

# THE RUDDER

*The Newsletter of the USS Continuum*

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## The Wrath of Con

On Friday through Sunday, May 30 to June 1, the "Wrath of Con" will be at the Marriott Bay Point Resort & Spa in Panama City, FL. Guests include Jerry Doyle, Gigi Edgley, Virginia Hey, Richard Hatch, Aaron Douglas, Tahmoh Penikett, Chase Masterson, Robert Meyer Burnett, David Wellington, Dr. Travis Taylor, Chip Chalmers, Howard Baer, Richard Arnold, James Kerwin, Chris Jackson, Brian Harnois, and the Big Bend Ghost Trackers. For more information, including ticket and hotel prices, check out [www.wrathofcon.org](http://www.wrathofcon.org).

STARFLEET will have its own recruiting table. Since we are the closest chapter, there will be a chance for us to get some new local members as well.

The *Continuum* is looking into having a sharp display to attract potential recruits, and many members are volunteering their time, efforts, and finances to help make this possible:

- Bruce and Sandy will have a questionnaire for prospects to answer and for us to follow up on, a display stand for our banner, display boards showing club activities, and name badges.
- Jay will design a new *Continuum* flyer, print off some STARFLEET membership applications, and will get some sample *Rudders* to Sandy.
- Aaron will have a tablecloth to cover our table.
- Trevor will create a list to record the contact information.

Richard will look into hotel information for the group. For those interested, we are looking into sharing rooms and carpooling over.

We still need pens, pencils, and clipboards.

And we still need many people as possible to be involved – to help us run the table and show our support for the convention and the stars! It's rare that a convention comes to the Northwest Florida area. It's even rarer still we get one with so many stars. So mark your calendars and make plans to be there!

### **Marshmallow guns**

The guns have been made!  
Many thanks to Bruce, Jay, Chris, Richard, and Bud for attending the workshop on April 26. We now have ten marshmallow guns in various colors to be sold at the Flea Market for \$15 each. Jay will be bringing one for the crew to see to the May Command Staff meeting.

We have several ideas for the marshmallow guns. Bruce has already shown us different designs. But we can paint them in the colors for various themes, such as for the holidays (red, white, and blue for the Fourth of July; red and green for Christmas; purple and gold for Mardi Gras) and team colors for professional and college sport teams.

Once we sell these initial ten, we will use the proceeds to buy additional supplies, so this can be an ongoing fundraiser.

We will also continue to sell yard sale items, and, once again, we are looking for donations.

### **Continuum T-shirts**

Sizes available are three Mediums, three Larges, two XLs, and one 2XL. The cost for each shirt is \$15.

And, as always, we ask for each member that owns a shirt to wear them at all functions where we interact with the public, including our Command Staff and general meetings.

### **Candle Sales**

Unlike the previous two fundraisers, which were for the ship inclusively, the candle sales will benefit the Ronald McDonald House. This new RMH that they will soon be breaking ground for will be able to house more families. And although we will probably only be able to donate a small portion of what they need, every little bit helps.

Bruce will bring more information about this important fundraiser to the May ship meeting.

### **Region 2 Summit 2010 bid**

To prepare for our Summit bid due in August, we have found the Clarion Inn and the Holiday Inn Express – both near University Mall – that may suit our needs.

### **Camping trip**

The camping trip has been rescheduled to Sept 12-14 at the Florida Caverns State Park in Marianna, FL.

Costs for the campsites will be \$17 per day plus tax (we can put up to two tents on each site), vehicle entrance fees are \$4 per vehicle, and Cave Tour Fees are \$8 per person, age 13 and up. Cost for food is \$20 per person for the weekend.

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