MAIN COMPUTER

Newsletter of the International Space:1999 Alliance

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With this issue we will be (hopefully) back on schedule. You may, however, notice a change in editorial style. Due to other commitments, Marty Siegrist has stepped down as Main Computer editor. She felt she would not have the time necessary to keep the newsletter up to the high standards she set. We're sorry to see her leave as editor but look forward to her further contributions to Space:1999 fandom and the convention.

For at least the next couple of issues, your Alliance presidents will attempt to put out the newsletter. This will be our first attempt at publishing a newsletter so please bear with us for at least this first issue. We will do the best we can but a newsletter is only as good as the input it receives. If you like or dislike anything in Main Computer or have something you would like to contribute, PLEASE (!) contact us and let us know how you feel or what you have that you would like to share with other Space:1999 and Gerry Anderson fans.

Lately we have received complaints that the newsletters contain too much convention related material. The Alliance was originally (1977-78) built around creating and holding the first Space:1999 convention. The 1978 "newsletters" consisted of 1 one page (both sides printed) convention flyer, 5 one page (same) convention updates, a Space:1999 questionnaire and a newspaper interview outline. It has grown since then to what it is today. If there is to be a change, what it will be will depend on you. Let us know what you like and dislike about Main Computer and what you would like to see. Of far greater importance, however, is that each of you must be willing to participate in its growth. Main Computer can be anything you want it to be but we can't do it without your participation and contributions. This issue contains several items contributed by members. This practice will continue as long as there is material to print and there is no request to cease and desist.

And now on with the show.

John and Kathy

At this point we would like to ask everyone who has received this issue, but not the first issue to notify us as soon as possible. It seems that while the cost of mailing newsletters has gone up, the service has gone from bad to worse. About one week ago we received a letter from the post office notifying us that because some people send odd shaped items (letters with pens etc. in them) in the mail, a number (quantity unknown) of our newsletters were damaged or destroyed at the post office. If this is the first newsletter you've received this Alliance year, please let us know (a post card will do) and we will send you another copy of the first Main Computer.

...Scanning...

....In the new Bond movie "For Your Eyes Only" we managed to see TOBY ROBINS (Diana Morris in "Bringers of Wonder")and EVA RUEBER-STAIER (Jane in "Force of Life") and wasn't that the guard who held up Tony and Maya in the boarding tube in "Seed of Destruction" who tried to force Bond to fall from the cliffs?....JULIAN GLOVER (Jarak in "Alpha Child") who was also in the Bond movie was also seen on German TV as Alexander Dubcek in "Invasion", a documentary play about the events in Prague during the 1968 Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. ....Yorkshire television's "The Marquise" had RICHARD JOHNSON (Lee Russell in "A Matter of Life and Death") and Diana Rigg (Mrs. Peel in The Avengers) playing opposite each other....Various Alphans were also guest stars on a new 30 minute series of "Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson". Among them were: STACY DORNING (Zova in "The Exiles"), BARRY STOKES (Jim Haines in "Voyager's Return"), GEOFFREY BAYLDON (No. 8 in "One Moment of Humanity") and CATHERINE SCHELL who was also seen on Swedish TV 2 in "The Onedin Line" and on German 2 in the German-English 1965 adaptation of Edgar Wallace "The Jewelgang in Tower" ....PETER BOWLES (Baylor in "End of Eternity") has one of the leading roles in the English comedy series "To The Manor Born" ....Another English comedy series "Agony" was visited by LAURENCE HARRINGTON (Stewart Jackson in"Journey to Where and on the Dorcons") and CLIFTON JONES who was also seen in a 1968 movie "Only When I Larf" (correct Spelling) and in a six--thirty minute part thriller called "Breakaway" !!!.... (info from Steen Pedersen,Solbjerg, Denmark) Many thanks to Steen.

Did anyone else catch DAVE PROWSE (Darth Vader) on the Today show from the Washington desk on November 13. Dave was in Washington as a U. N. representative for the International year of the handicapped child. His main focus is road safety. He is knowneverywhere in England as the Green Cross Man. (sort of a very large crossing guard for children; who's going to argue with him) He was shown watching "The Empire Strikes Back" with children in a hospital. He noted that he was originally given a choice of the Chewbacca and Darth Vader roles by Lucas but chose the Darth Vader role because everyone remembers the villain.... (info from Kathy)

....STEVEN SPIELBERG has started filming "A Boy's Life, formerly titled ET (as in extraterrestrial). It's another trilogy and the special effects will be wrought by CARLO RIMBALDI who designed the "rubber babies" in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"....MICHAEL PHILLIPS, who co-produced "The Sting and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind",recently announced that he'll next produce all three novels of Isaac Asimov's Foundation Trilogy. Not only that, but the three novels will be filmed at the same time and released one month apart. (If only George Lucas would take a hint) .... (info from Todd Ellsworth, Columbus, Oh)

