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



Greetings Crew!

Welcome to 2022 with the Haise - starting it with a meeting from Discord wasn't how I'd hoped to start off the year, but living in a world where digital options are available to us certainly allows me to pretend we live in a Trek-style future (the fascist tendencies aside). The

Waffle Night and bi-monthly meeting at Panera were certainly a success, however - I know you all can feel it too, but it's so much nicer to have everyone together to celebrate being a ship and socializing with like-minded individuals. I'll also admit that the Haise Logo coffee cup that Ann won at

Waffle Night has entered my weekly coffee cup rotation.

For those that have been keeping up -in February, Kahlan turned the big 5 years old & has almost completed pre-K. I recently set up a digital picture frame where I've put about all of the pictures of her that I've ever taken - it's striking to see how much she's changed and grown.



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### Message from the CO - Rear Admiral Ryan Case - cont'd

At the end of March, we got a special surprise visit from the Region's former Auctioneer and store-runner (whom Ann replaced on the staff), in Freddy Heller and his wife Connie. We took them out to the



Froghead Grill in Clinton - I haven't been able to see Freddy since the Pandemic began so I made sure to give him a huge hug for all he's done for the Region - if you ever attend a Summit and he's there, you should do the same - he's one of the best folk this Region has to offer.





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### Message from the CO - Rear Admiral Ryan Case - cont'd

Sadly, not much more to report on this quarter - it's always a slow one, and COVID January didn't help. Just as a reminder, if you wish to vote in the upcoming CS election this Fall, make sure your SFI membership is active by August 1st of this year - if it isn't, you won't be eligible to vote in this triennial election. Until next time...

Onward and Upward!  
VADM Ryan Case, CO



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## Message from Chief of Communications - Castlen King Rogers

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Hello Haise Crew,  
Welcome to a New Year of who-knows-what-to-expect. That has certainly held true for the King-Rogers family so far in 2022. But, life is supposed to be an adventure in stead of a steady linear pattern, right?

January began with Joe's first high school dance. He had a lovely time with his main squeeze, Lee Margaret. Don't they look great together!

Then it was time for band clinic in Raymond, and I'm proud to say Joe was in the top band this year!!

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Luckily February was rather smooth sailing for us. Unless you consider the rat that moved in and caused this:

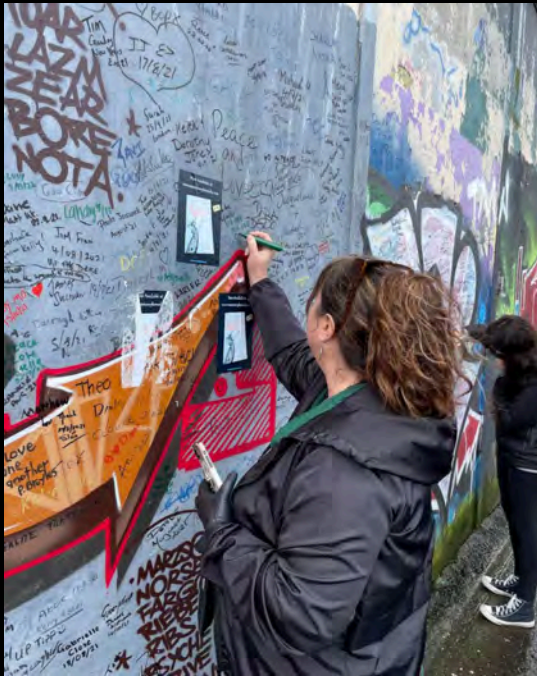
We are still living without most of our furniture, but the floors have been replaced and the plastic is down. We are able to be back in our house and use the kitchen, but I will say that the staff at the Home 2 Suites, which was our home for a while, were lovely.

We took March literally as we marched our way into new adventures including a trip across the pond to the U.K—Dublin, Derry, Belfast, London, & Edinburg.



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## JANUARY 15, 2022

Our USS HAISE Zoom Chat in January. We were virtual due to the surge in Omicron variant COVID-19 Cases Nationwide. The Crew of Haise on-line again, but happy to see each other's smiles.

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# FEBRUARY MEETING/PICTURES LCARS ACCESS 719

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## FEBRUARY 18, 2022

The USS Haise Crew had Waffle Night at Bethany's House. This event is always a favorite get together!

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The February meeting was held in person (yay!) at Panera Bread in Flowood, MS. The USS Haize Crew collected dog and cat food to donate to a local shelter called CARA. For this meeting, the door prize winner was Jason Smith.



