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No Major U.S. Hurricane Landfalls in Nine Years: Luck?

The United States hasn't experienced the landfall of a Category 3 or larger hurricane in nine years – a string of years that's likely to come along only once every 177 years, according to a new NASA study.

The current nine-year "drought" is the longest period of time that has passed without a major hurricane making landfall in the U.S. since reliable records began in 1850, said Timothy Hall, a research scientist who studies hurricanes at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, New York.

The National Hurricane Center calls any Category 3 or more intense hurricane a "major" storm. The last major storm to make landfall in the U.S. was Hurricane Wilma on Oct. 16, 2005 – the fourth major storm landfall of that year, which was the most active Atlantic hurricane season on record. Of course, storms smaller than a Category 3 have made landfall with destructive results, such as Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

Hall and colleague Kelly Hereid, who works for ACE Tempest Re, a reinsurance firm based in Connecticut, ran a statistical hurricane model based on a record of Atlantic tropical cyclones from 1950 to 2012 and sea surface temperature data. While hurricane records stretch back to 1850, the data becomes less complete prior to 1950, Hall said. The study was published recently in *Geophysical Research Letters*.

The researchers ran 1,000 computer simulations of the period from 1950-2012 – in effect simulating 63,000 separate Atlantic hurricane seasons. They found that a nine-year period without a major landfall is likely to occur once every 177 years on average.

While the study did not delve into the meteorological causes behind this lack of major hurricane landfalls, Hall said it appears it is a result of luck.

"The last nine hurricane seasons were not weak – storms just didn't hit the U.S.," Hall said. "It seems to be an accident of geography, random good luck."

When 2014 passed without a major hurricane landfall, the period from 2006-2014 surpassed the previous record for an absence of known major hurricane landfalls in the U.S., which occurred from 1861 to 1868. The researchers became curious about the probability of nine years passing without a major landfall.

The nine-year period stands out, too, because it immediately followed the most active Atlantic hurricane season on record. As major hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma all hit the U.S., debate intensified about how global warming might drive hurricane activity.

Hall said the past nine years show why there are still questions about the connection between hurricanes and the warming of Earth's atmosphere and ocean.

"Hurricanes respond in complicated ways to their environment," Hall said. Regarding the larger climate change-hurricane question, he said, "It's one of the areas of climate change research where reasonable people can still disagree."

A trickier problem than simply deriving the odds of such a "landfall drought" is trying to predict when the drought might end. Even though a long period of time has passed, the probability that any given year will end the drought is still the same every year, Hall said.

Think of it this way: If you flip a coin and it comes up heads nine times in a row, there is still a 50-50 chance that the 10th flip will come up tails. Hall and Hereid's statistical analysis found that in any given year there is a 39 percent probability of one or more major hurricane landfalls on the U.S and that that probability does not depend on the drought length. So what are the chances of this historic period coming to an end in 2015, based solely on the odds of the historical record? Thirty-nine percent, Hall said.

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Captain's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

201506.27 (27 June 2015)

It's been a very busy month with about 20 activities. I won't report about all of them here but I will discuss 4 of the larger events. I know I've had a lot of fun this past month.

Over the last month we have had some confusion about our calendars. I will list them here and explain each. Keep in mind that if a function appears in multiple calendars then it is targeted at multiple audiences. Horizon Calendars are located in the following locations:
 USS Horizon Calendar: <http://usshorizon.net/calendar.htm>
 (Official chapter calendar. These functions are open to any Horizon member whether a member of SFI, UFP, KAG, or not. As long as I know you are a regular member of the chapter. These functions are also available to members of SFI, UFP, and KAG that RSVP successfully.)

Columbia Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Columbia-Horizon-Star-Trek-SciFi-Meetup/events/> (These functions are only for members of Columbia meetup or prospective members that come to check us out if the function is open for that. This Meetup is hosted by the USS Horizon and members assisting in the event are most welcome.)

DoDeca Events: <https://www.facebook.com/dodecacon/events?key=events> (This calendar is for members of DoDeca Events and those supporting those activities. The Horizon supports all DoDeca Events and so we will participate in their activities.)

