



From the Desk of the Admiralty

...It's been a long road, getting from there to here... Those lyrics are certainly true of the last year. It's been almost nine months since an Issue of the Frontera Times has been released and huge amounts have happened since then.

We are now in the early weeks of 2015 and as the new year begins, it's a good time to stop for a moment and reflect. 2014 was a good year for Starbase 24. It has been a time of growth and development, of fun and laughter, of making new friends and strengthening old ones and on top of all that, raising significant amounts of money for various very deserving charities.



For us, the most notable event of the year was of course the annual Starfleet Klingon Banquet, which this year was held at the Park Inn Intergalactic in Frontera City. While there were some small issues with overcrowding the result was a fun filled weekend that resulted in an unbelievably great amount of money being handed over to charity. A massive well done and thank you to the Command Team for all their hard work in making it happen.

So what does the future hold? We move forward and begin the preparations for the 9th Annual Banquet. In the wake of our very successful fundraising year, we have been challenged to double our fundraising... seriously? You'd like us to raise around £6000 this year? Well... okay then... sure, why not! Let's give it our best shot....

New Pizza Launched

In honour of the Admiral's flagship, the USS Endeavour, the Frontera City Pizza Hut was proud to launch its latest creation, the Nebula Class Pizza. Our reporters were told that the first offerings in the range will be the USS Pepperoni, the USS Hawaiian and the USS Margarita.



The new range will be a special edition only available to Starfleet Personnel. On hearing of the new pizzas, Admiral Mackenzie was heard to say "This pizza can go into warp with you and still be good three days later. There's nothing like cold pizza when the Jem'Hadar are attacking.

The Starbase 24 command team tried the new pizza at their local Pizza Hut Intergalactic after a trip to the holodecks to see the new holo-play, "The Hobbit: the Battle of Five Armies" Rear Admiral Kehlan said "the movie was worthy of a Klingon Warrior."

Divine Approval of The Klingon Banquet

The end of October saw the officers and crew of Starbase 24 hosting their annual banquet, attended by many high profile visitors and ambassadors from across the Federation, most notably the Wraith Queen.



The event was visited by no less than the Allfather, Lord Odin of Asgard and his son, Loki who were quick to give the event a divine 'thumbs up'. How many parties can say the gods themselves attended?

Several ships from Starfleets 20th fleet also attended as did the USS Equulus and we were honoured by the presence of Fleet Admiral John Fields and Vice Admiral Pauline Fields. Rear Admirals Malcom Edwards and Wil Ross were also present and representing the Klingon Empire, Admiral qe'San *epetai* Be'Rawn. Hosting the event of course, was Admiral James Mackenzie and Rear Admiral Kehlan. Far too many admirals in one place!

Friday night was a strange affair. Yellow tee-shirts and dungarees seemed to be the uniform of choice and were accompanied by strange cries of "Bottom" and "Ba-Na-Na". The universal translators are still struggling to make sense of this, but exo-naturalists believe it may be the mating cry of the 'Greater Yellow Minion'

Lieutenant Ramsbottom has been recommended for a commendation for "Performing above and beyond the call of duty" as she attempted to control these strange yellow creatures and restore order to her dance floor. Sadly she appears to have been permanently scarred by the incident and is now in counselling.

During the morning of the Saturday, Fleet Captain Adams hosted a special "Attack Wing" training session, designed to teach Advanced Fleet Tactics, to the academy cadets. Later in the day, Starfleet Intelligence Medical Department held a seminar on the medical techniques involved in historic alien espionage, with a specific focus on how agents were transformed into Klingons.

The highlight of the event was the formal three course banquet, followed by a short talk from our special guest, Imperial Fleet Officer, Alan Flyng. After the auction and raffle, the evening ended with dancing and we were able to announce that we had raised in the region of £3000 for charity.



More on the Banquet...

Report by Fleet Captain Dan Adams

A most splendid time was had by the assembled masses at the Eighth Banquet of the Twenty-Fourth Starbase. Beings represented were Time Lords, Vampires, Zombies, Ghostbusters and lots of officers of the Starfleet.

