

FLEET CHANNELS

2011 - 3rd Quarter



SHIP SPOTLIGHT:
THE U.S.S. FIREBIRD!

R3 QUARTERMASTER!
FOR SALE NOW IN REGION 3.

THE ENTERPRISE-F
INTERVIEWING ADAM IHLE,
THE MAN WHO DESIGNED HER.

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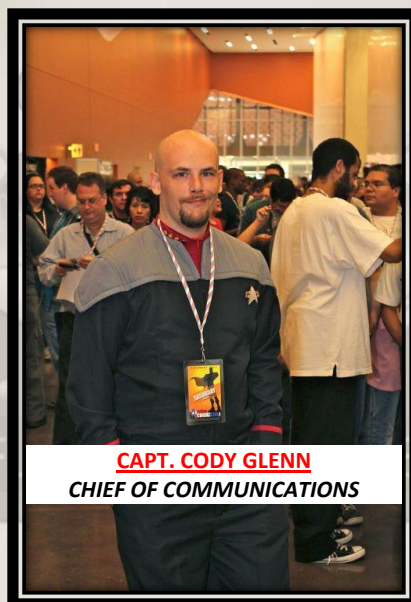
FROM THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Before I begin, I'd like to thank you for reading the third-quarter issue of Fleet Channels. As many of you know by now, since I have taken over as Chief of Communications for Region 3, we have entered into a transition period where I hope to improve the quality of this publication and all Region 3 branding. Up to now, a large part of that has had to do with graphics quality and improving the layout of Fleet Channels. But now we have entered into the next phase of that transition, by turning our focus towards the content that makes up this newsletter.

In this issue you will notice that in addition to what you have come to normally expect from every issue of Fleet Channels, we have begun adding more articles, reviews, and interviews with various personalities in very different fields. It has become our goal to make this more than the Official Region 3 Newsletter—we want Fleet Channels to grow into a publication that people eagerly await, each quarter, and look forward to being featured in. Of course, all of this is happening as we're gearing up to deliver you the fourth quarter newsletter, so that we can be ready to enter 2012 with a fresh new perspective and drive that shares our love for STARFLEET – Region 3, and all of the people encompassed within!

That being said, I am extremely excited about what we have for you this issue, and I sincerely hope that once you've read

through everything we've got, you'll be just as excited as I am. Deanna Bressie has done a wonderful job as the newest member of the Fleet Channels staff, and Cory Matt's direction has been shifted to focus on helping provide some of the great content that we'll be delivering to you in the future. Of course, I'd like to remind you that this is your newsletter. The direction we take Fleet Channels in is entirely up to you. So if you have thoughts, ideas, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention.



CAPT. CODY GLENN
CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS

Now that we have celebrated the STARFLEET International Conference 2011 in Poconos Manor, and we're inching ever closer to the Away Mission to the Space Center in Houston, and the Game Day in Abilene, I am very pleased to say that it feels like we're just getting started with some of the wonderful things happening throughout Region 3. And we have every intention of turning this publication into

something that you would be proud to hand any potential recruit, to show them just how much fun we have together as Chapters, Strike Groups, and a Fleet.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

CAPT. Cody Glenn

Chief of Communications – Region 3

*CO, USS Navras / DOIC 300 MSG / S6-E 3BDE
STARFLEET IC2013 in Dallas, Texas, August 1-4, 2013!*

<http://www.IC2013.com>

FROM THE REGIONAL COORDINATOR

When last we were in the Holodeck together...

I really didn't take a break after Summit like I usually do. One week later, while I was visiting Zone 1 Leader Marian L. Murphy to work on our IC2013 information, we went to the Regulator's meeting to visit with them. While there, the Ark Angel Station's Barbara Baker was also there. Afterwards, we all went to see The Green Lantern. It was my second time for the weekend. The first was in 3-D and I thought it was awesome. The second time, it was not in 3-D, but was okay. I spend the whole rest of the weekend at Marian's working on the IC.

We've had two staff meetings on Skype as well. One was June 22 and the other was July 27. We are planning another one September 7. The staff and I are always looking out for you, the Member. We are here to listen, assist you with your questions, and even are available to resolve disputes among your chapter members.

In August, I attended STARFLEET's International Conference ("IC") at the Inn at Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania. I traveled there with Zone 1 Leader Marian L. Murphy, as she was preparing to make the announcement that Region 3 won the bid to put on the IC in the year 2013, and I am her Chief of Staff for the IC preparations. I attended the EC/AB meeting on Friday, August 12 from 9:00am to almost 5:00pm. Assisting me was R3 VRC Aaron Murphy, who made it to the Poconos at the last minute. (More on the EC/AP meeting in another article.)

Friday night I had dinner with a few old friends, then it was off to the Opening Ceremonies, whereas Scholarship Director, I announced this year's recipients. In order to have some events at IC be a bit shorter, they decided to try to split things up and have part of them Friday night. I think in all, it was okay, but I'm not sure if it was a good idea. It seemed to interfere with some other events that were happening that evening, at least timing-wise or event flow, if you know what I mean. Saturday was General Session with more awards and presentations. Lunch was a long one, but worth it. A car-load of us ventured out down the highway in the mountains to the Pocono Brewery, where I had a pint of Old Bastard Ale and a yummy, messy smokehouse BBQ burger. Saturday afternoon at the IC, I attended the International Muster, my first, with the Deputy Commandant Mark Anbinder presiding. This is where I and LGEN. Aaron Murphy picked up several 3rd Brigade Awards. We'll be handing them out at the NASA Trip and any unclaimed ones will be mailed. I attended a couple more panels in the afternoon, part of a good one on social networking for your chapter. There was also a good swap meet with lots of good sci-fi stuff. I witnessed the Final Mission, where R3's VRC Aaron Murphy assisted with this



Flag Ceremony honoring the STARFLEET members who have fallen in the past year. Then it was off to get dressed for the banquet. The food was good. The bartenders were very nice, and made some very tasty beverages. After the banquet was the Auction for the IC's chosen charity, the STARFLEET Scholarship Program. There were several items that were a huge hit, including one donated by former R6 RC Mike Urvand, which was an etching of the STARFLEET logo. I believe it went for around \$200. After the Auction, many stayed for the best DJ in all the land, Randy Jenkins. He was also at IC in Phili in 2006. I remember him well and was excited that he was back. He really gets the crowd jumping—literally. We closed down the joint around midnight. I was exhausted by then. After that, the CS Dave Blaser had invited many to a room party, where his wife Debbie Blaser had some snacks. I presented the CS with some contraband Romulan Ale circa 2008 (thank you TJ Gordon-Arizmendi of the USS Victory—you know why), some for drinking now, and some for further fermentation and possible

drinking in 2013 at IC. I was up until 3 or so. Aaron, however, decided to go head to head with Joost again in a tequila drinking match. Joost lost. Joost was not to be seen until the afternoon the next day. Aaron, surprisingly, was up the next morning to get ready for his job of retiring the colors. We all went to closing ceremony on Sunday, where a few more awards were announce, the amounts raised for the Scholarship Program, and a few other things. I had lunch in at the Inn with Region 2's RC Jack Eaton, then went to Region 7's Conference which was about an hour or so of them doing what we usually do in our CCO meeting. It was interesting to see that they seem to have similar ways. I don't recall what I did next, as I don't think I took a nap the entire time I was there, but the next thing I remember was going to dinner with everyone. A big group of us, about 18, had trouble finding a spot that we weren't going to have to wait several hours, so we finally decided on Chili's. Yeah, I know, I like to explore the local eateries, but Debbie Blaser pointed out they don't have Chili's near them in Canada, so away went our convoy. It's also fun to announce

where we're from when someone asks because for some reason they always think a large group is from just one location, so when we say, "I'm from Austin, Texas," "I'm from Toronto, Canada," and "I'm from England," it causes some very interesting looks on the waiters faces. After dinner, we went on a quest for postcards to send to Helen Pawlowski, the oldest member of SFI. She was unable to attend IC this year, so we thought it would be great to send her postcards from each of us at one time. Well, best laid plans and all, at that time of night, we couldn't find any place that had postcards that were open. So, away we went to Wally World, where we looked like mental patients all walking in single file into the store. THEY didn't have postcards either, so we came up with the idea to buy Helen a t-shirt from the Poconos and we all signed it. Everyone who went to the dead dog party signed it and it was mailed. The word is, "it made her day!" when she received it.

