

Inside The Rock

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**Happy Techies, World Teacher's, and National
Pumpkin Cheesecake Day Ark Angel!**

National Pizza Month

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/october.htm>



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From the Comm Station,

Greetings and Salutations,

Theme for next month's newsletter is "Which Non-Star Trek Sci-Fi TV or Movie character or race would you like to see in Capt Kirk era Star Trek (not the reboot Kirk but TOS Kirk)".

I'm still in the big sandbox on the other side of the planet, but will be home very soon. I hope everyone had a great Month.

Check out the holiday site for all your favorite unknown holidays (link on title page).

Communication Officer Ark Angel Station,

LTJG Mike Brown

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Cadet Services Report,

It's that time of year again! November 2 marks the second annual special ops mission for the Ark Angel Cadet Corps. Once again, we're participating in Extra-Life to benefit Children's Miracle Network (nationally) and Austin Children's Medical Center (locally). This year's event is going an hour longer than last year's event-25 straight hours of video games for charity! We're also hosting our event in conjunction with Region 3 Game Day-we encourage gamers from all over the region to join us (or form their own team and try to challenge us!) as we play for fun, prizes, and bragging rights. For more information, you can email me at cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com as well as check out www.extra-life.org and http://cadets.arkangelstation.com/?page_id=26.

Last year we were just shy of our \$500 goal-this year we plan to pass it by miles!! You can donate to the Ark Angel Cadet Corps on our fundraising page: <http://www.extra-life.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=10492>

You can get more information on the Ark Angel Cadet Corps at our website (<http://cadets.arkangelstation.com>), on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/arkangelcadetcorps>), or by emailing Cadet Services Officer.

Cadet Services Officer Ark Angel Station,

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Science Corner,

The Stellar Performance of Private Spaceflight

In recent years we have seen a historically important movement in the space flight industry. Since the late 1950's spaceflight has been the sole province of the world's most well-funded governments - mainly the United States, USSR (now Russia) and (more recently) Japan and China. The enormous cost of researching the materials, designing the structures and mechanisms of propulsion, space navigation, pressure suit - even FOOD have been taken on by big government.

Now that the hard part of developing the technology is done, private spaceship companies are finally taking up the quest to make MONEY off all this technology. Our capitalist economy works best when innovations of technology are put to practical commercial use and that is now what is happening.

Exactly three days ago, on Wednesday September the 18th, the Cygnus spacecraft was launched atop an Antares rocket, that was built by Orbital Sciences Corporation, launched a payload into orbit and is currently going through a series of extensive tests prior to arriving at the International Space Station on Sunday. This even marks the moment in history when truly competitive commercial spaceflight was born. Space-X has been sending up rockets to the space station over the last couple of years, of course. But they were the only ones doing it - without an operating competition to help drive their innovations.

I know I have written about the new commercial space companies before but I thought this historic event deserved special mention.

Live Long and Prosper

Science Officer Ark Angel Station,

LCDR Sorak (AKA John Halliday)

Q Conundrum

Oh, what are you gonna do?



PLUNGE me to death?

RULES:

- 1) This is a fun trivia game on all things Star Trek so have fun or Worf will have a talk with you.
- 2) Use of the internet, printed material, or any references to find the answer is not allowed! In other words either you know it or you don't **No cheating**. We're on the Honor System.
- 3) One point for each question answered correctly.
- 4) No points lost or gained for incorrectly answered questions.
- 5) Questions for any quiz in the same calendar year as that quiz can be answered until the answers are published in the newsletter but only one answer per person per question.
- 6) One point awarded each month for an article turned in on that month's newsletter theme.
- 7) Ten to twenty questions each month for twelve months.
- 8) Judge's decisions are final (Com officer is the judge)!
- 9) Send your answers to Comm Officer. commo@arkangelstation.com
- 10) Open to all Ark Angel Station Crew and Staff.
- 11) Prize is bragging rights for the next year.
- 12) Failure to follow these rules will result in Assimilation.

