

Main Bridge

Newsletter for the USS INDIANAPOLIS

June 2014



May Meeting

Our meeting was at Garfield Park. At first it looked like it was going to rain. But in the end, it turned out to be a nice sunny day. A large veterans cookout took all the picnic tables. So we were forced to use the back of Barb's truck as a table for the food. We had 5 crew members for our meeting. Richard Morris won the door prize. Richard also won the Romulan Ale contest.



Computer Class

Our Computer Class meeting was at Mike's home. We had 4 crew members and 2 visitors for our class. Everyone had a good time, and pizza was good too.



Chicago Convention

By Joyce Stanfield

Chicago's Westin Hotel rolled out the red carpet for this year's Con. Lots of great activities all tied together with Music Video Presentations throughout. Many of them were produced by fans. Fridays highlight for me was the stage show with JG Hertzler (Martok) and Robert O'Reilly (Gowron). O'Reilly regaled us with the story of the "Gowron Eyes". The two of them performed a Klingon Rap complete with a dynamite riff. It was a full three minutes of rocking the house.

Adam Malin presented a remembrance of: Deforest Kelley, James Doohan, and the Roddenberrys. Really touching but not sad. The Star Trek Blooper Reels from Gene's personal collection were shown and were delightful to see. First on Saturday's program were Rom and Nog (Max Rodenichik and Aron Eisenberg). Next William Shatner began his stage appearance and was later joined by Kate Mulgrew. The two of them fed off each other's energy and had us all in stitches. They were announced by Music Video Salutes starring each of them. Toward the end of the day was the Costume Contest. There were so many entries they had to bring up four groups for judging and the quality was so incredible that there was a tie for first place and a second place award instead of first, second, and third. Gary Barclay received a wonderful ovation for his Spock

character.

Sunday stage times began with Jeri Ryan. I missed her but someone shared with me later that her personality was totally opposite of Seven of Nine's. She was light and bubbly and so much fun. Voyager's Robert Beltran was next on stage. He was hilarious and very much interactive with the audience. Next up was Suzie Plakson. John Paladin transformed her into K'Ehleyr right before our eyes. At that point she turned away and complete with sound and lighting effects emerged from the darkened area of the stage into a low light. She then delivered a soliloquy in character. It was amazing. Suzie is also very friendly with fans. She attended the Karaoke party and socialized. The last stage time of the day was Nichelle Nichols. In her warm and elegant way she shared in addition to Star Trek memories, her memories of growing up in Robbins, Illinois. This small town was founded by her grandfather. After a lovely time with us she left the stage singing the Star Trek theme song. I didn't realize it had lyrics.

Other weekend activities included presentations on Voyager Collectibles, a talk on "The Cage" as a celebration of it's appearance 50 years ago, a Star Trek Trivia contest, make up tips and demos for cos players by John Paladin, a panel on Star Trek's 50 years in the newspaper, and of course the auctions of memorabilia banners, and gifts. I had a photo op with the two Captains and with Robert Beltran.

Great fun. Met and spent time with fans from all over. I wish my Starfleet Command family could have been there. Looking forward to Starbase Indy so I may celebrate the 40th Anniversary with you.

Indy 500 News

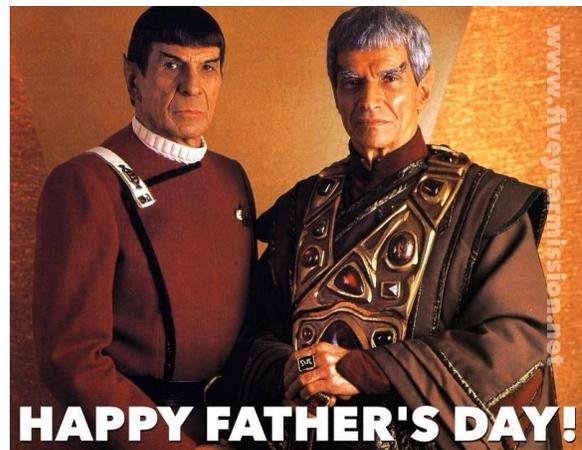
By Barb Walpole



Barb scanned and turned into me two newspaper clippings from the Indianapolis Star. Both clippings are about Jim Nabors.



Happy Fathers Day



Book News

By Elbert Davis

BOOK BUZZ NEW ON THE LIST AND IN PUBLISHING

Boldly going: Rob Caswell is going where no other *Star Trek* fan has gone before. A series of 1970s-era faux book covers the



illustrator had concocted for an imaginary *Star Trek: Seekers* world is becoming a reality. A Seekers book series launches in July from Simon & Schuster with Cas-

well's creations, the first time a fan's artwork has been used on the cover of a *Star Trek* book. *Second Nature* by David Mack is due July 22.



