

# ON THE HORIZON

## HALLMARK COLLECTABLES



SEPT 2014



USS Vengeance



"Devil in the Dark" (sound)



Rise of Darth Vader (sound)



Lieutenant Hikaru Sulu



Vena



Peek Buster (sound)



Cantina Band (musical)



Scout Trooper



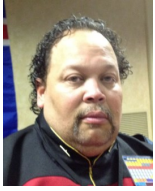
Lego Boba Fett



Sandcrawler (sound)

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## Captains log: Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

Well IC 2014 is over and I am glad. Khane and I worked the Registration table and I also worked the auction table set up as well as hung the flags for the ceremonies. Because I worked the convention, I really have no photos of it to post except for one of the flags that I set up and 2 others. I'll try to recap my weekend.

I left St Louis at 2 pm in a rain storm. I arrived in Rockford Thursday evening about 8 pm. When I arrived I assisted putting the last of the packet items together. It appears there were only 4 volunteers so Khane and I took over the Registration table so they didn't have to worry about that. Afterward I checked into my room at the Candlewood suites and had dinner at the Machine Shed which is a cross between Lamberts Café and Cracker Barrel.

Friday morning I tried to eat breakfast at the Clock Tower but they only had cold items so I ended up at Denny's. I started at the table at 8 am and we manned it until 9 pm. I set up Registration and then I set up the auction display. I stayed busy. Later I hung the flags that would not be placed in the holders in the front of the assembly room. One or both of us were at registration all day. I had a quick lunch at the Thai restaurant in the hotel. Once we closed down on Friday, we had a dinner at Old Chicago pizza and then it was back to the hotel and to bed for me. Old Chicago was a good as I remember it.

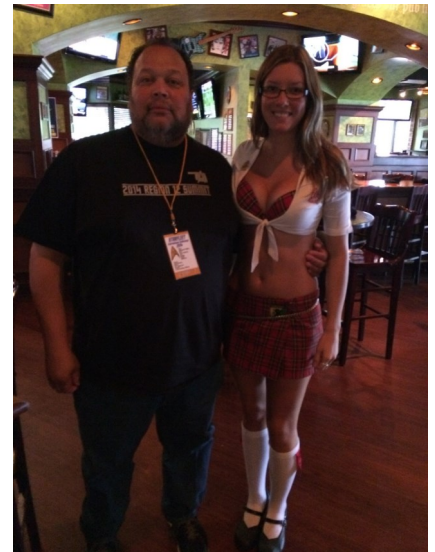
Saturday morning started with a visit by the Horizon crew to Johnnie Pancakes. We had a good meal there. The day repeated Friday and we worked the registration desk until the auction items were moved to the banquet room. Mostly at this point we were guarding the auction items. I had lunch at the Tilted Kilt and enclosed a photo of me with my waitress.

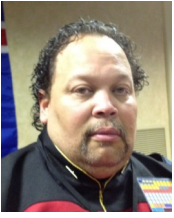
The banquet was set up nicely but the meal was marginally average. Afterwards, I got 4 items in the auction (maps, blue prints, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary pack and an autographed book. I also won the Axanar movie visit. The dance featured a whole 7 people remaining. I danced with Marion. I was also drunk by that time so I don't remember it much.

Sunday morning was closing ceremonies and then the long drive home. I pre-registered for IC2015. Rhonda and I are going.

Once I arrived at home, I had a wonderful dinner with Jeff and Phillip. Jeff had driven back to St Louis for a birthday celebration. I added a photo of the three of us as well.

So the month started off with a lot of hard work and as anyone who came to the meeting knows it ended up with us hot and sweaty as the restaurant was about 85 degrees. I'm truly glad that everyone is okay. Almost everyone left early due to overheating. See you all at the myriad of functions upcoming.





## Engineering log: Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

### IC2014 TECH

I went to IC loaded for bear. I had the printer that was used at the forward stations. Yes, I took a printer to IC. I also had my laptop so that we could print out badges and booklets but the templates did not come to IC. In the end, the only tech that I used was the printer but I had the kitchen sink.

### ELEMENT TREK

Star Trek Interactive periodic table with 3D models. This one is worth the \$0.99 cents.

### STAR TREK TREXELS

This one is in progress and I will report on it next month.

### 12 LCARS

12 animations but no sound. Sound would have been nice. Not really worth it.

