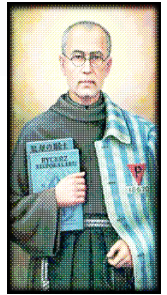


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L to r, Chris, Greg and Susan; At the traditional post Marcon meal at the steak place I can never remember the name of. But it's the good one with the awesome rolls and butter.



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The Max Dalek (one of the Biro children) and Richard at the Max Table.



L to r, Steve, Sean and Carol; Also at the post Marcon meal at the steak place, to be honest I didn't give them any warning I was going to take the photo.

FROM THE COMMAND CHAIR

CPT CJ BIRO, COMMANDING OFFICER

Another busy spring time has come and gone for the USS Maximillian and we have come through with flying colors.. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the summer, as we have earned our break. Marcon was an unparalleled success! While we did not have a masquerade entry this year,

We captured the best hall display award in a heated battle with SciFi Hero.Net, and The National Klingon Command. Pretty impressive for a local, independent group. The key to our successes, in front of, and behind the public eye is a willingness to think big, and adapt on the fly. While we cannot always succeed at every endeavor, we must never be afraid to try for the brass ring. You should never let a chance of failure deter you from trying something new, or different. Living a life in

fear of the unknown is not really living at all. Nothing in this life is certain, except that we are here now. Embrace the present, plan for the future, and never be afraid to try. Even if you do not get what you were planning on, you will still walk away with more than you had if you had never tried at all. Taking those first steps can be difficult, but that is why we have those friends around us to

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SECURITY REPORT

CMDR NATHAN COBAUGH, SECURITY OFFICER

Blast this heat! I have taken to hiding out at the gym lately trying to stay cool by going swimming. Gotta love summer. I had a good time at Marcon, hope everyone enjoyed it. I had a chance to meet one of the GOH at the con on one of the panels I was on. The intro to British Sci-Fi was a lot of fun. Simon Green, an author of numerous books and screenplays was there, he has worked with Stephen Moffat from Dr. Who and I enjoyed it a lot. He was also on one of the last panels on Sunday as we reminisced about previous Dr. Who incarnations. Really outstanding guy that had a lot of cool stories to tell from his experience in the field and about British science fiction. Overall, I thought that this years' Marcon was very well put together and cannot wait for next years' theme: Zombie Invasion. I was hoping to have a review of a book

or something, but alas, the merry month of May was just that. Merry. In other words just having a good time and trying not to kill myself by doing too much which I sometimes find myself almost doing. So at this point, just focusing on maintaining sanity. Had a few run-ins with the Klingons at Marcon and lived to tell about it. For the story arc on the MMA, am working on establishing the new refitted Maximillian which will take precedence over the next couple of months. Insofar as introducing new characters, there will be a couple of changes in the cast for the MMA, given that Babs has been transported to Canada. *wipes tear* Got used to having Babs around. So keep your eyes open for a new character to be featured in next month's edition. Until next time, this is your Chief of Security, Skrit, signing off.



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“OF DOLLARS AND CENTS”

CMDR ERICA STANLEY, SHIP'S PURSER



Happy summer, everyone! Well, almost. Here are the totals after the May meeting and Marcon. The expenses to report at this time are for two stamps to mail the donations to the Central Ohio Diabetes Association and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank for Operation Feed. The auction has

brought in \$319.75 so far with \$132.00 still to be collected. Half of each of those numbers will go into our charity fund. In addition to the numerous memberships (new and renewed) we received a very generous donation of \$40.00 for the ship's general operation from Janet Rajadhyaksha at Marcon. From the short time I spoke with her I found that she is a fan of Trek and Trek groups and just wanted to help us out. Thank you, Janet, from all of us ☺

