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January 2015



Captain's Log

201412.30

(30 December 2014)

December is the month of Religious Festivals: Ashura, Hanukkah, Bodhi Day, Christmas, Zoroaster, Kwanzaa, among others. For most it is also a time for family to get together and celebrate. So we can say the month of families. This year we also had that month of families. Usually the Allen month of family comes in the spring around Easter. This was a very pleasant surprise.

Who came? We had Jeffrey and Jeffrey Jr, David and Phillip all at the same time. We had MySha and Edward, Kate and Wiley. We had a lot of other Allens as well. Your CO was very happy this year for his Christmas season. We put up 3 trees and had lots of decorations this year since so many were coming.

Your CO also hosted the annual Christmas dinner and the New Year's Eve party. I have included lots of photos since they are more interesting than the verbiage that I could add here.

The next big thing we have coming up is the Super Bowl party and everyone is invited. Put it on your calendar and join us. In January we will go bowling on the meeting date. Anyone up for a game?

The update for Phillip Allen is that he is having surgery on the 29th of December to close the hole in his heart. He should be in the hospital for about a week. I will update you as more information is available.

End Log



Wiley in O Fallon for Christmas

The Allen Brothers



A True Rams fan

Wiley & Fourth at the mall shopping



Phillip, Yvonne & Elliott



At the holiday dinner



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Trek News

December 2015

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1. The January and February Convention Schedule:

- January begins with the Albuquerque Comic Con, to be held January 9-11 at the *DoubleTree by Hilton Albuquerque* in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In attendance at *Albuquerque Comic Con* will be William Shatner and Deep Roy.
- The New Orleans Comic Con will be held January 9-11 at the *New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center* in New Orleans. In attendance at this convention will be Karl Urban.
- The Los Angeles Comic Book and Science Fiction Convention will be held January 11 at the *Shrine Auditorium Expo Center* in Los Angeles. In attendance at the *Los Angeles Comic Book and Science Fiction Convention* will be Lee Meriwether (Losira), Kim Darby (Miri), Michael Dante (Maab), Morgan Woodward (Captain Ronald Tracey, Dr. Simon Van Gelder), France Nuyen (Elaan of Troyius), Victor Brandt (Crewman Watson, Tongo Rad), Barbara Luna (Lt. Marlana Moreau), and Celeste Yarnall (Yeoman Martha Landon). Marc Cushman will also be there to sign copies of his third volume of *These Are The Voyages*, which makes its debut at this convention.
- Next up is the Hollywood Show, to be held January 23-25 at the *Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel* in Los Angeles. In attendance at the *Hollywood Show* will be Nichelle Nichols, Joan Collins, Kim Darby, Teri Garr, and Bill Mumy.
- The Salt Lake Comic Con will be held January 29-31 at *The Salt Palace* in Salt Lake City, Utah. In attendance at *Salt Lake Comic Con* will be Christopher Lloyd.
- Wrapping up January will be the Joco Cruise Crazy 5, an eight-night Western Caribbean cruise that will depart from Fort Lauderdale on January 31st and will return February 8th. On this cruise will be Wil Wheaton.

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**Commander
Rhonda Allen**

**201412.30
(30 December 2014)**



Flight Control Log

Log

Button, aka Wiley, came to visit me, again! I got to spend two days with him this time. Since he was staying in the area for a week, I made sure that he would want for nothing. It was fun setting things up for his visit.

We were supposed to have a sleep over but he forgot that he was supposed to sleep. Apparently, he is more OCD than his grandfather about his sleeping room and surroundings. I forgot to supply a dog and his special bed. Just like Eddie and the wind tunnel he needs to sleep. All in all he provided hours of entertainment and delight.

By the second night he slept through because I put the grandma spell on him. He woke up with a smile on his face and ready for grandpa to change his diaper.

His visit was my Christmas present so my holiday began early. Now all I can do is facetime him in Tacoma.

