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### IMAGE - Featured Front Page

USS Enterprise - no bloody A, B, C, or D. From [memory-alpha.org](http://memory-alpha.org).

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# A View From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher

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It has been a great summer for the crew of the *Kitty Hawk*. We have completed the voice recordings for our radio show and are waiting on

the compilation of this into the final story. John Troan has done a marvelous job on this project and I for one cannot wait for the finished show. If you have not already done so, [go online and listen to the teaser](#).

John and author Brad McDonald are already looking at the next possible script. The number of members available to do recordings will go a long way towards that decision; so if you would seriously consider being a part of our next episode, please let Brad, John or I know by the next meeting.

The other event on our horizon is the con in Cape Carteret, [Crystal Coast Con](#). We are on their guest list and have a recruiting table for the event. We can have four members with our table/chairs. It would be very nice to have all four of us in uniform (John and I will be). Alien costumes are acceptable and if neither are available, *Kitty Hawk* attire.

Even if you are not inclined to come work our table, please make an effort to come down for the day. I really believe that this could be a wonderful convention and a great opportunity.

That being said, I would encourage those of you who have let your STARFLEET memberships lapse to renew them as soon as possible. We have some new members and they are excited about what we are attempting to do. Please show up at our October meeting as full members and embrace our activities. Let's have fun again!

*Esse Quam Videri*

## From STARFLEET

STARFLEET Communications is pleased to present the 40th Anniversary Member Questionnaire!

This questionnaire is designed for every member to use in order to present your own personal history in STARFLEET for possible use within the CQ. With your help, we're looking to compile and present a decent feature for our 40th Anniversary issue, alongside region and department histories. We will also be providing opportunities for pictures to be submitted (with captions please!) so we may publish them in the CQ.

Please visit and fill out the form, even if you're a recent member of the organization. We'll be taking submissions until 30 September.

<http://www.sfi.org/wp/survey/>

Alternatively, if you have information you would like to share without using the form, you're welcome to send it to us at [cq@sfi.org](mailto:cq@sfi.org) -- please be sure to include captions for any photos you send us!

Thank you very much!

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# Star Trek: Axanar

By Diane Ripollone

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From the Axanar Website: *Axanar takes place 21 years before the events of Where no Man Has Gone Before, the first Kirk episode of the original Star Trek. Axanar is the story of Garth of Izar, the legendary Starfleet captain who is Captain Kirk's hero.*

Definitely different, this is an independent film that raised money among the fans and Star Trek Stars. George Takei pledged \$200,000 to help the film reach its goals. The crowdfunding takes place at [kickstarter](#). Conceived by Alec Peters who wrote the original episode that Garth of Izar appeared in, Peters wanted to do more than make a fan film. He wanted the film to look like a real production. To do this however he had get others to help and Christian Gossett joined the project. Two stars play major roles in the production, Richard Hatch as Commander Kharn and Tony Todd as Admiral Ramirez.

As the project took form, fans from all over began to support the film by donating. As of today, they have raised \$638,000.00 for production. The Facebook page for the movie <https://www.Facebook.com/StarTrekAxanar> has over 40,000 likes. Seems it has caught the eye of many. Filming is to start in the Fall of 2014 and released Summer 2015. I know I'm looking forward to seeing the final movie.

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# Science Report

## By Elaine Pischke

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In a report published in *Science Magazine*, climatologists Ben Marzeion, J. Graham Cogley, Kristin Richter and David Parkes, who have been studying glacial retreat, report that while human activity contributed to roughly 25% of glacial retreat for the period from 1851 to 2010, during the latter part of that time period, 1991 to 2010, human activity accounts for roughly 69% of glacial melting. Scientists believe that in recent years about 265 billion tons of ice melts each year due to human activity, as opposed to 130 tons due to natural causes. Since glacial response times are decades long, what we do today will take many years to be reflected in melting glacial ice.