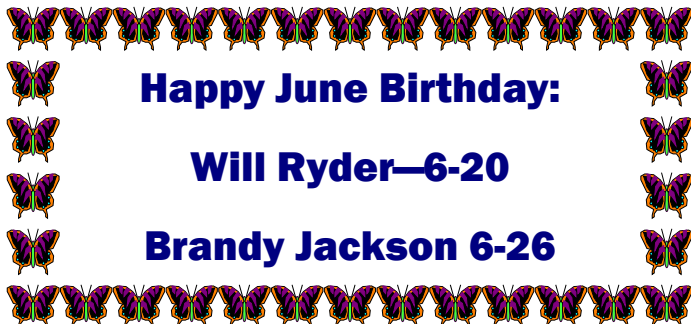
Total Balance: \$1,503.02
General Fund: \$1,299.60
Charity Fund: \$203.42
Expenses: \$0.88

New Memberships

Elizabeth Carnes
Matthew Lostletter

Renewed Memberships

John Chubb
Paula Dunn
Tommy Haire
Todd McDaniel
Steve Pompa
William Smith
Squirrelly Wilmoth



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FROM THE COMMAND CHAIR
CPT CJ BIRO, COMMANDING OFFICER

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encourage us to try, to give us a hand when we need it, and to pick us up and dust us off if we trip, so that we may try again. If it were not for the grand ideas of people like Lisa, the Interocetor would never have been more than a pipe dream, instead of a completed project that brought us new members, new admirers, and new friends. Never be afraid to go for the big

dream, because you never know where it will take you.

Captain Out

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Memberships Due within 3 months

- Craig Bushman-July
- Hydy Cates-June
- Rich Cates-June
- Keith Culbertson-June
- Liz Harrell-August
- Mandy Hoffelt-July
- Kathy Knese-July
- Jackie Roach-June
- Natalie Ryan-July
- Melody Senters-July
- Rachel Steiner-June
- Ryan Stump-June
- Richard Watson-June
- Ralph Winans-July

Memberships Past Due

- Natalie Fisher-May
- Ed Locke-May
- Sean Snyder-May
- Aine West-May

TREK MOVIE REVIEW

NO NAME ON THE ENTRY ??????

If you are expecting me to be some sort of salivating purist who can't accept any change of any kind....think again.

Starting out there may have been some concerns when the Romulan ship comes out of the black hold and George Kirk has to collide the U.S.S. Kelvin with it in order to get the crew safely away, including the newborn James T. Kirk who could probably have a legend written around him about being born in the fires of battle instead of on a farm in Iowa. Although he is raised in Iowa so that fits canon.

But what I have found is that much of Kirk's father

is written in the Star Trek novels. Novels Paramount does not always consider canon, much like the cartoon series from Filmation. Pity as I enjoyed those cartoons when I saw them. Had Star Trek gone on to a fourth year some of those could have been great episodes.

But back to topic, even if you consider the adventures of Kirk's father canon or not there are references to classic Treks that keep fans in their seats, and let you know that this is Star Trek. Cardassian Sunrises, Captain Pike, Vulcan, the Kobayashi Maru (book goes with a different take. Again not con-

sidered canon), Majel Barret as ship's computer voice (the last time she would)), a mention of Nurse Chapel (whom you don't see), a red shirt dying. It is not until you see Nero destroy Vulcan that you realize this is not the same Star Trek you grew up with.

And this approach? It works.

It is like J.J. Abrams is taking Trekkies on a journey, showing you old friends to make the trip easier. Then when it comes down to Vulcan.....well it's like one of those 'old friends' you had grown up with is gone. And nothing's the

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**MIGHTY
MAX
Adventures**

by **Skrit**

THIS MONTH:

The Max's
Decomission pt. 1

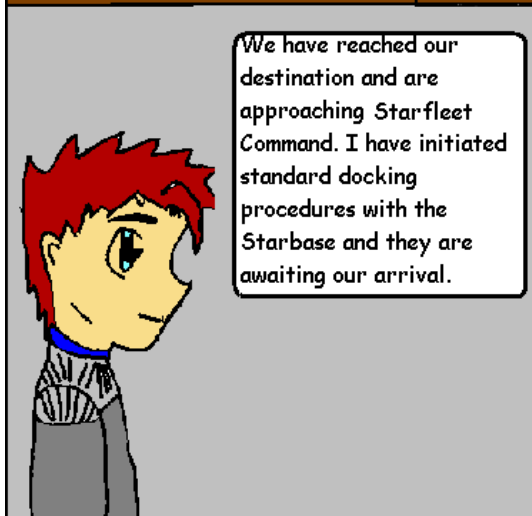
Captain's log supplemental: We have been ordered to return to Starfleet for decomissioning of our vessel and to be reassigned to a new starship. Some of the crew is a bit hesitant as we have learned to call this home for the past few years. It is always difficult leaving a vessel that has not, what some of the crew refer to, as going out in a blaze of glory. Hardly seems dignified for a ship that has borne the name Maximillian, but apparently Starfleet feels it is time for us to be moving on.



