

The CHATtahoochee

formally known as *The Nexus*

●●● All Hail from the CO:



Greetings Everyone

Here is our first newsletter in over 3 years. The last time we had a newsletter was in 1999. As you can see we've been too long without one. At this time I am the only one putting this thing together so if there are any writers or publishers out there who would like to take a stab at this just send an email to me at sussma_b@bellsouth.net and let me know your interested. I will happily let you write articles or even publish the whole newsletter if you would like.

My plan is to publish the newsletter during the months that the CQ isn't published. I thought we should get the inaugural issue out as soon as possible. I have gathered news from the many lists available from Starfleet. I have broken our newsletter into several parts. We have local or Ship news; then regional news and finally national news of interest to all. Wow this is just like a real newspaper. ;)

As you can see I have renamed the newsletter, however this is only a

temporary name. We will be finalizing a name in the future to go along with whatever name we choose for the Ship.

That's right we are looking to change the name of the Chattahoochee Station. I have spoken to you all about this matter over the last couple of months. Many of our members have requested we go back to a ship instead of being a station. We are looking into having that changed but it will take some time before we can get an answer regarding that. So you will have some time to think about a new name for our newsletter and ship. I will be having a contest in the future once we get the word.

I hope you will like the newsletter however I do accept all forms of constructive criticism. If you see anything that I can improve or if you like any feature please let me know. The more input I get the better we can make this periodical.

Enjoy

Brian

*No matter where you go...there
you are – Buckaroo Banzai*

In Memoriam



Shuttle Columbia Fund

Commodore Tammy Willcox, STARFLEET's Chief Financial Officer and CO of USS Maat, has asked me to pass along the word that members are welcome to send donations to help the families of the brave astronauts lost aboard the Shuttle Columbia Feb 1,

2003.

If you wish to send a donation via PayPal a link is available below.

Tammy will collect any such donations and send them to whatever memorial fund will be set up.

[Starfleets PayPal Fund. Click here to donate, Thanks.](#)

"There is no way that you can look at the stars, at the Earth, at the moon, and not come to realize there is a God out there who has a plan and who has laid out the universe." -

Commander Rick Husband

Shuttle Launch & Welcome new members Party

by Cmdr Brian Sussman

On Feb 15, 2003 the Chattahoochee Station launched the Shuttle Pleiades and welcomed the new members to the station. We had members from both chapters attending. In attendance were Ariel Stickland, Kathryn Webster, Mike Henigan, and Kelly Hilliard from the Shuttle Pleiades. Representing the Chattahoochee Station were Jeff Kirkland, Martha Kirkland, Jim and Karen Bellon, and Brian Sussman.

There was food and drinks galore provided by the host...me. Even Jim decided to get in on the action so he baked... yes I said baked, chocolate chip cookies. I showed all in attendance a new way of using a washing machine by turning mine into a very large cooler filled with two cases of soda, beer and ice.

As everyone arrived I gave them all a quick tour of my house finishing with my office and collection of Science

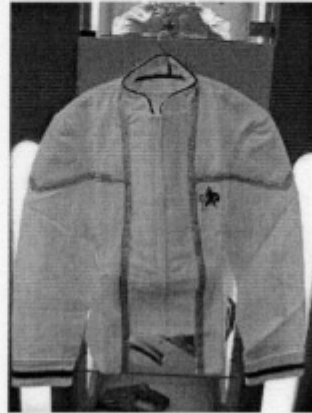
Fiction action figures and other various collectibles. We then began with everyone introducing themselves and talking about conventions, mostly DragonCon. We talked about the Summit coming up and what to expect for those of us who haven't attended one. The new members were regaled with stories about the Chattahoochee, and the Republic. I then presented Ariel with two shuttles representing the Pleiades for her and her XO as a gift from her Mother ship.

Then the time came for the new members to learn the infamous game of The Great Dalmuti. Ariel and Mike took charge of initiating the unsoiled, virginal ...**Fresh Meat**. I don't know whether Ariel was that good a teacher or maybe the newbies weren't so virginal but after a few games they were doing as well as the more experienced players. They even managed to role-play along with Mike, that we all know is no small task and so gained themselves acceptance by one and all.

