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Thanks for reading this edition of *New Frontier*. The USS BortaS is a sci-fi fan club based in the Champaign-Urbana area of East Central Illinois. We meet the third Saturday of each month at 2 PM. We meet in a member's home, or in a park, or at a restaurant, or at Barnes and Noble Bookstore. To find out where we are meeting on any given month, please call our Captain, Allen Glenn at (217) 649-6718, or visit our newly updated website at www.ussbortas.net. Our website will give you lots of information about who we are and what we do! We would love to have you join us. We have a lot of fun and also do many activities for charity. So come on board! Fleet Captain Shirley Kolb, Chief of Communications and Newsletter Editor, USS BortaS

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By Faith Eheart

The second semi-annual food drive to benefit the Rantoul Food Pantry was held Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Rantoul County Market. Despite the cold, cloudy and slightly rainy weather, the event was a dynamite success.

The morning started out with Mary, Julie, and Faith working through some light rain and drizzle. Allen was also around to help with the set up. Shortly thereafter we had Shirley, Tawnya, Sherri, and Jenny arrive for duty.

The food drive was not received well at the onset. As the day went on, however, it became not only accepted, but welcomed. We were able to collect an entire van load of food. Enough so, that we had to get help taking away some of the empty boxes that we did not fill. In addition to the food we were also able to raise \$177.03 in cash. All of which were donations from our very generous community.

Monday March 11th, 2013 the donations were delivered to Community Center, which houses the Rantoul Food Pantry. The donations were delivered by Danny, Mary and Faith. The donations came at a much needed time for the Rantoul Food Pantry. As we entered the room where the donations were held, we saw several bare shelves. We quickly filled the room with many, many boxes of donations that we gathered at the food drive.

I am looking forward to the next food drive to be held possibly in early October.

Star Trek Movie Update

By Shirley Kolb

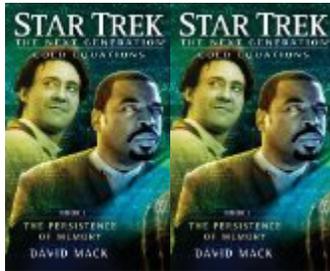
May 17th is almost upon us. The BortaS crew is planning to attend the movie together. Lots of fans are excited to see what the second installment of the relaunch will be like. So far the creators are being pretty tight-lipped about the movie. We know that Benedict Cumberbatch (of *Sherlock* fame on the BBC) will play the villain, John Harrison. In *Star Trek: The Official Magazine*, April 2013, Roberto Orci, one of the screenwriters, said the following: "Well, he understands Starfleet, because he was enlisted in a similar way. Some might see part of the title coming from the fact that he's kind of a dark shadow of members of our crew. He too has gone through the process, to some degree, that some of our crew have gone through, and clearly for some reason it has failed to bring him over, so I think he represents that part of our heroes." The writers talked about Cumberbatch's screen presence - that he ignites the screen and you cannot stop watching him. They also talked about how the movie takes place about a year after the first one, and that the crew is really still building relationships with each other, unlike in the Original Series where the relationships were quite established by the time we met the characters. They also talked about how the movie has some terrorist atrocities in London and San Francisco. They said they were keen to explore real-world events, but Alex Kurtzman said, "I think there is an expectation with sequels that you are going to go to a darker place, because sequels are so often about how your villain changes your heroes. We wanted to do that, but we did not want to violate what we thought was so important about Star Trek at its core either, so we really did try to hold that in balance.... So we're pretty consistent with the last movie of dark things happening, but holding onto the light that Roddenberry set up as a basic tenet of the Star Trek universe."

Star Trek Book News by Shirley Kolb

Since the last newsletter in January, I was able to read several of the books that were mentioned.



First I was able to get Star Trek: The Newspaper Comics (with a huge discount and a gift card to Barnes and Noble.) This was a book that included the daily Star Trek comic strips that had appeared in newspapers from 1979 to 1981. I enjoyed this book a lot. Each set of comics seemed like a mini-episode arc. The characters were true to form for the most part and most of the stories were pretty good. A couple of examples included: “The Real McCoy”, where a criminal with the aid of McCoy’s ex-wife, alters his appearance to replace Bones and steal his patents, and “Husian Gambit” where aliens on a really boring world enslave the Enterprise to protest what they consider to be Federation exploitation of their world. If you enjoy the Original Series I would highly recommend this book. I am looking forward to the second volume.



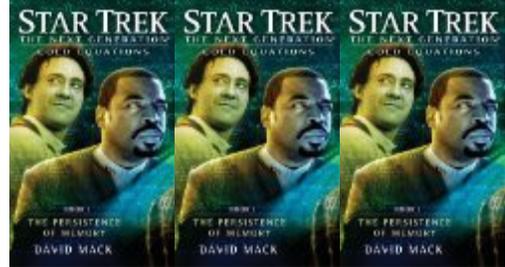
TNG Cold Equations Trilogy by David Mack

I found out at the end of the first book of this trilogy that it was a sequel to a book called Immortal Coil by Jeffrey Lang. I ended up reading the three books of the trilogy and then going back and reading Immortal Coil. If you decide to read these, I would highly recommend reading Immortal Coil first and then the trilogy. I was able to understand the trilogy without reading the prequel (because they explained a lot of what had happened previously) but I would have liked it better if I had read the prequel first.



