



## *Mississippi Current*



*February 2013*



### *Captain's Log*

Co Rose Compton

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it certainly had no impact on the crew of the Mighty M. as we hit the ground running and have yet to slow to impulse. The crew goes above and beyond each month, showcasing their talents and interests. The newsletter continues to improve, as does the chapter; and it is all due to a great crew. I applaud their efforts and their accomplishments.

Our community involvement for this quarter centers on the 'Scott County Humane Society' and we will detail our efforts on their behalf in the next newsletter.

We had two good away missions for the month and I consider this a fete as this is February in the Midwest; our worst month for in climate weather. We also had four straight days of snowfall. By now, we are all looking forward to spring, some sunshine and warmer temperatures.

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### *Words of Wisdom*

**"Well it's a new ship - but she's got the right name. Now you remember that, you hear?  
You treat her like a lady, and she'll always bring you home" -- Leonard 'Bones' McCoy to  
Data (Encounter at Farpoint: Part 1)**



## *Introductions*

Lt. Ed Ciccarone

### **U.S.S. Mighty Mississippi Promotions**

The following officer's ongoing contributions to SFC and Mighty Mississippi business, participation in club events, involvement in community projects, and their charitable work have distinguished them as outstanding club members. As such, Starfleet Command has granted them promotions in rank.

Medical Officer, Alex Haugen, has been promoted to the rank of Ensign.

Science Officer, Les Pullman, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

First Officer, Ed Ciccarone, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Commanding Officer, Rose Compton, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

The U.S.S. Mighty Mississippi would like to congratulate them for promotions, and thank them for their exemplary service.



***Left to right:***

***Ensign Alex Haugen, Cadet Katie Haugen, Lt.Jg. Les Pullman III, Lt. Cmdr. Rose Compton, Lt. Ed Ciccarone and Cadet Gerry Pearson.***



## CommCenter

Cadet Katie Haugen

USS Mighty Mississippi hosted 'Cabin Fever Cure', at Miller Time Bowling in Davenport, Iowa on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm. It was a local multi-ship outing, several chapters represented.

In attendance from **USS Mighty Mississippi** were Rose Compton, Ed Ciccarone, Les Pulman III, Alex Haugen and Katie Haugen. We were joined by members from **USS Lobo**, Mike House, Liz Robinson and Brad Smith and **SB 03** Commander; James Olson. Also joining in the exercise were **USS Winfield-Scott** crew; Faith and Kenny Raley, Tony Alcala, John Durham, Christopher Anderson, Eric Sturgeon, Clayton Johnson. Dakota and John Dusenberry. **SFI USS Riverside's** Daniel Hill and guest Rhonda Haller completed the turn out.

This year's results are:::~::~

**High Score:** John Durham @ 166 and Kenny Raley Jr. @ 164. Please keep in mind that these two are league bowlers and are in no way an indication of the scores for the armatures in the group. ☺

For the non-league bowlers, Daniel Hill of SFI-USS Riverside took high score with 119, followed closely by Rose Compton with 116.

**Most Strikes** in the first game was a 3-way tie between Daniel Hill (USS Riverside), Alex Haugen and Rose Compton with 3 each.

The **most splits** in the first game went equally between Ed Ciccarone and USS Winfield Scott CO Faith Raley, with 2 each.

**Best last frame** went to Daniel Hill with 2 strikes and 9 pins.

The Second games produced some impressive improvements in score. James Olson (SB 03) added 54 pins, Mike House (USS Lobo, Moline) added 35 pins, Rose Compton gained 32 pins and Les Pullman III pulled out another 28 pins.

**Special kudos** goes out to Christopher Anderson of USS Winfield Scott. As the youngest bowler in the group, his first game was 103, and solidly beating 5 of the adults he was playing with.

USS Mighty Mississippi had a very short meeting prior to the event to discuss their plans for their February and March ship-wide projects. Then we all enjoyed a couple games of bowling while visiting, enjoying each other's company and getting a bit of exercise.



< SFC and SFI members get set for a little fun.



USS Mighty M. Cpt. & XO square off. >



< Rose Compton and guest Rhonda Haller share a chuckle.

USS Riverside & USS Lobo Members >  
attend.



USS Mighty Mississippi Captain Rose Compton and First Officer Ed Ciccarone work out lane assignments and final details.



