

Hi, everyone!

Firstly, welcome to the many new members who have joined "The Family." STAG continues to grow, and membership is climbing. We are now the largest Star Trek club in Europe, and in June we will celebrate our first birthday.

Wow! what a day we had at the mini con! Has ANYONE recovered yet? Our house still isn't straight...not that it ever is anyway! Ever had nightmares that if you open the deep freeze you'll find it full of Star trek stuff instead of food? Reckon it'll come to that yet! Where else can I put the ever increasing mound of material? Anyone want a deep frozen Spock? Anyway, the Mini con! So many of you have asked when the next one will be. Cor! Give us a break will yer? There will be another one...promises, promises...but not until after we've got the Big one over with!

Pooh Dog says Hi! She loved meeting everyone at the mini con and faithfully promises to be at the September one, so that you can all be presented to her. (Actually it's a kiss from Jim and George she's after, but don't tell her I told you so!)

Hey, guess what? My Dearly beloved, (Alias Terry) has FINALLY been converted to Star Trek! Of course, he strongly denies the possibility, but I expect the pnes to whom he's corresponded recently have noticed how he signs out; "Live Long and Prosper!" I wonder if the way he speaks with such authority on the Paradise Syndrome is the influence of Chris PS Jones? I'm watching you, Chris!

What a rotten trick Auntie BeeB pulled on us, showing Star Trek instead of Nationwide!...and not saying a b... thing about it either! to add insult to injury, they had to go and show THAT episode, (Return of the Archons) which has only ever been shown once before. Hundreds of fans must have missed it! I hope you all registered your disgust. Many thanks to Chris Jones Mum, who rang me from Cheshire just to tell me Star Trek was on the box...also to the Mystery voice! She rang off so hastily that she didn't give me her name. Come in the Mystery Voice! Identify yourself! I missed the first half, but count myself fortunate. I know MANY people were disappointed.

I will not comment on the "Nationwide" thingy of a few weeks ago. It has already been pulled apart, stuck together and dissected again. One comment will I allow myself....Grrrrrrrrrr!

Not long to September now, but please keep those registrations coming in. Things are going very well at the moment, but there's a way to go yet. In the next newsletter, I hope to tell you about our re-organisation, the appointment of a new working committee, and the financial report for the year ending. Thank you for all the marvellous support you have given over the past twelve months.

Love from Jenny, Terry, Pooh and the deep freeze...Huh?? and all your friends at Stag HQ.

Jenny.

NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!NEWS!

ANIMATIONS. STAG SCOOP! During late March, Paramount telephoned me, and informed me that BBC had actually purchased the Star Trek Animations, and that they were due to be televised in September. I was assured that they would be screened at a reasonable time in the evening. Having seen some of the animations, and having aquired most of them on tape, I can assure you all that they are far better than the word "Animation" suggests, and they are well worth watching.

RE-RUNS. Nationwide definitely stated that Star Trek re-runs would be returning in July, but somehow, I don't trust them! BeeB are still sending out letters, stating that they have no plans to repeat Star Trek! So whatever you do, don't give them an inch or they'll take a yard! WRITE! Write as often as you can, and persuade as many people as you can to write too. DON'T GIVE UP THE LETTER CAMPAIGN UNTIL STAR TREK IS ACTUALLY BACK ON THE LITTLE BOX!

STAR TREK MOVIE. It was revealed at Equicon that Paramount has at last given thought to a Star Trek movie, which will involve the whole of the original cast! Great news! So keep those letters going to Paramount. They ARE getting through.

STAR TREK EPISODES. No longer as remote as it once seemed, there is now every hope that Star Trek episodes will once more be made, and these could be on our screens, (BeeB willing) within the next three years. The only likely change to the cast would be Kirk, as William Shatner has said that he does not want to be tied to another series, but he could be "promoted" to commodore, and appear as a semi-regular. So, who for Captain? How about an English or a German one? It would be nice to see the Europeans get a fair crack at the whip for a change.

