

# REGION 2 UPDATE APRIL 2000



Pete Mohny, Bethany Theilman, Mike Smith at the  
Awards Ceremony at the Summit 2000

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## Around the Region

By Commodore Pete Mohney  
Region 2 Regional Coordinator

Greetings! This issue is running a little late, so I hope you will excuse it arriving a few days into may. Ike Turner is still having computer problems, so I am pitching in for him. A big thank you to all the folks who copied me on their reports to Ike. Ike should be back for the next issue.



I have included the writeup I did for the Monthly Memo on my experiences at the Summit (which was also sent to the Communique along with some photos), in case you missed it and were wondering what we did there.

We have sent in a donation to completely fund a Starfleet Academy Scholarship for 2001. This \$500 donation will fund the Gene Roddenberry Scholarship; I strongly encourage anyone in the Region 2 who is a student to consider applying for this award, so we can bring the money back home!

All of the Starfleet electronic mail lists crashed in September 1999, and the subscriber lists were lost. If you are interested in rejoining the Region 2 Maillist, simply send a message like this:

To: [majordomo@sfi.org](mailto:majordomo@sfi.org)

Subject: subscribe

Message: subscribe region2-1@sfi.org <your email address>

Be sure to put the sfi.org on the address, or you will not be properly subscribed. This will start an automated process by which a request for approval message will come to me. I will approve you for the list, which is open to anyone at this time. Unless someone posts junk mail to the list, abuses the hospitality of the list, or uses language inappropriate to a family forum, I will not remove anyone from the list or moderate posting on the list.

Speaking of the Summit, Chief of Summit Mike Henigan is responsible for the requirements for the 2002 Summit, which is scheduled to be held in Georgia. If you would like a copy, contact him at [tdbear@mindspring.com](mailto:tdbear@mindspring.com), or by telephone at 404-688-2882. If you are interested in putting in a bid for that, you should start planning.

We have begun work on the Region 2 Handbook. This will be a list of guidelines, history and so on, and will probably be modeled, at least initially, on the Starfleet handbook. The first draft will be roughed out by a committee from the Region, and will be composed of a group like the Constitutional Committee – myself, the VRC, all the ZCs, the IG as a non-voting member to advise us on legal issues, and one at-large member from each zone. After the committee finishes its preliminary work, the document will be voted on by the whole region. If there are any particular issues or subjects of particular concern to you that should be in the handbook, be sure to contact your Zone Coordinator.

**Region 2, Second to None!**

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**REGION 2 ONLINE CHAT**

**The next Region 2 Online Chat will take place on May 7, at 7 p.m. Central time, 8 p.m. Eastern time. Instructions on installing the software for the chat and setting up your connections can be found at [www.sfi.org](http://www.sfi.org), then press the Cyberspace button. The channel you need to join is #sfi-r2.**

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE RDC MEDICAL – ROSA JACKSON**

I have chosen our new Vice RDC Medical, Nancy O'Shields of the USS Hephaestus. Nancy is a Professional Paramedic in Alabama and a Nationally Registered Paramedic., with an impressive resume. Since I did not know any of the candidates personally, there was nothing personal in my decision. Please welcome Nancy to our Region 2 Staff.

At the Region 2 Summit some of you promised to send articles for the R2 medical newsletter "Heartbeat", but I have as yet to receive them. You know who you are. And I know what you look like now.

Nancy O'Shields and I are trying to prepare a list of all chapter CMO's, their addresses, phone numbers and email addresses (If you have already given this information, thank you.) This is only a request, it is not mandatory that you supply us with this information. We also need the same information on all medically trained personnel, from persons with First Aid/CPR certification to physicians, also SFMD's. These would be used in order to contact these people to see if they can be available to be on call for First Aid at conventions, summits, etc. I am collecting the information from Zones 1 and 2, Nancy is collecting the information from Zones 3 and 4. Please email us directly, do not post to the Region 2 list serve. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and help. Thank you.