My chapter, the Ark Angel Station, is trying to do something each month, so that has also kept me somewhat busy. I'm now the Operations Officer, so

trying to figure out what to do and all the other particulars of the job. In July we went to see Harry Potter's final tale along with some other social gatherings at various times throughout that weekend. Playing the Settlers of

Cattan into the wee hours of the morning with our XO Matt Hill was hilariously entertaining. In August, we had our first official "meeting" followed by some good potluck food and gaming fun. We also were

introduced to some new fellows that are organizing a STARFLEET Academy LARP on the campus at the University of Texas at Austin. Sounds like an interesting idea and we're all going to check it out.

ONGOING RC PROJECTS - The ongoing events/items that I am currently working on:

- ***NASA TRIP:*** Working with Operations Officer Michael Tolleson on the Trip to the Space Center Houston, September 17, 2011. Look to our website for details.
- ***GAMEDAY:*** Working with R3 staff on the Game Day in Abilene, October 22, 2011. This event is being run by the members of the Diamondback, so all the planning is being done by them, but there is some coordinating with our website and other Fleet aspects. This is their coming out party, as they will also be commissioning at a dinner that evening. Look to our website for details.
- ***SUMMIT 2012:*** Working on the Joint Region 2/Region 3 Summit, to be held the weekend of March 16-18, 2012 in Hammond, LA. Region 2 does many things with their Summits that we do, too, so it will be a good fit, plus there will be some new faces to meet and have fun with. We don't have details or registration information up yet, but we should by the end of September. Look to our website for details—later.
- ***IC 2013:*** Even though this is still two years away, there are things needing to be done now and throughout this year. Before IC 2011, the core IC 2013 staff members had to get a website with at least some base information up and running, along with a flier to pass out at IC 2011, and we had an introductory video to make the announcement. The core groups of us are: Marian Murphy, myself, Michael Tolleson, Cody Glenn, and Aaron Murphy. We also made several trips to the hotel, as well as working online over the phone. Our next projects will begin once the IC 2011 is finished and then we can begin taking early registrations.
- ***RETREAT 2012:*** Since our Summit is early next year, we are thinking that maybe a Retreat to be held via online technology might be a good fit for everyone's budgets. We'll start looking at calendars to schedule when that will be. Retreats are usually held in January. Ask your CO about this and urge them to participate.
- ***RETREAT 2013:*** With IC being held in our Region, we won't have a Summit, however there will be a Retreat with a time and place to be announced.
- ***SUMMIT BID GUIDELINES:*** With things a bit sewn up for a couple years on Summits and ICs, several staff members are looking at the very old and outdated Summit Bid Guidelines. We'll try to get those reviewed and updated within the next couple of months so that any chapter in Zone 3 can try to submit a bid. Zone 3 will be the Zone to go to for 2014. We intend to move Summits around each Zone, giving all the chapters a chance to show off their town.
- ***REGION 3 MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK:*** Yes, it was revised a year and a half ago, and yes, we keep mentioning that we are revising it, but it hasn't been yet. As you may know, it doesn't have everything that a Member needs to be a member in the Region. The staff and I are reviewing various aspects of

the old handbook, as well as the old Appendices, to see what still needs to be included in today's R3 membership handbook, as well as meshing it with Fleet's MHB. Now that is a feat unto itself. Please be patient with us. Our new goal is to have it presented to the CCO by the end of the year.

- **THE REGION'S FINANCES:** *Just after Summit, I have transferred ALL of the reporting and accounting aspects of the Region's finances to our Regional Finance Officer Sydney LeJeune. She and I are currently working together to get the books to be the most accurate and up to date. I will be sending her the bank statements on a monthly basis along with the backup. The finance committee will continue to review all expenses and prepare the budget each year for approval by the CCO.*
- **VARIOUS ONGOING EVERYTHING:** *There are many other projects and issues that come up from time to time and pretty much at least one each week. I work with the staff to get the problem worked out in a timely fashion. If you have a problem or question that your chapter doesn't give you the answer, then go up the Regional Chain of Command and ask your Zone Leader for assistance. The Zone Leader will either direct you to the proper Region 3 or STARFLEET Staff member to help you or will mediate a solution for all the parties involved.*

FROM THE VRC

As I sit here, watching Star Trek VI, I think about this, the 45th anniversary of Star Trek. I did not get to see it during its first run, but watched it frequently in reruns. Since that time, I've watched each series and movie, as they were released. Some I've loved, some I've liked, a few I've disliked, and very, very few I've hated. Recently, I've read that if you watched each series and movie, back to back without sleep or breaks, you would be watching Trek for three and a half weeks. That's a lot Trek goodness to enjoy.

I find it enjoyable to talk to other Trek fans, find out what it was that drew them to fandom. There is a richness of passion and enthusiasm, even 45 years after the first showing of that pilot episode. The debates about treknology, philosophy, ones' favorite series, episode, captain, villain, etc. are great to watch. Some have been truly epic!

Today, cosplay has taken fandom to a whole new level. However, trekkies/trekkers have been cosplaying long before it ever became popular. Isn't it great to be ahead of the curve?



Now, as we look into the future, we look forward to another Star Trek movie in 2013. J.J. Abrams was recently announced as the official director of the upcoming movie. The writers have stated that they have been looking to classic episodes for inspiration. Also, Star Trek Online recently announced that it

would start offering the game play for free for all levels, while providing bonuses for subscribers and lifetime members. The STARFLEET Marine Corps will also be celebrating its 30th anniversary. In short, Trek is not dead. There is much to be excited about. You just have to find your niche. What's in your DVD player?

FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Greetings all! Madam RC, Reed Bates, in what some might conclude was lapse of all judgmental, has recently appointed me her Chief of Staff. Bonkers, I know - but there it is. Worse still, this rash of loss in mental faculties seems to be catching, as I accepted! So that means you good people are forced to endure yet more of ME.

I'd like to thank Beau Thacker, the out bound CoS. To get away from this job he took a wife and then ran off with the Army.....or something like that. Beau really has been a great example in getting people to work together, and I hope I can follow in his footsteps in that regard.



If all goes well, then most of the members of Region 3 will hardly notice my existence, as you will have a capable, hardworking staff that runs smoothly and works well with each other. If I falter, I'll probably be the one known as that insufferable p'ahk that all the staff members scowl at in the halls of HQ.

