

THE WRIGHT STUFF

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A VIEW FROM THE CATBIRD SEAT

By J.R. Fisher

We start our report with some bad news this time: long time member, Steve Motley, recently lost his mother. Please take a moment to call or write Steve and offer your condolences. Those who have lost a parent appreciate the tremendous stress that such a loss creates.

Also, former member and personal friend, Diane Johnson, passed away on January 10th in Biloxi, Mississippi. She held the rank of commander and was C.O. of the Shuttle Mississippi (off the Kitty Hawk). She was president of Coast Con for several years and a major force in southern science fiction fandom. She will be greatly missed.

We will not do two tours on the PBS Telethon as in past years; but only the one on March 28th. If you signed up to work the 6:30 -11:30 p.m. shift for that date, PLEASE be there! Since we are only doing one date it is extremely important that everyone show up. If you find that you have some extra time to give between now and then; call and volunteer to help out on some other shift. It is for a good cause.

Speaking of causes, we have been asked by Artsposure to man a Coke trailer for the Spring Jazz and Arts Festival in May. We will discuss this at the March meeting and if you have some input, please attend or let us hear from you before the meeting.

We have pretty much set our schedule for the year (see calendar) but if you have something for us to do - again, come to the meeting and present

your ideas to the group. None of this is carved in stone. We can be flexible. This calendar is to let you know what you (our) options are and give everyone a chance to have a good time. Other events will surely be added as the year progresses and some of the meetings will take on special atmospheres (like cookouts, pool parties, etc.) as weather and disposition permits.

The gaming night was well received and will probably be repeated but not every month. A greater variety of games would enhance this event, so if you have some games you are interested in, let Larry and Margaret know.

Don't forget to bring aluminum cans to the meeting, stamps for Larry and if you can afford it, change for the Duke jar.

Most important: many of you have not paid your 1998 Kitty Hawk dues; they are \$24.00 for full membership and \$12.00 for associate membership. PLEASE pay this month. Also, we are trying to become an all STARFLEET ship; if you have not renewed your membership in STARFLEET, or joined, please do so this month.

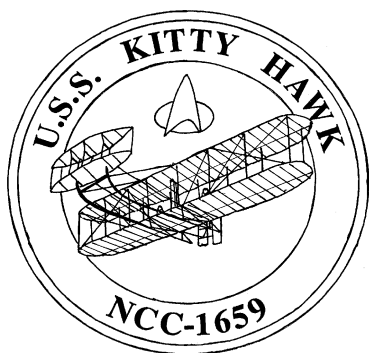
I know it is difficult to stay committed to any organization these days, but remember that we are building a dream and a family. No matter what happens at other levels we will continue because we have Gene's dream and the Wright Stuff.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 7:** Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.
8: Laser Tag 5 p.m.
14+15: Vulkan: Towson, MD
20-22: StellarCon 22: High Point, NC
27-29: CoastCon XXI: Biloxi, MS
28: PBS Telethon: UNC-TV
- April 4:** Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.
5: Laser Tag 5 p.m.
3-5: Connexions, Hunt Valley, MD
10-12: Balticon 32: Baltimore, MD
17-19: First Fleet Spring Summit Gatlinburg, TN
24-26: Kitty Hawk Trip
 Washington DC
- May 2:** Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.
3: Laser Tag 5 p.m.
16: Spenser Shops trip
24 or 31: Duke Children's Telethon
- June 6:** Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.
7: Laser Tag 5 p.m.
26-28: B5 SF Con High Point, NC
26-28: Shore Leave: Hunt Valley MD
27-28: Sci-Fi Celebration: Charleston, WV
- July 4:** Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.
5: Laser Tag 5 p.m.
2-5: Star Fleet International Conference: Lubbox, TX
10-12: Toronto Trek: Toronto, Canada
25-26: Nova Con 8: McLean, VA
- August:** NO KITTY HAWK MEETING/DEPT. ONLY
5-9: WorldCon: Baltimore, MD
 B-5 Con: England
- Sept. 5:** Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.
6: Laser Tag 5 p.m.
3-6: Dragon Con: Atlanta, GA
12: Maritime Museum: Beaufort, NC
- October 3:** Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.
4: Laser Tag 5 p.m.

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OPERATION'S REPORT

By Larry Pischke

Once again, there is not much going on in the wonderful world of OPS. So there.

For those of you who missed it, the first OPS game night was a smashing success. I, of course, cannot take ANY credit for this. It was all the work of my fantastic second in command, Margaret. She was brave enough to put forward the idea, and offer up her quarters to host the event (Unfortunately for her, we now know where she lives - as if we could ever find it again). Everyone there seemed to have a good time, and plans are under way for a second such event.

If you were there, thank Margaret. Gosh, I hope I'm not holding her back. Maybe I should just step aside.

SCIENCE REPORT

By Elaine Pischke

Things have been quiet in the Science Department, so there is not much to report. Congratulations to all who received promotions in January. It looks like we are planning a busy year, with a number of trips, parties, and outings. I would like to encourage everyone to attend as many activities as possible, starting with the upcoming PBS telethon. It's usually one of our best-attended activities of the year, and is a lot of fun. Well, I can't think of anything Science related or otherwise to write about, so I guess that's all for now.