By the time you read this, it may be headlines worldwide. British and Icelandic scientists are monitoring seismic and molten rock activity closely in anticipation of a possible major eruption of Iceland's Askja volcano. Recent earthquakes in Iceland have raised the possibility of a major eruption. In 2010, a volcanic eruption in Iceland caused a disruption in air travel across Europe. In 1875, a major eruption of Mount Askja caused crop failures and killed livestock, causing a mass migration away from the area. When Mount Laki erupted in 1783, the eruption lasted eight months and the effects were felt around the world. The winters were colder for several years, crops failed across Europe and even into Egypt and

China, causing famines. The famines in Europe triggered mass immigration to the Americas, especially from Ireland and Scotland, and lit the fires for the French Revolution. The eruption caused over 6 million deaths worldwide. Benjamin Franklin noted a continuous dry fog that lay across the country, blocking out the sun, making the winter longer and colder, and the summer shorter and less bountiful. He correctly attributed the fog to an eruption in Iceland, although his records indicate he got the wrong mountain. The signs are there for another major eruption to happen soon. However, volcanos are notoriously difficult to predict. Stay tuned.

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# J.O.urnal

## By Babs Freeman

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Let me just start by stating a simple fact, I am a loyal ECU Pirate, I could care less about the NCSU Wolf-pack.

Yes, I am taking a couple of classes there but that does NOT make me one of them. I could go work on an Army base but I would still be a Navy veteran. I spent six and a half years at ECU as a full time student, living off my military retirement, my V.A. benefits, and a couple of part time jobs so do not howl at me. The proper expression for a Pirate is "aarrgghh" with a gruff voice.

The reason I am mentioning all this is that being a Navy retiree, the pirate connotation certainly fits better than a wolf. ECU is a good-sized campus but quite negotiable while NCSU is one confusing piece of property. But wait, let me back the choo-choo train a bit. ECU does have two primary parts to its campus, the

main campus and the medical campus. They are separated by a few miles but both are easily traveled. NCSU's seems to have three parts but don't even think about walking around the main part or the centennial campus, they are both huge. In July, I had a conference at the Asheville campus which was really walkable but hilly. Who designs these things anyway?

But enough whining about geography. I am taking two classes this fall, one is a bearable distant education class on government and the other one is a toughie on research methodology. I thought the statistics course I took in the spring was rough but this research course has that one beaten. I took an afternoon off this week just to learn how to use the library at the main campus. Technology has made this both easier in some ways and also harder in others.

I am quite enjoying my government class. I find the textbook interesting and the video classes good. The professor is a Brit so listening to his accent just makes it quite fun to follow. And I get to watch the videos from my own home computer. I can take breaks after each one (2-3 per week), go grab some munchies, and then come back for more. I can even pause the videos when I need to take notes. We have to write on the discussion board each week and so far, I have used a sports metaphor but it goes without saying that I will find an excuse to add one about *Star Trek* sometime.

I really regret not being at the September meeting and not having time to buy any school supplies for our usual donation and while my studies will take me a few years, there will eventually be light at the end of the tunnel. Just so long as that light isn't an alien life form.

# Computer Operations Report

By John Troan

First, a “Welcome” to our newest members from the *Kitty Hawk’s* Computer Operations Department.

I’ve been watching the [Crystal Coast Con](#) web site for updates, especially for anything that mentions us. I just found that they’ve [started their blog](#) -- and they’re bragging about us (and the Klingon banner we’re bringing) at the top. (We’re also in the con’s [Guest List](#) with a copy of our full-color logo and a link back to our web site.)

In department news, I’ve gotten a [Facebook page created for the Kitty Hawk](#). For those on Facebook, search for “Kitty Hawk” and our page should come up -- the full-color version of the

logo and the “StarFleet” in the organization title should make it easier to pick it out. I found out in August that “UNC-TV Volunteers” had a Facebook page and I decided it was time to create a nonprofit organization page for us and somehow use it as a platform for more people to know that we even exist. The [Kitty Hawk’s web site](#) will still be our primary presence on the Internet and there’s a link to it from our (new) Facebook page. All of the key updates will continue to be posted to our web site, but I’ll be posting general *Trek* and space updates to FB as I see them on my personal FB feed.

The big project in Comp Ops is putting together [the podcast](#) from the individual recording sessions and mixing in the sound effects to make a richer listening experience. I played the teaser for my dad a couple weeks ago and he liked it, too. (He gets the blame for getting me started in *Trek*.)

