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If Martians exist, they'll be closer to Earth on [Memorial Day](#) than they have been in 11 years.

Monday, May 30, around 5:34 p.m. EDT, when many Americans may be enjoying a holiday barbecue, the Red Planet will be the closest it has been to Earth in more than a decade, coming within 46.8 million miles, according to [NASA](#). The relatively close encounter with Earth comes a week after the Martian opposition, when [Mars](#) and the sun lined up on exact opposite sides of the Earth.

Every two years, Earth catches up to Mars' orbit and aligns with the planet and the sun in a straight line. While Earth takes 365 days to orbit the sun, Mars takes 687 Earth days. As a result, the opposition occurs about every 26 months.

The close approach, however, varies between 35 million and 63 million miles, according to NASA, since Mars is on an elliptical orbit around the sun. Mars will be even closer in 2018, coming within 35.8 million miles of Earth, according to NASA.

While Mars will be closer than it has been in a long time, viewing details of the Red Planet may require a powerful telescope. For those wanting to check out Mars' close approach, online observatory [Slooh](#) will host a live look at the Red Planet beginning at 9 p.m. EDT.



# Captain's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

201604.23 (23 April 2016)

## A MONTH OF CELEBRATION

What is the best part of any week? Why, a celebratory occasion of course! This month there were lots of celebratory occasions. There was at least one each week and often, more than one a week. Yea!!

We started the month with a memorial for members fallen in the line of duty. We have two members that qualify and are listed on the SFI wall. They are Barbara Allen from 2004 and Edward Allen Jr from 2010. The memorial service went off without a hitch or bump. The weather was great and those present had a favorable occasion. For each present, we went to every grave requested, a total of four, to add in non-Fleet members as well as our Fleet losses. We are considering doing this as an annual ship's function. We will eventually have to rotate grave sites if we have a lot of members in the service or split up and do it at the various graves at the same time using video conferencing.

During the month we had no less than six celebratory dinners. It has been an amazing month and a lot of fun. I have been away from home more than I have been at home. What you see in the reports will show me busy about every other day. That is just the Star Trek part. I do other things and family functions as well. Those are not listed but take up the other days. There was a two-week period when I was only at home one day. One two consecutive weekends, I was at three functions each of the four days. Wow!

Anyone want to try to keep up?? In reality it makes for a fun day, week and month. It makes it very hard to get paperwork done. But, who likes paperwork? During the month along with all of these functions outside the house, I found time to get the taxes done and all my Starfleet reports in. I also designed a





certificate for the Regional contest and actually was listed as a winner. (I think everyone won.) The certificate is shown on the Region 12 Facebook page.

Speaking of reports... Let's talk about the fact that the CO has a real time life, too. I have lots of wifey things to do, personal functions to attend, housework, home paperwork and real life work. I really need you guys to turn in your reporting items at the meetings. That allows me to fit it into my schedule and then I can have a life. I know that we have a hard time fitting reports into our schedule, but remember, when you report at the last minute, I have to burn a day of vacation to do my reports. I'd much rather use my vacation to be away from home having fun, and not doing Starfleet reports so help me out guys.

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**U Knead Sweets visit with member Eddie Allen**

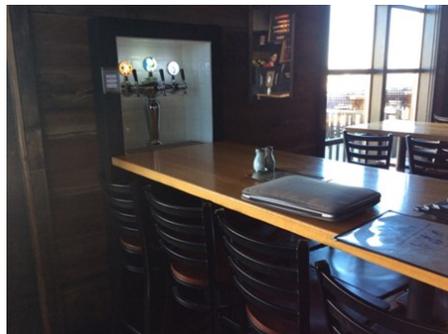




The Millers with members Adrienne, Sophia, and Dorian



Circle 7 Cocktails with member Eddie Allen



Party & Dinner with members Eddie & Rhonda Allen, and former member Jasmin Brinkley





General photo with members Edward Allen 4 and Edward Allen 5



Photos from the Memorial for deceased members Edward Allen and Barbara Allen

Photos include members Phillip Allen, Jeffrey Allen, Karen Allen, David Allen and Eddie Allen 3.



