



Sub-Space Newsletter



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United Federated Planets
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In Memoriam



Jay Emery Ferguson
September 20, 1957 – February 14, 2008
President Mike Ferguson's younger brother.



From The Desk of the President

Dear Chapter Presidents and UFP Membership,
2008 brings us to the 20th anniversary of the UFP. ADM. Pete Lutz came up with the conception of a Star Trek fan club where all of Gene Roddenberry's Star Trek visions could be explored in December of 1988. Up to that time, all Star Trek fan clubs utilized the Star Fleet vision only. The UFP included the alien fleets, the civilian aspects (Harry Mud) and the United Federation of Planets government. For its time, it was a radical idea and

one well over due. We will be honoring Pete Lutz and many of the early members who shared his vision.

We are again working with the staff of SoonerCon for the 2008 convention, a local literary convention, so that we can provide another great UFP Conference for all UFP members interested in attending on various UFP chapter related panels and local non-UFP members so that we can present the UFP to them in a public setting. Please visit the official SoonerCon web page at

<http://www.soonercon.com/> for more information on the convention. Both events held together will provide everyone a very full and fun weekend. We are asking you to please pre-register for the UFP Conference at mikeferg1@yahoo.com and with SoonerCon's web page to pre-register for the convention. The UFP Activities room will be in the convention area. UFP Registration will be in this room along with UFP Medical operations to provide basic first aid for minor injuries. VADM. Laura Ferguson, a real LPN (aka nurse), will be providing this service. There will be a \$3.00 charge for UFP members to obtain their 2008 UFP Conference badges which are in color and laminated.

There are a lot of changes going on in the UFP since you chartered your chapter and joined the UFP. These changes are being put in place due to

recent evaluations on the UFP operating procedures as a result of a chapter president's observations. The first change is in the area of communications. I realize that there have been none from the UFP to you for some time now and that is going to change.

Every month chapter presidents with no internet capabilities will receive a UFP Monthly Memo (it will be posted on the web page for chapter presidents and other UFP members with internet capabilities) to keep you up to date on what is going on in the UFP, new correspondence schools opening both on and off the internet and UFP activities available for your chapter and all UFP members to participate in with other chapters and UFP members.

The next change is in-line with open communications. Monthly Chapter Status Reports will be mandatory by the 15th of each month for the prior month's chapter activities; however, we will be turning to you for suggestions and ideas on how to improve the UFP. How we can make your fan club more tailored to your needs and desires. By establishing a good two-way communications cycle we can help each other in making the UFP a better fan club for everyone.

The next issue we are addressing is the UFP Correspondence Schools System. We will be setting up schools in all areas already established and creating new schools to take on and off of the internet. This includes a newly designed UFP Correspondence Schools Application form.

In the interest of improving the communications cycle in the UFP we are working on a chat room. This will allow all UFP members a place to share ideas, thoughts, suggestions and general conversation.

We are also looking into an on-line gaming room where all UFP members can join in regardless of fan interests and combine all interests into one single game. The gamers can select the Game Master. This will also appear in our chat room area. We have considered the UFP members with no home Internet access and we suggest that they go to their local libraries where internet access is free. There are, of course, other options where a small fee is charged at Internet Stores that are popping up around the world.

One goal we are really working on is a way to make the UFP fan sectors more active so that every UFP member and chapter can have the opportunity to become active in the UFP. This will require more active participation on everyone's part in a role-playing scenario between the Sector Heads and the Chapter Presidents and individual members. The imagination is a wonderful thing, it can allow us to go places and achieve goals we can never do in "real life". Our goal is to activate the imagination of all UFP members.

One area of the UFP I would like to address here is the UFP Awards Program. While this program is one of the UFP's oldest programs it is the least used of all the programs. It was established to reward UFP members and chapters for outstanding accomplishments. Yet, it is hardly ever used. While we have covered a lot of the awards we feel most UFP members are able to earn, we are creating one

more for UFP chapters and individual members for their work in various community service projects. We feel that anyone who performs a community service should be rewarded for their work, dedication and time. Rules governing this award will be posted in the awards section of the web page as soon as it is in place. Look for other changes in the Awards Section, as well.

Any ideas or suggestions are not only very welcome but needed and desired as we begin to rebuild a much more improved UFP for you and us. Please feel free to send them to mikeferg1@yahoo.com

Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with each of you as we move the UFP into the future together.