A little bit about myself and my plans for this role: I was a member of the USAF for 9 years, making it the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-5), ending that time in a unit direly lacking senior NCO's...so as a 'mere' SSGT I was NCOIC of group of 25, a mix of Government civilians, Enlisted, and contractors, with one incredibly green butter bar to keep watch on. Juggling people is not new to me. Currently I am contractor to the USAF, serving in a Number Air Force headquarters - which means I am right in the middle of a staff organization not unlike our own. I hope to bring these experiences to the job Reed was nuts enough to hire me for.

I see the Chief of Staff as the facilitator. In an organization of volunteers no one "commands," we have to work together, and take the roles we asked for, and were selected for seriously to get things done for the greater organization. I will help track projects and time tables. I will try to ensure that those volunteer efforts by the members of our region are used to the greatest advantage and efficiency. I hope to help the RC by keeping issues at the lowest level that they can be solved appropriately. But most importantly, I hope to continue having fun, and enabling others in the region to have fun with our fandom!

*The new nut running the mad house,
Jeremy Carsten, COL*

CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

Hello Region 3,

First off I would like to thank our RC for giving me the chance to do something a little different in the Region. I have been assigned to the Region 3 Chief of Operations. I look forward to planning some good event for the Region this year and want everyone to have fun. That's the main goal, Right! With that being said we have a great trip planned for the Region at NASA. We have been asked to come to Space Center Houston for a fun filled day. We have been asked to bring as main people in uniform as we can muster. I have already got a lot of interest from people in the region on this. The day in question is September 17, 2011, so mark it on your calendar and plan to have a good day of fun, as well as some good company. Here is the info again if you don't have it:

Arrive at the Space Center Houston: 9:45 a.m. We will exchange money for group tickets, and the Doors Open at 10:00 a.m.

Prepaid Group Rate - is \$10.95 per person. If you can't confirm by Sep. 12, you MIGHT be added to the group rate but we cannot confirm that at this time. If you show up at the door the regular daily rate is: \$22.95. To see the entire rate options:

<http://www.spacecenter.org/Prices.html>

Group tickets include giant screen movies,

the Discount Tire NASA Tram Tour, all the shows, new exhibits, demonstrations, Kid's Space Place and more. Over 250 Space Center Houston adventures are free with your Group admission ticket! We will try to gather together for lunch in the Zero-G Diner during the noon hour. For more info look here:

<http://www.spacecenter.org/VisitorServicesZeroG.html>

After a fun filled day at NASA, we will be having dinner and the Official

Launch of the USS Zavala. We will meet at the restaurant for dinner and then the ceremony. The address for the commissioning dinner is:

Noah's Ark Bar and Grill
4438 Boulevard St.
St. Bacliff, TX

This is right down the street from NASA. NASA closes at 6:00 p.m. so just go down the street right from there. We'll begin around 6:30 p.m. for the dinner. See everyone there!!!!

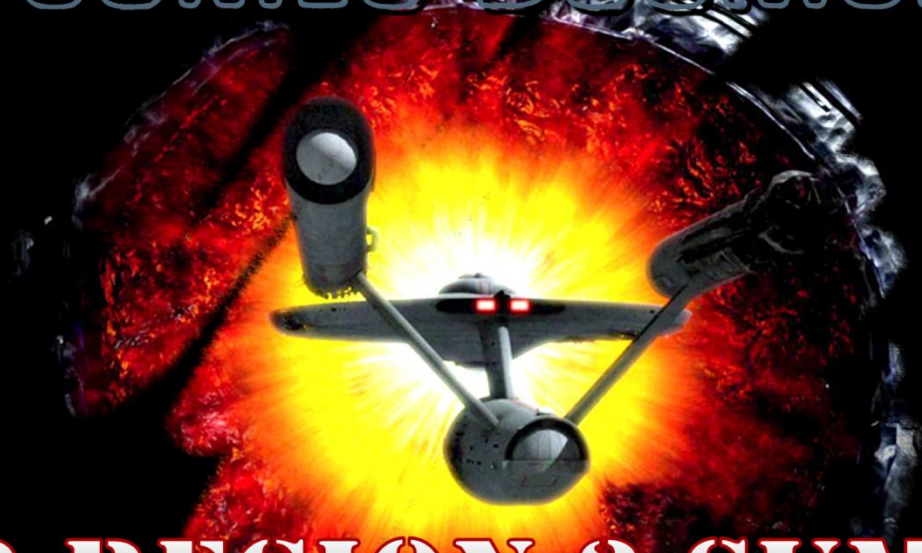
HOTEL ROOMS FOR THE WEEKEND

Don't forget to make your reservations at the Region's Motel 6 using your Starfleet discount. For instructions, see our website at: <http://www.region3.org/nasa/>

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HERE COMES DOOMSDAY!



2012 REGION 3 SUMMIT

THE SUMMIT TO END ALL SUMMITS

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REGION 3 GAME DAY 2011

Hosted by USS Diamondback

Game Day VIII

MCM Elegante Suites

4250 Ridgemont D

Abilene, TX

22 October, 2011

Cost: \$10.00 - Paid at the door

Saturday, 22 October 2011

The USS Diamondback welcomes you to Game Day VIII! Join us at the MCM Elegante from 9:30am to 6pm for a day of gaming, food and fun. We'll have many no-experience-necessary games, kids' games, and game masters ready to teach players how the games are played. From cards to miniatures, board games, console and computers, to RPGs, we'll have something interesting and we'll tie as much to the Star Trek theme as possible. For those with very small children, we've secured a TV from the Hotel and will be showing child appropriate movies/tv shows with observation. Feel free to bring them along!

RSVP for game day at the [GameDay VIII registration page](#).

Schedule (Still subject to updates)

- *For volunteers: Setup at Elegante begins at 8am*
- Registration opens at 9:30am
- Games begin at 10am
- Silent auction on donated items to support Walk for Autism will be all day. If there are large items a 30 minute vocal auction will begin at 4:30pm. Results announced at 5pm.
- Star Trek Prime Directive D20 will begin at 10:30am
- Games wrap up at 5pm
- *Diamondback begins final cleanup at 6pm. In order for crew and guests to be at commissioning dinner at 8pm*

Other games and activities available during entire day

- Chess, Checkers, Playing Card, and Dominoes Tables
- Nerf Competition and mini games (for kids and adults).
- Kids activities (Currently a place for them to watch *ST: The Animated Series* and some simple craft projects).
- Star Trek themed board games (Scrabble, Monopoly, Uno)
- Star Trek "Scene It"
- Star Fleet Battles: Cadet Training Manual and Sample game (demo) with loaned miniatures (Thanks Don Shanks from Lone Star)

CHIEF OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS

Through the experiences of my life, I've drawn a number of conclusions. One of them, I've suspected for years, but have recently reaffirmed. Insanity is contagious. It is not necessarily a genetic condition, although some people seem to be more susceptible to it than others. It is either spread like a disease or brought on by environmental or societal factors surrounding us.

Case in point: a little over a year ago, there was something in the air at International Conference in Oklahoma. At that time, Marian contracted a form of insanity that made her delusional enough to consider bidding on the 2013 IC. Over the next year and beyond, she spread her illness to many that she has come in contact with, causing them to hallucinate and believe that they too could successfully contribute to the bid and operation of an International Conference.

It is my unfortunate duty to report that I too have been stricken with this disorder, having accepted a position on this motley crew of stark raving lunatics. I will be adding my expertise to the staff as the Chief of Electronic Services. At IC this year in Pennsylvania, it was announced that Dallas, TX will be the host of IC13. I fear for the Fleet, seeing the rapid spread of this insanity, one can only imagine what will happen when we get that many STARFLEET personnel on one place. For more information, feel free to visit <http://www.ic2013.com/>.