Horizon Facebook Events: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/457411707616248/events/> (This calendar is for private internal Horizon functions that are either for certain groups of members or for ONLY the membership. That may not include even the immediate family of that



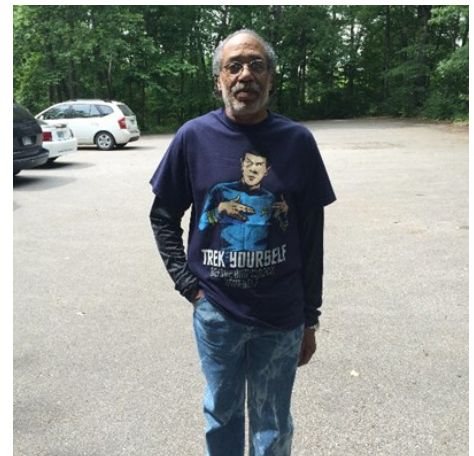


member unless they also are members.)

Starfleet Marines: NO ADDRESS YET AVAILABLE (This calendar will be for Marine events. Their calendar will exclude all but the Marines. If the function is available for the chapter members as well then it will also be listed in one of the chapter calendars.)

St Louis Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/STLStarTrekFans/events/> (These functions are only for members of St Louis meetup or prospective members that come to check it out if the function is open for that.)

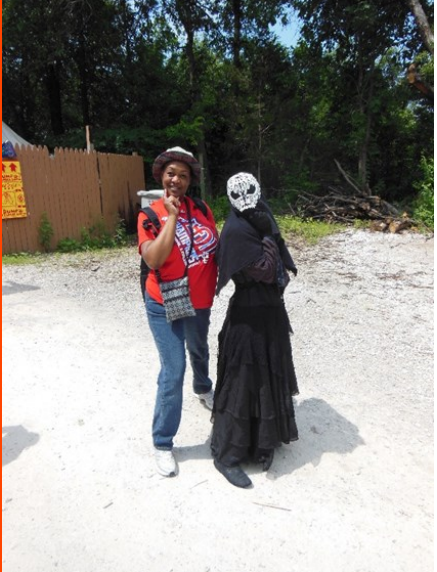
Boy what a picnic! We had a whopping 33 people show up. That was really neat and well worth the expense of the food I bought. There were members from 4 chapters and from 2 different Star Trek Meetups (St Louis and Columbia). We had people from the USS Missouri, The ISS Katana, and the ISS Discovery. I spent a lot of time on the grill and did not get around as much as I normally do. Rhonda says we will need a host or hostess to track who shows up in the future and to help visitors get situated. I agree with her as I cannot always get around and set up and run the function at the same time. But, I had a great time!





The St. Louis Renaissance Faire was also a great day. We finally met one of our newest members, Rachel and her family. She had joined the Horizon and after the Faire, her entire family was on board. They joined us for two functions over the weekend. We always have a good time watching the various shows and if you can catch me, I have several videos available. I have posted photos of this event. Those who have not been for a few years should come on down and join us next year. Much is the same but much is different.





Members attended the Kansas Sector picnic. I don't have pictures or first-hand experience of that event but it was a big one for the chapter as it required a drive back to Kansas. They had 29 people from 4 regions and 10 chapters present at the function. The Horizon counted as 6 of that number. I hope someone else has photos of the event to post in our newsletter because I am interested in them and their information as well.



The Master Grill Chef after a job well done.



The rains came and so did the locksmith to open the car so Justin could unload his supplies.



The contestants for the Cutest Mascot for Pennies for Potential



And the winners are TG of the USS Horizon and Sen from the ISS Katana



Michelle's much deserved promotion given by Region 12 RC Chris



The Horizon had a table at the CosPlayCon in Jefferson City. The USS Phoenix was there as well. We had several events around that weekend and for those present we had a ball. I have some of the more interesting photos here. Some in costume were almost naked but since we are family friendly those pictures are NOT included. I can show them to interested adults on request. Those viewings will of course be in person and not by online forum.

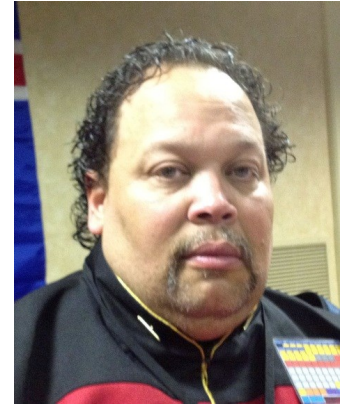




Engineer's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

201506.26 (26 June 2015)



How about some Star Wars items this time around:

ThinkGeek has the ultimate: Star Wars Darth Vader toaster:



Vat 19 has 3D Metal Model kits:



Entertainment Earth has a Millennium Falcon Magnetic Bottle Opener:





R2D2 and Vader Banks by Urban Collector



The Fowndry has a Tie Fighter nut cracker and a lightsaber phone charger:



SW Darth Vader CD Boombox at Toys R Us:



Hurricane Land Falls (Cont.)i

Each year is roughly independent of the year before," Hall said. "There are known signals, and natural cycles, and possibly human-induced influences. But for the most part, they are independent, especially for the rare intense landfalls."