Brunch photos include members Phillip Allen, Jeffrey Allen, Eddie Allen, Karen Allen & David Allen





Star Wars meets Star Trek in chess



St Louis Wizard World Comic Con photos with member Randy Taylor



Photo with member Jeffrey Allen



Pano photo of the Chocolate Bar



Right: Center is member Toni Taylor  
Left: is member Toni Clark



Left is member Rhonda Allen and Right on the right is member Eddie Allen





General Photos of member Edward Allen 5 including first ice cream cone



Dinner party including members Eddie Allen 3 and Rhonda Allen



Region 12 Coordinator Chris Tolbert

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# Engineer's Log

Vice Admiral Eddie Allen III

201604.23 23 April 2016



I can spend hours looking for neat things on the internet from Trek and Star Wars. Here are a few more...

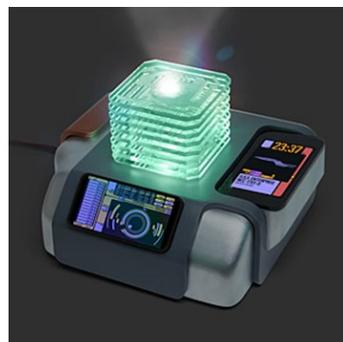
How about Trek bottle openers: <http://www.trektoday.com/content/2016/04/trek-bottle-openers/>



ST Retro Bridge Set: <http://www.amazon.com/Star-U-S-S-Enterprise-Action-Playset/dp/B001F0UO28>



ST White Noise Machine (star field on the ceiling and starship sounds) <http://www.thinkgeek.com/product/ivmt/>



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Death Star Levitating Bluetooth Speaker: <http://www.amazon.com/hellosy@Star-Levitating-Bluetooth-Wireless-Rechargeable/dp/B01CUGIULW>



MAC Cosmetics Makeup: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/mac-cosmetics-star-trek-makeup-collection\\_us\\_56fa9a01e4b0a372181afc00](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/mac-cosmetics-star-trek-makeup-collection_us_56fa9a01e4b0a372181afc00)

Starfleet Pocket Watch: <http://www.startrek.com/article/starfleet-pocket-watch-coming-soon>



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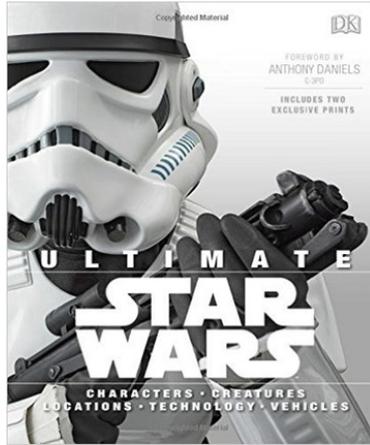


Black Series Imperial Forces 6 inch action figures: <http://www.entertainmentearth.com/prodinfo.asp?number=HSB4007R#.VxqwgMeEwo8>



Star Wars Umbrella: <http://www.entertainmentearth.com/hitlist.asp?eeshop=48&Collect=Umbrellas&SearchOrder=col>





The Ultimate Star Wars: <http://www.amazon.com/Ultimate-Star-Wars-Ryder-Windham/dp/1465436014> Everything Star Wars book

BB-8 Desktop Lamp: [http://www.thinkgeek.com/product/ipsl/?itm=125855783805custom0home%26office%26custom1lighting%26clocks%26id&rkqid=1842726328&cpg=ognone&source=google\\_none&adpos=1o5&creative=96557577165&device=c&matchtype=&network=g&qclid=CO\\_suL\\_8oMwCFUY6gQodFpQOjQ](http://www.thinkgeek.com/product/ipsl/?itm=125855783805custom0home%26office%26custom1lighting%26clocks%26id&rkqid=1842726328&cpg=ognone&source=google_none&adpos=1o5&creative=96557577165&device=c&matchtype=&network=g&qclid=CO_suL_8oMwCFUY6gQodFpQOjQ)



Eaglemoss ships 77 to 83: <http://www.thetrekcollective.com/2016/04/starships-collection-issues-77-83.html>





# Flight Log

Commander Rhonda Allen

201604.22 (22 April 2016)

## Log

Spring has finally arrived, and none too soon. I get so excited when I start to notice how there is a little more daylight and that's before the time changes. Spring flowers are popping up all over, and so are the weeds. Grrrrrr

