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Trekker versus Trekkie: The Controversy (By: **Francesca Black** - Reprinted)

So what is the difference between a trekker and a trekkie? The short answer is: nothing. According to Wikipedia, the all-knowing, on-line encyclopedia, both terms denote a fan of the Star Trek science fiction franchise. So why all the controversy between the two? I once heard that fans of the original series were called trekkers, while those of the Next Generation were trekkies, but I have since learned it's not as simple as that. The difference, it turns out, has nothing to do with the actual meaning of the terms, but with the connotations associated with them. Taking this into consideration, it's largely a matter of preference which label you prefer. The Star Trek fan base is, after all a widely diverse group. Attending a convention, you will see young and old, male and female, from all walks of life. The ideology of Star Trek captures the interest of more than science and technology "geeks." I've known well-educated professionals to don a uniform and attend a convention as enthusiastically as the pop-culture groupie. Can one term describe them all?

Apparently not. In the late 1960s, science fiction editor Art Saha used the word "Trekkies" to describe a group of early fans who were wearing pointy Vulcan ears at a science fiction convention. The label caught on, although some devotees felt it sounded too much like "crazies" and preferred to call themselves trekkers. To a trekker, the term trekkies creates images of fanatics struggling to distinguish between reality and fiction.

Our friends at the USS Dauntless (<http://members.tripod.com/~learnb/dauntless/recdeck.htm>), a web-site devoted to Star Trek trivia, makes these comparisons between the two:

A Trekker wears a STARFLEET uniform to a convention because its fun...

A Trekkie wears a uniform to a convention because s/he has heard that it is in style at the academy.

A Trekker has a STARFLEET Academy window sticker on his car...

A Trekkie is cramming for the entrance exams.

A Trekker thinks Wil Wheaton was a lucky kid who got to play a kid on Star Trek...

A Trekkie thinks that Wesley Crusher was a lucky kid who got to sit on the bridge.

A Trekker thinks that it is a shame that the show is coming to an end...

A Trekkie thinks that it is a shame that the crew is being reassigned and the Enterprise is being decommissioned.

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Captain's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

201504.23 (23 Apr 2015)

This was the month of taxes and Summit. Early in the month we were not as busy as we will be through the end of the month. I spent over half of the month confined to home sick. I did not get out to do anything during that time frame. I will try to make up for it now that I am up and around.

Our member run DoDeca Events is sponsoring Super Smash Bros. on April 25th. See the site at: www.smashbros.com/us; the Earth Day booth with resident Trek costuming on April 26th and a charitable event on the 27th. More at DoDeca Events with a link at our website.

The little monster now has teeth. I have enclosed a photo of him playing with and maybe eating scrambled eggs. Yes, he has discovered how to feed the dogs. The entire family will visit in late May and early June and will be in mid-MO.



Summit was a success! There were about 30 present and 12 chapters were represented. The Fleet Admiral was there. The Horizon had 5 members present, the most of any chapter, and hosted the new Regional Coordinator for 3 Horizon events in Kansas City. These 3 events were not a part of Summit.

A buying group headed by myself, won the two pies in the face of both the outgoing and incoming RC's for \$160. I had the idea of having the CS do both pies at the same time and winning the CQ cover but alas, it is not newsworthy enough



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for them. They have the covers committed for other items in advance.

Next year is the 50th anniversary of ST and they are trying to put together a banner Summit with guests and all the trimmings. Summit is usually about a \$500 affair or about \$40 a month if you need to save up so begin saving now. It will be in Kansas City again and so it is very close to us in travel time.

I have joined the St. Louis Meetup called Red Shirts which is a Star Trek and Science Fiction fan group. I have placed a link to the group at our web site. They will do many Sci Fi and Trek things in the St. Louis area but all are invited to participate and join if you wish.