Beings from across the four corners of the galaxy assembled for an evening of splendid company and celebration. Of particular note was the guest speaker, Mr Alan Flyng, of the Galactic Empire.

Friday Night was infiltrated by the unique creatures known as 'Minions'. Also, Fleet Captain Daniel Adams,

who was posing as a Renegade Timelord at the time, took part in a test of his mental abilities where he scored just below half marks.

Saturday during the day saw a tactical training simulation via the medium of Attack Wing, traditional convention evening dance demonstrations, and classes on how to disguise your visage in order to effectively infiltrate Klingon culture.

In the evening, electronic viewing screen messages were beamed in from across the known universe. At the message's conclusion, the assembled

personages were visited by a contingent of Asgardian Royalty.

Sovereign of Asgard, the Mighty All-Father, Odin and his son Loki visited the assembled masses.

"It was a fantastic meeting" Said Fleet Captain Daniel Adams, at the conclusion. "It was nice to meet these beings who were fully grown when the Human Race was still in its infancy."

When asked about the absence of the heir to the Odin's Throne, Thor, Fleet Captain Adams simply said "I'd heard he had gotten hammered in the bar"

And now, Our Reporter listens to the account of commander Susan Griffiths of the Starbase 24 Senior command team.....

This year's Klingon Banquet was a little bit different for me. Earlier on in 2014, I found myself informed I would be a member of the Command Team following a chat with Rear Admiral Kehlan on a tube train having had a great two evenings at the Royal Albert Hall

I was a Trekette previously and found myself taking to the stage again as a minion along with several other minions and some willing and able and very, very awesome volunteers. I hadn't been all that well so wondered how well I would hold up as we gave learning the YMCA all we had. I had not rehearsed at all so it was a chance to work on the area of performance I consider myself to be a bit weak in... improvisation. It seemed to go alright, given the audience reaction, which was absolutely brilliant to experience!

Saturday rocked my socks, too. I was feeling a lot better and got myself downstairs for breakfast (lots of it I might add) and meant to head into town but never actually made it. I got distracted by chatting with awesome Starbase 24 people, watching the Klingon Make-up Demonstration, the

Convention Dance Workshop and viewing just how awesome the Attack Wing sets looked. Plus the room looked great. I picked up a few things from the Honour Pot table, too

I couldn't hang around for too long as I had a pub quiz to prepare for. I will admit to improvising two questions and relating them to the original Star Trek TV series as I felt a little more Trek content was called for... and had no problem at all having to repeat questions for the teams. If anything, it added to the fun and despite my health being a bit variable, I was still able to get through it but was very, very reassured by having two able and awesome volunteers to help me!

I had a little bit of chill out time in the evening and then got myself decked out for the evening in a Star Trek Wrath of Khan jacket, top and belt to go with a pair of trousers I felt completed the look. They weren't exactly official but felt right. One thing I must mention about that is that I had wanted to deck myself out like that since I was in sixth form (and NO, I am not saying how long ago that was) so it was a bit of a childhood fulfilling ambition for me. So... it was down to the bar for some drinks and mingling (which I did a lot of) and given the quality of the company, that was always going to be thoroughly enjoyable.

I loved the table I was on – with Alan Flyng who was everything a guest should be... friendly, approachable and generally a lovely chap! I loved his speech – it was interesting to hear just how much of a twist and turn his career has taken and where he found himself working. There was then a huge surprise of the evening, where Odin and Loki paid us a visit! I think it is evident from the pictures how impressed I was! Another high point of the evening (and there were loads) was helping with the auction – I was also really pleased to win an item myself, a silver Star Trek bracelet... because in my world it's not possible to have too much bling. There was a wonderful moment where myself and certain members of the Command Team were cheeky little sods and “embarrassed” our own Rear Admiral Kehlani in the best way possible by a thank you speech to tell her how much her efforts are appreciated, a thank you card and some (very) well earned booze!