QUARTERMASTER



Hey all it's your quartermaster here. It's been an interesting month for me here; my wife started her first semester of college attending for a LVN certification. I started my third year just one more :). But that's enough about me; I want to hear about you! What kind of merchandise do you want to see? Have you checked out our Cafe Press page to see what it has to offer? I want to know what you are thinking if you have any suggestions feel free to shoot them to me at QM@Region3.org. Well we have a shirt run we are starting, the last time the Region put out a shirt was 2008! We are offering the shirts in three colors: Black, White, and Heather Grey. It's going to be \$25 per shirt for Grey and Black, and \$20 for White. The picture that is going to be on the shirts is

shown on the ordering page located at Region3.org under the Quartermaster tab. Though ordering for your T-shirt ends on the 23rd of September! Order now, order often, order extra :) If anyone has any questions or concerns please email me at QM@Region3.org.

Thanks

1st LT James Trainham

USS Battle Born

Region 3 Quartermaster

SHIP SPOTLIGHT:

THE U.S.S. FIREBIRD

As a new feature in Fleet Channels, we thought it would be an interesting change of pace to spotlight one chapter per issue and give more insight as to who they are, what they do, and how much they contribute to the Region. We've decided to start this feature off by shining a spotlight on none other than the U.S.S. Firebird, NCC-74919—a Meeting Chapter that is based out of Houston, Texas.



Commanded by Colonel Christopher O'Banion of the STARFLEET Marine Corps, and XO'd by Captain Cathey Osborne, the Firebird (a Prometheus Class starship) was launched in June of 2002 and commissioned that following December. The ship's motto, "From the fire great things are forged", is a testament to the strength that one crew can have, and how adversity can be met and overcome with powerful results.

The Firebird is also home to the 314th Marine Strike Group, also known as Creeping Death, and geared specifically towards the Special Operations training that the STARFLEET Marine Corps provides. In addition to this, the U.S.S. Firebird houses four cadets.

They have chosen to make the Houston Food Bank their primary charity, and they have been known for regularly attending and setting up at ApolloCon, a popular science-fiction, fantasy, and horror conference held in the Houston area by the Houston Science Fiction Association.

Their monthly meeting takes place on the third Friday of each month at 7:00pm, and those interested in attending can find out details and directions from Colonel Christopher O'Banion directly. If you would like to know more about the U.S.S. Firebird, you can visit their website at www.USSFirebird.com or you can e-mail them at Firebird@Region3.org.

If you would like to see your chapter featured in an upcoming Ship Spotlight, please e-mail some information about your chapter with the subject line 'Spotlight' to FleetChannels@Region3.org. If selected, you will be contacted by a member of the Editorial Staff, to collect more information about your chapter and what it has to offer. Please remember that if your chapter is not selected for the next issue of Fleet Channels, it may be used in another upcoming issue.

U.S.S. REGULATOR

Even though this is almost the hottest summer on record, the Regulator has not been sitting around all summer. Several of our members went to Summit and we have been doing something just about every month. By the time you read this, we will have (hopefully) been to 3 CATs ballgames (one each month) and will be getting ready for several things in the months to come. In September we have an away team going down to Space Days at NASA and then an away mission to the CR Smith Aviation Museum. In October we are having a Klingon Dinner Thing and celebrating the Regulator's birthday. In November we are participating in the Walk Out for Diabetes at the Ranger Stadium and then having our Christmas Party in December.

On top of that, our Cadet Corp is getting certified by taking all the SFI tests for them, as well as numerous members of the crew

are taking a variety of SFI and Marine Courses.

We are also working still on the plans for our Dinning In that we will be hosting next April. We are working on narrowing down the menu but if last year's was an indication, we should have a good crowd again this year. Ask anyone who came this year; we have a great cook on our ship.

Oh, several of our members have volunteered to help with the IC 2013 that is come our way. I would like to encourage all the other ships in the Region to step up and offer to help. Even though it is in Dallas, it is our Region that is hosting this and the more help, the smoother everything goes.

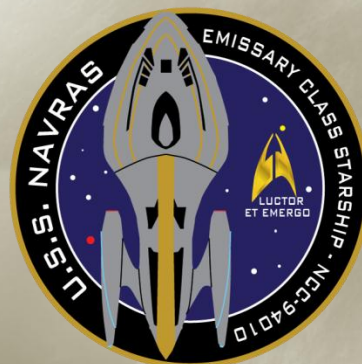
*See you around the galaxy.
Liz Gullet, Commodore
Communications, USS Regulator*



U.S.S. NAVRAS

What do you get when you mix one part bald Commanding Officer with one part 117-degree weather? I have no idea what the answer to that is, but I can assure you that it's not very darned funny. But despite the horrid weather and subsequent drought, the Navras has been pressing on with her mission to give our crew members the time of their lives. I'm absolutely honored to say that as of writing this, we have reached a milestone of 40 active members and are still continuing to grow every day.

Right now we have plans to make the NASA trip on September 17, as well as the Dallas Comic Con Fan Days Convention on October 8, and Austin



Comic Con on November 11. We're also talking about putting together a canned food drive sometime in November, but right now that's in its preliminary stages. Regardless, we're happy to be here, and we'd love it if you'd drop by and say hello if you happen to be out and in the neighborhood!

*Sincerely and Respectfully,
Cody Glenn, Captain
Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Navras*

U.S.S. JOAN OF ARC

Looks like another summer is winding down, despite the continuing HEAT. The USS Joan found things to do INSIDE! We had 4 birthdays this month Rear Admiral Jim Van Cleave, Christopher Van Cleave, Tara Martin, & Klingon Robert Shaver. As the first three live in Corpus, they each received a small gift at the July meeting. Klingon Robert, who now lives just outside of Houston, was surprised with a phone call wishing him a happy birthday in song sung by the whole club.



July also had 5 Saturdays which meant we had an Extra event that month. Our XO, Tahnya Abbot recently moved into a new apt closer to work. She volunteered to have a poker night/dinner there. This all occurred on July 30th. There was a good turnout, having enough for both a 'shark table' (those who really understand & play hard core poker) and a 'guppy table' (those who are just learning or play for fun). It is at the shark table where the big bets usually are made, resulting a lot of bidding power or total wipe outs. We had 2 new players start at the guppy table this time: Kitty T. & Isabo T., who did fairly well for their first time playing.

Dinner came first which consisted of a LARGE pot of Robin's Yummy Chili. Other members donated sodas, freshly baked loaves of French bread for dipping, & lot of shredded cheese to cover top of said chili. Children had choice of cheese or Hawaiian pizza also.

The highlight of Poker night is the auction of items sold to the house to increase your bidding stake. Many things came & went as the auction moved forward... there were 3 people waiting for what became the final item to be auctioned off & the most fiercely fought over with the bidding chips. It was a Lord of the Rings Trivia game. Robin finally out/over bid EVERYONE at 23,000 dollars winning the prized item. Auction complete, everyone helped clean the kitchen & living room before returning to their respective homes.

