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**STARFLEET COMMAND
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2013**

Fleet Commander Roy Jackson

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$4,566.03
<u>INCOME</u>		
MEMBERSHIP DUES:		
SB 03	\$268.68	
SB 04	\$20.00	
SB 05	\$447.86	
SB 06	\$116.96	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES		\$853.50
SHIP STORE SALES:		
T-SHIRTS	\$36.00	
TOTAL STORE SALES		\$36.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$889.50
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
DEP FLEET COMMAND (OPS):		
ADVERTISEMENT	\$500.00	
TOTAL DEP FLEET COM (OPS)		\$500.00
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES		
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$61.90	
POSTAGE	\$62.26	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP SVCS		\$124.16
FINANCE:		
PAYPAL CHARGES	\$11.22	
TOTAL FINANCE		\$11.22
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$635.38
ENDING BALANCE		<u>\$4,820.15</u>

Greetings,

It is an exciting time to be a Star Trek fan. A new movie is coming out. Star Trek is referenced on more and more shows from soap operas to comedies. And, our own Deputy Fleet Commander, ADM Mark Williams, will be featured on a show on REELZ TV in June.

I am pleased to announce that I recently signed a "Declaration of War," with the Colonial Cylon Alliance and the Royal Manticoran Navy. It is not as bad as it sounds. We are actually having this war to foster fellowship between our organizations. Each organization picks one charity and whoever donates the most money to their charity by December 31, 2013, wins. We will then sign a Peace Treaty naming the victor in early 2014. Starfleet Command has chosen, "Autism Research Institute," as our charity. If any ship or individual would like to raise money for this cause, they can make the donation in the name of Starfleet Command and include it in their monthly SPAR or send it to ADM Mark Williams to make it for them. This is not mandatory and ships are welcome to donate to the charity of their choice. This is just an option for those who wish to participate in our "War Games."

We have added a page on facebook, www.facebook.com/sfcq1, that has become quite popular. At the time of writing this article, we have over 3,500 likes in just over two months. This page is separate from the Starfleet Command group that we already had on facebook. If you have not checked us out yet, you may wish to do so in the near future.

Finally, I would like to note that with our strong presence on the internet and at conventions, we are gaining new members at a substantial rate. This is only a small victory, however, if we do not retain the members we have. For that reason, I am asking all members who know someone who did not renew this year, to please find out why and let the Admiralty Board know. We want to keep the membership happy.

Fan Addicts

ADM Mark Williams

I have been collecting Star Trek items for over 20 years. During that time I have amassed a great deal of stuff. In fact, at last count, there are over 1,600 items in my collection. About a month ago I was contacted by a producer for Reelz Channel and they informed me they were doing a series of shows on extreme collecting and they wanted me to be on the show. After some discussion, I agreed to do it. They flew out from LA on March 20, and shot for 3 days. I've decided that there are two things I didn't want to know: What is in sausage and how T.V. shows are made. I still don't know about the sausage, but I have a way better understanding of T.V. It goes something like this:

It was a lot of work. It took a four-man shooting crew three days, at 10 to 12 hours a day, to shoot a half-hour show. They told (guided) me what to say and do for almost everything they filmed.

They shot in the house, in the front room, in the basement; in the yard, at work, and the drive home from work.

"Say this. GREAT!!! Can you say it faster? Now, slower. With breaks. Without breaks. Can you 'Kirk it up?'" They would say "OK, work on the prop, sweet, now take it back apart and I'll move the camera over here and you put it back together again." Photos with and without the dogs. Can you do a few promos in costume? How about in your Kirk Chair? How about out of your Kirk Chair?

We had to re-shoot an hour of the interview (it was 3 hours long) I had to wear the same clothes for two of the three days
Can you get some friends over for us to interview? Ok, now will they leave?

I would hear "PERFECT MARK! Now do it again" over and over.
LOL!!

They shot photos of the collection for over five hours. When they decided that they would never get it all they said it was enough. One of them told me (doing the math -so many figures per pegboard) there were over 450 action figures on one section of one wall. I hadn't realized that. Then they shot the props, costumes, etc. This was going on the same time as some of the interviews.