The meal was great and it was particularly reassuring to know that I would be safe with the food. I had experienced a huge allergic reaction that meant I was off work a few weeks earlier, so being reassured that I was safe with the food made a lot of difference – and sure enough, I was. On that note, the Friday night buffet was great in that respect, too! Given my early night on the Friday it was great partaking in dancing like a loon on the Saturday night where I stayed until the end of the night and then helped with clearing down... not something I minded given my previous career in catering. It brought back some memories! Plus chatting with everyone and having a really good laugh as I did so was appreciated, too.

There was time for saying goodbye on Sunday and then I headed off to meet a friend in Peterborough before heading home with happy memories of a brilliant event. It's been great seeing photos from the event which bring back happy memories – and the friend requests I have received from awesome people I met at the event are great as well. I was also very impressed to hear how much was raised and to be a part of it. Would I do it again next year? Well... given that I have a new Star Trek top to show off and some great experience to put to use, it would be a shame not to!

News from Cardassia...

Special Report by Fleet Captain Nancy Bailey, Commanding Officer, Starbase 3

(Starfleet Command Quadrant 1)

On December 6th and 7th, 2014, the CEGEP de Sherbrooke (Canada) was host to the first annual anime conference : Animaracon. This event featured anime cosplayers and artists. The Eastern Township Star Trek Club, the Starship Obready had also been invited to speak at the event. I was very happy to join Bruno Signori as co-presenter to two panels during the week-end: 48 years of Star Trek and Star Trek fan clubs.

As this was a first event, I was not certain what to expect. I did have a chance to learn more about anime - and reminisce about the TV shows I used to watch as a child. The vendors room was filled with artists, collectors and local shops eager to share their information. Bruno (aka Admiral Robert Kelly) was offered a cup of tea a few time by a newly opened tea shop - we kidded ourselves in the fact that perhaps he was being mistaken for Captain Jean-Luc Picard...

Our panels did not attract as many people as I would have hoped. It could be because we had the first time slot in the morning or because we were presenting a panel in a different genre. Nevertheless that people who were there told us they enjoyed our presentation and that always feels good.

We met a few people in the vendors room and we were able to enjoy a parade of people who had spent a lot of time developing their costumes. We were able to take pictures with some of them. They were generous with their time as they explained who their characters were to this novice - why was that character carrying a potato again?

I was happy to spend the week-end with friends talking about a subject I like. Who knows, we just might do it again next year...

From the wings of the Gul...

EXCLUSIVE : As Intercepted Message from Admiral Robert Kelley on board the USS Obready, on highly hazardous duty in enemy space has finally been declassified by Starfleet Intelligence and made available to the general public...



As November 15th approaches, our Ship prepares again to come to aid of the JEVI (ILIV) suicide prevention centre. For the 4th time the Ghost-Trek event will take place at the Alpha bowling club.

With the help of the Eastern Townships Ghostbusters, we will come to the aid of JEVI for the 3rd time. As the date approaches I am filled with great pride at how this event

will be different from our usual fundraising efforts. What is making such a huge difference this year is the assistance of our new allies, THE HEROES OF HOPE. This group, founded by Nicholas Lizotte (DC universe's ARROW) is making a great effort to round up players from as far away as Montreal to attend the event. With their effort we will be the most colourful event in the Eastern townships,

with all manners of DC and MARVEL super heroes to join the blend of Ghostbusters and Starfleet officers.

The population of the eastern township is not one to see these kind of events as its population is already seeing the ' Geek ' community as an oddity. We have however the opportunity to show them the good ideals we believe in; the same values that bind Superhero ideals as the Starfleet ones.

My great friend James Mackenzie has always told me that the secret of the STARSHIP OBREADY's success would be in this ability to ' build bridges '. And the one that we have built with the HEROES OF HOPE is one that will take us further than we have ever gone before. How far? Well, to put things in perspective, the Obready has never been able to go over the 4 aisles presence in a bowling event. The encouragement that we have received in the eastern townships has been dismal at best. But when people take the time to drive 2 to 3 hours to join us for a fund raising event, then people here start to take notice and ask: 'why are they doing that?' And that's when they show up to the event only to be impressed by the serious work put together by 'costumed' people.

