

Intercom

May 2007



Official Newsletter

USS Matrix NCC-72296

www.ussmatrix.org

Commanding Officer: VADM Joseph P Hoolihan
co@ussmatrix.org

Vol 1, Ed 2



IN THIS ISSUE

[Captain's Blog](#)

[Meet the Matrix](#)

[Region 7 Conference](#)

[Meet the Crew](#)

[Crew Report](#)

(Status, Training, Senior Staff)

[Ship's Log](#)

(Projects, Travels, News, Items of Interest)

CAPTAIN'S BLOG

Greetings from the Bridge of the USS Matrix!

Well, here it is May already! Here on the East Coast of the US, it's been downright cold. Hope things warm up a bit!

At least for me, the cold weather has slowed down the activity on board. Our SOM Review committee has been quiet, but we're going to get back to the review process. Also, FCAPT Matt Haley, our Second Officer, is still gathering information to get our Internet Starfleet Academy back up and running. If any of you have taken exams from the old ISFA and still have copies, please forward them to Matt.

We've been running the new RPG "Pirates of Orion" for a while, and I'm having fun, but I'd really like to have more crew participate! You don't have to write a long and involved scene; it could be as simple as a few lines of dialog.

I'm also continuing the story called "Lost and Found" about our former ACMO, Ray Gale, who falls into a wormhole! If you want to join in on the writing, please email me so we can discuss the plot line. I've got the story all laid out, but there is room for folks to add in scenes if they want.

I recently had the pleasure of promoting LCDR Ros Haywood, our hard working Assistant Chief of Comms, to the rank of Commander. Ros has been very active on board, and certainly deserves the promotion!

Any of you attended a Con lately? If so, drop a note to the list and let us know about it!

Movies? Good episodes of Sci Fi TV? Books? Let's hear from you about them!

Till next time,

CO Joe

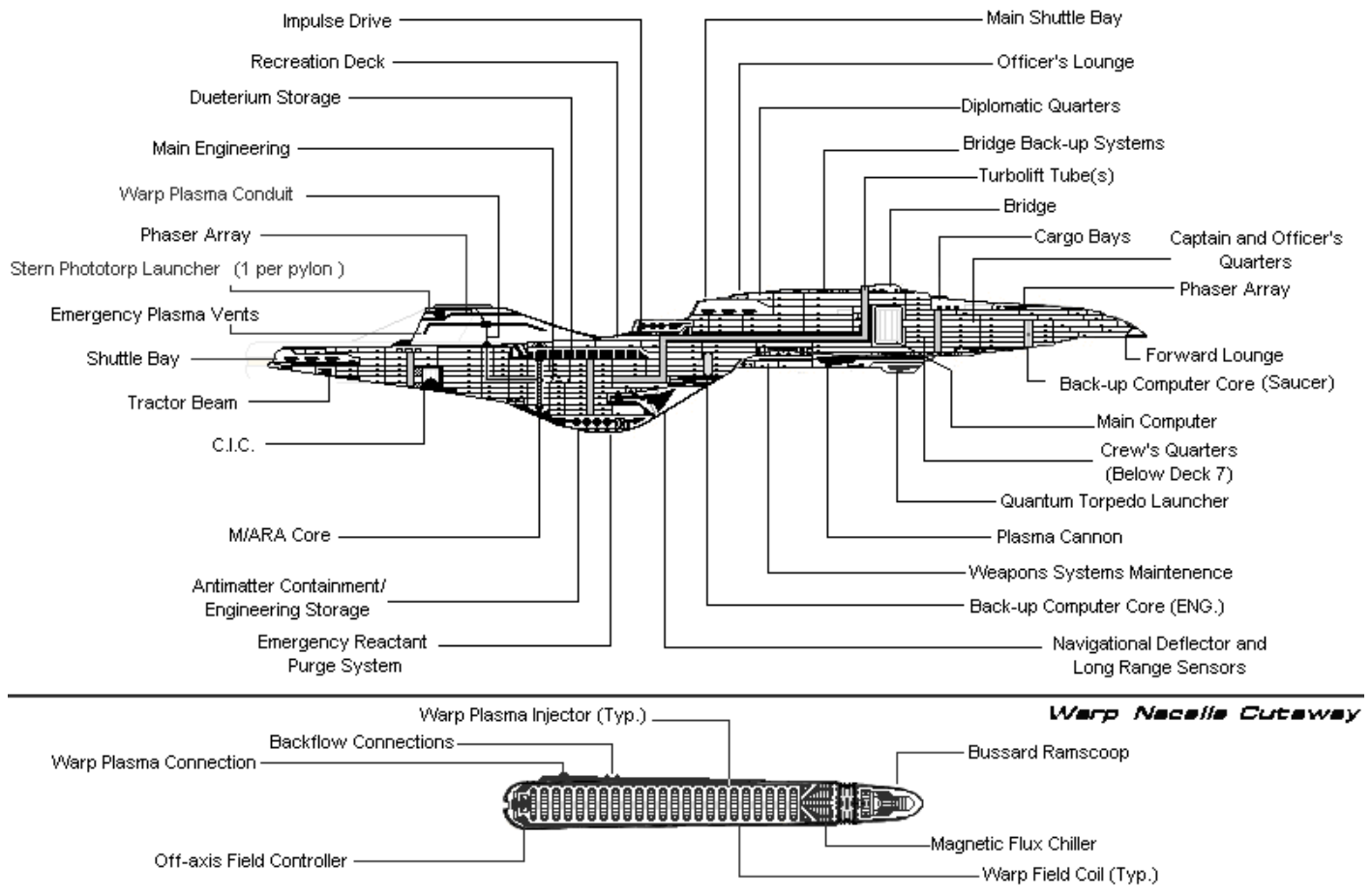
DID YOU KNOW?