The August meeting was held at a new restaurant, Bill Miler's BBQ in Calallen. The out of town members don't have to drive all the way into Corpus Christi every third month. We almost had to wait for seats because several families decided to sit in the reserved section even with the sign &

rope... Food was good, well-seasoned, & servings large enough for all except Alex. being a growing teen he is ALWAYS HUNGRY. Final plans were made for the Rummage sale on Sat. Aug 20. to be followed by a dinner meeting at the restaurant 'Garibaldi's Mexican diner.' Things didn't quite happen like that... Several members did have dinner there but a few hours later Robin found herself in an ambulance en-route to Sphon Hospital E.R. She stayed most of the early morning as the E.R. doctors poked, prodded, took blood samples, & and other various tests... Later after being released it was determined she was dehydrated, had mild heat stroke, possibly allergic to lactose, & needed to reduce. She is now in the process of eliminating all offending thing from her diet & staying cool. Not easy in the Texas heat wave.

The Rummage sale began about 8:00 A. in Robin & Jim's front yard... thank heavens we had a little shade because it got HOT & steamy early. The initial group of workers was comprised of Jim, Robin, Alex, Mae (Jim's mother), Christopher, Tara Martin, and myself. I was thinking we had missed the first wave since the sale started a little late (not at the crack of Dawn) but maybe it was the weather since people began looking seriously about 9a. Most of the items sold were dvd's c-ds & toys. Some clothes were sold but due to the NO TAX weekend still in full swing, they didn't move to well. When the cars slowed down to a slow trickle, the first day was considered a success, about 1:00--1:30p.

Sunday was supposed to be the second day of the sale but due to the events of early Sunday morning it was canceled. The heat was just too intense.

School started the next day Monday Aug. 22. We have 6 members that will be hitting the books this school year. Kitty T will be attending TAMU, (Texas A&M University); Robin is attending College on-line thru the Phoenix University. The kids range from William, a 3rd grader in Flour Bluff ISD along with his sister Isabo, in 6th grade. Christopher is entering into the 4th grade at Winsor Park, & Alex K. is transferring to Ray to pursue his interest in ROTC & more Science classes.

The next 2 months are scheduled to be extra busy esp. when you add school clubs & after school practices. Check back in future editions to see what is in the 'Lady J's' coming events.

*Comm. Kris Dobie, RVA
Chief of Combined Sciences & Medical,
USS Joan of Arc – NCC-73289*

ARK ANGEL STATION

Hello Fleet Channels!

Commanding Officer of the Ark Angel here to tell you about the fine art of cat juggling... huh?
Oh!

Ok, I have been informed by my XO that this is not an appropriate topic for an article, so I'll move on to other business... my apologies. The Ark Angel has been busy "trying to get the band back together" so to speak and so we had our first ever Official Crew meeting in August. It was a smashup of a meeting of locals and remoter's on Skype with potluck and gaming afterwards. Which, in this CO's humble opinion, went really well... some good info was imparted and some good fun was had after I made wings of several flavors. There was Garlic Parmesan, Wasabi Teriyaki, Honey Raspberry, and of course some spicy ones I made with Sarrachi and Dave's Insanity sauce (these were really my favorite!) Over all, though, the Honey Raspberry was declared the stand out of the night, Matt Hill my XO made an excellent sausage cheese dip, and Guacamole, Jeff Webb made a Low Carb Pizza casserole which was outstanding, and Mr. Halliday made Baklava which was also very good. All in all the food was more than I could take in to be sure.



As for the Gaming, we had more games to choose from than could be played, but in the end I got into a rousing game of Robo-Rally, in which Mr. Halliday was declared the victor. There was a game of Settlers of Cattan, and some Zombie Dice going on in other parts of the room, and I know some folks were messing around with the Rock band as well, all in all a very successful first real meeting. I wanted to thank those that brought the games and food; and to thank Kismet of the MIB for bringing the Steve Jackson Games!

*Till next time,
CAPT Lloyd Bates
Ark Angel Station
SFR-308*

U.S.S. BATTLE BORN



USS Battle Born, so very clear of her moorings...

WOW!

Well, where to start? We commissioned on time in April, had a very nice Skype meeting, first annual, where we again thank the Region staff that were able to attend and see us off right! It seems we took that momentum, and kicked the warp core into high gear! 20 members currently serving aboard this new ship, and it feels very good to have such a full, and eager crew.

And then we hit Summit. Those of us that could make it, had a great time, and got a lot done. The ship was gifted with a very nice bottle of wine, a great commissioning plaque, and lots of good wishes on our journey! One could not ask for a better send off.

One of my crew, 1LT Andrew Peterson, joined the Brigade staff, immediately following the Muster. Since then, the Battle Born's crew members have stepped up into more Brigade roles; S2 (Intel Officer), S3 (Operations Officer), S4 (Quartermaster), and Financial Manager all come the BB! I have to say, I'm rather proud of my crew, most rather new to STARLFEEET, for stepping up and answering the call.

The 301st MSG, as reported in the Cry Havoc!, has come up with their new name and motto. I am proud to say Strike Group Cerberus, "Three Showing...Death Dealing," have also finished their unit logo/patch. Both Unit and Ship's patches should be ordered soon, and be ready to wear in time for our next Summit!

The Battle Born looks forward to the Region's summer events and all future events where we can enjoy our fandom with our sister ships throughout the fleet. We feel this time around, we're really are here for good. Region 3 has given us every tool to succeed, and more, the friendship that makes the whole organization possible.

*See you in the stars,
Jeremy Carsten
CO USS Battle Born*

ZONE FOUR

Zone Four, Region Three, STARFLEET International, Earth, Sol System, Milky Way Galaxy -
Reporting.

The chapters of Zone 4 are still:

- Ark Angel Station
- USS Battle Born
- USS Bexar
- USS Serenity
- USS Victory

Ark Angel station is working on Role play, actually 'meetings' and a possible camping trip in the fall. The USS Battle Born is 20 members strong, something rather surprising given their short time. It also seems to be the only thing they export is various staff members...how did that happen?! The USS Bexar is working to conduct its elections, and continue to work with local groups. USS Serenity, aside from a rat infestation in the lower decks, continues on her voyages.

USS Victory is above strength, making the entire zone "In the green" . Also they have transitioned to a Corry chapter, and are re-writing their by-laws accordingly. More fun to come

from them! We all survived Summit, and thus far the blazing heat wave of doom that is a Texas Summer. With that heat it is sometimes hard for people to go out and do things, and hence the slower pace our crews have adopted. But with all the region activities coming you (NASA Star Trek days, Region game Day, another summit not 7 months out....yeah, you can plan to see a strong showing from Zone 4....provided adequate air conditioning.

*In service (while cursing that the replicators can't make a proper mojito),
COL Jeremy Carsten
Out.*

PREPARE FOR THE KLINGON DINNER... THING

On October 15th, Captain Klark and the other Klingons of the *USS Regulator* will take over the *USS Regulator's* mess hall.

We will each bring a dish to share of tasty Klingon food. We will bring and share tasty Klingon beverages. We will wear glorious Klingon clothing, and we will have a gloriously good time.

There will be an auction, and donations requested, for the *Regulator's* charity, the American Diabetes Association. Additionally, there will be prizes awarded for the Best Dish, the Best Beverage, and the Best Costume (voted on by YOU, if you attend.)

Dinner starts at 1700, and ends around 2030. It will be held at the Wesley Center of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur, TX, at 104 S Miller St., Decatur, TX 76234. (The Wesley Center is on Main & Church Streets, separated from the rest of the church by a small park.

Parking is available in lots on Church Street behind the Wesley Center, and across the street from the church itself on Miller Street.)

This is a POTLUCK style dinner... bring something to share with everyone. For those who are traveling, Decatur has several hotels that are on STARFLEET's discount list.

Please let me know that you're coming, and what you're bringing, by September 30th if possible. Email me at Regulator@Region3.org.