I hope we get to enjoy spring more than we did last year. In case you don't remember, it rained a lot last spring. I don't remember a single day that I was able to enjoy time on my deck. In an effort to will the rain away and let the sunshine in, I purchased a new patio set and glider. I have high hopes that Eddie will enjoy a few days outside with me. For those of you who don't understand why he wouldn't, Eddie is not an outside kind of person! It's a running joke with us whenever I ask if he wants to eat outside. It doesn't happen very often that he says yes. Usually he says he will in December. Seriously, who wants to eat outside in December? Of course by December, I want to be somewhere nice and warm, preferably with some comfort food, and definitely inside!

In case you were wondering, there are still Good Samaritans out in the world. Let me tell you how I know this: I saw a patio set in a weekly ad for a great price. I went to the store and purchased some accessory pieces and noticed that the box for the patio set was, let's say large. Within the next day or two I had mentioned it to Eddie, who agreed it was a good price. I asked if he would put it in his car since it is slightly roomier than mine. He suggested that the pieces could be taken out





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22 April

July Comics coming out: New Visions Special: The Cage, Starfleet Academy, Altered Encounters #1, and ST Vol 12: <http://www.trektoday.com/content/2016/04/idw-publishing-trek-comics-for-july/>

Weird is... There has been no second trailer for Beyond. <http://www.trektoday.com/content/2016/04/star-trek-beyond-and-beyond/>





More Star Trek News

Manifest Destiny # 1 is out.

Starfleet Academy # 5 is out.

Brent Spiner says that Dr. Brakish Okun is still alive: <http://www.digitalspy.com/movies/news/a791658/brent-spiners-dr-brakish-okun-is-still-alive-in-independence-day-resurgence/>

ST Online contest gives away a Vaadwaur Astika Heavy Battlecruiser: <http://massivelyop.com/2016/04/13/star-trek-online-vaadwaur-astika-giveaway/>

Canada announces its second ST stamp. The first was Kirk and this one is Spock: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/spock-stamp-vulcan-1.3528920>

Wrath of Khane Blu Ray released: <http://www.treknews.net/2016/04/14/wrath-of-khan-directors-cut-blu-ray/>

Idris Elba not a Gorn: <http://nerdist.com/idris-elba-says-his-star-trek-beyond-villain-krall-is-a-new-species-not-a-gorn/>



Shuttle Pod Episode 18 (April 18): <http://trekmovie.com/2016/04/18/shuttle-pod-the-trekmovie-com-podcast-episode-16-fan-events-mystery-aliens-and-all-access-rumors-oh-my/>

ST Beyond image:



ST Beyond Fan event in LA in May: The trailer was not released in April and

they are waiting for a fan event: <http://hollywoodnewssource.com/star-trek-beyond-fan-event/#.Vxba1MeEwo8>





Trek News Continued

Clocktower Brew Pub is making a ST themed beer called Starfleet Gala: <http://www.foodnetwork.ca/wine-beer-spirits/blog/canadian-brewery-making-star-trek-beer/>

For the Love of Spock trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMpjG9HNT5Y>

Strange New Worlds contest winners announced: <http://www.trektoday.com/content/2016/04/strange-new-worlds-writing-contest-winners/>

All Access TV show will be post Undiscovered Country and Pre TNG: <http://trekmovie.com/2016/04/13/breaking-the-new-star-trek-tv-show-will-be-set-post-undiscovered-country-pre-tng/>

Beyond to be released in Panoramic 'Barsco Escape' format:



Over 50 Trek themed debit cards: <http://www.thetrekcollective.com/2013/05/new-star-trek-debit-cards.html>



Beyond trailer will appear next month.