The USS Matrix was Starfleet's first All-Internet Correspondence Chapter!

The USS Matrix Bridge is modeled after the Enterprise D bridge from the Movie "Generations", with port and Starboard stations.

Star Trek graphic designer Mike Okuda has seen our Gabriel class design, and said it was "Cool"!

MEET THE MATRIX



**USS MATRIX
CENTERLINE CUTAWAY**

The USS Matrix, NCC-72296, is a Gabriel Class Shuttle Carrier, designed by Doctor James Lythgoe and commissioned by Starfleet on 9711.18. The Matrix is the third ship of Doctor Lythgoe's Gabriel Class, the second oldest remaining in service.

In addition to the gallant role of deep space peacekeeper, the Matrix serves as a portable waystation for Starfleet. With its immense shuttle capacity, the Matrix is essential for the Fleet's shuttlecraft and runabout maintenance, transport, and deployment. The Matrix is also capable of maintaining, transporting and deploying Defiant and Michael class vessels.

At 768 meters length the Gabriel Class exceeds that of a Sovereign Class starship. Each Gabriel Class is 24 decks thick, excluding the 8 decks per Carrier Bay. The Primary Hull is a direct descendent of the Galaxy Class design with structural changes customized to the Gabriel Class' role in Starfleet. One of the less noticeable components, but most important is a dedicated CIC (Combat Information Center) which extends the role of the Matrix from that of just a Shuttlecarrier to being a Command and Control Ship. The carrier bays of the Matrix and other Gabriel Class ships allow for simultaneous docking of 4 Defiant Class starships (2 per bay). The Gabriel Class is also able to carry a full complement of fighters, shuttles and workpods – a total of 48 craft per Carrier Bay.



**Avast, Ye Mateys!
It's time to plan on attending
The 2007 Region 7
Conference!!
14-16 September 2007
Baltimore, Maryland**



Announcing STARFLEET Region 7's 2007 Regional Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, from 14-16 September, 2007, at the Holiday Inn BWI Conference Center!!

Our theme for this year is PIRATES!! We will be having a Friday night Get-Together, Saturday meetings, A Saturday night Dinner and Dance, and a Farewell on Sunday. There will be Pirate-Themed activities all weekend long.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Baltimore for the 2007 R7 Conference!!

Registration Rates:

(Includes Friday night events, Saturday meetings, and Sunday morning meetings)

Adult: \$30
Child (ages 4 to 12): \$15
Children under 4 are free (but must be registered)

Banquet: \$40
Child Banquet Price: \$20

Location:

Holiday Inn BWI Conference Center
890 Elkridge Landing Road
Baltimore, MD 21090
(410) 859-8400

Rate: \$99 (plus tax) per night per room (double or king)

Banquet Options:

- A) Plated Roast Prime Rib of Beef—Served in Natural Juices with Creamed Horseradish Sauce.
B) Chicken Parmesan
C) Hot Vegetarian Option

Since our gallant crew be spread over many leagues, there may be many of our number unable to book passage to Lord Baltimores port. So we entreat those who take part in these Piratical Proceedings to send posts of the festivities to all.

If thou believe thyself to be a likely party to the Region Seven Conference, make speed to let the editors know of thy voyage, and they will plot thee a course for thy correspondence.

MEET THE CREW

Each Newsletter, we will be introducing a different member of the crew of USS Matrix...