All in all, it was very fun and I'd do it again in a heartbeat. I cannot wait to see the finished show.

Space Station *Battle of Vulcan* #601

By: Lt.jg Bob McDonald and the crew of the *BoV*



The end of 2012 and the beginning of 2013 brought about the commissioning of the Space Station Battle of Vulcan #601 based in Evansville, IN. Battle of Vulcan was created by a group of Star Trek fans who have been active in local fandom since 1993. Having seen local groups come and go, they decided to band together to emphasize what is best about Star Trek and to spread the message of Gene Roddenberry. The Commanding Officer is Lt.jg Bob McDonald. Ensign Brian Baker and Ensign Jon Iacer comprise first officer and 2nd officer. Our three enlisted members Sarah Lemp, Jim Alexander and Noah Childers comprise the departments of Communications and Medical.

An Alamo class battle station in the *40 Eridani A* star system. **Battle of Vulcan** adopted its name to remember/memorialize the Loss of Vulcan at the hands of the fiend, Nero, as seen in 2009's *STAR TREK*. We chose this name to bridge a gap between our past activities in Star Trek fandom and its unlimited future. Our symbol reflects our Vulcan roots and our Federation allegiance.

We have an official membership meeting once a month, but gather several times a month for activities, whether it be watching and discussing Star Trek episodes or movies to hours of battle in the game Munchkin Cthulhu or Magic: The Gathering duels. We find that our discussions always stay in the world of Science Fiction and Fantasy and *always* find its way to Trek.

Many plans are in place for the future of the Station; newsletter, website designs, and charitable activities to participate in. We are also waiting with great anticipation for the premiere of *Star Trek into Darkness*.

If you would like to contact us you can reach us at:
battleofvulcan@gmail.com or go to our website:
<http://battleofvulcan.webs.com>

A Shout-Out to Indiana Ships and Members

WOW!! Next month, "Star Trek: Into Darkness" will be released. The place to be for this event is the Hamilton 16 Movie Theatre in Noblesville, IN just off of I-69 on exit 210.

The USS Gorkon invites all ships in the galaxy to come and spend time during this special event on May 17-19. Come and talk to patrons and fans about Star Trek and what we do as members in our clubs. We will have live music from "Five Year Mission" and "il Troubadore" throughout the weekend. We will also have a costume contest, and cooking contest (showcasing Star Trek food including Klingon delicacies). We may even throw in a Star Trek Trivia contest!

The USS Gorkon will be raising money for Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana by taking photos of patrons in our Klingon Command Chair. We will be asking for a donation of 10.00 per picture and these funds will go to the food bank. Please come and donate and support this worthwhile cause.

Next, come and attend the "10 Forward Party" (21 and over). This event will be held Saturday evening from 7-11 PM on the Mezzanine Level of the theatre. The movie theatre will sell beer and wine for 4.00 each. We will have a variety of finger foods and soda.

We will have a table for each ship to display fliers, newsletters, props, applications, etc. This can be Friday, Saturday and possibly Sunday as well as during the, "10 Forward Party," throughout the theatre.

Come and have fun with other like-minded beings, catch up with your friends, and make some new ones!

If you have questions and/or if you would like to sign up for the costume contest, cook off, or would like to help or donate, please contact me directly.

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Cabin Fever Cure

By Cadet Katie Haugen

The USS Mighty Mississippi hosted 'Cabin Fever Cure', at Miller Time Bowling in Davenport, Iowa on February 16th 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.

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.

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

Best last frame went to Daniel Hill.

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.

The 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.

The Chief of Command Staff Needs You!

ADM Tim Shell, Chief of Command Staff

We have the following Positions Open. To be deemed eligible for these positions, you must have a minimum of two years of service.

Chief of Engineering-Maintains and supervises Quadrant 1 engineering research projects and records pertaining to those projects. They provide ongoing updates of said projects to the Chief of Public Affairs and the Chief of Information Technologies for inclusion in the Quadrant newsletter and main website.