Beau Billingslea will star in ST Continues Episode VII: <http://trekmovie.com/2016/04/08/exclusive-into-darkness-actor-beau-billingslea-co-starring-in-star-trek-continues-episode-vii-embracing-the-winds/>





Trek News Continued

Special ST Hallmark ornaments will only be available at select conventions includes Enterprise - Featuring dialogue and music directly from the original "Star Trek" TV Series:



ComicCon International  
San Diego July 21-24  
Star Trek Mission New York Oct 6-9

ST Online debuts season 11.5: [https://www.arcgames.com/en/splash/ads/star-trek-online?hoff\\_transaction\\_id=10227604dc547aaa8065f22acf5c04&hoff\\_vendor\\_id=1054&hoff\\_offer\\_id=536](https://www.arcgames.com/en/splash/ads/star-trek-online?hoff_transaction_id=10227604dc547aaa8065f22acf5c04&hoff_vendor_id=1054&hoff_offer_id=536)

Starships Collection will have the SS Raven: <http://www.startrek.com/article/ss-raven-beams-to-starships-collection>



Dubai ComicCon: Wow!!! <http://www.dubaicalendar.ae/en/event/events/middle-east-film-and-comic-con-2016.html>

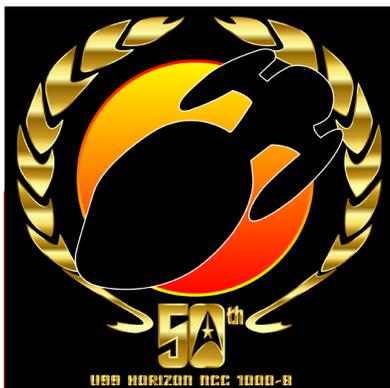
ST Beyond alien photo:



Nana Visitor will star in Full Out: <http://kingisafink.com/full/foxan-watches-1080/>



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Trek News Continued

Suttle Pod Podcast Episode VII: <http://trekmovie.com/2016/04/06/shuttle-pod-the-trekmovie-com-podcast-episode-15-the-axanar-lawsuit-summer-conventions-and-latest-beyond-news/>

JJ Abrams will produce, "Dream Jumper" <http://variety.com/2016/film/news/j-j-abrams-greg-grunberg-dream-jumper-adaptation-1201743924/>

TOS and TNG will be released in June in Mega Packs: <http://www.startrek.com/article/tos-tng-blu-ray-mega-packs>



#### ST Conventions:

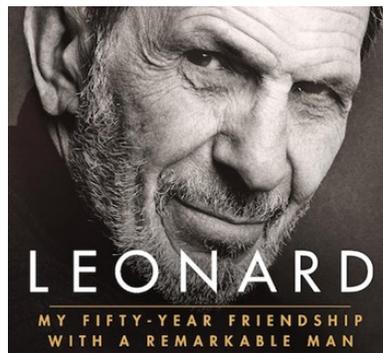
Once Upon a Time Official Convention will be held Apr. 30 – May 1 at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg in Schaumburg, Illinois. In attendance at Once Upon a Time Official Convention will be **Lee Arenberg**.

Planet Comicon will be held May 20-22 at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Missouri. In attendance at Planet Comicon will be **George Takei**.

Axanar files second motion to dismiss: <http://www.axanarproductions.com/axanar-files-motion-to-dismiss-amended-complaint/>

Creation Con Las Vegas get two stars that rarely get out: Kirste Alley and Whoopi Goldberg.

Shatner has released: My Fifty Year Friendship with a Remarkable Man:





Trek News Continued

Tampa man files \$170 million lawsuit that Shatner is his dad: <http://www.tbo.com/news/politics/tampa-man-claiming-shatner-is-his-father-seeks-170-million-in-damages-20160329/>



ST Beyond Still:

Robert Picardo's Planetary Post vlog for March: <http://www.planetary.org/multimedia/video/planetary-post-march-2016.html>

Shuttle Pod Podcast 14 (March 23): <http://trekmovie.com/2016/03/23/shuttle-pod-the-trekmovie-com-podcast-episode-14-a-revisitation-of-star-trek-generations/>

Flight Control Log Continued

**of the box to make it easier to transport. The following day I decided that I would stop to purchase it, surely I could put it into the trunk and slide it through the back after I laid the seats down. Wrong, Wrong, Wrong!!! The pass through from the trunk into the back seat was no where near the width I needed to accommodate the box. The box was about 1.5 inches too tall to slide in from the passenger door, so did I mention that an employee was trying to help me shove a Yukon into a Volkswagen Beetle. Along comes the Good Samaritan, and offers her SUV to transport the set to my home. Turns out that she had received some bad news from her Tax consultant and wanted to do something nice for someone else.**