I included a list of possible charities for Region 2 with this issue of "Heartbeat". It is only a preliminary list. I have received several more charities to add to it, and if anyone knows of other charities they would like to add, please let me know. The charities must be national or international, not local or state, since Region 2 consists of four states.

**It has been brought up that we have some sort of CPR/First Aid panel at next year's summit. Nancy and I can do a presentation/question answer session, and coordinate it with anyone else who would care to participate, such as a instructors, etc. Neil, Sandy, Barbara (or anyone I may have missed) care to volunteer?**

**Someone suggested that personnel for first aid at summits, etc., wear arm bands that can be easily seen. Jennifer suggested patches or pins be made. Danny sent me some very nice art work for this purpose. Does anyone know where we can get patches made up inexpensively? If not I can make the up the 2" circular plastic pins with the emblems.**

**That's about it for now.  
Health & Long Life,  
Commodore Rosa C. Jackson**

## **REGION 2 VRC JENNIFER ROSBURY**

**Greetings Region 2!!!!**

**Hope this finds you and you all safe and sound and ready to enjoy the upcoming summer! Speaking of which, with summer so close I know many a chapter activities tend to taper down along with the Episode Season. I urge all chapters to do their best to work on recruiting and keeping activities strong during this time, even a skeleton crews can be fun!**

**I remind all CO's and ZC's as well as all the RDC's to cc me a copy of your reports. This is a necessary step to allow Help Pete and myself together pinpoint situations and thus better assist you. The address for reporting for me is simple R2VRC@trekland.com .**

**As always I am available on AIM (R2VRC) on ICQ (Chiana) on MIRC I am on in the evenings in both #Starfleet and #SFMC. I also pick up email all during the day at jrosbury@hotmail.com and am available to chat in the evenings anytime after 10pm (954) 564-3603**

**I will be for the first time in quite a few years at International Conference. I'm cutting a major cost in air by going through NJ and driving the five hours (and I get to see my in-laws)**

**There are a great variety of activities that I encourage ships to participate within the Region. Besides the array of Conventions that will be coming up such as Vulkan and Dragon Con there is also a variety of more intimate activities to encourage your crew to attend. One is the Mini Convention put on by the USS TRIUMPH called TREK HAPPENING admission is free with donations from the sales of the dealers as well as raffles and auctions to help benefit friends of the Library. For information contact the USS**

**TRIUMPH.** Sometime soon I am sure we will be able to get the dates for the annual **KHAI CON** put on by the **USS KHAI TAM**, information on this can be found on their website although dates are still pending for this year. Also in August the **USS TRIDENT** has been hard at work for the first **ZONE I Summit**. For those of you who wish members of your crew to get a small taste of what Summit is like plan to attend. For information contact the CO of the **TRIDENT Jack "Towaway" Eaton**.

I am taking this moment to put out a personal invitation. This year marks my 30th Birthday (yes to most I am a baby ) On November the 17th-19th **VULKON** is holding their next Orlando Convention. I am asking all who can to please join me there you are all my extended family and what better way to spend a weekend than at a convention and party...depending on the amount of people who will confirm in the next 4 months I am looking into getting a group rate for tickets Saturday night to **Pleasure Island** as well as a bus to take us to and from the hotel I would prefer not to be worrying for those who would like to consume the **Kongalushes** at the **Adventurers Club**...or drink and heckle at the **Comedy Club**...

In closing I urge those who have not to have your **Department Heads** (where applicable!) get in touch with their **RDC's** I cannot stress how much this mean for us all to be actively promoting this issue. You all have a very able and capable staff in hand..use them.

Take care and **Blessed Be** to all

**Flt Capt. Jennifer Rosbury**  
**Region 2 Vice Regional Coordinator**  
**USS RELENTLESS**

Serving as the web awards Judge as been very enlightening. I got to see some truly wonderful web sites. However, I was very surprised as I got into the judging process to notice how many sites are lacking some key elements that I think every chapter web site should have. Meeting and contact information were the big omissions. Some included an e-mail link, but that was it. Therefore, listed below are the judging criteria and what every web author should be aware of when they update their site.

