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Captain's Log

Cpt. Rose Ciccarone

The month of October has flown by and as we watch the green leaves turning to yellows, oranges and reds, we know the year is approaching its end. That means Starbase Indy and the yearly SFC meeting are just around the corner. Those of us attending SBI are eagerly making plans and getting items ready to pack.

On the local level, that also means the 'Festival of Trees' and Holiday's with family and ship mates.

For 'Festival of Trees', our first ever attempt at gingerbread is meeting with some obstacles, but we are not beaten yet. Several ship members have met almost every weekend this month to 'roll' out the kinks and 'frost' the bread in an effort to donate to the festival. ☺

While we continue with our projects, we'd like to wish everyone a good and enjoyable All Saints Day 11-1 and Guy Fawkes Day 11-5.

Veteran's Day is 11-11 and Thank you for your service! Happy Thanksgiving to those who will celebrate. And remember SBI Day 11-26. (Yeah... ok, so I made that last one up!)



Words of Wisdom

"Captain, we're receiving two hundred and eighty-five thousand hails"

-- Lt. Wesley Crusher (*Parallels*)



XO Files

The XO Files – October 2016

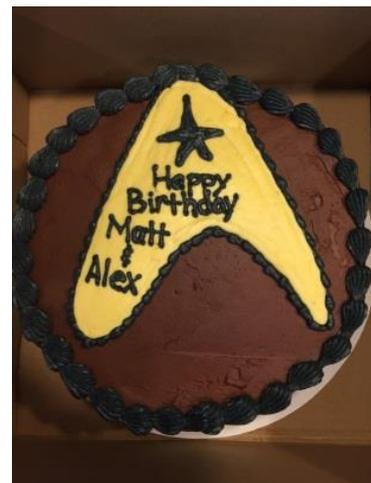
As First Officer of the U.S.S. Mighty Mississippi, and on behalf of the crew, I'd like to wish belated happy birthdays to Lieutenant Alex Haugen and Specialist Matt Hebron. In October they both successfully navigated another heliocentric orbit. Happy Birthday Alex & Matt!!

I'd also like congratulate crewman Trish Pelarenos and Marc Domask on their upcoming nuptials .



Ship's Log

Our monthly meeting was held on October 15th, with several local members in attendance. We began club business at 3:45 PM and concluded at 4:15 PM. We had fun things to do.... After the meeting we gathered at the 'Jersey Grill' to enjoy a meal together. Once there, we celebrated the birthdays of members Matt Hebron (locally) and Alex Haugen (long distance). Along with the meal came the cake.





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Ship's Log continued...

We spent most of the October weekends together, working on projects.



Lt. Haller mixes....



Lt. House frosts and decorates...



Both Specialist Hebron's eat....

What... wait... I meant taste test.

(More to come)



Community Commitment

by: Joyce Stanfield



Race for the Cure headquarters.



Race gear is in place. Going to represent SFC as I strive to implement the Mighty M's community outreach. The Arkansas contingent of Capt. Rose's Mighty M. crew is alive and well.





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Alternate Universes

Submitted by Bunny Brueggeman

Bob Dylan Wins Nobel Prize, The First Musician to Win the Award

Bob Dylan has won the *Nobel Prize in Literature*, an honor that elevates him into the company of T. S. Eliot, Gabriel García Márquez, Toni Morrison and Samuel Beckett.

Mr. Dylan, 75, is the first musician to win the award, and his selection on Thursday is perhaps the most radical choice in a history stretching back to 1901. This now sets off a debate about whether song lyrics have the same artistic value as poetry or novels. Some prominent writers such as Stephen King, Joyce Carol Oates and Salman Rushdie, cheered the choice.

Sour grapes??? Some other authors called the academy's decision misguided and questioned whether songwriting, however brilliant, rises to the level of literature.

"Bob Dylan winning a Nobel in Literature is like Mrs. Fields being awarded 3 Michelin stars," the novelist Rabih Alameddine wrote on Twitter.

Jodi Picoult, a best-selling novelist, asked, "I'm happy for Bob Dylan, "But does this mean I can win a Grammy?"

Many musicians praised the choice with a kind of awe. On Twitter, Rosanne Cash, the songwriter and daughter of Johnny Cash, wrote simply: "Holy mother of god. Bob Dylan wins the Nobel Prize."

In its citation, the Swedish Academy credited Mr. Dylan with "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition."

