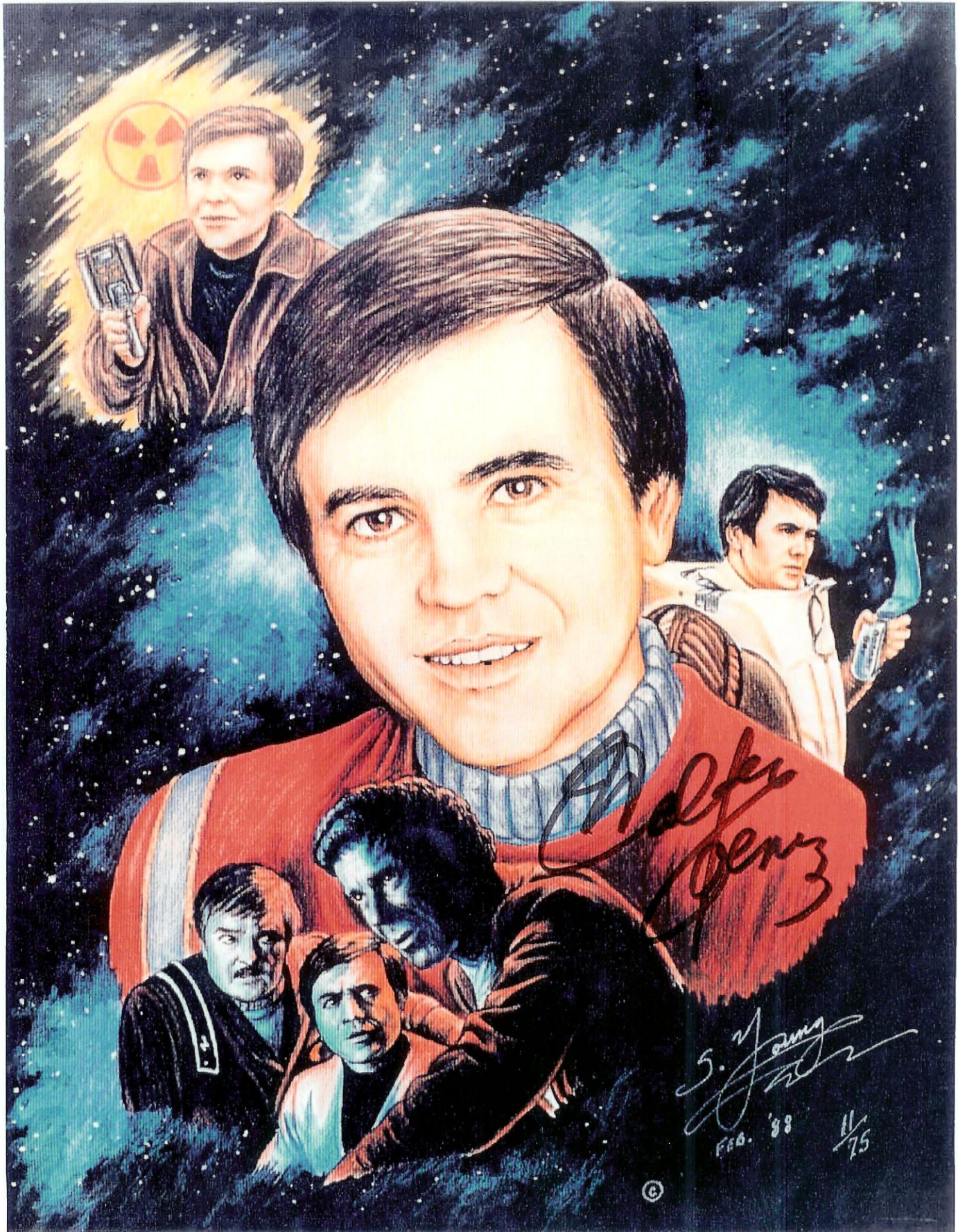


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A VIEW FROM THE CATBIRD SEAT

By J.R. Fisher

Welcome to the first issue of the 1997, "The Wright Stuff". This is your color issue for the year, unless another opportunity arises, and it has been autographed by its subject Walter Koenig! This is not a "copy" of his autograph, but an original. Walter was kind enough to autograph all of our covers in appreciation for all the hard work done by our crew at Bab-Trek in Durham.

I would like to thank all the members of the crew who assisted in working this convention, especially those who put in more hours than expected of them. This marked the first time we have had sole responsibility for security (as well as registration, pre-registration, and a recruiting table) at a three day convention and I must say that the promoters and I were very pleased with the job done by the Kitty Hawk.