End Log



Thanks to Linda Sneed for the table decorations



Incoming and Outgoing RC pie in the face



Ship of the Year USS Black Hawk



Commanding Officer of the Year Rear Admiral Eddie Allen III



RCs Past, Present



Rhonda's promotion to Captain



Rick Williams Service to Humanity Award



Linda Sneed's Service to Humanity Award



Rear Admiral Eddie Allen III
Crystal Star Award



Rear Admiral Eddie Allen III
Commanding Officer of the year

Summit Promotions/Awards

1. R12 Service to Humanity

- a. Lee Struglia
- b. Rick Williams
- c. Linda Sneed
- d. Rhonda Allen

Summit 2015 Promotions:

- a. Jim Herring to Admiral





- b. Rolando Gomez to RAdmiral
- c. Walter Otten to RAdmiral
- d. Rhonda Allen to Captain
- e. Crystal Star for Outstanding Work at IC2014
- f. Brigadier William Hof, Vice Chairman – Operations
- g. Commodore Eric Johannsson, Vice Chairman – Membership
- h. Commander Brian McVey, Treasurer
- i. Captain Steve Tweed, Publications Officer
- j. Vice Admiral Lee Schmidt, IC Chaplain and Member of the Color Guard
- k. Fleet Captain Steve Gordon, Audio Coordinator and DJ
- l. Captain T.J. Arizmendi-Gordon, Transportation Advisor
- m. Vice Admiral Sunny Planthold, Volunteer, keeper of the IC chocolate vault and Member of the Color Guard.
- n. Vice Admiral James Herring, Auctioneer
- o. Rear Admiral Eddie Allen, III, Volunteer
- p. Captain Connie Williams, Volunteer
- q. Captain Paula Kesler, Volunteer
- r. Midshipman BP Higdon, Youth Mascot
- s. **Region 12 Commendation** – Rhonda Allen (Chapter Admin Support)
- t. **Golden Pillar**
- u. Julie McGowan
- v. Rolando Gomez
- w. **Iron Star** – Shirley Kolb
- x. **Crystal Star** – Robert Westfall (Ops Work)
- y. **Crystal Star & Golden Pillar** – Rolando Gomez (VRC work)

THE REGION TWELVE YEARLY AWARDS (Winners are automatically nominated for the STARFLEET International Yearly Awards)

Youth Member of the Year Cadet Third Class Jessica E Cross, USS BortaS, St. Charles, Illinois

Enlisted Member of the Year Petty Officer Second Class Dawn Allenbach, USS Jeannette Maddox, Wichita, Kansas



Captain Rhonda Allen
201504.29 (29 Apr 2015)

Flight Control Log

April showers brought many good things. As many of you have heard by now I have been promoted to Captain.. Well as exciting as that may seem, no, I do not have any interest in taking over for Eddie. Tempting, but No!

With that out of the way, I really enjoyed the time that we spent with the new RC, he's really down to earth and handles issues right now and not when he gets around to it. We shared many meals and he has declared the The Horizon is his favorite group of people to hang out with. Now that Spring is really here and not teasing us, don't you just feel better when you

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Flag Officer of the Year Vice Admiral Christine Ledden, USS Jeanette Maddox, Wichita, Kansas

Shakedown Ship of the Year USS Missouri, NCC – 2224, Kansas City, Missouri, Vice Admiral James Herring, Commanding Officer

Support Ship of the Year ISS Katana, NCC – 77003, Leavenworth, Kansas, Admiral Robert Westfall, Commanding Officer

Commanding Officer of the Year Rear Admiral Edward Allen, III, USS Horizon, NCC – 1000 – B, Columbia, Missouri

Officer of the Year Commander Mary Lytle, USS Oklahoma, NCC – 74915, Vinita, Oklahoma

Ship of the Year USS Black Hawk, NCC – 75004 – A, Rockford, Illinois, Admiral Jeffery Higdon, Commanding Officer

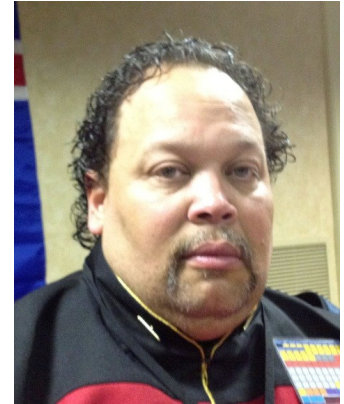


Engineer's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

201504.25

(25 April 2015)



Most of the month was spent in preparation for the Mixer at Summit. It was doomed from the start not by us, but by circumstance. The hotel had us in a small room that was not really air conditioned and was not set up for a game room. Oh well...

We did not let that stop us. We put out quite a feed with so much food that they did not but make a small dent in it. My thanks to Khane, who spearheaded the effort and to Rhonda and Linda for stepping forward to assist her in this worthy project. We really appreciate the talent of our members and the fact that we were asked to provide this effort attests to how well we are trusted to put on a good effort by the Region.