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An interstellar object exploded over Earth in 2014, declassified government data reveal

By Brandon Specktor

to read the full article go to this link: <https://www.livescience.com/first-interstellar-object-detected>



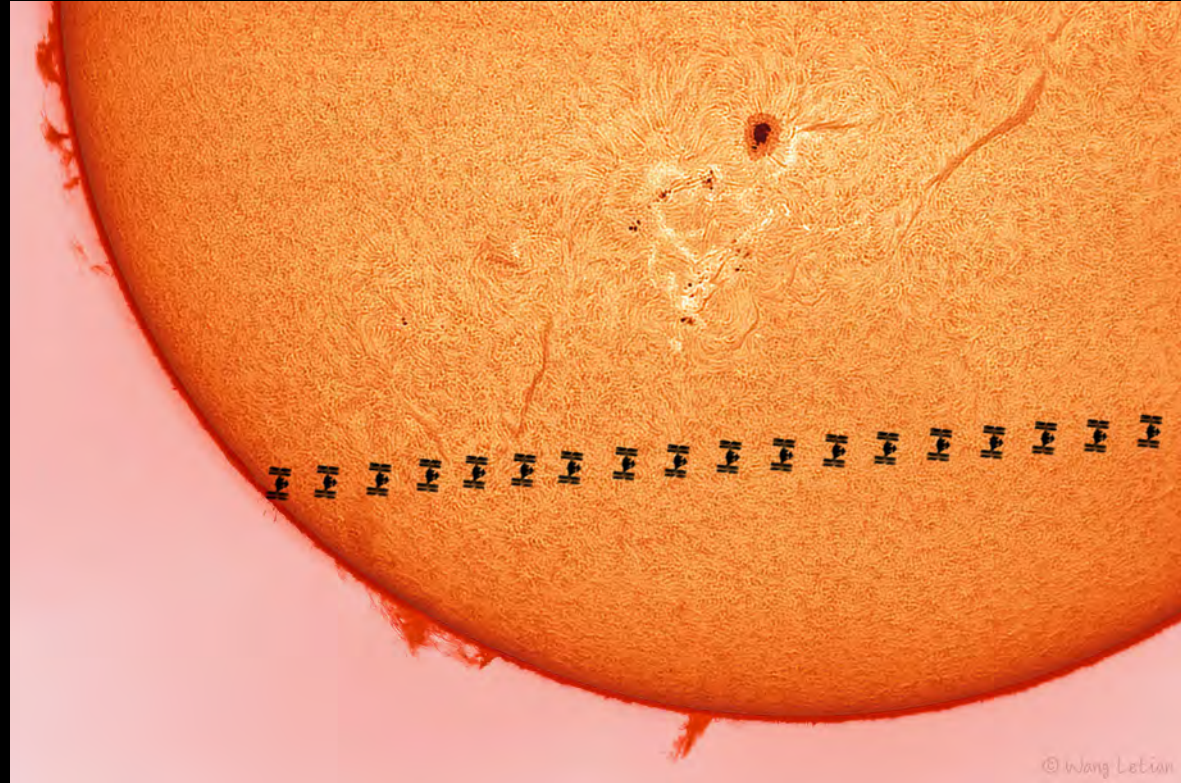
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## BEST EVER PHOTO of the ISS Transiting the Sun (Hydrogen Alpha Filter)

About the Photo:

Space Station, Sunspots and Solar Prominences

The photo was taken at noon on April 2nd, 2022 at local time in Beijing. The sun has been in a very active state recently. In this picture, the largest sunspot number is AR2978, which can even be seen by the naked eye at sunrise or sunset. The sunspot number of the following group is AR2981 and there is a very



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small sunspot number AR2982 on its left. With sunspots, you can see nearby bright areas, solar flares, and dark stripes - prominences on the sun's surface. Prominences can also be seen at the edge of the sun. At this time, the international space station is passing quickly in front of the sun, leaving a black shadow. My equipment: Lunt 152T solar telescope, ZWO ASI174MM, Televue 2X and Rainbow RST-135. .... I am Wang Letian, born in 1985, live in Beijing China. I was interested in astronomy since I was a child. Read a lot of astronomical books, I began to participate in astronomy interest group in primary school. After the high school, I had my own camera, began shooting stars. When I was in college, I had my first telescope. After graduating from college, I bought an equatorial mount, and then I embarked on a long road to astronomical photography.

