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## Captain's Log



David and I just got back from our awesome vacation to the Caribbean. Stay tuned for our travel logs to hear about our exciting time. We were kept out at sea for an extra two days due to Hurricane Rita, and weren't sure for a while where we would be porting to on the return trip. Please keep the survivors of both Katrina and Rita in your thoughts as they try to rebuild their lives and mourn their loved ones who were not so lucky.

Thanks to everyone who donated money for the Pioneer to send to the Red Cross to help those who were impacted. With the Pioneer's \$100, we managed to collect a total of \$300 to send. It's winging its way to the Red Cross now, and soon will be matched for a total of \$600. I also know that others had matching gift plans at their jobs and donated money through them. If you did this, please let me know how much so we can let everyone know the total that we as a group came up with. Way to go, Pioneer!!!

Events recently that we've seen.... the tea tour was really fun and although I couldn't play, we had a good turnout at laser quest and then the movie Serenity.

Events coming up. Don't forget our party on the 5th of November. We'll produce a special edition of the Silver Bulletin for this one, so send us an article on how you joined the Pioneer, or what you enjoy most, favorite outing, etc.

We also have Mile High Convention, please attend and help us out. If you don't want to attend the entire con, but wouldn't mind helping out behind the table, let me know, we might get a couple of badges for that sort of thing.

Until next month;

Commodore Debby Horst  
Commanding Officer  
USS Pioneer





September the end of Summer, the weather starts to change to colder, the Aspen trees change their colors to bright yellows and reds and the kids head back to start another year of School. Ahh vacation time ...

The Pioneer crew had an awesome chicken dinner at White Fence Farms after the meeting; thanks Audi for setting that up for us. Rob and Natalie set up a tour of Celestial Seasonings, I hadn't been there in many years and we had a great time and everyone's favorite was the mint room. Sure cleans out the sinuses! We brought back a lot of new flavors as well as a few old favorite blends from the store and got to sample some new items in the tasting room.

Debby and I celebrated our 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary on a Caribbean Cruise. Our 7 day tour turned into a 9 due to another Hurricane, Rita hitting the gulf coast of Texas and Louisiana. We had a great time and our Captain turned the ship South to avoid the storm. We got an extra port and two more well needed days. We weren't sure when and where we would port but fortunately Galveston wasn't hit very hard and they were able to get power back to the port. We saw a lot of great spots and are already looking to what we want to do next year, maybe somewhere other than the Caribbean and Hurricanes.

Speaking of Hurricanes thanks to everyone who donated either through the Pioneer, which was matched by Debby's employer, or through your own personal or work efforts. If everyone does a little it makes a big difference in the end.

We need a few more members to work on the committees for Mile Hi Con and the big 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary shindig, see one of the Senior Staff to see how you can help out. We also need to start some long term event planning. Who wants to go to Roswell next 4<sup>th</sup> of July? Is there still interest in a roadside attraction road trip? How about the Science Fiction Museum in Seattle? How about the IC in Philadelphia next Aug? How about (your idea here)? There are a lot of great events being planned so make sure you stay tuned to the USS Pioneer channel.

Congratulations to Region 17 for submitting the winning bid for IC 2007. The Denver Adam's Mark Hotel is the site and August 10-12<sup>th</sup> are the



## XO Files (cont)

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dates. Tim Russ will be joining us and helping to Promote Starfleet. Check out all the details at <http://www.ic2007.org> and start making your plans today!

If you aren't on the email list let me know and we will get you added. Hope to see you, and a friend or two at some upcoming events. That's all for this issue, engines ahead full!

*"If we did the things we are capable of we would astound ourselves." -- Thomas Edison*

*"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." -- Rabindranath Tagore*

Fleet Captain David Horst  
Executive Officer  
USS Pioneer NCC 5280-D



## IMHO (contains minor spoilers)

I saw Serenity with the group. Not to spoil it, but I'm going to have to go and see it again. The cast were great together, and some of the surprises came way out of left field. If you haven't seen it yet, please go. I was really impressed with Summer Glau who played River, but honestly, I loved everyone. Oh, and bring some tissue.

