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## Publications' Officer Message



Greetings,

I hope that this message finds you all well. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Kenneth Robison, I have had the honor of being appointed as the Publications Officer of Region One, and tasked with publishing "*Channel One*."

Some brief information about myself; I am from Lexington, South Carolina, and joined STARFLEET as a member of the USS Ronald E. McNair NCC-61809 of Columbia in April 2013, having served as the Head of Security, and since 2015 I have been the editor of '*The Challenger*' newsletter. I have been a fan of Star Trek for as long as my memory recalls, my favorites being the Original Series and DS9; however I enjoy almost all the series, with my favorite episodes being 'Trouble with Tribbles' (TOS) & 'Trials & Tribbleations' (DS9).

My main interest is history; I have worked for, and volunteered at, several museums, and am a Reenactor and Living Historian, portraying everything from the Pirate Era to Vietnam, as well commanding a Civil War Reenacting group, the "*Palmetto Riflemen & New York Zouaves*." Additionally I am involved in a number of other organizations, including the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW); the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans (SSAWV), having served two terms as National President; and as a founder and member of the Dutch Fork Historical Society.

I have served as a newsletter editor since 2001, my first being that of my old reenacting group; since then I have served without interruption for several groups. At this time I'm serving as the editor of the '*Challenger*,' the '*Riflemen's Standard*,' and the '*Palmetto Federal*.' I strive to make each newsletter unique and try to avoid repetition as much as possible, and hope to bring that to '*Channel One*' as well.

With this first edition I am still going to be working out some of the details, such as content, appearance, etc. So there will be slight differences edition to edition, as I figure out what works and doesn't. If you have anything that you see that you think should be corrected, modified, etc., please feel free to contact me.

Additionally, any and all submissions are welcome. This includes anything from content that you might want to see, photo's of your travel's, what your chapter and its members have been doing, artwork, recipes, etc. Any and all submissions are welcome, and will be most appreciated.

With that said, I will close for now, thank you for the honor of being allowed to serve as Publications Officer, and I hope to hear from you all in the future. Until then,

Toujours Pret,

Lieutenant Kenneth H. Robison,

Publications Officer – Region One, STARFLEET.





## VRC – Programs Operations Report



*From Rear Admiral Scott Gibson, USS Charon*



Rear Admiral Scott Gibson, recording...

Welcome to the Fall issue of the Channel One!

Wow! It's been a while, hasn't it? We have to apologize for the very long hiatus between issues of the Regional Newsletter. Owing to mundane life concerns and responsibilities that arise, our previous Publications Officer was forced to step away from the position after a very good run to focus on real world obligations. Please join me in thanking Oliver Kling for his work and contributions to the region and we wish him the best in his other endeavors.

We're back up and running now with a new and very accomplished newsletter editor as our Publications Officer. This issue is being brought to us by Lt. Kenneth Robison of the USS McNair, who has a very impressive background in desktop publishing for other groups that he's involved with and I'm looking forward to see what he can do with the Channel One. Please help Kenneth continue our Regional Newsletter's tradition of excellence going by sending him articles, art, photos, fan-fiction and other material to make the newsletter as interesting and diverse as our membership is. The Channel One is a reflection of the Region, so lets shine with lots of creative submissions! Thanks for stepping up, Kenneth!

And now, as always, I hope you enjoy this issue of Region One's award-winning Newsletter, The Channel One! Happy Trekking and All Ahead Full...



## Regional Chief Counselor's Report

*From Rear Admiral Barbara Lariscy, USS R.E. McNair*

I have completed mental health evaluations for the crew of the U.S.S. R.E. McNair. All is well – everyone is still nuts!

In observations made at the Mini Golf Challenge, I noted that apparently our ability to focus on the mission is fluctuating. I recommend that the Chief Medical Officer monitor any cognitive abnormalities and Executive Officer to schedule more drills.

Happy Halloween to all members. Remember we are entering the holiday season and many people have a tough time. Please reach out to those who need a friend.





## Region One Awards Program Report

*Region One Awards Program Director – Vice Admiral Pam Michaud, USS R.E. McNair*



New awards added in 2019. Order of Cronos, Pentaries Award and Number One (XO of the Year)

Veteran's Day is soon. Chapters may wish to submit their veterans and military members who served honorably in their country's (There may be R1 members in another country) Armed Forces.

**The Garth Order of Tactics** – This award is to honor those SFI Region One members who have served in their country's armed forces and was involved in a war or other military engagement that put their life on the line for their service.

