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Sonia Perez at the Region 7 Halloween Party

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From the center seat

by Captain David Sladky

I would like to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter, interruptions in service and a change of communications officer both led to this issue being delayed longer than necessary. As the Captain of this ship, it still falls to me whenever there is a problem so I take total blame for this matter. The deadline for the next Newsletter is December 15th and I see no reason it cannot be published in a timely manner. Again thank you for your patience.

This is the Halloween issue of the year and I have to say the party went very well, we had over 25 fleet and non-fleet members come by and visit and a very good showing by the USS Storm herself. This is the first time ship member Juan Hernandez has attended a ship function and he also helped with setting up the party. Music was provided by DJ Baby (Elem Rodriguez) and food was provided by the Grand Formage. Star Wars cookies were bake by Megan McNally and candy was supplied by many member of the ship. I would like to say thank you to all who came and helped decorate and to the person whose idea it was in the first place Judith Oliveri. The \$100 cash prize went to non-fleet member Steve Ransom as Cat in the Hat. I had fun being the master of ceremonies for the event and would hope everyone had a wonderful time!



It's good to be the Captain!

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Commander Judith Oliveri
Chief of Operations

8 STAR TREK GADGETS THAT ARE NO LONGER FICTION

1. THE FLIP PHONE

While on away missions, the Star Trek crew often speaks through hand-held "communicators" that look like our clamshell mobile phones. The likeness inspired Motorola in 1996 to name the first flip phone "StarTAC"

2. iPad

In Star Trek: The Next Generation, touch based control panels called PADD's (personal access display devices) were used by crew. Soon after a company said.... COOL... and the new development of iPads was born!

3. BLUETOOTH HEADSETS

Uhura was the one that created this, as the Enterprise's Communications officer she always had a giant silver earpiece while sitting at the communications station (this was actually a prop made from a salt and pepper shaker) But some smart geek said COOL.... and Bluetooth earpiece's were born!

4. TRICORDERS

We all know what they were, but did you know that a company called Vital Technologies intentionally replicated it in the mid 90's with a device called the TR-107 Mark1. Like it's

fictional counterpart, the device included several functions such as electromagnetic field meter, thermometer, barometer and light meter.

5. THE FLOPPY DISK AND USB DRIVES

On the original Star Trek, they used small square coloured pieces of plastic that they inserted into various computer consoles, Later in "the next generation" that had isolinear chips to hold their computer memory....USB flash drives are pretty close to the same size as the Star Trek ones! Coincidence??? I think not!

6. VOICE ACTIVATION

When Scotty meets an old time computer in one episode, he's confused when it doesn't respond to his voice... as the Enterprise computers do. Today, he would have had much more luck, many computer software, smartphones and cars now have voice activation options.

7. GPS

Transporters were able to locate crew members with precision before beaming them up. The U.S. government declared GPS functional in 1995 after launching 27 satellites... about 30 years after the concept appeared in Star Trek for the first time!

8. DIAGNOSTIC BED

Thanks to Dr. McCoy's medical diagnostic beds in the show, a team of scientists at the University of Leicester created a sickbay that observes patient for Early signs of diseases, using monitoring equipment such as thermal imaging and analysis of the patients breath. Called "the first step" to achieving the Sci-Fi technology!

All thanks to the creative writers, who first thought of Star Trek, and the Cool gadgets!!! Feel free to contact me at witchbythesea@yahoo.com

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LTC Kenneth Kadin DOIC 726th MSG
STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

Greetings Marines:
Greetings Marines...

First, let me remind you, that there is an administrative meeting of our Strike Group on the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00 hours local time. These meetings will be run by our commander.

Now let me inform you that in the near future we will begin training with other Strike Groups and Starships, to prepare for an upcoming campaign in foreign quadrant, yet to be announced. Since there is little known about the planetary system of this locale, we will train as hard as we always have, we will fight as hard as ever, and **WE WILL WIN!!!**

More info to follow...

SEMPER FI



The XO and DXO ready for action!



Joann and Ken



25 toys collected

The Science of 'Star Trek': How Close Are We?

Excerpts from an article By KI MAE HEUSSNER (@kheussner) June 7, 2010



**Chief Science Officer
Commander Barbara Boyd**

Cruising across the galaxy faster than the speed of light. Getting "beamed up" from the surface of a planet to the deck of a spaceship. Battling aliens from far-flung worlds.

Those ideas from the beloved "Star Trek" series have captured the public's imagination for nearly two generations. They've also grabbed the attention of leading physicists and astronomers who study the science that underlies much science fiction.

Lawrence Krauss, a theoretical physicist and author of the "Physics of Star Trek," and Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at the SETI Institute (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) in Mountain View, Calif., were in New York last week to probe the science of "Star Trek" at the World Science Festival. They also answered a few questions on the topic for ABCNews.com.

Want to know if time travel or warp speed is possible? Or if Scotty could ever "beam" you up? Take a look below.

Warp Speed

Albert Einstein said that objects with mass can't travel faster than a beam of light. But on the Starship Enterprise, Captain Kirk only had to give the order and the massive ship could zoom off to places light-years away, at speeds many times the speed of light.

AP Photo

DeForest Kelley, William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy, on transporter pad on tv series "Star Trek". Scientists probe the physics behind warp drive and time travel.

To make it possible, Krauss said you'd have to "arrange for the space between you and the nearest star to catastrophically collapse and the space between you and the Earth to catastrophically expand. And then you're looking out and you're 300 miles from the nearest star and four light years away from Earth so you turn your engines on and go the rest of the way."