I agree, yes we do wear costumes (Uniforms). But they represent the ideals that we believe in. And it is those ideals that start to impress the ordinary people that show up to our event. And when they bring their children to meet their 'Heroes', than the importance of portraying good ideals to them is even more important.

I would be negligent in my article if I did not mention our good friend Alain Rivard (Artist for 'Ships of the Line' calendars and books), who is going to bring his contribution to the cause by donating 8 X 10 prints of SHIP OF THE LINE. Prints that he has re-named (Ships of the line- STARSHIP OBREADY EDITION.) Will they sell during the evening? Time only will tell....

This admiral is proud to have kept the STARSHIP OBREADY sailing (Thanks to some great encouragement from his wonderful friend Kehlan) to what promises to be a long and prosperous life.



Command Team Trip to London...

September saw some of the SB24 command team meeting in the Londinium sector for some shore leave. We had planned trips to several important museums including the Museum of Federation History, but on arrival, we learned that it was the weekend of the Tall Ships Regatta, so after a trip to

the Brunel Museum, we headed over to Greenwich to watch the ships sailing up and down the Thames. Absolutely beautiful sight to see so many tall ships gathered together in one place and to have the opportunity to go onboard these historic vessels. The second day of leave involved more Tall ships as we paid a visit to the Cutty Sark before heading over to Stratford to investigate reports of a Stargate. (It should be noted that Stargate technology remains banned in the Federation.)



Klingon V Predator:

New Movie Release or just an awkward diplomatic Incident? You, the reader, must decide....

During a diplomatic visit to the Madrid system, reports were received of a Predator terrorising the local populace. Rear admiral Kehlan was sent to investigate and deal with the problem. After a brief battle, order was restored and Kehlan was heard to say "the Predator was made to understand that the Heart of Spain cannot be taken as a trophy!"



Star Trek In Concert...

A very successful and enjoyable mission to London with the SB24 Command Team. We attended the world premiere of Star Trek in Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, a night that was made all the more special by the surprise appearance of Simon Peg, Michael Giacchino and JJ Abrams on stage. Directed by Ludwig Wici, the orchestra did an amazing job. The acoustics were incredible - the drum beats vibrated through the entire building - and the whole experience was just amazing. Many attendees were heard to say that it spoiled them for ever seeing a movie at the cinema again.

Seeing the movies in such an environment was a very different experience. While normally the music is there to enhance the movie and at the time isn't really noticed, in this case the movie was there to enhance the music. Just when we thought it couldn't get any better, the conductor came back on stage after the interval wearing a Starfleet uniform in operations yellow. We got a very special easter egg at the end, when Michael Giacchino conducted the orchestra for a sneak preview of the music he had written for the upcoming Planet of the Apes movie. The orchestra seemed quite surprised and overwhelmed by the very positive response but I can truthfully say they deserved their standing ovation!

A late booking turned out to be a very lucky thing in the end for Starbase 24 team member Sue Griffiths, when she met JJ Abrams.



The SB24 team spent the day together touring London, starting off with a visit to the science museum before taking a boat trip down the river Thames, where a Klingon was spotted on the Port bow. The pilot did offer to turn the boat around so that the Klingon could disembark from the starboard side of the ship but Captain K'Vaaar declined the offer.

One Night Only: special Performance... Starbase 24 Choir live at the Royal Albert Hall...



Conducted by Fleet Captain Daniel Adams, solo voice artist Commander Susan Griffiths led the Starbase 24 choir in a rousing rendition of "STAR TREKKING" live at the Royal Albert Hall.

The unique performance took place at the end of a very special documentary about the life of the famous Starfleet Captain James Tiberius Kirk.

Interview with the Command Team: Captain Hightower



Our journalist talks to Starbase 24 senior command team officer, Captain Kevin Hightower.

What got me into Star Trek? :

I don't know it sorta happened I always liked watching Star Trek on TV it was The Next Generation I think it was on Sky 1 or BBC2. So it was a start of a new interest for me.