I wonder what kind of ship we will be getting. I can imagine Squirrely is just as excited.

Yeah. After being Captain myself on this vessel, I have grown accustomed to the point where I could tell when something was off.

I would love to get my hands on the nacelles of the Luna class if you pardon the engineering expression.



We have reached our destination and are approaching Starfleet Command. I have initiated standard docking procedures with the Starbase and they are awaiting our arrival.



Tune in next month to see the Maximillian's upgrade to her latest model as featured at Marcon!

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AN OPINION . . .
LCDR MUKAHN EPTAIN-NAHKUM

Is it just me, or has Mar-Con not changed in four years? I remember a lot of things about 35, 36, and 37. But to me, it just seems to be only the theme and the building have changed. Of course the topics of the panels are different, but everything else as far as the format of how things are, when events happen, and how long it takes to get through registration have not changed a bit.

It was passively noted to me by a few people that have been attending for years that a change needs to happen. But, we all know about people and their fear of change.

Yet, the one thing I have seen is that some people that allow change and actually move forward and come out of the monotony of doing the same thing over and over and expecting more people to attend.

i.e. our wonderful Max. I have noticed, even before I was a member officially, that the Max has always strived to not only be original, but different and interesting.

So, Max out-surviving a failing MarCon? You be the judge...

Lcdr MuKhan Eptain-NahKum

COOKING WITH SQUIRRELLY . . .
CMDR SQUIRRELLY, CHIEF ENGINEER

Also thanks to everyone who said they enjoyed the food I brought [to the anniversary meeting]! For those that asked how to make it, I'll put that at the end here.

about 2 people, with a little extra.

Enjoy!
--
Squirrelly

See ya's around!

Pick up Hamburger Helper: Four Cheese Lasagna (not the regular Lasagna one, which adds mostly water rather than milk). I use 1.3 lbs of 85% lean fresh hamburger (though anything from 85-92% should be fine). Otherwise follow the directions on the box. Also use regular milk, rather than low fat or skim. Finish and serve with some parmesan cheese. Serves three adults. 1 lb meat will serve



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Charity Events Coordinator
Librarian

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July 1, 2009. Submit to

Maxsubmissions@gmail.com

or 614-284-4962

OPEN WIDE . . .

CPT MIKE STANLEY, CMO

The following was taken from Reuters, via Yahoo! Health. While I am not particularly a fan of the World Health Organization, I thought this was an interesting companion piece to the article I submitted last month.

WHO says world moving closer to Phase 6 flu

GENEVA (Reuters) - The spread of H1N1 flu in Australia, Britain, Chile, Japan and Spain has moved the world closer to the top pandemic alert, the World Health Organization said on Tuesday. "We are at Phase 5 but are getting closer to Phase 6," Keiji Fukuda, acting WHO assistant director-general, told journalists during a telephone conference.

"There are a number of countries that appear to

be in transition, moving from travel-related cases to more established community types of spread," he said.

"Some of these countries are the countries that you have been following for quite a while, but they include countries such as the UK and Spain in Europe, Japan in Asia, Chile in South America and also Australia." According to the WHO's latest figures, the new influenza strain, also known as swine flu, has been found in 64 countries, and remains most prevalent in North America. WHO laboratories have confirmed nearly 19,000 infections including 117 people who have died.

Fukuda said those figures might not show the full reach of the contagious disease that has afflicted

young people more than normal seasonal flu, and has caused mainly mild symptoms as it has spread around the world. "We don't know the full number of people who are infected across the entire spectrum," Fukuda said. "We do have some hesitation in calling such an infection mild. The future impact of this infection has yet to unfold."

