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Puss from the July 'Puss Trek' meeting...

FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER
Admiral Linda Smith - Starfleet 2024 SFDPP Certified

Hello! And welcome to the August issue of the Heimdal's newsletter. This has been probably the hottest summer I remember ... even including those as a child in North Carolina ... so, for the first time I can remember, I'm ready not quite for fall or for summer to be over, I'm just ready for less heat and humidity.





It's been a fast summer and our first without the auction. In this heat, I really haven't missed it. In no time we will be ready to get our information into the local middle schools to launch our Space Camp Contest, which is always exciting for me.

This message is kind of like a Heimdal meeting ... I really don't have much to tell you in this opening message (ahmmm). Just that we have some fun stuff for you in this issue so sit back, put your feet up, shift your chair into WARP SPEED and enjoy the read. We'll see you soon



**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
XO, Chief Science Officer, Adm. Willy Smith – Starfleet 2024 SFDPP Certified**

This month has been packed with things to do ... although compared to moving furniture and having carpet installed it's been way simple. ALSO, no more Heimdal members have been moved to 'Region 90,' thankfully, and with STARFLEET (for the moment), we're dealing with the email situation and Fleet only accepting gmail and vanity emails with membership. We did lose 2 potential new **Starfleet members** because of the problem but they're still coming to meetings so WE haven't lost them.

We still have one member that has a bouncing email and I've contacted the spouse and so has Linda on FB ... so I've done all I can do.

Other issues have been resolved, thanks to our members reading their email and making the repairs that STARFLEET asked for. I say "THANK YOU" to those that made the changes such as "sharing emails," adding a birthdate and sharing their firstborn with the kingdom of STARFLEET. I really appreciate the changes you guys have made, for the

Heimdal.

I encourage all to read the Region One newsletter ... it is great! They have a new design and new people who are excited about Region One and some of the "older ones" are still around ... reviving the First Fleet. I remember what that was like and reading some of the articles rekindled some of what I had way back then. When they needed something, I gave my input and every now and then they talked me into yet *another* position.

The Region One Summit has been missing for many years and it was a special part of STARFLEET for me. It is returning in 2025 and the "human touch" across these 8 states is greatly needed, much like our Heimdal anniversary parties. There are some truly KIND people (new and old) that are donating their time to bring it back. From the time that Linda and I were married all the way to COVID, we wouldn't miss one ... it MUST return. Please check it out at:

<https://www.sidneyjames.com/>

OH, and by the way - I found out ONE of the reasons that certain email providers send certain mail to your spam folder – it's when someone sends bulk email and they are trying to cut down on the amount of phishing and other scams that go along with bulk emails. They can't tell the difference in a STARFLEET Communique and someone trying to take advantage of us. Hopefully there's better news on the horizon, so for now just hang tight.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE SECOND OFFICER
RAdm. Carl Davis, Second Officer, Chief of Security - Starfleet SFDPP 2024 Certified**



I hope everybody has weathered the hot weather well. We've held up ok as one of the benefits of living in an earth bermed home is it's easier to cool than conventional above ground homes. Our home is like living in a basement so we've been comfortable.

We've been enjoying the excellent growing season in the garden. We've got the best cucumber harvest we've ever had. We've averaged 2 batches of pickles every week for the past month. For the first time in forever we got enough grapes off the vines to make a dozen jars of jelly which I just took out of the canner. Blueberries are finally coming to an end and we've probably picked 12-15 gallons from our bushes.

It has been amazing that while much of the county has suffered from the lack of rain, we've had little thunder showers that have kept the crops producing. It has been a blessing that we are retired and have had time to process the harvest so nothing has gone to waste.

Looking forward to things slowing down some so retirement will be a little less packed with things that require attention. Maybe have time to check over the Heimdal's duty roster and see if everyone is doing their jobs.



Definitely need more time for phaser simulation.

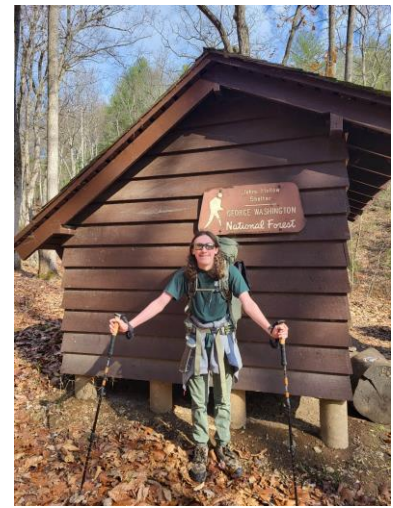
I did reup my Starfleet membership for another year and felt that the process was fairly easy. I am concerned that there is so much drama involving email accounts and the like. It seems that there may be a lack of consideration for the membership as a whole. Leaders need to be aware of the people they are leading and how decisions made at the top will affect everyone. Thanks to our captain who is trying to remind those at the top of that. When something has worked well for years, changing it might not be a good idea.

Everybody stay cool. See you at the next meeting.

MEETINGS AND COMMITMENTS



AUGUST MEETING



The August Heimdal meeting will be Saturday, August 17 at the Madison Heights Library and on ZOOM starting at 6:30 p.m.

Because of a schedule conflict, our original guest speaker, Ethan Mason – our Space Camp student this year, will be speaking to us at our September 21 meeting. Jonathon and Allen Hatter graciously agreed to swap meeting dates with Ethan and will be our guest speakers at the August meeting. They will be talking to us about “Scouting Adventures,” As most of us know, Allen is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout and Jonathon is involved with Allen’s Boy Scout troop on multiple levels. This isn’t just identifying trees and rubbing 2 sticks together to start a campfire. This is BIG adventures and they can’t wait to tell you about it. And we don’t want to miss that. It’s not your granddaddy’s Boy Scout experiences!

Please bring an item for refreshments. It would be fun to bring some refreshment related to scouting ... be inventive ... have fun with it. (Does a bear poop in the woods?????????????). Please bring a guest.

Darrell Millner will be our ZOOM coordinator for the evening and here are the coordinates:

CO Linda Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Heimdal Aug 2024 - The Adventure Continues**

Time: Aug 17, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85888737989?pwd=KeIwesRBLEhuBuIX6SjafGLqeA8yVx.1>

Meeting ID: 858 8873 7989 **Passcode:** tricorder

JULY MEETING: PUSS TREK II

We started off the July meeting with a ‘brief meeting.’ It would have been brief but there was a discussion about Heimdal having a prospective member and her husband attempt to join Starfleet on-line with the Membership Application. She was turned OFF because the application says that **only gmail and vanity email addresses are acceptable for Starfleet members.** She and her husband both have AOL and do not want to add an additional email account / password to juggle just for Starfleet. Most everyone at the meeting joined in the discussion.