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## NASA Seeks More Partners for Lunar Landers



As we make strides to return humans to the Moon under Artemis, we're asking U.S. companies to help us develop a sustainable presence there by proposing new concepts to transport astronauts between lunar orbit and the lunar surface.

Astronauts on the Artemis III mission will be the first to land on the Moon in more than 50 years, and they will ride from lunar orbit to the surface and back up on a SpaceX Starship Human Landing System. The winner of the new contract will develop technology that complements this system, with the capability to dock to a lunar orbiting space station known as Gateway, increase crew capacity, and transport more science and technology to the surface for missions beyond Artemis III.

Sound interesting? There is more information about this if you follow this link:

<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasa-provides-update-to-astronaut-moon-lander-plans-under-artemis>

A special Thank You to our namesake, Mr. Fred Haise, for sending this our way!!

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### Message from XO - Captain Joe Keenan



What an exciting time to be a fan of Star Trek! It is so nice to see such a wide variety of new Trek shows - it's been hard to keep up with all of them! Several years ago, before all of the new Star Trek shows came out, I set a milestone of watching every Star Trek episode there was. DS9 was the last series I watched, and when I finished the finale, I thought - what's next? Well watch them all again of course! :)

Now with the busy work schedule and planning for Bradley's graduation, it's hard to keep up with all of the new Star Trek shows that are out there! I enjoyed watching Discovery Season 4 and by the time of this

writing, just finished Picard Season 2 Episode 9 - the finale is next week! I still have Lower Decks and Prodigy to watch. I have watched the openers of both of these series but will squeeze in time to complete the series!

Next week is also the launch date of Star Trek Strange New Worlds - I am very excited about this show. Star Trek Strange New Worlds takes place about 10 years before TOS and returns to episodic Star Trek. Each show will be a story in and of itself. I am excited to see where Captain Pike's character goes as he leads the USS Enterprise! If I can't contain my enthusiasm it's because I am really excited to see Star Trek so prominently featured again. I am also looking forward to seeing STTMP in the theatre on the big screen for the first time in decades! The special effects are well done (I have Paramount so have already watched it) and I'm excited to see it on a big screen with friends alike. I hope you are all as excited about the new Star Trek as I am - there seems to be something for everyone. As our CO says - Onward and Upward!

Sincerely,  
Joe Keenan





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

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I just don't have much to report this quarter. I haven't even been watching any Star Trek series on Paramount Plus either. How sad is that? Most of my spare time is spent taking care of mom and 4 rescue dogs. It can be total chaos, but it's a joy as well.

The worst thing that happened to me this quarter was that our washing machine broke down for 2 weeks & there's no laundry mat anywhere near where I live! One never appreciates conveniences until they're gone. Remember, we still live in Covid times, so parts take quite awhile to come by.

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Also, I missed our January 15th Discord meeting, so I'm out of the loop there. On February 12th I was able to attend a Star Wars symphony in Jackson. That was really nice. They threw out many Star Wars statistics there. Did you know that John Williams has written a total of 26 hours of Star Wars music? I wonder how many hours of Star Trek music there is. On the 19th we held our U.S.S. Haise meeting at Bethany's, Waffle Night. What a great time (and food) that was. Thanks for hosting Bethany. I really got to bond with your new canine there.

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Another highlight of this quarter was that we got to have our monthly meeting in March at a restaurant, Panera Bread Co.! Here, we collected dog and cat food and other items for CARA, our local animal rescue no-kill shelter. I'm glad our Covid numbers in this area have dropped so we can meet out in public again and hopefully attract some attention to our ship. I'm looking forward to spending more time with you all this next quarter.

Stay safe, shipmates,  
Clay Bartunek, LT CMDR  
Chief of Operations

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Message from Chief of Engineering - Lieutenant Commander Jason Young