### LCARS INTERNET MEDIA READER

Does not work on the newer versions (HD) of the phones and pads. I could not try this one.

### GREEK & JAPANESE FESTIVALS

Rhonda and I went on our Labor Day Weekend festival hoping. I have included a photo of us during the outing. It was a wonderful day at the Faire.





## Flight Log Commander Rhonda Allen

The calendar for the group is now planned out into the next year. Eddie and I spent a whole day on it. We even reviewed everything that was already planned.

Why? I don't know except Eddie insisted we go back over everything to ensure that the handicapped access and menu had been properly checked. It is not how I want to spend my one day off but its for our group.

I cannot make the September meeting but will see everyone in October. I'm not going to get drunk or crawl but I'm sure we'll have a good time.

I also thought you'd like to know why my grandson is so photogenic



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## XO Log Commodore Khane Williams

Greetings friends. There is so much going on with the Hoizon this fall. Be sure to check the calendar. We have , for the month of September, The Columbia Dinner Train, which was wonderful, the Hatton Reniassance Faire at Hatton on September 13, the Mexican Festival in St. Louis on Cherokee St. on Sept 14, and then our meeting on the 26th. I will be joining the Horizon for the events in Hatton and St. Louis, but I doubt I will make the meeting. A very dear friend of mine is getting married that day.

We are, as always, open for events to put on our calendar. I realize we cannot all make all the events, but I am going to do my best to make all of them that I possibly can. With that said, please, if you know of something interesting happening, let us know and we can slide it onto the calendar. Eddie and Rhonda have worked very hard to fill in the calendar. If you know of a place you would like to have a meeting, new restaurant, venue or some place we have not been for a while let them know and I am sure it will be added.



## TREK NEWS

Simon Pegg at Creation Con 2014: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVpf2VQiKyU&list=UUde64xbEYgvfM\\_-gKXglRqA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVpf2VQiKyU&list=UUde64xbEYgvfM_-gKXglRqA)

Karl Urban at Creation Con: (Nice baby) [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ifjvTFDGCw&list=UUde64xbEYgvfM\\_-gKXglRqA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ifjvTFDGCw&list=UUde64xbEYgvfM_-gKXglRqA)

Star Trek (new guys) gag reel shorts. Item due out Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.trektoday.com/content/2014/09/star-trek-the-compedium-gag-reel-clips/>



Guess who is joining “Delta Rising? Jeri Ryan, Ethan Phillips and Robert Picardo. Star Trek Live (a concert series of Trek music) has gone to Australia.

Delta Rising Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7KnpmyHEsc> (Does anyone play this one?)

Benedict Cumberbatch won an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Miniseries. And, no, Kate Mulgrew did not get one. Who is the only other Trek actor to do so ever? <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/live-feed/emmys-benedict-cumberbatch-wins-lead-727873>



Scott Bakula at the Emmy's: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ00kWjHTpY>

Prelude To Axanar (Full 1080 film) [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1W1\\_8IV8uhA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1W1_8IV8uhA)

Trexels game has added NestGen content. LeVar Burton named “Geek of the Year” at the Geekie Awards.

Arlene Martel (TOS: T’Pring) has passed away. <http://www.arlenemartel.com/> &

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/14/showbiz/obit-star-trek-arlene-martel/>

It is confirmed that the 2016 script draft is complete. By the way, this is the 13<sup>th</sup> Star Trek movie. OOohhhhhhhh.

New William Shatner documentary on Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, “Chaos on the Bridge.”

## TREK NEWS (cont)

Klingon running for US Senate in North Carolina <http://trekmovie.com/2014/08/08/klingon-candidate-running-for-us-senate-in-north-carolina/#more-38282>

Starship Farragut has released its fifth episode. <http://www.starshipfarragut.com/>

Zoe Saldana in “Guardians of the Galaxy” is a go see it 3 times kind of movie. She does an interview: <http://trekmovie.com/2014/07/31/saldana-doesnt-want-spockuhura-breakup-in-star-trek-2016-zoe-in-womens-health-uk-naked-issue/>

The coolest mini frig for about \$150

[http://www.thinkgeek.com/product/1cb0/?](http://www.thinkgeek.com/product/1cb0/?cpg=wnrss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+thinkgeek/whatsnew+(ThinkGeek+::+What's+New)&cpg=cj&ref=&CJURL=&CJID=2617611#tabs)