Heimdal has many computer people and several had solutions to what





everyone felt was a Starfleet problem. In the end, and to make a long story less long, someone brought up and we discussed the possibility of changing a 41-year-old rule that all members of the Heimdal HAVE to also be Starfleet members. Because we believe this will eventually affect more potential members, we will discuss this in depth at a later date. No one wants to make a radical change without a lot of thought and discussion. BUT we also do NOT want to lose productive Heimdal members. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES ...

Following the BUSINESS, we enjoyed **PUSS TREK II**, something we had done 10 years earlier when the **Puss In Boots** movies first came to theaters. Everyone wore some cat article – t-shirt, jewelry, cat ears, a cat tail and Willy wore a mouse nose and ears because he said, *“We HAVE to have a mouse.”*

The hit of the evening was watching *Puss In Boot: The Last Wish*, of course, which EVERYONE enjoyed so much. Before that, though, we had Cat Themed Refreshments and THAT was so much funny. There was a Kitty Litter Cake in a litter pan served with a litter scoop, a cool cat head cheese ball, a cat drowning in kitty barf cake, hairball cookies, kitty barf (tuna salad) and Gold Fish Crackers in a fish



bowl. Our members are so creative and inventive.

This meeting was mostly a ‘Just For Fun’ meeting with creative desserts and sharing a fun movie with friends.

HEIMDAL’S 41ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: APRIL 2025



Ladies and Gentlemen, crew, you guys ... we have a date, a location and entertainment for Heimdal’s 2025 41st Anniversary Celebration. It will be April 12, 2025, Lynchburg Grand Hotel, AND ... drum roll, please ... McKinley Cardwell will be back AGAIN to entertain us. Party theme will be announced a little later.

In making reservations with the hotel, the Event Coordinator told me food prices have gone up and we will feel the increase, unfortunately. The price increase reflects the increase the hotel has to pay and trickles down to us. The buffet for 2025 will be \$32.00 per person. I KNOW that’s a lot but it’s all you have to pay for a wonderful evening so start saving a few dollars regularly right now so you will have money for your buffet in plenty of time.

Not only has the price of food / the buffet increased, everything across the board has increased and this may be the **LAST** year I’m able to do such an elaborate party. Willy, Carl and I are already exploring possibilities for following years but plan to have a huge Anniversary Bash for Heimdal’s 50th. Anniversary.

HEIMDAL PEOPLE



ROBIN WINS ‘THE GOLD’ AT COMMONWEALTH GAMES

By Robin Hudson

The 2024 Special Olympics Virginia Commonwealth Summer Games Opening Ceremony was held on Friday, June 7th at the University of Richmond’s Robins Stadium. I was able to attend and participate.

It was a long and fun day to be with friends, other supporters and even families loved and enjoyed it.



DARTH VADER BRINGS GALACTIC BEATS TO JOHNSON'S HEALTH CENTER'S 'BACK TO SCHOOL CARE FAIR'

By Weston Webb

Madison Heights Event Unites Community with Fun, Safety, and Free Supplies

On a bright Saturday afternoon, the new Madison Heights office building at 109 Clearview Rd. transformed into a vibrant hub of excitement and community spirit as DJ Darth Vader took center stage at Johnson's Health Center's **'Back to School Care Fair.'** The event, held from 2:00-4:00 p.m., offered children and families a unique blend of entertainment, education, and essential back-to-school resources.

Under the guise of the iconic Sith Lord, DJ Darth Vader enthralled the crowd with his electrifying mix of popular hits and Star Wars-themed tunes. His performance added an element of fun and whimsy to the event, making it a memorable experience for attendees of all ages. The sight of Darth Vader spinning tracks was a delight, captivating both kids and adults alike, and providing a perfect backdrop for the festivities.

In addition to the musical entertainment, the fair featured interactions with local emergency services. Children had the opportunity to meet and greet firefighters, police officers, and EMTs, learning about their crucial roles in the community. These interactions helped foster a sense of safety and trust, demystifying the work of emergency responders and making them approachable figures for the youngsters.



Local businesses and vendors also participated, showcasing their products and services to the community. This not only provided a platform for local entrepreneurs but also offered families access to a variety of resources and information. From health services to educational materials, the vendors contributed to a well-rounded community event that catered to various needs and interests.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the distribution of free school backpacks filled with supplies. Johnson's Health Center ensured that every child left the event prepared for the new school year, easing the burden on families and promoting educational readiness. The smiles on the children's faces as they received their backpacks were a testament to the success and impact of the event.



As the event drew to a close, DJ Darth Vader's beats continued to energize the crowd, leaving a lasting impression on everyone who attended. The **'Back to School Care Fair'** at Madison Heights was more than just an event; it was a celebration of community, support, and shared joy.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Johnson's Health Center, local emergency services, businesses, vendors, and of course, DJ Darth Vader, the fair was a stellar success, setting a positive tone for the upcoming school year.

STARFLEET ACADEMY GRADUATES – CONGRATULATIONS!



Admiral Willy Smith

30 SFA courses taken & passed for July (*wouldn't that be simpler for NL?*)

IOMOS - College of SpecOps Specialties (CSOS)

OPS 107 - Psychological Operations - on Jul 1, 2024 – HONORS

OPS 108 - Ambush Operations - Jul 2, 2024 – DISTINCTION

OPS 109 - Counter-Guerilla Ops in Conventional Conflicts - Jul 3, 2024 – DISTINCTION



OPS 110 - Night Operations - Jul 4, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 OPS 111 - Pathfinder Operations Jul 7, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 OPS 112 - Strike Operations - Jul 7, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 OPS 113 - How to Attack & Clear Buildings - Jul 8, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 OPS 114 - Peacekeeping Operations - Jul 8, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 OPS 115 - Urban Combat Operations Pt. 1 - Jul 9, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 OPS 116 - Urban Combat Operations Pt. 2 - Jul 12, 2024 PASS
 OPS 117 - Urban Combat Operations Pt. 3 - Jul 12, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 OPS 118 - Fundamentals in Low Intensity Conflict - Jul 13, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 OPS 119 - River Crossing Pt. 1 - Jul 14, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 OPS 120 - River Crossing Pt. 2 -Jul 14, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 OPS 121 - River Crossing Pt. 3 - Jul 14, 2024 -DISTINCTION
 OPS 106 - Counter Insurgency Operations Pt. 4 - Jun 29, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 OPS 122 - River Crossing Pt. 4 - Jul 17, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 OPS 123 - Obstacle Operations Pt.1 - Jul 17, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 OPS 124 - Obstacle Operations Pt. 2 - Jul 18, 2024 – HONORS
 OPS 125 - Convoy Operations - Jul 18, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 OPS 126 - Search and Rescue - Jul 18, 2024 – HONORS
 OPS 127 - Ship Boarding part 1 - Jul 19, 2024 - DISTINCTION