**Everyone and everything made it home safely. And I get to tell the tale of how a lady wanted something so badly but had no idea how she was going to get it from point A to point B!**



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## Star Wars News – April 2016



April 22, 2016

Collider Jedi Council: Ahsoka Tano and Obi-Wan Kenobi,

April 21: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq6RhH0X3w8&list=PLayt6616IBcnqEWU6U0D8I95SUiqVU3DR&index=1>

How Rey's Costume was made video: <http://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2016/04/rey-force-awakens-costume>

SW Rebels ratings are up: <http://variety.com/2016/tv/news/ratings-disney-xd-star-wars-rebels-finale-1201757980/>

SW Rebels ratings are up: <http://variety.com/2016/tv/news/ratings-disney-xd-star-wars-rebels-finale-1201757980/>

Do you have a copy of The Force Awakens? It has been released.

Rian Johnson is doing SW8 which means that Noah Segan will be in the movie.

He is in all movies that Johnson does: <http://www.cinemablend.com/new/Course-Star-Wars-Episode-VIII-Feature-Rian-Johnson-Lucky-Charm-Actor-125957.html>

7 elite Stormtroopers will head to Star Wars Comic: <http://www.comicbookresources.com/article/jason-aaron-jorge-molina-deploy-elite-stormtroopers-star-wars-21>

Some SW8 set photos:



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## More Star Wars News

Some SW8 set photos:



Costume information on SW8: <http://makingstarwars.net/2016/04/reyluke-skywalkers-costume-descriptions-from-star-wars-episode-viii/>

JJ Abrams has tagged Daisy Ridley for "Kolma" a movie that he has fallen in love with and wants to produce: <http://www.slashfilm.com/jj-abrams-daisy-ridley-marielle-heller-kolma/>

Norman Reedus, Walking Dead actor wants to play a Stormtrooper.

The Resistance Broadcast, Episode 30, pt II (April 17) <http://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2016/04/swnns-resistance-broadcast-episode-30-part-2.html>

Dave Franco auditioned for the Han Solo film: <http://www.slashfilm.com/dave-franco-han-solo-audition/>



Film Crews have arrived in Donegal ahead of filming: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-36090912>

The Resistance Broadcast, Episode 30, pt I (April 17) <http://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2016/04/swnns-resistance-broadcast-episode-30-part-1.html>

JJ Abrams told Chris Rock at the Tribeca Film Festival that: <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/heat-vision/jj-abrams-reys-parents-not-884438>

"Rey's parents are not in Episode VII," he told the audience. "So I can't possibly say in this moment who they are. But I will say it is something that Rey thinks about, too," he said.

He later tried to recant by saying:

"What I meant was that she doesn't discover them in **Episode VII**. Not that they may not already be in her world."

Daisy Ridley has also let out that: Jyn Erso may not be the mother as many have come to believe.

"I'm not being funny, you guys, but just because she's white and got brown hair, it doesn't mean she's my mom," Ridley told MTV. "I think the amazing thing about [The Force Awakens] is that Finn and Rey don't come from anywhere, and they find a place. So to me, it's funny that people think it's so important, because I don't really think it is."



The Force Awakens is the highest grossing film of all time for North America: \$900 million.

Ceann Sib'eal set photos. Close up Beehive hut filming... <http://makingstarwars.net/2016/03/star-wars-episode-viii-pine-wood-set-photo-of-ahch-to/>



Collider Jedi Council, April 14, Darth Vader in Rogue One? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngPpJWCTp-8&index=1&list=PLayt6616lBcngEWU6U0D8l95SUiqVU3DR>

Disney has broken ground for the new Star Wars Lands in California and Florida. <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/disneys-star-wars-land-photos-883997>

C3PO: Phantom Limb has the back story of the red arm: <http://www.polygon.com/comics/2016/4/14/11430928/why-does-c3po-have-a-red-arm-the-force-awakens-c-3po>

Composer Alexandre Desplat is composing the music for Rogue One and will start recording the score in a few weeks: <http://makingstarwars.net/2016/04/is-alexandre-desplat-still-composing-the-music-for-rogue-one-a-star-wars-story/>

SW8 super plot spoilers! Someone really leaked the movie... SPOILERS : [https://m.reddit.com/r/StarWarsLeaks/comments/4egl1i/episode\\_viii\\_script\\_leak\\_please\\_debunkconfirm/](https://m.reddit.com/r/StarWarsLeaks/comments/4egl1i/episode_viii_script_leak_please_debunkconfirm/)

Obi-Wan & Anakin 4 is out as is Darth Vader 19.