Flight Log

Commander Rhonda Allen

201506.26 (26 June 2015)

Make Today Count.....The Secret Of Your Success Is Determined By Your Daily Agenda.

This was one of the latest installments in my reading challenge. It was a short light read, but full of little tidbits that I could take away to incorporate into my personal and work life. If some of you feel that you are stuck in a rut, I suggest that you give this one a try.

This crazy weather is making it a little difficult to enjoy the summer days. I purchased a new umbrella for the patio table but have not put it to use yet, because of all of the rain that we've had. I would love to go on a picnic in Forest Park this summer with hopefully a side trip to the Museum and Zoo. Also on the list is going to an outdoor movie. Considering that Eddie is not an outdoor person this may be my biggest challenge. I have been trying to get him to go to the drive in they have in Belleville, IL for about 15 years or is that 20 years?

Oh, and I found outdoor movies in St Charles county, but imagine my surprise, when, "The Guardians of the Galaxy" is showing while we will be in Niagara Falls for IC. I also noticed that several venues have outdoor movies in Columbia but have not looked into which ones and which dates yet. Someone may want to add that to our calendar. Which movies are you up for? Let me know so we can add a date for one.

I had a wonderful visit with Wiley earlier in the month and have included a few photos for you all to enjoy. I just received a video and he has learned to zerbert. He is doing it continuously. I think Eddie taught him that. Figures.

That's it for now. See you all next time and remember to let me know if you want something in the calendar. We need to fill out the fall schedule.





Flight Log (Cont.)