IOSTS - College of Starship Design (COSD)

COSD 125G - NCC-1701C Schematics - Jul 2, 2024 – DISTINCTION
 COSD 126 - NCC-1701D Schematics - Jul 7, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 COSD 126A - NCC-1701D Schematics - Jul 10, 2024 -DISTINCTION
 COSD 126B - NCC-1701D Schematics - Jul 10, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 COSD 126C - NCC-1701D Schematics - Jul 10, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 COSD 126D - NCC-1701D Schematics - Jul 10, 2024 - DISTINCTION
 COSD 127 - NCC-1701E Schematics - Jul 10, 2024 - PASS
 COSD 127A - NCC-1701E Schematics - Jul 12, 2024 - DISTINCTION

CMDR Zachary Lyon



CMDR Zachary Lyon (5 Courses, 0 Awards)

IOSS - College of Orbital Mechanics

DISTINCTION for COOM 101 Laws of Motion and orbits Jul 08, 2024

IOTK - College of Plasma Technology

HONORS for CPT 103 - Types of Plasma on Jul 14, 2024

IOSS - College of Spaceflight

HONORS for GEMI 102 - Gemini 2 on Jul 21, 2024

HONORS for GEMI 103 - Gemini 3 on Jul 22, 2024

HONORS for GEMI 104 - Gemini 4 on Jul 22, 2024



LT Lyon Jody (3 Courses, 0 Awards)

IOSS - School of Planetary Identification & Discovery

DISTINCTION for SPID 110 - Minor Planets part 1 on Jul 17, 2024

DISTINCTION for SPID 111 - Minor Planets part 2 on Jul 24, 2024

DISTINCTION for SPID 112 - What are Carbon and Chthonian Planets on Jul 24, 2024

RENEWALS

A special THANK YOU to Julie & Brett Witcher, Zak & Jody Lyon, Tyler St. Clair & Eric Merrill for renewing and staying with our Heimdal “family” for another amazing year.

Our Membership Coordinator (one of the many hats he wears), Willy Smith sends out email reminders to everyone a month in advance of your renewal date. THANK YOU, Willy! And he will renew for you with the Heimdal’s PayPal



account and you can pay us back if you'd rather do it that way. To pay the Heimdal back if we renew for you, please make your check out to Linda Smith and she will deposit it into the Heimdal's account. We ask that you reimburse the Heimdal within in 60 days following your renewal.

Remember the increase in membership rates went into effect on January 1 and congratulations to those of you that renewed 'under the wire.' **You may also renew for multiple years with Starfleet ... not just a year at the time.**

XXX PLEASE NOTE: When Willy sends you your renewal reminder, he includes in that email your SCC number and expiration date.

Remember, Starfleet suggests you renew a month before your expiration date so you won't risk being removed from the Heimdal's roster, which happens at the stroke of midnight on your expiration date if you haven't renewed.

Those needing to renew are

- September – Jimmy Farlow – September 2**
- Beth & Peter Hopkins – September 5**
- October – Glenda & Dan Blanks – October 11**
- Karen Delano – October 18**
- November – Tim Hazlett – November 18**

HEIMDAL STUFF

WEB SITE UPDATE

THE WEBS WE WEAVE

By CMDR William M. Walker, Jr., Webmaster (but not Spiderman)

While I kept the basic structure, I have made several changes and additions to the Chapter's web site within the past several months. Many of you are probably already aware of most of these updates, but I wish to take some space in this month's newsletter to report out to the entire membership, to ensure everyone is informed.

LCARS is used throughout the site with a strong focus on in-universe elements, such as the bridge background soundtrack, that provides an immersive experience. The web site has six main sections, all navigable by the LCARS menu at the top of every page. The **Home Page** displays any immediate announcements, with background on the chapter and pictures of the chapter leadership.

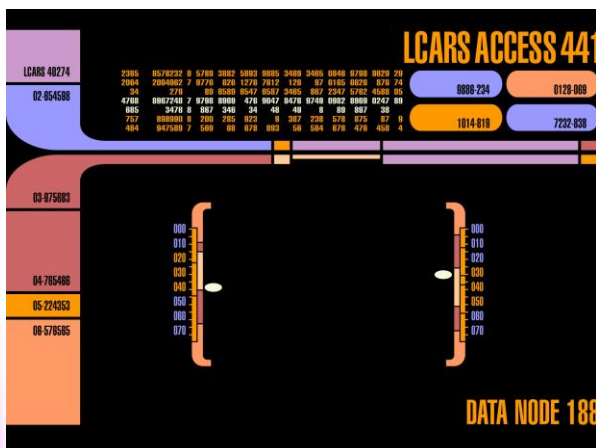
To help navigate the home page, the LCARS has an **"About"** button that jumps to each section. In addition, this button can take the viewer to our "Hall of Heroes," which memorializes the names of chapter members who have died. Also, there is a link to the Engineering Department's web site. If any other department creates a web site or some other dedicated presence on the internet, let me know and I will include a link from the Chapter web site.

The **Enlist Page** is entirely devoted to recruiting. The page not only makes a "sales pitch" on why a person should join SFI, it provides step-by-step instructions (including pictures) on how to join. The **Newsletter Page** always displays the current newsletter in a PDF reader, thus making it easy for the membership and the public to read it online. In addition, it provides communicator "buttons" that link to previous editions of the newsletter, in case someone missed an issue.

We have devoted a section of our web site to our **Writing Role Play** exercise. Members of the chapter participate in writing a fan fiction story, with each chapter building on the last. Each chapter, with easy navigation, is presented in this section for all to read.

On our **Upcoming Events Page**, information is provided on upcoming events, including dates and locations. In addition, it provides a calendar which provides a snapshot of the entire year so our members can plan ahead. The **Special Events Page** provides information and pictures of previous happenings of the chapter. Individual members are recognized as well as highlighting unique gatherings of the chapter.

Finally, the Klingon Time Crystal scavenger hunt is over. The "prize" was a hidden link to the newest addition to the web site, an **Archive Page**. The archive page is your one-stop shop for all the periodicals and documents you may need as a crewperson in Starfleet. It includes three years' of Heimdal newsletters,



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current newsletters from Region One (First Fleet) and Starfleet International. As well it has handbooks, memos and even song lyrics. You can find a link to the archive page in the drop-down menu from the "About" button.

You can find our website at ussheimdal.com. Happy web surfing!

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What do you like MOST about Heimdal's Space Camp Contest?



Willy Smith - That we as a club have the ability to change a young person's life in a POSITIVE way and who knows which of them will make something they learned that one summer, part of their career in life.

Darrell Millner - I envy those that are able to submit their entries, for the possibility of SPACE CAMP, knowing what a difference it may have made in my journey. I am

humbled to play my small part of support and to do what I can to bring this dream to life for a local student.

