nutshell. I hope that helped strengthen your understanding. If there's something you'd like me to discuss in a later article, just e-mail me, and I'll do my best to answer your question.

# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## OPERATIONS



**Clay Bartunek**  
Lieutenant Commander  
Chief of Operations  
craigvr@bellsouth.net

Aside from a couple of breaks this summer meeting with you all: Taco Night at Rene's home (where the food was excellent) and at Western Sizzlin' in Flowood (where we played musical chairs), I've spent a lot of time preparing and hosting the *Magnolia Classic Dog Show* here in Jackson at the Trade Mart in September through the kennel club I belong to.

Our cookout at the McNeil's in Raymond as always was worth the drive for me. Seeing *Star Trek Into Darkness* on Blue-Ray was fabulous! Everyone there seemed to enjoy my limited edition gift set I had purchased from Walmart which included the Blue-Ray, the DVD, instructions for downloading the digital copy, and the villain ship model. This is the first Blue-Ray I've ever purchased. Now I just need a Blue-Ray player to play it on . . . maybe by Christmas.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Masquerade Party at Broadmeadow UMC Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, which happens to be the next Keep Jackson Beautiful project, the Greenwood Cemetery Work Day, from 9a to 1p in downtown Jackson at the corner of George and West St. doing things like picking up trash and limbs, pruning shrubs, planting trees and bulbs. This, however, may be too much to do in one day for us. Remember in November at our Bajoran Gratitude Festival we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for needy children in our community for the Marine's "Toys for Tots" campaign for Christmas. Bring your gifts then so they can be donated in time for Christmas. If anyone has any suggestions for philanthropy for our ship next year, please let me know.



Left: Scott Crawford & the USS Haise Received awards from Walk MS. Scott said our total was slightly over \$1,500, but we got two awards...

## ENGINEERING



**VADM Bethany Theilman**  
Chief of Engineering  
[btheilman@comcast.net](mailto:btheilman@comcast.net)



### NO REPORT -

\*\*\*\*\*

Bethany is very busy working at Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi - Mississippi Walk for Diabetes 2013 across the state.

Please make a donation to this great cause!



The Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi is Mississippi's Diabetes Team providing Help for Today and Hope for tomorrow. We accomplish our goals by caring for all children and adults in Mississippi living with diabetes. We \*provide emergency assistance to the uninsured \*conduct school programs to educate school staff about caring for children with diabetes in the school setting \*sponsor Camp Kandou, the only camp in our state for children with diabetes and their families \*provide life saving community screenings to find those with undiagnosed diabetes, \*sponsor educational seminars for children and adults with diabetes \*sponsor continuing medical educational programs for health care professionals to ensure they are aware of the latest diabetes management protocols, technology and more. Most importantly, EVERY DOLLAR RAISED HERE STAYS HERE! That means every dollar you donate, each dollar you raise, will stay right here, at home, to care for every child, every adult and every family touched by diabetes!

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### SCIENCES



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

**DISABILITY COMMUNITY** helps train Sidewalk Designers and Engineers: I helped others in the Disability Community train traffic engineers and designers on the challenges faced on our streets and sidewalks. Even though it's been 23 years now since the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, little has been done to make our streets and sidewalks welcoming places for those with disabilities. That is starting to change though in part because the very same people that design and build our sidewalks are now having the opportunity to experience what it is like to ride a wheelchair. Nothing teaches like experience, and we got good feedback from the participants. The training was conducted by Engineering Firm NEEL-SCHAFFER here in Jackson, and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

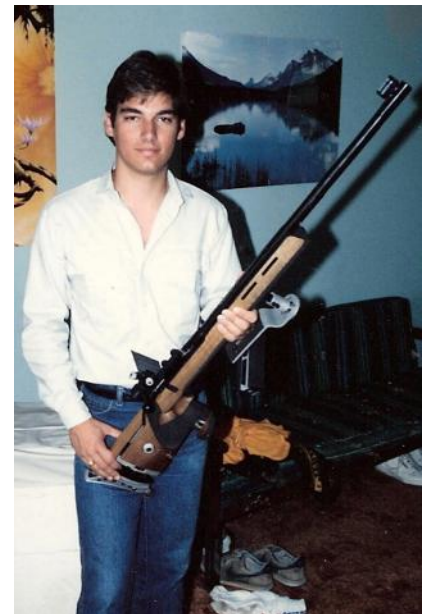


*Photos left & right:  
Photo Credit: Joe Ellis,  
Clarion Ledger*

### TWENTY FIRST CENTURY FIREARMS TRAINING:

Although I much prefer phasers because of their non-lethal "stun" setting, I do enjoy shooting ancient firearms at targets. I recently took the challenge of early 21<sup>st</sup> Century Firearms Training conducted by period-certified firearms experts. It was very well worth the time/effort. Because of my multiple sclerosis, I can no longer handle a rifle (too heavy), as I did in the past, competitively target shooting. However, I can still use a pistol for brief periods, and liked the idea of having more training. My favorite part of the course was the saying: "The best confrontations are the ones that are completely avoided."