LAST SUNSET

We are sorry to confirm that with the September/October issue, Main Mission Alpha will be closing up shop. MMA was one of the first Space:1999 fan clubs in existence and was well established before the Alliance was even a random thought in someone's mind. Main Mission Alpha provided one of the first sources of information on Space:1999 fandom and one of the first means for fans to contact each other. From its beginnings, MMA has always done its best to promote the concepts of Space:1999 and fandom as a whole. We are sorry to see it close but we would like to deeply thank Mary Bloemker for helping a fledgling 1999 fandom in its early years and for contributing to its growth and direction over the past 6 years.

Mary will be continuing the Fan Fund and the Alpha Log Journal and eveyone interested in submitting artwork, short stories and other material for the Alpha Log Journal or who are interested in the lists of Fan Fund items (whether to buy or donate to) should contact Mary Bloemker at 5 Lamson St./East Boston, Ma 02128 USA. Send a SASE for reply. (overseas send 2 IRCs)

DATELINE:ALPHA

Best wishes to Alan Carter who will be 15 years old on December 19, 1981. His love of aviation was encouraged when his parents allowed him to fly the families private plane.

Best wishes also extended to David Kano who will be 17 on January 29, 1982. He has just switched from his TRS-80 to an IBM 2710 computer.

NEWS FLASH--Dateline--the Moon--An active volcano was just discovered on the moon. They have named it Mount Saint Helena's. (from Terry Bowers)

If you have anything you would like to contribute to Dateline Alpha, please send it to International Space:1999/ Dateline/86 First Street/New London, Ohio 44851-1196

CONS

Members Attend M.A.F.C. Con

Several Alliance members attended the Maryland Association of Fan Clubs convention in Baltimore on November 14-15. Those in attendance were Karen Domain, Linda McCauley, Charmain Chester and Mary Anne Espenshade. A slide show presentation on the Alliance and the previous 4 conventions was given on Sunday. Karen, Linda and Charmain set up a display table on Saturday and Sunday along with representatives from the Elvis Presley fan club, Engelbert Humperdinck fan club, the Movie Buffs of Maryland, The Planetary Society and the Maryland Association of Star Trek. We would like to thank Karen for taking the slides to the convention and to thank all of them for taking part in the promotion of the Alliance and Space:1999.

Space:1999 Con '82

As in the past four cons, this con will have special star speakers, a costume party and contest, an art show/contest and auction, fan club meetings, charity auction, guest star attended banquet (seating limited), role playing games room, a Space:1999 episode and SF films room, an amateur film contest, autograph sessions and discussion panels. Continuing a trend started last year, we will also have several of the popular arcade type video games on the con floor. In addition, this year(perhaps for its only appearance) we will also have a special exhibit entitled Space City USA (for the previous Space:1999 exhibit in England). This room will contain actual models of the spaceships, some of the costumes, artwork and other props from the Space:1999 TV series. There is also a possibility of obtaining some models from other SF movies. We hope to be able to exhibit these items for those who wish to take photographs but this will depend on the number of items, crowd attendance and the behavoir of all involved since many of these items are fragile and one of a kind.

At this time we have received tentative acceptance from Martin Bower. He created about 50 different models for the Space:1999 TV series. He has also worked on models for the British Tv series Dr. Who and Blake's Seven and also on models for the movies Alien, Outland and Flash Gordon. For more information see

articles on Martin in Starlog issues # 29 and 40. Invitations have been sent to additional SF personalities but in order to cut down on the number of rumors on who is or isn't attending, only the names of those who have accepted will be listed. The number of stars we invite will depend on the convention attendance and on the rising cost of airfares. Final guest lists and additions or changes will be listed in future editions of Main Computer.

Convention membership rates have been set. They are: for 3 day adult memberships--$15 until May 31 and $18 after May 31 and at the door; for 3 day under 14 memberships--$8 until May 31 and $12 after May 31 and at the door. One day memberships also available. Banquet tickets are $25 each at all times while available (limited attendance). Supporting memberships are $10 and entitles one to a program book and post con report. For more information contact the Alliance or CHRIS LANDRY/ 12 Maplewood Terrace/ Springfield, Ma 01108. For dealer information contact ED MIARECKI/ P.O. Box 1838/Springfield, Ma 01101

HOTEL ROOMS- - - Reservations must be made by postpaid hotel cards which can be obtained from Chris Landry at the address above.