Surface is kinda strange. The chick from Boston Legal who wore the slutty clothes is on it, and its kinda cool so far, but I'm not sure where its going. We'll have to stay tuned for this one, and hope its not a one trick pony. Also, the kid with the eyebrows is going to get something bitten off if he's not careful, and I don't feel too upset at that prospect.

What the hell is going on with Battlestar Galactica? I really thought that what was going on with Boomer and Number Six prisoners was really over the top. Now what will happen to our two heros? Adama sounds like he means business with Admiral Cain, who is a real crazy you-know-what. I hope he kicks her tail. Wonder if we will run into 'Sheba' on this Pegasus. Only time will tell.



## TOP SCI FI LIST

Even if I don't go there a lot one of my favorite websites is "The top Sci Fi Books and Films" <<http://home.austarnet.com.au/petersykes/topscifi/index.html>>. It has

some of the best stuff listed and a few interesting discussions. I even used a couple of their lists for the top ten list on the back of this newsletter. Right now

they're taking a poll on what you folks think is the best Sci Fi books., so I recommend going there and putting your two cents worth in.



## MILE HI CON SUITE

Please let me know if you plan to be helping out in the con suite at Mile Hi Con, or if you plan to contribute in any other way to the food supplies. Any money I receive will go toward supplies and ensuring that we have enough food for everyone during the 2 hours that we will be hosting the suite. The following supplies are assured at this time.

Peanut butter & jelly  
bread  
celery and stuffing for them

What we need:

Plates?

candy, preferably the small wrapped stuff given to trick or treaters.

Any other suggestions?

Karina

## IMHO (cont)

Saw Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Johnny Depp was good, but really strange. I think that Willy was a lot more wacked out than I like. Now I'm going to have to pull out my dog eared book from the shelves and see if he was really that dysfunctional in the book.

Atlantis left us with a lost boy pickle--what's going to happen to our little team? I bet that Ford dies off, but you never know. The 4400 really ticked me off with their cliffhanger! Jordan coming back, just as Kyle is confessing to the murder?

So what do you think of what's happening on tv these days? Drop me a note and let me know.

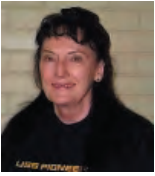
just my humble opinion

Debby



## Medical

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The social activities started immediately after our September meeting. Nineteen of us went to the White Fence Farm for a delicious dinner and also had lots of time to explore their very interesting grounds. After dinner, several went on to a movie (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) while others spent more time at the farm.

Personally, I took a horse-drawn carriage ride, which was recommended by Kari, and I was able to ride up front with the driver since the carriage was full. (You were right, Kari; it was fun!)

The next Saturday many of us took the Celestial Seasonings tour arranged by Natalie and Rob and enjoyed both the tour (mint vault still the outstanding feature for me) and the free samples. Several of us also spent lots of money in the gift shop. The day concluded with a late lunch or early dinner--whatever the afternoon version of brunch should be called.

The following weekend, I spent in Salt Lake City attending Seventh Fleet's first convention, Mountain Con. It was chaired by Carl Stark, and he and his staff did a great job! It was a one-day con so I couldn't attend everything that I would have liked as there were several simultaneous activities and panels throughout the day, but I enjoyed what I did see. Guests at Mountain Con included Vaughn Armstrong (Admiral Forrest, Korath, Telek and other ST characters), Reno Owens (the voice of Taun We and Senator Nee Alavar in Star Wars), Bill Blair (many sci-fi series aliens), Craig Richard Nelson (Star Trek characters Vaskan Arbiter and Inspector Krag), William Sargent (Dr. Thomas Leighton in ST TOS), and Mary Rice (the young T'Pring on ST TOS).

After the panels concluded, some clubs had hospitality rooms. I spent most of the time with the USS Kelly crew whom I had met during the Pioneer's trip to Vernal a couple of years ago and also had seen at several Star Fest cons. Good food and good company! Speaking of good company, I also spent part of the weekend with Kathryn and Brooks--and Griff, of course. I didn't see any other people from the Denver area.