"It sounds good, but it also sounds ridiculous," he said.

According to the theory of general relativity, he said space can expand and contract, so the idea is possible, at least in principle, he said.

But, he said, the problem is that in order to make space expand, you need to fill it up with

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"negative energy," a special kind of energy that Krauss said is only known to exist in the real world at microscopic levels.

"We don't know if you can create negative energy configurations at large scales," he said.

Not only would negative energy be needed for warp drive, he said, the amount of energy required for one spacecraft to travel that fast is greater than the amount of mass in the entire galaxy.

"This is really an academic question," he said. "We're not going to be traveling with warp drive in the near future."

Time Travel

Believe it or not, wormholes -- or shortcuts through space -- are possible, at least in principle, Krauss said.

Krauss said that if space were a piece of paper and you were an ant that had to get from one end to the other, a wormhole would be a kind of tunnel made by curling the piece of paper and then cutting a hole through it. It would give you a faster way across.

Similar to warp drive, wormholes are possible in principle under the laws of general relativity, but also need negative energy to make them stable, Krauss said.

Still, he said, if wormholes are possible, then time travel is possible.

Stephen Hawking, Kraus said, famously countered the idea of time travel with the argument that "if time travel were possible, we'd already be inundated by tourists from the future."

Kraus had a response: "They all went back to the 1960s and no one noticed."

He said that if time travel were possible, there are many questions.

For example, there is the "grandmother paradox:" What happens if you go back in time and kill your grandmother before your mother is born? If you killed your grandmother before your mother was born, then you shouldn't have been able to go back in time and kill your grandmother in the first place.

"The world of time travel seems to be a world where the laws of cause and effect get screwed up," said Kraus. "But we learned throughout the 20th century that just because things seem crazy doesn't mean they don't happen, it just may mean that we have to think about them slightly differently."

"While it's highly unlikely that any of it is possible, at least we can say that it isn't impossible," he said.

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**Chief Medical
Officer
Brian Higgins**

**Status Report
Attn: all
personnel**



Vulcan Mummy

Greeting Crew...

I am happy to report that the overall health of our ship is at the level of, Very Good to Healthy, and we are clear to continue our exploratory journeys of this universe.

Doc's Desk....

Flu Season

I just wanted to advise you all of some healthy tips to get us through the upcoming season,

#1. Wash your hand frequently, our hands are usually the first contact we have with foreign surfaces, and should be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.

#2. Drink plenty of liquids, to keep yourselves hydrated, which will fight fatigue that leads to lowering our immunities to fight viruses

#3. Avoid touching your face and eyes, they are an easy target for transferring germs and viruses, this also goes along with Tip #1,

#4. Sanitize your communicators on remote controlling devices

#5. Exercise, even light activities on a regular basis will keep one's body and mind fit and alert.

Well I'm not going to bore you all with a bunch of facts, I thank you for your time, and remember if you don't want to get sick, don't hang around with "sick people".

CMO



Don't try this at home folks



Mmmmm hot wings!

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1st Lt Paul J Rezac
Chief Engineer



what I can do to improve or at least keep up the ship. I really want to make sure the Storm has the most up to date technology so we stay one step ahead of the game and make sure our assignments stay safe for us and enable us to do our duty for ourselves and for Starfleet.

Hope this helps me introduce myself to you all and keep on Trekking.

Your Humble Deputy signing off.

Engineering Report

November 3, 2011

My Fellow Crew Members,

Just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Paul J. Rezac and I come from Nebraska. I have a family including my wife, Amy, our daughter Lillian and our son Brody. Right now I am a stay at home dad and take care of our little family during the day while Amy works for the state in downtown Lincoln. I am currently looking for work and things look very promising for me finding a job as I write this. I love all things Trek and have watched all the series except for most of Voyager due to the fact it was UPN and didn't get that. Trying to watch all the episodes on Netflix so I can be on top of my game. I also love to read, watch movies and am trying to get more involved in my church. Oh, and as I write this, I am not only the ships Imperial Commander on our lovely vessel, but I am doing double duty as your Deputy Chief Engineer!

Now onto my post and my vision(s). I do have some experience in this department due to the fact that I was the Chief Engineer on board the U.S.S. Riverside for the last few years. I also have Mr. Scott's Guide to the Enterprise and the Starfleet Training Manual. I have read both but it has been a long time and need to re-read them again. I need to talk some more with our beloved Captain and our Chief Engineer about what our current status about our vessel and see



USS Storm in dry dock for refit

A recruitment poster for Starfleet Academy. At the top, the word "STARFLEET" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the motto "EX ASTRIS, SCIENTIA" is written in smaller letters. The poster lists several programs offered by the academy: Tactical, Command, Sciences, Medical, Security, Linguistics, and Engineering. It also mentions that Starfleet offers many job opportunities across the galaxy and provides education and a guaranteed job upon graduation. A Starfleet ship is shown in the center, with the text "CAN YOU HANDLE WARP SPEED?" written across it. At the bottom, there are logos for Starfleet Command and Starfleet Academy, along with the text "ENLIST TODAY at STARFLEET.TODAY.ORG or your local recruiting station".

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Halloween Party Pictures



The Bishop



Hector Santiago



DJ Baby



Lady bug

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Hellboy



Jesus

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At the bar!



Winner of the \$100 cash prize

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