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News Update on *Star Trek Beyond*

The big news about the upcoming sequel to *Star Trek Into Darkness* is that its release date has changed from July 8 to July 22, 2016. This shift puts it in direct competition with King Arthur and the next Ice Age movie, but it was necessary in order to secure an agreement with IMAX theaters.

Meanwhile, the film, led by Director Justin Lin, has entered the next phase of filming, utilizing the futuristic cityscape of Dubai as its setting. Interestingly, in a press conference announcing the start of photography in Dubai, all of the male cast and crew members were present, and none of the females.

Images from the set continue to leak, including pictures of what appear to be Enterprise interiors, some shots of an interesting yellow-orange building



somewhat reminiscent of the shelter created for Zephram Cochrane by the Companion in the TOS episode "That Which Survives," and some intriguing pictures of Enterprise crew members in excursion gear interacting with lovely newcomer Sofia Boutella sporting makeup that some have described as looking like a Xindi skunk.

Aside from these leaked images, very little is known about the story or characters of *Star Trek Beyond*, thanks to super-tight security. Interestingly, at the end of the last Omaze fund-raising video, an alien makeup design was paraded across the set in full view of the camera, looking like a modified version of something resembling a Jem Hadar soldier.

Excitement builds! The adventure continues!



October is a fine and dangerous season in America, a wonderful time to begin anything at all. You go to college, and every course in the catalogue looks wonderful. - Thomas Merton

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Other Trek News

Star Trek guest star Yvonne Craig (Marta in TOS: "Whom Gods Destroy") died on August 17 from complications due to breast cancer. Outside of *Star Trek*,



Craig is best known for playing Batgirl on the 1960's *Batman* TV show.

Star Trek Voyager's Jennifer Lien (Kes) was arrested on



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September 3 for indecent exposure and threatening police officers outside her Harriman, TN home.





From the Captain's Chair

Captain Lee Starshine

It's hard to believe we were able to pull off 3 events successfully in September. **That's A Lot!**

Ship-wide Assembly (Sept 12): Fondue! Everyone brought foods compatible with warm cheese sauce and chocolate dips. I suppose we unintentionally tricked some of you with the mint chocolate and bland "pink chocolate" flavors. The next time I make chocolate dips, it will be the



traditional milk chocolate and dark chocolate in separate pots.

Congrats to LT Dénes House and LTJG Ryan Wade (above) on their promotions! The games were great, discussions were interesting, and I heard plenty of laughter. It was wonderful to get to know our new member, Timothy. LTJG Deb Vecchiola showed two videos about the Hudson River, and Ryan talked about his idea for a fundraiser shirt. RCT Steven Robinson and I stuck around afterwards to watch a Star Trek: TNG episode and clean up the dishes. The dips had hardened like the cement in "The Devil in the Dark!"

The public Meetup on the 20th coincided with a huge Super Smash WiiU tournament at the Dragon's Den. There was no space in the store, so we held the meeting in the mall hallway. This was well-attended, with approximately a dozen attendees. We welcomed a new attendee, James (Jim) McGeorge, who later applied to join SFC. I read aloud a selection from a Star Trek book, a parody modeled after a child's first-grade reader. We had games, prizes, a preview of the 2016 Star Trek Ships of the Line Calendar, and Trek News. Near the end, Willie Yee showed up in his Star Trek Shuttle car! (right, above) He has decorated a white Toyota Prius in a Star Trek theme. We spent half an hour in the parking lot, admiring the vehicle and taking pictures. Willie came to us from Meetup.

On the same day, we held a bake sale for 6 hours outside the Dragon's Den. Hope and I baked Super Smash character cupcakes; Ryan brought homemade banana bread and cookies; Deb brought cookies. Lee, Ryan, Nancy and Deb staffed the table. We cleared \$126 - great job, everyone!

