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THE END

The Final Month of the Chris Stephenson era!

And he's going out with a **BANG!**

The MaX-Files

CDRE Chris Stephenson
Commanding Officer



Hello everyone. This will be my last entry in the Captain's log as this will be my last meeting as Captain of the Maximillian. The preceding years have been good for the Max, the best they ever had been, and I am glad to have been at the helm to see it happen.

I have faith in whomever takes the helm and trust that the strides we have taken will continue. In celebration, I am invading this newsletter with my own pics. Especially since we have next to no submissions.

After the 'official' handover at the February meeting, I will be taking a hiatus of a few months from most Max activities, including website updating and newsletter production. I have some things that I'd like to do and once the Captaincy is in my rear view mentally I'll be able to focus on them. Think of it as me becoming Bilbo Baggins. "I mean to take a holiday, a very long holiday. I want to go somewhere quiet and finish my book." I expect to return but in what capacity I cannot say.

A few things about me that you may not have been aware which may explain why I kind of dropped off at the close of last year. I had some personal issues that I'm not going to discuss here, and with the continuing buildup of Max events and things and taking on far too much it burnt me out almost completely. After three and a half-plus years at that point I hit a wall, one I would caution the incoming command staff to avoid if at all possible. Of the two types of people, I'm a good example of an introvert, as most of the time I'd rather shut myself away and deal with things my self, not too much of a social person and like that. For introverts, they obviously can do things in front of people and speeches and so on but it takes so much energy to do so that at some point they just run out. With Max events, though enjoyable, I found I was running on fumes quite often, and the tank finally went dead around August. I don't feel right apologizing for it, I did as much as I could do at all times, so that's that.

I leave with a caution on fandom with the new movie coming. We are the leaders of fandom in this city, and with the new movie coming out we will be looked at more than ever. This truly is the last chance for Trek, if it bombs then it'll be four strikes and we're out, after the disappointments of nemesis, Enterprise, and Insurrection. By all rights we shouldn't have a movie, let alone one with a big budget, a popular director, and big stars. So I would suggest giving it a chance that you may think you shouldn't, even if things sound 'off'. It's a reboot not because they wanted to, but for Trek to survive they had to.

I also caution about politics. For too much of my Cap-

taincy I was involved in petty politics on ships that I wasn't even a member of. In the end, they were silly, and useless, and outside of a few that have made these things their lives they simply did not matter. I encourage everyone throughout fandom to keep their eye on the big picture and remember that this is supposed to be for fun, that this whole Enterprise (HA!) is based on a 40 year old campy cancelled television show. Just something to think about.

Thank you for your time and years of service,
Commodore Chris Stephenson



December Meeting Minutes

CMDR Nathan Cobaugh
Security Officer

Meeting minutes for December meeting/Xmas Dinner

Filling in for Babs this month is Skrit.

For those used to Babs' commentary in the meeting minutes, I apologize, as I tend to report meeting minutes in military style, without all the minute by minute play from the meeting. Regretfully, I do not have a laptop to facilitate that.

1730 Dinner is served, and everyone starts eating. Dinner music provided by Skrit via holiday CD.

1820 Ferengi Gift Exchange after everyone gets a gift, Skrit exchanges.

1845 Charity auction begins, over 4 tables of materials to

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Articles of the Federation

Lt. Todd McDaniel
Communications

ARTICLE 108

1. A GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED FEDERATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THESE ARTICLES OF FEDERATION MAY BE HELD AT A DATE AND PLACE TO BE FIXED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME ASSEMBLY AND BY A VOTE OF ANY SEVEN (7) MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION COUNCIL. EACH MEMBER OF THE UNITED FEDERATION SHALL HAVE ONE (1) VOTE IN THE CONFERENCE;

2. ANY ALTERATIONS OF THESE ARTICLES OF FEDERATION RECOMMENDED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE CONFERENCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT WHEN RATIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE STATUTORY PROCESSES BY TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED FEDERATION INCLUDING ALL THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION COUNCIL;

3. IF SUCH CONFERENCE HAS NOT BEEN HELD BEFORE THE TENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SUPREME ASSEMBLY FOLLOWING THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THESE ARTICLES OF FEDERATION, THE PROPOSAL TO CALL SUCH A CONFERENCE SHALL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THAT SESSION OF THE SUPREME ASSEMBLY, AND THE CONFERENCE SHALL BE HELD IF SO DECIDED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ANY SEVEN



Chris as Brad Majors in the Fishnet Mafia presentation of the Rocky Horror Picture Show

December Meeting Minutes

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be auctioned off. Holiday CDs for newsletter, are printed for members.

