

The Wyvern's Tale

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Welcome to a New Year!

If you believe the Mayans,
our time is up.



Or is it?

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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE



Greetings Gallant Crew!

Been another pretty quiet month on the Wessex. Those I have corresponded with have all been pretty busy with real life issues (Myself included). Anyway, I will be renewing the web site and domain this month. We currently have 14 active SFI members on board.

My plan is sometime near the end of the year to once again bring up elections for the ship. I have been the CO since her launching in 2009, and it's probable time to get some fresh ideas, and to give others the chance to assume leadership roles on the Wessex.

My goal for the remainder of this year is to turn the Wessex into more of an RPG based ship. This has been a goal of mine for some time and I believe will bring a bit more focus for the crew and the mission. That does not mean we can do nothing else! As always, your opinions and ideas mean allot, and are the basis for a great chapter.

As always, please give ideas as to how we can improve! It has been an absolute blessing for me being the Commanding Officer of the Wessex, and a fulfillment of a long dream! I really want to make this work for all of us!

Thanks you all for your support.

Captain Dave Jamison
CO, USS WESSEX NCC-74207



AROUND THE FLEET



Congratulations!

To Jack Plummer on his appointment to Ensign.

Happy Birthday!

Ensign John Barrie, Captain Minka "Doc" Leeser, and Crewman Jacob Thompson.

NEW Region 4 Regional Coordinator!

To: Vice Admiral Jerry Tien & the Fourth Fleet

From: STARFLEET Headquarters - Office of the Commander, STARFLEET

Re: Appointment of Region 4 Regional Coordinator



I have received word from the Inspector General's Office that, in the matter of the Region 4 Regional Coordinator Election, Vice Admiral Jerry Tien has received a majority of the nominations cast and has met the eligibility requirements to serve as the Regional Coordinator.

Here is the official verbiage from the Inspector General's Office:

"Based on the polling of the Commanding Officers of Region 4, and based on the withdrawal of both Chrissy Killian and Joshua Andrews, it is my duty to declare the end of the Region 4 election. As there was only one valid candidate, it is my pleasure to announce that VADM Jerry Tien has won the election, and has been named as Region 4 Coordinator, Elect, with all the rights and privileges afforded this post. He shall take office on March 1, 2012 and serve until February 28, 2014. May God have mercy on his soul."

So, in accordance with STARFLEET rules, Vice Admiral Jerry Tien is hereby recognized as the winning said election and is appointed to the position of Regional Coordinator of Region 4 effective on March 1, 2012.

Vice Admiral Tien, you are directed to proceed forthwith and to begin transition activities with Vice Admiral Chrissy Killian in preparation to assume the command of Starbase 4 and the Fourth Fleet. Also, the USS Eagle shall be authorized to serve as the Flagship of Region 4 as of March 1, 2012.

I look forward to your participation on the Admiralty Board as the representative of STARFLEET Region 4. Congratulations, Jerry, and best wishes for your future success!

FADM Dave Commander, STARFLEET



AROUND THE FLEET

Gathering of the Fleet!

Join us for IC 2012 in Memphis, Tennessee on August 3-5, 2012 for a weekend of fun and excitement at the Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center!

Room rate is \$99.00 per night at Whispering Woods and Conference Center. Be sure to mention STARFLEET 2012 when making your room reservation.

Proceeds to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital and The American Diabetes Association.

Special Guest, Eugene "Rod" Roddenberry. Visit the Guest link on the LCARS menu to visit Roddenberry.com.

Sponsored by Region 1, Region 2, and Region 12, with assistance from other regions.

For more information go to www.IC2012.com



IC 2012 Shirts !

I am proud to announce that our shopping cart for ordering shirts is online. We are offering a T shirt with it's own logo and a polo shirt with it's own logo. All shirts are \$18.00 in all sizes. Just go to <http://ic2012.com> and click on the link near the bottom of the page or directly to <http://ic2012.com/Shirts.htm> Although the shirt color on the web site is black all shirts will be royal blue.

Thanks

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AWAY MISSION : FLORIDA

Our Holiday Away Mission

By LT J. Coleman

The end of the year was drawing down and Ron was finally home for a few weeks. We talked about going for a little holiday getaway. But neither of us could take a week off in December and January looked even worse. Which was too bad since January 2012 marked our 25th wedding anniversary. Back then we had gone to the Disney Epcot Park in Orlando for our first married vacation and had a great time. After reminiscing, we realized we could manage a few days off the week before Christmas. Ron had checked his frequent flyer status on American Airlines and saw he was only 3000 miles away from 100,000 miles for the year. So a trip to Orlando it would be!

But with only two days where should we go? The Disney experience was tempting and it would have been nice to see the updates since our last visit. However, I thought it would be a good idea if we checked out Universal Studios Orlando since they plan to put a Harry Potter Ride here in California. It would be a great opportunity to get a sneak preview. So we decided not to split our time up between the parks and purchased a 2-day Universal Studios ticket and were on our way.



We landed on Wednesday evening and just spent the evening getting used to the time change. The weather was warm but for us wasn't much of a change since we live in Southern California. We stayed at the Marriott Springhill Suites and hit the park right after breakfast the next morning. If you haven't been to Universal Studios Orlando the park is really two parks in one. Universal Florida and Islands of Adventure each with separate admissions but the two day pass allows you into both.