## *Sick Bay*

Ensign Alex Haugen

Continuing with my “**what to do in a disaster**” series this article will let you know how to build a disaster / bad weather kit. In the Midwest we have continuously changing weather conditions, which makes it very difficult to know what to put in a disaster / bad weather kit but you can always start with a few basics like nonperishable food items, fresh drinking water, flashlights with extra batteries, a candle, lighter or waterproof matches, a weather radio, blanket, and an off the shelf first aid kit. This will get you started but many ask what else do I need? Well below is a shopping list:

### **For home:**

- Rubbermaid totes with locking lid
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Fresh Drinking Water For up to 2 weeks
- Nonperishable food items for up to 2 weeks
- Pet food for up to 2 weeks
- A weather radio with extra batteries or a hand crank
- waterproof matches / lighter
- A few candles
- first aid kit
- If you have young children do not forget baby / children's items such as diapers and baby food or formula
- A 7 day supply of your normal medications including aspirin and tylenol
- Whistle to help others locate you if you are trapped in a basement
- Blankets
- Change of clothes
- Personal care items (toilet paper, hand sanitizer, toothbrush / toothpaste and so on)
- If you can I recommend a backup generator for your whole house, if not a smaller backup generator will work. If that is still too big, it is never a bad idea to keep a deep cycle marine battery charged up and have a 500-1000W power inverter. This way you can power your home items if the power is out for some time.
- Extra fuel for generator (do not keep in house, do not run generator in house) this is why a deep cycle battery and a power inverter is handy.
- Tool kit
- Cell phone chargers
- Survival knife
- Sleeping bags

The list can go on and on. But it gives you a basic idea of what you may want to keep on hand all in one location in your basement if there was ever a tornado or a terrorist attack. In the Midwest it is always good to have a fireplace at the house or a wood burning or pellet burning stove. IF you live in an area like I do that loses power all the time it is always nice to be able to heat the house without having to have the generator going. Keep a dry wood supply on hand to keep your house warm in cold conditions for several days.

IF you are trying to get a smaller kit together for winter driving I would recommend you have at least the following items on hand in your car in a small tote. Remember to save fuel, do not run your car to stay warm all the time, only run it when you really need it, warm blankets and extra clothes are always a good idea to keep on hand. Also do not run your radio or interior lights for long periods of time.

- Blanket
- Nonperishable food items for 24-48 hours
- Fresh water for 24-48 hours
- Survival Knife / multi tool
- Small Tool Kit
- First Aid kit
- Road Flare
- Power inverter (can be a small one)
- flashlight w/ extra batteries or rechargeable 12V
- jumper cables
- tow strap
- jack
- aired up spare tire
- small shovel
- scraper / snow broom
- cell phone charger and your phone
- small air compressor
- tire repair kit
- small tub of kitty litter for traction

Items such as this can get you out of a pinch in many situations and I never leave home without them. These lists are not 100% complete and for your home kit some of the items may seem silly, but if for some reason your main household is destroyed in a storm or is inaccessible due to debris it is important to have items where you go in an emergency.

*(important papers should also be stored on a second site, safe deposit box , etc. and food items and batteries should be checked regularly for expiration dates.)*



## *New Technologies*



### ***‘Vulcan’ top pick for Pluto’s moon***

Lt.Jg. Les Pullman

A two-week online vote to name Pluto’s two new moons has ended with Vulcan finishing first in the contest. The name was a write in candidate, entered by Captain Kirk, himself; William Shatner. Over 450,000 votes were cast between 21 entries with Vulcan receiving nearly 175,000. Second was Cerberus, getting about 100,000 votes. Third was close with 88,000 votes for Styx.

The potential names had to come from Greek or Roman mythology and deal with the underworld. Vulcan was the Roman god of lava and smoke and was also the nephew of Pluto. Cerberus is a three-headed dog that guards the gates of the underworld. Styx is the river that leads to the underworld.

The contest was conducted by SETI Institute in Mountain View, CA. While the top two names are not guaranteed, the ten astronomers who made the discoveries will take the voting results in to account. They will then submit 2 names to The International Astronomical Union, who has the final say in the naming process. Final results should be announced in 1 to 2 months.

After the contest results were announced, William Shatner sent the following tweet;

“174,062 votes and Vulcan came out on top of the voting for the naming of Pluto’s moons. Thank you to all who voted.”

Leonard Nimoy also commented in a very ‘Spock’ like manner in an email sent to the *Associated Press*.. “If my people were emotional, they would say they are pleased.”

