



BISMARCK'S REMARKS

September 2008



It's that time of year!

From the Guest Editor

As the title and the picture suggests, it is the time of year for RenFair! Lets all do our part to support our wonderful ship and keep her up and running. Remember folks, every little bit of time you can spare will help! I also want to thank everyone who has been out there so far. You all are doing a wonderful job. Let keep up the good work and before we know it, it will be all behind us.

Also I want to thank you kind folks for letting me guest edit for the newsletter once again! As always, if you have any questions, find any mistakes or have an idea for a story; feel free to contact us at the email address listed at the bottom of this page.

Thank you,
Lt. Audra Blais



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From the Captain:

By the time you read this, we will have completed 3-4 weekends of RenFair. I thank all of you who have put in hours. It takes all of us working together to make RenFair a success. We need everyone to chip in, even if you can only do a half-day here and there. If you need to update your schedule, please contact me ASAP. Remember you earn promotion points and BisBucks for the hours you work.

The tips from our first weekend of RenFair totaled \$80! As previously approved, this money will be donated to Hospice of Dayton in memory of David MacDonald who passed away one year ago.

To celebrate the end of RenFair, there will be a variety of ship activities in late October and all of November. Halloween related activities, a Family Fun Day, a trip to EnterTrainment Junction, and a mission to Vulkon's Starbase Indy are appearing on the calendar. Please stay tuned for details on all of these events.

Nominations for Starship Captain will be accepted at November's General Meeting. If you are interested in running or in nominating someone else, I encourage you to talk to Kevin, Richard, or Lisa as soon as possible. This way we can provide all potential candidates with as much information and training as possible prior to the election and the change of command ceremony. You do not have to be present to make a nomination or to be nominated.

Elections will be at the January General Meeting. You must attend either the September, October, or November General Meeting (or any Sr Staff meeting held between now and January) to be eligible to vote. No absentee ballots will be accepted, so please plan on attending the January meeting.

Remember our September General Meeting will start late due to RenFair.

Serving you,
Fleet Captain Kevin Johnson

Ohio Renaissance Festival 2008

We are off to another year at the Ohio Renaissance Festival! We have two weekends down, six more weekends to go... that is right, 25% done already! We have done well in these first two weekends; the crowds have been good & steady, plus the customers & rennies have been wonderful. We had a few hiccups, but that is to be expected... but we have worked through and past them as a team, like we always have! Let's keep this up!

Below I have posted some pictures from opening weekend. Let's thank Richard Pinsky and George O'Bryan for sharing their pictures with all of us! Also if you have any pictures to share from your time at RenFair, please feel free to email them to the email address listed in the front of the newsletter.



Ta-da! Welcome to the RenFair!



Definitely NOT Larry, Moe and Curly!



Even the Furrries love RenFair!

A Day of Peace?

By Lt. Audra Blais

“Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding”

-Albert Einstein

Looking at television news or newspapers, you can read or hear about wars and battles from all around the world. Sometimes you don't have to even look to another country; some battles seem to be in our backyards. With a world full of chaos, is it possible to have an entire day where peace is felt all around the world at the same time? It may seem impossible, but what about if we tried?

September 21, 2008 is *The United Nations' International Day of Peace*. It is a global holiday when individuals, communities, nations and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace. Established by U.N. resolution in 1982, "Peace Day" has grown to include millions of people around the world who participate in all kinds of events, large and small.

So you maybe are wondering what you can do to participate in Peace Day. Well why not plan an event? A Peace Day event can be as simple as lighting a candle or meditate on Peace on September 21. It can be as complex as organizing a Peace Concert for thousands of people. In between, there is a whole scale of events on different levels that might fit your family, group, class, or community. So why not plan a little something? Or better yet, plan something BIG. If you would like more information, check out the website for *The United Nations' International Day of Peace* at <http://internationaldayofpeace.org/>. Once at the website you can find all kinds of information about Peace Day and many ideas of what you can do. You also can find information on events in your own area.



September 2008

1 st	Labor Day
7 th	Kevin Johnson's birthday
9 th	William Crespo's birthday
12 th	Cecilia Crespo's 1 st birthday!
21 st	International Day of Peace
27 th	General Meeting 7:30 PM (or later), Bethlehem Lutheran Church Operations has refreshments

October 2008

12 th	Liz Wegner's birthday
13 th	Mike Stanley's birthday
13 th	Columbus Day
19 th	Last day of RenFair
25 th	General Meeting 7:00 PM, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Science has refreshments
31 st	Halloween