**Mike Ferguson
President
United Federated Planets**

The United Federated Planets Standard Uniform

**To be worn by Corporate Staff
Members attending a public function
while representing the UFP, Inc and
the UFP Fan Club.**

Headgear:

A standard military black ball cap will be worn with the United Federated Planets small button centered on the front.

Shirt:

A. The military style blue shirt (Dickies blue work shirt, long or short sleeve, 65% polyester & 35% cotton, RN 20697, which can be purchased at Wal-Mart for

around \$16.00) as the regulation United Federated Planets uniform shirt, tucked into the trousers.

Uniform Shirt Attachments:

A. The United Federated Planets small button is worn centered on the right collar. The regulation Starfleet Command officer rank insignia will be worn centered on the left collar. The United Federated Planets identification badge will be worn centered on the left breast pocket flap. The United Federated Planets shoulder patch will be worn centered one inch below the shoulder seam on the right sleeve. The United Federated Planets name badge will be worn centered over the right breast pocket.

Uniform Trousers:

A. Navy blue trousers will be worn with the United Federated Planets uniform. Suggested trousers are to be the Puritan brand of slacks, 100 % polyester, Navy Blue which can be purchased at Wal Mart stores for about \$15.00 a pair. No pleated trousers.

Trousers Belt:

A. White web military belt with a gold military buckle, polished.

Socks:

A. Black socks are to be worn.

Shoes:

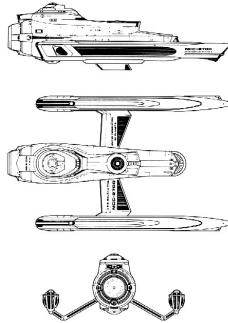
Black leather shoes, clean and shined

www.cafepress.com/ufphq

From Humble Beginnings



1st Version of the UFP Logo



1st UFP Chapter
U.S.S. CONCORD NCC-1989

Sectors, Departments & Chapters News

January 2008
Starfleet Command Sector



From The Desk Of
FADM Wendell Zander
Commander: Starfleet Sector

Please send in your monthly status reports by the 15th of every month so we can keep up with your progress. If there is any news you would like to share with the Fleet in these monthly reports please send them to Mike Ferguson at mikeferg1@yahoo.com or Wendell Zander at ufpops2@yahoo.com and your news will be sent out

Thank You

FADM Wendell Zander
FLEET ADMIRAL OF THE
UNITED FEDERATED PLANETS
STARFLEET COMMAND



St^rfleet Comm^nd Dep^rtment Upd^tes



Computer Operations

Reporting normal operations for the last month



Engineering Department

St^rfleet Comm^nd Ch^pter @ctivities

USS Alles

Still waiting for a couple of key personnel the USS Alles before re-launch.

USS Allies

The USS Allies sends her best she is still out on sick leave - that is the main reason for the USS Allies to be in drydock.

USS Beowulf

Reports: Several members of the crew celebrated the July 4th holiday together



Deep Space 2

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For more info on Star Trek CCG:

<http://www.decipher.com>

*DEEP SPACE 2 BLOG

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<http://ds2.skynetblogs.be/>

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<http://www.sos-kinderdorpen.be/>

*OTHER DS2 CHARITY

Regular charity is done by donations, writing letters, going to the people and asking to sign petitions. The main DS2 charity projects are World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Amnesty International and Doctors Without Borders.

*DS2 SETI PROJECT



http://setiweb.ssl.berkeley.edu/team_display.php?teamid=41642

SETI BOINC Credits:

Total credit: 164,705

Recent average credit: 570

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USS Horizon



USS Horizon Reports:

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Members went to see the movie "Beowulf"
Members had Thanksgiving dinner
Members went to Les Bourgeois Winery
Members met to see the movie "Enchanted"
Members got together to see the movie, "Hitman"

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

OCP (in dollars of coupons): Monthly = \$9,357.81; Annual = \$136,779.59

Stamps (in # of stamps): Monthly = 31; Annual = 489

Aluminum Can Recycling (# of cans): Monthly = 36; Annual = 946

Cash Donations: Monthly = \$71.00, Annual = \$221.88

Other Recycling (in weight in lbs): Monthly = 126.8; Annual = 349.85

Service Time (in minutes): Monthly = 26,166; Annual = 194,481

Ecology Service Time (in minutes): Monthly = 600; Annual = 2,970

Items in Lieu of Cash Donations: Monthly = \$0; Annual = \$16,874.00

Campbell's Soup Labels: Monthly = 3; Annual = 6



U.S.S. MARS NCC-586

No activities or meetings to report this month.