Jody Lyon - I like everything about this contest. As a teacher, the essay is so much better than a lottery. As someone who came of age in the 60s, encouraging interest in space in children is so important. And seeing the "results" when kids come back and share their experiences and if they go into space related fields, that's the icing on the cake.

Zak Lyon - It would be a different answer if it could be longer, but I like that the program represents a forward looking future.

Linda Smith - I LOVE the whole thing ... working and coordinating the trips with Space Camp, working with the parents and becoming lasting friends with some of them, meeting our winning students and hearing them tell us about their trip. When I hear those kids my heart almost bursts with pride and amazement and I ALWAYS think, "*We did this!*"

RILEY'S RAMBLINGS

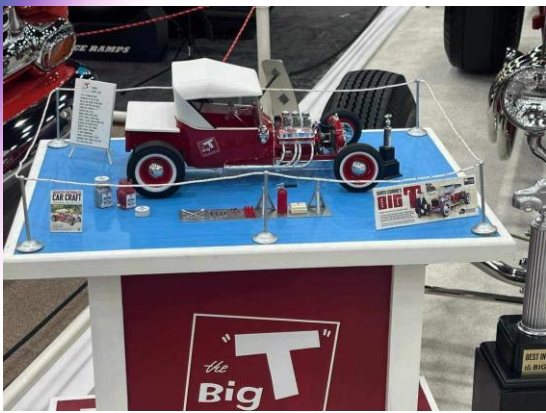


TESTOR MODEL PAINT JARS

By Richard Riley



Hello everyone! I am in the home stretch with making tombstones ... before you know it Halloween will be here!



In the next few columns, I will be showcasing what I have been working on but for this month's column I wanted to show some unique items that I have made. I was commissioned to make 2 vintage Testor brand model paint bottles. The back story to this is quite interesting!

In the early 1960's Monogram Model Company created a Custom 1923 Model "T" Hot Rod. It is Red, lots of chrome and sold quite well back when it was new. It inspired many young people to start building Hot Rods when they became adults.

Fast forward to 2020 - a gentleman had built a life-size functioning replica of this car but he took it a step further. He wanted it to look like that the actual model had come to life! He commissioned me to build 2 oversized Testor paint bottles that would be on display with the car at shows and events.

I started out first by getting an old Testors bottle off of eBay. I was able to use that as reference and scale it up to the correct size. The shape is not that complicated but getting the cap made was the challenge! It has numerous ridges in it so that you can grip it to unscrew the cap off of the bottle. One of the bottles needed to have the lid in place but the other the lid is removed and a giant paint brush is inside the jar. I used a sign company to create the labels for the bottle along with the writing on the brush. Making a small everyday item into an oversized piece has its challenges, and discrepancies in the shape and style would be easily seen so I had to get this as close as possible to the real ones.



The original Monogram scale-model kit

On these pieces I was lucky in that I did not need to finish them; the client had a body shop in mind with the correct paint colors so they were able to coat and sand them to a high gloss shine! These pieces turned out beautifully! The car and the display are now on display at the National Rod and Custom Car Hall of Fame in Afton, Oklahoma. Fun, quirky pieces that people can enjoy for years to come!

FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS



<<<SECURITY>>>

SECURITY REPORT: AUGUST 2024

By RAdm. Carl Davis, Chief of Security, Starfleet SFDPP Certified
WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS!

Just a reminder that the next phaser sim is scheduled for **August 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Mountaintop Christian Adventures**. Maybe the weather will be a tad cooler and we can get a good turnout. I've missed the excitement and challenge of playing paintball with friends. The comradery is hard to match.

On a less cheerful subject, there are a lot of scams out there that we need to be aware of. The list is too long to list here but I would advise everyone to do a google search and be aware of those that are currently most prevalent. It is amazing the amount of trouble that scammers will go to in trying to separate good people from their hard-earned money.





I recall one scam that was presented to my mother-in-law a few years back. Supposedly my daughter was on the phone with her asking for money to be sent to bail her out of jail. She was told not to tell “Dad” but my mother-in-law had the good sense to give me the phone.

The “daughter” had flown with a friend to visit someone and drugs had been planted on the friend so they were both arrested. I asked my “daughter” why she didn’t sound like herself and she said she’d been crying so much. She had very good answers and was well rehearsed but she wasn’t my daughter and I told her she should be ashamed and hung up.

That was just one that I was personally involved with and I’ve read that they get much more involved. Be cautious when answering the phone and stay aware of possible scams that may come your way.

Stay Secure!



<<<SCIENCE>>>



By Admiral Willy Smith – Chief Science Officer, SFDPP Certified Science of Night Adaptation

When I was working for the power company, we were called to go repair an underground high voltage line at a US Army base in Blackstone VA. At that time, it was called Camp Pickett, now Fort Barfoot. ANYWAY, to locate a fault in an underground cable it sometimes takes a while, depending on the cable depth, soil and compaction. THIS cable was a dog to find but we finally located the fault after dusk and it was fully dark before we began digging with the excavator.

We started into our “regular” drills of digging and had opened a large hole to make repairs when someone noticed a red dot on the other guy’s shirt ... “*you got one too Willy!*” I didn’t know what to think because the dots were swarming all over us. someone playing a prank?

It wasn’t long before a jeep showed up and (let’s call him *Sergeant Carter*) jumped out and wanted to know who was charge? ‘Sgt. Carter’ asked me couldn’t I have chosen a better place to conduct our “hole digging”? I looked beyond him and about 30, maybe more armed soldiers walked out of the woods and onto the road, all had goggles on top of their heads. One yelled at us “*to turn that friggin flashing beacon off.*” (we could do that).

That’s when ‘Sgt. Carter’ told us we had screwed up their “night operations” and they were advancing on another group, which he stopped a mile away. Carter’s men had noticed us a half mile away and stopped advancing until they realized we weren’t going anywhere. After they left, two of us said they had electronic guns and two said it was paintball... looked REAL to me! Didn’t matter, WE had a job to do.

The reason I wrote this is because I never realized how much our lights, the beacon light and our PRESENCE screwed up the planned night operations for those men ... we were a random element thrown in ... just doing our job. Recently I was taking an Academy course on “Military Night Operations” and I learned they *train* for months to see in the dark in full gear

Dark Adaptation is the process by which the eyes increase their sensitivity to low levels of light. Soldiers adapt to the darkness at varying degrees and rates. During the first 30 minutes in a dark environment, the eye sensitivity increases roughly 10,000 times. Dark adaptation is affected by exposure to bright lights such as matches, flashlights, flares, and vehicle headlights. Full recovery from this exposure may take up to 45 minutes. Night vision goggles impede dark adaptation. However, if a soldier adapts to the dark before donning the goggles, he gains full dark adaptation in about two minutes after removing them.

