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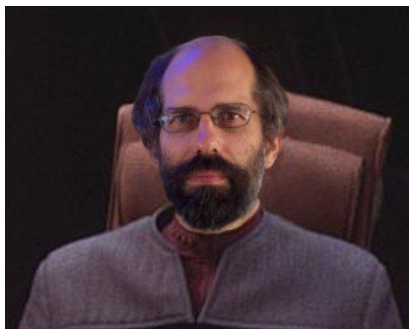
USS Commonwealth NCC 74670 June/July

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Captain James Cecil

Greeting crewmates! I'm James Cecil your Commanding Officer of the USS Commonwealth NCC 74670. I've been a member of STARFLEET The International Star Trek Fan Club Association, Inc. for the past six years. I'm looking forward to working with everyone on bring the USS Commonwealth back into the fleet. I know that each and every one of you are wondering what my plans are for the USS Commonwealth.

First off is attracting more members to the USS Commonwealth via flyers, STARFLEET Communiqué Channel One Region 1 Newsletter Local Newspaper ads, MySpace, MyYearBook, Trekspace, as well as through convention circuit. Sec-

ond is constantly updating the Commonwealth web site with new features as we grow. For this undertaking I'm thinking of forming a web design team to help me with the our web site. I've done pretty good thus far. However, I'm certain there are other crewmembers out there that have some web site creation experience that have an idea that I haven't even thought of to add to our site.

Third, Attend the next Region One Summit and some conventions being held around here locally to me. Fourth, look into some charitable activities that we as a group can undertake. I'll definitely form a charity committee for this. This committee's sole job will be to research charities that we may want to contribute our time and raise money for.

And Fifth, attract more members to the USS Commonwealth via, flyers, STARFLEET Communiqué, Channel One Region 1 Newsletter, Local Newspaper ads, MySpace, MyYearBook, Trekspace, and convention circuit.

I even see the Commonwealth one day conducting a regional summit or maybe even a STARFLEET Marine Muster. And speaking of the STARFLEET Marines, The USS Commonwealth

does not currently have a Marine Unit on board the ship. If any crew member wishes to form a Marine Unit you have my consent and support to form one.

For now I'll close this letter out and will let you continue reading the rest of the INTERCOM.

Captain James Cecil
Commanding Officer
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Poll Results By Captain James Cecil

Here are the results of the polls done back in June

June 5th Poll Question:

Are you in favor of having membership dues for the USS Commonwealth to help pay for our web site, chapter newsletter, and membership dues to Starfleet for those members of our crew that wish to join Starfleet but find themselves in a monetary short fall in their budgets.

CHOICES AND RESULTS

- Yes, do support membership dues for the USS Commonwealth, 1 votes, 50.00%
- No, I do not support membership dues for the USS Commonwealth, 0 votes, 0.00%
- Undecided, 1 votes, 50.00%

June 6th Poll Question:

Does our Current Membership Handbook and Constitution need any more work do to it?

CHOICES AND RESULTS

- Yes, our current membership Handbook and Constitution needs more work , 0 votes, 0%
- 2 No, It is fine, 2 votes, 100%
- Undecided, 0 Votes, 0%

June 21st Poll Question:

Should the USS Commonwealth use a promotion point base system to award its members for the various activity levels undertaken by each member.

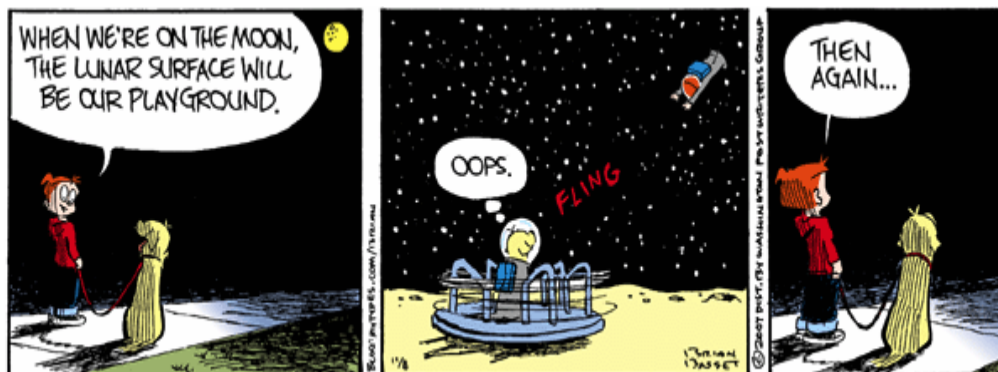
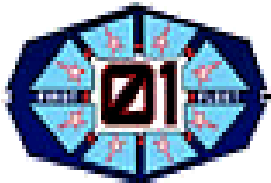
This system would include Regional activity that the member lives in as well as any STAR-FLEET level activity. The system would also be used in conjunction with a time in grade system too.