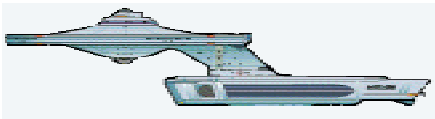
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Total work credited as of 19:05 hours on 11-29-07 is 144472.26 with average work units at 213.27

MARS continues to participate in the [STARDUST@HOME](#) project, however, though in a limited way and as time permits.

For an overview or more information on how to become involved, please go to <http://stardustathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/about.php>



USS Victorious

Regular monthly meeting.

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Engineering Department

Currently we have no new information to report. No other chapters have provided any further information in regards to their specifications since last report. This concludes my report

USS Aramis

Due to changes in job locations, we function in several areas and communicate a lot through modern technology rather than in person. However, we have assisted in food drives for the needy, helped with clean-up after the Greensburg tornado and one officer has done some short term medical missionary work in Honduras.

Our goal is to assist others in whatever way we can.

We wish everyone a very merry and blessed Christmas!

USS Alles



Hope everyone's Holiday was a good one. The convention listing www.geocities.com/deptofsfcomm is up and running, check it out. The USS Alles will re-launch in late March, hopefully. I'm trying something a little different with the chapter. It will be mainly like a runabout being that everyone is spread out. I'm still working on "Faces Of...." I am going to try to combine it with the convention site. As soon as I get at least 75% of the pictures, or characterures of the UFP I will post "Faces Of.."

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USS Horizon



www.usshorizon.net

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF: Jan 2008

CHAPTER NAME: USS Horizon

CHAPTER PRESIDENT: Edward W. Allen III

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT: Khane Williams

TYPE OF CHAPTER : STARFLEET COMMAND

NEWSLETTER NAME: On The Horizon (@URL)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: co@usshorizon.net

WEB SITE: <http://usshorizon.net>

NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER: N/A

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Members got together for a New Year's Party at the C.O.'s house.

Members got together for a Cotton Bowl Party.

Members went to see the movie "Great Debaters"

Members went to eat at CC Broiler.

Members got together for the official chapter New Year's Party at TK Brothers.

Members went to see the movie "The Bucket List"

Members got together in Toledo, Ohio.

Members went to dinner at Empire Chinese Restaurant.

Members went to dinner at The King & I Thai Restaurant.

Members went to dinner at Houlihan's.

Members got together for custard at "Culver's"

Members went to see the movie, "Untraceable"

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

OCP (in dollars of coupons): Monthly = \$28,562.04; Annual = \$28,562.04

Stamps (in # of stamps): Monthly = 39; Annual = 39

Aluminum Can Recycling (# of cans): Monthly = 42; Annual = 42

Cash Donations: Monthly = \$27.60, Annual = \$27.60

Other Recycling (in weight in lbs): Monthly = 103.8; Annual = 103.8

Service Time (in minutes): Monthly = 17,565; Annual = 17,565

Ecology Service Time (in minutes): Monthly = 420; Annual = 420

Items in Lieu of Cash Donations: Monthly = \$0; Annual = \$0

Campbell's Soup Labels: Monthly = 2; Annual = 2

SIGNATURE OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT:
Eddie W Allen III

DATE REPORT MAILED: 2-5-08

Eddie Allen

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U.S.S. MARS NCC-586



CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

Adm. Peter Lutz

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT:

RAdm. Richard Jolitz

TYPE OF CHAPTER:

STARFLEET COMMAND

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

petelutz@windstream.net

CREW ROSTER:

Adm. Peter J. Lutz: CO

RAdm. Richard Jolitz: Exec/ Ion Pod Officer

Ens. Eric Lutz:

Midshipman Benjamin Lutz:

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

Contact among crew maintained via e-mail, telephone and in person.

The ship's involvement with project SETI is running smoothly with MARS currently using 3 computers.

Total work credited as of 06:39 hours on 2-01-08 is 155389.49 with average work units at 183.74

NEXT MEETING/ACTIVITY

No physical meetings/activities scheduled for February.