Linda Sneed did table decorations that were a hit by my standards and one was auctioned for \$25 which says a lot more. Thanks Linda.

The rest of Summit was dominated by the Horizon's list of additional functions that drew a number of attendees along. Way to go Horizon!

A few things Trek that are real:

Transparent Aluminum: <http://phys.org/news167925273.html>

Communicators (Onyx): <http://www.theverge.com/2014/11/5/7157291/onbeep-onyx-personal-communicator>

Universal Translators: Smart phone based apps can do voice recognition and translation: <http://www.inc.com/welcome.html?destination=http://www.inc.com/oscar-raymundo/top-translation-apps-for-business-travelers.html>

Tricorders (Scanadu): <http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=4&ved=0CDgQFjAD&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cnn.com%2F2015%2F02%2F12%2Ftech%2Fmci-scanadu-tricorder%2F&ei=3L47VbrPGsbssAW6soDgDw&usq=AFQjCNE2ZdwBL7232RD9gkauDgs6g-pZ4g>

Holo Doctor (Dr Watson): <http://www.businessinsider.com/ibms-watson-may-soon-be-the-best-doctor-in-the-world-2014-4>

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1. Idris Elba will be in ST3 according to Simon Pegg: <http://spinoff.comicbookresources.com/2015/04/22/simon-pegg-confirms-idris-elba-will-play-a-kickass-new-character-in-star-trek-3/>
2. How about a "Galaxy Quest" TV series: <http://www.theverge.com/2015/4/21/8463671/galaxy-quest-tv-show>
3. ST3 movie title: ST Beyond: <http://www.ew.com/article/2015/04/22/star-trek-3-title-revealed>
4. Alexander Siddig article on being in Game of Thrones: <http://www.trektoday.com/content/2015/04/siddig-getting-and-playing-the-role-of-martell/#more-40534>



5. William Shatner wants to build a pipeline from Washington to get water to Nevada/California: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/william-shatner-to-launch-30-billion-kickstarter-campaign-for-water-pipeline-to-california/>
6. Roku has Trek themed screens..



Star Wars News

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There will be a new SW game called "Battlefront" due out in November: <http://starwars.ea.com/starwars/battlefront>
 SW's in social media: <https://twitter.com/starwars7news>; <https://www.facebook.com/StarWarsEpisode7News>; <https://instagram.com/thecantina1030/>; <http://thecantina1030th.tumblr.com/>; <http://feeds.feedburner.com/starwars7news/PpBF>;

Rogue One in the teasers... Here is an article about how they used science and fantasy to come up with the size: <http://www.aintitcool.com/node/71223>

AMC's Jedi Council Episode 6: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPvm3cO5ASo



SW Comic #4 is out:

Oscar Oliver on SW7 role and relationships: <http://www.ign.com/articles/2015/04/23/star-wars-the-force-awakens-star-oscar-isaac-on-bonding-with-bb-8-han-solo-and-leia?watch>

This is a good page with photos and names of bit part actors in SW7: <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/04/several-new-faces-from-the-force-awakens-cast.html>

iTunes and other formats have released the digital Star Wars movies as a package for about \$90.00.

Information about the new movie such as who is the First Order and the Resistance: <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/04/speculation-the-first-order-and-the-resistance.html>



X-Wing over water scenes filmed in England's Lake District:

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7. July ST Comics:



- 8. Includes ST/Green Lantern #1, ST 47, ST New Visions
- 9. ST Convention sweepstakes to go for free in August: <https://starttreksweeps.promotw.com/>
- 10. ThinkGeek ST Tee's: <http://www.trektoday.com/content/2015/04/new-thinkgeek-trek-shirts/#more-40510>



- 11. Robert Duncan McNeill will join the cast of the online game (MMORPG) in a post Voyager setting joining Jeri Ryan, Ethan Phillips, Garrett Wang and Tim Russ.
- 12. Project Enterprise Campaign to rebuild 1701 : <http://laughingsquid.com/project-enterprise-a-fundraising-campaign-by-the-team-that-built-the-star-trek-uss-enterprise-to-rebuild-it/>
- 13. ST Live in Concert will be in Kansas City, MO June 9-10, 2016 with the KC symphony: http://www.startrek.com/upcoming_events

- 14. Crowded Coop will be offering coin purses this summer in TOS colors and symbols. <http://crowdedcoop.com/>



