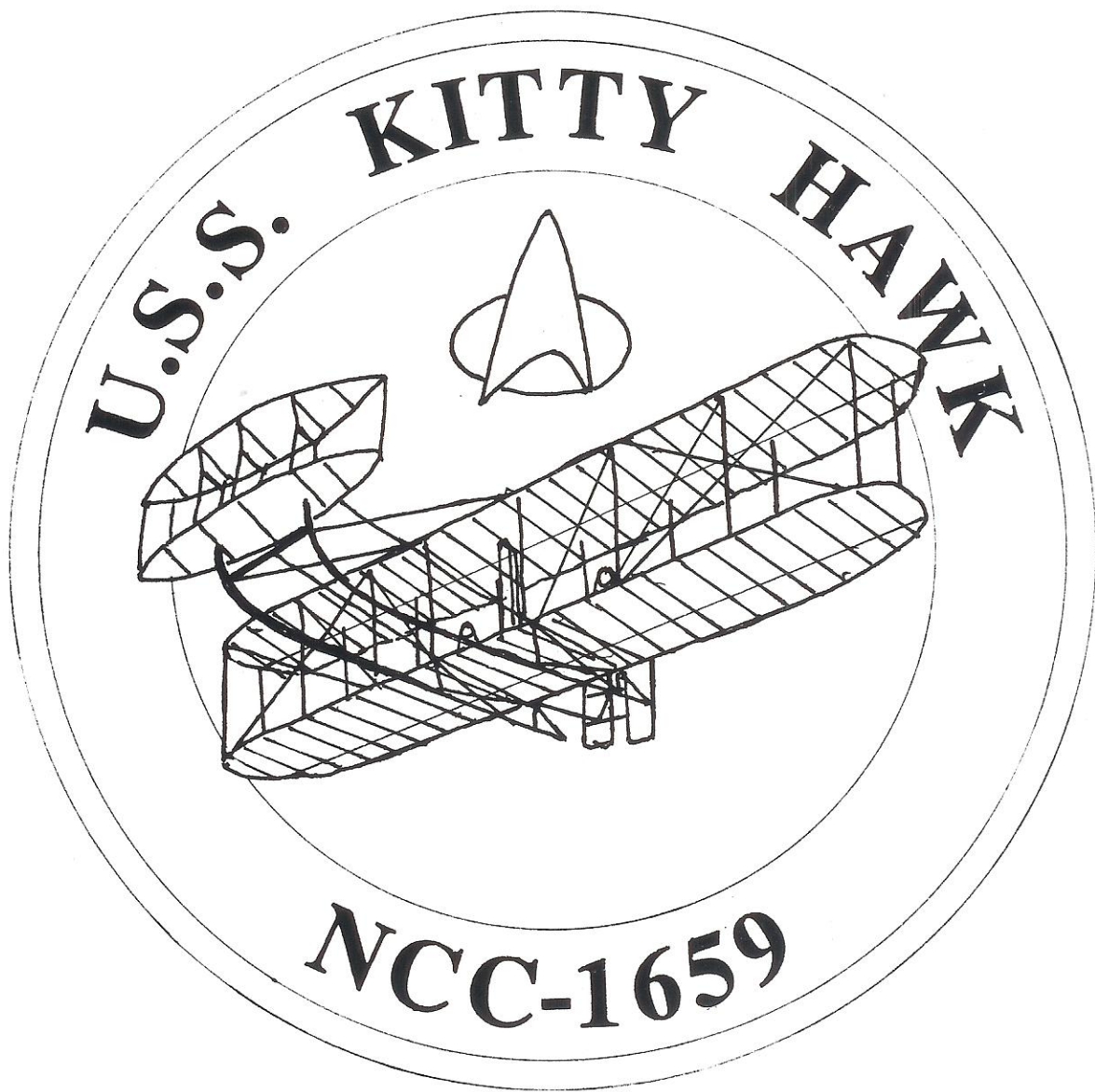


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# A VIEW FROM THE CATBIRD'S SEAT

By J. R. Fisher

To start our section off this month, I would like to thank all of you for the cards, prayers and good wishes regards my late aunt and the continuing situation with Jane's father. It is greatly appreciated. Also, for your attention, are Libby West's parents, both of whom have endured medical difficulties within the past month. Further, Pat Heinske's father was recently hospitalized but should be returning home in good shape as you read this.

