



Mississippi Current

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Captain's Log

LT. Jg. Rose Compton

Spring has sprung in the mid-west and arriving with it have been several days of record setting June like temperatures in the upper 70's and 80's. Flowers are blooming, grass is turning green and the trees are budding. Most people would consider this a natural occurrence, but for those of us living in the area, we are normally shoveling snow this time of year and not yet preparing to mow the lawn. Needless to say, even with the early onset of allergies, many of us are enjoying the change in the season and the warmer temps.

At this time, I would like to take a moment to welcome our newest crewmember, Les Pullman. He 'officially' joined the crew on March 12th and will be filling the position of Science Officer. As soon as he is unpacked and settled in his new quarters, we'll provide you with a formal introduction.

SFCQ1 has approved a new club-wide project in the form of a cookbook. I have accepted the lead or chair position on the project. I hope that everyone in SFCQ1 will get involved. We will be using the cookbook as a recruitment tool, selling it at conventions and online. Everyone who supplies a recipe will have your name as the person submitting and your ship and/or starbase listed with the recipe. The more recipes you submit, the more often your name and ship or base will appear. Immortalize yourself and your ship, in print. All proceeds from sales (after costs) will go to the Autism Society and Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep. Recipes can be sent to sfcq1cookbook@gmail.com.

The following pages of this edition of the Mississippi Current are dedicated to James Tiberius Kirk and his future birth on March 22, 2233.



James Tiberius Kirk

William Shatner, as the principal lead character in “Star Trek, the original series, first portrayed James T. Kirk. Shatner also voiced Kirk in the animated Star Trek series and appeared in the first seven *Star Trek* movies. Chris Pine portrayed a younger version of the character in the 2009 *Star Trek* film, with Jimmy Bennett playing Kirk as a child. Other actors have played the character in fan-created media, and the character has been the subject of multiple spoofs and satires. Kirk also appears in numerous books, comics, and video games. The character has been praised for his leadership traits, and also criticized for his relationships with women. He is arguably the most famous and highly decorated starship Captain in the history of Starfleet. He served Federation interests as an explorer, a soldier, a time-traveler and a diplomat.

James Tiberius Kirk was born March 22, 2233, (Star date 1277.1) in Riverside Iowa, to George and Winona Kirk. He was named for his maternal grandfather, James and his paternal grandfather, Tiberius. He had one sibling, an older brother, George Samuel Kirk , born September 7th 2229. Both his mother and father served in Starfleet and Winona was pregnant with James while both parents were serving aboard the USS Kelvin. He was raised by his parents, but lived for a time around 2246, on Tarus IV. While there, at the age of thirteen, he became one of nine surviving witnesses to the massacre of 4,000 colonists.

By 2250, he had returned to Earth and started his training at Starfleet Academy, in San Francisco. He accredited his father, George, as his inspiration for joining Starfleet. He became the only student to defeat the ‘Kobayashi Maru’ test. His academic career included being a student instructor at the academy and graduating in the top five percent of his class.

As an officer, Kirk was commissioned with the serial number SC 9370176CEC and served as an ensign on the USS Republic. His next assignment was as a lieutenant aboard the USS Farragut as the tactical officer. Jim became Starfleet’s youngest Captain, when he took command of the USS Enterprise for a five-year mission.

In 2270, after a successful mission, the USS Enterprise returned to Earth and Kirk was promoted to rear admiral. At age 37, he became the youngest admiral in Starfleet history. For the next two and a half years, he held the position of Chief of Starfleet Operations at Starfleet Headquarters in San Francisco.

Admiral Kirk resumed command of the USS Enterprise early in 2270 and maintained the position of Captain throughout the 70’s. He retired in 2281.

He died on Veridian III, and is buried under a simple stone cairn, on the top of a mountain.

IN AN ALTERNATE TIME-LINE

James is born on a shuttle escaping the Starship USS Kelvin, on which his father is killed. He grows up on Earth, a reckless rebel, angry with the world. After joining Starfleet Academy, he focuses his passion and emotions and becomes Captain of the USS Enterprise.

Happy Future 'Birth' day to the Man who started it all.
James Tiberius Kirk



Jimmy Bennett
(youth Kirk)



Chris Pine
(Young Kirk)

William Shatner, as James Tiberius Kirk
The Captain and the Admiral.





A Celebration within Starbase 03.

On Saturday, March 24th, 2012, various members of Starbase 03 gathered to celebrate the 'future' birth of our favorite Captain. Everyone pitched in, bringing several dishes, various snacks and a cake. (red velvet). After the meal we were entertained with a viewing of 'Mindmeld', an interview with William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy, provided By Liz Robinson and Brad Smith.