By the end no one wanted to quit gaming but night came and many of the participants had hungry ones at home waiting for them or a long drive ahead so we called it a night. However before everyone left I was able to show off many of my numerous uniforms and costumes that I collect.

Finally the end did come and all left, happy, well fed and with new friends. Keep an eye open this summer for a Bar-b-que and another Dalmuti rematch.

On a side note many were interested in my Next Gen dinner jacket. I purchased

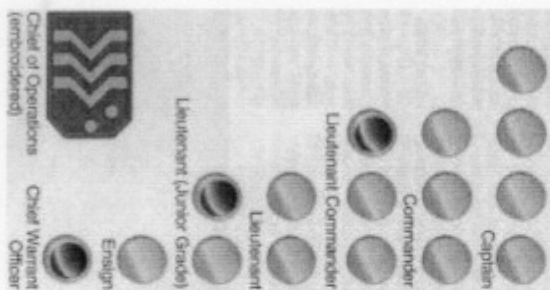


it online thru Ebay. I made contact with the dealer and so if others are interested I have his email so you can contact him. He is located in Milan, Italy

but shipping was only \$10.00, which is better than some of our domestic companies charge. They also shipped it very quickly and I was totally satisfied with their service. You can contact either Jessica Farella or her husband Max at the following email addresses. You can contact Jessy at her email bajorjessica@hotmail.com or Max at grandenagus@inwind.it. They even have a website www.lasersoft.it/aviemore/props.html however it is mostly resin props.

How can you not shop from a Ferengi. His props are of exceptional quality. You will not be disappointed. Just in case you are wondering I am not in any way associated with them but I will always support any honorable dealer.

Never pay more for an acquisition than you have to.
THE FERENGİ RULES OF ACQUISITION #3



Promotions List

I would like to congratulate the following individuals. They have graduated from Starfleet Academy OTS and attained the rank of Ensign.

David Deese

Jim Bellon *

Karen Bellon*

The following individual not only passed OTS but also passed OCC thus attaining the rank of Lieutenant JG (Junior Grade)

Shannon Mobley*

*attained Honors in courses taken and is eligible to be nominated as a member of Red Squad.

*By the way - I'd like to send out a huge 'well done!' to everyone who has taken these courses. In 2001, we had 9 people in the whole region take OTS, and 6 take OCC. In the past 11 months, we've have 32 people take OTS**, and 29 take OCC! That's really impressive. - Pete Mohny Region 2 RC*

**This was sent prior to Jim and Karen attended the Academy so the numbers continue to grow.

Communique and Online Database

Sanford Berenberg

Chief of Computer Operations

compops@sfi.org or compops-chief@sfi.org

If you are not receiving your CQ's (your Starfleet newspaper) you should check to see that your address in the Membership Database is correct. And if it is wrong, you should correct it.

You now can ensure your information is correct for yourselves, whenever you want. EVERY member has a username and password to the new online Membership Database. You can find the

database from the www.sfi.org website or go directly to the database at: <http://database.sfi.org>.

If you do not have your username and password, you can ask your CO to give you your Username Name and Password or you can send an email to the Help Desk requesting this information.

If you send an email to the Help Desk, helpdesk@sfi.org please include your name, SCC#, address, etc, so that we can verify that you are who you say you are.

Once you log in, go to the Member Tab under 'Change Account Info' and look over your address. If it is wrong, then correct it and submit the changes to Computer Operations.

If your address is correct, and you are still not receiving CQs, then you have several options.

1. For domestic US Members, go to www.usps.com and check your address versus what the United States Post Office has listed for you.

2. For non-Domestic US members, go to your Local Post Office and check your address there.

Then make sure the database and your post office are in sync.

Note: If your membership is expired, you will not be able to log into the database until you renew. You can renew online by going to the SFI Website and choosing Renew Online. You can do this without having to log into the database. If you choose Join/New Membership instead of Renew, you will get issued a new SCC Number and account, and your existing account will not be renewed, so please choose Renew if you are an existing member.

