

# Inside The Rock

Ark Angel Station Newsletter

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**What is your Favorite Star Trek Character?**

**Happy First Contact Day Ark Angel!**

**National Humor Month**

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



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## From the CO's Desk,

Once again it's time for me to tell everyone that the state of the chapter is great. We have the RC election going on, and the IC gaming room prep in adequate motion. Our sponsored Battleship the Texas is doing well on their shakedown, and is underway to getting early commission as well. All seems to be going according to plan.

I really don't have much to speak about, except to say I am still researching the Bowling shirt idea, and will have something more definitive by the next crew meeting. So you may be seeing images of a shirt in the next ITR, we'll see...

It's going to be a busy time for us in the coming summer, I believe we have opportunities to get involved with on every weekend thru the rest of spring, so keep your eyes on the crew calendar on [arkangelstation.com](http://arkangelstation.com) to be sure you don't miss out!

Commanding Officer Ark Angel Station,

FCAPT Lloyd Bates

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## **From the Comm Station,**

Greetings and Salutations,

Theme for next month's newsletter is "what would be your favorite sci-fi show if Star Trek did not exist and why".

I had fun at the Texas Lottery Star Trek event to launch a new Star Trek scratch-off ticket in Dallas. We fell a bit short of breaking the Guinness Book of World Records for "the most people in Star Trek costumes at one event" the record is still 1,063 (we managed 561).

Communication Officer Ark Angel Station,

LTJG Mike Brown

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## **Operational Thoughts,**

### **March Ark Angel Station Day—Meeting:**

The Ark Angel Station Members met on Saturday, March 23 at 12:30 p.m. (we were a bit late) at John Halliday's house. John was very gracious and provided some delicious pigs in a blanket and cheese cubes on sticks among other chips and snacks.

### **Bowling Night Out:**

Another fun night of bowling was Monday, March 25, 2013 at the Dart Bowl. We met first in the Cafe and some of tried their famous enchiladas. I thought they were very delicious. Then we bowled our 2 games. Kathy had a high score of 100 in her second game and she met her goal of not having more than 7 zero frames. Matt and I tied in the first game with 119. The second game, the men, John, Matt, and Lloyd were in a heated 3-way battle for first. Our CO ended up victorious. I forget their scores though, I think high was 134.

### **April's Ark Angel Station Day—During Third Brigade Muster in Austin:**

The Ark Angel Station Members will meet on Saturday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Sleep Inn & Suites. Anyone may attend the Muster, which lasts all day, then at 3 is our "panel" time. We will allow the other members to join us and see how we do things, as well as the Ark Angel's 323rd MSG will have something to say. If you wish to attend the Muster, festivities begin Friday night, April 26 with a party to celebrate the Battle Born's anniversary. That will be in Jeremy Carsten's room at the hotel. Registration for \$10 at the door begins around 8:00 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. Various panels and demonstrations will happen throughout the day, then awards will be presented after dinner at Opal Divine's Marina. Party at the hotel after that and into the wee hours, I'm sure. Right now there is a Facebook page where some of the details are: <https://www.facebook.com/events/473753786015613/>; however, you may need to join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade group to see it. Of course, since this is our meeting time, too, we will keep you informed of any particulars.

### **Camping Trip Planned:**

Because both April and May were pretty much booked some way or other for most, the only free weekend for a camping trip was Mother's Day weekend. So, come on out and enjoy the outdoors. Since we may be camping with some members of Zone 4 from San Antonio, we're looking for campgrounds between here and there. We may be trying Potter Creek Park on the north side of Canyon Lake. I just hope there's rain between now and then.

### **Register for STARFLEET's International Conference 2013:**

Don't forget to sign up for IC 2013 and make your hotel reservations, and you now have the opportunity to pre-order IC 2013 Challenge Coins for only \$10. The Conference will be in Dallas, Texas, at the MCM Elegaté Hotel off of Northwest Highway and I-35. Our latest spawning chapter the USS Texas is hoping to commission at IC. We have invited a guest to assist with the commissioning ceremony or at the very least, some partying to celebrate. There are many things planned and more details can be found on the website at: [www.ic2013.com](http://www.ic2013.com).