< Crew of the USS Mighty Mississippi NCC 201151 (L-R) Special Guest: Dana Taylor, CO Rose Compton, FO Ed Ciccarone and Science Officer Les Pullman

USS Lobo & USS Mighty Mississippi >
(L-R Front row)

Liz Robinson, Bill Van Brunt, Ed Ciccarone,
Rose Compton, Terry Sullivan, Mike House.
(L-R back row)

Brad Smith, James Olson SB03 Flt CO.,
Les Pullman, and special guest Dana Taylor.



< Watching "MindMeld" with William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy.



Who is this Criminal James T Kirk?

Guest Editorial--

--By JM Olson, Feature Editor, QCM Times Argus-Dispatch

Riverside, IA/QUAD CITIES METROPLEX, R.I.A. STARFLEET ANNEX, 24 March 2258--

The infamous scion of the legacy of one of the Midwest's most famous veteran space warriors has reportedly been at it again.

James Tiberius Kirk, son of the late Starfleet hero, Captain George Kirk, notorious as the "John Dillinger of the 23rd Century", has been well-nigh infamous in the Quad Cities Metroplex region and the Upper Midwest...Kirk has been leaving his quaint Luddite existence with parents, worried mother Winona Grayson Kirk Smith and beleaguered stepfather John Smith, in rural Riverside, IA, to wreak assorted havoc upon the greater Metroplex region.

This man, described by Riverside and CorridorCR-IC law enforcement as a "Belligerent Fifteen year old in a Twenty-Five year olds body," has been causing trouble on any given day. This Special Guest Star on the police blotter appears as an alleged vandal, petty thief, confidence man, and drunken bar-room brawler. The venerable Shipyard Bar and Grill, a 160 year old establishment and last vestige of Old-Town Riverside, IA (Since the City-Habitat of Riverside was commissioned in 2135) has periodically banned their neighbor from the nearby, famous-but-private George Kirk Farmstead, which occupies the ancient footprint of the former Old-Town Riverside.

Kirk has been infamous since at 14 he took his stepfather's (and formerly, his own father's) antique Chevrolet Corvette (an actual running combustion-engine ground vehicle!), in c. 2247 and, pursued by a local Air Cop responder, proceeded to park the priceless museum piece--at the bottom of Coralville Rock Quarry, near City-Habitat CorridorCR-IC.

Only recently, however, the reclusive self-professed "Rebel without a Clue" has shown a glimmer of a different, potentially better person--dare we say, George Kirk's actual son?

This stems from the RIA Starfleet Annex, on Arsenal Island, a 400-year military facility that once faced off with Sauk War Chief Black Hawk. On September 8, 2256, James Tiberius Kirk actually performed a heroic deed: He stopped a plasma explosion at the Starfleet Annex. According to anonymous Starfleet Annex sources, Kirk was on an alleged surveillance tour near the Annex, which he claimed was just a fishing trip to the famous Sylvan Island Park, renowned for the fly-fishing in the downtown Metroplex. According to reports, Kirk allegedly heard the alarms of the power plant going critical at the western end of Sylvan Island, which is connected to Arsenal Island by the ancient power plant.

The facility was retrofitted in c.2207 with a plasma-fusion reactor; this was now out of service and going critical. James Kirk reportedly waded and swam the short distance to the Annex side of the plant (a posted, restricted area), A few remaining guards were trying to shut the facility down while a mandatory evacuation occurred on the rest of the Annex campus, and in the nearby Metroplex neighborhoods. Kirk resisted and ignored repeated calls to stop and desist access to the power plant, going so far as to allegedly attack an Annex guard, rendering him unconscious. Kirk then entered the dangerous facility. In a reckless but admittedly heroic manner, the son of George Kirk improvised a reverse-polarity on an engineer's plasma cutter. He then reportedly used this tool to reverse, short-circuit and de-power the plasma reactor just before it was to explode. This incident, in which the notorious young Kirk threw his life in the balance, and saved an estimated 1.3 million from certain vaporization. James T Kirk, for once, truly made a difference.

However...

Kirk then reportedly was approached by Starfleet Annex officials, who wanted to thank the youth and inform him there would be no charges for his trespassing on Government property and engaging in reckless actions. Infuriated, Kirk allegedly told the nearest official what to do with his thanks, that the incident ruined a good day of fishing, and proceeded to allegedly knock the official out! Outrageous! Of course the belligerent Kirk was arrested and awaits trial (again), his 18th in 9 standard years.

A word of advice--if you see James T Kirk--please regard this man as dangerous. He might save your life, but at what cost? He is capable of mayhem--credit frauds in the hundreds-of-thousands; obstruction of justice, riot actions, harassment, identity theft and even vandalism; this alleged petty thief even stole his own father's priceless vehicle!

If encountered, please do NOT try to apprehend him; please report his activities to the nearest law enforcement agency

(a fictional point of view)