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Alexander Siddig is joining the cast of “Game of Thrones” <http://trekmovie.com/2014/07/25/alexander-siddig-joins-game-of-thrones-cast-for-season-5/#more-37567>

**Meeting Minutes – August 2014**

- Web Awards for January thru July 2014: Most Impressive, Most informative, Most Elegant, Most Trekkish
- The Horizon has been asked to host the Friday night mixer for Summit 2015 in KC. Decorations, food, non-alcoholic drinks, contests, movies and shows, etc. Should we? Anyone want to assist?
- ALS challenge bypass for SFI: donate \$2 to the scholarship fund and \$2 to next year/s IC charity.
- CosPlaySky discount renewed, see website for code. Added Brooks Bros.
- Eddie won the Axanar auction at IC2014 in Rockford
- Chief of Comp Ops position open. Larry French stepped down. Political... Wayne apologized for his transgression and he stepped down.
- Old Discovery crew will have a Dr Who get together once a week while the show is airing.
- Wayne also apologized for accidentally awarding the SFMC Cross to a non-Marine.
- New CQ feature: Chapter highlight: one new, one old, one ancient.
- Axanar donations over \$250 get name in movie on the deathlist. Garrett Wang is in the movie.
- New Shakedown chapter:
  - USS Liberty, St Pauls, NC, First Fleet, Mothership is USS Ronald E McNair.
  - USS Caroline, Newtownabbey, Ireland, 20th Fleet, Mothership: USS Cuchuain
  - USS Orion, 12<sup>th</sup> Fleet, E Moline, IL, Mothership: USS BortaS
  - Marion Murphy broke her hip at IC2014
  - Did everyone get CQ179?
  - Anyone going on the dinner train Sept 7<sup>th</sup>?
  - Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Arlene Martel died, T'Pring on TOS Amok Time.

The LONGEVITY AWARD recognizes those commissioned chapters that have reached certain milestones in their "career" in STARFLEET.

The below listed awards represent those chapters who reached said milestones between 1 Jan 14 and 10 Aug 14.

**5yrs as a Commissioned Chapter**

USS Endeavor (08/13/09) - R01  
USS Odin (01/12/09) - R01  
USS Odyssey (03/07/09) - R02  
USS Poseidon (02/03/09) - R02  
USS Ganymede (06/29/09) - R04  
USS Aurora (04/11/09) - R05  
US Hecate (04/14/09) - R07  
USS Pride of Baltimore (06/12/09) - R07

**10yrs as a Commissioned Chapter**

USS Indiana (05/01/04) - R01  
USS Gunslinger (02/07/04) - R03  
USS Trinity River (02/02/04) - R03

**15yrs as a Commissioned Chapter**

USS Asgard (08/08/99) - R01  
USS Osiris (08/01/99) - R07  
USS Richtofen (07/10/99) - R07

**20yrs as a Commissioned Chapter**

SS Bennu (01/04/94) - R01  
USS Tycho (07/01/94) - R01  
USS Joan of Arc (01/06/94) - R03  
USS Peacekeeper (06/02/094) - R04  
USS Destiny (05/28/94) - R05  
USS Highlander (05/13/94) - R07

**30 yrs as a Commissioned Chapter**

USS Heimdal (04/01/84) - R01  
USS Czar'ak (04/01/84) - R06

**35yrs as a Commissioned Chapter**

USS Eagle (07/01/79) - R04

## ASTRONAUTS ARE BAFFLED BY STRANGE SYBERIAN “SPIKES”

Astronauts looking down on Earth from the International Space Station in June were left scratching their heads when they spotted a “strange pattern of spikes” crossing Siberia's Kulunda Steppe.

The astronauts were so puzzled that they called down to Houston to ask for an explanation, according to NASA. But only recently have scientists at the agency's Johnson Space Center been able to explain what the astronauts were looking at when they saw the dark green spikes stretching over the rural landscape.

The spikes may be a side effect of the region's geology, LiveScience reported. Specifically, the darker areas in the image may be forested valleys created by folded surface rocks that lie lower than the surrounding (and lighter-toned) agricultural land.

The image was captured on June 30, 2014, by the Expedition 40 crew on the International Space Station.





## Harrison Ford injury

### "Star Wars" fans rejoice as filming on Episode VII

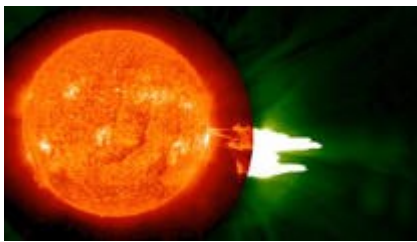
IVER HEATH, England, Aug.