Surgeon General-Maintains and supervises Quadrant medical research projects and the records pertaining to those projects. They provide ongoing updates to the Chief of Public Affairs and the Chief of Information Technologies for inclusion in the Quadrant newsletter and the main website. Develops post graduate medical exams and coordinates the fielding and publication of exams with Fleet Training Officer.

Chief of Science-Maintains and supervises Quadrant scientific research projects. They provide activities that stimulate interest in space exploration and space programs. Maintain contact with space agencies and/or organizations for exchange of information. They provide ongoing updates to the Chief of Public Affairs and Chief of Information Technologies for inclusion in the Quadrant newsletter and our website.

Director, Fleet Archives-Maintains Starfleet Command Archives.

Fleet Chaplain-Provides support to individuals and groups for spiritual or religious guidance; tends to the needs of member's and their families during periods of distress, illness, or death; and offer prayer at meetings and ceremonial functions as the need arises.

To be eligible for this position the individual must be a certified counselor or an ordained minister with an active congregation.

Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer / Sergeant Major of Starfleet

Command-Provides enlisted prospective to the Admiralty Board and acts as senior enlisted member for the Quadrant.

CSSOs may continue to command a unit in addition to their CSS responsibilities. Such dual service will be permitted only as long as the individual performs all duties in a satisfactory manner. Should the workload exceed the individual's abilities, they will be required to choose between the two positions.

Please send your letter of interest and qualifications to ccs@sfcq1.com

FIVE YEAR MISSION performance at the Hero House Comics

By ADM Gary Barclay



This is the Star Trek Band FIVE YEAR MISSION with Patrick O'Connor, Chris Spurgin, Noah Butler, fan ADM Gary Barclay, Andy Fark and Mike Rittenhouse.

Starbase 06 CO Mary Miller, DFC Mark Williams and I ADM Gary Barclay formed a landing party. We arrived at the Hero House Comics in Fountain Square in Indianapolis Indiana on Friday March 1st. The Star Trek Band FIVE YEAR MISSION provided a special in store acoustic performance that started at 8pm.

The store was packed wall to wall with fans. FIVE YEAR MISSION played around a dozen songs. This included 3 different versions of "The Trouble With Tribbles". It was fun to see so many people singing along with the band. There were several groups of groupies. One group, of three young ladies, was next to me. They were giddy and hugging each other from the excitement emanating from the band.

I shook each of the band members' hands and thanked them for a great performance. They gathered around me for a group picture. A couple of them called out to mix up the colors because I was wearing blue and standing next to Mike who was wearing blue too. We took a static picture and then I requested an action picture. Andy Fark held up a Vulcan salute behind my head which gave the appearance of me having Vulcan rabbit ears.

WillyCon 15 at Wayne, NE: April 5-7, 2013

By Sharon Boren (USS Iowa)



WillyCon is a funky little convention sponsored by Wayne State College's Science Fiction and Fantasy Club. Having no convention center, the convention takes over the campus' Students' Center for the entire weekend. Alcoholic beverages and real world weapons are prohibited. The Club's faculty advisor and the students organize and run the convention. Some of the students involved have never attended a convention before, so their first con experience is WillyCon!

Like most fan-run conventions, WillyCon features an author and artist guest of honor, a fan guest of honor, and also exclusive to the this convention, an alumni guest of honor. There is also the usual Art Show, and a vendor's room, with a snack filled Con Suite. Meals run about \$6-\$8 in the cafeteria and Super8 offers a free breakfast for its customers.