**Pentaries Award** – For those members that have served honorably in their Nation's military. Must have served honorably at least two years. Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy, and Coast Guard

Region One 2019 Annual Awards deadline is right around the corner, January 31, 2020.

The annual awards consist of the following:

- Best Support Ship
- Best Shakedown Cruise
- First Mission
- Chapter of the Year
- Chapter of Excellence
- Jonathan Archer (Rookie CO)
- CO of the Year (Class of Excellence)
- Number One (XO of the Year)
- Dept of the Year (Chapter Dept)
- R1 Medal (Member of the Year): (*Enlisted, Officer, Flag Officer*)
- Cadet of the Year
- Edith Keeler
- RDC of the Year (*Selected by the R1 RDC Program Director*)
- R1 Staff Member of the Year (*Selected by the RC*)
- Best Chapter Website
- Best R1 Dept Website
- Best Chapter Handbook/Manual
- Best Newsletter (*Overall, Monthly, Bi-Monthly and Quarterly*)

Since we haven't had an edition of the Channel One I have listed the non-annual awards recipients for 2019.

**Star Cross** – LCDR Joan Savage - USS Indiana - On the afternoon of September 8, 2019 at about 12:30pm, LCDR Joan M. Savage (passenger) Debbie Daubenspeck were making their way home from church. They were traveling on US 1 along the coast of Florida a few days after evacuating from the threat of Hurricane Dorian only days before. Joan was listening to Debbie and noticed that the car was drifting dangerously near the guard rail. Turning to Debbie, Joan observed her to fall forward onto the steering wheel as the car veered left out of the lane -



## Region One Awards Program Report (Cont.)

toward oncoming traffic. Unsuccessfully trying to pull her friend up, Joan had to let her lay over the gearshift in order to reach the wheel. Unable to downshift, take the vehicle out of gear nor reach a brake of any kind, Joan realized that she had to quickly grasp the steering wheel over Debbie's body and regain control or they would crash. Joan did regain control, and pulled the car into one lane. She continued to drive the car from the passenger seat while attempting to revive her friend by patting her face and continually calling her name. After a couple of minutes, Debbie did groggily regain consciousness, but was not yet fully aware of the situation. Dazed, she was able to sit up in the driver's seat while Joan continued to steer the car, calling Debbie's name and instructing her to apply the brakes. Debbie then came fully to and was able to stop the car on the shoulder. Joan then helped her friend change places and immediately drove Debbie to a local hospital emergency room, where Debbie was treated for a bump on the head and admitted for observation overnight. After tests were run, she was released the following day. Joan suffered a bruised left hand from grabbing the steering wheel, but no other injuries.(201909.16)

- **Legion of Merit** (20+ yrs.) – Melody Durall, USS Aries; Naomi Durall, USS Aries; Christi Wilson, USS Aries
- **Order of Cronos** (30+ years) – Roger Scritchfield, USS Arizona; Robbie Lewis, USS Arizona
- **Dearest Blood** – Presented to the family of Carolyn Irvin, USS Star League
- **Good Conduct** (5 +years) – Joan Savage, USS Indiana
- **Good Conduct** (15 + years) – Liam Fowler, USS Aries; Olivia Fowler, USS Aries
- **Pentaries Award** – Roger Scritchfield, USS Arizona; Robbie Lewis, USS Arizona; John Antons, USS Ronald E McNair; Martin Peterson, USS Ronald E McNair; Brenda Smith, USS Ronald E McNair
- **Phoenix Award** – Debbie Daubenspeck - USS Indiana - While driving, Sept 8, 2019, she lost consciousness and slumped over the steering wheel. Passenger in the car steered the car, as best she could. After an undetermined amount of minutes Debbie regained consciousness and sat numbly, hands in her lap. Passenger yelled hit the brakes thereby causing Debbie to realize she was in the car, driving. Debbie pushed on the brake and pulled the car over to stop. Passenger took Debbie to the ER
- **Silver Star** – Joan Savage – USS Indiana – Graduating in the top ten percent of her class

I have been working on making sure our Awards Manual as well as the awards website is updated with the latest awards and awards recipients. I will have the updated awards manual finished soon.

I'm working on the R1 Certificates of Appreciation in order to get them out at the end of the year.

Awards manual, awards, criteria, recipients and awards submission link may be found here

<https://sites.google.com/site/sfir1awards/>

Any questions about the awards please contact me at [sfir1awards@yahoo.com](mailto:sfir1awards@yahoo.com).