The number of crew on the Kitty Hawk continues to increase almost daily. Last count shows 123. Some of these will be dropped as they have failed to renew in either STARFLEET or Kitty Hawk, so our real total should be a bit less than that. Speaking of which, to remind our old members and inform our new members: membership on Kitty Hawk is either active or associate. An associate member is one who asks to be assigned to our ship but does not wish to participate in our activities (possibly due to distance from ship) nor is concerned about getting regular information about what we are doing. We generally send all new people our newsletter and supplement for three months to let them become familiar with our organization. At the end of the three months, they pay the pro-rated portion of the \$24.00 per calendar year dues, for which they may participate in all our activities, receive all our correspondence, have voting privileges on ship's business, and hold rank and responsibility. If they choose not to become active at that time, we will keep them on our mailing list (newsletters and supplements) for \$8.00/year. Otherwise, they remain on the roster as an associate crewperson and we will occasionally drop them a note or if there is a special event, we may send them a copy of a newsletter or supplement. We will continue to carry them on our roster until they express a desire for a change or fail to maintain membership in STARFLEET, which is a requirement to be a ship member. Older

members who fail to pay their dues by the end of the third month, lose their privileges and will be rotated to associate membership if the situation is not corrected by the end of the sixth month.

Of importance to all: "Yorktrek has been canceled!" The commissioning will take place as scheduled but the York had a scheduling conflict concerning the overnight onboard stay originally planned.

Our meeting this month is at the Fisher's home at 5017 Glen Forest Drive, on Saturday, May 4, at 4 P.M. If you would like to eat afterwards and stick around for Next Generation, please bring your food, or go out and get it after the meeting. Other things to bring to our meeting will be a filled out activity form from the Operations/Recreation department found in back of this newsletter. Mail it in if you can not attend. This is important if we are to schedule activities you like. Also, for those of you who have been saving your quarter-per-week since last May for our donation to the Duke Children's Telethon, please bring them this week so we can see how much we will have to donate. If you have not been saving all year, you may still contribute any amount you feel you can afford. Speaking of the telethon, we will discuss our participation in same at our meeting. Hopefully, everyone will have an opportunity to help out in some way.

All of us experience the intrusion of reality into our fantasy world, usually on a regular basis. It seems that events have conspired recently to prevent me from doing all that I had intended regards STARFLEET and the Kitty Hawk. I am sure from conversations with several of our number that similar circumstances exist for a number of crew. Combine exams, conventions, spring and a number of maladies with the above and we get our current situation. This newsletter is far shorter than we have experienced in quite some time. It points up the fact that a few

people contribute regularly to this effort and if for any reason they fail to have an article, it is sorely missed.

I implore each of you to consider your commitment to our group and its newsletter and activities. This is your opportunity to express yourselves in writing or by art. How do you feel about our space program? How does the hard science of the Next Generation compare to the original series? What are your personal experiences aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk? Do you have a persona? Did you enjoy a convention you attended recently? Read a good Star Trek novel recently? Written one? Was there an inconsistency in a recent episode? Do you have friends who are Star Trek fans who wouldn't be caught dead at a fan club, much less a "trekking" convention? Why do they feel that way?

We are a civic organization, but we are a fan club that shares a love for Trek. Share your thoughts, dreams and concepts with all of us. Communication is almost always the answer to a problem, be it large or small. Share yourself. We will all be a little richer for it, but you will be the richest because you will gain new friends and make faster friends of your old friends.

It seems we are always starting a new journey. That is because each day is the start of another journey for each of us and as a group. We can accomplish a great deal for our communities, our fellow man and ourselves. Do you have an idea for a project or for fun? Share it! How else will it ever become a reality. Show yourselves and everyone that the crew of the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk do have The Wright Stuff.