See you soon,

Rhonda

End Log

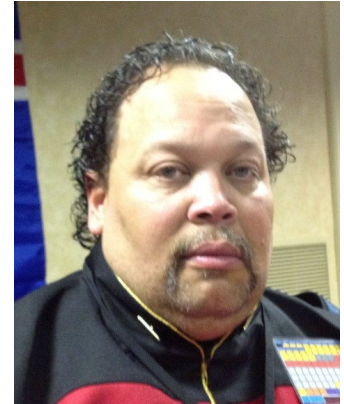


The two Grandma's



Engineer's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III
201412.30 (30 December 2014)



Begin Log

I was looking through Amazon and found some interesting items. Would you believe... (photos included)

1. They have Star Trek ankle socks based on the colors of the old series in the blue, red, and yellow. \$22.99



2. Spock socks with ears hanging off the sides and Spock's face on a blue sock. \$9.35

3. They also have Star Trek boxers in the standard yellow, blue and red with a black waistband. \$29.95



4. I found Star Trek emblem window decals similar to the family decals everyone has on the back of their mini vans except there are no people. \$2.85



5. In the same area I found a "Resistance Is Futile" sticker for \$2.14



6. There was a Star Trek coffee mug with the diagrams of the USS Enterprise \$9.00

7. Star Wars BBQ tongs with a light saber "red" cover for \$39.95



8. A black Darth Vader BBQ apron for \$23.93



9. An R2D2 Measuring cup and measuring spoon set for \$23.93



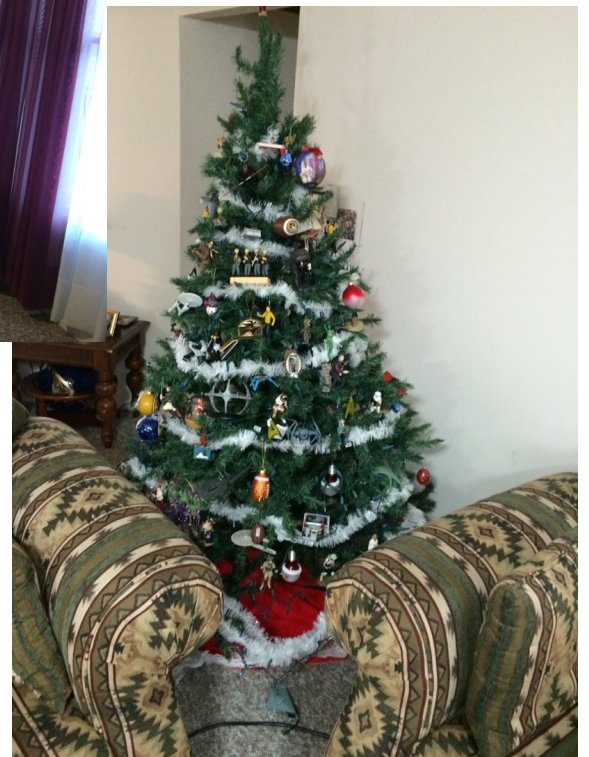
10. Finally, a Star Wars talking pizza cutter for \$16.98.



End Log



A few photos of the decorations at the CO's house for the chapter's holiday party.



Star Wars News - December 2015

The Year in Review:

January 2014

Marvel Acquires License To Publish Star Wars Comics And Graphic Novels
J.J. Abrams: Production On Episode VII Will Commence In May

February 2014

Netflix To Distribute Star Wars: The Clone Wars Bonus Content In The U.S.
Lucasfilm Releases Trailer For The Clone Wars: The Lost Missions
Author Aaron Allston Has Passed Away

March 2014

Carrie Fisher Reportedly Heading To London For Six Months For Episode VII
Leland Chee Tweets The Clone Wars Chronological Order
Hasbro's Star Wars Design Director Tweets Cryptically From Episode VII Set
It's Official: Star Wars Episode VII Rolls Cameras May 2014

April 2014

Star Wars Episode VII Has Begun Filming, With Casting Almost Complete
Moving Beyond Existing EU, Lucasfilm Announces New Direction For Star Wars Canon
Lucasfilm Announces New Star Wars Books As Part Of 'New Unified Storytelling Approach'
Disney Announces The Cast Of Star Wars Episode VII