1900 Blobbin and Critch admire the Titan online during the auction.

1935 A brief Max meeting

Monthly dinner for December is cancelled due to holiday season.

DragonCon updates...nothing new other than ticket prices for individual.

Yule Ball highlights from our HPOhio reps.

Marcon discussion of possible skits to do, planning for stuff that the Max can do as Marcon is only 5 months away and that the convention center may still be under construction.

Origins updates from Will...Buy 1 tix get 1 free.

Blobbin talks of upcoming election rules and guidelines, absentee ballots to be cast by email, or the yahoo group with deadline posted online, votes will be tabulated at January meeting.

Isa and Lisa are awarded for being a major part of Context.

Erica presents Mike Stanley's platform, updates on Mike who is holed up at home playing Warcraft while healing.

1950 John Chubb arrives.

1955 Auction resumes, Todd departs for the evening.

2038 Auction ends, cleanup begins.

2100 The Exodus of the USS Maximillian for 2007. Happy holidays and Happy New Year!

Articles of the Federation *Continued*

(7) MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION COUNCIL.

CHAPTER XVIII
RATIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

ARTICLE 109

1. THESE ARTICLES OF FEDERATION SHALL BE RATIFIED BY THE SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE STATUTORY PROCESSES;
2. THE RATIFICATIONS SHALL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF PLANET EARTH, WHICH SHALL NOTIFY ALL OF THE SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS OF EACH DEPOSIT AS WELL AS THE SUPREME-SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION WHEN HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED;
3. THESE ARTICLES OF FEDERATION SHALL COME INTO FULL FORCE UPON THE DEPOSIT OF THE RATIFICATIONS BY THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE PLANET OF EARTH, THE PLANETARY CONFEDERATION OF 40 ERIDANI, THE UNITED PLANETS OF 61 CYGNI, THE STAR EMPIRE OF EPSILON INDII, THE ALPHA CENTAURI CONCORDIUM OF PLANETS, AND BY A MAJORITY OF THE OTHER SIGNATORY SYSTEMS. A PROTOCOL OF THE RATIFICATIONS DEPOSITED THEREUPON BE DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH SHALL COMMUNICATE COPIES THEREOF TO ALL THE SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS;
4. THE GOVERNMENTS SIGNATORY TO THESE ARTICLES OF FEDERATION WHICH RATIFY IT AFTER IT HAS COME INTO FORCE WILL BECOME ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED FEDERATION ON THE DATE OF THE DEPOSIT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RATIFICATIONS;

ARTICLE 110

THESE ARTICLES OF FEDERATION, OF WHICH THE VARIOUS LANGUAGE TEXTS ARE EQUALLY AUTHENTIC, UPON THE COMING INTO FULL FORCE OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS, SHALL BE TRANSFERRED BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR PERMANENT DEPOSIT IN ITS ARCHIVES. DULY CERTIFIED COPIES THEREOF SHALL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE SUPREME-SECRETARIAT TO THE GOVERNMENTS

OF ALL THE SIGNATORY SYSTEMS.

IN FAITH WHEREOF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS HAVE SIGNED THESE ARTICLES OF FEDERATION.

DONE AT THE PLANET BABEL STARDATE 0965

(FOLLOWED BY THE SIGNATURE SHEETS OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNATORY GOVERNMENTS)

The "Articles of Federation" are now complete. Thank you.



Chris as Ron Weasley at Wilmington



Chris as Brad Majors in the
Sci-Fi Fantasy Rocky Horror Special Show

Security Report

CMDR Nathan Cobaugh
Security Officer

Hello all, Happy New Year! I really do not have a whole lot to report this month due to the fact that I have been trying to get used to working second shift after working days for the past couple of years. By the time this goes to print, I will have completed by training at Chase and will be officially working as a CSR for Credit Card Services in Westerville. Finally, I have a job working full time with benefits. Now that I am working full time and making some money, I am actually able to focus on maintaining the music and the Mighty Max Adventures for the newsletters and the Maximillian. The only inconvenience is that it is second shift and I may not be able to get time off for the meetings and other Max functions. I will definitely see if I can get time off in May as CJ had indicated that he was hoping that Sandie might be able to cook for the Anniversary dinner. I know last month I had officially announced that I would stepping back from that position as I could not determine for certain if Sandie and I would be able to be available that weekend and/or the rest of the year.

