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# A VIEW FROM THE CATBIRD'S SEAT

By J. R. FISHER

Well, we finally made it! Now it is U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. I guess I could start calling this the captain's log but I think I will stick with the old title. We have had our celebration and it is time to get down to work on the ship's business. To complicate things, Jack Hopkins has transferred to the shuttle Hawkeye. Jack did a superb job as operation officer and we will truly miss him, but know he will be an asset to his new shuttle. Good luck Jack!

We welcome our new operations chief, Steve Cox, to the bridge and hope he settles in quickly as there is much work to be done in the coming months. Please assist Steve with any help you can and in turn he will be better able to assist you in your projects.

Our ceremony was a good one with a respectable number of our crew in attendance along with many friends and guests. The Bonaventure, Hawkeye, Executive Committee, and Starfleet Command were represented. The food was delicious and plentiful, although I didn't get much. Steve Cox provided us with music and videos and everyone seemed to have a good time. A special thanks to Sue Hampton, who has really been "Captain Mom" more than once, for trekking down and doing a fine job at passing command. Thanks Admiral.

Now it is time to move forward. Please note that this newsletter is much shorter than many of our past efforts. This is because many of you did not write articles for the newsletter. It is your newsletter, if you don't contribute, please don't complain about a lack of substance. We announce the deadlines for articles and reports, but seldom does anyone meet them! If you don't do departmental reports, you may not have to worry about it in the future. That is part of the job. Departmental manuals will be ready by January 1, 1991, or there will be new department heads. Don't take a job and say you will do it and then don't. There are others who

may be happy to have the job. Don't get me wrong. I know this is a volunteer organization and real world pressures keep all of us from doing what we want to do from time to time. I just need to know when that is your situation.

Road clean-up! The six of us who were out there for two and one-half hours hope the rest of you were comfortable. We have another outing scheduled for December so let us have some input as to a time that more of you are likely to make it. You haven't heard the end of this until we have the kind of participation that makes it fun and not exhausting. 12+ should do it. But not always the same twelve. If we aren't going to do these projects, then say so and we will drop them from our activities.

Speaking of activities, please let our cruise director know what type of activities you are interested in doing. He cannot plan without your input. It is your responsibility to step forward and say what you want, what you are willing to help with, and what directions you want your ship to take. I know that everyone has been extremely busy both with cons and personal events in the real world which demand our time and energy. STARFLEET is supposed to be fun and it can be. Especially if all of us join in and do the things that need to be done. These things can be fun in themselves if the work is shared by many, making the load lighter for all. A very few of us have carried the load for the past year; now it is your turn.

Come January our roster will probably shrink by some number because of a variety of reasons: "I did not get my way", "I can't afford it", "It isn't fun", "I don't have time", "It isn't what I thought it would be", and on and on. I hope you are not one of these people but if you are then remember, it is probably because you didn't make the effort.

We are a family. We are not perfect, no family is, because it is made up of

people and people are not perfect. But if everyone will be honest and communicate with each other in an adult manner, we can make giant strides in many directions. I have made some mistakes and will probably make some more in the future. Who hasn't? Let us make a commitment to each other that we will strive to do our best and help each other achieve his or her best, with honest and straight forward communication. Dissent is a right, but when decisions are made, it is time to get behind that decision 100% and go with it. There is more than enough work to be done on the Kitty Hawk for everyone to stay busy for some time to come. Do your share, that is when you will start having fun! 'Nuff said.

A contingent of our crew attended Oktobertrek to see the good Doctors of STAR TREK. I have heard mixed reviews on this trip, hope someone will write a report on it and share their views with the whole group. Teresa Tuel and I attended LaGrangeCon in Cleveland to see Patrick Stewart a week after Oktobertrek. You will find a separate review in the newsletter.

It remains my job to remind you to please bring cans of soup to all events for the Food Bank. Also, please continue saving your used stamps for the stampede. See Teresa for more details. And yes, don't forget a quarter per week for the Duke Children's Hospital, it will be time to do the telethon again before you know it. PBS will also be looking for our help in this regards as well.

Finally, remember to vote. Not just the STARFLEET elections, but also the local and state elections. Vote your conscience! And don't forget I am on the Fleet by-laws committee; please make suggestions. Your choices will decide all our futures. Hopefully we will always choose people with The Wright Stuff.