Questions:

- 1) The ship was heading through a region of space where the crew was falling asleep uncontrollably. One crew member was able to thwart the aliens causing this by using a technique he/she learned from his/her ancestors. Who was this crew member?
 - a) Chakotay
 - b) B'Elanna Torres
 - c) Tom Paris
 - d) Harry Kim

- 2) This crew member becomes a major celebrity on another planet. He becomes a famous singer known for his incredible operatic voice. This person, at one point in the episode, makes the announcement that he will be leaving the ship to live on this planet. However, by the time the episode ends he learns that his fame is fleeting and decides to stay on board Voyager.
 - a) Tom Paris
 - b) Neelix
 - c) The Doctor
 - d) Harry Kim

- 3) This episode had two of the crew members stranded on a beautiful planet. They were there because they had been bitten by an insect that carried a dangerous disease that could only be survived if they stayed within the environment of the planet. While there, one of them confessed their love to the other through a story. Who were these crew members?
 - a) Kes and Neelix
 - b) B'Elanna Torres and Tom Paris
 - c) Kathryn Janeway and Chakotay
 - d) Seven of Nine and Chakotay

- 4) In this episode a missile is careening toward a heavily populated planet. As they scan the missile it is discovered it is from the Alpha Quadrant and that one of their crew had programmed it to destroy a Cardassian target. This same crew member beams aboard the missile and attempts to shut it down. However, it turns out to be a much tougher task than originally thought. Who is this crew member?
 - a) Seven of Nine
 - b) B'Elanna Torres
 - c) Harry Kim
 - d) Tuvok

- 5) This crew member is accused of having an affair with a woman on another planet and killing her husband in order to be with her. He is sentenced and forced to relive the moment of her husband's death in his mind every 14 hours. Eventually, the crew is able to prove that he did not commit this murder and he is allowed to go free. Who was this crew member?
- a) Chakotay
 - b) Harry Kim
 - c) Tuvok
 - d) Tom Paris
- 6) This crew member found herself entering a fertile phase of her life long before she should be experiencing it. During this time she has a discussion with her current boyfriend about whether or not they are going to have children together. Who are these crew members?
- a) Seven of Nine and Harry Kim
 - b) B'Elanna Torres and Tom Paris
 - c) Kathryn Janeway and Chakotay
 - d) Kes and Neelix
- 7) In "This episode a crew member is taken and made to become a gladiator. This is a hi-tech fighting ring where aliens from all over the Delta Quadrant are made to battle one another. Some times the fights are non-lethal but sometimes they are to the death. One of the battles has the Voyager crew member take on the champion. (Guest star WWE's Rock.) Who was this crew member?
- a) Tuvok
 - b) Seven of Nine
 - c) B'Elanna Torres
 - d) Kathryn Janeway
- 8) This episode centered around a sub-warp race that Voyager and a few other aliens were going to compete in. The rules were very similar to car races that happen in our day and age. Three of the Voyager crew chose to take part in the race. However, as they competed they found out that some of the participants were trying to sabotage the race and kill some of the people involved. Which of the three crew members participated in the race?
- a) B'Elanna Torres, Harry Kim, and Tom Paris
 - b) Tom Paris, Tuvok, and Neelix
 - c) Chakotay, Seven of Nine, and Captain Janeway
 - d) The Doctor, Kes, and Ensign Wildman

- 9) This crew member had to be confined to a medical bed because his lungs had been removed by a Vidiian. Who was this crew member?
- a) Chakotay
 - b) Tuvok
 - c) Neelix
 - d) Harry Kim
- 10) This crew member mistakenly got beamed down to a planet where he caused the entire civilization to doubt its belief in the afterlife. He explains to the people that it was all just an accident but they refuse to let him go as they know that his appearance will cause a major problem within their society. In the end he is able to sneak into a pod, where he is killed, and then sent back to Voyager where they are able to revive him. Who is this crew member?
- a) Tom Paris
 - b) Harry Kim
 - c) Neelix
 - d) Tuvok

Quiz Leader Board

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Ark Angel Station's Schedule of Events:

Have suggestions for events, let us know. Please email to the Operations Officer Ops@arkangelstation.com for suggestions or information on any Ark Angel event.

The Schedule is always a changing...but here's a glimpse into the future:

Hope to see you all at one of these events!

- October 26, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day:** We will continue to role-play our characters or other gaming.
- November 2, 2013 **All Day – Region 3 Game Day by Zone.** This will be at John Halliday's Home for Zone 4, officially. This event will be combined with the Cadet Corps Extra Life gaming event if we can get it coordinated.
- November 22-24, 2013 All day **Austin Comic Con: Austin Convention Center** The Ark Angel Station may have a table at this year's comic con. Come by and see us or volunteer to man the table. It's some good people watching time.
- November 23, 2013 [This date may be moved to Nov. 16 due to Austin Comic Con] @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day:** We will continue to role-play our characters or other gaming.
- December 14, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Holiday Party** We had a GREAT Ferengi Gift Exchange last year, and we hope to have the same this year.

REMINDERS:

Inside the Rock Deadlines: All members of the Ark Angel should and the AA Staff must turn in articles by the 21st each month. There is a suggested topic; however, you don't have to submit it just for that. Send you articles, photos, poems, stories, etc. to commo@arkangelstation.com.