As a promised follow up from the September meeting, here’s where to get additional information on the headlines I had mentioned in the meeting:



- [Tectonic activity discovered on Jupiter’s moon Eupora](#)
- [Curiosity rover has reached Mount Sharp in the center of Mars’ Endurance Crater](#)
- [Newest Orion capsule is ready to get fueled for the planned December test flight](#)
- [SpaceX’s fourth cargo mission to the International Space Station](#)

NASA recently made a major announcement with the [awarding of contracts](#) to use both SpaceX Crew Dragon (pictured above) and Boeing CST-100 capsules for transporting US crews to and from the space station. This will end NASA’s need to use the Russian Soyuz to get to the station. Both contracts include a test flight with a NASA astronaut aboard to verify the whole system works, from launch to docking to return. Each company will then get between two and six launches for regular crew rotations. The capsules will also serve as the standard “lifeboat” for the crews they transport, which the Soyuz capsules also do for their respective crew transport missions.

Another recent news item from NASA is the creation of their new

[NASA Solve web site](#). It’s intended to be their focal point for getting public contributions for “solving tough problems related to NASA’s mission through challenges, prize competitions, and crowdsourcing activities.”

The first opportunity through Solve is the [Mars Balance Mass Challenge](#), in which they’re looking for ideas for turning what would normally be ballast (or dead weight) into a scientific or technological payload on future Mars landers. The stated prize pool is \$20,000 for winning ideas they develop further.

As I write this, NASA’s latest mission to Mars is about twelve hours away from [entering orbit around the planet](#). [MAVEN](#) will have a six-week test period before starting its primary mission: one (Earth) year of studying Mars’ upper atmosphere.

In closing this month, I make note of the cover picture I chose for this issue -- the original U.S.S. Enterprise that started out all of *Trekdom*. September marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the franchise’s premiere. (This means we’ve got two years to plan the *Kitty Hawk’s* activities for *Star Trek’s* Golden Anniversary!)

# Star Trek On-Line Gaming

## By Larry Cox

With the new “season” of STO starting soon, things have been a bit quiet in the Alpha quadrant recently. Players can go back and replay previous missions (options for easy, moderate and advanced play are available). Episodes are available from prior seasons and can be replayed limitless times. These episodes have different missions dealing with a common theme, ie. The Klingon War, Romulan resettlement, and DS9, among others. Most episodes include

around 10 or so missions involving both space and ground combat set in various areas of the *Trek* galaxy. During replay of missions, players can change up Away Team members, ships and/or weapons used. A variety of ships are allowed for each player: tactical escort (*Defiant* class), Support Cruiser Retrofit (*Constitution* class), Long Range Science Vessel (*Intrepid* class), just to name a few. Different

components can lead to different outcomes.

Players can also develop missions for play, referred to a Foundry missions. Subject and theme for these can be as varied as the person developing it, with some having more story line and dialog then combat. After the completion of the mission the player has an opportunity to “rank” that mission. I’ve found many to be

quiet enjoyable and very *Trek* oriented while others have been rather silly or confusing. Players are able to search for foundry missions by a number of criteria like author, title and ranking, among others. Since many of these adventures are created by “die-hard” Trekkies/Trekkers many have a true ring to them. And these missions can take place in areas not used in other missions, such as Utopia Planitia and

Star Fleet Academy.



Images: (top) USS Kitty Hawk in Earth Space Station orbit; (bottom) STO Galaxy.

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# Original Series - *Star Light, Star Bright*

## By Brad McDonald

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(continuing Act III from Jul/Aug)

MCCOY

All of you are now confined to sickbay. Don't even try to leave or I'll use phasers on heavy stun.

Scott, Sulu and Chekov sit, defeated. McCoy goes to the intercom and tabs the button.

MCCOY

(continued)

Dr. M'Benga to sickbay, stat.

NEW ANGLE

Spock enters and McCoy jumps at him.

MCCOY

(continued)

Take a seat, Spock. I need to run some tests on you, now.

Spock sits and McCoy runs a scanner over him.

SPOCK

What do you expect to find, Doctor?

MCCOY

Hopefully nothing.