And remember, for all CQs that you have not received, send your email to lostcq@sfi.org.

I hope this helps.

Be well.

Sandy



Starfleet Academy News

Ens. Jim Bellon has passed the Vulcan School of Science Mathematics course with a B. He is continuing his course

work looking forward to a degree from the school.

As many of you know the Academy is a great place to start your Starfleet career. In order to be promoted you need to pass the beginning Starfleet course known as OTS. Then if you want to run a ship of your own someday you need to pass OCC. Both of these courses are available online and are free. They are also not so taxing so that you can complete them very easily. So why not jumpstart your career today and go to the Starfleet Academy site at:
<http://academy.sfi.org/index.shtml>.

There are many courses available in all subjects of Trekdom as well as Science and other fields at the Academy. Many of the courses have practical purposes to your day to day as well as Starfleet life. I know there is a subject of interest to every member of Starfleet and the Chattahoochee Station. If you don't find a subject of interest just contact the

Gaming on SFI

Hey all you gamers out there, did you know that Starfleet has it's own gaming site online? Well it does and it also has other games beside Star Trek for multiplayer action. Check it out:
<http://www.sfigaming.net/index.html>

A letter from the SFI Game master - SGM Shawn Williams

As SFI Game master I would like to help you all that have ask for a Diablo ladder set up at SFI Gaming. This is what needs to happen.

1.) We must have at least 3 players for a ladder, So far we have Dallas Vinson and Pete Mohny. We need one more. We would really like to see as many of

Academy and you may find it available in the future. You will find that most courses are available free online or just a small payment if you will to get hard copy of the course and a printed diploma. You will also receive a diploma if you take it online, it will come as a jpeg and you will just need to print it out yourself. I personally find taking it online faster and just as satisfying.

Your journey starts by going to their website at:
<http://academy.sfi.org/index.shtml>.

Good luck to you future graduates and congratulations to all those members who have already graduated.

you who have the game come and play.

2.)Please send your real name, game name and what ship and region you are in. Please send this info to:

director@sfigaming.net

That it that's all we need to get the ladder started. If you would like to see what a gaming ladder looks like please go to:

<http://www.sfigaming.net/ladder.htm>

If you want a ladder started for any other game these rules will be the same.

I look forward to seeing all of you playing in SFI Gaming

Fun Links

*from Freddy Heller of the USS
DaVinci*



Check out the Klingon Disco

from the tempest9703 Yahoo list

Star Trek Personality Test

<http://startrek.about.com/library/weekly/aa080201.htm>

This test has twenty-eight questions testing four aspects of your personality. When you reach the conclusion of the test, you will be told of your basic personality parameters as well as the *Star Trek* characters who match with you.

*"But soft, what light through yonder window breaks? It is the East, and Juliet is.....AGGGGHHHH, THE SUN!!!" *FOOM**

-Vampire Theatre

Starfleet Region 2 News

Region 2 – Second to None

Starfleet shuttle Launch

*Pete Mohney
R2 RC*

I hold in my hands the shuttle paperwork for yet another shuttle - and it's a special one for me in particular.

The shuttle is the New Hope, and the CO will be Nancy O'Shields, currently a member of the USS Hephaestus. I am pretty pleased that one of my own members is launching a shuttle, sure - but even more so, that she's doing it in Montgomery, Alabama. Shortly after I

became RC in 1999, the chapter that was in Montgomery at the time decide to disband, and I've never been able to get another chapter started there. So, as you can guess, I'm darn pleased to see one of Alabama's largest cities represented by Starfleet again!

Please welcome Nancy O'Shields, CO of the shuttle New Hope, from Montgomery, Alabama!

New Assistant Inspector General for Region 02

*FCapt Danny Potts
AIG-R02 (Former)
TrekNoid@aol.com*

Greetings all,

I just received the word from Starfleet Inspector General Robb Jackson that the vacancy in the Region 02 Assistant Inspector's Office has been filled.