My b-day is on the 16th this month and I have actually begun work for next year's music project, holiday CD that is. An arrangement of the Nutcracker Suite, the whole score arranged for keyboard. I am still in the process of ironing out music for the Maximillian project. So hopefully, if and when we do get everything going, there will be an official Maximillian soundtrack with original themes for the characters on the crew.

I am starting a new project as well in regards to the newsletter: bimonthly anime/manga reviews. Last month I included a review of AirTV. This month's Mighty Max Adventures is still running the Dr. Who story arc and includes the Daleks and a suprising twist. With this edition of the MMA, this should help kick in the new year...2008! See ya all, next month.

Wil Wheaton returns...as a tour guide

<http://www.trekweb.com>

TNG actor Wil Wheaton just got an invitation to the opening of [Star Trek The](#) Tour. Wheaton shot a 4-minute movie as his character - Wesley Crusher - for the Tour.

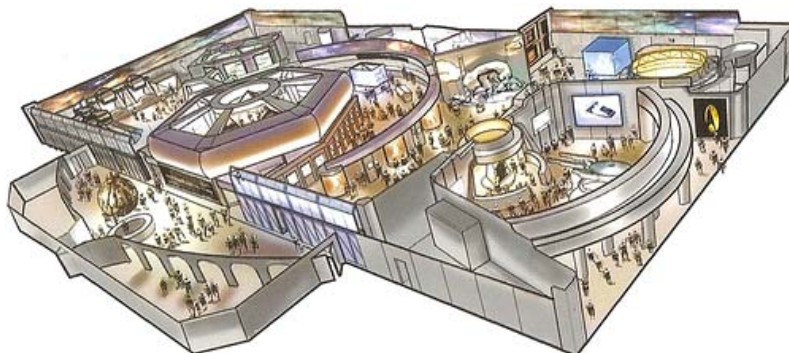
"Last week, I mentioned one of those "so cool I can't talk about it" projects." Wheaton wrote at his [blog](#) "Today, I can go ahead and reveal what it was: I composed that post about an hour before I put on pointy sideburns and a space suit, brought Lieutenant Commander [Wesley Crusher](#) back to life as the Assistant Chief Engineer of the U.S.S. Titan."

Wheaton is talking about a deleted scene which can be found at the [Special Edition DVD](#) of *Nemesis* which indicates that Wesley is commissioned and assigned as part of the engineering crew of the U.S.S. Titan (see photo).

"It's for [Star Trek: The Tour](#), which starts in Long Beach on January 17th, where it's going to live for about a month before it goes on a national tour later this year." Wheaton wrote

"I thought some WWdN readers may want to know what the thing's going to look like, so I scanned this picture from the inside of the invite." Wheton said in another post "This image is concept art, that pretty closely matches up to the blueprints I saw when we shot our thing last week."

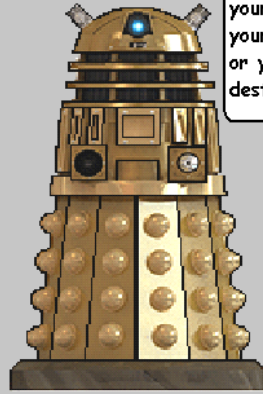
"Speaking of that film I shot, I wanted to clarify something: it's only 4 minutes long, and I doubt it's canon."



MIGHTY MAX Adventures

by **Skrit**

THIS MONTH:
THE DOCTOR IS IN...pt.3



We are the Daleks. You will surrender your ship and all your weapons to us or you will be destroyed.

I am the Captain of this vessel, and I am disinclined to acquiesce to your request.