Deb, Denes, Ryan, Mini and I are currently planning the

December 12th party. Details will follow via email as the date draws near. This will be a really important event: we will present ship awards and any awards the ship earns from Starfleet Command. Nuclear families and SO's/best friends of members are welcome, and we will have some special surprises! It starts at 6 PM so plan to attend. (Non-members can ask me about attending).

Have a great October! I'll be out of commission the first half of the month, but Denes will handle the October Ship-wide assembly. Deb is in charge of the October 18th Meetup at the Den.



Willie Yee's Star Trek Shuttle

FINANCIAL REPORT:

PREVIOUS BALANCE:	no balance
SEPT. INCOME:	\$126 bake sale
SEPT. EXPENSES:	\$35 prizes
	\$15 October Meetup
BALANCE:	\$81

NOTES:

1. We're going to switch over to a free email system, MailChimp, before October 20.
2. A couple of Trek items were donated to the club. If someone would like to sell them on eBay and give the proceeds to the club, please let us know. Otherwise, we can use them as "awesome grand prizes" at a future event.
3. We want to keep our finances as transparent as possible, posting them on a Google Doc. We will send the link to all members via email. We will talk about finances at Ship-wide Assemblies.



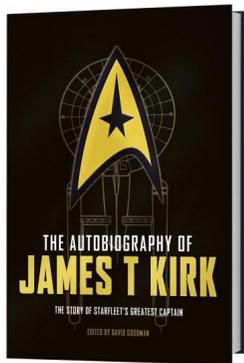
Review: The Autobiography of James T. Kirk

by LTJG Dénes House, Communications Officer and Ship's Chaplain



"For the most part, Jim Kirk said everything that needed to be said about himself. But he left out one important detail, for the obvious reason that he was too modest to think of it, let alone say it, so I will: He was the greatest hero who ever lived." – Leonard H. McCoy, M.D. foreword

David A. Goodman's *The Autobiography of James T. Kirk* (2015, Titan Books) is, in some ways, a *Star Trek* fan's dream come true: the story of the life of Starfleet's greatest captain, in his own words. Goodman leads us from Kirk's upbringing in Iowa, through his Starfleet Academy days, and through his *Original Series* missions and the *Star Trek* movies, tying the threads together in interesting ways. How did the birth of David



Marcus impact Kirk's life? Where did Ruth, Carol, Janet, Antonia, and the other women in his life fit in? How did "evil Kirk"'s actions in *TOS: The Enemy Within* affect his ability to relate to Janice Rand?

A couple of highlights stand out. Goodman emphasizes the relationship between Kirk and Ben Finney (*TOS: Court Martial*) strongly, and in many ways the fractures in that friendship form the spine of the first half of the book. Kirk's teenaged time on Tarsus IV and the massacre there under Kodos the Executioner (*TOS: The Conscience of the King*) are illuminatingly fleshed out. The years between his promotion to Admiral and the events of *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* are well described, and fans will laugh out loud at how cleverly Goodman handles the events of the much-maligned *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*.

There is so much here to delight fans that it seems petty to pick out things I missed, but Kirk's time with Miramanee on the planet Amerind (*TOS: The Paradise Syndrome*) seems like something that Goodman should have addressed, especially given the themes of this book. Sadly, Miramanee and her child are absent.

If you have not seen *TOS* or the movies starring the original *Star Trek* crew, this book does not contain enough of a summary for you to follow it clearly, but for those who are familiar with these episodes, Goodman does a masterful job of turning almost a hundred stories written by scores of authors into a unified presentation of a man, a captain, and a hero whose exploits have inspired so many.



