



Mississippi Current



October 2016



Captain's Log

Cpt. Rose Ciccarone

This has been another busy month for the crew. With all the conventions and outings, we begin to wind down the summer. Sort-of... Many of us have plans to carry us well into November. The Mighty M. crew got together again this month for our annual picnic. Several of our long distance members put forth an extra effort and came to town.



Special thanks to Bunny (Alexandra) Brueggeman and Katie & Alex Haugen for taking the time to travel just to join us.



The month also included some trial runs with gingerbread. (More to come on that later.)

Our next Gingerbread trial will be 10-22 at 10:00 am.

Our October meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 15th at 3:30 PM, at the Eastern Ave library branch.



XO Files

Cmdr. Ed Ciccarone

The following officer's ongoing contributions to SFC and Mighty Mississippi business, participation in club events, involvement in community projects, and her charitable work has distinguished her as outstanding club member. As such, Starfleet Command has granted her a promotion in rank.

Medical Officer, Katie Haugen, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

The U.S.S. Mighty Mississippi would like to congratulate her on her promotion, and thank her for her exemplary service.

As of September 2016, Lieutenant Mike House has served aboard the U.S.S. Mighty Mississippi for a period of two years.

As of October 2016, Lieutenant Alex Haugen & Lieutenant Katie Haugen will have served aboard the Mighty Mississippi for four years.

Additionally, Lieutenant Rhonda Haller will have served aboard the Mighty Mississippi for three years as of October 2016.

During that time, they have been exemplary members of the crew, serving with honor and distinction. We are better for having them aboard, and as such, I would like to thank them for the contributions. Please join me in congratulating them on their Mighty Mississippi membership anniversaries!



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Words of Wisdom

“Two possibilities exist: either we are alone in the Universe or we are not. Both are equally terrifying.”

— Arthur C. Clarke



Ship's Log

What we do as a chapter.



Half chocolate fudge and half red velvet.
(A special thanks to Amber's Cake Creations)

Lots of food!!!!



Official score keeper, Bunny (Alexandra) Brueggeman kept us all fair and above board.

The 3rd weekend in September is reserved for the Mighty M's annual picnic. Each year we get together, play some games, share some good food, visit, get some fresh air and commune with nature.... Sort of...(we swat mosquitos, when necessary.) ☺

This September 17th was no different. Mother Nature was kind and gave us a good day with temps in the 80's, a gentle breeze and lots of sunshine.

As well as local members, long distance Mighty M. members Katie and Alex Haugen as well as Bunny (Alexandra) Brueggeman traveled to join us for this one day event. Other SFC chapter's included USS Iowa members; Pam and Tom Webster and Adrienne LeBlanc & Dennis Cox along with TSY's Alan and Heidee Thompson.



Where to sit?



Double bags tournament!!



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Crew's Log

As a chapter, we enjoy our time together, but our lives are so much more than just that.

Crew's Log is devoted to what we (as members) do outside of ship projects.

Lt. Joyce Stanfield

Got together with my "foster family" at Star Trek Mission New York. Captain Starshine and her



crew always embrace me when I visit he city. Although I'm an officer aboard the USS Mighty Mississippi the crew of the Henry Hudson graciously includes me in their activities.

Mission New York September 2-4 2016

CBS and ReedPop added unexpected nuances to the usual Star Trek Convention experience.

The 60 person celebrity guest list featured franchise stars as usual but was expanded to include writers, producers, professors, entertainers, broadcasters, and a curator from the Smithsonian in that total.

The customary cast presentations with Q and A were done as usual. The enhanced program also offered lectures, breakout sessions, panels, demonstrations, and the usual photo and autograph ops. Additionally there was a choice of several presentations about and tributes to Leonard Nimoy. An auction of his personal items was authorized and presided over by his son Adam. In all there were sixty-six sessions available to attendees.

The Javits Center near Times Square is a massive venue. The promoters thoughtfully provided an app for downloading onto convention goers various

devices. It made navigating the floor plan much more manageable. In some instances it would have been impossible to reach one's sessions on time without a map. The rooms of chosen panels were seldom in proximity.

Highlights of the vendor's hall were a replica of the Enterprise Bridge for photo ops and a USPS cancellation station for the recently issued Star Trek commemorative postage stamps. Along with those attractions were a gaming zone, a bookstore, a Star Trek store, and hundreds of square feet of vendor's tables/stalls.

For off-site Star Trek experiences in New York the USS Intrepid Museum offered The Star Trek Experience and the Starfleet Academy Interactive Experience. Both are a fitting 50th Anniversary Tribute to Star Trek.



Lt.'s Alex & Katie Haugen

After the picnic, Katie and Alex; along with their special guest; made a side trip on their way back to St. Louis. (A specialty at 'Build a Bear' Quad Cities)





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Lt. Joyce Stanfield

A Golden 50th

The Westin Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois was the stage for showcasing "50 Years of Star Trek". There have been and will be similar celebrations through the month of December but the Chicago Creation Star Trek Con was unique as it began on the actual date, September 8, that Star Trek debuted fifty years ago. At 11:00 p.m. 9/8/2016, in Westin's Benchmark Lounge, some 40 glasses were raised as were voices and the Captain's Oath recited. "Space, the final frontier...." followed by a celebratory clinking of glasses and drinking of a toast. The cheer that followed signaled the beginning of an amazing weekend. The Fantom Battalion, whose attendance has doubled or more since last year, organized and lead this kickoff activity.