The R1 website has the link for awards nominations as well as the awards manual.



## Parmley & Herring – “No Excuses”

*From Major General Steve Parmley, USS Constellation*



Source: <http://parmley-herring4sfl.rocks>

For too long our organization has strayed away from its commitment to the members to make this a fun experience. This will end on day one of our administration by doing the following:

Improve membership processing for all members - Our membership processing system will be reworked to serve all members around the globe. We will make sure that we are processing memberships in a timely manner, and that we are attentive to the needs of international members.

F.R.O.S.T. Teams – Groups from different ships that go to an area that does not have an SFI presence and recruit members to form a ship. Using the online courses of STARFLEET Academy,

they will get the required courses to be a CO and XO. They will have the support of other ships to help them find their feet in getting started.

Enhancing the member’s experience in STARFLEET - In any leadership position in this organization, leaders must remember that we work for you. In our administration, leadership will work with members in the common goal of celebrating and enjoying our fandom, and focusing on efforts to help our fellow man, “Let Me Help.”

Revamp the fleet level awards system – Many members of SFI are deserving of recognition but are not receiving it for many different reasons. We are going to undertake a total review of the recognition programs and make changes to stop deserving members from falling through the cracks. This streamline process is where recognition, when deserved, will be made quickly.

SFIIC – STARFLEET International, International Conference - Every third year of an administration, a SFIIC will be held in a country other than the United States at the same time as the SFI IC. A bid, just like a US IC will be submitted. Once it is determined where, it will be announced whether the Fleet Admiral or Vice Commander, STARFLEET will attend it. How the FA/VCS gets there will be up to their respective offices as this is to send the office, not the person.

Provide access to STARFLEET online activities despite member’s physical challenges - This administration will work towards the goal of complete accessibility for our online experiences, where all can be equally involved. That includes getting the Fleet Manuals on audio for our members that are visually impaired.

Fleet Manuals - Our team will get all the STARFLEET manuals updated, as this is something that needs to be done for our members. This will include working to offer critical documents in other languages to better serve our international members. This, as many other plans and projects will start on day one of our administration.

Diplomatic Corp – To booster the image of SFI with other fan organizations.



## Rush & Bristow – “We Need to Talk”



*From the Team Rush/Bristow Website – <https://www.rushbristow.com>*

The primary issues of our campaign will be the following:

Improving and making communication between the members, the SFI entities (SFMC, SF Medical, SF Academy, and MACO) and the EC more effective and bidirectional...

We will do this by making our Team available to not only each other, but to every member from the newest to the oldest, regardless of rank or position. Everyone has a voice and fresh ideas that need to be heard, contemplated, and perhaps instituted. We are going to make that happen!



Reviewing and bringing the SFI Manuals up to date. We are reviewing all of the current SFI manuals to bring them up to date. We are also making them available in different languages for our International members.

Refining and improving the current processes for member recognition. This has been a sore spot for years in SFI. It is a lengthy outdated procedure that is being updated to a faster and efficient process. No more waiting months for an outcome.

Instituting support at the Chapter level for recruiting and retention. We are going to introduce a new Captains Manual to aid chapters in recruiting and retention along with new updated materials they can use.

Putting the “International” back into SFI by promoting an environment of inclusion with our international members. We are doing this by integrating International members into the EC and peppering them all throughout our Administrative Team.

As a Team we believe we can make this happen, but not without your help. We would greatly appreciate your support in our endeavors by voting for “Team Rush/Bristow 2019”.





## Remembering Aron Eisenberg, 1969-2019



*By StarTrek.com Staff / September 22, 2019*

StarTrek.com is saddened to report the passing of Aron Eisenberg, the beloved actor who portrayed Nog in the Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.

Eisenberg's wife, Malissa Longo — confirmed on Facebook that he passed away today, on September 21, at the age of 50.

Eisenberg, described himself as "actor, filmmaker and proud father" and was a professional photographer who shot landscapes, concerts, corporate photography, portraits and more. Eisenberg's earliest credits included an episode of the series Straight Up, the TV movie Amityville: The Evil Escapes and the features The Horror Show, Playroom and Beverly Hills Brats, all in the late 1980s.

When he was cast as Nog, the producers told him nothing about the character, nor was he aware of how many episodes he'd be called upon to do. As he told StarTrek.com in a 2012 interview, "I thought every episode I was doing might be my last episode." Eisenberg ultimately played Nog in more than 40 episodes of DS9. He also portrayed Kar, the young Kazon-Ogla, in the Star Trek: Voyager episode "Initiations."