### **All Ark Angel Station Days—Meeting:**

The Ark Angel Station Members will meet most every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month. Don't forget to check your email for details (because that's more private) and check the many calendars we have:

[Station Calendar](#)

[Operations Portal—Upcoming Events](#)

[Facebook Events](#)

[Yahoo Group Calendar](#)

As well as a listing in our monthly newsletter, [Inside the Rock](#), which you are reading right now.

Chief of Operations Ark Angel Station,

Commodore Reed Bates

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## Cadet Services Report,

Spring has been fairly busy for the cadets; Cadets Claire & Aiden have been active in taekwondo, and Cadet Mandi has been busy with barrel racing. All the cadets have been busy in school, with Cadet Mandi making the A/B honor roll, and they're all getting antsy for school to let out for the summer. The Cadet Corps postponed their March Away Mission until March 30 so that we wouldn't have to deal with SXSW traffic, and we have another Training Mission scheduled for April 20 at LTJG Deanna's home in Georgetown.

With baseball season starting up in the next couple weeks, we'd like to remind everyone about the Junior Sluggers program at Dell Diamond for the Round Rock Express. For \$15, your child will receive a Junior Sluggers T-shirt, lawn seat tickets for every Sunday home game, 4 vouchers for weekday games, 20% off at the Rail yard, 5 vouchers for Spike's Fun Zone, 20% off all Express camps, a \$10 coupon for a youth account at A+ Federal Credit Union, and access to members only events.

That's a great deal for a whole summer of fun, and the Cadet Corps has several trips to Dell Diamond planned for this summer, starting with May 5th's Away Mission.

Here's a quick rundown of what the Cadet Corp has planned for the year so far:

April 20-Training Mission-Underdog

May 5-Away Mission-Round Rock Express/Dell Diamond

June 8-Training Mission-The Adams Family

July 5-Away Mission-Round Rock Express/Dell Diamond

November 2-3-Special Ops Mission-Extra Life

You can get more information on the Ark Angel Cadet Corps at our website

(<http://arkangelcadetcorps.com>), on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/arkangelcadetcorps>), or by emailing Cadet Services Officer.

Cadet Services Officer Ark Angel Station,

LTJG Deanna

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# 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 the current quiz can be answered until next month's newsletter is published but only one answer per person per question (please label which month the questions are from).
- 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](mailto: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) I was on vacation in Risa when I accidentally met a charming archaeologist. We went on an adventure together trying to find an ancient weapon called the Tox Uthat. Who am I??
  - a) Capt Jean-Luc Picard
  - b) Capt Kathryn Janeway
  - c) Capt James T. Kirk
  - d) Capt Horatio Hornblower
  
- 2) I am the second captain of NCC1701, the starship Enterprise. I am believed to have said "Beam me up Scotty"! What is my name?
  - a) Capt James T. Kirk
  - b) Capt Jean-Luc Picard
  - c) Capt Benjamin Sisko
  - d) Capt Jonathan Archer
  
- 3) I was stationed on the USS Saratoga as its first officer and was involved in The Battle of Wolf 359 where my wife Jennifer died. Who am I?
  - a) Capt James T. Kirk
  - b) Capt Benjamin Sisko
  - c) Capt Kathryn Janeway
  - d) Capt Worf
  
- 4) My crew and I were marooned in space 75,000 light years from home. My crew and I spent seven years trying to get home. We had many terrifying adventures but finally made it. Who am I?
  - a) Capt Chrissy Snow
  - b) Capt Montgomery Scott
  - c) Capt James T. Kirk
  - d) Capt Kathryn Janeway
  
- 5) I was never a "by the book" captain. I actually found a way to beat the "Kobayashi Maru". I cheated. Who am I?
  - a) Capt Spock
  - b) Capt Jean-Luc Picard
  - c) Capt James T. Kirk
  - d) Capt Geordi LaForge