The day concluded with an evening performance by the Switchblade Kittens from Los Angeles--a four-girl-one-guy band with three bass players, a drummer, and a vocalist. It was a fun concert; at the end, they threw out rubber spiders and mice to the audience!

Sunday morning, many attendees joined Carl and his staff for brunch in the hotel before heading home. As soon as they establish a date for their convention next year, I plan to send in my reservation. It was an interesting and well-organized con, and I look forward to going back for

## Medical (cont)



their next one.

Our next convention here in Denver will be MileHi Con with the Pioneer participating in the con suite and Critter Crunch (revenge of Fluffy?) and also having a fan table. I'm sure all the details will be covered by other people at this meeting.

I'll miss this October meeting as I'll be in Los Angeles, attending Starfleet Region 4 Conference hosted by the USS Angeles. As he did when I was on medical leave, our capable Assistant CMO Bob has offered to take over the Medical Department for this meeting. Thanks again, Bob!

Fleet Captain Audi Jack  
Chief of Medical / Counselor



## OCP Report

During September, Debby and David submitted \$2,500 in OCP coupons (\$1,000 food and \$1,500 nonfood) and I added \$214.65 (\$85.90 food and \$128.75 nonfood). Added to our January-August total of \$51,744.63, our year-to-date total is \$54,459.28.

As a reminder, please sort your coupons and mark the envelopes "food" (everything that is for human consumption and has calories) and "nonfood" (everything else). If you have two-for-one or buy-one-get-one-free coupons, they usually have a maximum value printed on them; if they do not, just estimate the value.

If you package the coupons in bags or envelopes not exceeding about \$500 each, they are easier for me to repack for mailing. Trimming the coupons as much as possible keeps postage costs down.

Please check coupon expiration dates and only submit ones that are no older than two months past expiration dates. Manufacturers will accept them from overseas bases and posts as much as six months after expiration but it may take several weeks for the military to transport the packages between the APO address and the installation where the coupons are used.

Thanks again for your continued support of this very worthwhile project.

Audi

Fleet Captain Audi Jack  
OCP Coordinator





# Engineering

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September was a busy month for the Engineering Department. I did a lot of research into how to build a battlebot, checking out eight books from the Denver Library and searching countless websites for tips and information to build our critter. Our official name for the Critter Crunch this year is Fluffy 2.0 The Wrath of Fluffy.

Engineering got together on September 29<sup>th</sup> to start the build of Fluffy. Everybody pitched in with great ideas and effort and we got off to a good start, planning the build. I had already purchased two rechargeable drills for their motors, gears and rechargeable batteries. These will make up Fluffy's power train. I also purchased wiring, switches and a project box to build Fluffy's control box. Joe Horak had a great idea to reuse the drill cases and drill triggers to control Fluffy's movements. We may use this idea for the controls. After much discussion, laying out of parts, pizza and pop, we came up with our plan.

I went out this past weekend and purchased Fluffy's armor/body. Alan Shaklee, Dee Horak and I went on a parts scavenging trip and purchased Fluffy's pulley wheels and drive belts. David Horst is putting the fluff in Fluffy by providing the same fur for this project that covered last years Fluffy.

We will start actually building Fluffy on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at a get together at the Horak's. I'll relay how the build went and how the Critter Crunch turned out in next months article which will also include pictures! We will also have a fluffy surprise for the Pioneer crew that will be provided by Natalie at the Mile Hi Con!

The neatest thing about Fluffy this year is everyone's input and team effort. I think it will all pay off when Fluffy hits the Critter Crunch arena at Mile Hi Con.