The Convention opened Creation style. The celebrity guest list, not as long as Vegas or NYC, was further reduced by three last minute cancellations. In true Star Trek spirit three replacement guests came on board with little notice and entertained very well. Some celebrities really seem to care about fans. The guests appeared on stage singly, in pairs, or in groups for the customary talks and Q and A. Entrances and exits were punctuated by selections from the wonderful stage band. Some celebs couldn't resist cutting a step or two.

Other Con highlights were presentations by the Tenutos (they rock) and Richard Arnold (a fountainhead of information). As expected a tribute to Leonard Nimoy, recognition of Star Trek IV - The Voyage Home, its 30th Anniversary, and the Star Trek First Contact film's 20th Anniversary were on the agenda. Most anticipated was a presentation/discussion of Star Trek Discovery whose debut is eagerly awaited.

This year's costumes were as varied as they were well done. The contest did not disappoint. There

was even a Horta. I don't recall every having seen it portrayed. The Vegas style "Rat Pack" show, an homage to Frank and company, was incredible! The pre-show photo op with the guys in their tuxedos was so well received and took so long it actually delayed the start of the show.

Fast-paced bidding and big price tags are what make an auction exciting. The no minimum bid feature of Creation's auctions makes theirs even more exciting and certainly more inclusive.

The Fantom Battalion's leadoff toast on Thursday and subsequent gathering for their group photo on Saturday definitely upped the festive ante of the weekend.

So we celebrated Star Trek's 50th Anniversary in grand style. More than a few purchased their Gold passes for Creation's Star Trek 2017. Star Trek lives!!





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Lt. Mike House

Shared a meal at 'Field House' with the crew. Pictured are Lt. Mike House, Cmdr. Ed Ciccarone and Specialist Bunny (Alexandra) Brueggeman.



Community Commitment

Lt. Joyce Stanfield

Recycling Day.

First load.



Second load.



Lots of magazines and circulars.



Checking the office bins.

Spc. Matt Hebron



My brother has turned 30! To celebrate we went out to dinner and after wards we went to the Analog bar for some good times. We had a blast playing some retro arcade games together. We made the daily top scores on the Terminator shooter game. He almost set a high score in the ghost buster's pinball game, while I kept trying my hand at the Star Wars pinball. I attempted to play both Star Trek pinball games but they seemed to be the most frequented of all their pinball machines.



Fleet News

Starbase Indy... November 25th, 26th, & 27th. The annual Starfleet Command meeting.

Wyndham Indianapolis West
2544 Executive Dr. Indianapolis, Indiana
Make your reservations now.



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Alternate Universes

Kellie's Korner

Submitted by: Spc. Kellie Hebron

Movies

The Girl on the Train

Universal has debuted a new trailer for the adaptation of the book *The Girl on the Train*, starring **Emily Blunt** as the titular girl on the train. Blunt plays Rachel, a woman living her life after divorce, taking the train every day to and from work. One day watching a family a few houses down from where her ex-husband lives, she notices something weird. The next day Rachel wakes up and hears that another woman went missing and becomes invested in trying to find out what happened to Megan, where she went, and what exactly she herself was up to that same night Megan went missing. The ensemble cast includes Haley Bennett, Luke Evans, Rebecca Ferguson, Laura Prepon, Edgar Ramírez, Allison Janney, Justin Theroux and Lisa Kudrow, but I'm still not sure it'll be any good.

Christine

The Orchard has unveiled an official trailer for Antonio Campos' film *Christine*, the fictional version of the story about **Christine Chubbuck**, the Florida news reporter who shot herself on live TV, in the 1970s. In addition to Rebecca Hall, the cast of this includes **Michael C. Hall**, **Tracy Letts**, **Timothy Simons**, **J. Smith-Cameron**, **Maria Dizzia** and **John Cullum**. It's a very bleak drama that shows just how sad the state of news has become, with similar themes as *Nightcrawler*. The poster for this is also one of the best posters this year.

Comics

Champions #1

Following the fallout of CIVIL WAR II, Avengers Ms. Marvel, Nova and Spider-Man strike out on their own — joined by Cyclops, Viv Vision and the

Totally Awesome Hulk! Six young heroes determined to change the world — and they're only the beginning! Catch this first issue when it hits shelves on October 5th.

Books

Yesternight

From the author of *The Uninvited* comes a haunting historical novel with a compelling mystery at its core. A young child psychologist steps off a train, her destination a foggy seaside town. There, she begins a journey causing her to question everything she believes about life, death, memories, and reincarnation. I absolutely love mysteries, and given this author's past success, I have high hopes for this one.

Video Games

Shadow Warrior 2

Coming to PCs on October 13th, this sequel follows Lo Wang five years after the first game. Despite noble intentions, Lo Wang's efforts to annihilate the darkness corrupted the world, creating a strange and savage new order where humans and demons live side by side. This game offers Four Player Co-Op, Procedural Environment, Brutal Damage System, and a Custom Upgrade System.

Batman: Return to Arkham

Coming to consoles on October 18th is a package of two of the Batman Arkham games, *Asylum* and *City*. Both with fully remastered and updated visuals. *Batman: Return to Arkham* includes the comprehensive versions of both games and includes all previously released additional content. For the asking price of \$50, it isn't a bad deal if you missed the chance to play these games when they were new in the beginning! Catch this first issue when it hits shelves on October 5th.