- 6) Captain's log, supplemental. I have just been advised of a highly unusual project undertaken by Commander Data." Who am I?
  - a) Capt Jean-Luc Picard
  - b) Capt Jonathan Archer
  - c) Capt Samuel Kirk
  - d) Capt Groppler Zorn
  
- 7) While on a rescue mission to planet Amerind, I lose my memory and marry Miramanee and am proclaimed a god. Who am I?
  - a) The Doctor
  - b) Capt James T. Kirk
  - c) Capt Christopher Pike
  - d) Capt Zaphod Beeblebrox
  
- 8) My father was a prominent warp engineer. I played an important part in the formation of "The United Federation of Planets". Who am I?
  - a) Capt Nemo
  - b) Capt Hikaru Sulu
  - c) Capt William T. Riker
  - d) Capt Jonathan Archer
  
- 9) I answered a distress from the survey vessel "SS Columbia" and found myself on the planet "Talos IV". On this mind altering planet, I almost lose all?
  - a) Capt Christopher Pike
  - b) Capt Benjamin Sisko
  - c) Capt Kathryn Janeway
  - d) Capt James T. Kirk
  
- 10) "There are three things to remember about being a starship captain: keep your shirt tucked in, go down with the ship, and never abandon a member of your crew". What is my name?
  - a) Capt Jean-Luc Picard
  - b) Capt Crunch
  - c) Capt James T. Kirk
  - d) Capt Kathryn Janeway

## Quiz Leader Board

Lloyd Bates 8

Kathy Hiten Hench 6

Matthew Hill 1

Reed Bates 1

Current points possible 22

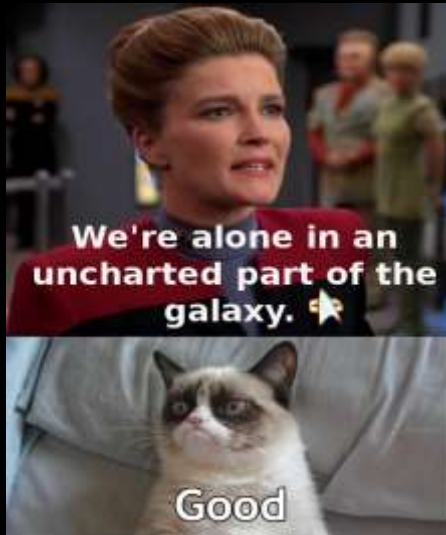
Answers for last month quiz:

- 1) D Blue
- 2) D Vulcans
- 3) A 5<sup>th</sup> April 2063
- 4) A Xindus
- 5) B Jem'Hadar
- 6) C Zahl and Borg
- 7) A Risa
- 8) C Beta
- 9) A Qo'noS
- 10) D Ledosians

## And the Favorites are:

Reed Bates,

I'm really not sure I have a **favorite** character. I really love many of them, the regulars and many of the guests or recurring characters. It might be easier to pick one of your least favorites, but that's a topic for another day. So, I have to pick one...I'll pick my favorite Captain...Captain Kathryn Janeway played by Kate Mulgrew. Now, I have another favorite Captain of the men, that of Captain Jonathan Archer, but that's for an all too different reason. But, Kathryn Janeway is my favorite of all the ST Captains. She was a very complex, strong woman, yet there were times when they let her more feminine, softer side show. She was well-rounded because of that. Last year, in April 2012's *Inside the Rock*, I wrote about two of my favorite episodes of Voyager era. Both of them were Janeway episodes. The softer side loved Janeway in *Resolutions* Stardate: 49690.1 (ST:VOY Season 2, Esp. 25, Air date: May 13, 1996) and the tougher side loved her in *Year of Hell* (ST:VOY Season 4, Esp. 8 & 9 (2 Parts), Air dates: November 5, 1997 and November 12, 1997). I very much identify with her nowadays because her position with her crew is similar to mine within the Region. There are times to be friends and there are times when the work needs to be done. Luckily, in the Region, my decisions aren't life or death. I get to be a bit more relaxed than Janeway.



