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“Welcome to the Future”

“Space.... My God It's full of stars”

EDITORIAL

By Cmdr. Karren



Boo Fox boo Fox, how dare you cancel Star Trek the Original Series (TOS) and putting free style fighting in its place.

For those of you who like to watch two men bashing each other's brains in well, watch ESPN I, II, they're known to air that kind of stuff and other, let's say less popular sports. In my opinion.

Look at it logically. 5:00 o'clock or 1700 hours Saturday evening all other station are rapping up their sporting events for the day.

This would be a good time to show TOS. Then at 10:00 o'clock or 2200 hours show fighting match's because this would free up your late night spot and I think it would be a good place for it right before Mad T.V.

Second on my mind, not knocking the clubs choice of a motto but I still prefer in my opinion “Exploring the Last Frontier or Alaska's motto: North to the Future

I know the club is into having fun. I have problem in that, that's fine, have fun.

But I believe the **Sol** should have a more professional look.

Not saying forbid fun all together.

The meetings are business and should stay that way. After the meetings is where the fun beings. Exp. Watching Sci-Fi's Friday line-up. Maybe some other actives TNG or TOS Monopoly or some other games. Because let's face it. Some of us, as Yours Truly, doesn't have Cable or Satellite. So missing three episodes a month you can get lost if it's in continuous story as TNG was, “sort of”.

P.n. This particle publication is about four months old and a lot has happen in last four. However I no intention of changing it.

Call me lazy Sheon, If you like.

For those of you who shop at the Asian Food Mart, it has moved to Aurora Dr. crossed from truck cargo terminal.

Thirdly, your editor's E-mail has changed. To tora@acsalaska.net.

CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM

By Captain Brain Swift



Captain's Log – Stardate 10805.28

Well summer is here and I'm hoping to start revisions on our radio script in the next few days. I've already got the second draft of Act 1 done. I should mention that my wife and I will be out of town on the date of the July 4th Star Trek Club meeting (given that it's a holiday it probably would have been canceled anyway).

However I'm expecting to get the final polish put on the Lords of Time DVDs so that they can be handed out at the August meeting – which will be the club's 25th Anniversary! So I believe a BBQ on our back porch in August is in order!

Executive Officer Report

By Cmdr. Mike Wyant CMO,
XO Sol USS



My fellow ship-mates of the USS Sol, I'm writing this news-letter article as an official apology to you for being negligent of my duties as first officer.

For the last three ship meetings, I have not attended. I didn't send word or any other notification prior to the drawn-out explanation of excuses could not be listed,

but I will be honest and to the point. My personal life interfered and I did not schedule my activities very well I still believe we have a great crew; we belong to a great ship.

Our numbers are increasing as the word spreads around Fairbanks about our club. Let's keep this up. The radio play is getting closer to becoming a full fledged reality. I think this will be the Sol's greatest year yet. Again, I am sorry for being absent, and promise to meet with you all for our May meeting. Until then, keep smiling.

COMMUNICATION NOTES

By Adm. Carol Thompson, Chief of Communications

MEETING NOTES:

The first half of 2008 we had an attendance varying between 6 and 9 crew-members and visitors. Our STARFLEET membership remains above required minimum strength.

However, our associate members are encouraged to join STARFLEET International and enjoy the full benefits of belonging to an organization that spans the world.

In January, Holly Swift was promoted to Lt. J.G.

The Bowling activity had fewer and fewer participants until I ended up not reserving any more lanes until such time as the crew wants to resume the activity.

With an erratic attendance, it has been difficult to continue rehearsals on the radio play. When more people are dedicated to the project, it will be resumed.

Captain Swift reported that when the DVD of "The Lords of Time," our last fan-made crossover movie, was shown at a Dr. Who convention, it was received well, the comedy and the effort put into the film appreciated. Brian also treated us to a slide show of the people at the convention.

At the April meeting it was announced that Ben Runyan, the young man that played our shapeshifter in our last movie, took his own life. The crew was deeply saddened to lose him. A memorial reprinted for the Fairbanks Daily Newsminer appears at the end of this newsletter.

Mike Wheat underwent intestinal surgery and came out a whole lot better than he went in. When he returned, he gave us a blow-by-blow description of what was wrong and how it was fixed.

Beginning in March, we began planning for the USS Sol's 25th Anniversary party.

