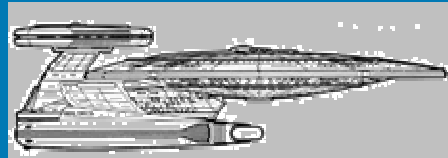


The Challenger



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Star Trek Quote:

"Truth is an excuse for a lack of imagination."-
Elim Garak

The Captain's Log

By: Captain Pam Michaud

Star date 0606.07 Hope I got that right

Can you believe it? The USS McNair won the Region One Annual Award Chapter of Excellence? Even though it's second place next to Chapter of Excellence, it still isn't a shabby little award. It takes a lot of work and effort on the part of the Chapter and its personnel to win either award. We also won handbook of the year award and I was awarded the Jonathan Archer Award (rookie CO of the year). Believe me; I was up against some stiff competition. I want to congratulate the crew for a job well done.

When I first joined the McNair around 1999 I never expected to be an Ensign let alone the Commanding Officer. It took a lot of hard work to get to where I am today. You have to deal with a lot of things on a daily

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From The Ferret Nest

*By: Captain Frank Parker
(the XO)*

ConCarolinas is behind us now and I want to thank all that were able to participate and helped with the Starfleet recruiting table. The Con Chairman was very happy to see an active Starfleet presence and indicated he hopes this presence will continue for years to come. We also made a few good contacts including a new relationship (we hope) with K.A.G. (Klingon Assault Group).

When I look back on media conventions (not to be confused with literary conventions like World Con) I remember the old Creation Cons, which mostly dealt with Trek. In those days Star trek was King of the Hill. As other science fiction shows such as Dr. Who, Star gate, Star wars, etc became more popular, they were added, and as the numbers of fans grew for each of the new series Star Trek fandom seems a bit watered down. Now with no movie or running TV show some fear Star Trek will fade away. I don't believe that because though

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Meeting Minutes

By: Captain Pam Michaud

Online Meeting Monday May 15, 2006

Present: Gerry Kiely, Frank Parker, Tina Davis, Stephen Stott, Pam Michaud, Ree Clark and honorary McNair member Dennis Relyea.



We have Dennis Relyea as a honorary member. He's a member of the USS Alaric. Stephen Stott, a former Commanding Officer of the McNair introduced himself. We ascertained that members Tina Davis is Vulcan/Betazoid, Frank Parker is full Romulan, Lance Davis is Ferengi/Human, Dennis Relyea is Ferengi/Human and Pam Michaud is Romulan/Vulcan. Topics discussed were the upcoming ConCarolinas being held in Charlotte NC June 2-4. There will be McNair members attending to help with the SFI table as well as there will also be a Filk table. Larry and Frank will be Filking at ConCarolinas. Gerry is donating a VHS 4 box set of STNG Data episodes that has The Offering, Measure of a Man, Hero Worship and Descent parts 1 & 2 that he is donating for us to raffle at ConCarolinas. Pam is donating two Hallmark ornaments Jean-Luc Picard, and Klingon bird of prey to be raffled too. Our trek to Frankie's Fun Park was mentioned. Frank is the POC for the VA Christmas visit to the veterans this year. He asked for suggestion for fund raisers for this. Ideas given were car washes, bake sales, collecting cans, and contacting Wal-Mart for a grant given to non profit organizations. Dennis is going to the Region One Summit this year and we asked him to take lots of pictures.

The Monday night online meeting will be held the second Monday of the month.

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basis whether you want to or not. You field questions and try to get answers to the ones that have you flummoxed. You are bombarded with ideas from all members on how things should be done and what should be done. I'm not complaining, I truly enjoy being Commanding Officer of the McNair. As CO I serve at the pleasure of the crew. Which means they can vote to have me removed as such if they wish?

Star Trek Quote:

"...I would be delighted to offer any advice I can on understanding women. When I have some, I'll let you know."- Picard to Data

On a lighter note we had an away mission to Frankie's Fun Park May 21st and the USS Starleague from N. Augusta joined us. We played miniature golf, but were rained out for go carts. Starleague Ass't CMO Michael Mann won the miniature golf trophy. June 2-3 we had an away mission to ConCarolinas where we rubbed elbows with Storm troopers, Jedi Knights, Star gate personnel, Filkers, Pirates, gamers, you name it. Klingon Karaoke was a little bit interesting, but fun.

Captain out....

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From the Ferret Nest cont from page one...

the original series only lasted 3 years that run and TOS in syndication spawned 4 more television series and 9 movies. There may have been only four of us at ConCarolinas in fleet uniform, but there were many more wearing costumes and uniforms of the other genre' whose fan involvement started with Star Trek and still have a love for the series. As we approach the 40th anniversary there are still plenty of hard core fans that will keep Gene's dream alive.

Challenger Center 10th Anniversary

These are pictures that should have been in the last newsletter but were not due to an intelligence error (mine) so I am including them now so that everyone can see them.....Enjoy!



Capt Pam and Beverly Challenger Center 10th Anniversary



Keith and Beverly Challenger Center 10th Anniversary

Star Trek Quote:

“One ship against an entire fleet....that’s a helluva plan B.”- Dax to Sisko “The Sacrifice of Angels”

Counselor's Report

By: Lt. Commander Tina Davis

Star date 05062006

Counselor Tina Davis Reporting

We are back from ConCarolinas and all worked very hard this past weekend. There were many, many tables. There was a table from KAG, Storm Troopers, SG, K-9 Rescue Team, Pirates, Shadowmoor LARP, to name a few. There were two Jedi's and a Princess Leia. There were Filkers and Gamers. Besides working hard we did have time for fun. The Captain and I signed up for information from the SG table. We also checked out the Dealers Room. I checked out the Shadowmoor LARP. I kept going back there and fighting with them. They said that I was a good fighter and they invited me to LARP with them. It was very therapeutic. I also checked out the Filk. I found that I enjoyed it very much. There was a Klingon Karaoke. As much as I like karaoke, I opted to check out the Filk instead.

On Saturday, the Captain, First Officer, and I were on a panel with the only Klingon that showed up for it. We discussed what the Klingons would do in a situation and what the Federation would do. Afterwards, we sat at the table. We had people sign an anniversary card for Star Trek. The Commander will be sending it to Paramount. We got many to sign it. We also got another person to sign up for info. We also had many that took a pamphlet of the McNair. I sat there with the First Officer, until lunch. After, I sat there awhile and then went to look around. Around about 6, I went and got myself ready for the LARP. Sarah, one of the LARPer's, made my face up. Weren't much, just a few dots over my left eyebrow, and a few dots under my right eye. She also put purple on my eyelids. I had fun. The only thing major that happened was that I ended up in a red ant nest and got chewed up, a few cuts and scratches, and one nasty bruise. I was invited to their next event.

On Sunday, we packed up and went down and packed up the table. We then headed for home. It was a very good, tiring weekend, but very prosperous.

Live Long and Prosper,
Counselor Davis