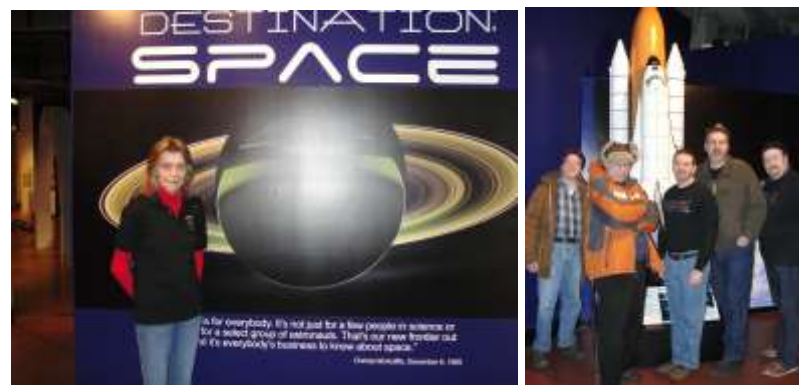
Programming at the convention runs the gambit from science fiction to fantasy to Anime. Dungeons & Dragons, World of Warcraft, and other gaming opportunities exist throughout the weekend. There is also has a "Hibernation Chamber" where gamers can campout for free.

This is WillyCon's fifteenth year, Nebraska's longest running convention to date. Author guest of honor will be Anne Bishop, and Artist guest of honor will be Peri Charlifu. Pre-registration is \$20 or \$25 at the door for the entire weekend. The Super8 runs about \$120 or more for the weekend, depending on the number of people per room.

My Klingon ship, IKV Raptor's Heart will be hosting a Klingon reception on Friday night and also two panel discussions on Saturday. Preregistration is available at the convention website: www.willycon.com or at www.wildcat.wsc.edu/clubs/willycon. Room reservations at the Super8 can be found on the Motel's website online.

A New Exhibit

by CO. Rose Compton
USS Mighty Mississippi



Our local museum; The Putnam; has brought in a new exhibit from NASA titled 'Destination Space'. Members of the Mighty M.; Rose Compton, Ed Ciccarone and Les Pullman knew they would be visiting and invited other SFC groups to join them. USS Lobo members Bill Van Brunt and Mike House accepted the invitation as did Starbase 03 CO, Commodore James Olson.

The exhibit was small in comparison to many that we have visited, but packed with information and artifacts. The exhibit is scheduled to travel to just a few select museums and if it comes to one near you, I would highly recommend it. If you like real science you'll love this exhibit.

How many things in our day to day life do we owe NASA technology? Would you believe Baby formula came about as a result of testing foods for space travel? Also, scratch-resistant lenses are available because NASA needed a way to protect face-shields and other delicate surfaces? Did you ever think about how cordless tools came to be, or invisible braces, water filters, touch thermometers or memory foam?

We have learned that without space exploration, our lives would certainly NOT be as comfortable as they are now.

USS Endeavour: Pictures for Posterity

by Captain Misty Jackson



Photos are a big part of any fan club. They show us what we are doing and where we have been. They remind us of great times, how styles have changed, and dear friends who are no longer with us. They truly are worth a thousand words.

For these reasons, the USS Endeavour held its March monthly meeting at, of all places, a photography studio. Our new Chief Archive Officer is also a high school photography teacher, so it seemed like the perfect opportunity for all members to get a new photo for the website. Those who attended posed for new web mug shots as well as some family group-shots.

By August, our 10-year retrospective (full of pictures) should be in the final stages of completion, just in time for our 10-year anniversary. We will have limited hard copies, which will definitely be a collectors' item, and a pdf version for those who wish to view it on their computers.

Academy Updates

By VADM Kevin Johnson, Deputy Commandant



Thanks to your recruitment efforts, including the Nashville convention and Starbase Indy, Starfleet Academy has had a busy year! In July 2012, the Commandant of the Academy, Admiral Richard Pinsky, appointed Vice Admiral Kevin Johnson as Deputy Commandant to help with the influx of Cadets.

Starfleet Academy (SFA) updated all the Academy cadet exams in 2012, removing or adjusting questions that were tripping up some Cadets. Please be sure to discard/delete any old versions of the exams. Each cadet is given a copy of the new exams with their membership packet.

Each Cadet has 6 months to successfully complete a 40-question core exam and their respective 10-question departmental exam in order to become an officer. Cadets only need to submit the core exam and ONE departmental exam. A Cadet must have a combined score at least 75% in order to graduate as Ensigns or 2nd Lieutenants. A perfect score will result in a promotion to Lieutenant JG (or 1st Lieutenant for Marines). The exams aren't meant to be difficult, but may require a little research on Wikipedia, Memory Alpha, or the SFC website.