Sources: *QC-Times*  
*Associated Press*





CO Rose Compton

On February 9th, some members of the Mighty M. as well as members of USS Lobo Moline and SB 03 were fortunate enough to be able to attend a new NASA exhibit at the local Putnam Museum, Davenport, Iowa. The exhibit was small, but the information and displays were well worth the time to get there and view. Everyone had fun with the interactive displays and on more than one occasion, I heard “I didn’t know that” and “I would never have guessed that”. If you are in the area and have the time, I would highly recommend this exhibit.

NASA’s first launch was ‘Pioneer 1’ in October 1958, from Cape Canaveral Florida. In May 1959, Able and Baker (primates) were launched aboard a Jupiter missile and recovered after a suborbital flight. From there, the tale is an amazing one.



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“Space is for everybody. It’s not just for a few people in science or for a select group of Astronauts. That’s OUR new frontier out there and it’s everybody’s business to know about space.”  
Christa McAuliffe, Dec. 06, 1985.

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Ed Ciccarone learns about air pressure from one of the interactive displays, With Mike House (USS Lobo Moline) looking on (Yeah.. they were playing!

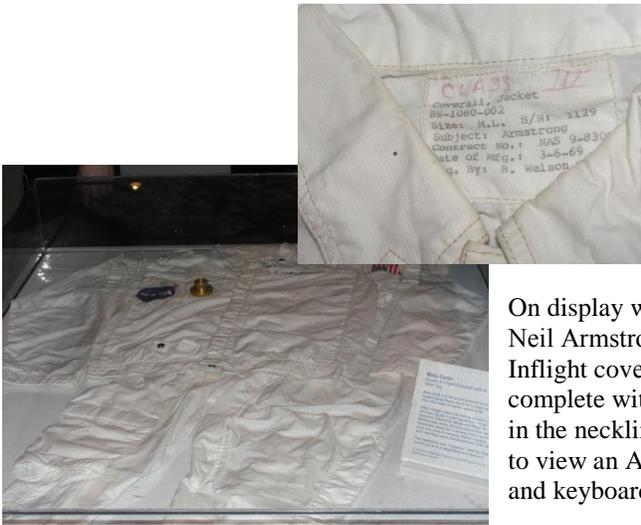


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Science Officer, Les Pullman III stands with a life sized image of an astronaut. Notice the reflection in the visor for the scene being played out.

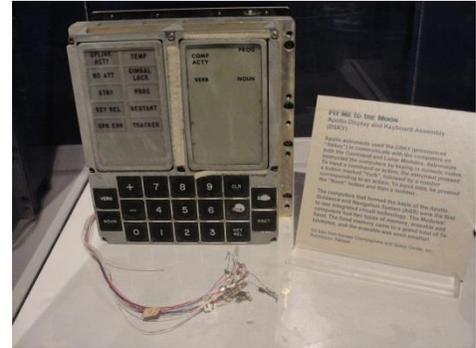
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Les Pullman III,(Mighty M.) Mike House, Bill Van Brunt; (USS Lobo Moline), Ed Ciccarone (Mighty M.) and James Olson of SB 03; as we prepare to enter the exhibit.



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Rose Compton with a model of ‘Discovery’. Note the wall sized picture in the background . Earth from a different view and an astronaut out for a stroll.



On display were a pair of Neil Armstrong's 'Apollo Inflight coveralls', complete with name label in the neckline. We also got to view an Apollo display and keyboard.



Dinner any one??? Shuttle Food required no refrigeration and was either 'ready to eat' or prepared by adding water and heating. Beverages and freeze-dried foods were hydrated using a water dispenser system.



## Did you know...

....Today, millions of infants (as well as adults) around the world benefit from **nutrition technology** that began as space research in algae nutritional supplements. (think infant formulas to begin with.)

....The **heart defibrillator**; a pulsed-power device; was originally developed for space based lasers and accelerators.

....**Scratch-resistant lenses** are a direct result of NASA's research into finding a coating for space helmet visors and other plastic surfaces of aerospace equipment.

....**Biomedical implantable devices** are based on a wide array of space technologies.

....Black & Decker has refined **cordless tool technology** to create an entire line of handy cordless tools for the masses.

....**Cochlear Implants** were developed and patented by hearing impaired NASA engineer, Adam Kissiah Jr. , using his skills and knowledge of electronics, sensing systems, telemetry and sound and vibration sensors that he acquired during his work on the Space Shuttle Program.

....This just begins to scratch the surface of what space exploration has done for life here on earth and what we learned from this exhibit.

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