There was much more in the course but this was an experience that I remember well and although we were on an





Army base we never thought about being in the middle of a war game with *real* soldiers that weren't smiling ... I wonder if they remember us fondly? (*College of Special Operations Specialties*)

<<<<ENGINEERING>>>>



ENGINEERING UPDATE

FCAPT Darrell Millner, Chief Engineering Officer
R1 RDC ENG., Starfleet SFDPP Certified, SFA RED Squad
Monthly ENG/OPS Report - SD: 202408.02

As I prepare to beam over to Gather Town, which is serving as the virtual link to the 2024 STARFLEET VIC, I am excited and sad. This would have been an excellent opportunity for tactile contact with my fellow SFI members, Heimdal Crew, Region One and SFA leaders. But these are the choices I make based on the data at hand. I do hope to see many of you in the virtual hallways and perhaps raise a glass with you in Quark's.

I want to flash back to the July Heimdal Monthly Meeting for a moment. It was a joy to be with you all (and hey just working through the technical difficulties, Willy shows our flexibility and determination as a crew) and I wanted to give a shout out to Zak for waving from the other room, Jody, Kathy and Gary / Lassie – Engineering was well represented. Gary / Lassie, I know it was very late for you both – ‘Thank You for the extra effort from across the pond’. Also, many interesting discussions, and I look forward to more especially regarding the communication issues.

There is a buzz in Engineering this month; you can almost taste the excitement in the corridors regarding the SEPTEMBER 2024 issue of our ‘THE ENGINEERING LINK’. Our plan to mark this significant milestone will hopefully have other departments in a buzz as well. Speaking of which, running a bit behind, however, the current issue of T.E.L. will be available online at <https://trek.milnernet.com/home/eng-link/> within the next few hours. There has just been so much happening that the coffee is not enough.

On a closing note, and hopefully not redundant – my CRS kicking in, if you are a Heimdal Member and an Amateur Radio Enthusiast / HAM – please email me, I'd like to bounce some ideas with you.

Until next time – Cheers from Georgia. – CEO Millner



<<<<MEDICAL>>>>



MEDICAL MINUTE; August 2024

Alpha-gal

By Commander Tammy White, Chief Medical Officer

Like a lot of people my sister, Shelly, has recently been diagnosed with Alpha-gal. Because more and more people are being diagnosed with it, I decided to do this month's medical minute on Alpha gal. Most of the information I have is from the Mayo Clinic.



Most of us know that people acquire Alpha gal from a tick bite. People become allergic to red meat and other products made from mammals. In the United States, the condition usually begins with the bite of the Lone Star tick. The bite transfers a sugar molecule called alpha-gal into the body.

The time delay between eating meat products and getting an allergic reaction may be one reason alpha-gal syndrome was not understood at first. For example, a possible connection between a T-bone steak with dinner and hives at midnight is far from clear.

Avoid tick bites to prevent alpha-gal syndrome. Wear long pants tucked inside your socks, hat and gloves, and long-sleeved shirts when you're in wooded, grassy areas. Apply insect repellent with a 20% or higher concentration of the ingredient DEET to your skin.



Alpha gal causes mild to severe allergic reactions to red meat, such as beef, pork or lamb. It also can cause reactions to other foods that come from mammals, such as dairy products or gelatins.



Get help if you have food allergy symptoms after you eat, even several hours after you eat. See your primary care health care provider or an allergy specialist.

Get emergency medical treatment if you have symptoms of a serious allergic reaction that causes trouble breathing, called anaphylaxis, such as: trouble breathing, rapid, weak pulse, dizzy or lightheaded feeling, drooling and not being able to swallow, full-body redness and warmth, called flushing.

If you or your doctor suspects you have alpha-gal they will probably want to perform a blood test. A blood test can confirm and measure the amount of alpha-gal antibodies in your bloodstream. This is the key test for diagnosis.

A skin test can also be performed. A health care provider pricks your skin and exposes it to small amounts of substances taken from commercial or fresh red meat. If you're allergic, you get a raised bump called a hive at the test site on your skin. Your provider or allergist also may test your skin for an allergic reaction to certain types of red meat. That's because there are different kinds of allergies to meat. Alpha-gal syndrome treatment involves avoiding the foods that cause your reaction. Always check the ingredient labels on store-bought foods. Make sure they don't have red meat or meat-based ingredients, such as: beef, pork, lamb, organ meats, and gelatins.

Check soup stock cubes, gravy packages and flavor ingredients in prepackaged products. Ask your health care provider or allergist for a list of foods to avoid, including meat extracts used in flavoring. The names of some meat-based ingredients make them easy to miss. Some medications will cause a reaction also. Over the counter gel tablets contain allergens. Read labels carefully and/or ask you pharmacist to be sure you stay safe.

Be extra careful when you eat at restaurants and social get-togethers. Many people don't understand how serious an allergic food reaction can be. And few people know that meat allergies exist. Even a small amount of red meat can cause a serious reaction.

If you're worried that a food may contain something you're allergic to, don't try it. Do what you can to lower your risk. For example, you could bring your own food to a party if guests are making food on a shared cooking surface.

For a serious allergic reaction, you may need a shot of epinephrine and emergency care. Many people with allergies carry a device called an epinephrine auto-injector. It's a syringe and concealed needle that injects a single dose of medication when you press it against your thigh.

If you've been diagnosed with alpha-gal syndrome, your doctor or allergist likely will prescribe an epinephrine auto-injector. **If you are given a prescription for an epi-pen it is very important that you, and anyone who may need to help you, fully understand how to use it. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for instructions. Don't assume you, or others, will know how to use it.**



Symptoms of alpha-gal syndrome may lessen or even disappear over time. This is especially true if you don't get any more bites from ticks that carry alpha-gal. Some people with this condition can eat mammal food products again after 1 to 2 years if they don't get any more tick bites.

Shelly has found support groups on FB that are helping her find things she can eat and things she cannot. Some people have it so severely they cannot handle things such as wool socks and leather jackets. Others cannot cook using the same pots, pans and utensils as others in the household even if they've been fully washed. Not everyone who has Alpha-gal has such extreme reactions. Some cannot eat the meat but can eat mammal product such as ice cream, cheese and milk. There are some apps that people can use to help. You simply scan a bar code and it will tell you if that product is safe or not.

<<<<COMMUNICATIONS>>>>

AUGUST COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

By Vice Admiral Glenda Blanks, Communications Chief,
Starfleet SFDPP 2024 Certified

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
from Wikipedia



Information and communications technology (ICT) is an extensional term for information technology (IT)



that stresses the role of unified communications and the integration of telecommunications (telephone lines and wireless signals) and computers, as well as necessary enterprise software, middleware, storage and audiovisual, that enable users to access, store, transmit, understand and manipulate information.