The WHO is working on revamping its six-point pandemic scale so that the top alert reflects the severity of the flu and not just the geographical pattern of its spread. Fukuda said one idea was to add a three-point severity scale within the highest marker, so that the overall level could reach 6 even if the flu's symptoms remained moderate, and it could be adjusted later if it had more serious effects.

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TREK MOVIE REVIEW

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same anymore. Abrams honored what came before....then went his own way.

Of course it could be said that he went his own way with George Kirk's death, but that was a little iffy, and at best.....a subtle nudge.

We still see an 'old friend' appear though. Leonard Nimoy's Spock, who

tries to make sure the universe goes the way it's supposed to as best he can. Especially after Nero changes Kirk's destiny, and Vulcan is destroyed. Not to mention Nero seeks to destroy Earth. All this to prevent, he believes, Romulus from being destroyed in the future.

Did he? Maybe we'll find out in a Next Generation film if Abrams decides to do one.

Zachary Quinto does great as Spock. Yes he has the same logical mind, but it also seems like his passions are just below the surface. Nimoy always seemed to be more in control during his time as Spock. Chris Pine takes the role of Kirk and makes it his own. Same womanizing, a little bit of a cocky attitude, but you look at Pine's portrayal and one can believe that it is James T. Kirk.



Greg congratulates Keith on his promotion

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CPT MIKE STANLEY, CMO

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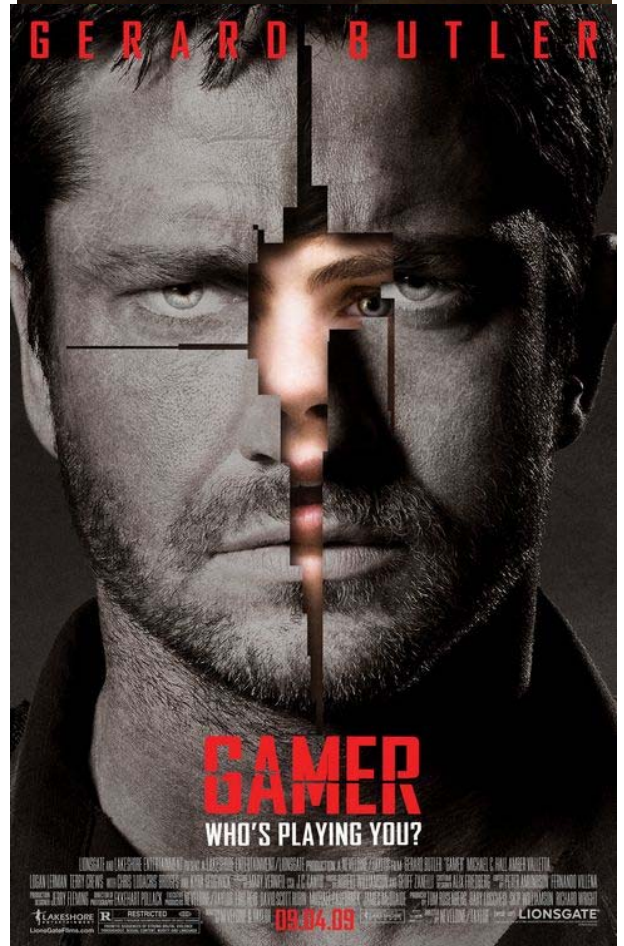
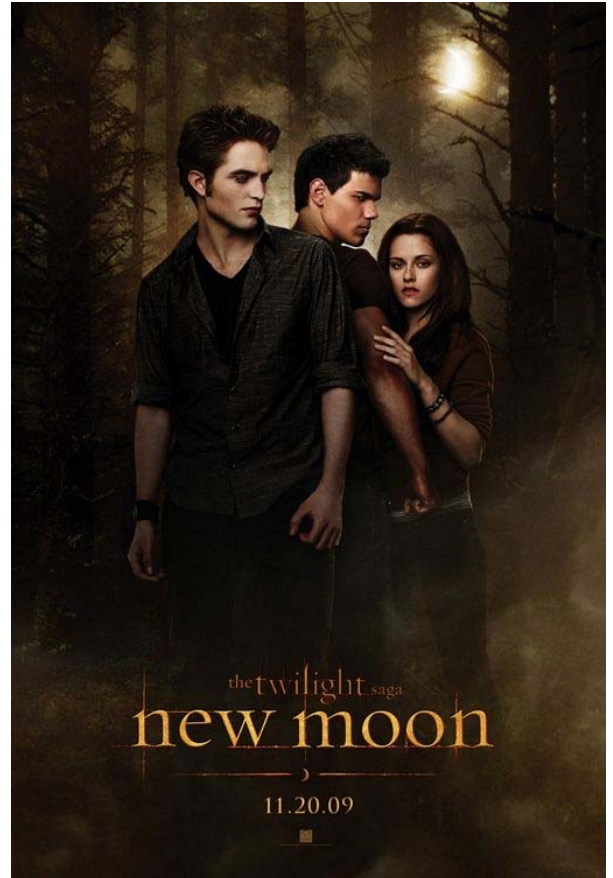
"It is not enough just to say we are at a certain phase and that a virus has spread to a certain extent. That kind of announcement really has to be accompanied by some indication of what is the severity, and some guidance to countries on how they can modify their approaches to what is going on.."