Favourite Star Trek TV show? :

It has to be Star Trek voyager... I think it was because it was new and only just stated to air in the UK. The idea of following a Starship on its journey home. Finding new races to contact and strange new worlds seemed to appeal to me. The show was a great idea for the Star Trek franchise. I also started to watch Deep Space Nine.

First Con attended? :

The first con I want to was memorabilia at the NEC in Birmingham I can't remember the exact year I think it was 2002 or 03. It was a new experience to be surrounded by people dressed up in Star Trek uniforms, Star Wars uniforms even Daleks going around the halls. It was a couple of years later that I got my own Star Trek uniform being a First contact Medical uniform.

When did I first meet Admiral James Mackenzie Rear Admiral Kehlan?:

It was at Collectormania in Milton Keynes when it was held in the shopping centre. I was there with a long time good friend, Rachel. I looked around for a gang of Klingons and the minute I saw some I walked up to them. I met Kehlan and the minute she saw me my nickname of HighTower was born due to me being 6ft 7" tall.

Me and Starbase 24:

Well I think I joined Starbase 24 just after the 2nd Klingon Banquet. This was the very first real world Star Trek group I joined. I started helping organize the 3rd Banquet and I was given the task of designing and printing out the place cards. After the banquet I was somehow drafted in to keep the forum running and helping out on the main website. To this day I still think I was just given the job not volunteered for it! lol

What's the best thing about starbase 24? :

It has to be the people. I have met some great people since being here. I feel part of a team and the very best thing is the amount of money we have given to charity. Knowing that I was part of making the life of a cancer victims better, Giving a German shepherd dog some food and a roof over its head even feeding our prickly friends the hedgehogs makes me feel all warm inside. ☺

Upcoming Events:

Starbase 24 hope to see you at First Contact Day in Leicester. Resistance is Futile.



First Contact Day is on the horizon ladies and gentlemen. It's shaping up to be one of the biggest events of 2015, and if I hadn't already been given a gold ticket, I would have had mine booked by now!

So if you are already booked in, or have yet to make up your mind, here's what to expect this April.



From the world of Voyager, Garrett Wang will be on hand. Garrett is known to many Star Trek fans as being the man behind Harry Kim. He's always got a smile and is interested in what the fans have

to say. In his talks, he's sincere about his time on Star Trek. Looking back on the good bits with warmth, being honest about what he sees about the not so good bits, and having the audience in stitches while recounting the really funny bits. Plus, he's never afraid to have fun as part of the event too, as this photograph proves.

From Babylon 5, we have Claudia Christian. B5, as most Sci Fi fans will attest, was hugely influential, and one of the most popular parts was Claudia's portrayal of the wry, hard hitting Susan Ivanova. Claudia too has some interesting stories to tell, both from her time on the show, and the rest of her career in Hollywood. Anyone who has read her book, Babylon Confidential, will tell you that she has faced her trials and tribulations, but has emerged with a new focus – The C3 Foundation that helps to cure addiction. This will be one of the causes supported by FCD.

Next up, is James Swallow. James submitted concepts that became the Star Trek Voyager episodes "One" and "Memorial", and has written licensed Fiction and Audio books based on Star Trek, Stargate, Doctor Who, 24 Warhammer, and various video game releases.

Una McCormack, like James, has written licensed fiction based on both Star Trek and Doctor Who, including some of Big Finish's Doctor Who plays, in which classic era actors reprise their roles for new adventures and Star Trek novels set in the "Typhon Pact" era, where the Federation is faced with more uncertainties than ever.

The guests are a big part of FCD 2015, but what made the first event special was the chance to rub shoulders with fellow fans, and that returns too. While meeting your fellow fans, you will also get the chance to see replica props and other fantastic displays – now extended to TWO days.

With a fantastic party planned for the Saturday night, including a sit down meal for Gold Ticket Holders, and a disco with all the convention favourites, this is going to be a definite "must attend" weekends of 2015. In addition the attendees will rest assured that they have supported two very worthwhile charities – Help for Heroes, and the aforementioned C3 Foundation.

See you there!

Fleet Captain Dan Adams

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