**Ed Meiman (Civilian Communications Technician)**

As many of you know, I collect small scale replicas (not toys) of the various Enterprises. I search eBay and other sources looking for new ones from time to time, and sometimes (like now) I find one totally by accident. In the picture (above) you'll see my latest find. Yes, I now have the space shuttle Enterprise, which came as part of a group of space vehicles from Furuta in Japan (I bought it for the Hubble telescope - which is almost impossible to find in anything other than model kits). These ships came in little eggs, which you opened to find the surprise inside (and put a few pieces together - I lost a wheel off the Mars Rover when I accidentally sent the contents of its egg flying in all directions - lesson: don't open eggs while watching close basketball games). When I opened one egg and found a 747, I nearly had a heart attack (OK I may take this a bit too seriously). There it was! The Space Shuttle Enterprise! I quickly put it together and placed it with my collection. Of course, now this has started me searching for diecast copies of the nuclear "wessel" Enterprise, and the sailing ship from Generations. Conveniently, a Trek Historian (David Wells) has compiled a very nice history of the Enterprise that lists every ship named Enterprise throughout recorded human history (<http://starchive.cs.umanitoba.ca/?SNE/>)

So if you know of any toy dealers, Ferengi traders, etc who stock small scale replicas of these ships, let me know (meimane@gmail.com), I give myself a monthly stipend for new acquisitions.

CREW REPORT

STATUS

New Members

Cadet LTJg Kevin Barber; Cadet Ensign Paula Barber

Crew Strength:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| SFI | 23 |
| SFI Affiliate | 5 |
| Non-SFI | 14 |
| Total Members: | 42 |

Promotions, Assignments, Transfers:

LCDR Ros Haywood has been promoted to the rank of Commander.

CW04 Greg Preast has deployed in service of his country and kin. He goes with our prayers and wishes for a safe and speedy return.

War isn't a good life, but it's life.

Captain James T. Kirk, "A Private Little War", stardate 4211.8

SENIOR STAFF:

Commanding Officer

VADM Joseph P Hoolihan

Executive Officer

CDR David Jamison

Second Officer/Training Officer

FCAPT Matt Haley

Chief Communications Officer (Acting)

CDR Ros Haywood

Chief Operations Officer

LT CDR John Wagner

Chief Engineer

LT CDR Tomas Kocvara

Chief of Security

CDR Ryan Smith

787th OIC

CAPT Shaun Kenyon

Chief Science Officer

CDR John Hancock

Chief Medical Officer

CAPT Minka Leeser

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Internet Starfleet Academy Courses (ISFA) Completed:

None

Written and Reviewed:

Abbreviations and Acronyms

Netiquette and Emoticons

Tribble Expert

Animals and Insects in Star Trek

SFI Starfleet Academy Courses Completed:

Joseph Hoolihan

College of Treknology

Degree - Associates ST: TNG - DISTINCTION

ST: TNG Characters - DISTINCTION

ST: TNG Main Characters - DISTINCTION

ST: TNG Episodes - DISTINCTION

ST: TNG Technology - DISTINCTION

ST: TNG Trivia - DISTINCTION

Ros Haywood

College of History

Bachelors - HONORS

Klingon Warrior Academy

Apprentice 101 (History) - DISTINCTION

Apprentice 102 (Weapons) - DISTINCTION

Apprentice 103 (Language) - DISTINCTION

Apprentice 104 (Basic) - DISTINCTION

Stuart Lee

College of Economics

Economics 101 - Money - DISTINCTION

ST 101 - Monetary Units - HONORS

College of Genealogy

Bachelors - HONORS

There were 724 SFA graduates worldwide in March 2007, studying in the schools, colleges and institutes that make up Starfleet Academy. Our own Commodore Anne Bellenger from Ops and Commander Ros Haywood from Comms are two of the Directors.

For those of you not SFI members, I strongly encourage you to go to www.sfi.org and join Starfleet: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.! It's only \$15 per year, and you become members of the largest Trek Fan Club on the planet.

You also get a bi-monthly newsletter, access to Starfleet Academy, and become part of a great bunch of folks. [Email](#) CO Joe, Dave Jamison, or Matt Haley if you have any questions.

Our Second Officer, FCAPT Matt Haley, runs the Matrix College of Command, which gives out the three Matrix-specific courses,

- ❖ Non-Commissioned Officers School,
- ❖ Officer Basic Training, and
- ❖ Command Qualification Course.

Note to our newer members: EVERYONE needs to take Non-Commissioned Officers Course, or NCOS, as a minimum to start up the promotion ladder! Matt Haley has this course, and it is EASY to do!