**Right:**  
Scott with his target rifle (Anschutz Model 1813) back in the 1980's, when he shot competitively in college.



**Left:**  
Scott during firearms certification training, shooting his Smith & Wesson Performance Center Model 1911 with laser sight.



# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## SCIENCES - cont'd



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

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN from LEGO JACKSON:** Scott set up his HALLOWEEN LEGO display that will be up at the Mississippi Arts Center until November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It features all kinds of creatures, super villains, and monsters. The Arts Center is at 201 East Pascagoula Street, right beneath the Planetarium and the hours are Monday through Saturday (10-5), and Sunday (12-4). It is free to the public.



**Left:** Arkham Asylum for the “criminally insane” features all kinds of super villains guarded by Batman, Superman, Ironman, Robin, and Spiderman!



Sea Serpent “Nessie” attacks the Viking ship.



This year's display also includes Dragons.



It also features sets from LORD OF THE RINGS and THE HOBBIT.

# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## MEDICAL



Lt. Mariana Yelverton  
Chief of Medical

*Please state  
the nature of  
the medical  
emergency.*



Don't forget to take your flu shot!!! The prevention of the spread of influenza is so important that many places will offer the shot for free! It is important to remember that the flu is not a bad cold. The flu can kill. Take your flu shot today!

Below is an example of local Star Trek humor:  
From: The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, MS  
Wednesday, August 7, 2013  
By: Marshall Ramsey - Artist at The Clarion-Ledger



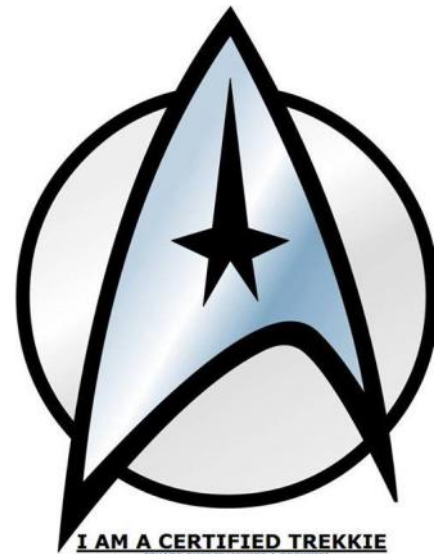
## SECURITY



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

Hello fellow Shipmates:

Your Chief of Security is alive and well. Thanks for all of the well wishers on my 37th birthday in August and to those as we deal with the Hinds County Board of Supervisors (LOL). I will have a report on the restaurants for the Admiral's Dinner in Vicksburg at the Halloween Bash. Also, as soon as I get time next month, I planned on taking several courses in Security. I think there is only two or three left which would round me out. I am also on the hunt for Star Trek Starships collectables. I recently purchased the K'Vort Class Klingon Bird of Prey with Christopher Plummer's voice recorded. That's all for now, see you all Saturday night!  
Hailing Frequencies Closed!



TREKKIE: A devoted fan of the television series Star Trek or one of its spinoff series or films. Variant: Trekkie (urbandictionary.com)



*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



A month later, we had a Thanksgiving celebration with the few other Americans we knew who lived there, and a few brave Scottish friends who wanted to get involved in turkey-and-stuffing. I have only vague memories of that – Thanksgiving isn't nearly as much fun as the holidays that bookend it for kids, after all – but I do remember the confusion over Halloween.

When I returned to the UK in 2004, and more specifically in 2005, when I was living in a house rather than in a dorm, Halloween remained an interesting concept-only to most people – on the night, some kids went around with bags and accosted strangers about giving them candy, but it was usually just to get a rise out of people, and little kids in masks were nowhere to be seen. I was entertained to catch some of those kids when I did happen to have some candy on me – they were hilariously surprised when their let's-

You'll have to forgive the brevity here – I'm working on my Honors defense draft, I take the GRE again next Tuesday, the psychology GRE the Saturday after that, grad school applications are due in for the most part in December, and I've got a research project starting at Millsaps and doing research for that. On top of classes. So this is going to be brief.

I thought a lot about what I wanted to write this month, and considered some topics that I would hope would offer some food for thought, but realized they would probably require more research than I've currently got the time or energy for. But driving home from a meeting last night, I saw those orange lights on bushes that have become popular near Halloween in recent years, and that got me thinking about holidays – specifically, the ways holidays differ in different parts of the world. I'm part of a group that works with Millsaps' international students, and we've been planning Halloween and Thanksgiving events for them, because those are holidays that are typically not celebrated elsewhere (more on that in a minute – no, Thanksgiving is not as obvious as you think it is).