This one is the Wiley squat and he is starting his Grr Da Da for Eddie



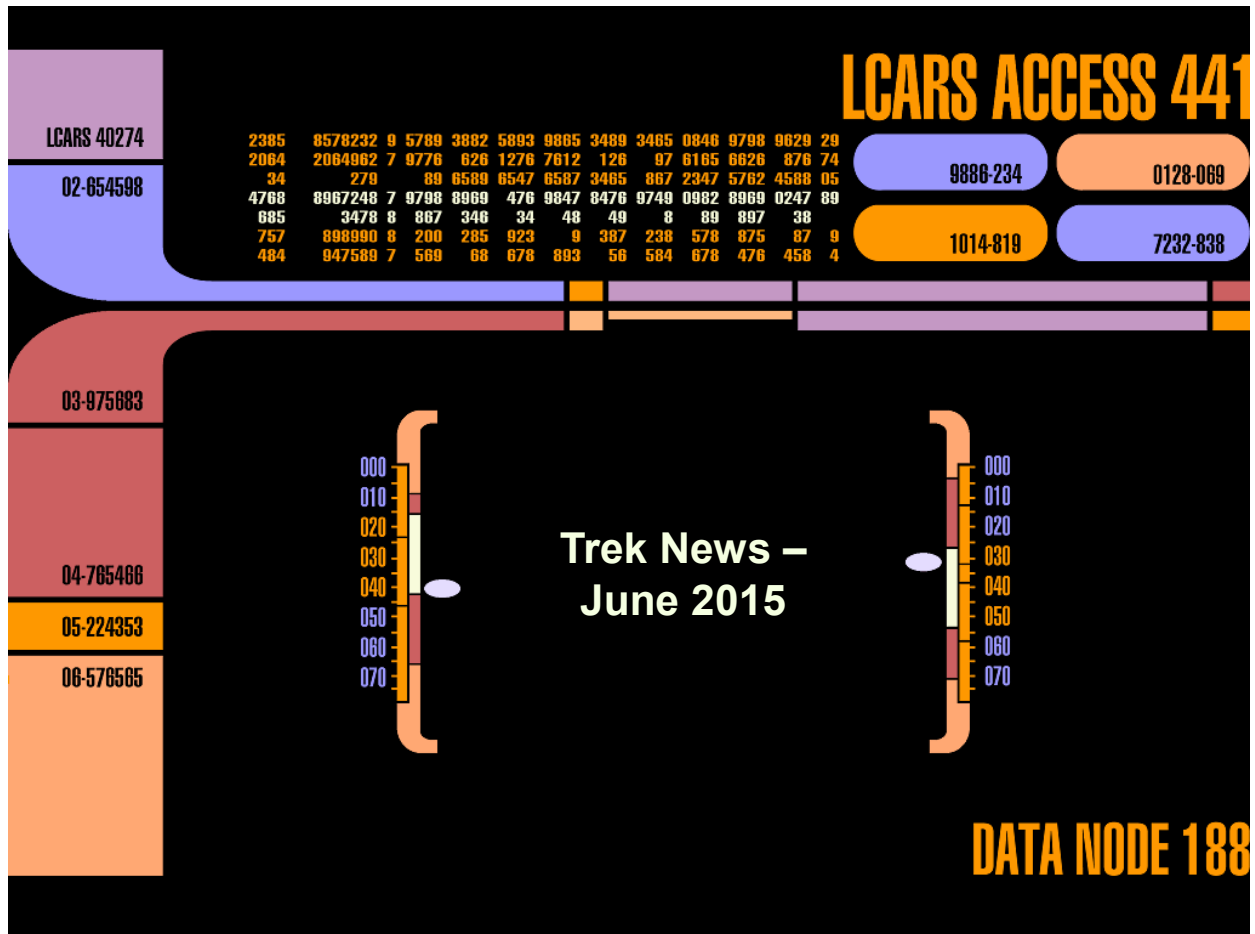
The boys in Star Wars attire



Hanging with Grr Da Da



Eating out with Grand Ma and Mom



- ◇ Rumor has it that beginning May 26, 2016 a Starfleet Academy Tour will begin in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
- ◇ Lootcrate will have several ST items, one in the July crate and one in an annual drawing being drawn in July for one member. https://www.lootcrate.com/?cvosrc=sm.up.startrek&utm_campaign=startrek&utm_source=up&utm_medium=social



CreationCon contest in Las Vegas application: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SPXIN4snM1IO_IIOslhFUBHEeoCx8aocBGootFXVqTU/viewform

William Shatner will appear at the San Diego ComicCon July 9 – 12. <https://www.google.com/#q=comiccin+san+diego>

StarTrek.com poll says the most interesting position on the ship is: Khane wins!!! First Officer at

36% followed by Chief Science Officer at 32%. Chief Engineer was 16% with Security Chief at 9% and Chief Medical Officer 6%. CO was not an option.

Diamond Select toys will offer a model of the USS Defiant at Comic Con in San Diego in July. <http://www.diamondselecttoys.com/diamond-select-toys-offers-an-array-of-exclusives-at-comic-con-2015>

DOGS OF TREK:



NG Aquiel (Maura)



NG Dark Page



NG Crusher became a dog



TOS Kirk had dog Butler in Generations



Odo as a dog in DS9.



ENT Keyla's dog Rhylo

Answers are at: <http://www.startrek.com/article/celebrating-take-your-dog-to-work-day>

Who is the oldest living Trek actor? (see below)



Trek News (cont'd from page

Michael Dorn is in Ted 2:



James Horner has passed, Trek Composer: <http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/jun/23/james-horner>

Quito remembers Spock: <http://www.startrek.com/article/quinto-remembers-leonard-nimoy>



How Trek is your baby?



Dorn stunt double Leon Rusty has passed away: <http://www.startrek.com/article/michael-dorn-pays-tribute-to-tng-stuntman>



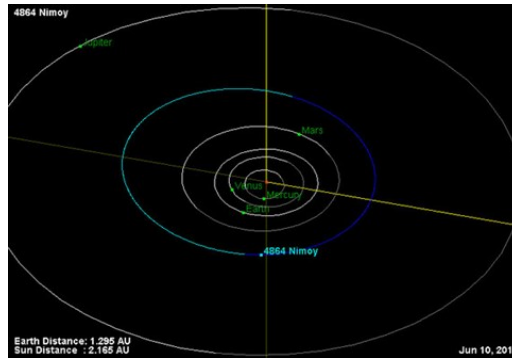
The Wit and Wisdom of Trek: <http://www.amazon.com/The-Wit-Wisdom-Star-Trek/dp/1604335645>

First Look at the Ferengi D'kora Class: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teFQYuJMjpA>





Nichelle Nichols is recovering from her recent stroke at warp speed. An asteroid is now named after Leonard Nimoy: <http://www.space.com/29627-leonard-nimoy-asteroid-name.html>



ST #46 Comic and New Visions Comic #2 are coming out. <http://www.idwpublishing.com/star-trek/>



Khaannnnn!!!!