I liked all four of these books very much. The writing was good. David Mack knows the characters very well and they speak with their true voices. There was a lot of action but also

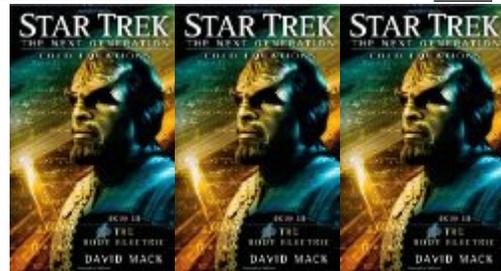
many thought-provoking ideas. The books are about Data's creator Noonien Soong, who we all thought was dead but we discover we were wrong. There is also a storyline about Flint from the Original Series. Wesley as a Traveler makes an appearance. There is love and self-sacrifice. And of course a machine of tremendous power that is trying to destroy all life as we know it. I don't often read Next Gen books but I would highly recommend these.



Prequel: Immortal Coil by Jeffery Lang; Cold Equations



Book 1 - The



Persistence of Memory; Book 2 - Silent Weapons;



Book 3 - The Body Electric; all by David Mack.

I read the following two Original Series books.

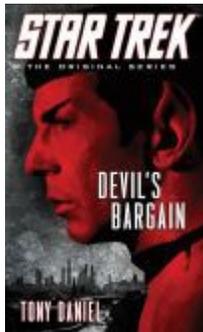


Allegiance in Exile by David R. George III

In this story the Enterprise finds a beautiful Class M planet where there is a city, but it has

no one living in it. It has been deserted, but only for a year. They find some ships which have been sabotaged. They want to find out what happened on the planet and if whoever destroyed the city could be a danger to the Federation.

This book was OK. My main problem with it is that it had Kirk whining about how his five-year mission was almost over, and what would he do next? I don't really think of Kirk as whining about anything so I didn't like it. I mean, I imagine he would have thought about it some but it went on and on about it. There was also a subplot with Sulu falling in love (which was nice) but the way it was resolved was not very nice. So I guess I would call this a "middle of the pack" Star Trek novel – I have read many that were worse, but also many that were better.



Devil's Bargain by Tony Daniel

I liked this one better. It had the Horta in it. (So it has to be good, right?) It had a Kirk love 'em and leave 'em story line (so what else is new?) The main story is about an asteroid that is going to destroy a colony, so the Enterprise comes to help with evacuation. But the colonists refuse to leave. They have a secret which makes it impossible for them to leave the planet and survive. So we find out the secret, and then how the Horta might be able to help them out. It was rather imaginative. Again, it's not the best book ever but was pretty interesting.

The following books are recently published or upcoming.



The Weight of Worlds by Greg Cox

Kirk, Spock, and Sulu must protect the remote Federation colony of Ephrata from the dreaded Coven—beings from another galaxy who are seeking starships much like the *Enterprise* to spread from world to world, opening gateways between dimensions to eventually conquer the entire Federation.

(Note: I have this book, I'll let you know how it is.)

The Folded World by Jeff Marriotte (April 30th)

En route to a diplomatic mission, the *Enterprise* receives a distress call from the USS *McRaven*. As the *Enterprise* approaches the area where the *McRaven* appears to be, the crew encounters an anomaly unlike anything they've ever experienced. Space itself seems inconsistent—warping, changing appearance. But during the brief periods of calm, they locate the *McRaven*—along with other ships of various origins, all tightly surrounding and being held in place by an enormous unidentified vessel....

The Shocks of Adversity (May 28th) by William Leisner

Located far beyond the boundaries of explored space, the Goeg Domain is a political union of dozens of planets and races. When the U.S.S. *Enterprise* arrives in its territory to investigate an interstellar phenomenon, Commander Laspas of the Domain Defense Corps is at first guarded, then fascinated to discover the existence of an alliance of worlds much like his own, and finds a kindred spirit in Captain James T. Kirk. And when the *Enterprise* is attacked by the Domain's enemies, crippling the starship's warp capability and leaving its crew facing the prospect of a slow, months-long journey home, the Goeg leader volunteers the help of his own ship, offering to combine the resources of both vessels to bring the *Enterprise* to a nearby Domain facility to make the necessary repairs. But what at first seems to be an act of peace and friendship soon turns out to be a devil's bargain, as Kirk and the *Enterprise* crew learn that there are perhaps more differences than similarities between the Federation and the Domain. When the Goeg's adversaries strike again, the *Enterprise* is drawn deeper and inexorably into the conflict, and Kirk begins to realize that they may have allied themselves with the wrong side...

Note: It is likely I will eventually purchase these books. I usually read all of the Original Series books. The synopsis of the books on this page are from Amazon.com

On the following page is a Starfleet Word Search.