As the outgoing AIG, allow me to be the first to publicly congratulate, and announce to the Region, that Captain Joe Perry, of the USS DaVinci, has been selected to serve as the Assistant Inspector General for Region 02!

Congratulations, Joe!

Region 2 Birthday list in CQ

*Captain James Whatley "Jimmy"
STARFLEET Morale Officer
2003 Region 2 Summit Chairman
CO USS Draco jwhatle2@bellsouth.net;*

Due to several people in the membership and a mistake on my part, I have been informed that the Birthday list will not be printed in the CQ until such time as I am able to document the approval of each individual on the list. Until then there will not be a list. We will be contacting members for permission. This will start sometime around Mid-April. If you want your name listed then you must give me approval, it is because of a few people who complained, that we must do this. Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions or do not want to wait for the email

you may contact me privately.

Region 2 IRC Chat

Join us for the R2 online IRC chat in channel #sfi-r2! It's held every Sunday night at 7 p.m. CST, the first Sunday each month is the official chat, the others are social chats.

Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM CST (GMT-06:00) Sunday

See you there!



Starfleet Marines

Supporting the International organization as an official "affiliate"

the STARFLEET Marine Corps continues to provide yet another venue for fandom, with a "ground combat and militaristic" twist. Assisting charities and activities of all kinds the SFMC is an every growing population of Fleeters who are looking for more than "just a few good men..."

I am not sure how many members knew that Starfleet had it's own Corp. At this time our chapter doesn't have any marines but if there is anyone interested in joining the Corp just head over to <http://www.sfi-sfmc.org/> and check them out.

Members of 2nd Brigade –

SGM Shawn Williams

OIC 611th MSG

SGM 2nd Brigade

SGM 1st Battalion 2nd Brigade

NCOIC 2nd Brigade COMOPS

Director, Infantry TRACOM

I would like to take this time and report to the members of the Brigade on the state of the NCO corps in 2nd Brigade.

As of today the 2nd Brigade has a total of 20 NCO in this Brigade. We may have more but the 2nd and 4th Battalions have not reported on there NCO'S in over a year. As the New Brigade SGM in my view this is a BIG NO GO, I have ask and ask over all the list for this info and if you look in the MFM and the Marine website the Marine also must report on their NCO just like the MSG and ship reports. Now I have stated before that the 2nd Brigade is the only Brigade to report to the SGM of the Marine corps on time and this makes the whole Brigade and R2 look good but to have as many FTR as we do does not look good.

In the next few weeks there will be a NCO manual for the 2nd Brigade that will out line the job of the NCO and what you need to do to fill out the NCO reports. Below you will find what unit reported and who did not. This will be done the same months I send the Brigade NCO reports to the SGM of the

Marine corps and COFORCECOM.

Battalions that reported on time: 1st and 3rd

Battalions that are FTR: 2nd and 4th

MSG that reported on time: 611th 677th 669th

MSG that are FTR: 78th 616th 622nd 625th 674th 678th 650th 651st 695th

Units that do not have NCO: 615th 654th 668th 683rd 696th

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Message from:

Col. Alice C. Strange

DOIC of 2 BDE

OIC of 683rd MSG, 1 BN, 2 BDE

CO of the USS Dräkenfire NCC-71822

XO of the IKAV Dräkenfire R2's

Department Chief of Engineering

Director of SFA School of Treknology

<http://www.angelfire.com/al2/Drakenfire>

Hi folks,

As I have been moved up from being the OIC of 1BN to DOIC of 2BDE, I have changed my email address from Firstbn2bde@aol.com to DOIC2BDE@aol.com. Please make this change to your records. Thanks

Upcoming Events and Conventions

March 22, 2003 The USS DaVinci will be celebrating its 7th anniversary and they would like to invite anyone who wishes to come to join them for a fun-filled day! This should be the one event you don't want to miss if you can't help it.

