

# THE RUDDER

*The Newsletter of the USS Continuum*

## From the Editor

WE'RRRRREEEEE BACK!!!!

After several years of being out-of-print, *the Rudder* has returned with a few things different. For starters, it's shorter. A lot shorter. That's because we're just focusing on *Continuum* news here, not editorials, *Star Trek* and sci-fi news, or graphics. Our goal is to keep everything on one 11 x 17" sheet, front and back with our calendar tucked inside.

Careful observers will notice a lot of what we have here was taken directly from our website. What can I say? I cheat every now and then. We know some of you can't access the site or our listserv and others just check back every now and then. Hence the reason we're doing the newsletter again. This is something that takes all the important news bits and puts them in a condensed printed form.

I intend to have the *Rudder* out at the end of every month -- after the ship meeting but before the next month's Command Staff. This way, our members are reminded about some of the issues that we'll need to discuss at the next meeting.

The *Continuum* has come a long way just in the last couple of years. We have a lot of things going on that need our members' attention, and we hope that the *Rudder* is one of the ways you keep up.

Jay Gallops  
Editor-in-chief

## Flea Market Sale

The last time we did a flea market sale, we raised over \$100. And so, we've decided to go back on Saturday, October 20. This time we will be reserving two tables, and we are still looking for additional donations. If you have any items for us to sell, please let us know.

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## Lock-in

Our first ever Halloween-themed lock-in is coming Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27 at the Pensacola Junior College Space & Science Theatre. We start at 7 pm Friday and last until 7 am Saturday. However, people are free to come and go as they see fit.

Participants are encouraged to wear their costumes for the costume contest. We will also have an Alien Food and pumpkin carving contest.

The event is absolutely free, except for the food we'll be ordering. As with every lock-in, we'll be placing orders and bringing snacks to last us through the night, playing games, and watching DVDs.

## Blue Angel Air Show

We will be seeing the last Blue Angel Air Show for the 2007 year on Saturday, November 10. At the next Command Staff meeting, we will decide the time will meet, the exact location, and whether or not will be renting a condo for a party.

## Continuum elections

Every two years, the *Continuum* elects its officers. DJ Allen has agreed to be our Supervisor of Elections for this year.

Each candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Be a member of both STARFLEET and the *Continuum* for at least one year.
- Be at least 18 years of age.

- For CO: pass Officer's Training School (OTS) and Officer's Command College (OCC) offered by STARFLEET Academy. <Go to <http://acad.sfi.org/> for more information and to apply>.

- For all others: pass OTS.

At the October General Meeting (October 19), nominations and speeches will be given for the position of Commanding Officer. At the November one (November 16), the election for CO will first take place, followed by the nominations, speeches, and elections for the following:

- Executive Officer
- Second Officer
- Chief Financial Officer
- Counselor

Each department will then nominate and elect its Department Heads.

New terms will begin January 1, 2008, and end December 31, 2009.

## STARFLEET Elections

STARFLEET members should have received election information and ballots for Commander & Vice-Commander, STARFLEET and for the proposed amendments. A reminder: these ballots must be received by the CPA in charge of the election no later than November 15.

## Clean & Green

Unfortunately, the threat of Tropical Depression 10 cancelled

our Clean & Green project scheduled for September 22. At the next Command Staff meeting, we will set a new date for this activity.

For those unfamiliar with the organization and the program: Clean & Green is the Pensacola chapter of Keep America Beautiful. Their Individual Assistance Program "help[s] those who are elderly, handicapped or financially unable to comply with code violations issued by the County. ... We are able to clean trash, debris and overgrowth from the individual's properties" (from Clean & Green's website).

### Ops Manual

The Operations Manual is now online in the files section of our Yahoo Groups site. For those of you who don't have access and wish a printed copy, please contact Jay at (850) 477-8741.

### Anniversary Dinner

This year's Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 at the Locklin Building at Santa Rosa Medical Center. Set-up time begins at 5:30 with the ceremony starting at 6:30.

For those unfamiliar with the Dinner, every year the *Continuum* gets together to celebrate the commissioning of our chapter. (This will be our 14th year). The meal is potluck; the attire is semi-formal, Starfleet uniform, or sci-fi costume. Also, please bring one gift (under \$15), wrapped, but with no label if

you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

### R2 Summit

The Region 2 Summit website is up at <http://www.treknoid.com/summit2008>. This year's summit will be at the Lexington Hotel in Montgomery, AL, March 7-9, 2008. The theme this year is "The Undiscovered Country."

Registration for the summit has not begun because of the "tax situation" STARFLEET is now dealing with. However, the summit rate for hotel rooms is \$73 plus tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling 1-334-272-0370 (please note "STARFLEET summit" when you call).

### Mardi Gras

Although Mardi Gras is still months away, the *Continuum* will continue working on its float in the upcoming months. The next workshop date will be announced soon.

### Continuum History Project

Years ago, the *Continuum* kept a series of history books about the club. These were large, three-ring binders filled with records of the things we did over the years.

However, the last year covered by this project was 1999, but we're looking to start the project up again to cover the years since then. What we're asking of our members is to go through your

things and look for records for activities the club did from 2000 onward. This may include

- pictures
- flyers
- business cards
- club newsletters
- newspaper articles about the club
- certificates & plaques (either awarded to the club or any of its members)
- databases
- letters we received
- letters we sent out
- brochures about activities we were involved in
- other groups' brochures & newsletter articles mentioning the *Continuum*

A copy of any of the above items will be fine; we don't necessarily need the originals.

Furthermore, the Operations Department is looking for someone to serve as the ship's Historian. This person will generally be responsible for keeping track of these history books and helping us with the general layout of any future editions. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Jay.

We will schedule workshops in the near future where we will sort these items and place them in the history books. Until the time we find a Historian, send all files to Jay.

### Cafepress

STARFLEET has its own Cafepress store located at [http://](http://www.cafepress.com/starfleetqm)

[www.cafepress.com/starfleetqm](http://www.cafepress.com/starfleetqm) where it sells clothing, mugs, bags, calendars, and prints featuring the STARFLEET logo. Recently, SF Quartermaster Pete Mohney has asked for ship logos as the Cafepress store expands from a basic store to a premium. This new opportunity will allow our members to purchase their own *Continuum* items within the near future.

Furthermore, the *Continuum* hopes to open its own Cafepress store, where it will feature other sci-fi sayings and designs (non-copyrighted), sold for a ship fundraiser. What we need from our members are ideas we can use.

### Launch trip

The Continuum is preparing an away mission to the Kennedy Space Center for a Shuttle Launch next year. According to NASA, mission STS-125 is set for no earlier than August 7, 2008: "Space Shuttle Atlantis will fly seven astronauts into space for the fifth and final servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. During the 11-day flight, the crew will repair and improve the observatory's capabilities through 2013."

Within the next few months, the *Continuum*, partnering with the Escambia Amateur Astronomers' Association, will be looking into the prices of the trip (as best as can be determined at this point). In the meantime, we need to an exact count of how many are interested in the trip.