Trek's oldest living actor is Olaf Pooley at 101 years old.

Soon, the movie: Z for Zachariah: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1598642/>



What do William Shatner, Henry Winkler, George Foreman, Terry Bradshaw and Jeff Dye have in common? They're all about to participate in *Better Late Than Never*, an upcoming NBC alternative comedy series set in Asia. <http://variety.com/2015/tv/news/william-shatner-henry-winkler-nbc-better-late-than-never-1201515644/>





Which Trek show had the best costumes? 31% and...



Green Lantern and Trek comic coming: <http://screenrant.com/green-lantern-star-trek-comic-crossover/>



5 Captain Bobble Head set: <http://www.startrek.com/article/5-captain-monitor-mate-bobble-head-set>

Nichelle Nichols has had a mild stroke: <http://www.space.com/29572-nichelle-nichols-stroke-star-trek-uhura.html>

William Newman, NG, The Host: Kalin Trose has passed away. <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0628309/>

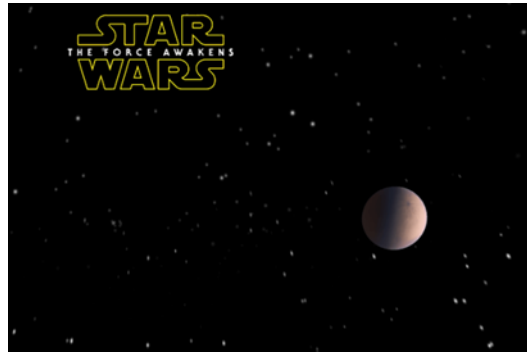
Anthony Montgomery is asking fans to buy: Miles Away from the iTunes bookstore to support his efforts. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/miles-away/id970553055?mt=11>

Las Vegas Creation Con for this year now has 100 guests. http://www.creationent.com/cal/st_lasvegas.html

Shatner will play Mark Twain on an episode of Murdoch Mysteries in Canada.

ST Timelines Bird of Prey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vecuFRjobAQ>





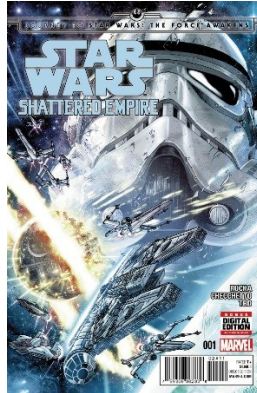
174 Days

Star Wars News – June 2015

It appears that Rogue One has been filming for about 3 weeks in London at Pinewood Studios as of June 27.



SW Shattered Empire comic info: <http://www.slashfilm.com/star-wars-shattered-empire/>



Princess Leia #5 is out as is Darth Vader #7:





DelRey 6 novel sampler available: <https://www.facebook.com/starwarsbooks>
 Visceral Games will be in the style of Uncharted per actor Nolan North: <http://www.gameinformer.com/b/features/archive/2015/07/01/is-visceral-dropping-clues-about-its-upcoming-star-wars-game.aspx>

The Cantina Forum is available to watch episodes at the Disney XD on line at: <http://watchdisneyxd.go.com/live>. The premier of the second Rebels season will be on June 28th.



Star Wars Promotional Poster:

Comic Con San Diego: There will be a SW panel: <http://www.comic-con.org/>
 SW Battlefront alpha testing is closed: <http://starwars.ea.com/starwars/battlefront/alpha>

SW Rebels season 1 will be available on DVD in September 2015.

AMC Jedi Council: June 25th: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwBeKbVN5aY&list=PLYNW0PN4_jrrNaITqcKp5Hm6xUkxgmAvf&index=1

SW You Tube has uploaded another video in the top 10 series: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytDEBDMKNMo>

Toys R Us Jabba's Rancor Pit has been re-released: <http://www.slashfilm.com/jabbas-rancor-pit-action-figure/>

Vanity Fair SW7 costume photos and information: <http://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2015/05/star-wars-force-awakens-costumes>

SW Battlefront New Tatoonine Survival Gameplay on PC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh1nhHB72e4>



Lost Actor Ken Leung to Appear in Star Wars: The Force Awakens!