Twenty five members covered more than 125 hours of the con. Everyone was diligent about staying at their posts, and generous about helping our for short periods of time to give those on duty the necessary time away from station. For those who have not had this experience before, it seemed to be educational and I believe we will have even better people for future events. A "Well Done" to all who shared in this enterprise. On a related note, we made a number of contacts in the way of recruitment and just plain interested people. We hope to see some of them as early as the upcoming meeting on March 1. The Duke jar also made some progress by bringing in \$40 and change. This combined with the \$41.82 from the aluminum recycling and prior amount gives us \$135.00 in the jar.

If you have not heard, Mike Smith won the STARFLEET election and has begun his administration. There seems to be a lack of funds in the treasury so we are encouraging all of you who

are not current with your dues to fill out an application or renewal form and enclose a check to STARFLEET. Also, if you haven't paid your 1997 Kitty Hawk dues, now would be an excellent time to do so. If you want a Kitty Hawk T-shirt or puzzle book, please see me at the meeting as we still have a few left. T-shirts are \$7.50 and puzzle books are \$5.00. B-5 fans see me for patches.

Saturday, March 1, after the four o'clock meeting, we will be traveling over to UNC-TV to man the phones for the P.B.S. telethon. Our shift is from 6:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Uniforms are encouraged but optional. Kitty Hawk T-shirts are acceptable. Afterwards, we traditionally head to an all-night eatery for a late night breakfast.

Many of you signed up to work the same hours on March 22nd, also a Saturday. Please be prompt and don't be a no-show as this is the last night of the telethon and it is usually a big one, so they need all the help we can bring. If you have not signed up for either session, just show up. You will be welcome and we always have a lot of fun both on the set and after the show. Keep the tradition alive!

The Kitty Hawk doesn't have anything else planned for March, but if someone would like to organize a St. Patrick's Day party I'm sure a few people might show up. Speak up!

April has a meeting and a trip to Spenser Shops scheduled for the 5th. The trip to Washington D.C. is scheduled for April 25th, 26th, and 27th.

May has our meeting on the 3rd, and a trip to the zoo in Asheboro on the 10th. We have been asked by Artspllosure to work a coke trailer the weekend of May 17th and 18th for the Spring Jazz and Arts Festival. They traditionally make a contribution of \$150.00 to our treasury for helping out. We will vote on this at

the upcoming meeting. Please express yourself and if we vote to do it, please volunteer. If is a fun time. Also, we may need the money for the Duke jar if contributions don't pick up soon.

As always, please bring your cancelled stamps for Larry and the stampede. Also, bring your crushed, clean aluminum for recycling. It takes a lot (thousands) of cans to make 100 pounds.

I must tell you that I am genuinely pleased with the efforts of the crew so far this year; particularly the new members and how well everyone has blended together socially and certainly how well everyone worked as a team at the con.

Over the next few months, I hope we can re-ignite the flames under some of the projects that have cooled in the past year. It is to everyone's benefit to be involved in some aspect of the Kitty Hawk's life. Others will offer several suggestions for activities, but don't be afraid to make suggestions yourself. We have done a lot in the past, but we have new people and to go back and revisit some of those things and places can be good for all of us.

I know it, the people at Bab-Trek know, and you should know it: you have the Wright Stuff. The potential for each person is great; the potential for the group is even greater. Participate. Contribute. Belong. Let us continue to make this the best ship in STARFLEET and the best fan group in the country. You can do it!

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FIRST OFFICER'S LOG

By Carey Muse

Greetings from the First Officer for a happy and prosperous 1997. I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. The last part of 1996, especially the month of December, was a very busy time for me and I did not accomplish everything I had planned due to final exams and the holiday. It appears that 1997 is going to be another busy year with school.

Now that winter is in full force, please be careful and try to stay well. We don't want to over burden sickbay personnel.

Again, I hope 1997 will be a happy and prosperous year for each of you.



SCIENCE REPORT

By Elaine Pischke

The new year is well under way and we are getting into our busiest season. I hope everyone will try to participate as much as possible. The Duke Children's Telethon will be coming up soon. If you are saving your Heinz baby food labels, be sure to bring them to me or to the telethon. In the past they have had a box there in which to deposit them. Also, we are still collecting aluminum cans. Be sure to bring yours to the meetings.

Remember - Think Galactically - Act Globally.

MEDICAL REPORT

By Diana Waldier



I would like to thank J.R. for the honor of being chosen as crewperson for 1996.