ICT is also used to refer to the convergence of audiovisuals and telephone networks with computer networks through a single cabling or link system. There are large economic incentives to merge the telephone networks with the computer network system using a single unified system of cabling, signal distribution, and management. ICT is an umbrella term that includes any communication device, encompassing radio, television, cell phones, computer and network hardware, satellite systems and so on, as well as the various services and appliances with them such as video conferencing and distance learning. ICT also includes analog technology, such as paper communication, and any mode that transmits communication.

ICT is a broad subject and the concepts are evolving. It covers any product that will store, retrieve, manipulate, process, transmit, or receive information electronically in a digital form (e.g., personal computers including smartphones, digital television, email, or robots). Skills Framework for the Information Age is one of many models for describing and managing competencies for ICT professionals in the 21st century.



HEIMDAL'S PET FLEET

FUN PET FACTS ...

The relationship between pets and humans offers an insightful look into how our societies have evolved, and researchers are studying that link to learn more about humans as a species.



REGION ONE STUFF

REGION ONE 2025 SUMMIT

By Willy Smith

The Region One Summit will be held: **May 2 – 4, 2025 Gatlinburg Tennessee**

Early registration for the Summit is as follows (per person):

July 1st through September 30th: **\$35.00**

October 1st through January 31st: **\$40.00**

February 1st through April 30th (Online Registration Ends): **\$45.00**

At the Door: **\$50.00**



The 2025 Region One Summit will redefine your summit experience. It guarantees an exhilarating weekend for everyone involved. With a brand-new hotel venue and fresh ideas abound they are offering transportation to and from McGhee Tyson Airport in Knoxville, TN for those opting to fly.

Additionally, the banquet and dance will take place at a separate venue, with transportation provided to and from the event. The Banquet will have a laid-back atmosphere and will be hosted at a Sports bar just a short distance from the hotel. Feel free to dress comfortably as your attire will be for the dance also, which will immediately follow the Banquet.

The Sidney James Mountain Lodge is situated conveniently in downtown Gatlinburg, the lodge offers numerous amenities, including a stunning indoor pool facility with a swim-through cavern and waterfall, rooms with balconies overlooking a mountain stream, and a full-service restaurant. Guests can easily access nearby attractions, restaurants, and shops, either by hopping on the Gatlinburg trolley, which stops right outside the hotel, or by taking a short walk.

More information and pictures at: www.Sidneyjames.com There will be a costume contest and a silent auction. Much more information located at: <https://r1.sfi.org/2025-region-one-summit/>

Join us for a weekend unlike any other! I plan on registering soon!

Additionally:
Greetings All,



The 2025 Region One Summit can now be found on r1.sfi.org . This includes registrations (general, lodging, banquet, and breakfast), online photo release form, preliminary schedule of events. costume contest information, and silent auction donation form.

Best Regards,
Anthony Leopard, Commodore
2025 Region One Summit Co-Coordinator

REGION ONE'S DELTA SECTOR: HEIMDAL IS A PART OF THIS

Editor's Note: In an attempt to unite the chapters of Reion One, the chapters closest together have been divided into four **Sectors**. The Heimdal is a part of **Delta Sector** and the Coordinator is Captain Michael Tucci, CO of the USS Potomac in Alexandria.

Delta Sector includes the chapters of Virginia and West Virginia and they are [USS Appomattox NCC-75001](#), Lynchburg, VA, [USS Decker NCC-3030](#), Williamsburg, VA, [USS Heimdal NCC-1793](#), Amherst, VA, [USS Maat NCC-1794-A](#), Virginia Beach, VA, [USS Mountaineer NCC-325306](#), Charleston, WV, [USS Potomac NCC-2051](#), Alexandria, VA, [USS Virginia NCC-71803](#), Waynesboro, VA, [USS Yeager NCC-61893](#), Bluefield, WV

Here is an announcement about an upcoming get-together for Delta Sector chapters. Apologies ... I just found out about it. If anyone is interested, please let me know

Linda

Tue, Aug 6 at 3:38 PM

Good afternoon to the COs and XO's of the Delta Sector,

I have made a new facegroup group in hopes we can improve communications and coordinate amongst the sector. Here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/mWCmF74cX4q4BDnr/>

Also, I wanted to put out to everyone that the Star Trek Day at Stable Craft Brewery will be on Saturday September 7th from 1-4pm. They would like to have an idea of the headcount by this coming Monday If you could all poll your chapters and give me a rough idea of how many members would be interested in attending. They want to call it Starfleet Saturday - Intergalactic Meet & Greet - and keep it simple with a beer or cider release. Character Photo Ops from 12-4p Costume Contest at 3:30p

Respectfully,
CAPT Michael Tucci
Commanding Officer, USS Potomac
Region One Delta Sector Coordinator

I sent this info out in an email to Heimdal on August 6 after I received it.



STARFLEET STUFF

STARFLEET WEB SITE CONTEST

By Linda Smith

Congratulations to the USS Renaissance in Region 13 for winning Starfleet's Best Web Site award.

Bud Walker, Heimdal's webmaster entered the Heimdal web site in the contest, but sadly, we didn't win. Since our web site is absolutely phenomenal, I can't imagine what the winning web site must be like but I plan to look. It must be SUPER exceptional to beat out the Heimdal.

A special THANK YOU to Bud for entering the Heimdal web site in the contest and making it worthy of being in the competition.

STAR TREK STUFF

BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY!

From Glenda Blanks, Star Trek Editor

The "Star Trek: Strange New Worlds" cast stopped by Variety's Studio, presented by Google TV, at the 2024 Comic-Con to discuss the critically acclaimed Paramount+ series.



Rebecca Romjin (Una Chin-Riley) and Ethan Peck (Spock) were joined by showrunners Akiva Goldsman and Henry Alonso Myers to tease what fans can expect about the upcoming third season, including what genres they're looking to tackle and Season 2's cliffhanger ending.

"We have a bunch of ideas for the kinds of genres 'Star Trek' can accommodate. And we continue to try and stretch those boundaries," Goldsman said. "We are trying to, dare I say, go where we have not gone before when it comes to genre. Besides the tried and true, which is some sci-fi adventure and certainly our attempt to remember the cadence of at least regularly, there must be a moral to the story. We're spreading our wings, and we hope you'll like it."

Peck joked that he had no reason to worry about "job security" until he realized that Season 3 would see the majority of the cast turn into Vulcans—the extraterrestrial humanoid species that attempt to live by logic and reason with as little interference from emotion as possible.

"I did not have to worry about job security until that. I was kind of shocked to see everyone as Vulcans because I know them so intimately, having worked them for several seasons," Peck said. "So, to see them in Vulcan makeup was sort of endearing. I had this really bizarre and surprising sense of 'this is family' because I've been sort of isolated as a Vulcan on the show for the most part."