PARAMOUNT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN. Paramount have informed me that they are planning a big Star Trek publicity campaign, starting in September, which will coincide with our convention. Many British firms have been approached to market Star Trek goods, and there will be a whole lot of advertising... Which is all very good for us, of course, since they have agreed to give us good publicity, and will be, subject to their permission, giving James Doohan and George Takei international press and TV coverage. I will be going to London shortly to discuss our convention plans with Paramount, as they are already fully aware that STAG has something valuable to offer them... Star Trek Fandom!

IMPORTANT NOTICE. Janet Quarton wishes it to be known that she is not now connected with North American Star Trek Club in any way whatsoever.

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A report on the Star Trek Action Group Mini-Con, 23rd March 1974.

Who put a notice on Jenny's back which said "no smoking allowed"? Who was chased out of the kitchen with the bread knife? WHO put the notice on the free buffet table; "Chicken Sandwiches free to Committee members only"? AND WHOwe won't go on. Far be it for me to mention names. I hope JOHN HIND has now extracted the invisible bread knife from MICHAEL ROSSIYTERS back. Woops! Sorry boys! We had a great time, though, didn't we? Thanks. you two for livening up the proceedings still further!...and for helping to clear up afterwards.

No-one who was at the mini-con can deny that we all had a good time. This was the first meeting of it's kind in England, and not unnaturally, we were apprehensive as to it's success. We needn't have worried! Judging by the sheer din alone, the committee knew they had made it!

And wow! Wot a day! Leicester had never seen one like it before in all it's several thousand years history...although the city can only breathe freely again until September. Sheer chaos...or so it seemed to the committee! It was only afterwards, when all the letters began to pour in demanding another one that we were really aware of it's impact on the Star Trek population.

"Jenny, where shall we put our coats?" "Jenny, where's the loo?" "Jenny, are those crisps really free?" Jenny.....SHUT UP!

Peace reigned on not more than three occasions; During the opening speeches, during the slide show (When everyone wasn't booing the Klingons, "Aaahing" at De Kellay or cheering Spock, and during the auction, which was the success of the day!

Everything...food, Star Trek goodies, art-work and all were hungrily devoured. Friends meeting friends for the very first time sat, stood, knelt, stood on their heads, champed at crisps and swigged tea...and STILL managed to carry on talking. The older mixed with the younger, Chris PS Jones never did get round to setting up WSE table as she would have liked, and my Mum argued black and blue that her Enterprise was NOT upside down, so there! 2 bob bits rattled into the gas meter....MORE tea? The Sandwich spreaders (Thanks girls, you did a great job!) spread more loaves than there were in a bakers shop, Terry lost Jenny and went searching for her... Jenny lost Terry and went searching for him. Happy reunion! And the big Entrance of the day. POOH DOG, in all her glory, nursed, cuddled and thoroughly spoiled by all.

A great day! And we WILL have another mini-con next year, that's a promise. But PLEASE, let's get the Big One over first!

Many thanks to all who assisted. We couldn't have managed without you. And thanks to everyone for just coming along from all over England to enjoy yourself. We raised almost enough for George Takei's airfare.

Isn't that just great?

STAG ARE VERY HONOURED TO BE ABLE TO PRINT THE FOLLOWING ITEM, WHICH WAS WRITTEN
TO ALL OF YOU.

A LETTER FROM DEFOREST KELLEY.

Dear Jenny,

.....After I returned from New York, Carolyn and I sat down one rainy day and read every letter and poem, and all the picture folders in your "Bundle from Britain." We truly enjoyed all the artwork, photos of the ponies and dogs, and your beautiful English Countryside pictures. Every letter was very special, and I was particularly touched by the story of Lynne, the ten year old victim of Leukaemia. It's a very special feeling to know that one has managed to bring some joy into a life all too brief. I was most impressed with the love and devotion of the English fans. I even enjoyed your dissection of McCoy's surgical procedures and clinical methods...but then, what else would one expect from a nurse on Earth?

I hope you can manage to convey in some way my thanks and appreciation to all the fans in Britain who contributed. They are, as you might say, "A bunch of luvs."

Most sincerely,

DeForest Kelley.

Follow that, as they say.....

....Which Jenny, of course, will proceed to do. (She's all go, this kid!)

DEFOREST KELLEY REPORTS ON NEW YORK STAR TREK CONVENTION!