On December 29, 2015, Eisenberg underwent a kidney transplant — the second of his life. Quite miraculously, Eisenberg spent only four months on the waiting list before finding a match. That match? A friend named Beth Bernstein, who'd seen Eisenberg's Facebook post about needing a new kidney, offered to donate one of hers to him, and was a match for Eisenberg. "She is just so incredibly selfless to give to me like this," Eisenberg told StarTrek.com in 2015, "that words cannot express my gratitude to her."

Please join StarTrek.com in offering our condolences to Eisenberg's family, friends, colleagues and many fans.



## Remembering Carolyn Irvin, 1938-2019

*From Comm. J. Carnell Eubanks, USS Star League*



In remembrance of our friend and crewmate Carolyn Irvin: Nov 21st, 1938, Aug 30th, 2019. A lifetime of service to others, she will be missed. Surgical Nurse retired, Lions Club, and The Order of the Amaranth.

A member of STARFLEET International serving as Ambassador aboard the U.S.S. Star League.



*By Lt. Commander Aaron Brite, USS Charon*

Star Trek sensors relied on a number of fictional and real cosmological signals to navigate, investigate, and get into mischief. Of these, neutrinos, give the crew of the Enterprise-D and today's physicists views into the heart of stars, fission reactors, and soon fusion reactors. However, today's tools are devices up to 1km cubed, deep underground or water, which produce the weakest of signals. That's a single sensor about the size of a Borg cube. Impractical is an understatement as a result of the nature of neutrinos.

Neutrinos are nearly massless neutral elementary particles, far smaller than electrons that result from the conversion of energy into matter during nuclear reactions who react with normal matter only very weakly. They are neutral in that they do not carry a charge, like a magnet, so they are not repelled or attracted by electrons and protons. Neutrinos take neutrality one step further in that they are not attracted by or repelled by the forces (Strong and Weak nuclear forces) found inside of atoms very well. This is like Odo walking the promenade past Ferengi and Jem Hadar without being noticed. This property allows them to pass through all matter without slowing down. Only if they come very close to or hit an atom's nucleus are they seen as they transfer kinetic energy to their target as they bounce off. This makes them very difficult to detect for study, much less for practical applications.

That is until Dr. Juan Collar of the University of Chicago was able to develop a device that takes advantage of slower moving neutrino's interaction with mid-size heavy nuclei via a quantum-mechanical wave duality mechanism. Complicated way of saying the device looks for weak photon packets (~10 photons) released when a slower neutrino's wave function interacts with an entire nucleus's wave function causing a small, but detectable release of coherent light. This is akin to shaking an iron bell by waving a magnet past it. It makes barely a sound, but a sound it makes. Current devices instead use fast neutrinos slamming into a neutron or proton to release a bright flash, like ringing a small bell with a BB gun.

The advantage here is that the slower neutrinos see a much larger target and much more frequently which leads to both more neutrinos detected and the ability to use a smaller detector. The scale difference in detectors is immense. Kamiokande and Super Kamiokande are two detectors used to make breakthroughs in understanding neutrinos using 1,000 metric tons of pure water and 50,000 metric tons respectively as targets for neutrinos. Dr. Collar's detector, in contrast, uses less than a kilogram of a transparent crystal in a device the size of a fire extinguisher.

While still early in the development of Dr. Collar's device and the use of coherent elastic neutrino nucleus scattering to study neutrinos, the single leap forward it represents is an exponential leap in our ability to study and perhaps use neutrinos in the near future.

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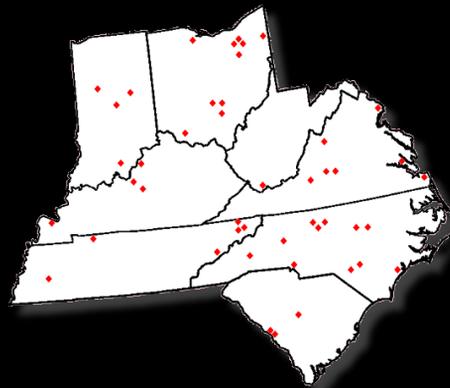
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## Chapter Logs

'Chapter Logs' is a section for the various chapters/ships/stations of Region One to share with their fellow members what their ship and crew has been involved with during the previous weeks and months.

