

# Inside The Rock

Ark Angel Station Newsletter

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**Happy Hugging and Trivia Day Ark Angel!**

## **National Hobby Month**

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



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## From the CO's Desk,

Well this year we have a little transitioning to do as Sam Spradling is taking over as the Operations Chief for the vacating Reed Bates as she takes on the shoes of new Vice Commander STARFLEET. So that makes Reed "Flag Officer Aboard" keep that in mind when you see her, hehe she'll really hate being treated special so we just have to, don't we? I hope to see good things from both of these ladies as they get into their new roles and responsibilities. This year we had plans to camp the first weekend in February; but, as of the January meeting these plans have been deferred until May with a bowling outing going to be in place in February, be looking for the invite to that. I want to get a crew bowling outing set for in March also to prep for a match with some of the other fan groups in July/August. (We'll need to get that charity event planning started at the next meeting.)

A new bulk mailing will soon be sent to all the folks that signed up at the comic con, with the change in Ops, transition to VCS, and a general malaise from yours truly is has taken way too long to get that out but we'll see what response we get even so. IT would be nice to get some new members into fleet, but who know.

I guess that's all I got for this time, till next time, Fair Weather and Following Seas.

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 "If you lived in the Star Trek Universe what race would you be?"

Another year is upon us, I hope everyone's year is the best yet.

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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**DUDES, SERIOUSLY?**

**WE'RE ALL NERDS HERE.**

## Science Corner,

Greeting fellow gentle beings,

As I write this it is day 8 of the new administration of STARFLEET. Most of you probably already know this but Reed Bates, our very own Operations officer, is the newest Vice Commander, STARFLEET. When you have a chance, send her your congratulations!

As a second piece of (what some would call) \*good news\*, as it happens, I am the new Vice Chief of Computer Operations. You may send your congratulations or condolences as you feel led. I am working with Larry French, the new CompOps Chief and I can tell you right now that we have had to hit the ground running.

Now on to some science news:

You may have heard that China landed a lander on our moon last month. Yes, with the help of Russian technology, the Chinese have become the third nation to safely land a craft on the moon while maintaining operation of the vehicle. Right now there is a little rover roving its' way into history on our planet's only satellite. For those of you who are unsettled at China's recent success, I can only say that despite the fact that an evil nation that crushes dissent and invades neighboring countries (like Tibet) – murdering its' previously peaceful people and smashing all freedom of expression, there is an upside to this event. This accomplishment by this repressive and murderous regime will likely spur a new "Space Race" between China and the benevolent and peace-loving nations of the world. Yes, indeed, we may even spend more than the current 0.5% that NASA is currently (graciously) granted by our nations leaders.

In other news, the Cygnus spacecraft, built by Orbital Sciences will be making its' first official cargo run to the Space Station Freedom (the International Space Station). The unmanned Cygnus spacecraft is packed with 2,780 pounds (1,260 kilograms) of gear for the International Space Station, including a space ant colony, 33 small cubesat satellites and 23 other experiments designed students from across the country. More than 10,000 students will ultimately be involved in the experiments, NASA officials said.

A Space-X Falcon 9 rocket blasted into orbit on January 6th, delivering yet another privately launched payload into space. This time, the heroes of private spaceflight transported into a high altitude orbit a communications satellite for a Thai company. Each launch of the Space X Falcon 9 is less than half of the cost of any other vehicle, excepting the Cygnus rocket (Orbital Sciences).

If it isn't quite obvious to you now, the answer to this month's theme question ("If you lived in the Star Trek Universe what race, job, and time would you want to live) is, of course, a Vulcan Scientist. Scientists (when left unfettered by oppressive regimes and theological meddling) create the niftiest stuff.

That's probably enough for now to amaze and excite you – the most excellent crew of Ark Angel Station.