(Taped messages, broadcasted during ST re-runs on Channel 48, Philadelphia.)

Monday, 18th Feb. Hi! This is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy, with my special report from the Star Trek Convention in New York. The convention is being held at the Americana Hotel in downtown Manhattan, and is sponsored by a committee of fourteen people, each with a specified duty such as art show director or press and publicity. I attended a press party Thursday night and I was flabbergasted to learn that they'll expect more than 12,000 fans here by Saturday night. The Americana is already receiving fans from California to Canada, and as far away as Hawaii and West Germany. They're here with cameras and tape recorders, art work...you name it, they got it, and they're all downstairs anxious and ready to register and get on with this show. This is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy, and I'll have more news for you on Star Trek tomorrow night.

Tuesday, 19th Feb. Hi, this is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy with my special report from the Star Trek convention in New York. Hey, did you ever start up a conversation with Spock and find out he was a made-to-scale dummy? Carol Swoboda from North Carolina has made one so real, you're sure he'll open his mouth and say "Totally Illogical, Dr McCoy." The art

show contained some of the finest work by young and talented people I've ever seen, but would you like to buy a tribble, or a picture of Captain Kirk? You can do it all, they've got this and more down in the dealers room. Now if it's relating to Star Trek in any way, I'm sure it's somewhere in that room. Professional dealers and fourteen year old entrepreneurs sit side by side just talking their wares. It's a lot of fun. This is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy, and I'll have some more news on the convention tomorrow night.

Wednesday 20th Feb. Hi, this is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy with my special report from the Star Trek Convention in New York. The programme started with Dorothy C. Fontana, story editor and script writer of the live action Star Trek, and associate producer on the animated series. Soon to follow were George Takei, who now produces his own talk show over KNBC in California, and Nichelle Nichols, who has taken time from her night club appearances and recording dates to appear here this weekend. Walter Koenig, better known as Chekov, who's well received directing efforts may bring him to Broadway was to appear later that afternoon. My own entrance onto the stage was greeted by the most thunderous and moving ovation it has been my astounded pleasure to receive. The waves of love flowing across the auditorium were almost visible. This is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy. I'll have more news on the convention for you tomorrow night.

Thursday 21st Feb. Hi, this is DeForest Kelley, Star Trek's Dr McCoy with my special report from the Star Trek Convention in New York. Isaac Asimov is one of the foremost science fiction writers in America today, and his speech at the convention ran ten minutes over his allotted hour, but no-one noticed. The first five minutes were devoted to Star Trek, and the remaining time was devoted to Isaac, nobody minded that either. A lecture on Astronomy... sure, when it's given by Hal Clement with huge colour slides and fascinating Star Trek asides. Hal is great fun and he attends every convention on the seaboard side. And David Gerrold who wrote "Trouble with Tribbles" and became immortal in the minds of all Star Trek fans, he spoke here today too and his speech was both funny and fascinating. This is DeForest Kelley Star Trek's Dr McCoy, and I'll have more news on the Star Trek Convention tomorrow night.....

Transcribed By FLOSS DEL VECCHIO.

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MORE NEXT TIME FOLKS!

THE NEW ENGLAND NIMOYAN ASSOCIATION. The NENA is a chapter association of the LNAF for Leonard Nimoy, dedicated to supporting LN in his activities. Membership includes an LN photo-membership card in colour, a 5 X 7 colour photo of Leonard Nimoy, 20 sheets of LN-ST stationery by Charlene Taylor and an artistically designed, offset printed, special edition zine, dedicated to Leonard Nimoy...now being compiled. DUES FOR European and English members, \$5, and all things will be sent airmail. Write; Charlene Taylor, 25, Morehouse Ave Stratford, Conn 06497, USA.

WILLIAM SHATNER APPRECIATION SOCIETY. The WSAS is an international organisation, which is run with the complete approval and consent of Mr Shatner, and contains all current information on his acting career. For complete information, write to Sue Kotar, President, Clifton Park Apts, Bld 2, Apt 10-N, Mechanicville, New York, 122118, USA.