*Glory!
Klark, son of Konald*





MOVIE REVIEW: THE CAPTAINS

BY CODY GLENN

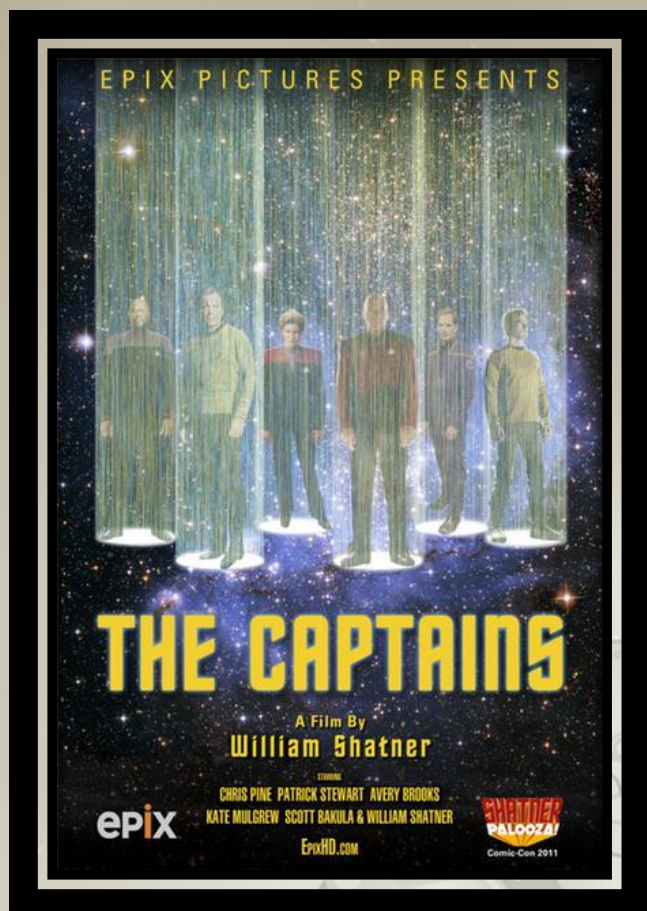
Despite the extensive career that he has had, William Shatner has carried something of a stigma with him, that has emphasized his ego and his arrogance as an actor—two traits that, I admit, have left me in distaste. It's not that I dislike Shatner, or how he has handled his role as James T. Kirk, but rather that over the years, it's become difficult to watch Star Trek and see James T. Kirk in the Captain's Chair, instead of a rather pompous William Shatner.

So when I heard of a documentary titled *The Captains*, and learned that it was going to be a William Shatner production, I immediately formed my own assumptions and had a certain set of expectations in mind—it would likely be a documentary that focused primarily on himself, peppered with small highlights from the other Captains of the Star Trek franchise. And I was correct in my assumption. But not in the way that I'd expected to be.

The documentary began just as I'd expected, with a lot of focus on Bill. He expressed who he was, what his career had been to this point, laced with shots of him strutting here and there, receiving praise from various people. Needless to say, the infamous Shatner ego was very present.

But within the first few minutes, the tone began to change, as he sat down to speak with Sir Patrick Stewart—a man whom I've admired since I was very young, and thought that I knew a lot about.

The exchange between Shatner and Stewart was much more sincere than I'd anticipated. Of course, there were times when Bill seemed to force the conversation in the direction he wanted it to go, or when he seemed to force the answers out of Stewart that he wanted to hear—which I found mildly annoying. But, as I listened to them talk, I felt as though I had, for the very first time, pierced the veil and seen Stewart, himself, for the first time.



When Kate Mulgrew appeared on-screen, her mere presence seemed to bring with it a level of class that I honestly had not expected—and it wasn't something that was scripted or planned. The two of them sat down to speak, and her intellect and attitude glowed. This was the first female to portray a Captain throughout the franchise, and her personality and presence shared every quality that we had come to know and love about Kathryn Janeway.

And then Shatner sat down with Avery Brooks, and something happened.

I'd heard from a few people how different Avery had become since his role as Benjamin Sisko, in Deep Space Nine. Some have said that he "was just nuts" now. Which, having watched this documentary, I have to disagree with. In his own words, Avery's primary focus has always been the art of expression through music—which, admittedly, can make him come across as eccentric. And his

appearance in *The Captains* is no exception. But, looking at him and listening to him... he's still Ben Sisko.

You could see Shatner struggle with how to speak to Avery. It was very evident that the two men were on different levels, not necessarily above or below the other. When Bill would ask Avery a question, and push for a distinct answer, Avery responded in music—something that is open to interpretation. This forced a reaction in William Shatner that I hadn't expected as a viewer: Bill's entire tone changed.

From this point on, he wasn't just filming a documentary anymore. Instead, he was soul-searching. And I have to stress, this wasn't an act on Shatner's part—it was all sincere.

He sat down and spoke with Scott Bakula, whose energy and personality, despite his aged appearance, couldn't have been any more youthful and energetic, if I were watching him in an old episode of *Quantum Leap*.

When he met with Chris Pine, you could see the mannerisms and swagger that won him the role of James T. Kirk.

It was at this point that his soul-searching seemed to take over the primary focus of the documentary, as he pressed the others for insights that I don't think we, as fans, would have ever heard, otherwise. Like how the actors/actress playing the part of the starship captains were put in

a tougher situation, because they would inadvertently set the tone for the rest of the show. And how Sir Patrick Stewart spent so much of his time in the role utterly terrified, and that for the first time in his life, the actors around him showed him how to have fun while doing such hard work. Or Kate Mulgrew's insight, that the technobabble might as well be recited Shakespeare, because of his intricately stylized it is. But then Bill began to take his interviews in a direction I honestly hadn't expected—he explored the pain that the actors had gone through, throughout the Star Trek franchise.

They spoke about the loss of relationships, and time lost with their children, while they were forced to endure the long hours of filming. They spoke about their own personal regrets, and the pain that they carry with them every day—and they defined it and gave it shape for the fans to see. It wasn't a pity party, and it certainly wasn't an act. Seeing tears well up in Stewart's or Shatner's eyes was something that was wholly unexpected—or Mulgrew's facial expressions, as she talked about a past that she had probably never considered sharing with her fans.

And then we saw the culmination of the documentary: William Shatner's own epiphany. He had suddenly realized, and shared with us, that he did indeed suffer from an inferiority complex. It had been something he'd carried with him throughout the course of his career, and he'd manifested it into a fear of James T. Kirk the character, and being judged by his colleagues and his fans. His self-denial became evidently clear, and for the first time in his life, he got to see it for himself.

To my honest surprise, none of his interactions with the other "Captains" were demeaning in any shape or form—which isn't to say that he would have been, at least intentionally. But I've learned that when the Shatner ego comes into play, you come to expect a certain level of attitude that makes those around him seem... less... than what they deserve.

Every "Captain" brought something to the documentary that I don't think Shatner himself had even anticipated: they were reflections of him. His conversations with them might as well have been conversations with himself, and each one of them gave him a gift of insight that he otherwise never would have considered, such as his fear of inadequacy, or his own self-doubt, or... his personal fear of death. And he was genuinely thankful for this epiphany.

As *The Captains* neared its end, the focus shifted to the fandom, and you could see for yourself the deep respect he holds for the people. The camera crews followed him around the 45th Anniversary Star Trek Convention in Las Vegas, where three of my own chapter members were in attendance—and the Bill Shatner that was present there, at the end of the documentary, was a completely different man than the one that had begun it.