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Word List for Starfleet Puzzle

ADMIRAL
BATTALION
BRIGADIER
CAPTAIN
CHIEFPETTYOFFICER
COLONEL
COMMANDERSTARFLEET
CORPORAL
ENSIGN
FIRSTSERGEANT
GUNNERYSERGEANT
LANCECORPORAL
LIEUTENANTCOLONEL
LIEUTENANTGENERAL
MAJOR
MARINECAPTAIN
MASTERCHIEF
MASTERSERGEANT
PRIVATE
REARADMIRAL

BASE
BRIGADE
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CHAPTER
CHIEFWARRANTOFFICER
COMMANDER
COMMODORE
CREWMAN
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GENERAL
INTERNATIONAL
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LIEUTENANTCOMMANDER
LIEUTENANTJG
MAJORGENERAL
MARINES
MASTERGUNNERYSERGEANT
PETTYOFFICER
PRIVATEFIRSTCLASS
REGION

SECONDLIEUTENANT
SERGEANT
SHIP
STARBASE
STATION
VICEADMIRAL

SENIORCHIEF
SERGEANTMAJOR
STAFFSERGEANT
STARTREK
UNIT
WARRANTOFFICER

See Solution on the second to the last 2 pages of the newsletter.

Dragon

This is long overdue. Back in 2011 Captain Paula Kesler made the leather dragon shown in the picture below. She won an award for the dragon at the Illinois State Fair. She sent me several pictures of the dragon and I kept forgetting to put one in the newsletter. She also wrote an article about the dragon which is printed below. Congratulations, Paula! And apologies for the lateness of the publication.



I vanquished my first dragon in 1980. I was not alone, nor did I know I would survive the encounter!

2011. I decided I wanted a dragon of my own, a small one. The condo complex has rules dealing with large pets. Come to think of it, city laws are very specific about dangerous ones.

Start with a sketch. It does not need to be highly detailed. For the body I made a leather cylinder large enough to work inside of it. The rest of the body was formed with similar parts decreasing in size, wetformed to fit. The hind legs were first designed with wire. Wire is easily bent to shape until it matches the design. Forelegs were less complex, they were drawn directly on the leather, cut and formed. The head was formed by convoluting leather into shape. This takes practice. The tail was cut in two sections, then sewn together on the sides. Black dye was brushed on with a dabber. The wings were cut from folded cloth and stretched from stitching along the spine to curved reeds. The reeds simulated the bones of a wing and were fitted into a leather holder. This assembly was then sewn into a socket placed on the back just behind the forelegs. I thought it needed more color near the head, so a red feather simulated the dragon's

fire.

Be sure and take your dragon outside often. Even though they are quite happy in caves and dungeons in the wild, this one seems to enjoy the open air and sunshine.

SOLUTION TO THE STARFLEET WORD SEARCH IS ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES!

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ADMIRAL(18,22,SE)

BASE(19,14,W)

BATTALION(9,15,NW)

BRIGADE(13,16,NE)

BRIGADIER(8,22,E)

BRIGADIERGENERAL(26,13,S)

CAPTAIN(1,21,E)

CHAPTER(25,26,NW)

CHIEFPETTYOFFICER(19,17,NW)

CHIEFWARRANTOFFICER(20,1,SW)

COLONEL(23,18,W)

COMMANDER(26,12,N)

COMMANDERSTARFLEET(23,19,W)

COMMODORE(12,15,NE)

CORPORAL(28,9,S)

CREWMAN(28,1,S)

ENSIGN(1,22,E)

FIRSTLIEUTENANT(15,20,W)

FIRSTSERGEANT(22,1,S)

GENERAL(23,26,NW)

GUNNERYSERGEANT(20,5,SW)

INTERNATIONAL(2,13,NE)

LANCECORPORAL(1,23,E)

LIEUTENANT(10,20,W)

LIEUTENANTCOLONEL(2,17,NE)

LIEUTENANTCOMMANDER(24,5,S)

LIEUTENANTGENERAL(1,18,E)

LIEUTENANTJG(12,16,NW)

MAJOR(15,1,SE)

MAJORGENERAL(1,12,NE)

MARINECAPTAIN(19,21,W)

MARINES(27,10,N)

MASTERCHIEF(20,3,SW)

MASTERGUNNERYSERGEANT(1,1,SE)

MASTERSERGEANT(21,14,N)

PETTYOFFICER(23,15,N)

PRIVATE(8,1,SW)

PRIVATEFIRSTCLASS(25,19,N)

REARADMIRAL(6,17,E)

REGION(12,27,NE)

SECONDLIEUTENANT(5,1,SE)

SENIORCHIEF(27,13,S)

SERGEANT(21,20,SW)

SERGEANTMAJOR(16,1,SW)

SHIP(4,3,SW)

STAFFSERGEANT(1,3,SE)

STARBASE(15,28,W)

STARTREK(1,9,SE)

STATION(28,24,N)

UNIT(24,1,S)

VICEADMIRAL(9,1,SE)

WARRANTOFFICER(20,14,NW)

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