Esse Quam Videri

## FIRST OFFICER'S LOG

BY TERESA TUEL

Well gang, we made it! Now the next question(s) is (are) where do we go from here? That will largely depend on what the crew suggests, so put your thinking caps on and let the officers know your ideas. We have a nice, diverse group of people, so, it should be easy to generate ideas and plan community and fun activities to get everyone involved. I realize not everyone is going to make every activity scheduled, but it is a nice, relaxed way to meet the members both the "old timers" (like myself) and the new folks. So..... don't be shy, just

jump in and join the fun.

I would like to thank those people responsible for a very enjoyable Best of Both Worlds party. Namely Steve Cox, John Miller, and Suzanne Roberts for the fantastic stereo system. It could be heard all the way up to the bridge! And to Jack Hopkins for making numerous calls to organize the party and his assistance in coordinating our October activities.

Hope to see as many as possible of you at our future gatherings. WELCOME ABOARD!

## COMMANDER MUSE'S LOG

BY CAREY MUSE

Haven't had anything major to report (still don't) but let me update you anyway:

### VIDEO:

Still no word on Next Gen. I thought at least 1st season would be out by now.

### BOOKS:

New Next Gen. is "The Eyes of the Beholders" by A. C. Crispin. She read part of this book at Shore Leave in July. I liked what I heard.

Prime Directive is the new Classic Trek hardback and is now available in book form and on audio, read by James

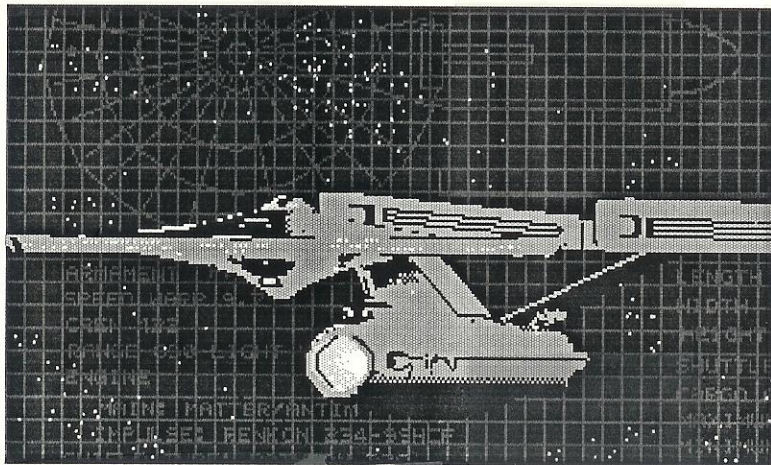
"Scotty" Doohan.

### CALENDARS:

Next Gen. features scenes from 3rd season including 3 pictures from "Yesterday's Enterprise" and only one shot of Troi. What a waste.

Classic Trek contains scenes from all the movies with most from ST III including one with Robin Curtis and the late Merritt Butrick. There is only one scene from ST V. Thank goodness.

That's all for now. You may stand down.



Picture furnished by Steve Cox

## DOING THE CON

## THING AGAIN

BY PAT HEINSKE

STARDATE 9008.01 - We are on our way home from yet another convention. This one, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. But, this one was different. This was the Annual Experimental Aircraft Association (E.A.A.) Fly-in Convention. Every year, around the end of July, thousands of people flock to Wittman Regional Airport at Oshkosh to show off their airplanes (if they have them), go to seminars and shows about aviation, and, most of all, see aircraft of absolutely every kind ever built. This year, there was an estimated 7-day attendance total of over 800,000 people and over 15,000 aircraft, including those that landed at nearby Fond Du Lac and Appleton Airports to attend the event. Also in attendance were 1,884 aircraft that were entered for judging in 10 different categories, ranging from custom homebuilts, to WWII warbirds. A few of the highlights were 6 aircraft commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain which flew in daily dogfight demonstrations. An actual Russian MIG 21 fighter, NASA's Grumman X-29 - a prototype fighter so inherently unstable (to greatly improve maneuverability) that it needs 3 onboard computer systems to control it in the sky, the only flying Lockheed Super Constellation in the world, the Concorde, a B-1B Bomber, and the highlight of the convention - the Lockheed F-117A Stealth Fighter - its first public unveiling since it was put into service some 10 years ago.

During the 4 days and 3 nights my dad and I stayed at the convention, I managed to take approximately 360 photographs and never even came close to capturing a fraction of the activity on film. If you like aircraft of any kind, Oshkosh, Wisconsin is the place to be.

Next issue, I'll be reporting on my trip to OktoberTrek in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Until then, see you in the Holodeck!

# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## MEDICAL

By Teresa Tuel

Sick Bay is ready for our launching and any accidents that might occur. We now have a first aid kit (already tried by our First Officer) and everyone should have their pink medical cards, if not see me. I will be checking with you at the meetings to be sure they have been filled out. This is strictly voluntary. Also, if anyone has an interest in medical (you do not need to be medically trained), I am looking for a few "warm" bodies to help share department space. Besides, I'm tired of sending messages to the First Officer and getting very little feedback! May as well talk to myself! So help keep my sanity and join the department.

## OPERATIONS

By Jack Hopkins

Well October is going to be a big month for the Kitty Hawk. First and foremost is the commissioning of the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. We in the operations department have been organizing the food for the event, and I must say that it looks like we are going to have a good spread. We have also been organizing carpools and room sharing for RoVaCon and October Trek.

One of the events that we have scheduled for October is a trip to the State Fair on Wednesday night, the 17th. This will be Pepsi Night at the Fair and all you will need to get in is six empty cans of any combination of Pepsi products. (Nice admission price!) I'll be getting up with those who expressed an interest in going, about exact times and meeting places.

The other big do that we have scheduled is the picnic at the airport observation park. At this writing we have a member who hopes he can get us a full tour from the FAA, but as of yet I don't have any word one way or the other about our prospects. Again, I'll be getting up with you on the details.

The STARFLEET Marines are looking for a few good reserve officers, and I should have some applications for those who are interested. I have also obtained, from our good and famous friend Libby West, a newsletter from the folks at OctoberTrek, if you want to look at it.

I want to let you know that I am now on the staff of the STARFLEET Public Relations Office, and we need your ideas on what a chapter can do to promote themselves. At this point let's just brainstorm. Even the most (on the surface) stupid idea can have a gem of merit. Place your ideas into three categories: free, reasonable and profanely expensive. Please submit your ideas to me as soon as possible.

The operations department has many positions that are still open. These include: Assistant Chief of Operations, Commissary Specialist, Quartermaster Specialist, Public Relations Officer, and Public Affairs Officer. If any of these positions interest you, or you would like to see a specific position created, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## SECURITY

By Carey Muse

Shuttle Kitty Hawk is secure but crowded. Pending return to Earth, within the next month, my department would like to conduct a security inspection on USS Kitty Hawk before any of our people take over. STARFLEET's good but I would feel better if we looked it over too.

Security will be putting together a manual for ship's operations at its earliest opportunity. Suggestions welcomed.

I would like to request permission to have our shakedown cruise include transporting Federation personnel to the 5th annual FIZZBIN Tournament on the planet Tahoe (which in case you've forgotten is located near the planet of Blonde Buxom Bimbos). It would be a great experience for my team.

## MORE OPS

By Steve Cox

I would like to thank Jack Hopkins for the wonderful job he has done as the Operations officer aboard the Shuttlecraft Kitty Hawk. We have all benefitted from his enormous amount of creative energy, and excellent organizational skills. I am sure that the newly launched Shuttlecraft Hawkeye will profit from such a dynamic Officer.

*(scene change)*

Corridor 7, the USS Kitty Hawk. Two hefty "Red Shirts" are escorting Lt.jg. Jack Hopkins to Airlock 5. Jack asks, "Excuse me, but I thought I was going to transfer to the Shuttlecraft Hawkeye?!?!" Security Officer replies, "Yes sir, you WILL be transferring over there by a new type of transportation system." As Jack rounds the corner, he notices Chief Engineer Ed Brady setting up a large Sling Shot type object. Ed says, "Don't worry, we have used this system many times before with few casualties." We see our Hero, Jack Hopkins, being held by the security guards while the Engineer tries to attach the Sling Shot cord to his ankles.

Tune in next month for the exciting conclusion of "Catapults In Space." Same Kitty Hawk Time, Same Kitty Hawk Channel!

*\insert dramatic music here\*

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Operations Officer. If you ever need to get in touch with me, my home number is 851-4312 or leave me electronic mail under the USS KITTLY HAWK section of Caviot Lector at 266-7883. Any suggestions or ideas will be greatly appreciated and even seriously considered.

# HUBBLE TELESCOPE UPDATE

By Dave Vosper

The exact nature of the telescope's focusing problem is now known. The problem lies in the shape of the primary mirror, not the secondary mirror as previously reported. The primary mirror has been overly ground into a hyperbolic shape whose curve is flatter than intended. The over-grinding is more severe at the mirror's edges, than at the center.

This incorrect shape is the result of an improperly constructed optical measuring device, used to measure the shape of the mirror. The instrument's shape was recently discovered to be one millimeter off spec.