It came as a great surprise because of the many great candidates. This award also carries a greater responsibility to not only demonstrate, but to live the ideals of STARFLEET

and the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. I am proud to be part of this ship. I ask everyone on the ship to participate as much as possible in the coming year so we can all share in the pride of being active members of the Kitty Hawk. There is nothing new in the medical department at this time.

ENGINEERING REPORT

By Brad McDonald

Technology is wonderful, except when it fails. This has happened to me. My wonderful laptop crashed and took over 600 pages of story outlines, scripts, and so on. Since I had no back ups, I have lost my work. My fault I know, but I suppose it shows how much I trusted my new "toy". This has happened before, although not with such a devastating effect, and not with my laptop. My VCR went bonkers and "ate" one of my favorite tapes or died while taping a one-of-a-kind program. My car fails to start, or "dies" on the road. Technology dependency is a type of addiction. I've seen kids pump quarter after quarter into video games and spend hours involved in their computer games. Business people can't imagine a world without cell phones, pagers, voice mail, answering machines and copiers.

All of us are technology dependent to a certain degree and until recently we didn't even think about using our lights, refrigerator, radios, and so on. Fran changed that, at least for a while, too soon we

went back to our old ways and resumed our technology dependence. I'm just as guilty.... But for a while, it was book reading by candlelight, long conversations over very simple meals and ... Oh well.

On to other topics. With the enhanced Star Wars film due out as I write this, I can hardly believe the rest of this year's fare. The other reworked Star Wars films, Lost World (Jurassic Park sequel), Starship Troopers, Alien 4, and my favorite, Titanic. Also on tap, three 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea projects. Four hour mini-series ABC-TV, Two hour CBS-TV movie and a \$40 million theatrical release. Good old Hollywood, nothing like original materials and ideas to keep us entertained. Look for a dynamite CD-Rom War Game simulation based on the original Star Trek series and starring Shatner, Takei, and Koenig. Scripted by several Trek vets, it's even got a full soundtrack by Dennis McCarthy.

By the way, the long awaited and postponed Star Trek: Phase II The Lost Saga is due out in four

weeks. It's the complete story of the attempt to create another Star Trek series with all of the original cast members (except Nimoy) in 1976-77. Two weeks before the show was to begin, Star Wars came out and Paramount execs pulled the plug and demanded a feature film. All sets were demolished because they had a wrong look for the big screen. The TV project was abandoned completely. (Unfairly, all of this waste was tacked onto the film's budget, which is why the film reached a final cost of \$45 million.) Should be interesting to see what they come up with.

Speaking of huge budgets, Cameron's Titanic film has reached a budget of over \$150 million. This sets a new record for film costs and places Cameron in a very tough position. Either this film performs as no other has before and makes lots of money, or Cameron is in a lot of hot water. This project is being compared with Kevin Costner's position after completing Waterworld.

OPERATIONS REPORT

By Larry Pischke

This is my official OPS welcome to the new year. As many of you regular readers know, I didn't submit a report for the last newsletter. So shoot me. Life gets in the way.

I hope that everybody's life is getting back together after the insanity that is the holiday season. I know that mine is returning to what passes for normalcy, i.e. the regular insanity. No more requests for colored holiday lights and funny party hats. Now, for some reason, requests for flowers and chocolates are up. Get your invoices in early (actually, if you are reading this and haven't sent yours in yet, you're pretty much up a creek). Whatever you do, don't forget any of those special people in your life.

Now, on to less squishy things. I and a select group of others had the distinct pleasure of spending some time with the only other apparent living OPS member (it's a harsh life, and only the hardy survive), Margaret. She flew all the way from England just to watch the Super Bowl with us (what a fan!). Anyway, she brought me a letter that she wrote responding to last year's desperate cry for activity ideas (I think that she is only the second person to send any in). Margaret explained that she tried to get the letter to me sooner, but the prevailing winds and the inability of carrier pigeons to swim made it impossible; she decided to brave the dangers alone and deliver the message herself (or words to that effect). She was also foolish enough to allow me to use her words to my own ends (HAHAHAHAHAHA!!!) Margaret writes:

"I joined the Kitty Hawk shortly after moving to North Carolina for the sole purpose of meeting people. Elaine showed me the photo album at a convention and it looked like the group had a lot of fun doing different things. At that point in time, I was game for anything because I wanted to meet people. We had third night every month, we did highway cleanup, after meetings everyone went to dinner and then came back and watched the show. I enjoyed it. There no longer seems to be the range of events to choose from.