And you just can't take that away from him.... As for the decision to award the prize to a musician signaling a broadening in the definition of literature, well, "the times they are a-changing!"

Mr. Dylan, whose original name is Robert Allen Zimmerman, was born on May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minnesota at St. Luke's Hospital (yes, the same hospital Bunny Brueggeman was born at in 1955) Although Bob and his family moved up to the Iron Range and Bunny stayed in Duluth.

Mr. Dylan's many honors include Grammy, Academy and Golden Globe awards. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988, won a special Pulitzer Prize in 2008 and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.

The Nobel comes with a prize of 8 million Swedish kronor, or just over \$900,000. The literature prize is given for a lifetime of writing rather than for a single work.

"Today, everybody from Bruce Springsteen to U2 owes Bob a debt of gratitude," President Obama said at the medal ceremony. "There is not a bigger giant in the history of American music. All these years later, he's still chasing that sound, still searching for a little bit of truth. And I have to say that I am a really big fan."



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Kellie's Korner

Submitted by: Spl. Kellie Hebron

Movies

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Five years since we left a grown-up Harry Potter, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger with their respective families on that platform at King's Cross Station, we are plunging head-first back into J. K. Rowling's magical universe once again. In the run up to being introduced to a whimsical wizarding world stateside in *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, we're gearing up to collide with a kaleidoscope of new characters and boisterous magical creatures at the heart of Prohibition-era New York City – a time period sprinkled with familiar elements borrowed from the seven Harry Potter novels we've wholeheartedly adored for almost two decades. The David Yates-directed *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* (the first of five) release date for US theaters will be on November 18, 2016. According to the Motion Picture Association of America, the latest on the feature is that it will proudly boast a PG-13 rating, meaning that the movie will certainly pack a punch when it comes to action while remaining accessible to younger audience members. Although we will certainly see some character overlaps with the Harry Potter world (for one, don't we hear Professor McGonagall's voice in the teaser trailer and a mention of Albus Dumbledore in one of the trailers?) in the upcoming movie, the majority of the *Fantastic Beasts* characters will be new. Many of us might already know that the upcoming movie is based on a 2001 book written by J. K. Rowling under the pseudonym of Newt Scamander. Naturally, we can't expect all of the beasts featured to make an appearance in the movie version.

As it stands, the second installment of the series will be released on November 16, 2018, followed closely by the third installment two years later on November 20, 2020.

Dr. Strange

After *Captain America: Civil War* kicked the doors of the Marvel Cinematic Universe Phase 3 wide open earlier this year; we're now eagerly looking forward to the next installment in the series – *Doctor Strange* – which lands in the US on November 4, 2016. Like in the comics, it appears that this little cape has a mind of its own – and it's certainly taken a liking to *Strange*, as Baron Mordo points out in amusement. The big news – which comes as no surprise to anyone – is that *Doctor Strange* has seemingly been officially tapped to appear in the hotly anticipated *Avengers: Infinity War*. At least, that's according to Benedict Cumberbatch himself. While the first *Doctor Strange* trailer focused on the origins of *Doctor Stephen Strange*, the Comic Con follow up really expanded upon what we'd seen before, and gave us a better look at Baron Mordo, Kaecilius, Wong and Christine Palmer. It also showed us a tentative, unsure *Strange* – very different from the arrogant neurosurgeon he is when his journey to greatness, and redemption, begins. *Doctor Strange* will be directed by Scott Derrickson – an interesting choice for a Marvel movie given that Derrickson is best known for his work in the horror genre. Based largely on the work of *Doctor Strange* creator Steve Ditko, the screenplay was penned by Thomas Dean Donnelly and Joshua Oppenheimer (*Sahara*, *Uncharted*) with Jon Spaihts (*Prometheus*) and C. Robert Cargill (*Sinister*) co-writing.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell no Tales

Yep, just when you thought the beast was dead and the kraken laid to rest beneath the seas, here it comes to rear its head again above the waters. It's been a long time in development; in the works over at Disney since way back in 2011, and yes Johnny Depp is back as Captain Jack Sparrow. The *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise went from strength to weaker, weak and finally the weakest with