May 2014

Watch The Star Wars Rebels Trailer
It's Official: Filming Has Begun On Star Wars Episode VII
Disney Announces Writer, Director For First Star Wars Standalone Film

June 2014

TMZ Posts Leaked Pictures From Abu Dhabi's Episode VII Set
Star Wars Episode VII Adds Two Female Cast Members
TMZ Has More Leaked Episode VII Pictures, Including A Famous Ship
Responding To Episode VII Leaks, Abrams Slyly Confirms That The Falcon Is Back
EA Launches Promising Star Wars: Battlefront Trailer At E3 2014
Harrison Ford Injured On Set Of Episode VII

July 2014

Kevin Smith Sheds Tears Over Episode VII Movie Set
Star Wars Episode VII Adds Two Actors From Open Casting Call
J.J. Abrams Reveals Episode VII's X-wing In New Force For Change Video

August 2014

Episode VII: New Interior Set Images Leaked
The New Look For Stormtroopers In Star Wars Episode VII

September 2014

J.J. Abrams Tweets About Apple Watch, Leaves Star Wars Hint
Star Wars Vehicles Spotted From The Air In England
Star Wars: Episode VII Filming Caught On Drone Video, In Pictures
J.J. Abrams Tweets Video Of The Millennium Falcon
Anthony Daniels Wraps Filming For Star Wars Episode VII

October 2014

Star Wars Rebels Renewed For Second Season
TFN Rebels Review: Spark Of Rebellion
Anger Leads To Hate: Inside The Movement To Save The Expanded Universe
Star Wars: The Clone Wars: The Lost Missions Being Released On Blu-ray And DVD This November
Star Wars Episode VII Concept Art Leaked Online
Less Than A Month Left In Episode VII Production
Warwick Davis Will Be In Episode VII

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Trek News (cont'd fr page 3)

- February begins with the **SF Ball 21**, to be held Feb. 6-8 at *The Grand Harbour Hotel* in Southampton, England. In attendance at *SF Ball 21* will be Robert Duncan McNeill and Manu Intiraymi.
- **Madison Comic Con** will be held Feb. 6-8 at the *Alliant Energy Center* in Madison, Wisconsin. In attendance at *Madison Comic Con* will be William Shatner.
- **Dallas Comic Con Fan Days** will be held Feb. 7-8 at the *Irving Convention Center* in Irving, Texas. In attendance at *Dallas Comic Con Fan Days* will be Terry Farrell, Nichelle Nichols, and Roberto Picardo.
- **Gallifrey One** will be held Feb. 13-15 at the *Marriott Los Angeles Airport* in Los Angeles. In attendance at *Gallifrey One* will be David Gerrold, Chase Masterson, W. Morgan Sheppard, Larry Nemecek, and Deep Roy.
- On that same weekend, the **Indianapolis Comic Con** will be held at the *Indianapolis Convention Center* in Indianapolis, Indiana. In attendance at the *Indianapolis Comic Con* will be William Shatner and Anthony Montgomery.
- Also on that weekend will be **Farpoint**, which will be held Feb. 13-15 at the *North Baltimore Plaza Hotel* in Timonium, Maryland. In attendance at *Farpoint* will be Tim Russ plus a good number of *Star Trek* authors.
- The **Cleveland Comic Con** will be held Feb. 20-22 at the *Cleveland Convention Center* in Cleveland, Ohio. In attendance at the *Cleveland Comic Con* will be William Shatner.
- February wraps up with **Pensacon**, which will be held Feb. 27 - Mar. 1 at the *Pensacola Bay Center/Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel* in Pensacola, Florida. In attendance at *Pensacon* will be Marina Sirtis, Olivia d'Abo (Amanda Rogers), David Warner, Tony Todd, and Nichelle Nichols.



ON THE HORIZON

JANUARY 2015



2. How about another set of ST mugs from Culturenik:

3. Orci has announced he will definitely produce *Star Trek 3* but will not be directing it due to "rumored" script problems.