I sincerely believe that he gave us a gift, by allowing us to go on such a personal journey with him—even if it hadn't been his intention from the start. And when the credits began, his dedication of the film to the other actors that he had interviewed served as a sincere thank you to them for helping him draw such a difficult conclusion.

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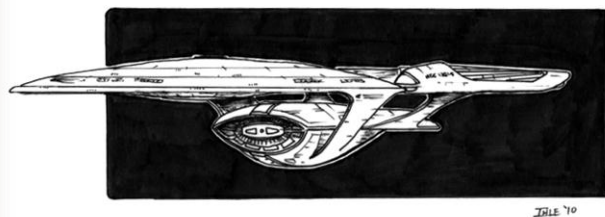
BUILDING THE NEXT ENTERPRISE

An article by Cody Glenn



In the *Star Trek Online* universe, the 24th Century has come and gone, and the notable figures that we all know and love have moved on. Jean-Luc Picard has gone on to become a Federation Ambassador to Vulcan, while Captain William T. Riker and his wife, Deanna Troi, continue with their own voyages aboard the USS Titan. Jake Sisko has gone on to become an accomplished

author, while Nog has maintained his position of Grand Nagus to the Ferengi people. Nog's brother, Quark, runs a lucrative business known as Quark Enterprises from his own private moon.



Kathryn Janeway was promoted to Vice Admiral and given a post at Starfleet Command, while Seven of Nine quit Starfleet and took a position with the Daystrom Institute in protest of Starfleet's decision to dissolve a Borg Strike Team that was intended

to provide additional security against the threat of invasion. Geordi La Forge now works



primarily for the Starfleet Corps of Engineers, after turning down opportunities for his own command. Worf severed ties with Starfleet and returned to the Klingon Empire, where he became a General.

B-4, the android prototype brethren of Data, sacrificed himself to restore Data's personality and memories to a functioning body—effectively bringing Data back to life. Since then, Data has been promoted to Captain and given command of the USS Enterprise-E, with his own unique crew.

But the players of *Star Trek Online* discovered that things were about to change when, *Cryptic Software* and

CBS Studios announced their “*Design the Next Enterprise*” contest, earlier this year. Because of the success of the previous *Starship Titan Design Contest*, held by CBS, and the fact that *Star Trek Online* takes place 40 years after the Sovereign Class Enterprise-E was introduced, it was time to again consider upgrading to the Enterprise-F-- — and a contest seemed like the best way to do it.

From the thousands of entries submitted, the field was narrowed down by a critical selection committee to 25 finalists. It took several weeks for the committee to review and debate the design points that should accompany a new Enterprise, since it would need to show an evolution from existing Starfleet designs but still acknowledge that the Enterprise-J was coming at some point in the future.

On May 4, 2011, *Cryptic Software* and CBS Studios proudly announced the winning design, submitted by Adam Ihle of Florida. It was a design that took the Enterprise in a bold new direction, while still acknowledging the design that had made the ship an icon—and the new Enterprise-F would definitely be able to stand on its own two... uh... nacelles.

Fleet Channels caught up with Adam Ihle, the man responsible for the new design, and an artist/sculptor/designer by trade. We wanted to ask him what inspired him in his designs for the *Seventh Ship to Bear the Name*, and get some details straight from the horse's mouth, so to speak.

Actually I had no aspirations, I entered the contest on a whim, not thinking anything would come of it. To be honest I forgot about it after I posted my entry. I am not trying to be smug or arrogant but after I saw some of the other



entries I figured it was more for my own fun.

Which I can completely understand—there's no sense in putting that level of creativity into something unless you can have fun with it. Can you tell us about any of the design problems you ran into while coming up with the Enterprise-F?

The biggest problem with any Star Trek design was to try not to copy anything that has come before but also keep it familiar. The Enterprise has to be “The Enterprise”, but not duplicate the previous design.

This has to be difficult considering the number of variations on the Enterprise design that already exist. Did Cryptic Software or CBS talk to you about any problems they might have had with your design? Have they stayed in touch since you were declared the winner?

I have had no official contact with Cryptic as a designer. But I keep in touch with the design team on Twitter and through e-mail, this has been all friendly banter and nothing towards the further development of the Enterprise.

Obviously the two design points that stand out the most about the 1701-F are the dual neck, connecting the saucer to the stardrive section, and the “pot belly” look behind the deflector dish. What influenced you in these particular areas? How would someone in the saucer section get down to engineering in a hurry, if there was a red alert?

Well the good thing about fiction is the world of time and physics don't exist the same as the real world. As with any Star Trek television show or movie, the best way would be with the turbolifts and hall ways. No matter how you look at it there is no way in any of the series or films that the quick run to engineering can happen, the same is with this ship. Turbolifts are multidirectional so you can get there with one ride on a lift.



It looks like you took inspiration from a few different ships. The saucer is reminiscent of the USS Voyager, while the neck looks as though it was inspired by the Oberth-class ships. What designs inspired you in the creation of the Enterprise-F?

The Cryptic version is reminiscent of the Voyager, my original idea was for a round saucer. You have to remember that the final version was created by Adam Williams from Cryptic using my concept as a basis. The Oberth class was never an inspiration. I am a fan of negative space and the inspiration actually came from the Romulan Warbird.

If Cryptic Software approached you tomorrow and asked you to submit a design for the Enterprise-G, how would you envision it changing from the Enterprise-F? Obviously it would require some transitioning towards the style of the Enterprise-J, as seen in *Star Trek: Enterprise*.

I would definitely bring the saucer back to the rounder look, bring the look closer to the J. I would lengthen the ship and give it more of a linear design. The nacelles would be flatter with a more Galaxy class look to them.

Besides the notoriety, what other prizes were you awarded for winning the design competition, and how are you enjoying those prizes so far?

I won a lifetime subscription to STO, a new Alienware laptop and I will be receiving a model of my ship. I am enjoying the prizes on a daily basis. I use the laptop as my primary computer, as I now own 3.



Were there any other contest submissions that caught your eye? Maybe something that you saw and wished you'd incorporated into your design?

My favorites would have to be Chris Madden's and Jason "Vektor" Lee's designs.