Space Happy Science Officer Ark Angel Station,

Commander 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](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) What are McCoy's medical specialties?
  - a) Gynecologists
  - b) Medical Doctor
  - c) Surgery and Space psychology
  - d) Ship surgeon
  
- 2) Who was the well-known actor that played Matt Decker?
  - a) Leonard Nimoy
  - b) Steve Martin
  - c) William Shatner
  - d) William Windom
  
- 3) What is the proper designation for an Earth-type planet?
  - a) Class M
  - b) Class A
  - c) Class E
  - d) No Class
  
- 4) What is the only known cure for Rigellian Fever?
  - a) Viagra
  - b) Troglodytes
  - c) Ryetalyn
  - d) Zienite
  
- 5) What TV series did William Shatner appear in before Star Trek?
  - a) The Hitchhiker
  - b) Twilight Zone
  - c) Lost in Space
  - d) Back to the Future
  
- 6) Where was Jean Luc Picard born?  
(1 word, a country)

- 7) What is the name of the android child that Data builds?
  - a) Sal
  - b) Lal
  - c) Pal
  - d) Junior
  
- 8) Where does Odo believe that he is from?
  - a) Alpha Quadrant
  - b) Gamma Quadrant
  - c) Delta Quadrant
  - d) Texas
  
- 9) What is the population of Deep Space Nine?
  - a) 200 residents, 50 officers
  - b) 200 residents, 25 officers
  - c) 100 residents, 50 officers
  - d) depends how many on shore leave
  
- 10) What Deep Space Nine cast member was a regular on soap opera One Life to Live?
  - a) Nana Visitor
  - b) Courtney Thorne-Smith
  - c) Susan Lucci
  - d) Tiffany Amber Thiessan

## Quiz Leader Board

Congratz to 2013 winner Lloyd Bates our very own grand pooba!

Lloyd Bates 35

John Halliday 13

Reed Bates 11

Kathy Hiten Hench 6

Deanna Rose 2

Matthew Hill 1

Answers for December quiz:

1. B 11. B
2. B 12. B
3. D 13. Ezri
4. A 14. D
5. C 15. A
6. C 16. C
7. B 17. C
8. B 18. A
9. C 19. B
10. D 20. C



## 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:

- January 1, 2014 – HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ARK ANGEL STATION. The chapter turns 13 years old as a chapter of STARFLEET.
- January 3-5, 2014 – AWAY MISSION – Space City Con on Galveston Island, Texas with approximately 20 or more Babylon 5 stars. Many of us have already made hotel reservations and bought tickets. More information: <http://spacecitycon.com/>
- January 11, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m. AWAY MISSION – USS Joan of Arc's 20th Anniversary Celebration. This is a trip to San Antonio, Texas. The VCS must attend, so you can too. Since this is our normal meeting day, we will meet before and carpool together or figure something out.
- Postponed TBD – Geeks in the Woods Winter Camping Trip. We will be going to Colorado Bend State Park, weather permitting. If too cold, we will have normal meeting day.
- March 8, 2014 @ Noon to whenever – Ark Angel Station Day: We will continue to role-play our characters or other gaming.
- April 12, 2014 @ Noon to whenever – Ark Angel Station Day: We will continue to role-play our characters or other gaming.
- May 10, 2014 @ Noon to whenever – Ark Angel Station Day: We will continue to role-play our characters or other gaming.
- June 6-8, 2014 AWAY MISSION – Region 3 Summit in Houston, Texas, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport, 15747 John F Kennedy Boulevard Houston, TX 77032 (800) 222-TREE(8733). Rooms are \$79/night and a couple suites are \$109/night. Call to make your reservations.
- June 28, 2014 @ Noon to whenever – Ark Angel Station Day: We will continue to role-play our characters or other gaming.
- July 12, 2014 @ Noon to whenever – Ark Angel Station Day: We will continue to role-play our characters or other gaming.

- August 8-9, 2014 STARFLEET'S International Conference in Rockford, Illinois. Time is Fleeting – celebrating Starfleet's 40th Anniversary. More info: [www.ic2014.com](http://www.ic2014.com).

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 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](mailto:commo@arkangelstation.com).