In addressing questions about the Season 2 cliffhanger and whether Season 3 would bring resolution to the Enterprise's botched rescue mission, with the crew attempting to rescue a planet of human colonists from the villainous Gorn, Alonso Myers said they were trying to do something that was "classic to Trek."

"When you come back for the second part of a two-parter, it always says 'The Conclusion Of,' so, come season three, I promise you, you will see 'The Conclusion Of.'"



CONVENTION REPORTS

LANDING PARTY REPORT – GALAXYCON Raleigh

By Bud Walker

This year's GalaxyCon in Raleigh was held from July 25 to July 28. I attended all four days and enjoyed being amongst my fellow nerds and geeks. The Raleigh Convention Center was large enough to accommodate the event and the staff and volunteers were all helpful and friendly. Concessions were expensive but that was to be expected. Overall, I have no complaints to lodge and give high marks to the venue and the people.

One of the highlights for me was the Q&A with Wil Wheaton. It was known that the San Diego Comic Con, which was happening the same weekend, had "stolen" several celebrities and guests from our Raleigh Convention. Wheaton commented on this and stated that the San Diego event is no longer a convention but is an industry trade show now. He stated that he would rather be at a "real" convention like GalaxyCon, which received loud approval from the Raleigh



audience. He answered questions on acting and board games. But I was especially keen to learn that he has a voice role in the second season of Prodigy and that he portrays his Wesley Crusher character as a "Traveler." Wheaton ruminated on the traveler plot device in general and stated that he considered them to be the Star Trek version of the time lords from Dr. Who.

I attended the Runway Costume Contest, as well as the GalaxyCon Costume Competition, and I was very impressed with the level of CosPlay that all the participants achieved. I will admit that I did not know what franchise many of the costumes came from, but the level of craftsmanship and creativity was impressive and amazing to



witness. I also attended the After Dark Cabaret, and those costumes were impressive too but of a more mature nature, which is all I will say about that. Just walking around the convention floor and seeing how everyone expressed themselves in their costumes was a sight to see and a large part of the enjoyment of the convention.

Starfleet International had a recruiting room manned by the crew of the USS Kitty Hawk, which is the SFI chapter in Raleigh. I spoke with many of the folks there and it was nice meeting some Starfleet members from another chapter. I spoke with their CO, John Troan, about how to man a recruiting booth/room and with best practices. Hopefully I can deploy some of these strategies in the future. We also had a Star Trek CosPlay meetup in the same room, and it was really cool to interact with so many other Trekkies and to show off my own costume.

Another highlight for me was the William Shatner Q&A panel. He looked healthier than I have seen in the past and was quite energetic and engaging with the audience. When he asked one of the fans how they were doing, and the fan responded, “pretty good,” Shatner gave a short light-hearted sermon on feeling great all the time. When a man who is several years past 90, advises you to enjoy each and every day, I decided to listen!

Another fan asked of all the female guest stars in the original Star Trek show, who would Shatner like to “hook up” with again. With a background of much laughter, Shatner responded that there was NO hooking up on the show. He also admitted that some of the womanizing on the show has not aged well but reminded us that the 1960’s was a different time. All that being said, he did state that he considered Joan Collins to be the most attractive guest star to appear on the show.

Other things I did during the convention included a couple of VIP parties, a “Ten Forward” panel and getting a selfie with Emily Swallow, from the Mandalorian. I enjoyed my time at the convention and hope to go back soon.

Note: If you would like to see some of my photos from the convention, feel free to visit my blog at

<https://lynchburgdoughboy.com/>



With Brian Grisham of the USS Kitty Hawk

THE ZAK PERSPECTIVE STAR TREK: INTO “CON”NESS – COMICON 2024

By Zak Lyon

“There’s a lot of things you need to get across this universe: warp drive, wormhole refractors, but first of all, you need a hand to hold.”

From the Friendship is Universal Panel SDCC 2024

So here I am once again, breaking down Star Trek news from San Diego Comic Con. Many fans have grand expectations this time of year. I know that as each week passed, I could feel my excitement building. I began to make my predictions of what to expect. I know. I know. That can often lead to disappointment. So even though the announcements may be different from what you expected, just know that I am here holding your hand and we can find the fantastic together, as friends.

The 90-minute Star Trek Universe panel was moderated by actor and filmmaker Justin Simien. (His connection to Star Trek will become more apparent later in the panel). And it was divided into 4 sections.

The first section was devoted to *Strange New Worlds*. The producer, Alex Kurtzman, showrunner, Akiva Goldsman, writer, Henry Alonso Myers and cast members, Ethan Peck and Rebecca Romijn came out on stage. This was the longest section of the panel. More genre bending was promised over the upcoming seasons 3 and 4. A real moment of emotional stretching for Number One. Romance. A Hollywood murder mystery. Now here is where I squeeze your hand a little tighter, friend, if that is okay.

There was a clip showing crew members transformed into Vulcans. And these crew members as Vulcans were instantly cold and biting sarcasm. So, are we just making Vulcans mean now? (4 ½ Vulcans to beam down? Poor Spock) While adhering to the philosophy of Surak, there have still been much warmer Vulcans in the franchise’s history. I hope we don’t lose sight of that. They also announced the casting of Dr. Roger Corby (see the original series) and the promotion of Scotty to series regular. Finally, Kurtzman hinted that a stage show based on the musical episode is being explored.

The *Lower Decks* panel was section 2. Show creator, Mike McMahan, and actors, Tawny Newsome, Jerry O’Connell, Noel Wells and Jack Quaid joined Kurtzman on the panel. It was bittersweet as the show was cancelled and the upcoming season premiering on Oct 24 will be their last. But I saw a bit of hope in some later panels and in the phrase “our last season on Paramount Plus” said by more than one creative. The show has so many fans and the producer and creator encouraged fans to watch season five over and over. Maybe you can do for *Lower Decks* what you did for *Prodigy*, they implied. There will be personal growth, legacy characters and a little bit of closure – but not as much as Mike McMahan would have wanted.



I have a strong feeling, however, that we will see these characters again. Semien asked Tawny Newsome to hang back when the panel was dismissed. She and Justin teased the audience about a new series that they were working on. It was a whole lot of silliness, but alas no real details until Alex Kurtzman jumped in and said it was a live-action-comedy series. The tag line was revealed to be: “Federation outsiders serving a gleaming resort planet find out their day-to-day exploits are being broadcast to the entire quadrant.” I hold your hand tighter here...live action comedy I can deal with, but not a reality show! Fingers crossed.