**Technical Correctness:** While I didn't run a spell checker over the web pages, I did keep an eye out for glaring spelling and grammatical errors. I also noticed a lot of outdated links. About one-third of you are still pointing to **Lesley's** old cybertron address for the link to **Region 2**. You should be linking to <http://www.region2.sfi.org/>. While pointing to <http://ww.OmniFacets.com/region2/> is acceptable, if you point to the **STARFLEET** vanity URL now, you'll never have to change the link again should the location change since it redirects to the current domain.

**Advanced Features:** While not required to have them, your web site got more points if you offered something besides standard HTML. This could be as simple as frames, forms, or tables; or as complicated as java and javascript. Only the Blackstar used Java for anything grandiose. They did an excellent job with their online games. A few also used CGI for web based message boards. Of course, you don't have to write the code yourself in order to use it.

**Compatibility:** If you use advanced features, don't leave out those who aren't using them. I for one, prefer to run with those turned off due to poorly written code. Usually, if you scored high in Advanced Features, you usually scored lower in Compatibility unless you provided alternatives; and vice versa.

**Multimedia Appeal:** No one got more creative than animated GIFs. I was actually expecting to have to utilize a few browser plug-ins to view streaming media or audio files. But no one really utilized the multimedia aspect of the web. One site did use a MIDI background sound, but it was so large it caused points to be knocked off in the next category.

**Efficiency:** For the last time, JPGs are for scanned photographic images and GIFs are for line art. The size of the image doesn't automatically dictate one or the other; the contents do. ART files should not be used since they are a proprietary AOL format and may not be viewable by all browsers. BMP files are too large to be used on the web, so convert them to JPG or GIF first.

Additionally, use WIDTH and HEIGHT attributes in your IMG tags. That way, the text on the rest of the page can be viewed while your images download. In graphical buttons especially, use an ALT tag as well in case someone is blind or has graphics turned off. If you're using a WYSIWYG program such as FrontPage, check the image properties in order to change this. This may mean a little extra work when writing the web page, but the end result will be a better experience for web surfers.

Finally, provide actual, smaller thumbnails for picture galleries. Don't just use IMG attribute tags to resize a full-size image. You need to use a graphics program to actually create a smaller separate thumbnail size image of the original. There's nothing worse than waiting five minutes for a page of full-size, high resolution images to download. If we have thumbnails, surfers can click on just the images we're interested in seeing in detail.

In general, I get bored with a web page if I have to wait more than 15 seconds for it to download. That's probably a bit critical on my behalf, so I'd say no more than 30 seconds in general, certainly no longer than a minute. Those times are based on a throughput of 46K using a standard 56K modem. Anything longer and you should probably look for ways to improve the efficiency of your web page, perhaps by using better graphic compression. Since testing locally with your hard drive doesn't take much time, test your web site by visiting your actual URL instead in order to get a more accurate download time.

**Design:** This was a very subjective part of the criteria, so I almost

always gave higher marks across the board. However, I do suggest that you use several smaller pages instead of one big page, especially if you can contain the information into discrete logical units. For example, a main introductory page should tease the surfer with a bit of general information. Then link to several other pages that go into detail about your chapter's history, crewmembers, contact information, picture gallery, links, or whatever.

**Content:** As I mentioned earlier, I was shocked by the number of chapter web sites that provided very little useful information about their chapter. I personally think every chapter web site should include information on when and where they meet, as well as multiple ways to contact them. I could see some trepidation about putting directions to someone's home if that's where the chapter meets, but at the very least mention that it is held there and to contact you for directions. But if a chapter meets at a public place, there is very little reason not to include this information. Perhaps related to this was about half the web sites provided only e-mail contact. While that's fine, I would think a postal mailing address or phone number would be useful as well in case the surfer doesn't have a permanent internet connection.

Sites that provided a chapter history, newsletter, or picture gallery online scored higher in this criteria. Granted, I didn't read every newsletter article or view every picture, but I did at least go to the page and check some of the links. Occasionally, someone added a bit of humor to the site which made the visit much more enjoyable. Some even provided contact information and pictures of fellow crewmembers, which was also nice.

