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FROM THE BRIDGE:

Greetings and welcome to hot and humid June. At least it hasn't been raining every day! There's a lot going on this month. Andy and Lil are having a party on Saturday, June 11th to celebrate Andy being made a real, live Colonel. I understand this has something to do with birds. ☺ I believe that festivity starts at 2 or 3 p.m. You may want to email either one for the details. Unfortunately we will miss the party because we're flying out to Phoenix to visit my aunt and maybe see Mark's brother Matt in San Diego.

Our meeting this month is going to be a cookout at Roseann's abode on June 25th at 6 p.m. The ship is providing hot dogs and hamburgers, so bring a side or dessert.

InConjunction is going to be July 1-3 this year. The guest of honor is going to be Catherine Asaro, who sounds like a pretty neat and accomplished person from what's up on the website. Check it out!

Stay cool!

VADM Mary

(Edit note – Daileys will be at Incon – jld)

Upcoming Events:

June 25th - Halsey meeting at Roseann's 6:00 PM

July 1st-3rd -- Inconjunction, Indianapolis, IN

July 23th - Halsey meeting and annual Bombfire Fireworks at the Milhouse place???
July 16th -- USS Indianapolis 10th Anniversary, Eagle Creek Park, Ilam
August 27 - Halsey meeting at ?????? & time
August 29 -- Richies' Birthday
September 1-5 -Dragoncon
September 19 -Karen Brady's birthday (Talk Like a Pirate Day)
September 24 - Halsey's meeting at ?????? & time
October 22 - Halsey Hayride and Bonfire 5PM Milhouse Place???
November 25-27 StarBase Indy, SFC/Halsey meeting???
December 19 - Halsey Christmas Party - Bishoff's

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

June 6 Mark & Gloria Milhouse's Anniversary

June 25 Mark Milhouse's Birthday

Summer Movies:

June 10

FAST FIVE

The final entry, in theory, in the *Fast & Furious* franchise continues the formula that made the fourth film the biggest so far. Thus, Vin Diesel and Paul Walker are back in the leading roles, and director Justin Lin, who helmed instalments three and four, has signed on the dotted line too.

Fast Five is a terrible title, but given that the film is set to be full of manic car chases, and a legendary lawman looking to take down our two anti-heroes, it should zoom off into the sunset with plenty of cash in the trunk.

June 17

GREEN LANTERN

Ryan Reynolds takes the first of a pair of leading roles in comic book movies - with *X-Men* spin-off *Deadpool* in the offing - as he steps into the title role of Green Lantern. Also on board are Blake Lively, Peter Sarsgaard, Tim Robbins and Angela Bassett, and it's Martin Campbell that's calling the shots. If it's the Campbell who delivered the two best Bond films of recent times - as well as *The Mask Of Zorro* - that's been turning up to work, then this really could be a treat.

June 24

CARS 2: WORLD GRAND PRIX

After some confusion when it had been suggested that the *Cars* sequel was being knocked back six months, it turned out that wasn't the case at all, and that Pixar's second consecutive sequel is revving up on the grid for June 2011.

It's an interesting one, this. *Cars* is generally regarded, with some justification, as Pixar's weakest film. Yet, in terms of the amount of toy sales it generates, with revenues heading into the billions, a sequel became inevitable. This time, Lightning McQueen is heading off to race around the world, with Mater in tow. Rumours suggest that John Lasseter has taken a hands-on role with the film in the last few months, too.

July 1

TRANSFORMERS 3

Ah, you know.

Michael Bay is getting the old crowd back together - Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Tyrese Gibson and Josh Duhamel - to run about while big robots smash seven shades out of one another around them. Joining in the effects carnage this time are Frances McDormand and John Malkovich, although the identity of the Transformers themselves are primarily kept between Michael Bay and his [hard drive](#) right now.

Bay is currently resisting plans to make the film 3D one way or another, but whether it is or isn't, this is going to be one of the very biggest films of the summer.

July 15

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART II

Warner Bros executives will be weeping once this one is out in the world, as it brings to an end the studio's most lucrative film franchise of all time.

