



Sub-Space Newsletter



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From The Desk of the President

A Letter to the Chapter Presidents Who Are Not Reporting

May 1, 2008

As President of the United Federated Planets, I cannot stress strongly enough the need for monthly chapter reporting. The urgency is not mine alone, but yours as well. Let me take this opportunity to teach you some history, which relates directly to this issue.

The United States was at war with another nation. Casualties were very high and strategic planning simply was not working as the military had prayed it would, just to save lives. Battle field orders were misunderstood which led to great numbers of American soldiers either being killed, seriously wounded or taken prisoner by a nation that could not adequately provide for the needs of prisoners of war, so soldiers taken prisoner by the enemy usually died.

It was ironic that both Commanding Generals from both armies realized the cause for this problem within their armies; there was very little communication between them and their battlefield commanders. In many instances the orders received by the battlefield commanders were not interpreted appropriately. However, there was a standing order for reports from the battlefield commanders to the Commanding

Generals, but the system wasn't used the way it was established. This resulted in the Commanding Generals not knowing what their battlefield commanders needed to accomplish their missions.

These reports were not established to "spy" on the battlefield commanders but to help the Commanding Generals provide for the needs of their armies.

Thus chaos ran rampant in both armies because the Commanding Generals didn't know what their armies needed, the military personnel of both armies lost respect for their battle field commanders and yet the battle field commanders did not want to report this to their Commanding Generals for fear of being removed from their high military rank which provided more money and privileges for them.

Word of the chaos came from the military personnel themselves because they needed direction on what to do and they needed the basic materials to fight and live while fighting.

These Commanding Generals wrote to their respective Presidents and stated the need for punishment for acts being committed by both officers and soldiers against their armies due to lack of the officers to report as required. You see; both generals observed that disorder due to not reporting led to total chaos in both armies.

These letters were signed by and sent to:

President Abraham Lincoln by General Ulysses S. Grant and President Thomas Jefferson by General Robert E. Lee in April of 1864.

Here we are in the year of 2008, 144 years later, with a similar situation in the United Federated Planets. Chapter Presidents who do not submit their monthly chapter reports so that those of us at the top levels of the United Federated Planets can see how well their chapter is doing or what they need from us so that their chapters can function to the best needs of their members.

History has taught us the value of the need for timely and accurate reports so that chapters can be helped to succeed, as we desire for the United Federated Planets members of the chapters.

As the President of the United Federated Planets I have the duty to observe the chaos within the United Federated Planets chapters section and I have given myself the permission to punish those chapter presidents who are not reporting as required, it is only fair to the chapter president who do report and report well on their United Federated Planets chapters. Therefore, I am issuing a Presidential Order to all non-reporting United Federated Planets chapters to submit a chapter report no later than July 1st of 2008 and continue to do so there after or your chapter will be de-chartered by the United Federated Planets, Incorporated Headquarters on the 2nd of July, 2008.

I remain yours in fandom,



Mike Ferguson, President
United Federated Planets, Inc

March 2008 News From The Sectors, Departments & Chapters

Starfleet Command Sector



From The Office Of FADM Wendell Zander:

News in the Fleet:

USS Alles Reports:

The ship will enter space again at the end of March. With everyone of the crew being outside of a 5mile radius and more we decided to use the Runabout system, most of us will meet online for a meeting (chat room). We keep each other posted on what's going on

USS Mars Reports:

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

Deep Space 2 Reports:

*Star Trek CCG Tournament:

On January 13 two DS2 members attended to a Star Trek CCG 2E constructed tournament. For more info on Star Trek CCG:

<http://www.decipher.com>

*DEEP SPACE 2 BLOG

The Deep Space 2 Blog has 32020 hits. The Deep Space 2 Blog is a message board where messages about Deep Space 2, Science Fiction in general, Conventions, etc, are posted regularly (in Dutch).

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

The Charity Link on the DS2 Blog will change every first of every month. The February 2008 Charity Link on the DS2 Blog is: Damiaanactie

<http://www.damiaanactie.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: 191,670
Recent average credit: 467

*DS2 RPG

The Deep Space 2 RPG has entered it's 114th chapter. There are currently 10 individual players and one other UFP Chapter participating.

*DS2 NEWSLETTER

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*DS2 STORY

* The Deep Space 2 Story : Will continue in February 2008 (Page 131)

<http://ds2story.ds2.be>

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*DS2 Trivia

DS2 has set up a trivia about Star Trek.

<http://ds2quiz.ds2.be>

Every month there is a new Trivia competition. Every day there are new questions. Daily scores are cumulated.

USS Beowulf Reports: A discussion was held via e-mail regarding various members' activities



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



Engineering Department

Engineering Department Reports:

We will have two PDF s on ship class information and construction available in the coming month. No other chapters have provided any further information in regards to their specifications since last report. This concludes my report.

VAdm. Sean Beorn



Computer Operations

Reporting normal operations for the last month

April 2008
News From
The Sectors, Departments &
Chapters

Starfleet Command Sector



From The Office Of
FADM Wendell Zander:

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 it will be sent out.

News in the Fleet:

USS MARS Report:

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 08:10 hours on 3-02-08 is 160755.70 with average work units at 167.53

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On February 10 two DS2 members attended to a Star Trek CCG 2E

constructed tournament with a 2nd and 5th place as a result.

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<http://www.broederlijkdelen.be/>

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***DS2 SETI PROJECT**

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

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Total credit: 205,928
Recent average credit: 439

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USS Horizon reports:

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Members got together for a Super bowl Party at the C.O.'s house.

Members went to see the movie "Jumper"

Members went to eat at Tony's Pizza.

Members went to see the movie "The Spiderwick Chronicles"

Members went to dinner at Bandanas BBQ.

Members went to bowl at Town & Country Lanes. This was our annual bowling tournament. First place went to Edward Allen IV (Won by a whopping 66 pins) with runner up to Edward Allen III (The CO)

Members got together for Rally Burgers.

Members went to have dinner at HuHot.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

OCP (in dollars of coupons): Monthly = \$22,058.29; Annual = \$50,620.33

Stamps (in # of stamps): Monthly = 40; Annual = 79

Aluminum Can Recycling (# of cans): Monthly = 44; Annual = 86

Cash Donations: Monthly = \$23.00, Annual = \$50.60

Other Recycling (in weight in lbs): Monthly = 123; Annual = 226.8

Service Time (in minutes): Monthly = 28,805; Annual = 46,370

Ecology Service Time (in minutes): Monthly = 660; Annual = 1080

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

Campbell's Soup Labels: Monthly = 2; Annual = 4



Starbase Rushmore:

FADM Hugh Brower, Reporting

Activities this last month include setting up a marketing plan for increasing the size of our chapter in the UFP.

Activities for next month, May 2008, conduct a seminar on the UFP and provide a wellspring of activities for new members.

Out goal is to sign up 20 sci-fi types including Star Trek.

Submitted By

Hugh Brower, FADM (Retired)



BABYLON 5 Sector
No Submission This Period



ANDROMEDA Sector
No Submission This Period

And Don't Forget!



Site of the UFP's 20th Anniversary!

And Now A Message From 4 of 6 Of The Borg Collective.

Your Article or submission here.

4 of 6

Translation:

Your Submission or Article Here.

Signed: 4 of 6



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March 20, 2008

Cassini Spacecraft Finds Ocean May Exist Beneath Titan's Crust

PASADENA, Calif. - NASA's Cassini spacecraft has discovered evidence that points to the existence of an underground ocean of water and ammonia on Saturn's moon Titan. The findings, made using radar measurements of Titan's rotation, will appear in the March 21 issue of the journal *Science*.

"With its organic dunes, lakes, channels and mountains, Titan has one of the most varied, active and Earth-like surfaces in the solar system," said Ralph Lorenz, lead author of the paper and Cassini radar scientist at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md., "Now we see changes in the way Titan rotates, giving us a window into Titan's interior beneath the surface."

Members of the mission's science team used Cassini's Synthetic Aperture Radar to collect imaging data during 19 separate passes over Titan between October 2005 and May 2007. The radar can see through Titan's dense, methane-rich atmospheric haze, detailing never-before-seen surface features and establishing their locations on the moon's surface.

Using data from the radar's early observations, the scientists and radar engineers established the locations of 50 unique landmarks on Titan's surface. They then searched for these same lakes, canyons and mountains in the reams of data returned by Cassini in its later flybys of Titan. They found prominent surface features had shifted from their expected positions by up to 30 kilometers (19 miles). A systematic displacement of surface features would be difficult to explain unless the moon's icy crust was decoupled from its core by an internal ocean, making it easier for the crust to move.

"We believe that about 100 kilometers (62 miles) beneath the ice and organic-rich surface is an internal ocean of liquid water mixed with ammonia," said Bryan Stiles of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. Stiles is a contributing author to the paper.

The study of Titan is a major goal of the Cassini-Huygens mission because it may preserve, in deep-freeze, many of the chemical compounds that preceded life on Earth. Titan is the only moon in the solar system that possesses a dense atmosphere. The moon's atmosphere is

1.5 times denser than Earth's. Titan is the largest of Saturn's moons, bigger than the planet Mercury.

"The combination of an organic-rich environment and liquid water is very appealing to astrobiologists," Lorenz said. "Further study of Titan's rotation will let us understand the watery interior better, and because the spin of the crust and the winds in the atmosphere are linked, we might see seasonal variation in the spin in the next few years."

Cassini scientists will not have long to wait before another go at Titan. On March 25, just prior to its closest approach at an altitude of 1,000 kilometers (620 miles), Cassini will employ its Ion and Neutral Mass Spectrometer to examine Titan's upper atmosphere.

Immediately after closest approach, the spacecraft's Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer will capture high-resolution images of Titan's southeast quadrant.

The Cassini-Huygens mission is a cooperative project of NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency. The mission is managed by JPL, a division of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. The Cassini orbiter also 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.

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

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Send Your Name to the Moon Aboard LRO!

NASA invites people of all ages to join the lunar exploration journey with an opportunity to send their names to the moon aboard the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter.

Go to this link.

<http://lro.jhu^pl.edu/N^meToMoon/index.php>

Editor's Corner

Ladies and Gentlemen

As you can see the Sub Space newsletter isn't growing much and that is disappointing. Every member of the United Federated Planets is allowed to send in a submission. A submission can be anything from fan art work, a story an article or a report on an activity that your chapter participated in while representing the UFP.

Thanks and see you all next issue!

Peter Lutz