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Star Wars News continues from page 7

November 2014

- John Boyega Chronicles Episode VII Wrap Party
- More Photos and Video From Episode VII's Wrap Party
- Star Wars: Episode VII Will Be Called The Force Awakens
- A TFN Forum Member Predicted The Force Awakens' Title Two Years Ago
- The Force Awakens Teaser Trailer Release Date Predicted, As Possible GIF Appears
- Regal Jumps The Gun, Announces The Force Awakens Trailer Plans Early
- J.J. Abrams Addresses Regal's Star Wars Trailer Debut Announcement
- Disney Announces Star Wars: The Force Awakens Teaser Trailer Plans
- iTunes Gets The Force Awakens Teaser Trailer On Friday
- Watch The Teaser Trailer For The Force Awakens

December 2014

- Star Wars: The Force Awakens Character Names Revealed
- Mark Hamill: Playing With The BB-8 Prop On Set Was 'An Absolute Delight'
- Lucasfilm No Longer Mailing Out Individual Christmas Cards
- Star Wars: The Force Awakens Six Inch Action Figures Leaked Photo

The Rest of the Star Wars News

1. The Force Awakens Millennium Falcon:

2. Dark Horse has lost their license to sell SW merchandise and is having a "farewell to SW" sale.



3. ShirtPunch has a Force Awakens designs for their shirts:

4. The Force Awakens light

saber parody: http://www.theforce.net/story/front/Star_Wars_The_Force_Awakens_Lightsaber_Scene_Parody_161632.asp

5. Star Wars Holiday Collection video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APONkt9Gihk>

6. Star Wars Holiday Lights video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5dfpe_-Lgg

7. Rebel Base Comics alternate cover:



...Or just the Bampf cover for their SW#1



... Or the Newbury Comics alternate cover



8. Mark Hamill

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4. The Official Starships Collection has released 2 more ships:

5. How about paperclip that is shaped like a ST ship from Icon Heroes:

6. Joseph Sargent, director of a Trek episode in TOS passed away at age 89.

7. QMx has relaunched some of the ST

Starfleet Division Badges and they have new designs for several of them.

8. The director for ST3 will be Justin Lin who will be directing the next Bourne movie as well and did a Fast 7 Furious.

9. Chris Pine was on the Tonight Show.

10. There will be a new opera out called Star Trek and Mozart by the Chattanooga Scenic City Opera.

11. The March 2015 comics include *Star Trek #43*, *Star Trek Vol. 9: The Q Gambit*, *Star Trek/Planet of the Apes #4*, and *Star Trek: New Visions: A Scent of Ghosts*. March 2015.

12. There are two more ships in the Official Starships Collection:



13. Benedict Cumberbatch

was nominated for a Golden Globe and a SAG award for the *Imitation Game*.

14. Benedict Cumberbatch will star in the comic to movie, *Dr. Strange*.

15. In Washington DC at Christmas time they will do "A Klingon Christmas Carol."



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9. TeePublic Imperial Evolution T

10. Force Awakens character names...

- BB-8, the ball **droid**
- Poe Dameron, the X-wing pilot (Oscar Isaac)
- Kylo Ren, the mystery wielder of the "broadsaber"
- Rey, the scavenger who was previously "Kira" (Daisy Ridley)
- Finn, a man "on the run" (John Boyega)



code-named



11. Disney is holding off SW updates to the parks until after the movie but promises a larger SW presence.

12. ThinkGeek is taking 30% off their Hans Solo Carbonite Rugs



13. Star Wars Dark Disciple cover

14. Rumor has it Mark Hamill is reprising his role as Trickster in the CW's new Flash TV show.

15. Wicked Lasers has a Crossguard Concept in answer to the Force Awakens movie: <http://www.wickedlasers.com/crossguard>

16. Sant Cruz Skateboards has a SW component

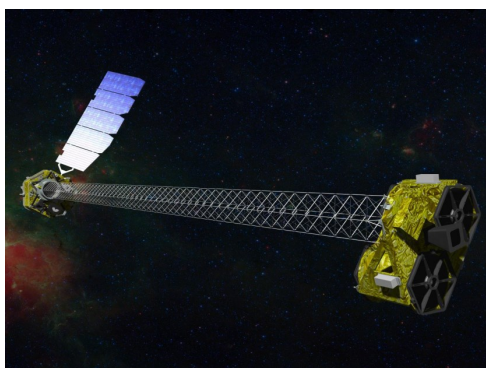
17. There is a rumor that SW will replace Toontown at Disneyland.