It's the eighth and final movie outing for *Harry Potter* and his Hogwarts cohorts, with David Yates calling the shots behind the camera for the third time. Expect this to make a scary amount of money, and expect Warner Bros' balance sheet to never quite be the same again. Unless it can persuade J K to write a few more books...

July 22

THE FIRST AVENGER: CAPTAIN AMERICA

The second of Marvel's big movies of the summer, it's also the first of up to nine films it has planned for the Captain America character to appear in. That's how many films it's signed Chris Evans - who's taking the title role - up to anyway, and he's going to be accompanied by Hayley Atwell as Peggy. Joe Johnston is calling the shots, Hugo Weaving is on bad guy duties, and

Samuel L Jackson will be popping in as Nick Fury too, as the build up to 2012's full-on *Avengers* movie continues.

July 29

COWBOYS AND ALIENS

Mark this one down as potentially the most interesting project of the season. *Iron Man* helmer Jon Favreau is directing the big screen adaptation of the comic book of the same name, which is going to blend together science fiction with a western. He's attracted Harrison Ford to star (in his most interesting role in some time) opposite Daniel Craig, as the pair fight off an alien invasion in 1800s Arizona. Olivia Wilde is also appearing.

August 3

THE SMURFS 3-D

It wouldn't be summer without some kind of talking CGI creature picture, and this time it's The Smurfs who are being digitised for a big screen outing. Raja Gosnell, who put together the first *Scooby Doo* movie, is at the helm, and once again humans and CGI characters will interact with, er, no doubt, very convincing results. Promisingly, Hank Azaria is on villain duties.

August 19

SPY KIDS 4: ARMAGEDDON

The original *Spy Kids* trilogy delivered three big hits, and hopes are high that the fourth will follow in their path. Unsurprisingly, the film's going to be in 3D (the third one was as well), and this time it's a new bunch of Spy Kids who are being recruited for action. That smells to us like there are plans for further films beyond this one. It's not been confirmed yet if Robert Rodriguez is going to direct.

SKANK ROBBERS

Er, a comedy starring Martin Lawrence. These are rarely the words we want to hear, although he's co-starring with Jamie Foxx in this one.

Space News

Space shuttle Endeavour is in launch position at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida and is scheduled to lift off at 5:40 a.m. EDT Wednesday, beginning its STS-127 mission. The 16-day mission will feature five spacewalks and complete construction of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Kibo laboratory. Astronauts will attach a platform to the outside of the Japanese module that will allow experiments to be exposed to space.

The STS-127 crew members are Commander Mark Polansky, Pilot Doug Hurley and Mission Specialists Dave Wolf, Christopher Cassidy, Tom Marshburn, Tim Kopra and Canadian Space Agency astronaut Julie Payette. Kopra will

join the space station crew and replace Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata. Wakata will return to Earth on Endeavour to conclude a three-month stay at the station. its STS-127 mission. At 1:15 p.m.

Coming up on the 40th Anniversary of the landing on the moon, July 20, 2009.

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/

And a blast from the past:

Top 10 Things Overheard at a gathering of Starfleet Redshirt Security Ensigns:

10. Can't Starfleet find anything better for us to do than attend these monthly "living will" seminars?
2. 9. Do you suppose our shirts are red so the Captain won't notice we are bleeding to death?
- 3.
4. 8. What do you mean there's no Red Shirt Alumni Association?
7. Why won't anyone stand next to me on the Transporter pad?
6. Yes, Doctor, I have completed my organ donor card. Why do you ask?
5. What do you mean, set hand phasers to stun? Where are the friggin' phaser rifles?
4. Maybe Ensign Crusher could take my place on this Away Mission?
3. Captain, why is my cabin the only one with a revolving door?
2. Why does the Red Shirt Fight Song sound so much like "Taps"?
1. Captain sir, why don't you go off alone and try to find the mysterious, deadly alien threat? And I'll stay here with the phenomenally attractive alien woman!

(contributed by FADM Don, June 2005)

END OF TRANSMISSION

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