CHOICES AND RESULTS

- Yes, this is a great idea!, 2 Votes, 100%
- No! We should just use a Time In Grade system, 0 votes, 0%
- Undecided, 0 Votes, 0%

All three polls were conducted via the USS Commonwealth yahoo group site at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/USS_Commonwealth_NCC_74760

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Editor

Welcome to the first issue of the USS Commonwealth's newsletter Intercom. It my sincere hope that you come to find our chapter newsletter fun and informative.

The Intercom is currently going to be published on a bi-monthly basis. This will each any every crew member time to get articles written up for publication in our newsletter as well as allow time for its layout. Article, photo, and graphic deadlines for the INTERCOM are:

August/Sept: September 30, 2008

October/November 30, 2008

December/January: 30, 2008

The formats for articles can be standard ASCII text, Rich Type Text, Word Document, Standard e-mail, or as a PDF File and sent to the following e-mail address of jcecil5@adelphia.net with the subject line header of "INTERCOM Article Submission". For snail mail please have your article typed out and double spaced and send it to the address below:

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You may also send photos for publication too. Photos sent for publication can be in JPG, GIF, or BMP formats. All photographs must clearly note who is in the photograph as well as who took the photograph. If you don't have the ability to send your photograph in as a JPG, GIF, or BMP you can still send it in to INTERCOM via regular mail at the above address. Be sure to send a self address stamped envelope so that I can return your photograph to you after I have scanned it in. The dead line for the next issue of INTERCOM is September 30, 2008. So get your pencils sharpened, dust off your laptop, take a few photos and send them to The INTERCOM!

Those Northern Lights By Captain James Cecil

Scientists working with NASA have discovered the source of the Northern lights, the Northern Lights are caused by substorms in space, that comes from the magnetic fields.

"The data shows clearly and for the first time that magnetic reconnection is the trigger," said Professor Vassilis Angelopoulos at the University of California, Los Angeles who is the lead investigator of the NASA-funded mission known as THEMIS (Time History of Events and Macroscale Interactions).

"Reconnection results in a slingshot acceleration of waves and plasma along magnetic field lines, lighting up the aurora underneath even before the near-Earth space has had a chance to respond. We are providing the evidence that this is happening."

The released energy from this is the result of the aurora borealis or Northern lights. The substorms also wreak havoc on satellites, power grids and communications systems.

The findings are published in the journal Science.



Greetings!

The Department of Technical Services (DTS) is seeking talented artists to help execute engineering drawings of starships and space stations. The selected candidates will create engineering schematics from rendered or photographed images, work with groups creating new vessel designs to visualize those concepts, and extrapolate from existing schematic images to create other views that may not as yet exist. This work is both technical and creative, and requires both an understanding of Star Trek's technology and an ability to accurately draw Star Trek space vehicles, either by hand

Wanted: Artists for Starship/Station Schematics

or by computer.

Volunteers can apply to serve on a stand-by basis, taking on projects on a periodic basis, or may volunteer for just a single project with no long-term commitment. All that DTS seeks is a willingness to contribute and the talent to do so with quality work.

To volunteer for a project, please contact DTS and include the following:

- 1] A brief description of abilities and experience relevant to creating schematics. This can include either "real life" or STARFLEET experience.
- 2] An estimate of how quickly one can produce detailed and accurate drawings.
- 3] Top plan and side elevation drawings of any one of the following starships:
 - * Constitution-class heavy cruiser (Original Series Enterprise)
 - * Enterprise-class heavy cruiser (Enterprise from the "Classic Trek" feature films: refit-1701/1701-A)
 - * Galaxy-class large exploratory cruiser (Enterprise-D)

* Sovereign-class heavy cruiser (Enterprise-E)

[NOTE: Please submit one of only these four ships! Your creativity and ability to draw other vessels is appreciated and important, but by having potential artists submit drawings of the best known ships, it is possible to demonstrate ability to portray Star Trek's technologies, and it becomes easier to objectively assess everyone's relative capabilities.]

