

# The Wyvern's Tale

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**BRING IT ON !**

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## The Captain's Log

*[repeated from the mailing list at the request of the CO]*

Greetings, most gallant crew!

Just wanted to touch on a few items, so here we go! :-)

1. The Wessex Basic Course has now been fully developed by the First Officer. Now that the charter has been posted, I am requesting that each member of the crew take the course. It's only a handful of questions, and ensures you understand the basics of our chapter. It is certainly not hard, and you will have fun taking it. It also counts toward promotion points.

2. After commissioning, it is my intent to publish our newsletter (The Wyvern's Tale) once quarterly. I believe this will promote greater participation amongst the crew, as well as take the load off Ros for monthly publishing. It's also hard to come up with different and interesting ideas on a monthly basis. I do however plan on continuing a monthly "Captain's Log" because I feel it is very important to keep you all in the loop of current events, not only pertaining to our ship, but what's going on at the Regional and Fleet level. As always, your comments are very welcome.



3. Commissioning VRR. I need a mailing address for Lester, Ron and Jennifer. I have the others from the launch VRR. We have almost crossed the finish line, gang! You all are AWESOME!!! and I can't even begin to tell you how much I appreciate each and every one of you!

4. One of my goals is to speak to each of you personally. This is entirely voluntary, but if you would like to send me a contact number and a good time to get in touch with you I would really LOVE to give you a call! I have had contact with Chris prior to my getting sick and we had a great conversation! :-)

Shaun and Ros, I also have calling cards! :-) Again, if you're not comfortable with it no problem. If you feel like allowing me to talk your ear off, send the info to my private email [davidj4051@hotmail.com](mailto:davidj4051@hotmail.com) or [david.jamison@sdsheriff.org](mailto:david.jamison@sdsheriff.org).

Well I guess that's it for now, folks. Will keep you posted when I remember more to talk about, short term memory is the first thing to go! :-)

*Captain Dave Jamison*

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CO, USS Wessex



## Wessex Shakedown Calendar – September 2009

- Send out newsletter
- Select committee to plan commissioning party?
- Encourage Division Chiefs to give reports (carried over from last month)

### How We're Doing

#### *#1 – Finalize chapter by-laws*

Hooray! The finalised Charter was sent out to the crew on 1<sup>st</sup> September, as promised (well, a little later than originally promised!). If you have lost yours ALREADY, there is another copy in the Files section of our Googlegroups site, plus another held on the usswessex.org website.

#### *#2 – Plan commissioning party (our entire crew is The Party Committee)*

Who shall we invite? Where shall we have it? Whose turn is it to bring the Romulan ale?

#### *#3 – Finalise and distribute copies of Wessex Basic Course*

Check your promotion table to see what rank you could rise to if you had it! Everybody on the USS Wessex needs to take this course, not just for promotion, but also to make sure everybody is familiarised with the ship and SFI.

#### *#3 – Send out newsletter – Here it is!*



#### *#4 – Encourage Division Chiefs to give reports*

CO Dave will be contacting you individually to discuss this. This means YOU!

## What Happens Next – October 2009

- Send invitations to individuals, Region 4 chapters and staff for commissioning party
  - Fill out and mail your commissioning VRR – CO Dave to report on progress
  - Send out newsletter
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# Trivia Quiz

by LCDR Chris Lane, Second Officer



## Star Trek: TOS and Motion Pictures I – III

### Trivia Quiz

#### September 2009 Edition

Remember to include the relevant episode or movie, where applicable, in your answer, and keep in mind that these questions are specific to the original series and the first three motion pictures. Answers will be posted to our group after everyone has had an opportunity to play. Good luck!

1. Name the beautiful miner who attempted to assassinate Kirk in The Cloud Minders.
2. In Star Trek III, when you tell the lift on board the Excelsior which deck you want, what is its response?
3. To what was Spock referring when he said, “Our rapid capture demonstrates its foolhardiness”?
4. Name the episode and speaker: “Unless you people on the bridge start taking showers with your clothes on, my engines can pull us out of anything.”
5. In how many episodes is the audience led to believe that Kirk has died: one, three, four, or six?
6. Name the crewmembers beamed aboard a parallel universe Enterprise during an ion storm.
7. What do you call a controlled implosion of the sudden mixing of matter and antimatter within a starship’s engines?
8. What was Harry Mudd’s wife’s name?
9. What scientist developed The Genesis Device?
10. How long did it take the Starfleet Corps of Engineers to tunnel out the entrance of the Genesis cave? \*

\*Source: Golden Trivia Cards: Star Trek Edition, Western Publishing, 1985



## Academy News This Month, plus...

The Mission of the **College of Federation Studies** (Director: Wessex ChOps RADM Anne Bellenger) is to provide Starfleet Membership the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Star Trek Universe for **entertainment**. Tests cover a broad spectrum of Trek adventures including movies, TOS, TNG, and Enterprise.