Section 3 gave us a taste of *Star Fleet Academy*. Noga Landau, show runner, joined the panel. I really enjoyed the video that introduced each “cadet” as they received the news that they were cast in the show. Filming starts soon. I am looking forward to this and am hoping I don’t have to wait too long. In addition to previously announced leads Holly Hunter and Paul Giamatti, legacy Trek characters were announced – Jett Reno, Admiral Vance and Sylvia Tilly from *Discovery* will be joining the cast. And from *Voyager*, Robert Picardo’s Doctor will now be at Starfleet Academy. Since the show is contemporary with *Discovery*, I feel any of our favorite characters could pop in. In

response to two audience questions about disability inclusion, it was revealed that the cast would include a deaf character and that they had just finished designing a wheelchair with a Starfleet Delta.

Section 31 was next. Hey, I never said I was good at math! Alex Kurtzman was joined by director Olatunde Osunsanmi and cast members, Sam Richardson who plays a chamoloid shapeshifter, Casey Rohl who plays a young Rachel Garrett, and Omari Hardwick who plays a character named Alok Sahar. But before they could get started, a threatening video interrupted the panel. It was the Emperor! (Michelle Yeoh could not attend.)

This TV movie has a very different feel. It was called a spy-fi and alternately a “beautiful mess.” After watching the trailer, it looks action-based and a lot of fun. It did not seem to have a Trek vibe to me, but the trailer was not designed to showcase the Trek world. Movies are different. We did not get a date. Hopefully we will on Star Trek Day next month. And guess what? Alex Kurtzman encouraged the audience to watch it and they might get more. Not just Section 31 but just movies in general made for TV. I’m going to give this a shot. The actors introduced looked like they would quickly become favorites and I am eager to see how Rachel Garrett fits in.

Three smaller Trek panels addressed *Prodigy*, IDW comics and the Intergalactic Friendship Day with Producers Russell T Davies and Alex Kurtzman. The *Prodigy* panel thanked fans for their enthusiasm/hard work which allowed season two to be seen this summer on Netflix and encouraged them to continue, teasing that with the same effort Netflix could order season three.

The second panel focused on *Doctor Who* and Star Trek over the years and their messages of exploration, hope and friendship. A crossover game was announced utilizing characters from *Doctor Who* and *Lower Decks*. The producers said that if fans wanted a live action crossover, they need to make sure the powers that be know. Finally, the IDW panel revealed the continuing adventures of *Lower Decks* in a vibrant new comic.

So, to wrap the weekend up... No news about upcoming theatrical movies, *Lower Decks* final season begins Oct 24, *Strange New Worlds* season 3 in 2025 with season 4 filming in the spring, *Section 31* movie is finishing up post- production and will be coming soon, *Starfleet Academy* series begins filming this month, we have a new mobile Doctor Who/Star Trek crossover game and a new IDW comic run based on *Lower Decks*, *Prodigy* is very popular for Netflix, and finally a new live action comedy series is in development set in the 25th century.

Maybe what you were hoping for wasn’t on the list, but we sure are getting a lot more Star Trek. And as expressed at virtually every panel, the fan response is important – make your voice heard and you may get results.

I’ll close out with the best audience question. The fan said when he was young, he saw the message of Star Trek as conflict resolution and that “currently we seem to be living in a time with a lot of conflict and not much resolution. In that light, what is the message that you want to leave to a new generation of fans”. Alex Kurtzman responded with: “I think we can’t just define ourselves as the things that we don’t want to be or the things that we disagree with. I think we have to define ourselves by the things that we believe in and the things that we do want to become. I think that is a big part of what Star Trek has to say.” So, with an open mind and the hand of a friend, lets fly!

INTERDEPARTMENTAL ROLE PLAY

ACT II of *The Bound Dog Shall be Loosed* Chapter 21: “For This Brother of Yours” By Bud Walker

On board the ISS Garmr,,,

Terran Jonathan Hatter made his way through the dimly lit corridor of the ISS Garmr, carrying Terran Bud Walker across his back in a “fireman’s carry.” He passed the door to the Non-Com Officers Galley and heard a thump and another indistinguishable noise inside. Hatter stopped and faced the door, moving one of his hands to the phaser on his belt. He



was about to enter when Walker moaned quietly. Hatter figured he had only a minute before Walker fully regained consciousness, so he turned from the door and resumed his course down the hallway, but at a quicker pace.

Hatter entered the security bay passing several agony booths and moved to an interrogation bed. Just as Walker began to stir, Hatter dumped Walker onto the bed and started securing the restraints around Walker's wrists and ankles. He would normally have just pushed his prisoner into an agony booth and kept him contained in that. But Governor Wealcan had been unusually specific in his orders about Walker. That Walker was to be restrained but not touched or interviewed until the Governor could be present.

Hatter stepped away from the bed and over to a communications panel. Walker groaned and slowly opened his eyes. Walker shook the cobwebs from his mind and his vision was blurred. So, he did a quick mental inventory of his body and focused on his touch and hearing. Instantly he could feel that he was prone and restrained, and the ambient noises in the room were unlike anything on the Heimdal. *I am no longer on the ship!* Walker thought to himself. He blinked several times to clear his vision until he could finally see the room around him.

The lighting was sufficient but dim, the furniture had an ascetic that was severe, and the use of black and red colors was so prevalent as to be almost comical. Walker's heart fell. *I am on a Terran vessel*, he thought with dread. A sense of panic began to well in his gut, but Walker quickly deployed a Vulcan mind calming technique and kept from crying out. Across the room, Hatter flicked a switch on the panel and spoke into the intercom.

“Governor Wealcan, I have secured the package in the port security bay.”

There was an indistinguishable response from the secure comm link and Hatter flicked the switch closed. He turned to Walker and had a feral smile on his face.

Walker looked at Hatter, but his mind was racing. *Wealcan? Who is that?* Walker quickly reviewed all the people from his Terran past but could not summon up a face to match the name. But then he had a mental flash. *No! It couldn't be him!*

Before Walker could think further, Hatter pulled out a knife and began fingering it as he stepped over to Walker. Walker looked at Hatter's face with pure rage in his eyes but said nothing. Hatter smiled back but had to admit to himself that he was surprised. *I expected this one to whimper and beg.* Hatter was about to taunt his prisoner but then the door swished open behind him. A dark form approached the two men, but Walker could not make out his face.

Without turning to face the newcomer, Hatter said, ***“Delivered as ordered, Governor.”***

Governor Wealcan replied, ***“Good work Commander, you shall be rewarded.”***

Governor Wealcan then stepped forward and the light finally revealed his face. Walker's eyes opened wide with shock and the sense of panic began to return. But he was able to clamp down that emotion and Walker's eyes narrowed as he looked at Wealcan. Walker spoke evenly.

“Well! It has been a long time Father.”

(To be continued...)

THAT'S IT - WE QUIT ...

THANK YOU to EVERYONE that contributed to this newsletter. It's pretty awesome because of the diversity and contributors. We'll see you at the August meeting,

Linda, Willy and our staff of THOUSANDS.

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We'll See You Around the Galaxy ...