The Launch, the reenactment.



Critch gets his wings, again.



TREK MOVIE REVIEW

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All the cast members fit into the roles. Karl Urban does great as McCoy-even saying the classic line 'Are you out of your Vulcan mind?' Simon Pegg appears later as Scotty, but he still works the miracles. Only this time he seems to have a sidekick with him at times. Anton Yelchin does great as Chekov. John Cho plays Sulu very well right down to the sword fighting on the drill. And Zoe Saldana looks beautiful as Nyota Uhura. Yes her first name is canon at last!

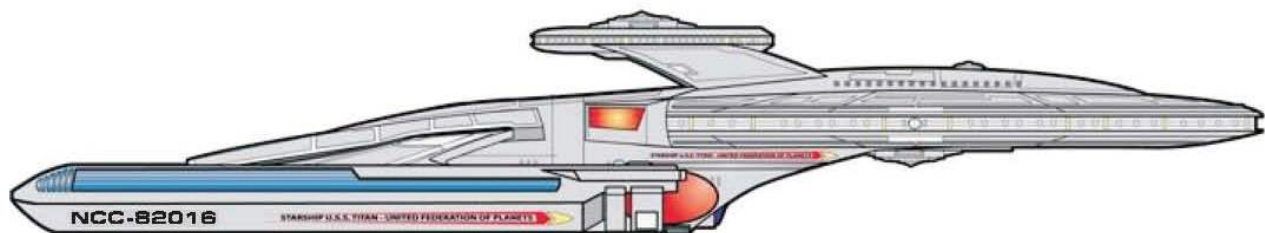
There's some humor as well. Some involving McCoy getting Kirk on the Enterprise and jabbing him with so many drugs having different effects to where it seems like Kirk is a pincushion. And Kirk in Uhura's quarters proving the fan myth that he does have sex with the 'green chicks'. And some banter between Kirk and Spock as well in the final confrontation with Nero. Especially as they discuss Nero's surrender as he falls into a black hole. A surrender Nero refuses.

Some of it may fall into the category of unbelievable, but this is a very enjoyable film. And it captures Star Trek well. At least I believe so. I saw no efforts to devalue what came before, but rather to work with what came before as Abrams went his own way. And instead of a cold restart he did a mid gear switch-which I believed worked.

Sometimes when you change things, one must look at how to bring that change about. What to change, and what the change is for? For the good of the property and its fans or for the good of one's ego and career? In my eyes Abrams seemed to have chosen the good of the property and the good of the fans. And he pulled off that choice well.

I hear Chris has seen the film 8 times. Perhaps more after this. No way will I be able to break his record. But still it is a great film. Trek has changed and it is change I can live with.

Karl Urban does great as McCoy -even saying the classic line 'Are you out of your Vulcan mind?'



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"REACH FOR THE STARS,
AND GRAB THE FUTURE."
-CHRISTA MCAULIFFE, 1986