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# FIRST OFFICER'S LOG

By Teresa Tuel

I hope everyone had a nice holiday and is finding time to be outside to enjoy the warm weather and spring flowers.

Several Kitty Hawk members attended the Creation Con in Raleigh. It was a small con with a small attendance. This may have been due to little advertising and ACC basketball games. Either way, it left plenty of time to chat with fellow

members.

At the con, The Sci-Fi Movie Channel was mentioned. In order to get it, you must write to your local cable company. It is supposed to be part of the basic package, with no additional cost to you. But it was stressed that not every company will be offering it unless they receive some indication from the public

that it is wanted. So write!

One last thing. The Stampede is asking that we leave a larger border around the stamps. I will trim them to the size they need. This will ensure more of the stamps can be used. Thanks again to all the members who have saved their stamps. Until next time, happy trails.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

By John Troan

The Computer Science Department has been a little busy, not overly so. This is due to the installation and accompanying setup of a new gadget. Soon to follow is the publishing of Engineering's much-talked-about-but-never-seen ship's manual. Since it is nearing the end of the semester, by the time this report is published, I will no longer be able to be reached at my dorm number (the one under my name in the phone book) - I'll be at home for the summer (the number is under my parents' names). Rather than spend most of my time at Food Lion, I'll be at IBM - a place that looks better on my postgraduation resume.

### ENGINEERING

By Pat Heinske

STARDATE 9103.01 - Some of you may be wondering exactly what kind of ship the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk actually is. This may be due to the fact that you have just recently been stationed on her, or possibly due to the fact that the chief engineer hasn't had much time to work on the oft-spoken of but never seen Engineering Manual. Whatever the

reason, here is a list of the major modifications. All modifications are made to a standard enterprise-class starship, like NCC-1701-A, the Enterprise seen in Star Trek V, Bill and Harve's excellent (?) adventure.

1. The interior decor and furnishings have been made softer and more comfortable. Muted shades and earth tones are intermixed with the black acrylic control surfaces, rather like the new galaxy-class ships, like NCC-1701-D.

2. All of the work stations and consoles are touch-sensitive acrylic surfaces which illuminate to reveal the controls required to perform whatever task necessary. Wall mounted control panels are also along the major corridors of the ship. The computer can, with proper clearance of the user, display any set of controls at any station throughout the ship (i.e., if necessary, controls for the OPs station could be activated in main engineering as long as the operator has proper authorization to do so.)

3. The captain of the ship has been given both a private office and a "ready room". These are located on deck 2.

4. The older style "hard point" phaser banks have been replaced with collimator arc phasers, like on the galaxy class ships.

5. The primary and secondary hulls

(saucer section and warp drive section, respectively) can now be separated and rejoined when necessary. Because of this: a) all crew and family quarters have been located in the saucer section; b) impulse engines have been added to the secondary hull, located at the base of the dorsal connecting the two hulls; c) the emergency (or battle) bridge is located in the secondary hull; d) the ship has been equipped with two cloaking devices, one in each hull. This provides cloaking for both sections should separation become necessary. Either cloaking device is powerful enough to cloak the entire ship, provided the two hulls are connected.

6. The ship is equipped with four holodecks; two smaller private ones and two larger, double level holodecks for larger projects.

7. In addition to the two forward-firing photon torpedo tubes, the ship is also equipped with a rear-firing tube, located over the landing bay control room.

8. On deck 10, in the primary hull, just forward of the computer's memory storage and back-up systems and just above the main sensor suite on deck 11, is the "ten-forward" lounge, which is equipped with large floor-to-ceiling viewports, affording an excellent view of a planet being orbited or a relaxing view of open space.



**STARDATE 9104.01** - There's not too much to report from Engineering this time, as everything seems to be running smoothly (as if you would expect otherwise!) I have noticed that we may have to build more holodecks. The lines forming to get into any of the existing 4 are clogging up the corridors and leading some people to believe as they get into line that they are actually waiting to get tickets to a Grateful Dead concert. We will see what we can do to remedy this situation.