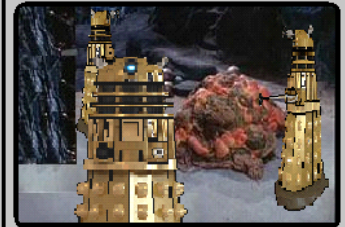
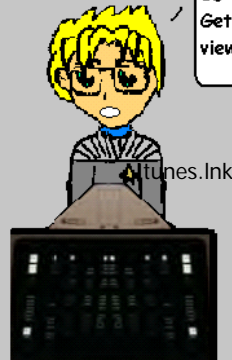
Wow, that is the first time I have ever heard Critch take that long to say to no. I better start on the Dr's plan right away.



Just make sure you reprogram your emitters with the correct information, Skrit. You only have one shot.



It appears that the Daleks have imprisoned CJ in the holodeck. Getting image on main viewscreen now.



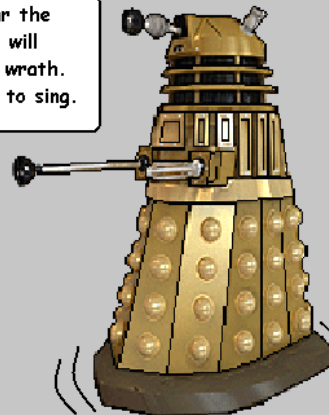
to the tune of Joyful, Joyful

You're on Skrit!



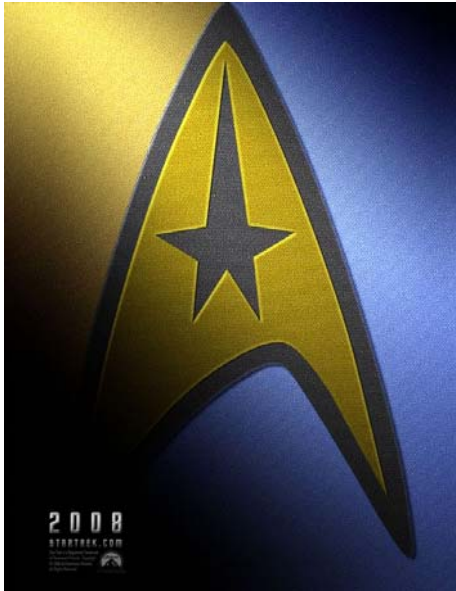
Maximillian, we adore thee, greatest ship of all the 'verse!

(singing) Da-leks hear the tune of gladness, we will spare thee from our wrath. Joyful tunes we love to sing.



Have a Happy New Year from the Mighty Max!

This edition of The Mighty Max Adventures is brought to you by Skritweb Productions.



Star Trek XI News

According to the [TrailerAddict](#) website, they have confirmed with Paramount that the trailer for the new [Star Trek](#) movie won't be arriving online until after it has had a chance in theaters, attached to the **J.J. Abrams** produced monster movie *Cloverfield*.

Paramount has also confirmed to the site that the trailer will appear online on Monday, January 21st.

According to the [Latino Review](#), the *Star Trek* teaser trailer shows the Constitution Class U.S.S. Enterprise being built.

[SyFy Portal](#) posted an interview with movie set designer **Dawn Brown**, who is working on the redesign of the sets of the starship U.S.S. Enterprise in **J.J. Abrams** [Star Trek](#) movie. Here are excerpts from the article.

"I think a lot of hardcore fans are going to freak out," Brown told SyFy Portal's Will N. Stape. "As far as I know, only the exterior of the Enterprise had to stay the same. I don't know if that came from J.J. or Paramount."

"I can't discuss any details, all I can offer is that you lose all your expectations of what Star Trek should be," Brown said. "If you see this movie with an open mind and take it at face value, you may have a great time."

The "Star Trek" sets have been full of surprises not just for fans, but for Brown as well.

"Actually, nothing came out as I envisioned," she said. "I am surprised every time I walk on stage. You can read into that however you like."

[CBS 2](#) in Los Angeles has posted a video interview with [Leonard Nimoy](#), which aired this Friday and Nimoy also talked about returning to the role of Spock in the new *Star Trek* movie. **Beware of spoilers.**

"I was able to identify with the inner life of that character and I think that's the most important thing that I could bring to it," he said.