Rotok Rob Briscoe organized and was OIC for a tour of Celestial Seasonings tea factory in Boulder, Colorado. Among other things we learned that all Celestial Seasoning tea is produced and shipped from the one plant in Boulder and that the company owns several natural food lines as well as making great tea. The crew were able to sample a number of teas and were then led on a tour of the plant. My favorite moment of the day was the white and red striped Mint Room where many large bags of fresh mint are stored. When you walk into the room you are inundated with the strongest mint smell you have ever



encountered! It instantly clears sinuses and you can actually taste the mint in the air if you open your mouth! The high concentration of mint in the air causes a slight stinging in yours eyes. This is one room you won't want to miss if you take the tour. Afterwards we all shopped in the well stocked gift shop and stocked up on much tea for the coming winter. Thanks for a fun and interesting event Rob!

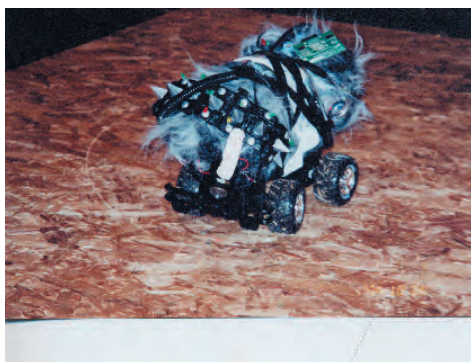
Eight of our intrepid crew showed up for Laser Quest this month. It wasn't as busy as usual and we got into a game right away. Alan "Dead Last" Shaklee took first place this game and XO-David Horst took fifth place. I know that others in the crew placed high as well. Great job crew! Dee Horak braved Laser Quest for her first time and I think we got her hooked on the fun. The USS Pioneer has a regular event at Laser Quest every other month. Come join us next time for fun, frolic and laser blast of a time!

'Til next time,



Gary

(fluffy 1.0)





# Pioneer Calendar



## October

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
|     |     |      |     |      |     | 1   |
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| 30  | 31  |      |     |      |     |     |



## November



| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| 13  | 14  | 15   | 16  | 17   | 18  | 19  |
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| 27  | 28  | 29   | 30  |      |     |     |






## December



| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| 11  | 12  | 13   | 14  | 15   | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19  | 20   | 21  | 22   | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26  | 27   | 28  | 29   | 30  | 31  |

# Save the Date!!



| <b>October</b>  |             |   |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| 1               | Noon        | Laser Quest<br>Gary Hudson, <a href="mailto:security@usspioneer.net">security@usspioneer.net</a>  |
| 8               | Noon        | USS Pioneer Meeting<br>Debby Horst, <a href="mailto:debby@usspioneer.net">debby@usspioneer.net</a>  |
| 10              | 8pm         | Frightmare Haunted House<br>David Horst <a href="mailto:dhorst@usspioneer.net">dhorst@usspioneer.net</a>  |
| 21-23           | All day     | Mile Hi Con: Pioneer Con Suite and Critter Crunch <a href="mailto:debby@usspioneer.net">debby@usspioneer.net</a>  |
| 31              | All day     | <br>BOOO!  |
| <b>November</b> |             |   |
| 5               | 2 – 10P     | USS Pioneer 10th Anniversary Party<br>Debby Horst, <a href="mailto:debby@usspioneer.net">debby@usspioneer.net</a>                                       |
| 12              | Noon        | USS Pioneer Meeting<br>Debby Horst, <a href="mailto:debby@usspioneer.net">debby@usspioneer.net</a>  |
| 19              | all day     | Outing to Idaho Springs for a dip in the springs. See Rob Briscoe for more details  |
| 24              | All day     | <br><b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!</b>                                       |
| 26              | Noon<br>- ? | Annual Thanksgiving dinner and movie marathon at David and Debby's place<br>Debby Horst, <a href="mailto:debby@usspioneer.net">debby@usspioneer.net</a> |
| <b>December</b> |             |   |
| 3               | Noon        | Laser Quest<br>Gary Hudson, <a href="mailto:security@usspioneer.net">security@usspioneer.net</a>  |
| 10              | Noon        | USS Pioneer Meeting<br>Debby Horst, <a href="mailto:debby@usspioneer.net">debby@usspioneer.net</a>  |
| 25              | All day     | <br><b>Merry Christmas</b>   |

Have an Idea for an Event?. Contact David or Debby Horst at [command@usspioneer.net](mailto:command@usspioneer.net) or at the monthly meetings.