The official Engineering Department ship's manual (affectionately known as "Mr. Heinske's Guide to the Kitty Hawk") has been shelved indefinitely. Other departments are welcome to print their own versions, but the only official Engineering Manual to the Kitty Hawk will be released only through the Chief Engineer's Office, so accept no substitutes. I would like to finish it as much as you would like to read it, but too many other things of greater importance keep coming up.

The Engineering Department needs more members! As far as I am aware, we have only four: John Miller, Ed Brady, Kurt Davenport, and myself, and I don't recall officially meeting Kurt Davenport (sorry, Kurt!). If you are already in Engineering and I don't know it, or if you are interested in joining the department, please let me know! (My phone number and address are at the end

of this report.) Remember, you do not have to be an officer to be in a department, and you can be in any department you want (as long as it's Engineering). Also, the next 10 people to join the Engineering Department will receive a 1,000 credit bonus, so sign up now! John, Ed, Kurt, and I are having to take turns pedalling this boat and our legs are tired! (Er, excuse me, Captain Fisher! I meant 'this fine, elegant, hi-tech, wonderful, state-of-the-art exploratory vessel'!) If it's the uniform that is preventing you from joining Engineering, Don't Worry! True, the Security Department's uniforms are the same color, but ours come without the targets printed on the back! And better yet, we get to do fun things like playing with anti-matter and having turbolift races!

So if you want to run with the big dogs, get off the porch now and join us in Engineering! It's a move you won't regret! (Well, not too much...)

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## MEDICAL

By Teresa Tuel

The crew is in high spirits and looking forward to warm weather and spring cons. Some have been making

plans for their extended shore leave for months. Sick bay will be quiet for a few weeks while the crew is on shore leave, giving the staff a break and a chance to catch up on computer files and medical journals. We will be ready for the crew's return and our next mission. Until then, I'll be in the gardens enjoying the spring flowers.

## OPERATIONS

By Steve Cox

Hi folks. It has been a good month for ops other than a few health problems. We have finished the installation on the new collimator ring, and the rapid fire torpedo launcher. Also a few conventions were attended and enjoyed!

The collimator ring is manufactured by YO-YO Dine and acts as an energy collector. By allowing phaser power to be "massed" from numerous energized weapon hard points, this feature gives the Kitty Hawk a 310 degree arc of fire around the ship!! One ring is installed on the top and the bottom of the primary hull and is fed energy from the warp engines or their own AWR-01 reactors. In conjunction to the Main Phasers we have 16 PH-02 phaser banks on the ship, eight on the primary hull and eight on the secondary hull. For point defense there are 22 Donel PPC-43 particle projection canons that can run on their own batteries and have a range of 5 Km.

## TRIVIA QUIZ

By Lynette Crowley

What does this mean in Vulcan?

TAI NASHA NO KAROSHA.:

What is Counselor Troi's rank?

## FIGURE THIS OUT ANSWERS

1. Dr. Lean Brahms, Theoretical Propulsion Specialist
2. Sins of the Father
3. Pillar of Evolution
4. Menage a Troi
5. Captain's Holiday
6. The Best of Both Worlds
7. Deadly Maneuvers
8. Yesterday's Enterprise
9. Jihad
10. Navigation Officer



## REPORT FROM FAR SIDE STATION

By Kristen Schlicht

Well, it's now the April meeting and this time we held it in Durham at Cablevision Studios. This was due to the taping of our TV show and the space available for the meeting. This is the second time we have done this and once again there was a very poor turnout. I do want to thank the new members that made the "long" journey to Durham and showed up. It should be mentioned that aside from those crew people who were specifically involved in the production and the seven "new" people, no other crew members showed up.