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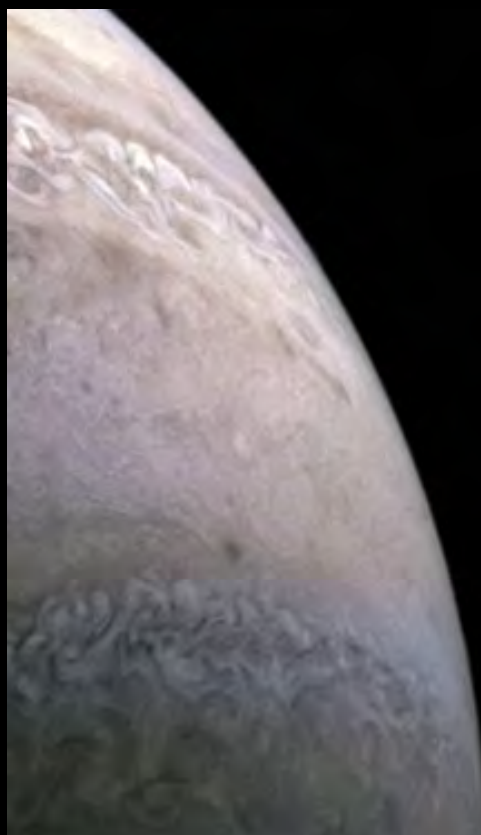
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## NASA snaps gorgeous photo of Jupiter's moons Io and Europa



NASA's Juno spacecraft flew close to Jupiter on Jan. 12, capturing a stunning new view of the planet and two of its moons, Io and Europa. NASA unveiled the view on March 16.

To read more follow this link: [https://www.space.com/juno-jupiter-moons-io-europa-photos?utm\\_source=SmartBrief&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=58E4DE65-C57F-4CD3-9A5A-609994E2C5A9&utm\\_content=B16B01C6-2899-4A24-A540-293EE4AAF517&utm\\_term=b7487736-4f5f-4f0e-a414-6462ba296fd7](https://www.space.com/juno-jupiter-moons-io-europa-photos?utm_source=SmartBrief&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=58E4DE65-C57F-4CD3-9A5A-609994E2C5A9&utm_content=B16B01C6-2899-4A24-A540-293EE4AAF517&utm_term=b7487736-4f5f-4f0e-a414-6462ba296fd7)



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



January through March was a busy time for me in terms of advocacy. In January, I participated in a virtual (video) Trial to force UBER to provide wheelchair-accessible service in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Heretofore, they have only provided limited service for a few major cities. I think they can do better, and that the Capital of the State of Mississippi is important enough to provide a modicum of wheelchair-accessible vans on their platform, so in 2017, I sued to make that happen. Of course, Uber has fought that the whole time. It could easily be provided through a modest "accessibility fee" of roughly 20 cents per ride, which would then be used to contract out the service to accessible wheelchair van owners in the metro area. Without such a service, people that need accessible transportation largely stay at home under what feels like, "house arrest". Society pays a price for that, because people like me have things to contribute and the more we (people with disabilities) can do for ourselves, the less society collectively pays to do it for us. It will be several months before the Judge decides the matter, but if you're interested, here's an article:

<https://www.courthousenews.com/uber-calls-demand-for-wheelchair-accessible-rides-unreasonable/>

Scott outside Uber's Corporate Headquarters in San Francisco (October, 2018)





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

Later in January (31st), I spoke on camera at a press conference outside the Capitol, urging Mississippi lawmakers to include people with disabilities and the LGBTQ community in our state's Hate Crime law, to make it similar to the Federal Statute. We've been trying to do this for several years now, and once again, the legislature refused to include us. You'll be interested to know, we revised our statute several years ago to rightly include first responders (police, fire-rescue, and emergency medical personnel).

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Star Wars Night at the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra:

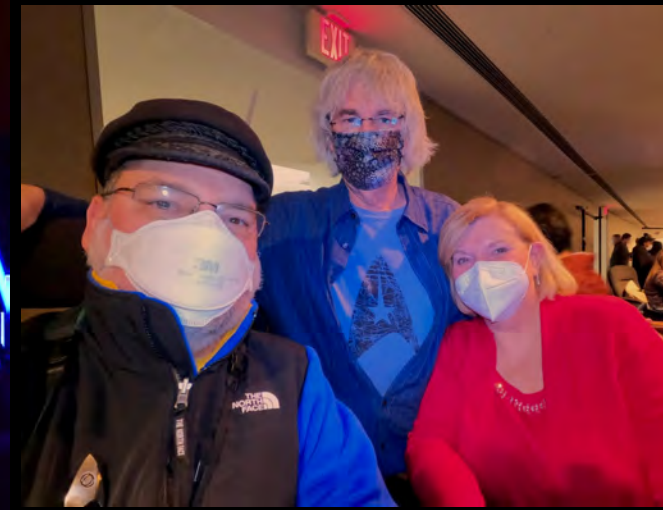
I \*LOVE\* both Star Trek and Star Wars, particularly the music of John Williams, so it is always a treat to go to the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra when they are having a STAR WARS concert! Here's just a couple photos of the event on February 12th. Clay Bartunek also came with a friend from his church:



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The Month of March was largely consumed by reviewing and scoring Rural Public Transportation Grants as part of my volunteer duties with MDOT's Intergovernmental Transportation Committee. It's our job to ensure that money is well-spent providing accessible transportation around the State of Mississippi, particularly in the RURAL areas. No, there isn't enough, but I serve as an advocate who KNOWS the importance of such services for older adults and people with disabilities.