"Since I live far enough away at to not hear the laughter, I will respond to your plea for ideas.

- Have a penny ante poker night
- Have a games night - play party games like normal human beings
- Serve a meal at a soup kitchen - a group of us did this once every ten weeks at college and it was quite rewarding
- Volunteer to spend a day helping Habitat for Humanity by painting or something
- Help sort food at the Food Bank
- Have a Kitty Hawk bowling outing - maybe order the bumpers in the gutter
- Go play pool
- Play laser tag
- Volunteer to help clean up the state parks to get them reopened - Umstead?
- Have a quiz night - an English tradition to pull people into the pubs. Have people form teams and then ask a bunch of questions in different categories like food, TV, geography, etc.
- Start a book group on the ship to read and discuss books
- Start 3rd night again - do something that is regularly not Star Trek
- Get together and watch Larry trim stamps
- Get together at people's houses and watch videos or just talk
- Have a scavenger hunt
- Do a road rally type thing
- Have a murder mystery party
- Go white water rafting or canoeing
- Help a scout group get a science badge

"All these items would have some appeal for a least one member (me). What might be the clinching factors are timing, location, and cost. I always used to hear, "I would like to do that but I have to work on Saturday," or "I can't afford to do that," or "I can't get up that early on a Saturday," or "I can't stay out that late." Mine was always "do I really want to drive to North Raleigh to clean up the highway that early and then have to figure out what to do until the meeting?"

We seem to be getting back on track as far as group activities go. Most of what I have heard, though, is what I would call the "Big Trip" - the zoo, Washington D.C., and so on. We should do more of the "Small Trips" again if anyone is interested, like third night or bowling. If anybody has any more ideas, please let me know.

HIGH SPEED SHUTTLE PROJECT UPDATE

By Larry Pischke

When last we left our intrepid hero, he was bemoaning the depressing lack of funding for the glorious project.

There is finally light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately, it is an oncoming train.

If any of you recall (or care), when last I spoke to you about the high speed shuttle, it was to complain about not having any money to continue the project. I believe that I also mentioned the basic unsoundness of the chassis that the shuttle was being based on.

Well, most of that still holds true. The vehicle is in much worse condition than I had believed when I purchased it. A lot more work was required to bring it up to baseline before any of the modifications could begin. Let us recap:

- The directional control systems had to be replaced completely. The vehicle had an annoying tendency to wander of its own accord, most notably directly towards oncoming, usually larger, vessels (I think that this had something to do with the gravitational forces emanating from these vehicles; maybe someone can do a thesis on this). This is mostly taken care of, but not to my complete satisfaction.
- The inertial dampening system was shoddy at best. These smaller vessels usually have minimal dampening to begin with, but this one abused the privilege, making high G maneuvers in any axis a bit more painful. This has finally been brought to within baseline parameters...for the time being.
- Environmental control are partially functional. The heat generator had to be replaced due to toxic leaks. Cooling at this point is non-existent (but at this time of

year, who cares?). The actual input controls function sporadically and need constant maintenance.

Powerplant shielding is absent. While this poses no radiation danger, it makes environmental control that much more difficult, especially in high temperature situations (see previous point about cooling).

The powerplant itself is a basket case. It has many more hours on it than originally thought. Lubricant leaks (occasionally) or is burned (mostly). Not all reactant chambers are reliable for full time operation, while fuel valving is shaky at best. Oxygen input is restricted, while vapor release is loose and prone to excess noise. Fluid levels are maintained, but that is about all that can be done.

None of these problems are insurmountable; they are just more than I anticipated. All can be solved with dedication, hard work, and throwing large amounts of money at them. This last problem has been somewhat alleviated, but not the way I had hoped. In the fall last year, the vehicle was involved in two accidents with other vessels, resulting in cosmetic damage only. Project insurance compensated for the damage, so we are somewhat liquid again. The cosmetic damage unfortunately won't be repaired in the near future (unforeseen expenses siphoned some of the money), but a new power plant has been ordered. It is not completely new (I didn't get that much money), but a rebuild, and in infinitely better condition than the present plant. I should arrive some time around Valentine's Day. Now, if I can find some willing dupes to provide mindless muscle.... Stay tuned.

SECURITY REPORT

By Tara Weaver

Hello everyone! Not much to say here except thanks again to all those who worked at First Night (I know I'm a little late on this one, but my last report was written before the event...). You all did an excellent job and I look forward to doing it again next year.