M'BENGA, Chapel and other N.D. medical staff arrive. McCoy points to Scott, Sulu, Chekov and Spock.

MCCOY

(continued)

All these people are confined to the isolation ward. Begin extensive tests and take every precaution.

The medical staff jumps into action.

M'BENGA

Doctor, what's the emergency?

MCCOY

I think the Romulan bug got aboard Enterprise. We need a complete analysis of every person from the boarding

party. Spock will provide the names.

SPOCK

I believe that everyone who is suspect is already here, doctor.

Kyle enters and approaches McCoy, looking around.

KYLE

Sorry to interrupt the party, but I have a really bad headache.

McCoy turns to Spock and glares.

MCCOY

You were saying?

KIRK'S QUARTERS – WIDE ANGLE

Kirk is busy at his console, the door chime sounds.

KIRK

Come!

McCoy enters and looks very tired.

MCCOY

I thought I'd give you a personal update. Got a minute?

KIRK

Sit down, Bones. You look like something the cat dragged in.

TWO SHOT – KIRK AND MCCOY

McCoy takes a seat opposite Kirk and leans in closely.

MCCOY

You're being kind, it's more like something the cat coughed up. Anyway, I've got all my people working on the problem.

KIRK

How bad is it?

MCCOY

Like I said before, it's a tough bug; seems to be

everywhere. Spock's okay, for now. He must be more resistant.

KIRK

How's it passed on, airborne?

MCCOY

Airborne or contact; just being in the same quadrant seems to be enough to catch the thing.

KIRK

Aren't you exaggerating a bit?

McCoy leans back with a sheepish grin.

MCCOY

Maybe, but from what Usura could translate, this thing went through the Romulan crew in three days.

KIRK

Bones, are we –

McCoy holds up his hand to stop Kirk.

CLOSE ON MCCOY

MCCOY

- going to wind up like the Romulans? I don't know but they were more concerned with making a weapon. Maybe we'll have better luck with a cure. You contact Starfleet yet?

AS BEFORE – TWO SHOT – KIRK AND MCCOY

KIRK

Just finished. Want to hear what they suggested?

MCCOY

I'm not sure, do I?

Kirk spins his monitor around and McCoy looks.

MCCOY

(continued; reading)  
Stay here and gather more data. Who's in charge, Ghenghis Khan?

ON KIRK

KIRK

Starfleet's worried this could be the first step to an invasion. Our experience with the Romulans supposedly gives us an edge.

AS BEFORE – TWO SHOT – KIRK AND MCCOY

MCCOY

When we get back...

He smiles at his own words.

MCCOY

... I'm going to have a few choice words for Command.

He stands and heads for the door.

WIDE ANGLE

MCCOY

(continued)

I better get back to work. Don't worry, we're doing all we can, Jim.

Without waiting for a response, McCoy exits.

ON KIRK

Kirk turns the monitor back and reads it again.

KIRK

Ghenghis Khan indeed doctor.

ISOLATION WARD – TWO SHOT – SPOCK AND SULU

Spock is questioning Sulu. In B.G. we can see Chekov, Kyle and Scott.

SPOCK

You worked closest with Conner, did you notice anything unusual?

SULU

No sir. He seemed fine, maybe just a bit nervous.

SPOCK

Nervous?

SULU

We... I was sort of teasing him.

SPOCK

Teasing, Lieutenant?

SULU

Conner left his communicator on the Romulan ship. He thought he was in trouble.

Spock turns to the others.

NEW ANGLE

SPOCK

Mr. Kyle, did Mr. Conner leave a communicator on the Romulan ship?

KYLE

No, Sir. All equipment accounted for during inventory and no one has left the ship since then.

TRANSPORTER ROOM

The room is empty. Spock enters and goes directly to the control panel activates a few circuits. He studies the board for a few beats, then tabs the intercom.

SPOCK

Spock to bridge.

KIRK (V.O.)

Go ahead, Spock.

SPOCK

I believe I have found the source of the contamination.

Off Spock's statement...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

EXT. SPACE

Enterprise and Romulan ship are motionless in space.

INT. ENTERPRISE – SICKBAY LAB – WIDE ANGLE

McCoy is working with Chapel and other N.D. Staff when Kirk enters and observes briefly, then moves in.