The Sol is the longest-running chapter

in Region 10 and is geographically the farthest north chapter in STARFLEET. Celebrations will include a specially made birthday cake, a pot luck, and entertainment as we think it up!



At the June meeting, I announced that I took over command of the USS Atlantis, A correspondence chapter formed in Australia and currently in Region 10. The XO (and creator of the chapter) wanted it to remain in Region 10, and so, by the rules of residence of a Correy chapter, I stepped into the position. This action keeps a multi-national chapter in Region 10.

The USS Atlantis contain members from New Zealand, Canada, Alaska, and the lower 48. We took in members of decommissioned chapters in Canada as well as people who do not live near a meeting chapter.

Though I will remain in the area and attend USS Sol meetings, the chapter will have to find other people to assume my duties and change the signator on the chapter account, as I am only an associate member now.

The crew voted to retire the 421st Marine Strike Group, since no one is currently interested in the Marine side of STARFLEET. I will, however, remain the Region's Officer in Charge for the STARFLEET Marines.

The International Conference will be shown via webcam Those with broadband are encouraged to tune in.

THE CRITIC'S CORNER

REVIEW ON THE MOVIE TRANSFORMERS

By Cmdr. Karren

"Robots in disguises"

Is an adequate movie. A few high points, one was the percent time setting with the A-10 Warthogs or (*tank killers as I call them*) and the F-7 Rafters, but we must remember when the movie was made when the Rafter was an experiment aircraft and not in production. This made this movie rather near future.

I've only seen two or three of the cartoons. So for my limited knowledge I guess the movie follows the cartoon somewhat, the names are same and vehicles are the same, but like I said I haven't seen too many of the cartoons.

Two: and one of the best parts of the movie is the geek gets the girl.

Now for a down point, in my opinion but it's true in most situations. Is that kids know more about computers than the grownups

It also shows how some people dismiss kids, even if they know what they are talking about.

I'm not saying that true for everybody because there are people in this club that know more about computers than I do and they're older than me as well.

The movie; War games, is a good example of this. We all know at the end a kid saves day and diverts World War III or IV depending how you look at it.

(Explanation for remark) The Revolutionary War: In this war the former English Colonies and England were not only ones involved.

France, Spain and India were also involved.

France was blockading India's ports to stop the export of tea which was causing headaches for India and England.

Privateers and/or also pirates hired by the Colonies, and Spain were attacking English ships as well as sinking and looting them.

This was disrupting commerce for England and its allies so also entered the war.

"That my history lesson for the day."

REVIEW ON TERMINATOR: THE SARAH CONNER CHRONICLES

By Captain Swift

Right before I began watching this series I checked out the first 2 Terminator films. I then watched all 9 episodes of this series. Despite the fact that none of the actors in the first film appear in the second I was still surprised at how smoothly this series followed on from the second movie. Aside from some minor issues with the date of the second film (which could have been corrected by changing two numbers) it really does feel like a continuation. The new actress that played Sarah Conner does a very good job of projecting Sarah's mannerisms and personality. While the new John Conner is a bit different all the changes are for the better.

The writers wisely realize that they have no hope of competing with the Terminator Movies in either the category of special FX or action sequences. And so they focus on giving us a complex, but well thought out plot that arcs over several episodes but never gets stuck in a rut.

The show is constantly developing and I never felt like I knew what was going to happen next. They do provide us with some action sequences and those that appear do seem to be well thought out. They do a good job of emphasizing the violence and brutality of an attack by a Terminator. The show isn't afraid to have a little fun with itself or the franchise and avoids the

pretentiousness of other long running franchises (TNG I'm looking at you). The final fight at the end of the first season is (despite its obvious low budget nature – indeed BECAUSE of its low budget nature) one of the coolest/funniest things I've ever seen and is the definitive point where I realized that this was the best new series I'd seen since BSG premièred (And I don't even like Johnny Cash!).

The Terminator TV series has been picked up for a full length second season which will begin airing this fall. So be ready.

"I'll be back."

STORIES

By Carol Thompson, reprinted from Ursa Major Fanzine, 2000

History of the Sol

The first USS Sol was a Constitution Class starship. With an all-Alaskan crew trained in arctic biology, engineering, medicine, and defense, she set forth to explore the northern regions of known space. At the end of her second five-year mission, she was dry-docked at the McKinley Shipyards, where she was refitted and upgraded. Outfitted with the most advanced space laboratory and equipment, she resumed her northern explorations.