BABYLON 5 Sector

No Submission This Period



ANDROMEDA Sector

No Submission This Period

Dear Fellow U.F.P. members

If there are any articles, sector, chapter, departmental articles or news you would like to share with the rest of the membership, please do not hesitate to send them in.

Articles and photos may be sent e-mail to me at petelutz@windstream.net or surface mail at Peter Lutz 290 Old Bell Hill Rd. Liberty, KY 42539

Items sent via surface mail will not be returned, unless a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope is included.

Thank you and I hope to hear from all of you soon!

Peter Lutz

Editor: Sub-Space Newsletter

And there's this from NASA and JPL, looks like there may be drilling for oil on Titan! :D



Carolina Martinez 818-354-9382
Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif.
NEWS RELEASE: 2008-025

Feb. 13, 2008

Titan's Surface Organics Surpass Oil Reserves on Earth

Saturn's orange moon Titan has hundreds of times more liquid hydrocarbons than all the known oil and natural gas reserves on Earth, according to new data from NASA's Cassini spacecraft. The hydrocarbons rain from the sky, collecting in vast deposits that form lakes and dunes.

The new findings from the study led by Ralph Lorenz, Cassini radar team member from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, Md., are reported in the Jan. 29 issue of the *Geophysical Research Letters*.

"Titan is just covered in carbon-bearing material—it's a giant factory of organic chemicals," said Lorenz. "This vast carbon inventory is an important window into the geology and climate history of Titan."

At a balmy minus 179 degrees Celsius (minus 290 degrees Fahrenheit), Titan is a far cry from Earth. Instead of water, liquid hydrocarbons in the form of methane and ethane are present on the moon's surface, and tholins probably make up its dunes. The term "tholins" was coined by Carl Sagan in 1979 to describe the complex organic molecules at the heart of prebiotic chemistry.

Cassini has mapped about 20 percent of Titan's surface with radar. Several hundred lakes and seas have been observed, with each of several dozen estimated to contain more hydrocarbon liquid than Earth's oil and gas reserves. The dark dunes that run along the equator contain a volume of organics several hundred times larger than Earth's coal reserves.

Proven reserves of natural gas on Earth total 130 billion tons, enough to provide 300 times the amount of energy the entire United States uses annually for residential heating, cooling and lighting. Dozens of Titan's lakes individually have the equivalent of at least this much energy in the form of methane and ethane.

"This global estimate is based mostly on views of the lakes in the northern polar regions. We have assumed the south might be similar, but we really don't yet know how much liquid is there," said Lorenz. Cassini's radar has observed the south polar region only once, and only two small lakes were visible. Future observations of that area are planned during Cassini's proposed extended mission.

Scientists estimated Titan's lake depth by making some general assumptions based on lakes on Earth. They took the average area and depth of lakes on Earth, taking into account the nearby surroundings, like mountains. On Earth, the lake depth is often 10 times less than the

height of nearby terrain.

"We also know that some lakes are more than 10 meters or so deep because they appear literally pitch-black to the radar. If they were shallow we'd see the bottom, and we don't," said Lorenz.

The question of how much liquid is on the surface is an important one because methane is a strong greenhouse gas on Titan as well as on Earth, but there is much more of it on Titan. If all the observed liquid on Titan is methane, it would only last a few million years, because as methane escapes into Titan's atmosphere, it breaks down and escapes into space. If the methane were to run out, Titan could become much colder. Scientists believe that methane might be supplied to the atmosphere by venting from the interior in cryovolcanic eruptions. If so, the amount of methane, and the temperature on Titan, may have fluctuated dramatically in Titan's past.

"We are carbon-based life, and understanding how far along the chain of complexity towards life that chemistry can go in an environment like Titan will be important in understanding the origins of life throughout the universe," added Lorenz.

Cassini's next radar flyby of Titan is on Feb. 22, when the radar instrument will observe the Huygens probe landing site.

For images and more information visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/cassini> and <http://saturn.jpl.nasa.gov> .

The Cassini-Huygens mission is a cooperative project of NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency. JPL, a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, manages the Cassini-Huygens mission for NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Washington. The Cassini orbiter was designed, developed and assembled at JPL. The radar instrument was built by JPL and the Italian Space Agency, working with team members from the United States and several European countries.

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