NASA's explanation that testing the primary/secondary mirror pair would have been too expensive has been proven false. Even the simplest test, like those conducted by amateur astronomers, would have detected the profound misshape of the primary mirror.

Since the mirror's center is closer to the specified shape, one suggested solution was to place a cover over the telescope's aperture opening, with a hole

that would mask the edges of the primary mirror. This plan has been rejected, since it has been determined that the additional sharpening of the focus would be greatly offset by the dimming of the image.

Scientists at the Space Telescope Institute in Greenbelt, MD have always planned to retrofit the Hubble with new instruments after a few years in space. The current plan is to fit each of the Hubble's five major instruments with supplementary lenses to compensate for the focusing errors of the main optics. This retrofit would take place in space, or perhaps in the cargo bay of the Space Shuttle. This repair mission is currently scheduled for 1993.

Only about ten percent of the research originally scheduled for the HST can still be accomplished. Most of this work involved observation in the infrared spectrum.

In addition to the focusing problem, there have been many other problems and malfunctions that mission controllers and scientists are forced to 'work

around'. Each malfunction reduces the quality or duration of telescope observations.

Even before launch, the telescope was launched at the wrong altitude. The HST was designed in the 1970's to be deployed far from Earth, in an 800 mile orbit, by a heavy booster rocket, or by a 'space tug'. It was to have been serviced twice a year from the Space Station Freedom. Instead it was launched to a 350 mile orbit by the Space Shuttle. The Earth itself now blocks fifty percent of the telescope's view.

The latest problem to come to light is an unfortunate tendency of the telescope to 'flap' its solar collector wings as the telescope approaches the terminator, the border between night and day. This behavior occurs twice per orbit, and causes the telescope to lose its lock on the object being observed. This reduces the observing time of the telescope by one third.

# ROVACON 15

By J. R. Fisher

RoVaCon is special to those of us on the Kitty Hawk because it is sort of our birthplace. Last year, Teresa, Libby, and I went up to Salem, Va. for one day of RoVaCon 14. After hearing many negative comments about the Endeavor, we approached Sue and Jeannette about our situation. As a result of our conversations, we decided we would form a shuttle - the Kitty Hawk.

One again, Region I chose to have this year's regional conference at RoVaCon 15. I rode up to Salem with the Forvendels again for another one day

visit as our commissioning was scheduled for the next day. The regional conference was the one excuse for going this year.

Aside from having a large amount of toilet paper dumped on me by Capt. Mom, there wasn't anything to RoVaCon to recommend it. Yes, Spice Williams was there - nice body. The art room had little to offer and you could not buy it except at auction. The dealers' room seemed smaller with even higher prices than Shore Leave. There were a few panels going on with many of the same

guests as last year.

All in all, if I did not feel I had to be there for the fleet meeting, I would not have been there. I can think of any number of ways I could have better spent my day. If it had not been for the good company and meeting Linda Neighbors and a few other good SF people, it would have been a total waste. Hopefully, we will vote a different location for next year's regional conference at a better convention.

## LAGRANGE CON I

By J. R. Fisher

For a first attempt at a convention, the USS LaGrange was very ambitious. Patrick Stewart doesn't do a lot of cons but he was their first star. Mr. Stewart was delayed in his arrival which resulted in all the Saturday evening events being slid back about 3 hours. This was extremely inconvenient to all of us but as it turned out, Mr. Stewart was well worth the wait. If you ever have the chance to meet Mr. Stewart or hear him perform, please do yourself a big favor and make the effort to attend.

I was doubly impressed when Mr. Stewart not only overcame a number of difficulties which arose during his presentation, but stayed in the ballroom and signed autographs until everyone had one (and in the case of yours truly - two), 1200.

The rest of the convention was a mixed bag. They did not have an art room or gaming. The dealers' room was not much larger than Jack's clubhouse and not a lot of dealers. This was due to them asking \$200.00/table. But the dealers that were there seemed to do a landslide business. You could not move in that room unless the crowd moved you. The panels were so-so but well-attended because there was nothing else to do and people wanted the good seats for Mr. Stewart.

Besides overselling the convention, which resulted in the fire and police personnel crashing Mr. Stewart's presentation on Sunday, they had to turn away hundreds of people both days. Perhaps there was some connection as many were extremely angry. Next time they have a star with such a draw, they may plan for larger facilities. All in all, it seemed to be a good learning experience.