All of the failing Cadets or those who do not take the exams within 6 months will be given an appropriate enlisted rank. They may re-apply 12 months after leaving the Academy. Passing the cadet exams is now a requirement to become a starship officer and a future starship commander. An SFA Policies and Procedures Manual is available if you have any questions.

Enlisted personnel take no Academy exams at all. Enlisted members may choose to become officers in the future, but please have them contact Membership Services or the Academy. prior to taking the Academy exams.

The Academy has a new email address! Please send inquiries, completed exams, or other correspondence to academy@sfcq1.com.

Ship Upgrade
By Rose Compton, CO
USS Mighty Mississippi



As of 01-01-2013, the Mighty Mississippi upgraded to a light cruiser status, placing the crew in the small ship category. We are now a 'Prometheus' class vessel and it is my understanding that we are the first with this type ship in SFC.

Part of our reason for choosing the Prometheus class ship was its design. As our chapter is based along the banks of the Mississippi River, the arrowhead design will serve as a reminder of the great Native American history in this area. As we step into the future, we should always remember our past.

Our designation is now; USS Mighty Mississippi NCC 201151-A. When we first formed, we chose our numbers to represent something of a history we were hoping to accomplish. 2011 equals the year we formed and 51 is the district/area the Captain and First Officer live in. (Yes, we began in area 51... How cool is that??) The 'A' now equals our move upward or at the very least; a small step toward the ships maturity.

The Command Staff and crew would like to thank the Admiralty board, for their approval and their blessing. We hope to live up to expectations. We'd also like to Thank Alan and Heidee Thompson of Thompson Ship Yard (Coal Valley IL- SFC chapter) for their work on the seal and ships plaque.

Sandy Sundstrom



From the USS Halsey - We regret to announce that Sandy Sundstrom, one of our long-time crewmembers, passed away on January 27, 2013. She and her husband, Paul (who was Fleet Commander after Don Dailey), were some of the first members after our new family-friendly ship split off from the USS Excalibur way back in 1990. She liked to joke that she was older than dirt. Sandy was known for her loud laugh, great cooking and rock-hard determination. Woe to anyone who went up against her bidding in a charity auction! If her mind was made up to have an item, then have it she would. And the culinary delights she brought to meetings were out of this world.

Brownies, chili and devilled eggs -- all were welcome additions to our meals. She had a great heart that never quite healed after Paul's death. She will definitely be missed. We hope you are safely with Paul and Don and all the other members of the Ambassador Corps, looking down on us from above and remembering all the good times we had together. Godspeed!

Respectfully submitted,

VADM Mary Bischoff
Commanding Officer, USS Halsey NCC-2868A

U.S.S. Mighty Mississippi Promotions

By Lt. Ed Ciccarone

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 and 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 and 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. RoseCompton, Lt. Ed Ciccarone and Cadet Gerry Pearson.

Sci-Fi to Sci-Fact!

By RADM Paul Sylvester
Chief of Information Technology



When I first started my adventure as the Deputy Chief of Information Technology and Listserv Administrator, I was a youngling! Nothing could have prepared me for the journey that lied ahead. Let's be straight, like an arrow, I Joined Starfleet Command for several different reasons but holding positions on the Admiralty Board wasn't the main one. I simply love Science fiction and believe in my heart of hearts about the chain of command! I am an avid blogger for almost a decade and I know about Technology; where it came from and where it is going.

You see, when we first saw the portable Tablet in the original Star Trek series, it was a precursor to what the tablet can do now. This is my dream; that what we see on TV and the movies to become a reality. Just like in Back to the Future II, where we see hover cars. I expect that to happen in the near future. I don't know how it will happen or when, but I think it is a likely outcome.

So, having seen the possibilities from watching Science Fiction, I can't wait to see what people will think of in the movies and on TV shows. It is bound to spark people's imagination. Read more at <http://bit.ly/yijoinfc>