**A NEW STAG FEATURE!
CLUB SPOTLIGHT!**

A review of the Star Trek clubs, both here and in the states. Any club wishing to be reviewed, please send ALL details, plus a newsletter or zine. Remember, STAG is the largest club in Europe. We could put yours on the map!

THIS MONTH!.....WILLIAM SHATNER ENTERPRISES.

PRESIDENT: C HRIS JONES, 222, Manchester Road, Heaton Norris, Stockport, Cheshire.

The aims of WSE. To honour William Shatner, the man and the actor, and to promote his name in England. DUES 80p per year. (Don't forget SAE when enquiring.)

THE CLUB. WSE was formed this year, and already has an enthusiastic band of followers, who are genuinely interested in William Shatner. Even if you are not a 100% fan of Bill, this club is recommended for every Star Trek Fan...Chris PS Jones will do the rest of the conversion job! She has tons of energy...give us some Chris!...and with her usual warmth and friendliness, she will answer all your queries. This club is something we have needed in England for years, so now we have it, let's support it! There is more to Star Trek than Leonard Nimoy and Spock. No-one should be so introverted that they don't realise the obvious talent of the other Star Trek actors.

THE NEWSLETTERS. These are really great, and well worth waiting for. They come every two months, and often include a pic of Bill as a free additional extra. This is no "One page newsletter, three page ads" effort, but is full of news articles, and related fiction, which is good to read, interesting, and well worth the small fee of 80p. Chris has used her imagination, the newsletters are intelligently thought out and put together, and makes 8 - 10 pages of worthwhile reading.

GOOD LUCK PS!MAY THE SYNDROME YOU CAUGHT NEVER FLY QUITE AS FAR AS PARADISE!
You gotta save some for us!

CONVENTION NOTE. You will all be able to meet PS at the IST BRITISH STAR TREK CONVENTION, where she will have a WSE club table. YIPPEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL BILL SHATNER FANS! William Shatner has promised us a voice tape for the convention, which we will relay to all members, and hope to auction afterwards in aid of charity. I just don't know where some people get the idea from that Bill is unco-operative and cannot be approached. Both he and Sue Kotar of WSAS are the most helpful people anyone could wish for, and I am only sorry that I was given the wrong impression of both to begin with. Long may our co-operation continue into the future, and we all hope to hear lot more of Bill and his work.

OUR NEXT CLUB SPOTLIGHT WILL BE THE JAMES DOOHAN INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB, IF ANNA SENDS ME THE GEN ON TIME. WELL, WE CAN'T ALL GO GADDING OFF IN SEARCH OF THE SUN, CAN WE?HI, ANNA!

AND NOW FOR A BIT OF NONSENCE.....SPOOF TREK, by Floss Del Vecchio.

Space, the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Starship Enterprise, it's five year re-run mission (2½ years out and 2½ years back) to explore strange used planets, to seek out new sponsors and has-been civilisations, to boldly go where no man ever wanted to go before.

LEONARD NIMOY'S SPEECH AT THE NEW YORK CONVENTION. (Or as much of it as I was able to get down on paper.)

"All of us are proud of this phenomenon. Given opportunity, it gives a spiritual experience, and elevates us. On this planet and in this society, I believe a concept has developed of universal consciousness. Drama at it's best touches this. It speaks the thoughts of the audience, and, being expressed, people are elevated in a communal experience. We are proud to be involved in this phenomenon, that touches on this concept. It is exciting, imaginative and beautiful.

I recently read a book called "The Secret Life of Plants", which discussed the levels of consciousness, and other ways of transmitting ideas and information and communication on another level of experience. These concepts exist. It is difficult to move civilisations to go beyond their own ways, but it is possible for man to heighten his senses without the use of drugs. When every thing is a mess, what certainty can we count on? "The Sun will rise," for we can count on this to give us warmth, light, existence and love.

There is a need for this kind of hope. When I was producing a documentary for primary schools, one of the students found scratched on a door; "I AM". Why did this person do that? Did it mean; "Please notice me?" or "Have I discovered the reality of me, with soul and being?" This is an important concept. There are realities which go beyond consciousness when stimulated by concern.