Yes, I know the weather was gorgeous. Yes, I realize some people had other plans. I suspect the real excuse that people declined to appear was the site of the meeting. Most people seem to think that Durham is a really long trip from Raleigh. Sorry, that is a very poor excuse. Those of us who don't live in Raleigh, show up for regular meetings without complaining. Geez, it's only one day out of the month. I really can't see why it is so hard to get in our cars and drive 20-30 miles. Those of us in Wake Forest, Garner, Durham, and elsewhere do this. Yes, the majority do live in Raleigh, but a sizable portion do live in the outlying areas. On those weekends where we do shoot the TV show, it is necessary to hold the meetings at the studios.

I know that I've probably ticked off some people. If you are one of those people, you probably didn't show up for the meeting. Too bad.

## DOING THE CON THING AGAIN

By Pat Heinske

This column will not be featured this issue due to extremely busy schedule, but will be continued next issue with a full report on Vulkon in Orlando featuring Wil Wheaton and Marina Sirtis.

## CONTAMINATION

BY JOHN VORNHOLT  
Reviewed By Elaine Royal

This Next Generation novel is as much murder mystery as it is science fiction. I enjoyed the fact that this book features Lt. Worf and Counsellor Troi, who work as a detective team to solve the case of the apparent murder of an eminent scientist aboard the Enterprise. The resolution of the mystery is a bit predictable and unsatisfying, but otherwise the story is an enjoyable read, and the friendship and teamwork between Worf and Troi is nice to see.

## A FLAG FULL OF STARS

BY BRAD FERGUSON  
Reviewed by Elaine Royal

This newest classic Trek novel chronicles just a few days in the life of Admiral Kirk, Chief of Starfleet Operations. It takes place shortly after "The Lost Years". The story revolves around a Klingon physicist working as a teacher in New York, and the fears and prejudices of his human students. In the process of trying to make the best of what he feels will be a typical bureaucratic assignment, Kirk manages to scare up a little adventure, getting to fly in the Enterprise - not NCC 1701, but a refurbished, 300 year old space shuttle. I found this book engaging and easy to read, even though it didn't have quite the emotional or intellectual power of some of the other books I have read. There was practically no mention of Spock or McCoy's activities during this time, which means that there will definitely be at least one more book in "The Lost Years" series. I'm hoping for two or three more.

## UNTITLED???

By John Troan

As of the writing of this article, the last shuttle mission was Columbia's ASTRO-1 mission back in December. The latest information that I've run across says that NASA is trying to launch three missions in an eight-week period. somehow I don't think they'll be able to it, but they can try. The first mission slated for the year is the Gamma Ray Observatory on board Atlantis. Next is Discovery's mission that got delayed when the cracks showed up in the payload bay doors, forcing the mission to be postponed while Discovery got rolled back to the VAB. The third mission in the sweep is another Spacelab - this one concentrating on Life Sciences. Looking down the list I ran across on State's EOS, I see a two-month lull while the orbiters are refurbished for another mission. A few missions follow, then the maiden voyage of the Endeavour, tentatively scheduled for May 1992. Other upcoming missions include a few more Spacelab missions, an unclassified Defense Department mission, and several more research missions, including the one where a satellite will be dragged from the shuttle down into the upper atmosphere. The only payload change that I can see that will probably be made is Endeavour's space station assembly mission.

Now for ST:TNG episodes. From another series of articles from EOS's news reader, the last episode of this season is titled Redemption. It is directed by Patrick Stewart, is yet another cliff-hanger, and is said to help resolve Worf's discommendation. The fifth season will probably start in late September with part two of Redemption.

News Flash!! The Next Generation Technical Manual is due out this summer.

For those college students, be thankful summer is almost here - it probably will be when this is printed. For those who aren't, you'll understand.



# 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 going?
- d> Wild toga parties? (just seeing if you are awake!)
- e> Gaming extravaganzas?
- f> Bowling?
- g> Putt-putt?
- h> Horseshoe?
- i> Tennis?
- j> Golf?
- k> Frisbee-golf?
- l> Volleyball?
- m> Croquet?
- n> Badminton?
- o> Softball?
- p> Video parties?
- q> Cookouts?
- l> Pool parties?
- m> Trivia games?
- o> Other \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- g> We pay you

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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