- 15. IBM's Dr. Watson, their super, super-computer will soon be the best world authority in Oncology. (I'm a doctor, not a computer)
- 16. The second annual "Her Universe" fashion show (Last year at ComicCon) will be held on July 9th in San Diego: <http://www.heruniverse.com/blog/geek-couture-returns-to-san-diego-comic->





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17. Entertainment Earth has new sipper cups available, "To Boldly Go..." <http://www.startrek.com/article/to-boldly-sip>



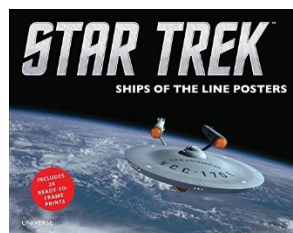
18. Chris Pine is in talks to co-star with Jeff Bridges in *Comancheria* an action-thriller.

19. Funko will have new Trek action figures: <http://www.entertainmentearth.com/hitlist.asp?form=1&searchfield=ReAction&company=Funko&theme=STAR%20TREK>

20. Tom Towles has passed away at the age of 65. He played a Klingon warrior in a **DS9** episode, *Dramatis Personae* and was also in **Firefly**.

21. How about those Trek-Batman Crossovers: <http://www.startrek.com/article/one-trek-mind-trek-batman-crossovers>

22. Universe Publishing is putting out more Ships of the Line poster photos in calendars coming this October: <http://www.thetrekcollective.com/2015/03/ships-of-line-poster-collection-on-way.html>



23. The last Trek/Apes comic # 5 has been released. Do you have all 5?

24. The Mirror Universe game has additional (13) releases.

25. Go see the Patrick Stewart Blunt Talk trailers for his new comic TV show: www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLBPSSVVOe4





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20. LaFaorge's Visor becomes a reality at the Mayo clinic:

<http://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/bionic-eye-implant-offers-hope-of-restoring-vision/>

21. Harve Bennett passed on February 25th at age 84. He produced and co-wrote ST2, 3 4 and 5 and made a cameo in 5. He also favored a prequel Academy movie over ST4 with John Cusack and Ethan Hawke but was turned down. He is credited with saving the franchise after the first movie flop.

22. Starting in January 2016 a concert tour of all the Trek music with tour the U.S. and Canada. <http://www.startrekvoyagelive.com/>

23. Creation con Vegas just added their 50th guest: http://www.creationent.com/cal/st_lasvegas.html

24. CBS Watch magazine has a commemorative Leonard Nimoy magazine: <http://www.cbswatchmagazine.com/2015/03/star-trek-leonard-nimoy-collectible/>



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16. And while we are on the topic of conventions, IC2015 is listed in our calendar. Let's all go to Niagara Falls, NY.

17. DTS, Department of Technical Services is looking for artists: shoc-dts@sfi.org or alexr1860@optimum.net

18. I have again opened a help desk ticket for moving our chapter's location on the map to Columbia from O'Fallon.

19. New help desk admin is James Ortega.

20. Anyone can nominate for Regional or National awards. This is a reminder not to wait on your CO or XO but if you feel a member is deserving please step forward and nominate them.

21. Regions in order of membership: 1, 7, 2, 3, 4, 12 (new recruits order: 1, 2 & 12)

22. The proper membership processing addresses:



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23. CS communication issue info, short version: When Sal was CS they complained about communication. Now they do so with Wayne. The CS has no official requirement for communication. He must only chair one meeting, the board meeting at IC. No communication or meetings is not a dereliction of duty but what makes a great CS and a poor one is in the desires of the members of Fleet. (Opinion: Typically one would expect a minimum like a quarterly meeting and a quarterly update in some format from leadership.) There has also been discussion on whether we need a CS.
24. Email from Wayne, CS: NewYear's week he was in a car wreck and hit light pole, banged up a little; later attacked by a homophobe, Fell down a flight of stairs = bruises, fractures, pulls, etc. Finally Grandmother passed away. Lots of therapy, etc. He has needed down time.
25. The Star Clipper comic shop in St Louis has reopened not in the Delmar Loop but downtown on Washington Ave.
26. They are looking at a special 50th anniversary logo for SFI just for use on the 50th anniversary as well as special 50th anniversary functions during the year. The CQ will have special articles "My Trek Memories" and "My Fleet memories" towaway@gmail.com
27. Michael Timko Sr, WO1 on the USS George Washington passed away at age 71 on March 11th.
28. Communications Report: CQ 177 & 178 have arrived