Show your knowledge of the captains of the Enterprise; learn about the history of the ship and its voyages; demonstrate your knowledge of details, and vaunt that trivia! Discover the laws behind the Federation, and seize the chance to write about how **you** would have acted (or reacted).

The College is open to all members of Starfleet: The International Star Trek Fan Association.

This month has also seen Wessex crewmembers learning about the Cardassian Obsidian Order, strategy and tactics, combat gear, surveillance aircraft, wilderness medicine, radio in the Star Trek universe, Klingon culture, landmarks of New Zealand...and of course, more intel on the Borg!

Congratulations to FCAPT Ros Haywood for receiving her SFA Doctorate in Liberal Arts (and an excellent grade in her RL degree studies!), and being named as one of Starfleet Academy's Best of the Best!

## ...Sister Ship News!

FCAPT Ros Haywood, XO of the Wessex, and FCAPT Jayden Tyronian, XO of the Atlantis, have teamed up to produce a new Starfleet Academy College in the Institute of Foreign Affairs.

The new college – called the College of United Kingdom – follows the structure of the Schools of Australia and New Zealand in the College of Down Under. Instead of requesting a course via the website, and being sent a PDF via email, students are sent a link to an online form, where the test contains multiple choice and true/false questions.

The College of United Kingdom is made up of the Schools of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, once again following the Down Under structure of five courses per school on Flags, Counties, Geography, Government, and Landmarks. Ros wrote the courses, JT got them through the approval process and then did the difficult technical bits – which involved some awesome IT wizardry.



Quidditch, anyone?

## 'The Funnies'



### **Why Janeway is Better than Picard**

- \* More hair than all previous Star Trek commanding officers combined.
- \* Drinks coffee, not that sissy "Earl Grey" stuff.
- \* Beams down to the planet like real Captains should.
- \* Mutes the doctor when the doctor gets out of line.
- \* Commanded ships blown up: Picard: 2 Janeway: 0
- \* Picard likes to talk his way through. Janeway likes to punch her way through.
- \* Hasn't quoted Shakespeare -- yet.
- \* Isn't French with an English accent.
- \* Janeway says "I don't like you!" to her enemies instead of trying to convince them to behave better.
- \* To comfort children, Janeway cares for them in a loving motherly way. Picard sings a song... in French... about a monk...who can't wake up for morning bells.
- \* Janeway has a First Officer with a tattoo.
- \* She doesn't have any pesky Federation Admirals to get in her way.
- \* Acknowledges freely when she breaks the Prime Directive instead of trying to weasel her way out of it with philosophical ramblings.
- \* Janeway's holoprograms create useful things like doctors and lungs. Picard's holodecks create maniacal evil geniuses who yet again take over the ship.
- \* She doesn't need to straighten her uniform every time she stands.
- \* She doesn't waste time learning foreign languages. All lifeforms in the Delta Quadrant speak perfect English.
- \* Slouches in her chair even in critical life-threatening moments.
- \* Janeway's Security Chief would never grow a ponytail.
- \* Janeway doesn't have to point which way to go when they set off.
- \* Has mastered facial expression understood by all to mean, "Boy, Paris, are YOU ever stupid."
- \* Hugs her Vulcan from time to time.
- \* Has a more manly voice.
- \* Doesn't have a starship that splits in half when it's in a tight spot.
- \* Has a dog and a significant other, not some damn fish!
- \* At least she doesn't have to yell "Hot!" at her cook every time she wants something to drink.
- \* Her ship has neat-looking folding warp nacelles.
- \* None of the crew members' relatives have ever tried to take over the ship, invade the Federation, steal a starship, or enslave all humankind.



Q. Why did Worf change his hair color?

A. It was a good day to dye.