**Overall:** This was the general catch-all category for overall impression. The parts sometimes do not equal or surpass the whole. Granted, this was the most subjective of the criteria.

**Vice-Chief Ranking:** I asked my Vice-Chief, Steven Rosbury, to give me a listing of what he thought were the ten best web sites. He ranked them from first/best to last as follows: Blackstar, Trident, Guardian, Khai Tam, Draco, Triumph, Rogue Phoenix, Continuum, Chattahoochie Station, and Wernher von Braun.

**Third Judge Ranking:** This is the same as the Vice-Chief ranking, only I selected someone unaffiliated with Region 2 in order to add more impartiality to the result. Commander John Nelson aboard the USS Matrix chose these sites from first/best to last: Draco, Guardian, Khai Tam, Okatoma, Trident, Triumph, Rogue Phoenix, Continuum, Blackstar, and Hephaestus.

Their ranking gave additional points to the points I had assigned. I'd like to thank Steve and John for helping me with this! They weren't required to follow the same judging criteria that I used, though I did inform them of criteria that I used. Nor were they required to use all three browsers that I used. I greatly appreciate all their hard work.

Next year, I plan to add another category to the judging criteria: Freshness. While some of the web sites scored very well in the other



categories, they hadn't been updated since summer of 1999! Granted, for some things, fresh content isn't required. But for events calendars and other things, recent updates are a must, usually within the past month. I was particularly impressed when sites already had 2000 information online (since I judged in late January.) This time around, I considered Freshness in the Overall criteria. Freshness may replace the Overall or Third-Judge position next year.

Now, here are the official winners of the Region 2 Richard Daystrom Cyberspace Awards:

Superior Achievement and Performance: USS Guardian

Best Interactive: USS Khai Tam

Most Informative: The Second Brigade

Best Fun Site: USS Blackstar

Best Shuttle Site: Shuttle Draco

Best Ship Site: USS Trident

Congratulations to the winners! Everyone should visit these web sites to get a better idea of what can be accomplished. And trust me, the Star Trek based Asteroids game hosted by the Blackstar is a marvelously addictive and fun Java game. I wasted several hours playing it.

Also, just because you didn't win at the regional level, that doesn't mean you can't win at the international level. Unlike the other Awards, the Fleet level Web awards are open to everyone, and not just the regional winners. All you have to do to be eligible is make sure you're linked either on the main Fleet web page (<http://www.sfi.org/>), the Operations chapter listing page (<http://www.sfi.org/ops/>), or on Region 2's chapter listing (<http://www.region2.sfi.org/chapters.htm>). While I'm fairly confident my links are up to date, you should still verify that I and Operations have the correct URL listed. Then sit back and wait for the international web awards to be announced at the annual International Conference.

In the coming month, I will e-mail each chapter their score. This will be done so the web masters can realize what areas they need to improve upon, and what areas they are doing good in. Additionally, I'll include a sentence or two to help further. A couple of chapters have already asked for a more in depth critique. While I am happy to do this, please be aware that I will be bluntly honest, though constructive. Also, it will be done at my convenience as time permits.

Finally, several people have been inquiring on how to get to the Region 2 IRC chats on the first Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. CST. Please visit the Cyberspace page (<http://www.sfi.org/html/cyber.html>) at the Fleet web site, or the web page of the Fleet IRC chat server (<http://www.fleetchat.org/>) for more in depth information. In general, you will need to download and install an IRC chat client (most popular is mIRC), connect to the Fleet chat server (<irc.fleetchat.org> on port #6667), and /join the R2 channel (#sfi-r2). You may want to try this in advance to see if you can even connect and join the regular Fleet channel

**(#starfleet), which usually has several people in there.**

**Commodore Richard L. Trulson  
Region 2 Chief of Computer Operations.**

## **REGION 2 SUMMIT 2000 by Pete Mohny**

**I arrived at the hotel Friday about noon. There were a few of people present already, so I started distributing some of the items I had brought to my hotel room, to the Starfleet Academy room, to registration, and to the Store. My wife, Sue Ellen Mohny, had suggested we allow pre-bidding and even pre-auction purchases this year, as we had seen this technique work so well at art shows at larger conventions. We also had a dealer, in the form of the screenprinting company that produced the Summit t-shirts, and the Region 2 Quartermaster had a table full of goods (mostly the brand-new Region 2 Polo shirts, in red with the new R2 logo on the chest).**