"[I am Spock](#), and there is another Spock and there is *another* Spock. There are a total of three Spocks in the movie and that is all I will say about it." Nimoy revealed

According to [TrekMovie.com](#), *Star Trek* star [Leonard Nimoy](#) appeared Friday night on *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* and talked a bit more about **J.J. Abrams** upcoming *Star Trek* movie and his return to the older Spock role.

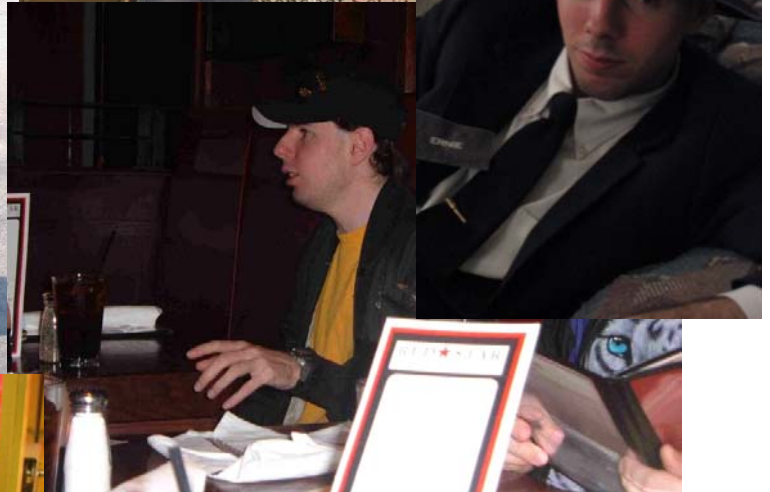
According to the site, Nimoy described Abrams movie as "a gigantic film." He said it was "spooky" for him to be wearing his Vulcan ears for the first time in 18 years.

Nimoy also confirmed the information that his friend [William Shatner](#) was not in the new [Star Trek](#) movie and that the reason was that his Captain Kirk character "was killed off like four movies ago." Ferguson noted that Spock was killed off and brought back in the TOS movies, but Nimoy said that "I was resurrected immediately, he has been moldering for quite a while."

The original report, with more from Nimoy, can be found at [TrekMovie.com](#)

The Next Performance of the Rocky Horror Picture Show
Will be:

February 2, 2008
The Punk Rock and Bondage Show
SHOWTIME: 11:30pm
ADMISSION: \$5.00
Studio 35 Cinema & Drafthouse
3055 Indianola Avenue
Columbus, OH
614.261.1581