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Also that Month (March), I (joined by others) led six online meetings with Congress (Senators Hyde-Smith and Wicker, and Congressmen Palazzo, Guest, Thompson, and Kelly, on behalf of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. We do this yearly, usually in person in Washington, but that was switched to a virtual format due to COVID. We typically advocate for medical research funding, but this year, as MANY years before, we centered our request on Congressional Action to LOWER Prescription Drug Costs for ALL Americans (not just folks with MS).

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Photo to the right: Misty steals all the attention when I'm trying to meet with Congress.

Photo: to the left: Maggie (the Muffin) congratulates daddy after his final congressional meeting.



As if that wasn't enough, I took the opportunity to write the Federal Aviation Administration and submitted formal comments on the effort to FINALLY make Air Travel ACCESSIBLE to wheelchair-users. Even thirty years after the ADA, it isn't. People like me are separated from our mobility equipment (wheelchairs, i.e., our LEGS) which are typically mishandled and broken or lost in the cargo holds, if they'll even fit (mine won't). Thankfully, the meeting was online, and I submitted a report via email. However, a few years ago, I had the opportunity to meet with the FAA in person, as in this 2015 photo at DOT Headquarters in Washington.

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Most of my friends know that I'm a SCIENCE-NERD, with special emphasis on Astronomy, Astrophysics, and All-Things-Space. One of the funniest and frankly preposterous "conspiracy theories" about our modern civilization, is that some contend that we humans couldn't have developed technology on our own, that we were "helped" by "Ancient Aliens"! <insert dramatic musical flourish> One of the funnier assertions is that our modern



microchip was really "reverse-engineered" by examining the UFO that allegedly crashed in Roswell, New Mexico. Of course, that's preposterous, and I don't take it seriously, but find it mildly amusing. So, it was much to my SHOCK that I was riding on one of JTRAN's paratransit buses (going to a meeting) and discovered ACTUAL Evidence of ALIEN TECHNOLOGY on board the Bus! SEE!!!



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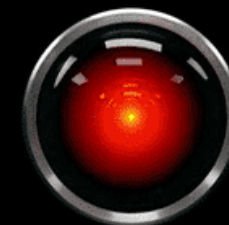
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"I'm not saying it was aliens, but... it was ALIENS!!!" GIORGIO A. TSOUKALOS:



# I'M SORRY, DAVE. I'M AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT.

It also evoked images of HAL 9000 (from 2001: A Space Odyssey): Scott - "Open the paratransit bus doors Hal"

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

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This year is flying by! January was a whirlwind of cold weather and rising Covid numbers. We had to push our meeting to virtual, but still got to catch up with everyone. January was when Kahlan had her first minor surgery of tubes for her ears! She did so well and has been much better since. February we got to have the delicious waffle night at Bethany's which was so much fun. In our family we got to celebrate Kahlan's 5th birthday! We had a blast playing games for her Encanto theme! Then March came swooping in and it was my birthday!



We had a fun March attending weddings, visiting family and enjoying Spring Break! Kahlan and I also went to Jackson Anime Fest! It was a lot of fun and got us super excited for this summer! We also got to enjoy meeting back up at Panera Bread. I know the next 3 months will be just as fun as these!

See you in the next quarter!  
Ann Case





Ship's Counselor - VACANT— Article from your Editor

NASA's huge Space Launch System (SLS) rocket was dramatically backdropped by two solar system bodies during its first-ever roll out to the launch pad last week.

Photo Credit: NASA, (thank you for sending, Mr. Haise!)



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## Message from Chief of Security - Rear Admiral John Yelverton

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Hello All,

I was looking at the recent book releases page on the website I get my news at and they announced that Fred Haise had published an autobiography called "Never Panic Early: An Apollo 13 Astronaut's Journey."

I've attached a link for anyone who wants to check it out.