And now, I want to thank those of you who worked the convention February 15 - 16. Thank you for a job well done: Larry Pischke, Elaine Pischke, April Frank, Jim Lynn, Brad McDonald, Amy DeJongh, G-Lee Bridges, Jim Bridges, Carey Muse, Jeff Cohn, Robert Yates, Bob Enters, Celeste Toombs, Janet Williams, Alex Williams, Nicholas Williams, Doug Rose, Kelley Hightower, Ray McAlister, Patti Reiser, Janice Campbell, Adam Woolley, and from STARFLEET COMMAND and the U.S.S. Claymore, Barry Jackson. Of course, our crazy captain, J.R. Fisher, was there for the entire con.

I don't really have much to report (the only thing happening really was the con), so I'll close with the usual "All clear!"

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 1 | 4:00 p.m. Kitty Hawk Meeting
6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. P.B.S. Telethon |
| 22 | 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. P.B.S. Telethon |
| April 5 | 9:00 a.m. Spenser Shops
4:00 p.m. Kitty Hawk Meeting |
| 25-27 | Washington, D.C. trip |
| May 3 | 4:00 p.m. Kitty Hawk Meeting |
| 10 | 10:00 a.m. Zoo |
| 17-18 | Spring Jazz and Arts Festival? |
| June 7 | 4:00 p.m. Kitty Hawk Meeting
9:00 p.m. Duke Telethon? |
| July 5 | Kitty Hawk Meeting & Party |
| 11-13 | Shore Leave - Hunt Valley, Maryland |



SO ALL "WRIGHT" ALREADY!

Declassified excerpts from Personal Log

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Okay, so I received the current issue of "THE WRIGHT STUFF®", in the last subspace transmission burst. I downloaded it to my PAD to read while relaxing the other day. In the transmission was a nice little message little note from JR saying, "How's it going?", "Hope your well.", etc., etc., etc. But at the end of this nice little note there is a PostScript saying, "Write an article---" So I guess JR is politely suggesting that I transmit a current log entry for the next newsletter by putting down some thoughts for posterior, position, posmystation for everyone to read.

Well, I have thought about transmitting my log entries to the newsletter for some time now, but whenever I sit down at my PAD to dictate, I keep getting stuck on what to talk about. Some of you know that I cannot say much about my work due to the business of the client. What I can I say about work is I am working for Computer Science Corp., Technology Management Group, Eastern Center in Norwich, CT. Even though I am officially attached to that office, I work at the client site in Groton, CT (pronounced graah'-ton, not grow'-ton). The client is the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, where they have been designing and building submarines for the Navy since the 1930s.

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So I have been in a quandary about what to put down in my log. I mean I could talk about how I am living in Mystic, CT located right on the coast of southeastern Connecticut. (If you follow Long Island all the way to the eastern tip. Then go straight north you will see New London, the Thames River, Groton and then Mystic, followed by Stonington, Pawcatuk, then Westerley RI.) I could tell you that I can get seafood fresh from the fishing boats in Stonington, but why bother. ☺

Talking about how my apartment is in an old converted furniture factory, listed in the "National Register of Historic Places" would not be to interesting. It is close to main street Mystic and within walking distance of most of the shops and restaurants in town. I could tell you that Mystic Pizza (as in the movie of the same name, starring Julie Roberts) is just a block away, good pizza, salads and grinders by the way. (Grinders -- the New England term for any type of large sandwich made with a roll instead of slices of bread. Same thing as you buy at Subway, only a true grinder tastes better.)

Just talking about Mystic itself could take up space on several iso-linear chips. I mean there is the fact that Mystic has been around since the 1700s. It started as a port of call for the Atlantic whaling fleets. Around town you can see plaques on some of the

homes that indicate when they were originally built, who the first owner was and what the owner did for a living. There are so many homes from that period still standing in Mystic; it makes the whole town into a museum.


Then there is the Mystic Aquarium, which is to undergo a \$50 million dollar upgrade, within the next year. There are all kinds of sealife living at the Aquarium, seals, dolphins, fish and penguins. The research portion of the museum has just announced that Dr. Robert Ballard Ph.D. The person who led the team that discovered the Titanic and Britannia, is going to set up his research station at the Aquarium. NOVA presented Dr. Ballard's latest special "Titanic's Lost Sister" on January 28th.