Drawings may be submitted in either electronic or hard-copy format, but if submitting electronic files, please be sure they can be printed out in black-and-white. In general, .bmp, .gif, .tif, and .jpg formats are preferred. Please check with me if you wish to use another format.

Send submissions to:

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Current projects needing attention include:

Athabaska-Class Exploratory Cruiser
 Australia-Class Battlecruiser
 Bonaventure-Class (as created by Meni for the 2006 Ships of the Line Calendar)
 Champion-Class Space Control Ship
 Edinburgh-Class Space Control Ship
 Falcon-Class Exploratory Cruiser
 Hermes-Class (Pegasus Variant) Scout
 Survey Vessel Antares ("Charlie X" Premastered)
 (Others to follow.)

Thanks for reading, and I look forward to hearing from you and seeing what you can do.

In Service...
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Channel One Region One Newsletter On line

The newest edition of the Channel 01 is now online for your reading enjoyment. Read what the USS Ohio and USS Columbus did. Read about the Heimdal's 24th anniversary. Do you know what the skywarn system is? Read about it in the USS Powhatan's article. All the awards are listed. What is Petfleet? Read all about it. Also the latest Treasurer Report is there for your viewing. Plus much more.

The PDF edition is on the region one web site at:

<http://www.regionone.net/R1/> Listed under the Regional News

Thanks to Ruth for uploading to the R1 web site. A big THANKS to all that contributed to the newsletter.

Thanks.

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Editor's note: If you can't get the Region One newsletter Channel One to download from the R1 Web site. You can find it on our web site by clicking on the documents button then the re-

cruitment button and finally the channel 1 button.

Star Trek Memorabilia for sell on eBay

By Captain James Cecil

Intergalactic, an eBay entrepreneur, is proud to announce the recent purchase of over 35,000 items from the inventory of Lincoln Enterprises. Long time Star Trek fans will remember Lincoln Enterprises as one of the earliest mail order companies selling Star Trek collectibles. Lincoln was owned and operated for decades by Majel Barrett Roddenberry and produced several hundred unique Star Trek collectibles. Their recent purchase includes all of Lincoln's T-Shirt, sweatshirt, jacket, and jewelry items. They have also purchased the bulk of their cloisonne pin and embroidered patches. Many of these items were not readily available to the general public (most were not listed on eBay). We have just finished listing around 200 new items from this collection.

Many of these items are listed at prices lower than previously listed by Lincoln!
There are some real bargains here and some of these items are in short supply.

Hope you have fun looking at these great Star Trek items.

<http://stores.ebay.com/Intergalactic-Trading-Company-Inc>

Word Search: Star Trek

James T Kirk
Spock
Dr Lenoard H McCoy
Montgomery Scott
Pavel Chekov
Uhura
Hikaru Sulu
Christine Chapel

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Eternal Trek By Captain James Cecil

Yes I'm aware that not all of us think about the last days of our lives or what kind of coffin or urn for that matter that we'd have our physical shells put in. But if your bored with today's selection of coffins and urns then may I suggest that you visit Eternal Image's web at and take a look at what they have to offer.

Eternal Image deals in making unique coffins and urns that fit one's passions in their life. Their product line ranges from a Vatican collection to feline association. In all this there's a Star Trek line of products too.

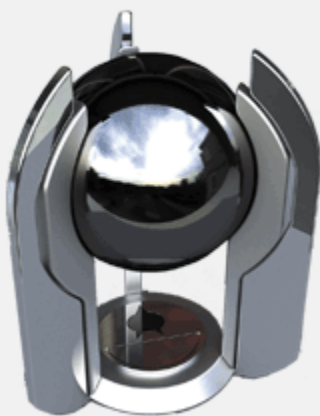
Star Trek™ Casket



Subject to design approval

At this present time the casket you see here is not available from Eternal Image and it really does look like a photon torpedo. Yeah the one that Spock was laid to rest in and shot from the Enterprise A towards the Genesis planet. If a Photon Torpedo Casket isn't what your looking for then they have a urn you can be put into.

Star Trek™ Urn



This Urn here from Eternal Image will cost you \$799. It does look like it belongs to the 24th century Star Trek time period. For more information about the Eternal Image Star Trek line of products or any of their other product lines you can visit their web site at <http://www.eternalimage.net>.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