Rumors indicate that Greg Grunberg will play a storm trooper in the SW7 movie. Ben Mendelsohn still has not officially signed for Rogue One.

SW Battlefront

AMC Jedi Council for June 18: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJf92QF23kc&list=PLYNW0PN4_jrrNaITgcKp5Hm6xUkxgmAvf&index=2



SW Rebels Season 2 premiered on June 21:

BB-8 Lego version: <http://www.hothbricks.com/2015/06/premiere-apparition-du-droide-bb-8-en-version-lego/>



Mark Hamill is again growing his beard???



Cover Girl will have a new make-up collection based on the Force Awakens.



The new Force Awaken time line: <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/06/the-complete-guide-to-the-new-star-wars-canon.html>

Shattered Empire #1 is the first book in the Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens series. There will be about 20 such novels.



First Look at Princess Leia from the SW7 movie along with returning characters: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMFhWXp_WAI

E3 Disney Infinity 3.0 Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWnA-yXUmJI>
Forest Whitaker is in talks to join the Rogue One Cast. <http://variety.com/2015/film/news/star-wars-rogue-one-forest-whitaker-cast-1201496190/>
Rumor: Michelle MacLaren on short list to be a Star Wars Anthology director.

Infinity 3.0 Rebels figurines:



Industrial Light is working on a SW themed Virtual Augmented Reality Experience: <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/06/industrial-light-magic-working-on-star-wars-themed-virtualaugmented-reality-experiences.html>

AMC Jedi Council for June 11: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JlxNLNua_U&list=PLYNW0PN4_jrrNaITqcKp5Hm6xUkxgmAvf&index=3



Christopher Lee passed away on June 11: <http://metro.co.uk/2015/06/11/star-wars-fans-will-miss-sir-christopher-lee-the-actor-who-brought-sith-lord-count-dooku-to-life-5241010/>

SW7 may be returning to film at Skellig Michael this fall:



Star Wars 10 post at You Tube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDoY_zXf7uQ

The University of Brunswick Library has had a early copy of the 1977 Star Wars movie just lying around for over 20 years.



Black Series First Order Stormtrooper Action Figure:

Billie Lourd is not a flash back Princess Leia and not her daughter in the SW7 movie. <http://www.starwars7news.com/2015/06/billie-lourd-shoots-down-yet-another-rumor-about-her-character-from-the-force-awakens.html>

C-3PO's red arm from the Force Awakens:



Marvel's SW #6, Darth Vader #6 and Princess Leia #4 were all released.

AMC Jedi Council for June 4: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uO8QFLjCAY&index=4&list=PLYNW0PN4_jrrNaITqcKp5Hm6xUkxgmAvf



SW: Uprising Mobile Game announced: <http://variety.com/2015/digital/news/star-wars-uprising-game-episode-vii-1201512387/>



French site unveils Force Awakens Lego site: <http://www.ign.com/articles/2015/06/07/french-site-uncovers-lego-star-wars-the-force-awakens-sets>





SW #6 by Marvel released.

Harrison Ford is back on his feet and flying again, this time a helicopter. <http://pagesix.com/2015/05/29/harrison-ford-flying-again-3-months-after-horrific-crash/>
 AMC Jedi Council on May 28: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgbjfxMCgzo&index=5&list=PLYNW0PN4_jrrNaITqcKp5Hm6xUkxgmAvf

Vanity Fair, the French edition seems to have all the SW scoop:



UPCOMING MOSTLY LOCAL CONS

ANIME MIDWEST JULY 3 - 5, 2015 AT THE HYATT REGENCY O'HARE & CONVENTION CENTER. [HTTP://WWW.ANIMEMIDWEST.COM/](http://www.animemidwest.com/)
InConJunction XXXV - July 3 – 5, 2015 - Indianapolis Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN <http://www.inconjunction.org/>

British Fest - July 10 – 12 - Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa -
www.britishfest.com

KantCon - July 24 – 26, 2015 - Overland Park, KS <http://www.kantcon.com/>

Gen Con Indy 2015, July 30 – August 2, 2015 - Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN http://www.eventsforgamers.com/event/gen-con-indy-2015/?instance_id=1217

Rob Con – August 1 – 2, 2015 - Viking Hall, Bristol, TN <http://robcon.net/>

The Official Star Trek Convention, The Rio, Las Vegas, NV August 6 – 9, 2015
http://www.creationent.com/cal/st_lasvegas.html