FANDERSON '82

The second British convention covering Gerry Anderson's works will be held October 8-10, 1982 at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel/ Russell Square/ London England Great Britain WC1. Pamela Barnes states in their August progress report(next one in January) that they hope to be showing as many episodes as possible from Fireball XL-5 to Space:1999. These episodes are couresy of ITC(England). They are also peased to announce that Ed Bishop, Barry Gray and Gerry Anderson have all been confirmed as guests. As other guests are confirmed they will be listed in the next 3 progress reports.

Also on the schedule is a charity auction, a bookroom, a display room; and art, short story, 3-D model, poetry and fancy dress (costume) competitions. Entry forms will be made available from the Alliance or by contacting Pam Barnes. Room rates will be confirmed in progress report 2. Membership rates are:

Until Feb. 28	3 day	1 day	supporting	After Feb. 28	3 day	1 day	supporting
UK	10.00	5.50	5.00	UK	12.00	6.50	5.00
USA	$20.00	$11.00	$10.00	USA	$25.00	$13.00	$10.00

Registration entitles you to all the progress reports, the convention book, two badges, plus entry into 2 raffles (attending and non-attending).

:O !!! Registrations will be sold at the door.

Ad and dealer table rates available on request. Correspondence for Fanderson 82 should be addressed to:
Pamela Barnes/FANDERSON/P.O. Box 308/London W4 1QL Great Britain for registrations, auction lists, advertising and general information.
Anne Page/ c/o Pamela Barnes (same address) for the Fancy dress competition
Keith Jones/3 The Greenway/Hounslow, Middlesex Great Britain for the Art and Model competition
Marion van der Voort/133 Sheen Lane/ London SW14 Great Britain for the Poetry and story competition.

ALLIANCE PATCH

We received a design for an Alliance shoulder patch from one of our new Canadian members. We like the design and loved the idea of an Alliance patch. We would also like to see what other designs our members can come up with. If you have any design ideas for an Alliance patch, please send us a drawing of your design in color or show what color you would use on each section. We may try to have patches made from 1 or 2 of the best designs we receive. Please try to have your designs in by March 1.

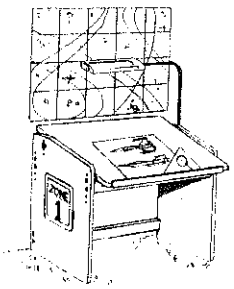
Pen Pals

You can get a list of current members of the Alliance in your area by contacting your section rep. They can furnish you with the names and addresses of everyone in your section. If you would like to correspond with someone overseas please contact the main Alliance address.

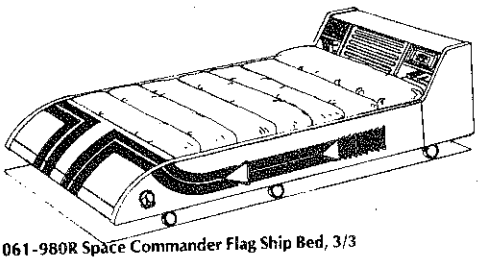
SPACE STATION ALPHA

SPACE STATION ALPHA furniture. Discovered by one of our western members, the advertising reads: "Blast off for Space Station Alpha...the very first children's furniture created to fulfill a child's very special needs. ... the exciting space theme will make any girl or boy want to stay in the bedroom doing homework or dreaming about tomorrow. A 4 page descriptive color flyer is available from: LEA Industries/Box HP-3/ High Point, North Carolina 27261

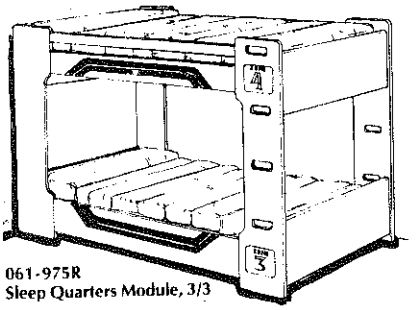
SPACE STATION ALPHA



061-340 Flight Bridge Desk



061-980R Space Commander Flag Ship Bed, 3/3



061-975R
Sleep Quarters Module, 3/3

Thanks to Janet Walker Troutdale, Or

THE NIGHT BEFORE BREAKAWAY
By Paul Bens Jr. Fort Mitchell, Ky

'Twas the night before Breakaway
and all through the base,
Everyone was out panicking
and starting to race.
The astronauts were all strapped
intheir Eagles with care,
In hope they would not go off
like a flare.
Koenig sat in his office and Victor
smoked his cigar,
With fears that an explosion would
leave a great scar.
And all of a sudden there rose such
a clatter,
Koenig jumped to his screen to see
what was the matter.
Then what to his fearful eyes should
should appear,
The lunar landscape suddenly
began to sear.
They fell to the floor,with a clatter
and a clank
And as the moon started moving, all
their hopes sank.
As Carter returned, in Eagle one, to
the base
The Alphans watched the screen
their future to face.
They searched and they searched
for a planet to find
As the last video picture was
left far behind.
Then a signal came clear, as the
moon left sight
"Happy Breakaway to all,
and to all a good night."