In 2221 she encountered a time rift near Polaris and entered the rift to record its unique effects on time and space. The rift was unstable, however, and the Sol and her crew ended up in the 24th Century.

Starfleet was pleased to have a pristine ship so completely outfitted for her mission and allowed her to continue her mission.

Many of the original crew have transferred to explore the many opportunities in the 24th Century and so the Sol continues with people from previously unknown planets. Klingons, Sheons, Betazoids, Cardassians, and Romulans have joined Terrans, Vulcans, and Alpha Centaurans on this ship from the Last Frontier to meet the challenges of the Final Frontier.



Members at 20th Anniversary Party



NEWS

IC2008 Live Video Webcast

Events from IC2008 will be video webcast live. We expect to webcast the opening ceremonies, general session, closing session, and other events.

During non-scheduled webcasts, a webcast station will be set up in one of the meeting rooms. During this time, attendees will be able to interact with webcast viewers throughout the day. A live text chat room via the Fleetchat IRC Network will be setup for two-way communication.

Depending on activity and the webcast schedule, this webcast interactive station may be moved around to different locations within the meeting space.

Tentative webcast schedules will be posted soon via the IC2008 website and on various mailing lists.

Live video with sound will be pushed out via Windows Media format, which almost any computer running Windows 98 or above

should be able to view with no need for additional software installs. Macintosh users who have a current version of QuickTime installed should be able to view the webcast with no problems. You must have a high speed internet connection to view the live webcast.

All scheduled webcast events will be archived, and made available for later viewing or download. The live webcast will be supplied at no cost to viewers, but consider buying a Supporting Membership if you intend to attend the conference remotely. Follow this URL to purchase a Supporting Membership
<<http://www.ic2008.org/register.html>.

Check <<http://www.ic2008.org/>> for additional webcast information.

- Capt. Dan Adinolfi for the IC2008 staff
IC2008 Conference Chair USS Accord -
Ithaca, NY

In Memorium

Benjamin William Runyan, Fairbanks 1974 - 2008

Our beloved son, Benjamin William Runyan, was just 33 years of age when he died on March 12, 2008, at his home in Fairbanks.



Ben began life in Ozark, Ala., on Dec. 19, 1974. He started school in Laie, Hawaii, where

shoes were optional, but he moved to Alaska in 1982, where boots were the norm. He was a gifted child, a son, a brother, a grandson and a friend, and he will be missed by his family and friends.

Ben was a perfect child. He was beautiful and fast, quick in mind and always cheerful. His blond hair will dance in our mind's eye forever, running with his friends across fields and down hallways, laughing at his discoveries and growing into a fine, strong son.

He was an exceptional student, completing all the mathematics available at North Pole High School by his sophomore year, and continuing at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. His creative mind leaped to original thoughts and new solutions unseen by others. He enjoyed soccer throughout his life and also participated in track, drama and the academic decathlon in high school. He enjoyed

being a Boy Scout, working with computers and being with friends. He was a joy.

Ben attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and spent many years with quality control at Flow Line. He enjoyed northern dogs and started breeding Norwegian elkhounds while in high school and his last dog, Callie, was a husky mix. He was an avid reader, with particular interest in science fiction, had an extensive collection of comics and made friends around the world through computer gaming teams. He enjoyed Scrabble, particularly with his Grandma Runyan, and he may be the only person who actually read the Q and X sections of the dictionary to discover new words to play. Ben attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and spent many years with

We will remain eternally grateful for the many friends and extended family that touched Ben's life, particularly to the Swift's who became a second family.

Ben is survived by his grandmother, Gloria Runyan; his parents, Thomas and Susan; his brother, Nathaniel, and his sisters, Naomi and Amanda.

Memorial services were held at 6 p.m., Friday, March 21, at North Pole Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 331 E. Eighth Ave., in North Pole and at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 22, at Fairbanks Funeral Home, 3704 Erickson Ave.

Arrangements were by Fairbanks Funeral Home and Crematory. [Note: Ben Runyan played the shapeshifter in our fan film "Lords of time."]

Benjamin William Runyan, Fairbanks 1974 - 2008



The Shapeshifter

Sol Searching: Lords of Time

May the Creator take you into His loving arms and give you Peace.