18. Darth Vader standalone helmet is available from Anovos:

NASA's NuSTAR telescope, launched in June 2012, observed the high-energy portion of the X-ray light spectrum emitted by the supermassive blackhole dubbed PDS 456.

ESA's XMM-Newton Telescope observed the low-energy portion of the X-ray light spectrum emitted by PDS 456.

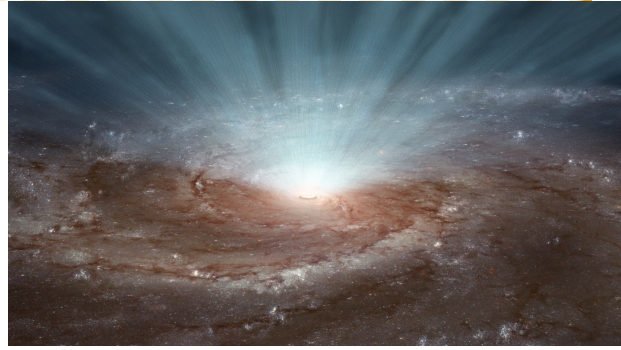


Black Holes

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Supermassive black holes at the cores of galaxies blast out radiation and ultra-fast winds, as illustrated in this artist's conception. NASA's NuSTAR and ESA's XMM-Newton telescopes show that these winds, containing highly ionized atoms, blow in a nearly spherical fashion.



NASA's Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array (NuSTAR) and ESA's (European Space Agency) XMM-Newton telescope are showing that fierce winds from a supermassive black hole blow outward in all directions -- a phenomenon that had been suspected, but difficult to prove until now.

This discovery has given astronomers their first opportunity to measure the strength of these ultra-fast winds and prove they are powerful enough to inhibit the host galaxy's ability to make new stars.

We know black holes in the centers of galaxies can feed on matter, and this process can produce winds. This is thought to regulate the growth of the galaxies," said Fiona Harrison of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena, California. Harrison is the principal investigator of NuSTAR and a co-author on a new paper about these results appearing in the journal Science. "Knowing the speed, shape and size of the winds, we can now figure out how powerful they are."


Supermassive black holes blast matter into their host galaxies, with X-ray-emitting winds traveling at up to one-third the speed of light. In the new study, astronomers determined PDS 456, an extremely bright black hole known as a quasar more than 2 billion light-years away, sustains winds that carry more energy every second than is emitted by more than a trillion suns.

"Now we know quasar winds significantly contribute to mass loss in a galaxy, driving out its supply of gas, which is fuel for star formation," said the study's lead author Emanuele Nardini of Keele University in England

NuSTAR and XMM-Newton simultaneously observed PDS 456 on five separate occasions in 2013 and 2014. The space telescopes complement each other by observing different

parts of the X-ray light spectrum: XMM-Newton views low-energy and NuSTAR views high-energy.

Previous XMM-Newton observations had identified black hole winds blowing toward us, but could not determine whether the winds also blew in all directions. XMM-Newton had detected iron atoms, which are carried by the winds along with other matter, only directly in front of the black hole, where they block X-rays. Combining higher-energy X-ray data from NuSTAR with observations from XMM-Newton, scientists were able to find signatures of iron scattered from the sides, proving the winds emanate from the black hole not in a beam, but in a nearly spherical fashion.

 "This is a great example of the synergy between XMM-Newton and NuSTAR," said Norbert Schartel, XMM-Newton project scientist at ESA. "The complementarity of these two X-ray observatories is enabling us to unveil previously hidden details about the powerful side of the universe."