Wither Star Trek? Well, I have no special dealings on the subject. There is an economic factor involved, and the show is still making money in syndication. But we all have a common interest and a common hope. I am proud of You and I, as it communicated my personal thoughts. At first it was to have a limited publication of 2,000, but now numbers 300,000! My second book is called "Will I think of you" and is published by the same publisher.

LEONARD NIMOY ASSOCIATION OF FANS. A MUST for LN fans. Regular newsletters, and a really super yearbook. WRITE; Louise Stange, 4612, Denver Court, Englewood, Ohio, USA.

WOT YOU SAY....ABOUT STAG'S ARTICLES? (And keep 'em coming!)

Heather Lennon..... "I liked that article on the English language, that's one thing that really gets me going, people corrupting our beautiful language, and the Americans are the worst offenders."

Lynne Bates..... "Whilst agreeing with you on most of your valid points, I must disagree about what you said on Spock... Spock's ma was human, right? She was most probably American (ED NOTE. OF COURSE!) as the Yankees had a habit of being the first to land and colonise new planets, getting there before the Russians and Orientals. Now, I know they didn't colonise Vulcan, but you get my meaning, huh? Whilst Kirk--that all American clean cut American boy (yuk) speaks pure Americaneese, on no account can this be said of Spock."

Becca Oroukin..... "The article on the Americanisation of Star Trek was interesting. I'm no super patriot; the Omega Glory nauseated me... the good ol' USA way will conquer all eh? HuH!"

Johanna Butler..... "I agree with you about the ST annuals. Also, on the Kirk/Spock relationship, I agree with Anne Wigmore. Brotherhood is wonderful."

NOW YOU CAN ALL HUSH UP AND SEE WHAT CHRIS PS HAS TO SAY. She dared me to include this article. I will TRY to type it without making comments of my own....Jenny.

I may be in the minority when it comes to challenging the opinion that Star Trek is over-Americanised, but the articles and letters on this subject annoyed me.

To those who pointed out that everyone on Star Trek speaks with an American accent, I suggest you watch Dr Who. Their cast of Aliens all speak with ENGLISH accents, and they don't attempt to make it international either!

As for the note that ST excludes other races from key roles...the Engineer is a key role, and so is the helmsman, navigator and communications officer. There ARE other nationalities aboard, but everyone can't be shown, and the bridge crew is a minor representation of the whole.

When Jenny wrote the two articles, I think she dismissed the fact that the sponsors of the programme held the thing to many restrictions, the result of which Jenny has unfairly criticised. Surely the network had a right to cater for home viewers. After all they lashed out the money, not us.....

THANKS CHRIS! It seems strange that only one American has commented on this touchy subject. Any of you across the "Pond" like to comment. Don't all kiss Chris at once, though. But please feel free to comment.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT:

(Have any of you noticed yet that our newsletter looks different.?? Aah well!)

JAMES DOOHAN INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB. One of the greatest for one or the greatest!

This is a great club. You'll ALL be rans or Jim by the end of September, so why don't you start as you mean to carry on! For details, write Jenny Elson. Don't forget to enclose SAE, please.;

SUPPORT THE ENGLISH CLUBS! BEYOND ANTARES, Sheila Hull, 35, Merley Ways, Wimbourne, Dorset. STERB. John Hind/Michael Rossiter, 14, Bingham Road, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham. WSE. Chris Jones, 222, Manchester Road, Heaton Norris, Stockport.

WHEN WRITING TO ANY CLUB FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE ENCLOSE SAE OR IRC. IMPORTANT!

BETA NIOBE 2 NOW ON SALE, PRICE 40p INCLUDING POSTAGE..Also available, ANGRY SUNSET, the story of McCoy's marriage and divorce, and 70 OPHICUS, stories about the crew as children. (30p including postage.)

OTHER STAG PUBLICATIONS ON SALE AT THE CONVENTION.

ATTENTION ALL STAG MEMBERS LIVING NEAR LEICESTER! The Convention committee are planning a COFFEE EVENING, providing enough local members are willing to support such a venture. For a small entrance fee, there will be coffee and biscuits, tapes, slides and friendship. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Elson. We need to know fairly soon, because we have to book a room. Jenny doesn't live in a mansion, and couldn't accommodate everyone. Let me know, you Woollybacks!

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