



HYPERCHANNEL



The Trekonderoga Convention By LT J.G. Steven Robinson

I recently spent two days at the second annual "Trekonderoga" Convention in upstate New York - a pleasant 3.5 hour trip, in spite of the weekend rain. Upon arriving, I checked in with our own Willie Yee, and I also got to meet two of the head honchos behind the Convention's main attraction, the Original Series Set Tour -- Jim Cawley, the driving force behind Retro Studios and the *Star Trek: Phase II* fan film series, as well as Ed Miarecki, *Star Trek* model-maker and prop-builder extraordinaire.

I quickly learned that this was one small convention where you didn't have to go searching for the guest stars - Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood, Louise Sorel, Beverly Washburn, Barbara Luna, and Felix Silla. Later, they all came to the studio set, located at 112 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga.

Cawley, an Elvis impersonator by trade, started collecting *TOS* artifacts in 1997, and acquired a set of the original stage blueprints while interning on *ST:TNG*. Over 15 years and \$100,000 have gone into his fan labor of love, along with his assistants ensuring that their sets were as complete & accurate as possible.

However, fan film production stopped when the legal brouhaha over *Axanar* broke out.

Needing a way to keep his studio going, Cawley came up with his officially licensed set tour, which opened this past July and will run through at least Halloween.

Jim was kind enough to personally take me around the sets - a full-sized, working recreation of the original Desilu Soundstage 9, laid out exactly as it was fifty years ago. Bridge, Transporter, Sickbay, Engineering, Briefing Room, Quarters, Corridors -- it's all there, along with a selection of well-known props, ranging from tribbles to 3-D chess sets to McCoy's medical gear to Spock's harp.

I was quickly made to feel like an honorary member of the Retro Studio 'family.' I'm happy to report that I've been given a standing offer to return whenever I wish. And -- our 'starship,' the USS Henry Hudson, also has a standing offer of a discounted group tour of the studio -- that is, assuming we can assemble enough members for a possible road trip back up north. 'Away Mission,' anyone?

Retro Studios *Star Trek TOS* Set Tours are currently open every day except Mondays. Visit their website, <http://startrektour.com/> for details and ticket prices.



Aboard the Enterprise bridge, striking a thoughtful pose in the Center Seat.



A closer look at the Helm/Navigation console

UPCOMING EVENTS!



Shipwide Assembly – Saturday, Sept 24, from 6-9pm in Poughkeepsie. Contact the Captain for an invite.

Star Trek Attack Wing – Saturday, September 3, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the Dragon's Den

Family Sci Fi Game Night – Saturday, Oct. 8 6-9pm @ The Dragon's Den, Poughkeepsie Plaza Mall

Away Mission to USS Intrepid NYC – Saturday, October 15, Enterprise, Starfleet Academy Experience.

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Ex Astris – Scientia!





Star Trek 50 at Las Vegas

By ENS Willie Yee

Day One, Wednesday August 3

Irene took care of registration for us: no lines! Met someone I knew every twenty minutes. Said hi to Barbara Luna and JG Herzler. Went to Leonard Nimoy tribute. Cried. Saw Gowron, Martok, and B'etor panel. Laughed. Viewed Bridge and Transporter simulations. Lots of costumes. Some cool, some crummy. I think I will be the most authentic TOS when I dress up Thursday. Bought a few minor items from vendors. Talked to folks at G&T Show & Star Talk radio. Latter will interview me later. Did interview with the Roddenberry crew on how Star Trek changed my life. Cried again. Went to see Cirque. Most amazing staging I have EVER seen. Backstage tour from one of my daughter's friends. Astounding. Uniform tomorrow. Psyched.

Day Two, Thursday August 4

Spent day in TOS costume. Red shirt. Didn't die. Got my sideburns touched up at the MAC booth. Cried and laughed a lot. (I have become a crybaby in my old age. Tearing up all the time.) Got to see both Nichelle Nichols & Whoopi Goldberg. Did interview with UFP radio. Talked to LV Star Trek club people. Saw blooper reels. Liz had never seen them before. Rom and Nog in costume. They really brought out a lot about those characters in their discussion. I want to see DS9 again. Someone left me a note saying how awesome my car was.

Day Three, Friday August 5

Autographs from Michael Dorn, Levar Burton, and Denise Crosby. Appearances: George Takei, Gates McFadden, Levar Burton, Brent Spiner, Denise Crosby, John de

Lancie, Nana Visitor, Terry Farrell, Nicole de Boer. Irene showed up in her giant tribble costume. Instant hit. Caught Nichelle Nichols coming to the MAC publicity shoot. Joined the Planetary Society. Bought another pair of Spock ears. Cheap. Saw the fantastic 50/50 art exhibit.

Day Four, Saturday August 6

Up early for costume parade. 100s of costumes. Amazing creativity. Pulled the Zhang Heng near the entrance for display but nobody came. Got Vulcan eyebrows done by MAC cosmetics people (see right). Listened to CBS marketing dude talk about new projects. Great video of our Original Series Set Tour. Virtual Reality game looks very cool. Talked to a lot of folks about the Set Tour and gave out flyers. Some of these folks will definitely be coming eventually. Heard the Shat live for the first time. Scratch that off my bucket list! Other panelists: Kate Mulgrew, Michael Dorn, Jonathan Frakes, Mirina Sirtis, Walter Koenig. Got Mirina's autograph on Enterprise E print. Wil Wheaton the only one left. Wesley Crusher. Do I care? Helped Irene through the Costume contest. The judges were not as impressed as the fans were, so she did not make the finals. Concert of Star Trek Music by the Nevada Pops. Fun, but performance and acoustics left much to be desired. Highlight was the Inner Light Suite.

Day Five, Friday August 7

Skipped morning's events to have breakfast with Liz and Irene. At Irene's request, wore TOS costume one more day. Took many photos.

Shakespeare and Star Trek panel had Robert Picardo and Duncan McNeil do the Kirk/McCoy bummed out birthday scene (TWOK) in Shakespearian style. Celebs on stage: Andrew Robinson, Armin Shimerman, Cirroc Lofton, James Daren, Rene Auberjownois, Jeffrey Combs, Steven Behr Tribute to Gene Roddenberry. The DS9 Rat Pack show to close out. Great fun. Tired. Now marathon driving trip home!



ESN Willie Yee and LCDR Mini Singh represented The USS Henry Hudson at the Creation Entertainment's Las Vegas Official STAR TREK Convention 2016



Limited Availability!

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