TWO SHOT – KIRK AND MCCOY

KIRK

How's it going Bones?

McCoy is very tired but continues his lab experiment.

MCCOY

(working)

Jim, this thing is unreal. I've never seen anything like it.

KIRK

How so?

MCCOY

(working)

Most pathogens attack a single system or in a particular manner. This bug attacks everywhere and in several ways, then it jumps around.

KIRK

I'm sure you're doing your best.

MCCOY

(working)

If we get one area under control, it runs wild elsewhere. More and more crewmembers are reporting symptoms.

Kirk studies his friend closely and is concerned.

KIRK

Maybe you should take a rest.

MCCOY

(working)

Can't; M'Benga is working sickbay alone -- I need to get back, he's overwhelmed. As



it is, I feel guilty being here in the lab.

McCoy looks at Kirk and adopts a secretive manner and motions Kirk into his office.

NEW ANGLE – MCCOY'S OFFICE  
– KIRK AND MCCOY

MCCOY

I already have quite a few patients who are candidates for stasis; Sulu, Chekov, Scott and Kyle for starters.

Kirk understands the implications and is taken aback.

KIRK

You mean you can't help them?

MCCOY

All I can do at this point is slow it down a little.

Kirk is apprehensive and tentative.

KIRK

And the rest of us, Bones?

ON MCCOY

MCCOY

I don't honestly know, Jim. I've tried every approach in the book and more than a few that aren't.

He tries to make light of the situation.

MCCOY

Spock's working on this, too. Even he's stumped — at least I've lived long enough to see that.

He smiles weakly at the statement.

AS BEFORE – TWO SHOT – KIRK  
AND MCCOY

KIRK

You're not giving up... are you?

MCCOY

Of course not, but maybe I've met my match this time.

ON KIRK

He tries a pep talk.

KIRK

Doctor, you're our best hope. Since you've been aboard, you've triumphed over radiation sickness, accelerated aging and you even healed a Horta! You've saved us a dozen times!

AS BEFORE – TWO SHOT – KIRK  
AND MCCOY

MCCOY

Maybe this is a case of one too many. Thirteen may be an unlucky number after all.

McCoy realizes something else is wrong.

MCCOY  
(continued)

Was there something else?

KIRK

Yes, I've got a major headache.

McCoy becomes very serious.

MCCOY

At the temples -- very intense?

KIRK

Yes, how did you know?

Kirk suddenly realizes.

KIRK  
(continued)

The infection?

MCCOY

First symptom, Jim.

KIRK

You sure?

MCCOY

I should be, I had the same symptoms yesterday.

Kirk is visibly shaken.

KIRK

You, too?

MCCOY

Plus Chapel, M'Benga and over half of my staff.

McCoy turns to his desk, picks up a bottle, shakes out two pills and hands them to Kirk.

MCCOY

(continued)

Take these, they'll help, at least for a while. Mine stopped working just before you got here.

He rubs his temples and heads for the office door.

MCCOY

(continued)

Better get back to work. Chapel and I are running a few tests that are showing promise.

KIRK

There's hope?

ON MCCOY

MCCOY

Maybe, in the meantime, you may want to update Starfleet.

He gets very quiet and serious.

MCCOY  
(continued)

Jim, you know what's best, but this thing can't be allowed to spread any further.

ON KIRK

He realizes the implication of what McCoy has said and has a new resolve and grim determination.

KIRK

Count on it. In the meantime, the Romulan vessel is a plague ship and will be destroyed.

MCCOY (V.O.)

Right now, Enterprise is a plague ship too.

Kirk is struck by McCoy's words.

Off his reaction...

*To be continued.....*

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## Upcoming Events

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Oct	4	4 p.m. Ship Meeting Triangle Factory Outlet, Morrisville
	20	10 a.m. <a href="#">Crystal Coast Con</a> Cape Carteret, NC (near Swansboro)
Nov	1	4 p.m. Ship Meeting Triangle Factory Outlet, Morrisville
	8	Articles due for Nov/Dec <i>Wright Stuff</i>
Dec	TBD	Ship Meeting
	TBD	<i>Kitty Hawk</i> Anniversary Dinner

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