We have a number of SFI folks that have taken loads of courses and could be getting promoted if they would just take NCOS as well.

Contact [Matt](#) if you have questions...

SHIP'S LOG

RPG: PIRATES OF ORION

March saw the beginning of the current Matrix RPG: Pirates of Orion, with over 30 scenes so far.

The Orion Syndicate has taken advantage of Starfleet's weakened state and incidents of piracy have increased.

USS Matrix, patrolling Sector 2, defends a freighter and captures an enemy fighter pilot, although communications were damaged and CWO4 Davis injured. Communications were restored by CDR Haywood and LCDR Muller, and CMO CAPT Leaser healed CWO4 Davis's injuries.

A decryption key gained from the prisoner by CDR Ryan Smith, together with intuitive deductions by CDR Haywood, revealed secret plans to attack the nearby Vida Nova colony.

The Fleet is spread thin...

The Orion Syndicate has grown stronger, bolder, smarter...

The Officers and Crew of the USS Matrix have been hardened in battle. They have seen combat many times, and have risen to the challenge.

Once again, it's up to them!

But the Colony is more than just a group of settlers. It hides a secret, one that must be guarded.

One that the Orion Syndicate wants.

Badly.

Vida Nova, an otherwise quiet agricultural colony, is also masking a covert Federation intelligence op to fact-find all they can about foreign powers. Crew from the USS Matrix are tasked with recovering the data and safeguarding it from the Orions.

USS Matrix is proceeding to Vida Nova at Warp 8 !!!

SHIP REFITTING

- ❖ We've established a committee to update our Ship's Operations Manual. The committee is looking not only at what the manual currently says, in order to correct inaccuracies or clear up unclear wording, but they are also looking at making changes to how we do business on the Matrix. Our plan is to have a new version ready to present to the crew by early summer, and to have everyone look at it, comment on it, and approve it. XO [CDR Dave Jamison](#) is chairing this committee.
- ❖ The Communications Division is also working hard to make our website even fuller of fun and fascinating facts.

All Divisions are directed to work with [CDR Ros Haywood](#) to ensure your Divisional Entries are accurate and properly linked into the grand scheme of things.

LATEST SFI NEWS

Christmas Day 2008 Release for "Star Trek XI"

Written by STARFLEET Webmaster

The next motion picture of the Star Trek franchise, tentatively titled "Star Trek XI," will begin filming this fall for theatrical release on Christmas Day 2008. The official announcement was made today by Paramount Pictures. Last Friday J.J. Abrams, already announced as producer of the project, finalized a deal to also direct the movie (related story). The screenplay, which reportedly will be a prequel revolving around a young James T. Kirk and Mr. Spock, has been written by Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci, who previously collaborated with Abrams on "Mission Impossible III." Kurtzman and Orci will executive produce with Bryan Burk, and Abrams will produce along with Lost co-creator Damon Lindelof.

"If there's something I'm dying to see, it's the brilliance and optimism of [Gene] Roddenberry's world brought back to the big screen," said Abrams. "Alex and Bob wrote an amazing script that embraces and respects Trek canon, but charts its own course. Our goal is to make a picture for everyone — life-long fans and the uninitiated. Needless to say, I am honored and excited to be part of this next chapter of Star Trek."

Brad Grey, chairman and CEO of Paramount Pictures, said, "We could not be more thrilled to be back in business with J.J. Abrams. The revival of the Star Trek franchise is an important part of Paramount's turnaround."

REPORTING SCHEDULE

[taken from USS Matrix SOM]

Division Reports will be published by each Division using the following schedule each month:

| Division | Day of Month |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Command | 7th |
| Science & Medical | 14th |
| Operations & Communications | 21st |
| Engineering & Security | 28th |



Have an activity you'd like to see happen? Let a Senior Staff member know, and we'll see what we can do! Remember the Prime Directive:

HAVE FUN!

Editorial Guidelines

Got something to say that you want to appear in this newsletter? Make it fun, and interesting, and informative, and keep the humor family-friendly, and send it in to the Intercom Editorial Board ([Ed Meiman](#) and [Ros Haywood](#)), and send it by

June 15, 2007 for the July Newsletter.

We welcome all articles, stories, and URL links. Just because we welcome it, does not guarantee that your submission will appear in the newsletter. Sorry. Ros and Ed reserve the right to edit all submissions for spelling, punctuation, grammar, and so on. If you are sending in a URL, please add a brief description of what it links to. If you are sending in anything else, please check that you are able to do so under relevant copyright laws.