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'On Stranger Tides'. But it looks like this next iteration — described as a "reboot," though still following

the continuity time-line of the previous films — could be the one to breathe life back into the franchise. The first film was a runaway hit, with studio execs not expecting such an overwhelming critical and commercial success from the pirates genre, which hadn't performed well in decades. It was the campy humor with the supernatural twist and Johnny Depp's portrayal of the instantly iconic Captain Jack Sparrow — who has arguably one of the best character introductions in Hollywood cinema — that instantly captured the imaginations of audiences. After all, it was the breath of fresh air about the first film — *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* (released 13 years ago now, man how time flies!) — that made it such a success, and it's looking like *Dead Men Tell No Tales* is aiming to capture that same element here. Believe it or not, it's been over five years since the last film in the franchise was released. And the franchise is set to return next year, as *Pirates Of The Caribbean 5: Dead Men Tell No Tales*' release date is May 26, 2017. The *Pirates Of The Caribbean 5* plot involves Captain Jack Sparrow's quest for the legendary Trident of Poseidon, which will give him control over the entirety of the oceans. However, Sparrow seeks the trident not for his own purposes, but in order to defend the seas from new character Captain Salazar (Javier Bardem). Salazar, after surviving the Devil's Triangle, returns with a ghostly pirate crew to claim vengeance upon Sparrow, whom he blames for the death of his brother. So far the whole thing sounds pretty close to the theme of the original, which is a very good thing. However, *Dead Men Tell No Tales* will not completely ignore the *Pirates* canon, which is a good thing because it means we may see a resolution to the Davy Jones storyline with the introduction of the mysterious Henry. *Dead Men Tell No Tales* is directed by Norwegian film-making partners Joachim Rønning and Espen Sandberg — popularly known as Roenberg — who

also directed *Marco Polo*, *Kon-Tiki* and *Max Manus: Man of War*.

Video Games

Watch_Dogs 2

Depending on who you are and what your job is, San Francisco is either the LED-lit city upon the hill, or an insanely expensive, increasingly stratified near-dystopia. It's also home to a lot of the video game industry — so maybe it's inevitable that the city would once again become the setting for a sprawling open-world video game. *Watch Dogs 2* is trading in the red-bricked rendition of Chicago of the first game for the contemporary Bay Area, with all its high-tech triumphalism. It makes perfect sense: What better sandbox for a game about the free-form hacking of a city's computerized brain? Its initial release date is November 15th for Xbox One and PS4, with a release for PC dropping on the 29th. I'm just hoping this time they release it with less bugs.

Pokémon Sun and Moon

The latest addition to the Pokémon franchise, *Sun and Moon* are the first set of Generation VII Pokémon games, coming for the Nintendo 3DS worldwide. Set to hit the 3DS market on November 18th, I expect these games to fly off the shelves. Especially considering the recent announcements of having the return of our old friends Red and Gary from *Red, Blue and Yellow* (and *Green* for those lucky few who can read the Japanese text), make sure you get your copy before the initial wave runs out.

Books

Hawkwing's Journey

For fans of the *Warriors* series, book 9 *Hawkwing's Journey* is releasing on November 1st. An epic stand-alone adventure in Erin Hunter's #1 nationally bestselling *Warriors* series! Set just before the events of the books in *A Vision of*



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Shadows, this Super Edition follows Hawkwing, deputy of SkyClan, on a journey that will change the fate of all five warrior Clans.

Turbo Twenty Three

The latest book in the Stephanie Plum series by Janet Evanovich is set to be on sale November 15th. Larry Virgil skipped out on his latest court date after he was arrested for hijacking an eighteen-wheeler full of premium bourbon. Fortunately for bounty hunter Stephanie Plum, Larry is just stupid enough to attempt almost the exact same crime again.

You can check out Kellie's Korner each month to discover a few upcoming movies, videos, books and games.

Robotic Duel

Submitted by Spl. Matt Hebron

Is the future of Security and protection finally upon us? United states based Robotics company MegaBots has challenged their Japanese rival Suidobashi Heavy Industries and their robot KURATAS to a duel. Suidobashi Heavy Industries already has their KURATAS for sale for around 8 Million dollars, but their idea and design was for security and order. None of the KURATAS weapons were meant to harm but for crowd control. It would be a great deterrent when hosting a sporting event where things tend to go wrong afterwards. MegaBots robot was built, well, because it could be. The Mk II was designed as a dueling fighting robot with paint cannons but could be used for the same applications as the KURATAS. Suidobashi Heavy Industries accepted MegaBots challenge with the condition that there would be melee combat. Now both companies are going through redesign phases to incorporate melee combat into their designs.