When I was a kid, we lived in Scotland for awhile – specifically, in Glasgow, which remains my favorite city probably in the world, despite it's rather grim-and-gritty reputation. Trust me, you'll never find truer, better friends than the Glaswegians – once you finally get to know them. We moved over there in a foggy, cold July, and it really took until around October before anyone felt very comfortable there... some of the time. And when October rolled around, well – I was four, my brother was two, we were all about trick-or-treating. But something strange was going on – none of the shops had costumes. There were no pumpkins to be found. Candy wasn't being stockpiled.

We found out that in the UK, Halloween is really not a holiday at all. Oh, they know about the American tradition – and when my brother and I did go around with our make-do costumes (I was a clown – and a very good one, I might add!), people were charmed by what we were doing. They mostly gave us fruit, however, because they had no candy (sweets) on hand. No fun-size bars of chocolate there. (Our friends across the street, however, did have two boys who became totally enamored of slices of plasticky-orange American cheese. I wonder if they ever forgave us for that.)

amuse-each-other “trick or treat” actually ended with sweets in their bags.

But a week or so after Halloween came one of the most wonderfully pagan-esque celebrations I think I have ever experienced – Guy Fawkes Day, Bonfire Night; whatever you want to call it, it's a great time. And it ended, at least at the best celebration I went to, with an enormous, alien-eyed (think little green men) stuffed “thing” - the Guy – being brought out on wheels to go into an enormous fire. The holiday is a celebration of the failed attempt to blow up Parliament by Guy Fawkes and crew in 1605.

A Scottish holiday we experienced Hogmanay – the long, spectacular New Year's celebrations. Canada has their Thanksgiving – yes, they have one, too! – in October. Many European countries, the UK among them, hold Christmas celebrations over into Boxing Day, the 26<sup>th</sup>. In Russia, Christmas day for Orthodox families is celebrated on January 7 – presents and everything.

When I was growing up, my best friend was Jewish, and we would do holiday trades around December – I went to her house for at least the first night of Hannukah (oh, those latkes!) and she came to ours' for Christmas. It was amazing to have a friend who could actually *stay* for Christmas – everyone else had to be with their families, but I could have a friend over, someone to help pass that long night waiting for Christmas morning. When we enrolled Charlotte at Beth Israel for preschool, I was surprised to find that I still knew my way around the temple.

I am not a religious person, but I still love holidays. My grandmother was the same way – if a love of the spectacle of a particular season or celebration can be inherited, I certainly did. I love learning about everyone else's holidays all year round – customs, celebrations, stories. As we enter October every year – when the days finally get a little cooler, when the leaves come off the trees – I feel like the best part of the year is beginning again. It's the holiday season. And I want to do them all.

And whatever your beliefs and whatever your customs: *A h-uile là sona dhuibh 's gun là idir dona dhuibh!* Happy holidays!

# MORE NEWS - UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS



- OCTOBER -**  
 3 Clarence Winter  
 30 Joe Keenan  
 31 Cadet Evan Theilman

- NOVEMBER -**  
 14 Fred Haise

- DECEMBER -**  
 8 Scott Crawford  
 27 Emily Graves

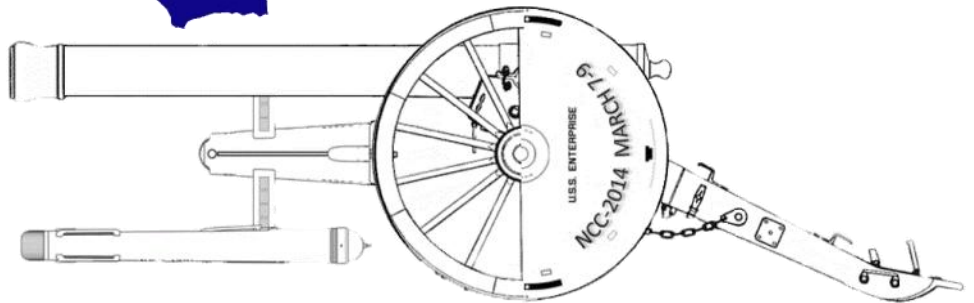


Editor: Chief of Communications  
 Barbara Allen, Lieutenant  
 Brandon, Mississippi  
 Email: ballen9252@aol.com

Please bring any new unwrapped toys to the October or November meeting.



**REGION 2 SUMMIT 2014**  
**VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI**  
**MARCH 7-9 2014**



Eight new and super-creative *Star Trek* crew t-shirts have just been introduced by Trevco, and [StarTrek.com](http://StarTrek.com) has not only a First Look, but also insights into the design of each sublimation shirt – with designs on the front and back -- from the artists who created them. Check out the shirts and the artist comments: <http://www.startrek.com/article/first-look-sublimated-trek-tees-from-trevco> Below are some of the shirts:

<http://secondfleet.org/Summit2014/Default.html>

See the above website for information.