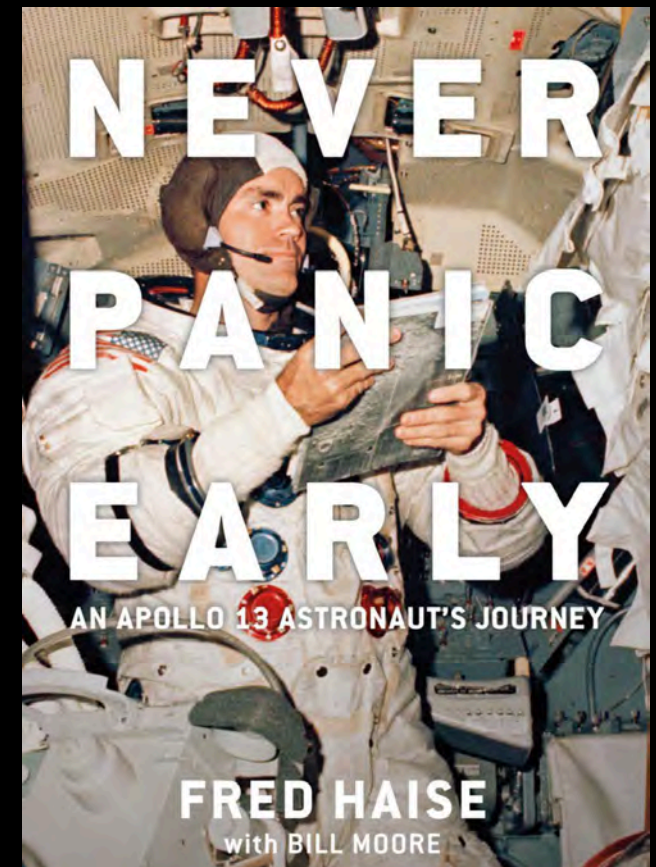
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Live Long and Prosper,  
John Yelverton

**From the description on Amazon.com:**

**The extraordinary autobiography of astronaut Fred Haise, one of only 24 men to fly to the moon**

**In the gripping Never Panic Early, Fred Haise, Lunar Module Pilot for Apollo 13, offers a detailed firsthand account of when disaster struck three days into his mission to the moon. An oxygen tank exploded, a crew mate uttered the now iconic words, "Houston, we've had a problem here," and the world anxiously watched as one of history's most incredible rescue missions unfolded. Haise brings readers into the heart of his experience on the challenging mission—considered NASA's finest hour—and reflects on his life and career as an Apollo astronaut.**



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### Elon Musk says SpaceX's 1st orbital Starship will 'hopefully' launch in May

SpaceX's huge Starship rocket for eventual trips to the moon and Mars could go orbital for the first time just two months from now, if all goes according to plan. Photo credit: SpaceX

For more on this go to the following link: [https://www.space.com/spacex-starship-orbital-test-flight-may-2022-target?utm\\_source=SmartBrief&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=58E4DE65-C57F-4CD3-9A5A-609994E2C5A9&utm\\_content=A70A4C61-86F2-4876-9F39-6B09695A4A82&utm\\_term=b7487736-4f5f-4f0e-a414-6462ba296fd7](https://www.space.com/spacex-starship-orbital-test-flight-may-2022-target?utm_source=SmartBrief&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=58E4DE65-C57F-4CD3-9A5A-609994E2C5A9&utm_content=A70A4C61-86F2-4876-9F39-6B09695A4A82&utm_term=b7487736-4f5f-4f0e-a414-6462ba296fd7)

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**USS HAISE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021****Note: Locations, Dates, & Times are Subject to Change**

*Monthly Meetings/Events for 2021 -Monthly Meetings are at 6:00 pm  
(please note the new time change for our meetings to begin)*

**Monthly Meetings:**

- April 16, USS Haise Banquet at the Hidden Hills Clubhouse
- May 21, Panera in Flowood
- June 18, Pool Party at Joe's House
- July 16, Panera in Flowood
- August 20, Pool Party at the McNeill's House
- September 17, Panera in Flowood
- October 15, Masquerade Party at the Cases' House
- November 19, Anti-Turkey Party at Panera in Flowood
- December 17, Christmas Party at Clay and Craig's House

**Other Haise Events:**

- May 22, at 3:00 pm, Star Trek: The Motion Picture,, Director's Edition showing at the Malco
- Grandview Theater
- Lemuria Bookstore has signed copies of "Still Just a Geek" by Will Wheaton
- June 17-20, International Conference in Tallahassee, FL (may be digital)
- June 25 & 26, MS Comic Con at the Trademart in Jackson, MS
- Book Club at the Cases' Dates- May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6