All chapters are encouraged to submit a few lines for inclusion, as well as any photos that might be of interest. These along with any updates, corrections, etc., can be sent to the Editor at [Johnnyreb6@aol.com](mailto:Johnnyreb6@aol.com).



### U.S.S. Charon NCC-80111

High Point, North Carolina

The officers and crew of the Charon had a scary good time celebrating Halloween and the birthday of our CMO Sarah Bowman at our 2019 Halloween Party and Halloweenie Roast!

The evening was filled with costumes, games, food and (of course) friendship! Members came as their favorite characters and enjoyed a covered dish dinner centered around roasted hot dogs and other Fall fare. The Disney Villain game was the hit of the evening and will be sure to be added to the party game rotation!



Source: S. Gibson



Source: S. Gibson



Source: S. Gibson

### U.S.S. Moebius NCC-4744393

Lebanon, Ohio

The USS Moebius is a Correspondence Chapter that has small groups of people (Away Teams) in several different locations around the USA that get together locally for movies, exhibits, game nights, BBQs/Picnics, and Conventions. Our chapter recently moved to Lebanon, Ohio, in June, and we have four local recruits and three local members besides the away teams we already had in NJ and Florida. Since we are a Wells Class Time-ship, we adhere to the idea that every series and timeline are valid and enjoyable to our members, so no matter which series



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or movie you enjoy the most as where you "came from", you may wear that uniform when convention-ing. We also have uniform T-shirts for those interested.

Our MSG, the 147th, "The Guardians of Forever" is planning a bid for the 2020 Wilderness Challenge for the 1st Brigade to go Fossil Hunting, Hiking, Camping (w/ motel nearby), and Wilderness Cooking at Caesar Creek State Park near Waynesville, Ohio!! Please Keep an eye out for more information soon. Our Klingon Head Chef from the TOS timeline is looking forward to the adventure of cooking and tasting foodstuffs from different quadrants.

Many of our activities are easily done from distant locations, such as going to conventions local to our own locations, co-splaying in STAR TREK and other fandom styles. Watching "Movies of the Month", going online to virtual museums, and exchanging recipes or some of the things we enjoy spending time in our hobby of science fiction fandom. Besides ST (et al), members enjoy Doctor Who, Firefly, BSG, and others. Find us on fb or contact us if you would be interested in spending some time with us at ruachandrasfi@gmail.com.



Fossil hunting with Mike. Source – D. Rozelle



Finding a Fossil. Source – D. Rozelle



CO Rozellee at the Ohio River Festival. Source – D. Rozelle



Chef Phil and sister-recruit Bernie. Source – D. Rozelle

## U.S.S. Ronald E. McNair NCC-61809

## Columbia, South Carolina

The crew of the McNair has been fairly active during the month of October. Taking part in a variety of events from Supply Missions, Away Teams and a number of Halloween programs. The three primary events were:

**Aiken Wild West Fest – October 5th & 6th** – An away team of two members, with two other potential recruits beamed down into the past to explore the American West of the 1870's at the Wild West Fest in Aiken, SC. Despite best efforts to avoid trouble, trouble soon found us! The team setup as an 1870's U.S. Army recruiting station and engaged the public in teaching the history of the area with others. During the afternoon of both days we were detailed as a guard on the Wells Fargo Bank – and unfortunately blown to kingdom come! The scenario had us guarding an army pay shipment and then being attacked by bandits at the bank who threw dynamite into the building with; forcing us to run out and be shot down. It was made more interesting when we threw the dynamite back at them! Overall the crowd enjoyed the scene, and a good time was had by all who attended.

**Supply Mission** – McNair member A. Darby brought three (3) dozen cupcakes to the Atlas Road Fire Station in Columbia. Below is a photo of her with Engineer Blackman of the Station.

**Mini Golf Challenge – October 26th** – The Annual McNair Mini Golf Challenge was held at Frankie Fun Park near Irmo, South Carolina. We had a good showing, with around 14 members from the USS McNair, USS Star League & USS Robbins coming together to compete in the challenge. There was a good deal of laughing and fun connected



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with some of the ability shown by some of our 'golfers.' If nothing else it showed that if our aim with a small golf ball is any indication of our ability with phasers . . . we are going to need more security drills!