**I spent the afternoon setting up the store, dealing with small problems, and visiting with various R2 folks and guests from outside the region. At five p.m. we caravanned to the restaurant we had chosen for our dinner, and our first glitch showed up. The map that I had made had the wrong restaurant name : Long Horn instead of Lone Star! Fortunately, everyone figured it out, and we had a very large crowd for dinner with the Fleet Admiral.**

**When we returned, Danny Potts started up a game of Who Wants to be a Latinumaire, and the 2001 Summit hosts set up their hospitality suite for next year. They covered the hotel bar with food and drink, and kept it that way all weekend, much to the delight of the attendees! At 9:30, twenty people gathered to take part in the Great Dalmuti tournament. We split up into three tables, and fought a first round to eliminate eight players, a second round of two tables to eliminate the pool to six, and a final championship round. I was eliminated in the second round, and went to bed at about 1:30 a.m., looking forward to five hours sleep before the next mornings activities.**

**Arising early the next morning, I joined a crowd in the breakfast room. Most of those present were Starfleet folks, but there were a few regular hotel patrons eating there also, and it was fun to see them trying to not be obvious about staring at the various aliens and uniforms in the room! After that relaxed breakfast, the business of the day kicked in and I hardly had a moment to pause for thirty-six hours!**

I proceeded from there to Opening Ceremonies. At a long table sat myself, VRC Jennifer Rosbury, Summit Chairman Danny Potts, IC 2000 Chairman Cindi Dimidio, Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, Region 2 Marine OIC John Adcock, Chief of Summit Mike Henigan, and Marine Commandant Brian Davis. We each spoke briefly, and awards up to the rank of Commander were presented. [In the photo, left to right: International Conference representative Cindy Dimedio, Starfleet IG Danny Potts, RC Pete Mohney, VRC Jennifer Rosbury, Fleet Admiral Mike Smith, R2 Chief of Marines John Adcock, R2 Chief of Summit Mike Henigan.]



After that completed, the panels began. I attended the Captain's Call, where all R2 Commanding Officers or their representatives sat with us in a Question and Answer session. We discussed some problems that some chapters were having, and how to deal with them, and a few requests were made about making some communications more two-way, which we agreed were good ideas. This session, which I have attended for five years straight, has become less and less of a complaint session and more and more of an idea session each year. I think we can thank the current SFHQ administration, and former Region 2 Regional Coordinator Kelly Hilliard and his team, for working hard to make things better every year.



accompanied by a great slide show.

I spent most of the rest of the morning and early afternoon either poking my head in the doors of various panels, or helping out in the summit store. [That's me with the store organizer, Sue Ellen "Moogie" Mohney.] I attended a presentation by our featured guest, Lee Shackleford, a former Star Trek: The Next Generation script writer. He was a fascinating and funny speaker, and had lots of inside information and secrets about Paramount to tell,

The rest of the afternoon was taken up by the annual Summit Auction, where almost 200 items donated by Region 2 members, or purchased with Region 2 money, were auctioned off to support the region's expenses for another year, to allow us to make a donation to a Starfleet Academy scholarship, and to give up capital to purchase Region 2 items for our quartermaster's office. It was very successful, bringing in more than \$2000

for the region's treasury. We had already purchased polo shirts with the Region 2 logo embroidered on them, and they were selling fast in the Store. I purchased a couple of items, and was outbid on a few more, but mostly I watched happily as item after item was bought – because everything that was left was going home with me for a year!