Trivia Quiz
By Duane Shimizu Gardena, Ca

Starting in this issue of volume 4, the dialogue quizzes from volume 3 will be alternated with brand new trivia quiz installments thanks to Duane. Thanks Duane for your effort and research into this. Good luck everyone because these are tough.
Rules and prizes are the same as in volume 3. Choice of any one $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 color photo sold by the Alliance that is currently in stock. All 6 questions must be correct. First correct or closest to it by January 31 will be the winner. Winners will be notified by HQ and a current photo listing will accompany the notification.

1) Alan's football in The Mark of Archanon came from a game in which Australia defeated _____.
a) Canada b)U.S.A. c)France d)Great Britain
e) West Germany

2) What was the third digit in the combination to the protein store in The Testament of Arkadia?
a) 0 b) 2 c) 4 d) 8 e) 9

3) The actor who played Stewart in The Dorcons also appeared in _____.
a) Taybor b) Bringers of Wonder c) Catacombs of the Moon
d) Journey to Where e) none of the above

4) John's medical monitor nameplate was spelled "Keonig" in which episode?
a)Missing Link b)Full Circle c)Journey to Where
d)Beta Cloud e)Bringer of Wonder (Part 1)

5) The voice of the Croton computer on Sahala's ship was also the voice of_____.
a)the Triton Probe b)Voyager 1 c)voice probe 248
d)the "Beta Cloud" e) the Ariel probe

6) What lunar feature did Koenig use to identify the moon in Journey to Where?
a)Mare Nubium b)Tycho c)Mare Imbrium d)Plato
e)none of the above



"My broker is E.F. Hutton,
and E.F. Hutton says.....



Your turn. We'll print some of the best in the next Main Computer.

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THE UNNAMED NEWSLETTER--New publication (members vote name) especially for MMA refugees. First ish -- stories: Dr. Who meets 1999, original SF, more; poems: "Maya's Soliloquy", "An Oddity of Life", etc.; mazes; trivia; puzzles; BIOS WELCOME!!! $4.75/yr. ORDER NOW--3108 Acton Road, Baltimore, Md 21234

STARLINES--New Fanzine in the works. All media SF submissions of art, poetry and stories wanted. SASE for submission guidelines and/or page count & cost to: Mary Tchir, 1101 East 184th, Portland, Or 97233

WANTED--Fellow Alphans opinions on Tony Verdeschi character- interested in fan feelings good and bad! Send to: Sandra Sprecker, Box 111, Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada SOM 0E0

* NOTE: We would like to ask all fan clubs and zine publishers to submit updated information for their ads for the next issue.

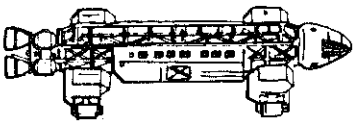
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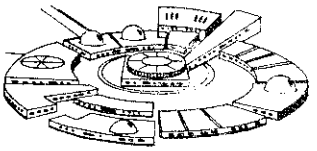
From Atlanta, Ga. Question to the Atlanta Constitution/Journal; I would like to know when or if Channel 11 plans to show the reruns of Space:1999. I used to stay up until 4:30 a.m. Sundays just to watch it. Channel 11 is no longerbroadcasting anything at this time. Cindy Carter, Sandy Springs, Ga

Answer.- Space:1999 is fast going out of your galaxy. You'll have five or six more chances to see it, but you'll have to be alert and lucky. The show was a spinoff of the Star Trek craze. There were 48 episodes, and channel 11 has been running them over and over for 5 years. There are only 5 or 6 more allowed under the contract, which expires in 1983. With only 5 or 6, it would no longer allow us to run it on a weekly basis, says program executive Jack Lease. "We will use the rest of the shows primarily on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, but only f for fill purposes. As fill ins, Space:1999 will not be advertised in advance, so ask your friends to call if they spot it. If you would like to write WIXA and encourage them to renew their contract for Space:1999, the address is: WIXA, 1611 W. Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, Ga 30309. ---Thanks to Cathy Conrad Royston, Ga

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



"MOONBASE ALPHA to EAGLE 1.";
"For the last time Alan; bring that Eagle back, get out of that red suit and PLEASE! stop saying Ho! Ho! Ho! M-E-R-R-Y CHRISTMAS!"

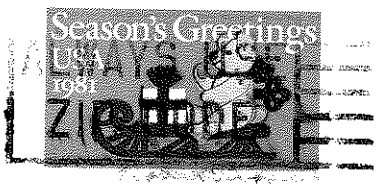


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