Hand Over The Coffee

And no one gets hurt



# CAPTAIN JANEWAY

because neither Kirk or Picard could speak to 7 of 9

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## Ark Angel Station's Schedule of Events:

We're working on some bowling nights, especially a game against the Dr. Who Group, and also a spring camping trip, probably close in town, like Georgetown, for ease of budgets and travel time. Have suggestions for events, let us know.

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

- Weekend of April 13-14, 2013 – **5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USS Corsair**. One members of the Ark Angel Station will travel to Baton Rouge to support our favorite scourge of the Fleet. Those Pirates know how to put on a party. Info and costs: <http://www.brstartrek.com/usscorsair/2013-dress-mes/>
- April 20 @ 3:00 p.m. **Cadet Training Mission**. Cadets will be watching Underdog, so be sure to request the exam from STARFLEET Academy! Email the Cadet Services for info: [cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com](mailto:cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com)
- April 25, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. at Tinseltown in Pflugerville. **Star Trek NextGen: Best of Both Worlds**. For the first time ever, The Best of Both Worlds will be shown bigger and better as a full-length presentation. See the Ops Officer [ops@arkangelstation.com](mailto:ops@arkangelstation.com) for more info.
- April 26, 2013 -- **USS Battle Born/301st MSG's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration**. USS Battle Born/301st MSG will host the Friday night social/meet and greet at the same hotel as muster (Sleep Inn and Suites). This probably will start some time after the dinner hours.
- April 27, 2013 – **Third Brigade Muster in Austin & Ark Angel Station Day**: We are combining the two events into one. Location: Sleep Inn and Suites at 14004 Owen-Tech Blvd. off I-35 south of Wells Branch Parkway. The Ark Angel's and 323<sup>rd</sup> MSG's meeting will be at 1500 (3:00 p.m.) in the main meeting room, but the Muster lasts all day, but doesn't end until last marine standing. Dinner will be at Opal Divine's Marina off Parmer and Mo-Pac. If you wish to attend the entire event, it is \$10.00 at the door. Check the Brigade List and [Facebook Event](#) for more info.
- May 4, 2013 – **The Color Run 5K**. The [Color Run](#)<sup>™</sup> event is a unique experience focused less on speed and more on crazy color fun with friends and family. Color runners come from all different ages, shapes, sizes, and speeds; but everyone toeing the start line has a blast. Whether you are a casual morning mall walker or an Olympic athlete, the 3 miles of The Color Run<sup>™</sup> course will be the most memorable and colorful run of your life! Sign up for the Team named: "Not Just Red Shirts" and join us.

- May 5 @ 1:05 p.m. **Cadet Away Mission-Round Rock Express.** The Express will be playing the Nashville Sounds. Game starts at 1:05 p.m., but we will be meeting in the parking lot at 11:00 a.m. to tailgate! Email the Cadet Services for info: [cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com](mailto:cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com)
- May 10-12 – **Geeks in the Woods, Mother's Day Weekend Camping Trip.** Campground to be determined, but between Austin and San Antonio, as we may invite others from Zone 4.
- May 17, 2013 -- **MOVIE: Star Trek: Into Darkness Premiers.** The second of the Reboot movies will premier that evening. We probably will work with the Alamo Draft House or other Theater to work with lines and see the movie as a group like we did in 2009.
- May 25, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day:** In 2013, will try to meet consistently on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Sound good to you? If you have suggestions on where to meet and how to have fun before, during, or after the meeting, please email to the Operations Officer [Ops@arkangelstation.com](mailto:Ops@arkangelstation.com).
- June 8 @ 3:00 p.m. **Cadet Training Mission.** Cadets will be watching The Addams Family, so be sure to request the exam from STARFLEET Academy! Email the Cadet Services for info: [cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com](mailto:cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com)
- June 22, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day:** In 2013, will try to meet consistently on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Sound good to you? If you have suggestions on where to meet and how to have fun before, during, or after the meeting, please email to the Operations Officer [Ops@arkangelstation.com](mailto:Ops@arkangelstation.com).
- July 5 @ 7:05 p.m. **Cadet Away Mission-Round Rock Express.** The Express will be playing the Omaha Storm Chasers. Game starts at 7:05 p.m., but we will be meeting in the parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to tailgate! Email the Cadet Services for info: [cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com](mailto:cadetsvcs@arkangelstation.com)
- July 27, 2013 @ Noon to whenever – **Ark Angel Station Day:** At this meeting the Ark Angel Station crew will be gearing up and making last minute preparations for the International Conference, where we are hosting the Game Room and many many other activities. Please email to the Operations Officer [Ops@arkangelstation.com](mailto:Ops@arkangelstation.com).
- August 1-4, 2013 – **Starfleet International's Conference,** Dallas, Texas, brought to you by Region 3 with Special Guest-Vaughn Armstrong. **Members of the Ark Angel Station are on the committee to help with game room, website, planning, and other items.** Go to [www.ic2013.com](http://www.ic2013.com) for details. See your CO if you wish to assist with the Game Room, Kathy Hench if you wish to donate or help with the Auction for charity, and Operations Reed Bates for anything else, as she is the Chief of Staff of the IC 2013 Committee.