# Happy Birthday

| <b>OCTOBER</b>          |           |   |
|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| Stephen Collins         | 1         | <i>William Decker [STI]</i>                 |
| Avery (Sisko) Brooks    | 2         | <i>STDS9</i>                                |
| Persis (Ilia) Khambatta | 2         | <i>ST Motion Picture</i>                    |
| <b>David Reinecke</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>USS Pioneer</b>                          |
| Todd Bryant             | 8         | <i>Klaa [STV]</i>                           |
| Scott Bakula            | 9         | <i>STE (Archer)</i>                         |
| Beverly Crusher         | 13        | <i>STNG</i>                                 |
| Mark Leonard            | 15        | <i>Sarek</i>                                |
| <b>Charlie Krinsky</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>USS Pioneer</b>                          |
| Christopher Lloyd       | 22        | <i>Kruge [STIII]</i>                        |
| Ira Steven Behr         | 23        | <i>DS9</i>                                  |
| F. Murray Abraham       | 23        | <i>Ru'afo [ST Insurrection]</i>             |
| John Winston            | 24        | <i>Kyle [TOS]</i>                           |
| Harry Mudd              | 26        | <i>STOS</i>                                 |
| Robert Picardo          | 27        | <i>Holodoc [VOY]</i>                        |
| William Campbell        | 30        | <i>Koloth [TOS/DS9],<br/>Trelaine [TOS]</i> |
| <b>Tristan Cloud</b>    | <b>31</b> | <b>USS Pioneer</b>                          |

| <b>NOVEMBER</b>       |           |   |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Alan Shaklee</b>   | <b>03</b> | <b>USS Pioneer</b>                      |
| <b>Doug DeCounter</b> | <b>04</b> | <b>USS Pioneer</b>                      |
| Armin Shimerman       | 05        | <i>Quark [DS9]</i>                      |
| Alfre Woodard         | 08        | <i>Lily [ST 1<sup>st</sup> Contact]</i> |
| Robert Duncan McNeill | 09        | <i>Paris [Voy]</i>                      |
| Max Grodenchick       | 12        | <i>[ST DS9] Rom</i>                     |
| Whoopi Goldberg       | 13        | <i>[STNG] Guinan</i>                    |
| Terry Farrell         | 19        | <i>[ST DS9] Jadzia Dax</i>              |
| Robert Beltran        | 19        | <i>[Voy] Chakotay</i>                   |
| Alexander Siddig      | 21        | <i>[ST DS9] Bashir</i>                  |
| Laurence Luckinbill   | 21        | <i>[ST V] Sybok</i>                     |
| <b>Duane Jonland</b>  | <b>24</b> | <b>USS Pioneer</b>                      |
| Denise Crosby         | 24        | <i>[STNG] Tasha Yar</i>                 |
| Dwight Schultz        | 24        | <i>[STNG / Voy] Barkley</i>             |
| Ricardo Montalban     | 25        | <i>[STOS / ST II] Kahn</i>              |





## Out Now

Robots

Star Trek Enterprise - Season 3

Kolchak: The Night Stalker

Stargate SG-1 - Season 8 Boxed Set

## October 18, 2005

Batman Begins (Deluxe Edition)

Land of the Dead (Unrated Edition)

## October 25, 2005

Alias Season 4

## November 1, 2005

Aliens Of The Deep (IMAX)

Star Wars EP III – Revenge of the Sith

War of the Worlds (1953) Special Edition

Star Trek Enterprise – Season 4

## November 8, 15 and 22, 2005

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Madagascar

Skeleton Key

Stealth

Stargate Atlantis Season 1

War of the Worlds (2005)

There are more than 200 new releases each week. There are just a small sampling I thought might be of interest. Check out our affiliate link to Amazon.com [http://www.usspioneer.net/Affiliate\\_programs.html](http://www.usspioneer.net/Affiliate_programs.html) and help support the USS Pioneer and its' charities. Enjoy – David