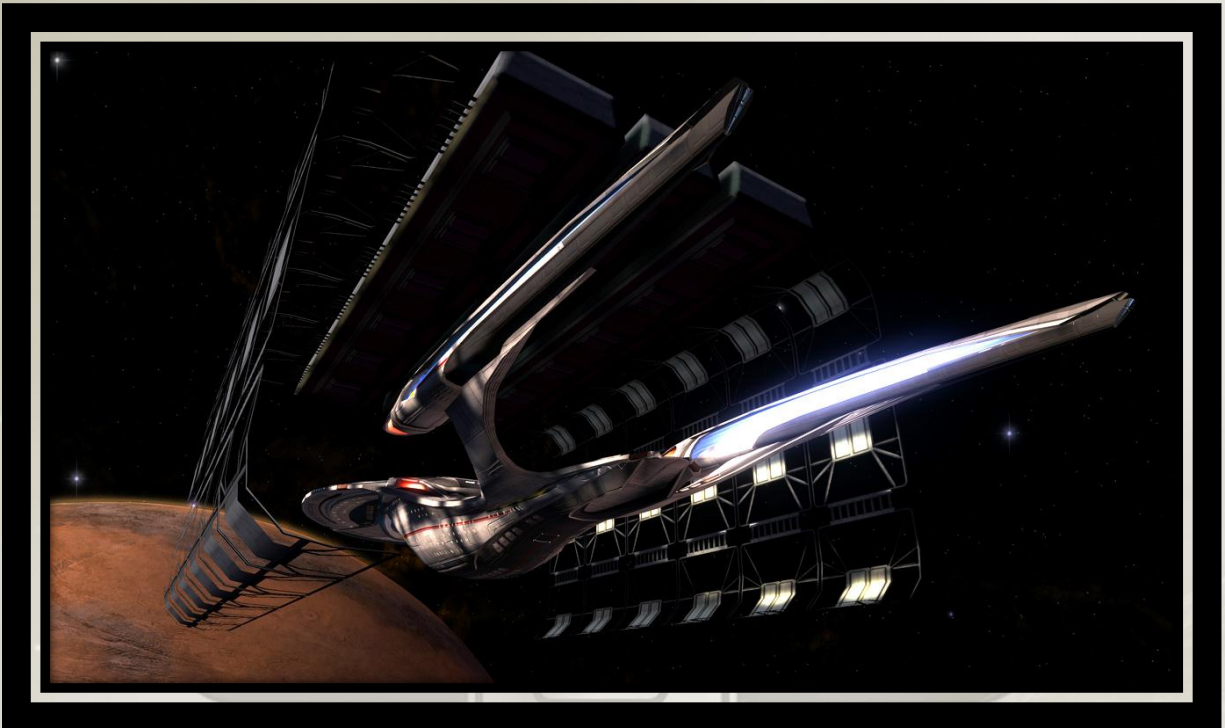
What about the amenities of the Enterprise-F? When you were designing it, did you give any thought to the interior? Perhaps the Bridge, or Main Engineering? How do you see them differing from prior ships?

The only thing I thought about the interior was the bridge computer consoles would be holographic, much like the computers seen in Minority Report. Aside from that I really haven't thought about it. That's not true, there would be the obligatory Jefferies Tubes, the

only difference would be the environmental controls would be set to emit a gas that instantly gave you a Scottish accent as soon as you entered the tube.

Kind of like a Scottish twist on huffing from the helium tank. That's hilarious. How do you feel about what Cryptic Software has done in bringing your design to life? Is there anything you feel that they might have overlooked, or something you wish they would have paid extra attention to?

I think they did a phenomenal job. I love the look. Aside for the saucer section shape which was hard to establish from my concept sketch, I think that it is perfect the way it is.



Did you consider the possibility of saucer separation with your design? What do you think it would look like?

I didn't at the initial design phase, it was after I won that the topic came up. It was fellow TrekBBS member who gave me the idea of the whole separation. The necks would travel with the Saucer and would house a warp ring allowing both sections of the ship to be warp capable.

You're a designer/sculptor/artist by trade, aren't you? Can you tell us where we might have seen some of your work before?

All over the theme parks here in Orlando. Here's a hint: if you visit the new Harry Potter park at Universal, you can walk up to one of my sculptures and say the words sherbet lemon to enter a certain headmasters office. I have some designs currently in use with a toy

company and I am sure there are a few of the action figures I sculpted ages ago still floating around.

Did you get the opportunity to name the design Odyssey Class, or did Cryptic/CBS do that? What are your thoughts on the Odyssey Class Development Project patch that showed up on the Star Trek Online website?

No I did not get to name the class, if I did it would have been the Cetea class, the Greek word for sea monster. I think Thomas Marrone did a great job on the patch and I hope I get one.



What kind of programs do you find yourself working with most frequently in your trade?

None as a sculptor. The only things I use are my hands. As a designer, I use the Adobe Suite primarily.

Do you do commissioned work? For example, if someone came to you for help designing a new ship, would you consider taking the job?

Yes, the only problem with commission work is no one realizes how long it actually takes to do something and how much it costs. It's not "just drawing". But I would be happy to do any commission work.

Is there anything special that wasn't listed in the contest prizes that you're extremely happy that you walked away with, after being declared the winner? Maybe a congratulatory letter, or some other special souvenir?

Yes, the congratulatory letter from Andrew Probert, and the ability to keep in contact with him.

How would you feel about seeing the Odyssey Class USS Enterprise in other media, such as graphic novels, television, or other artwork?

That would be great, probably never happen but it would be great.

Do you spend much time playing Star Trek Online yourself, or do you even get a chance to with your work schedule?

I get to play about once a week, I am still learning the game and not being a gamer it takes me a bit to get going.

What was your favorite Star Trek movie?

I don't have just one. I would have to say I really enjoyed the JJ Abrams film, but The Wrath of Khan would probably be the favorite, followed closely by The Undiscovered Country.

Region 3 sincerely appreciates you taking the time to answer these questions, and we sincerely hope to hear from you again in the future. We encourage our members to keep an eye out in Star Trek Online as the Odyssey Class Enterprise-F is brought to life! Mr. Ihle has his own website located at www.ihlecreations.com where he provides a link to his portfolio and his resume, along with his contact information. Information on the evolution of the Enterprise-F has been made available by *Cryptic Studios* and can be visited at www.startrekonline.com/enterprise-f/.



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Emma Hanashiro, USS Aurora Vulcanus, R3

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Reed Bates, FCaptain
Director of Starfleet's Scholarship Program



At the International Conference in Pocono Manor, PA, we presented the 2010 Annual Awards. Here are the winners:

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Region 7

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Region 5

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Region 2

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USS Antares
Region 5

2010 Chapter of the Year

USS Avenger
Region 7

LENDING A HELPING HAND: ANIMAL RESCUE

An article by Cathey Osborne

The Crew of the USS Firebird has, since its inception, had a strong interest in animal welfare at the community level. The crew currently sports at least six dogs and three cats among us, all of them rescued from shelters or the streets.

While we are a bit more gung-ho on this subject than a lot of people, we still encourage individuals and groups to lend a hand. You don't have to endanger yourself by going after strays to help. Check with your local shelter and see if they have a list of needs. Old blankets, towels and sheets, laundry and dish detergent, and other cleaning supplies are in huge demand. Food and treats are always welcomed. In some cases, unused medical supplies (those that are due to be thrown out from broken cases, or that are deemed obsolete, for example) can be very useful to the staff and veterinarians who work with the shelters. Offering to spend some time as a dog walker, or as a kitty playmate also help improve the quality of the shelter animals lives. Being able to leave the kennel and ply with someone who is friendly and likes animals can help improve the animal's attitude and keep them socialized and friendly.

Hosting a materials drive in your community can go a long way toward helping save the lives of animals in your local shelter, maintaining the quality of their stay in the kennels, and help them find their forever homes through adoption. Take a look at some of the animals we have individually helped over the years.



Angel – Siamese Mix – Rescued and Homed in 2010



Tezla (passed out on the carpet) – Siberian Husky – Rescued and Homed in 2005



George – Yellow Lab/Mix – Rescued and Homed in 2009



Tiger – Domestic Short Hair – Rescued and Homed in 2009

All photos taken by Cathey Osborne of the USS Firebird.

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17	Trip to NASA Space Center, Houston, TX & USS Zavala Commissioning, Bacliff, TX
23-25	FenCon VIII , Addison, TX
OCTOBER	
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15	U.S.S. Regulator's Klingon Dinner Thing
22	Region 3 GameDay , Abilene, TX
NOVEMBER	
4-6	CONtraflow Convention , Gretna, LA
11-13	Austin Comic Con , Austin, TX



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Information will be added to the website as it becomes available, and we strongly encourage you to keep checking with us as 2013 approaches—we'll be posting some very exciting information between now and then.

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