Trekker vs Trekkie from page 1

**A Trekker knows that there are gaping holes in the technology, but ignores them and enjoys the show...
A Trekkie can't wait for the price to come down on those home food replicator units."**

Those self-identified trekkies, however, have their own fodder to fling. They associate the term trekkers with pretentious nuts obsessed over minutiae and details. Moreover, they accuse 'trekkers' of being too ashamed to admit they are 'trekkies.' Apparently this camp has the good graces of Gene Roddenbury, the creator of Star Trek. According to his former assistant, Richard Arnold, Gene Roddenbury spoke during a convention and used the term trek-kie. Someone attempted to correct him, to which he responded, "Excuse me, did you say 'TrekKER?' The word is 'TrekKIE.' I should know, I created them."

(<http://www.trekdoc.com/database/fanfeed/1.htm>)

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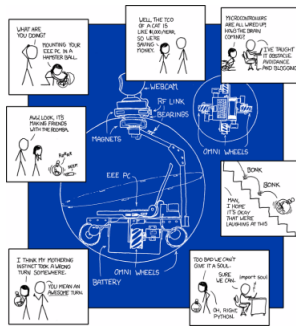
The Desert planet in The Force Awakens is Jakku: <http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Jakku> and <http://www.ign.com/wikis/star-wars/Jakku>
SW Rebels season 2: <http://dorksideoftheforce.com/2015/04/19/star-wars-rebels-season-2-premiere-recap-and-review/>



SW Battlefront Developer Series Episode #1: <http://starwars.ea.com/starwars/battlefront>



BB8 is real: <http://hackaday.com/2015/04/19/bb-8-is-real-but-how-did-they-do-it/>



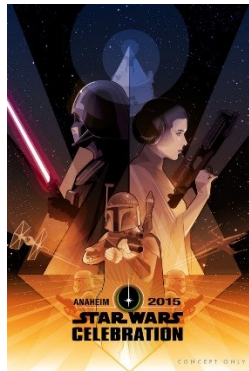
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SW Celebration Anaheim 2016: <http://www.starwarscelebration.com/> and a recap of the 2015 Celebration: <http://consequenceofsound.net/2015/04/star-wars-celebration-2015/>





November's SW Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMOVFvcNfvE> and the leaked next trailer: <http://teaser-trailer.com/movie/star-wars-7/>



Mark Hamill excerpts from his panel: <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/04/mark-hamill-talks-j-j-abrams-the-new-voice-over-he-recorded-for-the-teaser-trailer-and-more.html>

SW Rebels season 2 trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSTyIsJl4q0 click the start arrow

SW The Force Unleashed: this is a full animated movie of cut scenes:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLmz6R0Rggc

George Lucas on the Force Awakens: <http://www.eonline.com/news/647844/george-lucas-talks-star-wars-the-force-awakens-and-new-teaser-trailer-find-out-what-he-said>

Marvel's four comic series that have hit the market (*Star Wars*, *Darth Vader*, *Princess Leia*, and *Kanan*)



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They are working on a Lando Calrissian comic series:



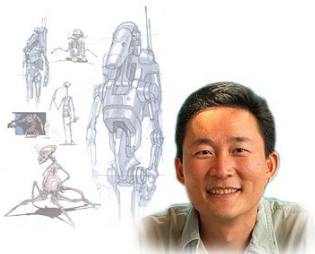
Disney cruises will soon start a line called "Cruising the Galaxy." Flametroopers, Snowtroopers and more: <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/04/closer-look-at-the-force-awakens-flametrooper-snowtrooper-and-more.html>



The Force Awakens art:

Miltos Yeralemou's Force Awakens character: <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/04/major-detail-on-miltos-yerolemous-star-wars-the-force-awakens-character.html>

Concept artist for the Force Awakens, Doug Chiang:



The You Tube Star Wars Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/starwars>

The You Tube Star Trek Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/startrek>

The rumor about the young Han Solo Visceral role playing game coming out are still getting stronger.

SW Kanan: The Last Padawan #1 is out:



Mark Hamill leaked that a "Slipstream" sequel is in the works: <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/04/space-the-final-frontier.html>

Anthony Daniels at Emerald City Comicon: <http://www.thefandom.net/movies/anthony-daniels-talks-star-wars-c-3po-at-emerald-city-comicon/>



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