EA SW Battlefront spring update info: <http://theslanted.com/2016/04/23071/star-wars-battlefront-spring-update/>

Win a Stormtroopers helmet contest: <http://theslanted.com/2016/04/23071/star-wars-battlefront-spring-update/>

Per Producer Frank Marshall: Harrison Ford is the one and only Indiana Jones. <http://variety.com/2016/film/news/frank-marshall-indiana-jones-harrison-ford-cinemacon-1201750527/>

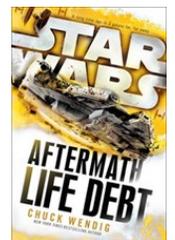
SW Aftermath: Life Debt <http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/531277/life-debt-aftermath-star-wars-by-chuck-wendig/9781101966938/>

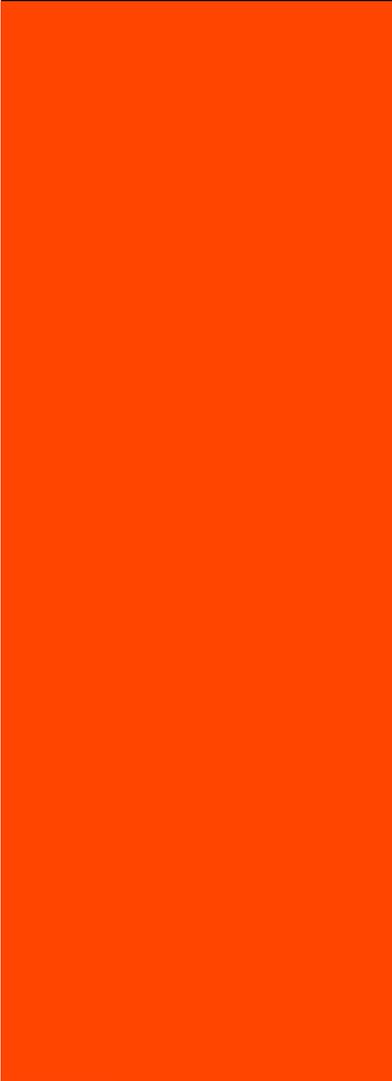
Darth Vader's Return in Rogue One may feature Spencer Wilding as Vader: <http://makingstarwars.net/2016/04/spencer-wilding-to-play-darth-vader-in-rogue-one-a-star-wars-story/>

MTV Awards Movie of the Year goes to Force Awakens: <http://deadline.com/2016/04/2016-mtv-movie-awards-full-winners-list-1201734737/>

VFX movie about the effects of the Force Awakens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZjvPSctI-I>

The Resistance Broadcast, Episode 29, April 9: <http://www.starwarsnewsnet.com/2016/04/swnns-the-resistance-broadcast-episode-29.html>





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More Star Wars News

BB8 at NASA: <http://mashable.com/2016/03/11/star-wars-bb8-droid-visits-nasa/#YEufTyyZSq8>



Collider Jedi Council, April 7, Rogue One Trailer with Freddie Prinze Jr & Sam Witwer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzX5DMgA48Y&index=2&list=PLayt6616IBcnqEWU6U0D8I95SUiqVU3DR>

Rogue One Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wji-BZ0oCwg>

Poe Dameron #1 is out.