Now I know what you are thinking, that this takes places the 2 weeks after the Summit and one week after Saint Patrick's Day and most of you have little time and money left. That may be true, but if you do not come, you will be missing a once in a lifetime opportunity!

Because of his years of voluntary service to the Coca-Cola Space Science Center in Columbus, the head of the Center has kindly offered Joe and up to 38 of his friends the opportunity to run a mission. The Space Science Center houses a Challenger Learning Center. These centers were established in the name of the Challenger astronauts, who lost their lives in 1986, with the mandate of furthering space science education. For this reason, they run simulated missions that have been approved by NASA. It costs \$600 for local business groups and requires from 18 to 38 people. They are divided up into 2 groups. The first group goes into a simulated mission control (as seen in the Johnson Space Center, Houston). The second group goes into a small theater (looks like a space shuttle). There they see a short film on a shuttle take-off and rendezvous with the ISS. At this time they exit the shuttle and enter a mock-up lab similar

to what would be on the ISS. In conjunction with the group at 'mission control', they proceed through the mission. At the halfway point, the two groups switch places. It takes about 2-2 1/2 hours and is a lot of fun.

Now for the exciting news! The cost to Joe and his friends will be ZERO! That is right, it is FREE! What an opportunity to experience what it is like to run a mission! This is now even truer since the tragic loss of the Columbia crew. What we would like to do is get a \$5.00 donation from all who attend. Half the money will go to the Region for its various charities and half will go to the DaVinci and its charity.

These are the tentative plans. The mission will take place on Saturday, March 22nd at approximately 11:00 AM. Following the mission we will adjourn to the Captain's house for food and good times. For those of you who wish to spend the night, Connie and Freddy (and I am sure others on the DaVinci will too) will offer you a place to lay your head for the evening. They once housed 12 Klingons following a convention so they are quite experienced in that regard! Freddy says, "If you wish to come on Friday evening, you are welcome to stay with us."

If you want to join us for a great time, please let me (your CO) know as soon as you can so that arrangements can be made.

May 31 – June 1, 2003 Sci Fi Summer is going to at the Doubletree Hotel here in Atlanta. The special group price of \$10 is for groups of 15 or more. We are going to be working with Multiple groups from all over the Atlanta area. We will be going under the banner Atlanta Trekdom for our group. The Shuttle Pleiades has been designated the coordinator for our Sci Fi Summer group membership and table and Dawn Benton is our group's Treasurer who will be collecting the money and information and will be sending in the Group membership to SciFi Summer.

There is a registration form for Sci Fi Summer on their website. Please download it and fill it out and send it and \$10 (Checks and Money Orders are to be made out to Chris Jones with Sci Fi Summer 2003 Con in the memo area) to Ariel Strickland at 21 Spencer Drive, Ellenwood, GA 30294 and Ariel will see

that they get to Dawn. Remember the group name that we will be using is Atlanta ~~X~~

Trekdom. Even though the deadline is May 15th, Ariel would like to have our group membership sent off by the end of March so that the people organizing it can have our money ASAP. We also need to have at least 15 people so this will be very important to get the discount.

The \$10 group membership price would also give the group access to a club table. We would share this with all the groups and would like members of each group to volunteer to spend time at the table so that all may enjoy the convention. We will have a sign up list for those interested so that we can have the table covered at the convention. Each club would have space on the table for club applications and we will try to work out a way to display club specific items in a fair manner.

STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2003 (IC2003)

Website: <http://ic2003.sfi.org/>

STARFLEET IC 2003 celebrates a century of flight and highlights the future of space travel **July 31 through August 3, 2003** at the Holiday Inn-Airport in Greensboro, North Carolina. All the traditional elements of an International Conference -- meetings, panels, auctions, banquets and parties -- will be carried out in surroundings steeped in the history of flight as well as reflections of mankind's spaceward bound future

Room rates at the Holiday Inn -- Airport in Greensboro are as follows:

\$69 per night from Now to July 17th.

\$85 per night from July 18th to July 24th.

\$98 per night from July 25th onward.

Rates are for 1 to four people per room. Make your reservations now!