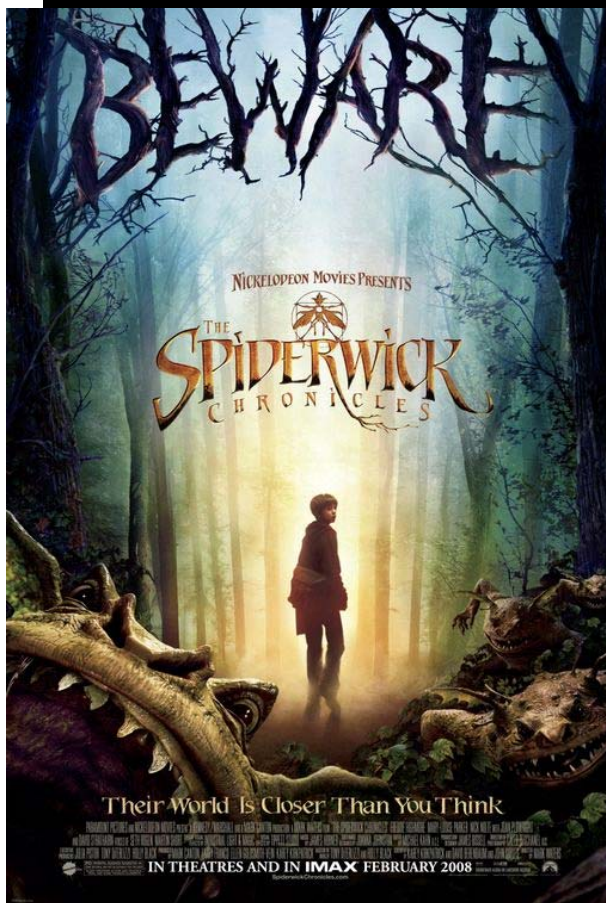
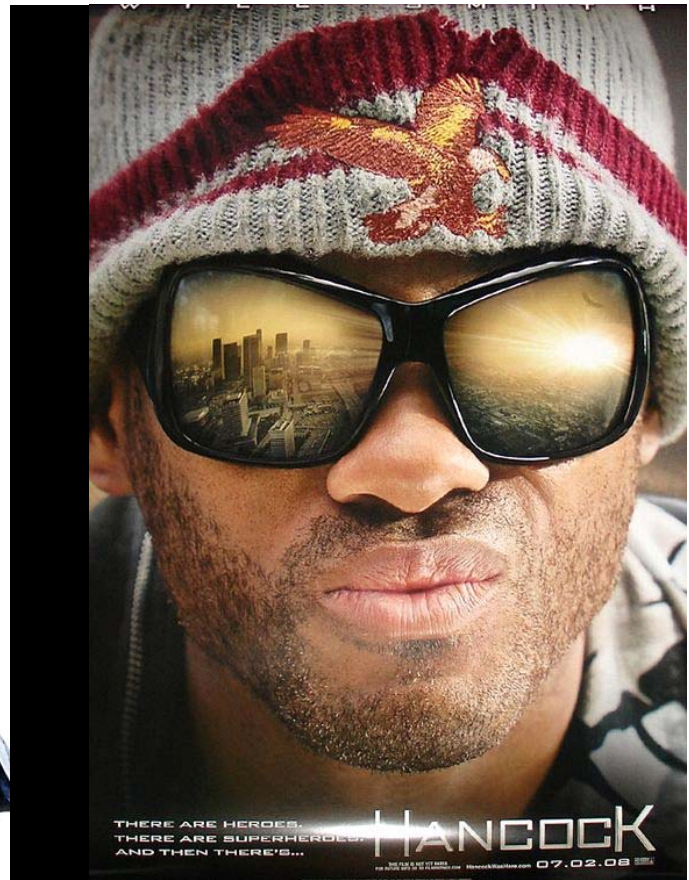


Gregtober 2008

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UPCOMING EVENTS

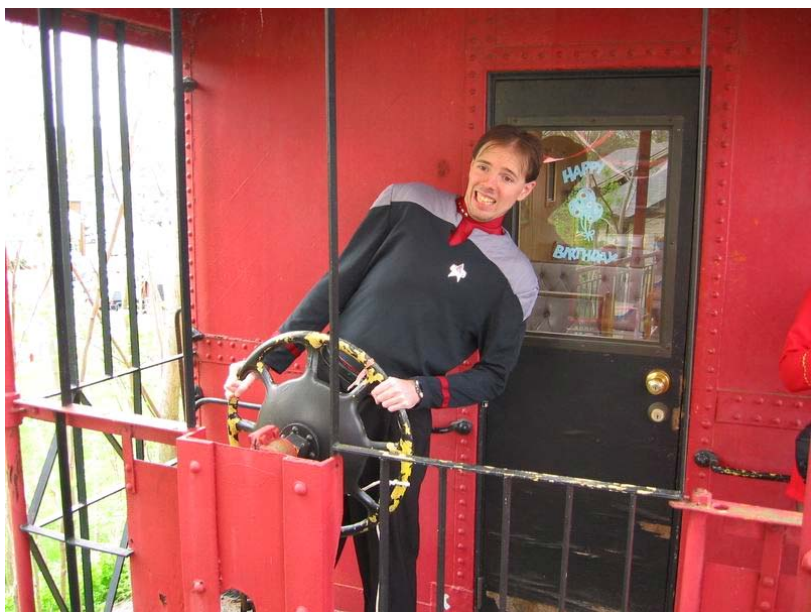
Every Monday at 8:30...TV night. Torchwood and other genre shows! Starts Jan 21st!

February 2- Rocky Horror at Studio 35—11:30 PM

February 9 - USS Maximillian meeting at Whetstone library — 5:15 PM

February 16 - USS Columbus Meeting at Karl Rd Library — 5PM

Whee!



**Candidates still
needed for the
following
Ship Positions**

Ship's Librarian
Command Staff Yeoman

Submissions for the February 2008 edition of the Mighty Max are due on **February 1, 2008**. Submit to maxsubmissions@gmail.com



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That's all folks.
-CDRE Stephenson