Stargate Chicago, August 14 – 16, 2015 - Westin O'Hare Chicago, IL <http://www.creationent.com/cal/sgchi.htm>

Gateway Geek Fest - Aug 28 – 30, 2015 - Riverport Wingate, St Louis, MO -
<http://www.gatewaygeekfest.com/hotel-information.html>

DoDeca Con 3D - Sept 11 – 13, 2015 - Howard Johnson, Columbia, MO <https://www.facebook.com/events/281956802011489/>

Fall Recruits - Sept 11 – 13, 2015 - Lee's Summit High School, Lees Summit, MO <http://recruits.mtswebsites.com/index.php>

Archon 39 - October 2 – 4, 2015 - Gateway Convention Center and DoubleTree Hotel, Collinsville, IL - <http://www.archonstl.org/>





UPCOMING MOSTLY LOCAL CONS (cont.)

Time Eddy - Oct 2 – 4, 2015 - Best Western North Wichita, Wichita, KS - <http://www.kansasdoctorwho.com/>

Supernatural Con - October 23 – 25, 2015 - Westin O'Hare Chicago, IL <http://www.creationent.com/cal/supernatural.htm>

Con Alt Delete 2015 - December 18 – 20, 2015 - Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, IL http://www.eventsforgamers.com/event/con-alt-delete-2015/?instance_id=1573

Meeting Minutes – June 2015

- ◆ Welcome to the 201st Special Operations, “The Fighting Wolfpack”
OIC: David Williams of the USS Horizon
- ◆ David Williams is promoted to Lieutenant for passing the classes, OCC and OIC for SFMC. He will be the ships Chief Tactical Officer.
- ◆ David Williams is promoted to Lt Col as the OIC for SFMC 201st Special Operations. This promotion is temporary for the first year and requires fully active leadership and maintaining appropriate points.
- ◆ 23 Horizon membership renewals are having problems.
- ◆ The Horizon hosted a recruiting table at CosPlayCon in Jeff City. Thanks to all who helped. It was a lot of fun.
- ◆ New Region 11 Coordinator is: David Hines
- ◆ Vice Chief of Operations position is open: ops@sfi.org
- ◆ Region 12 Finances: spent \$250 on website, down to \$560.
- ◆ Wrath of Khan composer James Horner passed on the 23rd: <http://io9.com/rip-james-horner-composer-for-aliens-and-wrath-of-khan-1713281980>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Members</u>
25-May	1	KY, IN,NC,OH, SC, TN, VA, WV	962
	7	DL, DC, MD, NJ, NY, PN	597
	2	AB, FL, GA, MS, PR, Car	543
	3	LA, TX	486
	4	AZ, CA, HW, NV	443
	12	MO,IL,KS,AR,OK	408
22-Jun	1	KY, IN,NC,OH, SC, TN, VA, WV	958
	7	DL, DC, MD, NJ, NY, PN	590
	2	AB, FL, GA, MS, PR, Car	522
	3	LA, TX	463
	4	AZ, CA, HW, NV	440
	12	MO,IL,KS,AR,OK	384





- ◆ The scholarship deadline has been extended to June 30th. (There were only 3 applications so far) <http://www.sfi.org/scholarships/>
- ◆ The Kansas Sector picnic had 28 members from 10 chapters and 3 regions: *Katana, Aux Arc, Czar'ak (R06), Dark Phoenix, Discovery, Horizon, Jeannette Maddox, Katana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Retribution Station (R03)*. The scholarship contest raised \$183.93 and the Horizon won the competition.
- ◆ Summit 2016 will be April 22-24, 2016 at the Four Points by Seraton, KC – Sports Complex, 4011 Blue Ridge Cutoff, 816-353-5300. This hotel is by the stadiums just off of I-70.
- ◆ Packages: \$40 until Sep 8, \$50 until Dec 31, then \$60 (Banquet is \$30 each and need special menu requests by Dec 31.
- ◆ Do we want a commemorative coin?
- ◆ Do we want a T shirt?



- ◆ The Region 12 website is down for complete move and reload.
- ◆ 33 people enjoyed the USS Horizon picnic. There were members from 4 chapters and from 2 different Star Trek Meetups (St Louis and Columbia)
- ◆ No dance at IC. A bingo, The Great Dalmuti game, Trektionary, and Cards Against Humanity.
- ◆ USS Destiny monthly chat starting in June: <http://www.hipchat.org/>
More info at: jcmccartney6@gmail.com