29 (UPI) -- Filming for *Star Wars: Episode VII* is once again back on track after it was halted due to an on-set injury to Han Solo himself, Harrison Ford.

Filming got back under way earlier this week at Pinewood Studios in England.

Ford broke his left leg on the set of the movie back in June. He reportedly broke it in an incident involving the Millennium Falcon, which fans of the famed franchise know as the ship Ford's character pilots. Production of the film was put on hiatus after Ford had surgery so he could recover.

Both Disney and Lucasfilm said Ford's injury will not push the release date of the latest installment of franchise, which is set for December 18, 2015.



### NASA Captures Solar Flare

*By Mike Wall, Senior Writer*

## Sun Unleashes Major Solar Flare at Earth

A big storm erupted on the sun today (Sept. 10), and Earth was in the crosshairs.

The sun unleashed an X-class solar flare — the most powerful type — at 1:45 p.m. EDT (1745 GMT) today from an Earth-facing sunspot known as Active Region 2158, which also fired off another intense solar flare yesterday. Both space weather events were captured on camera by NASA's sun-watching Solar Dynamics Observatory spacecraft.

Today's solar flare qualifies as an X1.6 storm but poses no danger to anyone on Earth or the astronauts living aboard the International Space Station, NASA officials told Space.com. However, some people's lives could be affected by the solar tempest.

"Impacts to HF [high-frequency] radio communications on the daylight side of Earth are expected to last for more than an hour," researchers with the National Weather Service's Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) wrote in an online update today.

Further effects could be felt later in the week if the sunspot also fired off a cloud of superhot plasma known as a coronal mass ejection (CME). CMEs often accompany powerful flares and can trigger geomagnetic storms when they hit Earth, typically two to three days after erupting.

Geomagnetic storms can temporarily disrupt GPS signals, radio communications and power grids, as well as intensify the beautiful auroral displays known as the northern and southern lights.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE HORIZON

- 5-Sep**      **Mission**      **ST LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER - 1st Friday**  
Dr Who Science & Film (First come first served)  
Tickets Available at 6 pm for 10 pm show  
5050 Oakland Ave, 314-289-4400  
<http://www.slsc.org/first-fridays>
- 7-Sep**      **Mission**      **Columbia Star Dinner Train Ride**  
Centrailia Civil War Train Robbery Lunch Tour  
RSVP the XO by Aug 10 & for details, \$60 each  
6501 N Brown Station Rd, 573-474-2223  
<http://dinnertrain.com/trainrobbery/>
- 14Sep**      **Mission**      **MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL**  
Cherokee Street just west of Jefferson  
RSVP the CO, No cost for admission,  
Leaving the CO's house at 10 am  
[http://events.stltoday.com/st\\_louis\\_mo/events/show/371564348-fiesta-on-cherokee](http://events.stltoday.com/st_louis_mo/events/show/371564348-fiesta-on-cherokee)
- 27-Sep**      **MONTHLY MEETING**
- Mission**      **CO's LUNCH: Deuce Pub & Pit**  
3700 Monterey Dr, 573-443-4350  
<http://deucepub.com/>
- Mission**      **ACTIVITY: Movie: The Equalizer**  
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0455944/>
- Mission**      **XO's SNACK: Freddie's**  
100 Brickton Rd # 100, 573-442-2415  
<http://www.freddysusa.com>
- 3-5 Oct**      **Mission**      **ARCHON 38**  
Who wants to host?  
Collinsville, IL Doubletree & Gateway Conv Center  
5050 Oakland Ave, 314-289-4400  
<http://www.archonstl.org/38/>
- 25-Oct**      **MONTHLY MEETING at 11:30**
- Mission**      **CO's LUNCH: G & D's**  
2101 W Broadway, 573-445-8336  
<http://www.qdpizzasteak.com/>
- Mission**      **ACTIVITY: DoDeca Con Drunk or Treat**  
Home Base will be the Isle of Capri Casino  
[http://www.iccweventsnetwork.net/?page\\_id=143](http://www.iccweventsnetwork.net/?page_id=143)  
Corn Maze, Paintball, Tropical Liqors, Pub Crawl, etc  
Begins 2 pm, \$15 each or \$25 per couple