Screen Junkies Trailer for the Force Awakens (an honest look? Or at least humorous): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs3sVrm\\_W4o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs3sVrm_W4o)

Kylo Ren's table of ashes explained: <http://www.ew.com/article/2016/04/05/star-wars-force-awakens-jj-abrams-kylo-ren-ashes>

Ade Edmondson will join the SW8 cast: <http://www.theguardian.com/film/2016/apr/04/ade-edmondson-may-join-star-wars-episode-viii>



Rey and Luke? [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/force-awakens-theory-luke-rey\\_us\\_56fc339ae4b0daf53aee8c34](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/force-awakens-theory-luke-rey_us_56fc339ae4b0daf53aee8c34)

Daisy Ridley says she is the custodian of Rey: <http://www.gamesradar.com/star-wars-daisy-ridley-describes-herself-custodian-rey/>

Famous 'English Market' in County Cork in filming for SW8: <http://blabbathehutt.net/news/world-famous-english-market-in-co-cork-set-for-episode-viii/>

Fan Video, "Path of a Lightsaber" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glDeOYSmQ1w>

Speculation about Luke's Lightsaber: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIEcJILasfE&ebc=ANyPxKp8RXCKUqkzn3zG-ApvWfvNTW9e-M0vdAWMDQrlcceTS\\_ch8ytnP5EifVRu0X7DWE75Km1H0IainhHoBUqe\\_dGiEaHI3Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIEcJILasfE&ebc=ANyPxKp8RXCKUqkzn3zG-ApvWfvNTW9e-M0vdAWMDQrlcceTS_ch8ytnP5EifVRu0X7DWE75Km1H0IainhHoBUqe_dGiEaHI3Q)

Darth Vader #18

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BB-8's on a plane with ANA:



More Star Wars News

Adam Driver talks SW8 and slips some info: <http://screenrant.com/star-wars-8-adam-driver-rian-johnson/>

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Star Wars # 17 is out.

### Episode VIII Script Leak?

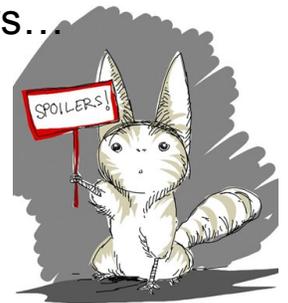
Found on the Internet in early April. Maybe an April Fools present. Maybe real. Who knows...

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Working title is "Echoes of the Dark Side"

It's divided into three equally important plot threads that don't converge until the third act: Rey's, Finn's, and Kylo's.

There's not nearly as much action as TFA in the first two acts, but the third act goes full-on crazy.

The broad structure isn't as similar to ESB as TFA was to ANH, but the parallels are still present. Rey is training in the ways of the Force with an old Jedi master (Luke) on a wild planet while Finn and Poe are in a beautiful city that has a shady, sinister underpinning. Finn and Poe are betrayed and captured by Kylo Ren who uses them as bait to draw Rey out of hiding so Kylo and Rey can have a duel in an industrial portion of the city.

The backstory to Luke and his Jedi being wiped out is that Snoke seduced Kylo and a few of the other students to the dark side and tasked them with killing everyone. Luke and a few others survived, including a young Rey who was subsequently dumped on Jakku by Luke.





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Rey's mom died in the attack.

Rey is pissed at Luke because she guesses that he was her father and is angry at him for abandoning her. Luke turns to her and says "No, you are my father".

Yes, really.

Rey is the reincarnation of Anakin Skywalker. Luke went to the first Jedi temple to better understand how the process works. He learned that the spirit of the chosen one is reincarnated by the Force every time the universe is thrown out of balance, which apparently happens on a semi-regular basis (Anakin was hardly the first time the chosen one reincarnated). This is why she's so crazy powerful with the Force (remember that Anakin blew up the Trade Federation donut ship by himself when he was like 8 years old).

Rey was the product of a virgin birth, but midichlorians aren't mentioned (Luke says "you are a child of the Force").

Luke is hesitant to train her because, according to Jedi history, the chosen one always struggles with staying on the light side of the Force because of the chaotic power running through them. He's afraid that she could become Vader 2.0. If he trains her to fight Kylo, and she turns dark, she would do way more damage to the galaxy than Kylo could ever dream of doing.

He ultimately trains her anyway and leaves everything up to the Force. He makes this decision in a scene where he confers with the ghosts of Obi-Wan and Yoda (Ewan MacGregor and Frank Oz come back).

Rey learns lightsaber skills, Force skills, and has a vision quest thing where she talks with Maz Kanata (unsure if it's telepathy or just a dream) and Hayden Christenson. The latter tells her that she is him, but different, and there's a quick scene where we see hundreds of other Force ghosts who are implied to be past chosen ones.