Aiken Wild West Fest  
Source: K.H. Robison



Shelby Museum  
Source: P. McNaad



McNair Mini Golf Challenge  
Source: K.H. Robison

## U.S.S. Star League NCC-2101

## North Augusta, South Carolina



Source: J.C. Eubanks



Recruiting: J.C. Eubanks, Carol Eubanks, Jana Sandarg; Standing: Jerry Holden, Mary Holden  
Source: J. Sandarg



Source: J.C. Eubanks

**Visiting the Sets of Star Trek.** Every couple of years the crew of the U.S.S. Star League had the incredible opportunity to visit the Star Trek Fan films sets in Kingsland Georgia in Region 2. This year's Halloween event was special for the crew of the Star League as two of our long distance members were invited guest. It is always a thrill to see these working studio sets, to walk the corridors of the starship Enterprise, to sit in the Captain's chair and let your imagination run free. The photos speak more than my words can as to the care and excitement of beaming aboard this reconstruction. An added delight was seeing John and Bjo Trimble again, listening to their perspective on the history of the save Star Trek which they began years ago. A venture without which we not only would not have our beloved TV shows and movies but also I would never have meet many of you who have become dear friends. Vic Mignogna the actor who plays captain Kirk in the series was a great speaker, explaining the desire, drive, and heart that went into the dreams of building these sets and of filming the Star Trek Continues fan films. After the visit and presentations, we had the privilege of joining our long distance members for lunch at the Captain's Table. There is nothing quite like a gathering of friends to catch up over, ribs, burgers and peach tea. What a great trip.

**Halloween Fest at the Augusta Book Exchange.** On Saturday, October 26, 2019, members of the USS Star League held a STARFLEET recruiting event at the Augusta Book Exchange. The annual Halloween Fest sponsored by the Book Exchange always draws a large crowd of folks interested in science fiction, fantasy and gaming. And since it is



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centered on Halloween, everyone comes in costume. Our shipmates, dressed in either Star Trek uniforms or in our crew shirts, rubbed elbows with authors, artists, gamers, photographers, attendees, two dogs and a cat. You can imagine how difficult it was to rub elbows with a cat! Comm. Carnell Eubanks and RADM. Jana Sandarg informed attendees of the opportunities offered by STARFLEET, while FCpt. Mary Holden and FCpt. Jerry Holden led several gaming sessions throughout the day. Crmn Jennifer Yourchak worked the door. Our table was the focus of congregation since it was next to the boxes of free pizza our ship co-provided. It was an animated event, with startling costumes and intriguing characters. But the cat was glad to see us all go!

### U.S.S. Heimdal NCC-1793

### Madison Heights, Virginia

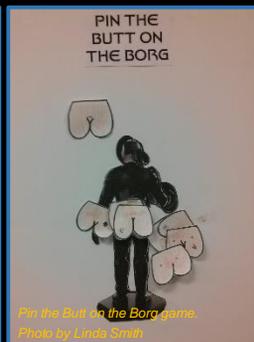
26 people attended the September Heimdal meeting including 10 guests. This meeting was very special because the two students the Heimdal sent to NASA's Space Camp in Huntsville, AL were our guest speakers. This was the first year we were able to send two students through our Space Camp Contest, which was just huge for us. Our 15 year old boy, Adam went to Advanced Space Academy and our 13 year old girl winner, Abby went to Robotics Academy ... the first winner we've had who went to Robotics Camp.

Adam began the presentations by telling us about his trip to Advanced Space Academy. He ended his presentation with a video he made of his Space Camp trip, which was excellent. Abby gave us a power point presentation with scenes from her trip to Robotics Camp. Both presentations were fantastic and were followed by a Q&A session with both students answering questions together. They both wore their flight suits and it was a meeting to remember.

Heimdal was able to send two students to Space Camp this year due to a \$1500 donation we received from BWX Technologies specifically for the purpose of sending a student to Space Camp. We have already received a \$2300 donation in October from a local trust fund that makes the donation annually to a local non-profit that does remarkable things within the community. The Heimdal has been blessed to receive this donation three years in a row. This donation has been made specifically to send a student to Space Camp, which makes it possible for us again in 2020 to send two students.

The Heimdal has kicked off our Space Camp Program Contest in 9 local middle schools on November 1. The contest ends January 24 with a winner announced no later than February 15.

Submitted by Adm. Linda Smith, CO





'Humor. It is a difficult Concept.'



***"On Earth today, it's Thanksgiving. If the crew has to eat synthetic meat loaf, I want it to look like turkey."***

Capt. James T. Kirk, Stardate: 1533.6  
'Charlie X' – Airdate: Sept. 15, 1966