**Debby**

- The Pioneer will donate \$100 to the Hurricane Katrina Relief fund via the Red Cross, others can donate for a matching gift
- We need pictures for the scrapbook. If they're electronic format, please put them on a CD.
- We did very well when participating in the Library's annual book sale.
- TJ is visiting today.
- Party Costume theme is "Your Favorite Fictional Science Fiction Character"

**Audi**

- Some Birthdays for this month: David Reineke and Nikki Hudson
- The OCP program was created to allow military families to have assistance with buying groceries. Coupons can be used up to 6 months after their expiration date. Sort coupons into food & non-food, and place the total amount on the envelope. We're at \$51,744.63 for the year.

**Rob**

- The Celestial Seasonings tour is on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll do a late lunch and maybe a movie afterwards.
- We're planning to hot tub at Idaho Springs. west on I-70. You have to set up a hotel room. This is planned for Saturday, November 19. This is a covered pool, so weather won't be a factor.

**Gary**

- Laser Quest next month, Oct. 1 at noon. Hampden & Yosemite. We usually go at the 12:30 session. Call and confirm.
- The Serenity movie will be that day. A Serenity Comic book graphic novel is available at Borders.
- We're going to do a spaceship-building panel at the MileHi Con. It's been a pretty popular feature.

**Dee**

- We're going to have a viewing of the 1953 edition of War of the Worlds. It will be on a Tuesday.

**Karina**

- We're working on the food for the con suite with Mile Hi Con. If you bring food, try to bring enough of a quantity that can help us cover 2 hours.

**David**

- Certificates for Mitch and Charles for their memberships
- I need for pictures of people who weren't here last month for the website. We're also beginning preparations for the calendar.
- Our Amazon affiliates program is doing really well. This helps us by getting 2-5% to help pay for the website and administrative costs.
- In October, we start the election cycle with nominations for CO, XO, and second officer. You have to take a test to be eligible for those positions.
- (Karina) An opening in the newsletter is coming up.
- Charity coordination is in Medical. If you have any ideas, contact Audi.

# Ships Log



# The Pioneer turns 10!! Come join in the fun!!

**When:** The party is on November 5, 2005

**Time:** 2pm until around 10pm  
Dinner starts at 5 pm, award ceremony at 6pm

**Where:** The Party will be at Patio Homes club house off of Eaton St. near 72nd & Sheridan. From I-25 take I-70 West. Exit at Sheridan and go North (right turn). When you reach 72nd street turn left. The 2nd street on the left should be Eaton Street. After you turn onto Eaton you will see the parking lot for the club house on your right. It will be the building with a swimming pool right after the tennis courts.

**What to bring:**

A raffle item

Your favorite beverage (responsible alcohol usage allowed)

Your favorite games

A friend or family member

**What's for dinner:** A yummy italian feast

**What to wear:** The costume is 'your favorite science fiction character'

Win a prize for best costume!!!

**What can YOU do to help out?**

Bring a raffle prize

Help us decorate/provide decorations

Write an article for our special newsletter edition

To RSVP, please contact one of the Senior Staff.



# Sci Fi Snippets

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## Smallville

Now that Jor-El has stripped Clark of his powers (bad Clark!), he's really happy to be 'normal' and begins to pursue a relationship with Lana, "no lies, no secrets." Unfortunately, his loved ones are taken hostage and Clark is forced to steal a serum from LutherCorp, without his powers. Lionel has gone a little loopy and gets thrown into Belle Reve by his beloved son, Lex. In another episode, Clark is shot and is rushed to the hospital where he hovers close to death. Lex also faces his own serious surgery that might bring him back in touch with his dad.

## Lost



Sawyer and Jin are forced to lead their captors back to their camp. Michael is out looking for Michael. We'll see two major characters leave this season, the first one is supposed to be a female's death, and the monster does not get her. The second one is a male, who doesn't necessary die, but could just disappear. We get more of Shannon's backstory, which might be connected to Jack's

backstory..... his wife Sarah, (before she was his wife) killed a man named Rutherford in a car accident. Shannon's dad died and his last name was Rutherford.