Our own Teresa Tuel entered the costume contest and did a marvelous job. Our Romulan won first place Star Trek, non-uniform. Then she took Best in Show. Our congratulations to the first officer of the Kitty Hawk.

## MIX AND MATCH PUZZLE

By Lynette Crowley

Something on the right-hand side matches with something on the left-hand side from ST:TNG episodes.

Moriarty	1.	Q
Premier Bhavani	2.	Fereni
Problematic Woman	3.	Devinoni Ral
Every 233 Minutes	4.	Sovereign Marouk
Federation Negotiator	5.	Cat
A Caldonian	6.	Roga Danar
One Quarter Breed	7.	Hromi Cluster
Daimon Goss	8.	Setal
The Planet's Ruler	9.	Leyor
O'Brien	10.	Mendoza
The Hunted	11.	Barzan Wormhole
The Defector	12.	Lwaxana
Patches	13.	Barzan
Hideout	14.	Colm Meaney
John de Lancie	15.	Daniel Davis

*Who is the Great Bird of the Galaxy?*

**Unscramble This!!!**

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## MISSION REPORT TRIBUTE

By Lynette Crowley

We are deeply saddened over the loss of two well-known and beautiful women who have touched our lives.

**SUSAN OLIVER** who appeared in Star Trek's The Menagene --- this role was actually five roles including our favorite, the seductive green-skinned dancing girl who left many in AH!!! She also played in The Twilight Zone, Thriller, Wild Wild West, Hitchcock, and many more. She died of cancer on May 10.

**SUSAN OLIVER (1937-1990)**

**JILL IRELAND** played in Star Trek's The Other Side of Paradise as Lea Kalomi, Spock's lost love briefly united. The role most of Spock's (Leonard Nimoy) fans would love to do.. She died of cancer after a long battle. Jill played in a number of shows and also The Man from U.N.C.L.E., Night Gallery, The Great Escape and Love and Bullets. Just a brief statement from her bestselling book Life Wish, "Think of yourself, and make the most of life." She did.

**JILL IRELAND (1936-1990)**

# ENEMY UNSEEN

By Suzanne Miller

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**FIND THE WORDS LISTED BELOW IN THE PUZZLE:**

AEOLUS  
 AUTOMATIC  
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 CHINESE  
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 COMMISSIONED  
 CORRIDOR  
 DEMON  
 DOLT  
 DUEL  
 EMIT  
 ENEMY UNSEEN  
 EPSILON  
 ERIE  
 ERODED  
 GALLON  
 GET LOST

GLOVE  
 GRIN  
 HEALTH  
 HEEL  
 HELM  
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 HOLMES  
 HOOP  
 HOVER  
 KALDORNI  
 KIRK  
 KLEE  
 LAPAZ  
 LINT  
 LOADS  
 MCCOY  
 MESSY  
 MOLLY  
 MONTOYA  
 NAHGRE  
 NECK

NORRIS  
 NOTED  
 RANK  
 ROVES  
 SARONG  
 SCOTT  
 SHANSAR  
 SPOCK  
 STARBASE  
 SULU  
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 TUNIC  
 UHURA  
 UNPOPULAR  
 V E MITCHELL  
 VIEW  
 VULCAN ACADEMY  
 ZAYLE



# OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How do you feel about idiotic questionnaires sent to you by Starfleet?

2. Would you be interested in (choose the appropriate):

- a> Field trips to \_\_\_\_\_?
- b> Holiday parties?
- c> Mass movie goings?
- d> Wild toga parties? (just seeing if you are awake!)
- e> Gaming extravaganzas?
- f> Cat shows?
- g> Bake/yard sales?
- h> All expense paid trips to the Bahamas for the OPS staff?
- i> Other? (Give us some ideas!!!)

3. How do you feel about out-of-state activities?

- a> I like it
- b> Makes no difference
- c> I'd rather not.

4. How much would you pay for activities?

- a> Less than \$5.00
- b> NO WAY!! I WON'T PAY!!!!
- c> \$5.00
- d> More than \$5.00
- e> Money is no object
- f> I would spend no more than \$\_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you feel about appearing on television?

- a> I want to hog the spotlight
- b> I just want to answer phones.

6. What type of fundraisers for the ship would you like to do?

- a> Sell Star Trek cookies
- b> Cargo hold (yard) sales
- c> Other ? (Give us some ideas!) \_\_\_\_\_

Further comments are welcome.

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Send to: Steve & Suzanne Cox  
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Name optional: \_\_\_\_\_

Or bring to next meeting. Thank You from the Ops. dept.