ENGINEERING REPORT

By Brad McDonald

First, an apology for missing the last meeting. I had a small construction crew at the house and was in the middle of Phase II of my house make-over. The work is progressing nicely, but slower than I had planned or wanted.

On to business. There will be a convention in the Triad in June, originally the headliner was to be Billy Mumy but he has been replaced by Jason Carter. Also appearing will be Robert Justman, Larry and Jane Nemecheck (I'm not sure about the spelling) and Phil Smoot. Phil is a local director who will be showing his film, "Alien Outlaw". There will be others as well, not yet firm, but the dates will be the 19th through the 21st of June at the High Point Holiday Inn on Main Street. I will try to have the rest of the guest list and phone numbers for additional information and tickets by the next meeting.

Part of my original assignment, for the meeting I missed, was to put together information on the Star Trek Experience at the Hilton Inn at Las Vegas. All of the travel guides, magazine articles and so on will be delivered to J.R. with this report and will be available at the next meeting for all to see. Basically, it's a fairly cheap trip and there is much more than just the usual gambling to do.

In recent years, many of the casinos have tried to encourage family trips by adding many non-adult forms of entertainment. Rides, special shows, tours of the Grand Canyon and other sites and amusement park type settings. Hence, the Star Trek Experience at the Hilton. In fact, Paramount Parks is running the attraction so that it stays close to what Corporate Paramount wants in the way of quality control. (IE: No topless Klingons or floor shows with green Orion girls, aw shucks!)

A recent article in Casino Player magazine, titled "What's Up Spock?", outlines the basic set up and some of the attractions. First, it currently costs \$9.95 to get in, that may change but how no one is saying. There are five retail shops, a four minute motion flight simulator, and 18 minute tour of the "Museum of the Future", Quark's Bar and Restaurant and more. Of course, there are also slot machines, otherwise it wouldn't be Las Vegas. (No one has said anything about Dabo tables.)

All of the casino personnel are dressed either in Starfleet uniforms or as any of a dozen or so aliens.

In other news, I had my final visit to the doctor. Good news and bad news. They can't do any more for me as far as my manual dexterity

and pain, however I was assessed with a permanent disability, which will give me a little money to help with future difficulties.

As everyone knows by now, James Cameron is having the last laugh. Over \$700 million world wide, so far. Domestically, it has outsold every film with the exception of Star Wars, E.T. and Jurassic Park. With 14 Academy Award nominations, it's sure to make even more money and make believers out even the most pessimistic Hollywood corporate type.

About the movie itself, although Cameron tells a good story, it does have its flaws. I know he wasn't trying to make a documentary, but with so much attention to detail elsewhere, you would think that he would be more careful. In one scene, the liner is shown with all four funnels smoking. A neat trick since the fourth funnel was an air intake. The ship hits a lone iceberg in the middle of the Atlantic, making her crew the worse drivers in the world. Actually there was a field of ice which is why the temperature had dropped so radically and why the other ships in the area had stopped for the night. Speaking of which, in a bird's eye view, we see the Titanic alone in the ocean, no pack ice and

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SECURITY REPORT

By Tara Weaver

There is, as usual, very little for me to report this time around. I hope to see a lot of volunteers representing the Kitty Hawk at the PBS Telethon on March 28th. We tend to have fun at that event, so you veterans be sure to encourage the newbies to come out there with us.

Without anything else to report, let me just remind you all that Spring is just around the corner, so hang in there! That said, I leave you with the customary "All Clear!"



MEDICAL REPORT

By Diana Waldier

The Medical Department has received three new pieces of equipment...

- ◆ Two isolabs with full independent power and life support.
- ◆ A new scanning and diagnostic interface that will allow direct remote access to the main medical and xenobiological libraries.

Because of the numerous injuries to crewpersons on the holodeck due to incorrect safety procedures, all crewpersons must attend a holodeck safety seminar. See the ship schedule for your time slot. This must be completed before holodeck use in approved.

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no other ships. All the survivors stated that several running lights were visible. This was the Californian and a Norwegian sailing ship, which were stopped because of the ice. There are other examples, references to placed and things not in existence in that time and so on. When I'm asked, as a Titanic enthusiast, about such things, I give the above references and most people reply, "Hey, it's just a story!" My response is, if you're going to spend \$200+ million, get it right!

That's is for now, see you at the next meeting!

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- 9-11: Rising Star Con 7: Salem, VA**
- 24: U.S.S. N.C. Wilmington, NC**
- 31: Halloween Party**
- Nov. 7: Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.**
- 8: Laser Tag 5 p.m.**
- 6-8: Sci-Con 19: VA Beach, VA**
- Dec. 5: Kitty Hawk Meeting 4 p.m.**
- 6: Laser Tag 5 p.m.**
- 17: Anniversary Party**
- 31: 1st Night Raleigh**

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