Remember to contact the hotel directly. DO NOT USE the toll-free Holiday Inn reservation number. IC2003 will not get credit toward the room count unless

the reservation is made directly through the hotel. Please go to the IC's official website at IC2003.sfi.org for complete hotel information.

See you in Greensboro July 31 - August 3!

QUARK'S ANNEX AT IC2003!

STARFLEET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2003 will feature "Quark's Annex" as a part of the weekend's activities.

STARFLEET Quartermaster Rear Admiral Carl F. Johnson will be on hand with a variety of Fleet merchandise.

Additionally, we found a dealer in Tuscaloosa, Alabama who has an INCREDIBLE collection of Trek merchandise. The current "Art Asylum" line, lots and lots of the old "Playmates" stuff and a good selection of older, rarer collectibles. We are in the final negotiation stages with this dealer, who should provide an exciting opportunity to add major goodies to your collection.

Thanks to JOHN T. "JACK" HOPKINS
RON FELL Vice Admiral,
STARFLEET Rear Admiral,
STARFLEET Administrative
Coordinator, IC2003 Programming
Coordinator, IC2003
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A letter from the Admiral regarding IC2003

Greetings,

I bid you welcome from the IC2003 Committee and its chair Jack Hopkins.

I have been asked by the IC2003 Committee to assist with information distribution for this years IC. As a former IC Dept Chair (IC99 program chair) I can attest to the fact that it's not easy to do all of the stuff yourself. I will be helping get the information out about all of the great things the IC has in store for Fleet.

I would like to thank Jack for giving me the opportunity to step up and be active with the IC. I enjoyed the experience of being part of IC99 and its good to be active again.

You know where and when, but I am sure you want to know a little more about the area.

The Holiday Inn-Airport is a few short minutes from the Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO) and is right off of US I-40. In the near future a map will be put up showing everyone how easy it is to get to IC as well as what is nearby.

While there is an excellent hotel restaurant within a short driving distance are food choices to meet anyone's tastes. Without having to get back on the Interstate you can get to such restaurants as Shoneys, Applebee's, Unos Pizza, Hams Grill, Steak Street, Pullo Pizza and Pasta.

There is also traditional fast food fare available without getting back on I-40 from places such as McDonalds, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Wendy's, Arby's, A&W, KFC, Quizno's and Jersey Mike's Subs. For those that must have COF-FEE there is a Starbucks close by.

If you travel two exits east on I-40 to Wendover Avenue there are a large selection of other restaurants such as TGI Fridays, Ruby Tuesdays, Cracker Barrell, Fudruckers, Kabuto's, I-Hop Red Lobster and others.

For the family there are a number of things to do. Four Season's Mall is within 15 minutes and Celebration Station is two exits West off of I-40. For those sports fans there is the Minor League Greensboro Bats who have home games scheduled that weekend. To learn more about them visit <http://www.greensborobats.com/>.

There are many things to attract fleeters and their family's to IC2003 and Greensboro NC. In the coming weeks and months I will be providing those attending IC03 with travel and sightseeing information.

As I said at the beginning I have been asked to work with the IC03 committee to get information on this years conference to the fleet. Now if you call me and I am not available Deidre can also answer many questions as she works in the area of the hotel. Any questions regarding IC2003 can be sent to me. If I cannot answer them myself I will seek out the answer or pass the question on to someone who can. You can contact me the following ways:

Email: erickardjr@triad.rr.com

Phone: (336) 785-2494 (Please do not call after 9:00pm Eastern Time)

Also, the IC has set up an information list on sfi.org called IC2003-L. You can subscribe to the list by going to the following URL:

<http://lists.wesmo.com/mailman/listinfo/ic2003-l>

That list will be the primary information outlet for the IC, but not the only one. With the permission of the list admin, we will also be crossposting important announcements to the main list for distribution to the entire fleet.

Once more, if there are any questions please contact me and I will do whatever I can to get you answer.

Thanks and take care.
See you in August!

Onward

FADM Les Rickard
Commander, STARFLEET (Ret)