We went to the Islands of Adventure first since that's where Harry Potter is. I won't kid you it was busy, but only likely to get worse the closer to the weekend we got. It also was terrific. Their attention to detail was amazing and the scenery will take your breath away. We felt we were transported to Diagon Alley and expected to see Harry around the corner. The Forbidden Journey motion ride, one of three in this section, was much more exciting than I thought it could be. They have come a long way since the Star Trek Experience. We mostly walked around enjoying the scenery, the shops, and split a pumpkin juice. It was very sweet, but enjoyable nonetheless. We had lunch at The Three Broomsticks. The food was great and it really is like the pubs we saw in England but busier than they could ever imagine. The rest of the park, there are many other things to see as well. If you are into roller coasters then the DC comic section is for you. There is Spiderman, the Incredible Hulk, Storm, and Dr Doom. Just like Universal California there is a Jurassic park section. For the little ones, and those of us that are young at heart, there is a Dr Seuss section. They really caught the whimsy of all the Dr Seuss characters and scenery. We worked our way back around to the entrance and headed back to the hotel for the evening.



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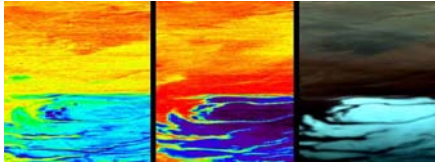
Our Holiday Away Mission (continued)

By LT J. Coleman

The next day was devoted to Universal Orlando. They have many of the same things that the Hollywood Universal does, so we stuck to the differences. We started in the Hollywood/Beverly Hills area. All the shops on Rodeo Drive were present and they had an excellent tribute to Lucille Ball. The Disaster experience was fun. This was an interactive attraction that follows the storyline of a fake movie studio run by Christopher Walken. Using people from the audience, they take you through the movie making process before you end up on the actual ride in a subway station. Once onboard lights start to flicker, the train is shaken by a violent earthquake, sections of the roof collapse, a gasoline truck falls through the ceiling and bursts into flames, another subway train enters the station and derails, and a flash flood of water rushes down the stairs and into the station. Pretty exciting and give you a sense on how movies are made. The Men in Black ride was much more interactive than I thought it would be. Who doesn't enjoy zapping aliens and winning points? I was expecting a little more out of the Twister ride. We lined up on a platform under a roof overlooking a simulated outdoor scene. We see dark clouds roll overhead, a tree get struck by lightning, hear sirens going off, and feel the strong winds. Then a simulated tornado drops from the sky in the middle of a building. Pretty amazing to watch them make a tornado, but not much to the experience. The Blues Brothers show was very entertaining. Ron has been a Jake and Elwood fan for a long time and could sing along to their classic hits. Their takes on Christmas music made people dance in the street. They did an amazing job but how could anyone doubt it, they're on a mission from God. After the show, we ended up having a quiet lunch at Finnegan's Pub (I guess we just have a thing for the UK) and had a really nice lunch.

The Horror Make-up Show was interesting and a lot of laughs. The preshow area takes place inside the theater lobby which includes multiple displays of Universal horror films, such as Hellboy, Psycho, The Thing, and Chucky. Soon we enter the small theater, where the two hosts crack jokes and share some of the secrets involved with the making of some famous horror movies. The Simpsons Ride was over the top! You walk through a long queue and along the way there are so many sights and sounds on TV screens and posters from the Simpson's world. You and seven other park guest steps inside a room for a quick safety brief, get on a car, and are off on a crazy ride. It's simulated to make you feel as if you're on a roller coaster. Although the car never leaves the room, based on the simulation, you'll feel as if you went to different themed areas in Springfield. It was a very full two days and nice to spend some us time for a change. But if you are thinking about going to Orlando, the Universal Parks really do have something for everyone. There are things for the little ones, the roller coaster/ thrill ride folks and even something for the casual observers such as ourselves.





THE MAYAN PROPHECY



Doomsday 2012?

By LCDR R. Coleman

The Mayan empire, which dominated Central America for nearly 2,000 years, was one of the most advanced in history. Its mastery of astronomy, mathematics, architecture and engineering rivaled even that of the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. The Mayan developed a sophisticated calendar made up of 18 months of 20 days each, plus a five-day period called *uayeb* added at year's end to equal 365 days. When researchers finally cracked the Mayan language and calendar, however, they found one thing peculiar: It ends on December 21, 2012.

Did this civilization, so attuned to the cycles of the universe, know something we don't? Is that the date the world ends? Or is it just that they saw no need to calculate dates any farther into the future at that time?

Strangely, 2012 does correspond with anticipated major solar activity that has the potential for affecting all life on the planet in profound ways. This cosmic wave of annihilation could take advantage of a large hole in the Earth's protective magnetic field. Then wreak havoc on the planet's interconnected electrical grids and electronic devices. As a result, might the world be thrown back to the Dark Ages? Possible?

Most experts say we don't have anything to worry about. I tend to agree. This event will go down with the other Post Apocalyptic events of the past. Remember Y2K? What is certain is this does promises to be a heck of a year, with a still-shaky global economy, a high unemployment rate, various conflicts that threaten America, and a presidential election. I'd say our plate is full.