The biggest attraction in Mystic is the Seaport. This is a living Maritime Museum, which keeps the life of the original seaport alive. You can see how life existed back in the 17th and 18th centuries during the hey-day of sailing and whaling. They have maintained one of the last whaling ships, still in existence, from that period, allowing tourists to tour the boat, along with several other ships moored at the harbor. The "Mystic Whaler" still takes tourists on trips out to Long Island Sound during the summer season. The seaport also has a working shipyard area where they can pull out the ships onto a dry-dock for repairs. The Seaport also has craftsmen building smaller boats from scratch. I read in the paper that the seaport is going to be building a replica of the 19th century slave ship, "The Amistad". Which was commandeered on its last voyage by the slaves the ship was transporting. The slaves were caught and tried in court. Trail went all the way to the Supreme Court; the court ruled the slaves free and returned them to Africa. I could let slip that S. Spielberg visited the Seaport last week to scout filming locations and may be filming parts of his next movie based on the story of the "The Amistad" sometime later this year at the Seaport.

Both the Seaport and Aquarium had holiday festivities. The Seaport had an afternoon of caroling and the Aquarium had a free admission night, with a donated can of food.

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Mystic also had a **First Night** again this year. Although it was a tad (tad -- more than 5°, but less than 50°) colder than Raleigh, 17° at midnight, only 5,500 people attended. I would have to say that it was better than Raleigh because there were not enough people to jockeying for position in the crowds. The committee equipped themselves to handle crowds of cold, shivering revelers very well. There is a

WWW  home page for First Nights across the nation-

<http://www.virtualfirstnight.org>

This page is a **First Night On-line**. It has all the same types of entertainment, arts, music, storytelling, etc. that you can find at First Night Live, but this is all year long. The WWW page lists all the cities across the country that have **First Night** Festivities.

In September Mystic hosts a Taste of Connecticut festival that showcases restaurants from throughout the state. There are some very good and diverse selections of food. Anything your taste buds could crave, selections from Albacore to Ziti from cultures' world wide.

Right across the street from my apartment building is the Mystic Art Association, which has changing art exhibits all year long. If you're in the mood for antique hunting, this is the right area. Driving up and down Highway 1 you can spend months, just in Connecticut alone, stopping and browsing all the small shops. I do not think that there is any interest in hearing about all that.

I could not figure out why I would bother to say that there are two casinos within 15 minutes of Mystic. The casinos are on land owned by two of the Indian Tribes in the area, the Mohegans and the Mashentucket-Pequots. (Foxwoods Casino is the largest casino in the country.) Both casinos are responsible for bringing some of the biggest Vegas stars to the area. There is also talk of a major amusement park building in the area of North Stonington. So not all the attractions in the area are historical.

It would not be of any interest to mention that the Navy has moored the first nuclear submarine, "USS

Nautilus," at the Submarine Museum in Groton. Visitors can take a tour of the Nautilus, bow and mid-ship levels only. I think they have sealed off the stern of the ship. Otherwise it is still a fascinating piece of history and machinery.

I hope everyone had a chance to view the video, postcards and pictures I sent. I tried to get the package there before the February meeting.

I have not had a chance to make contact with the ship, USS Endeavor, assigned to this sector. The Endeavor passes through this sector at the end of each month. In any case I will probably still remain an associate member of the Kitty Hawk, so I can keep up with what is going on in the Triangle.

Speaking on keeping up with Raleigh: I hear through the bitways (remember that news, rumors and gossip travel at WARP 1000) that the Rogues of Charlotte are running a B5/ST con in Durham next month. The quest list sounds like a good one; the folks at ROC are good at organizing cons. The con should be a lot of fun.

Congratulations to all those who received their promotions this review cycle. Special congrats to Diana for her "1996 CPoY Award". I noticed a few new names in the promotion list. Welcome to the Kitty Hawk. Most of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting. Do not anyone lie to you and say anything good about me. ☺ Besides that, the group of long time members are a great group of people. There is a lot of experience there, along with your mix of new ideas should make for an exciting 1997 tour of duty.

As you can see I have no idea what to talk about, which is unusual for me. Most of the time I keep going, and going and going.

So I just sign off with this last few thoughts and wish everyone a exciting 1997.

If any of the crew decides to make Mystic their final beam down point for a little R&R, they are more than welcome. Just contact me, JR put my beaming coordinates and subspace channel info in the last newsletter or I can be reached via subspace E-mail this address-

 jhabrych@cscmail.csc.com

It may not be exactly Risa, but bring those extra Horgons just in case. There is always plenty of room.

-PER ASPERA AD ASTRA-
-THROUGH DIFFICULTIES
TO THE STARS-

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