Vulcans T'Mir and Stron were stranded on Earth in October of 1957 when their ship crash-landed near Carbon Creek, PA (*ENT: "Carbon Creek"*)

Baseball great Buck Bokai was born on October 31, 1998 in Marina Del Rey, CA (*DS9: "The Storyteller"*)

Beverly Howard (Crusher) was born in Copernicus City on Luna on October 13, 2324 (*TNG: "Conundrum"*)

Miles O'Brien married Keiko Ishikawa on the USS Enterprise-D on October 24, 2367 (*TNG: "Data's Day"*)

Source: Memory-Alpha.wikia.com

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Star Trek Attack Wing League** – Saturday, Oct 3, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Organized Play: "Balance of Terror"
- **Ship-Wide Assembly** – Saturday, Oct 10, from 6-9 p.m. *Inquire for location*
- **Star Trek Fan Meetup** – **Sunday**, Oct 18, from 3:30-6 p.m. at the Den
- **Star Trek Attack Wing League** – Saturday, Nov 7, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. SPECIAL "Bring a New Player" day! *Each player brings one 40-point ship, and receives a blind pull. Many prizes!*
- **Ship-Wide Assembly** – Saturday, Nov 14, from 6-9 p.m. *Inquire for location*
- **Star Trek Attack Wing League** – Saturday, Nov 21, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Organized Play: "Temporal Cold War"
- **Ship-Wide Assembly and Holiday Party** – Saturday, Dec 12, from 6-9 p.m. *Inquire for location*



BOLD = local club events

All events at Dragon's Den
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Star Trek (IDW) Comic Book Review

Part Two: "The Renowned Tholian Punctuality"

By ENS Ryan Wade, First Officer

The ongoing *Star Trek* comic, published by IDW, has nearly 50 issues under its name. Many of these Abramsverse stories are new (a recent one-off detailing Uhura's backstory was particularly poignant), though a large number of the runs parallel or parody episodes of *The Original Series*. This makes for a fun look at what might have happened if that original series were to have starred the characters as they appear after the events of Abrams' debut *Trek* film. Still, if one complaint could be made, the difficulties in telling a progressive story in a limited medium inhibit some of the stories' potential.



A recent two-parter, titled "The Tholian Webs," paralleled *TOS*' episode of similar name, though the story is only loosely related, and – as we have come to expect from the Abramsverse's creative licenses – some of the technological effects we're used to are modernized. For example, the eponymous webs look more like Wonder Woman's "Lasso of Truth" than a geodesic sphere. This doesn't hurt the storytelling, however, and it solves some of the problems of the dated "futuristic" looks of

the 1960s seen in other long-running sci-fi television shows.

The *Enterprise* finds itself returning from a previous mission when its warp bubble collapses. Soon solid objects

start becoming intangible, due to the Interphase Space characteristics of that region: two parallel universes run concurrently for a limited amount of time. Eventually, the entire ship will disappear forever. As they try to escape, the crew

begin to mutiny, and Sulu subdues the bridge crew and assumes command. Meanwhile, mysterious ships appear – the Tholians – and envelop the *Enterprise* as they attempt to return to their homeworld to make our heroes stand trial for trespassing.

Fans of *TOS* will quickly note the parallels and tangents to the "Memory Alpha" version of this storyline, but will also notice that it lacks much of the intrigue of the episode. There is no mystery of a murdered crew, no mourning a fallen captain, and none of the fantastic quarreling between McCoy and Spock (especially since comic book McCoy subdues himself via hypospray shortly into the

second act). In this regard, Michael Johnson's writing does fall a bit short of its progenitor.

Rachael Stott's art is fantastic. She creates dynamic characters that look like the actors from the 2009 movie, and sweeping interior scenes (the panels in the Engineering Room are superb) create the scope of the setting. The art is truly a highlight of this series, but especially in this arc.



I would have liked to have seen a more fleshed-out story, especially to fix some of the "coincidence" of the resolution. During the rising action, Uhura and Keenser – who has an excellent part in this arc, actually – both wake up simultaneously from being stunned, and subdue the mutinous characters exactly when Kirk needs a way to get past Sulu's overrides. A third issue would have added another plot twist or setback that would have been more compelling for the reader. Still, this minor complaint does nothing to overshadow the excellent storytelling this ongoing series has continued to give us, and I look forward to each issue.