Rey feels Finn's distress elsewhere in the galaxy and says she needs to go to him. Luke tells her about the time he felt his friends in distress and Yoda told him to stay and finish his training, and his disobedience led to pain. But then he says he isn't Yoda, and has his own way of doing things, and tags along with her to go help.

Finn wakes up on a Resistance cruiser and is told by Poe that they're already en route to the makeshift Republic homeworld in the wake of the capital planet being blown up by Starkiller Base.

Leia wants to lobby them to go to war.

The Republic is being led by an interim dictator named Lord Vikram (Benicio Del Toro), who was quickly put into power by the few senators still around to maintain order.





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.Starkiller's destruction of the Republic core worlds caused a galactic communications disruption because everything was routed through those worlds, so Vikram is trying to reestablish contact and ensure the Republic doesn't collapse into anarchy.

Leia and Vikram butt heads. Vikram agrees that the Republic has to go to war with the First Order, but wants to wait for communications to come back online so they can muster up a sizable force (all they have right now is a single small fleet). Leia disagrees, and wants to take the war to the First Order now while Snoke is still reeling from Starkiller's destruction. She says both sides are in chaos, which makes this an opportune time to strike. Vikram counters by telling her she's letting her personal emotions over Han's death get in the way, and Leia throws it back at him by telling him he was always a little snake of a politician when they would argue back in her senate days, etc, etc, they have old bad blood or whatever.

The Republic planet is safe because it's protected by a heavy duty shield that can repel any invasion or bombardment from the First Order.

Finn and Poe are tasked by Leia to investigate the city because one of Leia's contacts informed her that the First Order have spies embedded in the Republic. Leia suspects Vikram.

Finn quickly becomes enamored by Leia's contact, Chala (Kelly Marie Tran), who tags along with him and Poe through the underbelly of the city to gather information.

Finn and Chala have a flirty romance subplot that involves a nighttime adventure through the rustic old city (this is the second entry in the trilogy after all, and poetry demands it).

Finn, Poe and Chala all corner the culprit: Vikram's aide, who has evidence of contact between Vikram and the First Order. Leia and some Resistance fighters confront Vikram and throw him in jail for treason. He denies everything, and the rest of the Republic officials are horrified because Leia basically just coup-de-etat'd the \*\*\*\* out of their leadership. Leia assumes control of the planet's defenses and absentmindedly puts Finn in charge of the shield codes.

Finn and Chala have a moment and Finn mentions his confusion about why Vikram didn't just lower the shields for the First Order. They walk into a room and Pasma is standing there and Chala draws a gun on Finn and forcibly takes the codes for disarming t





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the shield from him. She says she planted the evidence, used Finn to get the codes, and basically that she thinks he's a dirty traitor to the First Order. In a moment of pure potty, Phasma makes Finn lower the shields.

The First Order fleet jumps out of hyperspace and invades the planet, quickly capturing Finn, Poe and Leia. Kylo starts to torture Finn using the Force, knowing that it will draw Rey out of hiding and into his trap.

### Member News

We met for the April meeting at the Les Bourgeois Winery for our luncheon meeting. It was a lovely location overlooking the Missouri river. The restaurant was a bit noisy to try to hold a meeting but we waited out the crowd and were able to finally get conversation underway.

After the meeting Eddie, Rhonda, Rick and I went to the Serenity Valley Winery in Millersburg. We were planning on having a quiet bottle of wine and some conversation and found that it was the MU fraternity Mom's Weekend and the guys had brought their mom's to the winery for food and wine. We did have a wine tasting and a couple of drinks, enjoyed the scenery and had some pleasant conversation before heading home.

The saddest part of the meeting was the announcement of the passing of our Commander Starfleet Wayne Kilough. He was so fun and so nice. The man had a good heart and always had a laugh to share. He was a dear friend of our member Paula O'Docharty so I know in the next stage of life they are having a blast together.

The Horizon picnic is next month and we will be hosting the Region 12 half summit. I am looking forward to seeing many of our Region friends here for that event.

The bid for Summit 2017 was submitted. We are now in the waiting stage to see if our plan was acceptable to the RC and the regional CO's .