Hope to see you all at one of these events!

REMINDERS:

Inside the Rock Deadlines: All members of the Ark Angel should and the AA Staff must turn in articles by the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:commo@arkangelstation.com).



# Crew Meeting Agenda

## Ark Angel Station SFR-308

Meeting Date: 03/23/13 Noon

Location: John Halliday's home

### Attendees:

Lloyd, Reed, Mary, John in person - Kathy & Aaron (via phone)

### Announcements:

- ❖ RC Elections, we have voted for Reed.
- ❖ Mike Brown Promoted to Lt JG!
- ❖ Texas in shakedown, going for launch at IC.
- ❖ Texas Crew Invite to Niki's Pizza in RR. (Off 620 in strip mall next to High school)
  - It was nice, the CO, XO, Sr. NCO, and other crew in attendance.

### Old Business:

- ❖ IC Prep for game room going good so far.
  - Need to compile list of games we want available and who will bring them.
- ❖ Crew Shirts – Bowling shirts are going to be around 60.00 do we want to pursue that?
  - I'm going to get one to show everyone what they will look like if folks are interested.

## Department Reports:

### ❖ XO

- N/A

### ❖ OPS

- See calendar every weekend in April, almost everyone in May is something for Ark Angel to get involved with. Make sure and checkout the new Operations Portal @ [ops.arkangelstation.com](http://ops.arkangelstation.com).

### ❖ COMMO

- N/A

### ❖ SCIENCES

- Space-X launched another mission to resupply the space station, is nearly ready with larger rocket assembly. To be available to launch in the future, see Space X website for more info.

### ❖ CADET SVC

- Mary stated adoption is imminent! We may very well be adding to our Cadet ranks officially soon.

## **New Business:**

- ❖ Spring Camping Trip
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> weekend (tentatively)
  - Location suggestions include
    - Inks Lake
    - Colorado Bend
    - Where else might you suggest, send your thoughts to [ops@arkangelstation.com](mailto:ops@arkangelstation.com)
- ❖ Summer Charity volunteering –
  - CO's challenge to the crew...
    - Help him find an outdoor volunteer opportunity that the crew can involve themselves in that isn't a "Raise Money for Us" type of event. He is looking for something more tangible where the effects of our labors are readily apparent with the work being done. Let's find something that we can participate in that will benefit our local community and or be educational for the crew here around central Texas.
    - Current suggestions:
      - Park Cleanup
      - Community garden maintenance
      - Local winery harvest
  - What else is there we can help with, keep your eyes open
    - Send your ideas to [CO@arkangelstation.com](mailto:CO@arkangelstation.com) and let him know of

## **Round Table:**

- ❖ N/A

## **Adjourn:**

- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm