

SubSpace Interference



Ship's Communications of the USS Rendezvous

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From the Bridge...

It's hard to believe that it was 10 years ago when I attended the first meeting of the USS Rendezvous. It was in the Logan Library. Stewart Hunsaker and Dalice Nilson had brought an interesting mix of friends from a role-playing group, a couple computer user's groups, and members of the general public together to create a club for all the science fiction fans in Cache Valley.

That club continues today. Stewart and Dalice have moved on to other endeavors (although we still get to see them sometimes), but we're still going strong. Because of pulling a lot of our membership from the university, we've seen a lot of people come and go during the years, but many of those who have moved on remain in contact with us via email.

We've had a lot of fun over the years. Parties, field trips to Salt Lake and Ogden, paintball, simulator trips, star parties, multiple CONduits, and trips to The Star Trek Experience in Las Vegas are all things that we have done. We've published this newsletter almost the entire time we've been a club. The compiled Rendezvous Sagas show quite a history of our club. Many people have written them and it gives our club a great heritage. Sometime in the near future, the compiled sagas will be available at our website for download. They're a lot of fun to read.

I can't help but wonder what the next 10 years will bring us. We're no longer that little club all by itself in Logan. We're part of something much larger. We're part of the 7th Fleet. Our three sister ships in the fleet have become our good friends. It's always fun to spend time with them, as we did with the 7th Fleet Olympics this summer.

We need to continue to grow and progress. There's a new series to watch. The episodes I've seen have been pretty good. There's a new movie being made. Things in the Star Trek world look pretty good right now. And don't forget Star Wars. Episode II is only a few months away. The Fellowship of the Ring

premieres next month, and there will be a new Babylon 5 movie, *The Legend of the Rangers*, on the SciFi channel in January.

The last 10 years have gone by fast. I can only expect the next 10 to do the same. I've made some great friends in this club. I met my wife because of this club. It doesn't get any better than that. I hope that you have had as good an experience being a member of the Rendezvous as I have.

Here's to the next 10 years!!!

Commander Ross Trowbridge
Executive Officer
USS Rendezvous

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Coming Events

November 17th- Monthly Meeting/Anniversary Party of the USS Rendezvous. 10:30 am in room 202 of the USU Food and Nutritional Sciences building.

November 22nd- Thanksgiving

December 17th- Monthly Meeting of the USS Rendezvous at 10:30 am in room 202 of the USU Food and Nutritional Sciences building. Those wishing to do a white elephant gift exchange should bring their present (maximum value \$5.00) to the meeting.

December 25th- Christmas

January 1st- New Year's Day

January 19th- Monthly Meeting of the USS Rendezvous at 10:30 am in room 202 of the USU Food and Nutritional Sciences building.

Internet Chat with William Shatner "Captain James T. Kirk" on Star Trek 11.08.01

Welcome to our live chat with Mr. William Shatner. This event is extra special as it is the first live STARTREK.COM chat in nearly two years. Who better to get the mouse ball rolling than the man who brought the character of Captain James T. Kirk to life, William Shatner. No stranger to the online world, Bill is a virtual pioneer in embracing new technology and the Internet. So, without further ado ...

William Shatner: Hello to you all.

Question: Mr. Shatner, whose idea was it to do Mind Meld?

Neoviator

WS: Since I'm the only one here I'll take full credit.

Q: Will you be doing any more videos along the line of "Mind Meld"?

jonss

WS: I'd like to think that I could do a series of "Mind Melds". I think I'd like the next one to be with Patrick Stewart.

Q: Do you fear going up against Anne Robinson in "The Weakest Link"?

FraserWhite

WS: I can't reveal the results, but I have everything to fear.

Q: How did you get involved in Iron Chef [USA]? Do you have that extensive a culinary background?

Rockprime

WS: They asked me to be in Iron Chef, and I have a long history of eating.

Q: You're soon to host an American/International Iron Chef program. The most interesting part of the Japanese show is the view into that culture through the selection of, and comments by, the judges. How will that translate in your version of the program?

jslindberg

WS: The American version is totally American and it's certainly time a television show like this in America would get an overall view of the totality of what goes on in America today, from sports commentary on how the cooking is going to stand-up comedy



of how the cooking went, to philosophy of life as the show goes on and commercial breaks to show how the engine of economics works in America today. We're hoping the President will come on as one of the tasters but he unfortunately turned us down. We then asked General Colin Powell, the Secretary of State, but he had other things to do, so we settled for a Playboy girl.

Q: What did you think of being one of the few people mentioned in FIGHT CLUB that would be cool to fight?

Rosengrantz

WS: I got very aggressive, and I put on my kick boxing outfit and tried to find a ninety-year-old man to fight, or should I say somebody older than me to fight ... and they are very hard to find.

Q: Tell us how you feel about the first movie ["Star Trek: The Motion Picture - The Director's Edition"] being re-released? Do you find that exciting ... a chance to revisit your work in a new and improved form?

peterb

WS: It's difficult to look at something that is more than twenty years old, but it is an interesting new version of it. I saw it in the company of Leonard Nimoy and we both had some good laughs and, by the way, you should be able to get a copy of that DVD and "Mind Meld" on my web site:

Q: Mr. Shatner, I just read that you will be providing commentary for future releases of "Star Trek" movie DVDs. Any one in particular that you are looking forward to?

Doug

WS: To me, obviously, the most interesting, most fascinating, best director, best actor, most elegantly written and directed is Star Trek V.

Q: How has being James T. Kirk influenced your personal life?

JHollen

WS: It's provided me with some pocket change that I go around on the street jiggling and therefore people look at me and point at me as the man with the jingling change.

Q: What did you think of Galaxy Quest?

Avatar_man

WS: I thought it was very funny, and I thought the audience that they portrayed was totally real, but the actors that they were pretending to be were totally unrecognizable. Certainly I don't know what

Tim Allen was doing. He seemed to be the head of a group of actors and for the life of me I was trying to understand who he was imitating. The only one I recognized was the girl playing Nichelle Nichols.

Q: Will there be a director's cut for Star Trek V, like what's happening with the first film?

Mothman

WS: No, I don't think any of the other movies will be touched. But I'm going from house to house trying to get people to buy the DVD of Star Trek V and giving out individual explanations so please call.

Q: Hello Mr. Shatner. What was your experience on Twilight Zone like and how did that affect your choices of future work?

S66ally

WS: My experience on The Twilight Zone was frightening.

I was alone on camera most of the time and when I wasn't alone on camera, I thought I was. It was, of course, done a long time ago so that whatever residual feelings I had then have long since been forgotten. But all experience is cumulative.

Q: Mr. Shatner, did you clinch the part of Kirk when you first auditioned, or did somebody almost beat you for the part?

Fox7

WS: No, I clinched it. It was in the fifth round and I hung on for the clinch. I was fighting Gene Roddenberry so it was a cinch of a clinch. The truth of the matter is they asked me to be in it.

Q: Did you ever have any idea that 30 years later, people would still be into Star Trek? With all of the movies, spin-offs and new series, are you amazed at its popularity and consistency?

jbird

WS: No, I knew from the moment I signed on that we would last forty-two years. So we have seven more years to go.

Q: What new things did you learn about your costars during your directing experience on Star Trek V?

Jess_heinig

WS: I learned how extraordinarily talented they are. What incredible senses of humors they had. How beautiful they looked when back lit and how earnestly they wanted to write books.

Q: Out of all the lines of dialog you've had to say, what was the absolute worst?

Min_SeokK

WS: *laughs* Oh the choices are so many! That is impossible to tell. Sometimes even "Hello" is ugly.

Q: I have always wanted to know if you and Leonard Nimoy ad-libbed the Fizzbin game or was that part of the script? It always makes me laugh.
Mackie

WS: Leonard Nimoy and I ad-libbed most of our dialogue and we had to cut down on the number of writers we hired because we did so much of it. In fact I offered to write dialog for other characters but they turned me down.

Q: Mr. Shatner, how hard was it to get back into the character of Kirk while making ST: TMP?
Trucker

WS: It was difficult, yes. I had forgotten what I had done on the series. I also needed to get myself into physical shape so I was running uphill a lot.

Note: ST: TMP was released 10 years after The Original Series finished.

Q: Have you any further plans to direct?
Neills

WS: In January, a movie that I'm directing and doing post-production on now will be playing somewhere. It's called "Groom Lake" and I think you'll enjoy seeing it. Another movie that I'm in that will be out in the beginning of the year is called "Shoot or Be Shot." I'm currently trying to sell a documentary series called "Lunatic Fringe" and we're working very hard on things that will be entertaining for my Web site. To stay mainstream I'm in a movie with Robert DeNiro called "Showtime."

I'm also getting ready to publish a book called "I'm Workin'" and I'm also workin' on the next Star Trek novel. So as you can see I'm keeping busy.

Q: I understand you did a movie with Robert DeNiro and Eddie Murphy. What was that experience like?
moviebuff

WS: It was hilarious. They are the best in their field and I never saw so much money spent for so much before. The catering fee alone was the amount I spent on several movies.

Q: Can you talk about your charity work?
CrewmanNumber6

WS: I support many charities, but a couple are very dear to me. The Hollywood Charity Horse Show, which disburses money to children in need. The Nerine Shatner Foundation helps women with addiction.

Q: What do you think of the new series Enterprise?
How do you like Scott Bakula's performance as captain?
Tomakins

WS: I haven't seen the show, but I'm sure his performance is wonderful. All of the captains were wonderful.

Q: What's your favorite part of your recent discussion with Leonard Nimoy?
krusty

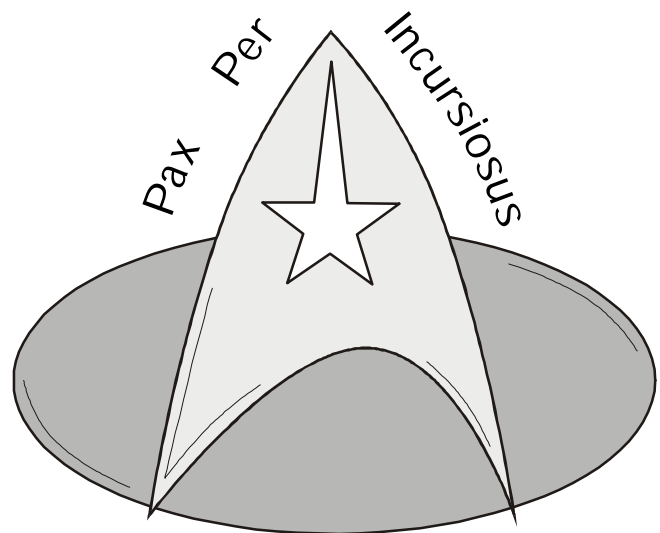
WS: The whole "Mind Meld" experience was joyful. To speak with such honesty and to have Leonard be vulnerable and yet feel safe gave me a real sense of accomplishment.

Q: How has the death of DeForest Kelley affected you?
TheRaven

WS: Well, I always felt that the three of us were a team and now one third of the team is gone, so it's affected me very deeply. I loved DeForest and think about him often.

Q: Who was your favorite female guest star?
janetrand

WS: I think I have to say my wife. It seems to be the safest thing to do. I had seen her on occasion at horse shows and, some months after my wife Nerine [died], I began to open notes of condolences and one of them was from Elizabeth, and we began to speak on the phone for quite a while and then we met.



U.S.S. RENDEZVOUS
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Q: Where were you on the morning of September 11th?
xpak

WS: I was watching television in my home and was pinned to the set for days thereafter.

Thanks everyone for joining us today. We had thousands of great questions. Thanks to Mr. Shatner too for taking time out of his very busy schedule. Please join us for the next chat to be announced soon. Any final words, Mr. Shatner?

WS: "Mind Meld" is an act of love by Leonard and myself and for the next six months you can get it on my Web site: . Iron Chef [USA] is an act of fun and you can see it on UPN on November 16th. Keep your eyes and ears open for many appearances I'll be making as I promote both of those things. Rosie O'Donnell, Howard Stern, Conan O'Brien are where I'll be appearing. I look forward to chatting with you all in the near future.

Rendezvous Saga

Captain's Log. Stardate 0111.15

The Rendezvous has been assigned to lead peace negotiations between the Tarhansu and Korlabba at Fourdueces station, a former free trader's port located in space disputed between the two systems. We have been here over a week now with little progress. Both planets are very unwilling to compromise on anything that would bring them closer to a lasting settlement.

Marla paced in front of the large viewport. She could see her ship out there and wished she could be on it. But right now her duty involved the two ambassadors sitting at the table behind her. At the

moment, the Tarhansu ambassador, Vortain, was accusing Korlabban ambassador Lento of stalling so he could move his forces into a better position to attack. Marla sighed and turned away from the viewport.

"Gentlemen," she began. "This arguing is pointless. You both know that we have probes monitoring both your systems. The Korlabban fleet is in port at the moment, as is yours, ambassador. Now we were discussing joint management of this system. With the Federation's help, this station could return to being the center of trade it once was."

Vortain snorted. "Trade? Trade with whom? The Korlabbans? I'd sooner kiss a Klingon Tarq!"

Marla was beginning to lose her temper with these two. "That can be arranged, ambassador. I currently have several Klingons aboard my ship. I'm sure one of them could wrestle up a tarq."

Vortain looked shocked. He couldn't believe that Marla would dare suggest such a thing. "I would remind you, Captain, that I am an ambassador and deserve treatment as such."

Marla flashed him her best smile. "I assure you, ambassador, that I was only attempting to follow through on your own suggestion. There was no disrespect intended."

Lento chuckled. "I might be persuaded to withdraw Korlabban's claim to Tensor IV if he were to actually do it. My people would love to see that."

Vortain stood up. "Well my people would love to see you shoved out an airlock."

"Gentlemen!" shouted Marla. "Contain yourselves. You're supposed to be ambassadors, not school yard bullies playing king of the hill."

She was about to continue when her com badge chirped at her. She noticed that both of the

ambassadors' communicators sounded at almost the same time. She tapped her badge. "Trowbridge here."

"Captain," said the voice of her first officer. "There's been another attack on a Tarhansu freighter 2 light years from here. Early reports indicate there were no survivors."

Marla bit her lip. "That's the third attack on Tarhansu ships during these negotiations. And there have been two on Korlabban ships as well. We've got to do something about this. Otherwise, we'll never get anywhere over here. Keep me posted."

"Aye, sir," responded her husband. The com link went silent.

She turned back to the ambassadors, who were finishing their own conversations.

"I'm sure you have received the same news that I just have," she began. "It's clear to me that we won't be able to make much progress here until the source of these attacks is located."

She paused for a moment. "It's late, gentlemen. I'm calling a recess on these talks until 0900 tomorrow morning. Try to bring some workable solutions to what we've discussed here today and some ideas on what to do about these attacks. Until tomorrow then, goodnight."

She left the room, leaving the surprised looking ambassadors staring after her.

"...so we've got find out who is behind these attacks," said Marla. She was the *Rendezvous*' main conference room with her senior officers. They had met to discuss their options.

Matt Chism spoke up. "One thing is certain. You can't leave the negotiations. You're the only thing keeping these two at the table. You'll have to stay behind."

Marla looked disappointed, but couldn't argue with his logic. "I agree. I'll stay here. Ross, you take the ship to the Kestra system. There's a Korlabban transport passing through there. Shadow them and capture anything that tries to stop them."

Ross smiled. "I think we can handle that. But I don't want you staying here alone. I don't trust these two. You should have a full security detail. And I think we should leave you the Captain's Yacht, just in case you need to get out of here."

Marla laughed. "You worry too much, my husband. I'll be fine."

"I have to agree with Commander Trowbridge," said Derrick Hughes. "You do need some protection. The situation here is pretty volatile."

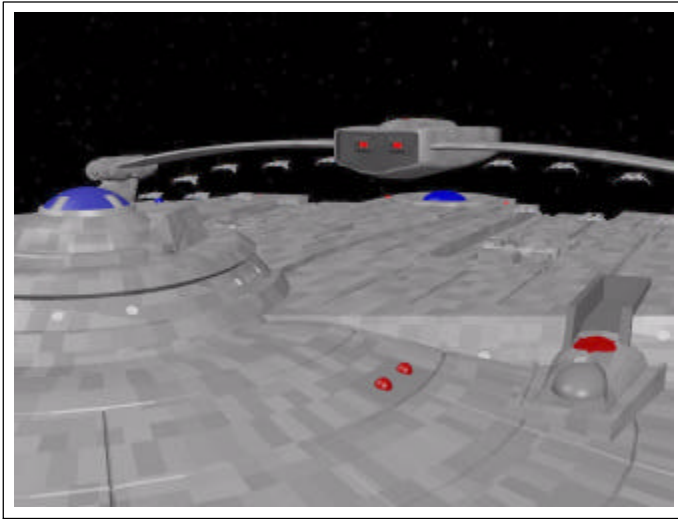
"All right," said Marla. "I give up. I'll take some security with me."

The meeting ended and Marla returned to the station in the Captain's yacht with four security personnel.

Michael Baum sat in the cockpit of his fighter. His small craft was hovering directly under the weapons pod on top of the *Rendezvous*. He glanced to either side and saw the eleven tactical fighters that completed the *Rendezvous*' fighter squadron. To his left, the four craft of 'K' flight were close together. Led by QurtIS, it contained all three of the ships' Klingons. The fourth fighter was being piloted by Kenway, the Felinoid. All twelve craft were hovering just above the hull of the ship, inside the ship's shields. The *Rendezvous* was cloaked, and by being inside the shields, the twelve fighters were cloaked as well.

The ship was following an older Korlabban transport vessel. The ship was carrying grain to a





Korlabban colony world and was operating with a skeleton crew. The *Rendezvous* had not hailed them as they didn't want to give away their presence.

They had been following the ship for several hours and were passing through the system's asteroid belt when they picked up a signal to the transport. They were being ordered to stop. A tight knot of fighters emerged from behind an asteroid and began firing on the ship.

On the bridge of the *Rendezvous*, Ross saw the fighters begin their first attack run. He had positioned the ship behind a small asteroid to prevent line of sight between his ship and the transport. As soon as the fighters went behind the asteroid, he opened a direct channel to Michael. "It's time. Begin Operation Furrball."

Michael powered up his weapons and signaled the squadron. They pulled away from the *Rendezvous* and, one at a time, punched through the ship's shielding. Twelve fighters winked into view as they left the cloaking field. At the same time, Dr. Beverly Miller launched from shuttlebay 2 in the ship's largest shuttle. It was her responsibility to pick up any injured pilots.

Michael keyed his comlink. "Remember. We're to save one for the Andorian." He then turned on his jammer, blocking all long range communications. He saw 'K' flight head right into the midst of the oncoming fighters, firing as they went. One fighter blew up and three others tumbled away, their engines damaged.

He led his own 'A' flight around the other side of the transport. 'B' flight was flying cover and was to pick off any stragglers. The transport's hull had been breached and atmosphere was streaming out into space. He flew through a cloud of grain that sparkled

against his shielding. He disabled two fighters in quick succession, then was jarred as enemy weapons fire hit his shields. He spun his fighter to meet his attacker only to see Jerry Jensen in 'A3' destroy its drive engine. It began tumbling away and one of 'B' flight's craft chased it down, stopping it with a tractor beam.

QurtIS dodged around an asteroid as he followed the enemy squadron commander. His opponent was good. QurtIS couldn't get a good shot at him. Every time his weapons locked on, the other ship would dart behind an asteroid or perform a maneuver that forced the Klingon to lose his targeting. QurtIS pushed his craft closer to the other ship and realized he was grinning. It was nice being in command of his own ship and in combat. His grin was replaced by a look of grim determination as he continued to close the distance between the two ships. He heard the tone sound that told him he had a weapons lock, but ignored it. He moved even closer to the other fighter until he was right beside it, matching its move for move. The other pilot looked over at him in surprise. "Dodge this!" he said and turned into the other fighter. His shields sizzled as he struck the other ship. It careened away from him, striking an asteroid. There was a brilliant explosion as QurtIS turned back to the battle.

With their leader gone, the few remaining fighters still able to move turned and tried to run away. The Federation craft gave chase and quickly brought them to a halt. Except one. Weylin was pursuing the last fighter through the asteroid belt. He had taken several shots, but hadn't hit it. The other fighter began a turn around a large asteroid. Weylin fired a torpedo and hit the asteroid next to the ship. There was a large explosion as pieces of the asteroid flew in all directions. Weylin turned away, noticing the telltale sign of the other fighter, still intact but damaged, limping away. "There you go, Commander Trowbridge," he said softly.

Ross monitored the battle closely from the *Rendezvous*. He saw the last few ships try to get away from his people and followed Weylin's craft as it followed the last starfighter. He winced as Weylin fired his torpedo, but was glad to see the fighter emerge from the other side of the asteroid, moving carefully.

"Now it's our turn," he said. "Mr. Stephens, follow that fighter."

The fighter, though damaged, still took a roundabout route to its home base. Several times, it

reversed direction. The *Rendezvous*, however, remained far enough behind that there was never any real risk of detection. They followed the fighter for over an hour before it finally reached its base. The found the base to be an old converted transport, almost identical to the one they had left behind with their fighters.

“Scan that ship,” ordered Ross. “I want to know who these people are.”

Derrick turned to his console and touched several controls. “There are 42 humanoids on board. They’re Korlabans. The ship is lightly armed and I can detect several fighters in its hangar. They’re powered down.”

Ross tapped his com badge. “Nathan, assembly your team. You take the bridge. Have Jeremiah’s team take engineering, then move to the hangar.”

He waited the few minutes necessary for the Smith brothers to assembly their security teams in the transporter room. Once they were in position, he ordered Matt to drop the cloak. The *Rendezvous* appeared next to the surprised transport, all weapons armed. “Mr. Smith, begin your assault.” He turned to Matt. “Raise shields as soon as they’re over there.”

It only took a few moments before the shields were up.

Ross turned to Vicki at the communications station. “Hail that ship, Vicki.”

She reached towards her console when it beeped. She jumped, then answered the hail. “It’s from the other ship, Commander. It’s Nathan.”

Ross glanced at his chronometer and smiled. These two were quick. “Put it on screen, Vicki.” He paused as the main viewscreen changed to show his security officer. “This is the *Rendezvous*, Nathan. How are things going over there?”

Nathan was grinning. “We’ve taken the bridge and engineering already. Jeremiah is engaged with a few armed crewmen in the hangar, but says he’ll have control momentarily. You’ll love the files we’ve found in their computer. It looks like they’ve staged attacks on their own ships so they can continue putting pressure on Tarhansu and make them capitulate.” Nathan glanced at a display on the bridge of the transport. “The phaser fire in the hangar has stopped. Jeremiah has rounded up the remaining crew.”

“Good job, Nathan. I’ll send over a crew to bring that ship back. Follow us to our fighters, then let’s go visit some peace talks. Trowbridge, out.”

Marla was once again looking out of the large viewport into space. The two ambassadors continued to point fingers back and forth as to who was behind attacks. Marla sighed and was about to turn around when she saw the familiar flash of two ships exiting warp drive. She immediately recognized her own ship, but didn’t know the other. Her com badge chirped.

“Captain, this is Commander Trowbridge. We’ve discovered who is behind the attacks. I’ll be bringing you several files that link this ship to several attacks and to some very interesting people.”

“Very good, Commander. I look forward to seeing your evidence.”

She turned towards the two ambassadors to find Lento holding a phaser on Vortain. Lento looked angry, but worried. “This charade has gone on long enough, Captain. I’m hereby canceling these peace talks. There will be no peace.” He pointed his phaser at Marla and was about to fire when a bright red beam hit him square in the back. Lento dropped to the floor.

Marla turned to the door. Two of her security men were there, phasers drawn. They moved into the room quickly, covering both the unconscious Lento and Vortain, who still stood with his hands in the air.

Perhaps having security along wasn’t such a bad idea after all, she thought to herself.

Captain’s Log. Stardate 0111.16

*After presenting the evidence captured by the *Rendezvous* to the Korlabans, the Korlabban senate recalled Lento and placed him under arrest. Apparently he worked for a small faction that wanted to continue the war. The new Korlabban ambassador has been much more cooperative and we are nearing an agreement. A treaty should be ready to sign by the end of the day.*