Cartoon n Pet News

By Gene Adams

Space News

By Elbert Davis

Russian space plans up in the air
U.S.-Russia tensions on space station concern lawmakers

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON Russia's threats to withdraw from the International Space Station in 2020 and stop selling rocket engines used to launch U.S. military satellites might be mere bluster. But key lawmakers take them seriously.

GOP leaders on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee asked NASA last week for information on international negotiations related to the proposed extension of the space station beyond 2020 as well as a list of all Russian equipment and services needed to operate the orbiting lab beyond then.

The U.S. has announced plans to keep the lab up and running through at least 2024.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., raised concerns on the Senate floor last week about potential fallout if Russia bans export of its RD-180 engines to the USA. The engines power the Atlas V rockets used for heavy launches. "It affects not only our military access to space, it affects our civilian access to space," Nelson said.

Reaction on Capitol Hill suggests the threats from Russian

Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin have struck a nerve. Rogozin, who oversees Russia's space program, made his comments after a White House decision to impose economic sanctions on Russia and several top officials, including Rogozin, over tensions in Ukraine.

NASA officials have repeatedly assured members of Congress in recent weeks not to panic, noting Russia has yet to issue a directive based on Rogozin's threats.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden told a Senate panel this month he does not expect tensions to hinder the cooperative agreement regarding space station operations.

Independent analysts generally agree with Bolden, saying Russia's withdrawal would cause relatively minimal disruption because so much of the orbiting lab's operation and upkeep falls on an international consortium led by the United States.

A pullout would be much worse for Russia, which views the space program as a national source of pride, said Howard McCurdy, a space policy expert at American University. He said Russia depends on its program to employ numerous engineers and desperately needs the roughly \$70 million it gets each time a Soyuz rocket ferries an American astronaut to the space station.

"It's to their benefit that they cooperate," he said.

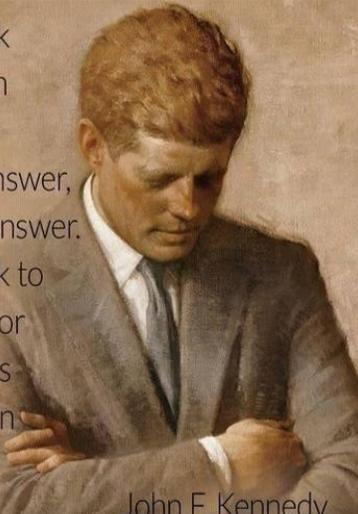
Russia's space station plans concern U.S. lawmakers.



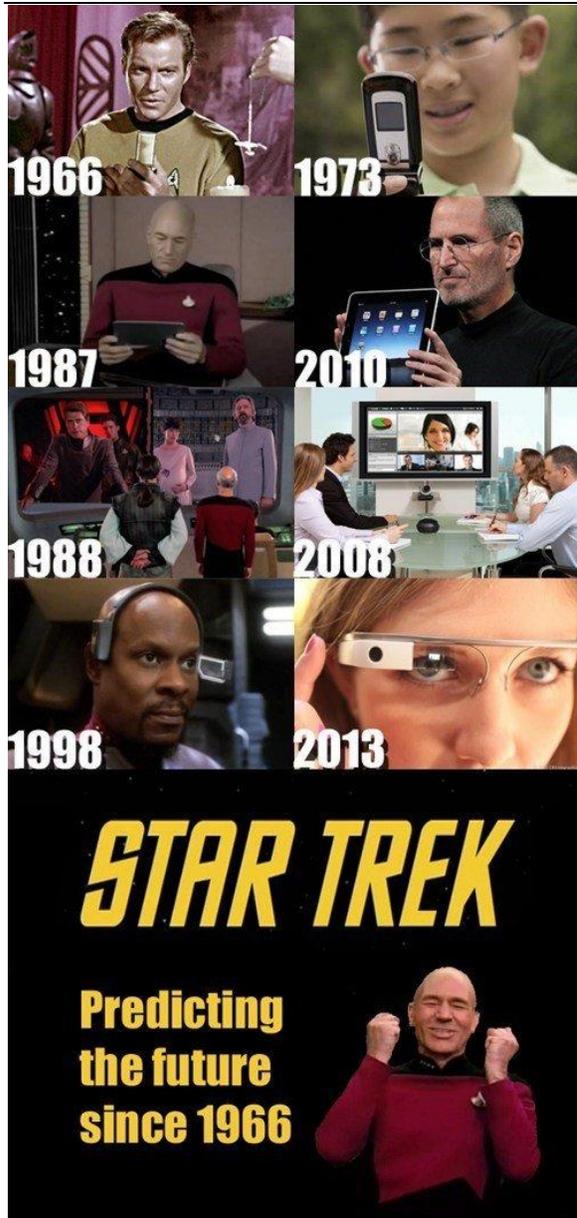
Facebook News

The USS Indianapolis Facebook page has over 230 friends now. We are adding new friends almost every day.

Let us not seek the Republican answer, or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.



John F. Kennedy



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STAR TREK

Predicting the future since 1966