## Battlestar Galactica



This one is off for a little while, but when it comes back, Lee discovers an entire mafia-life band of criminals while he investigates the murder of an officer. He also gets to meet up with an old lover. Also, Rosslyn's illness gets worse, and Admiral Cain starts to lose it. A

woman takes one of the ships hostage, demanding that Adama turn over Sharon to her for vengeance. Adama gets a promotion to Admiral....

**4400** has been renewed for 13 new episodes, scheduled to air beginning June 2006.

## Addendum:

There's a website trying to ensure that Peter Jackson and New Line Cinema realize that there's great interest in having them do "The Hobbit". It's at <http://www.thehobbitfilm.com/>. They've



already received a letter from co-CEO/co-Chairman of New Line Cinema, Robert Shaye that basically states that they are aware of the desire of the fans and also wish to see it happen but that it will take time and that no discussions have occurred yet with MGM regarding the rights.

Also: Peter Jackson is now the executive producer planning to bring the video game HALO to the big screen. For more information go to <http://www.scifi.com/scifiwire2005/index.php?category=0&id=3269>

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Reporting by Kaity Storm

## Planetary Society

Since the USS Pioneer is a member of the Planetary Society, I thought that you folks would be interested in this letter from the Society. (edited for size)

Dear Members,

The Planetary Society and its Members took a bold and daring step in creating and launching the world's first-ever solar sail spacecraft.

We were all incredibly proud. Indeed, in the hours following Cosmos 1's historic launch from a Russian ICBM rocket on June 21, 2005 ...As you probably know now, the worst occurred -- the launch vehicle failed...

Losing Cosmos 1 was a tough blow. But even though this was our first attempt, in no way is this the last time we aim for the stars. From all over the Earth, the messages have been pouring in to the Society, and nearly all of them calling for the same thing: "Let's build the next solar sail!". Even the NASA engineers who are working on solar sail technology -- with no current flight plan -- are urging us to try again.

And that's just what we plan to do -- if we can gather the funds from our own Members and energize private citizens around the world. In fact, we feel confident that we can fly again -- perhaps as soon as the end of next year -- if two things happen immediately: First, as I said, we need to secure funding for a new solar sail. And second, we need to find a more reliable launch vehicle. We will not fly on a Volna again.



## Society (Cont)

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In order to get going now, we'll use our existing and experienced team. But we must raise \$250,000 right away to start the spacecraft work and negotiate with new launch vehicle suppliers, and to keep from losing our momentum. These are the first steps.....Contribute to the mission at: <https://planetary.org/donations.html>

....

I believed then, as I believe now, space is a very tough place. Exploring it constantly pushes us to the absolute limits of our creativity and innovation, testing us like nothing else. NASA knows this, as do all who have tried to enter space.

The Society will not quit. With supporters like you at our side we are again up for the challenge. I promise that your contribution will be immediately put to work creating a new solar sail and an even better chance at revolutionizing exploration through interstellar flight.

So please let me hear back from you right away. Thanking you in advance,  
Louis Friedman  
Executive Director

Help us Create a New Solar Sail at: <https://planetary.org/donations.html>

P.S. In this month's Planetary Report you will find an updated report on the Volna failure and the loss of Cosmos 1.

You can also read the update online at: [http://planetary.org/solarsail/update\\_20050930.html](http://planetary.org/solarsail/update_20050930.html)





## Local Expirations:

Expiring: Oct-Nov: The Horst Family, Alan Shaklee, Rose Berg, Gallegos Family, DeCounter Family and Marty Tinianow

Renewed – David Reineke – Thanks for your continued support.

\* If you have any Pioneer membership concerns or questions, please direct them to [command@usspioneer.net](mailto:command@usspioneer.net) .

## SFI Expirations:

Expired – The McKeal Family, the Harrod Family

Expiring Oct-Dec: Jack Family, Decounter Family, Gallegos Family

\* You can join/renew online @ [www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org)

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Expired: Mckeal Family



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