Every year we schedule putt-putt and go-cart competitions, and about every other year they are rained out. This year proved to be a rained out year, so we let the auction run a little long, then spent a little time in casual relaxation. The next big event would be the banquet, one of the high points of the summit each year. Everyone attends in uniform or evening wear, and I can attest that we were a fine looking bunch of Starfleet officers! The dinner was excellent, with choices of two main courses, several sides and several desserts. The only low point was the tea, which tasted more like some sort of lemon-sugar concoction than any tea I've ever had. After the dinner ended, we moved into the main meeting area for the annual awards.

The awards ceremony began with a series of flag rank promotions. This year there had about a dozen promotions to hand out, and it was really exciting to me to be the one up front handing them out and shaking hands for the first time! Region 2 has a lot of deserving officers, and I got to personally reward them for their hard work, devotion to Starfleet and Region 2, and all their contributions that helped make our region the success it is. The awards followed, and if anything, this part was even better. Our awards chairman, Barbara Paul, has developed an excellent program, and the process went off without a hitch. We started off with the little awards, and worked our way up to the big ones at the end – chapter of the year and member of the year. It was such a pleasure to see the happiness on people's faces as they and their chapters won awards, it made me wish I could do it more often! One of my favorite moments was near the end, when I presented Barbara Paul with a Superior Performance award for her work on Region 2 Staff – and then took it away, telling her she couldn't have it! The look on her face was priceless, especially when I replaced it with a new award, named after her, in honor of the many years of service she has given the region, and the many times she was nominated for the award this year.

Rich Trulson, Region 2 Chief of Computer Operations and Commanding Officer of the USS Wernher Von Braun, said, "The biggest highlight for me was presenting the Richard Daystrom Cyberspace Award for the first time ever. Even though I was nervous and nearly mispronounced a couple of the winners and categories, everything went very smoothly. I was honored the Awards Director entrusted me with the huge responsibility and honor of judging this award. All the hassles and stress became worthwhile when several of the award winners thanked me later in the night.

Of course, there were several humorous moments that stick out in my memory as well. The best one was when Ron Fell (Starfleet's FDC of recruiting) lost all control of the Auction on Saturday night. Suffice to say, I'll never look at Jar Jar Binks and Spock the same way again thanks to what was revealed and more so to the commentary of those there. I was also brought back to previous R2 Summit shenanigans during the Awards

**Panel with Barbara Paul, Region 2 Chief of Awards. Lets just say that the International Plastic Modelers Society acronym has a whole new meaning now too!”**

**The awards ceremony was followed by our first-ever Summit Dance, where about half the folks at the summit attended. We had an enthusiastic group on the floor for most of the evening, and an excellent sound system provided by Steve Gordon. Steve played music for hours, with help from Dallas Vinson, and we danced, played games, chatted and played the evening away.**

**On Sunday morning, we had three hours of panels. The first one for me was the ‘Ask the Brass,’ where the regional brass (that’s the RC and VRC) sit down with the Fleet Admiral and answer questions from people in the region. There was one little problem – no Fleet Admiral! Chief of Operations Les Rickard sat in, and answered a lot of Fleet-level questions, which we really appreciated. I have attended this session every year for five years, and just like the Captain’s Call, it has pretty much changed from a ‘complaint session’ to an ‘information session,’ thanks to improved management of memberships and other Starfleet materials. The next two hours worth of panels fairly flew by, and finally it was time for closing ceremonies. Most of the same group who did the opening ceremonies was on stage for closing, and we each spoke briefly, thanked everyone for attending, and said goodbye for another year.**

**Greetings ya'll,**

**Well, as usual we ended up having our share of Ooops's again this year with the Awards Program. Needless to say we have hopefully resolved the problems encountered along with a few more we've found and hope to have a much better go of this next year. That is if we all aren't deep spaced before hand.**

**I'd like to say a few things here regarding this program. Stop and look back 5 years to the first Region Summit and the first Awards Presentations. Now look at things 5 years from then. There's been a lot of changes and improvements made based on the problems encountered over those 5 years.**



**An Awards Committee has been created to take the program from page one to the last page and scrutinize it page by page to see if it can be worded better to help clear up those vague and hazy areas. We've found sections that leave a lot to speculation and that aren't very clear as to the boundaries from one to another. We're looking at streamlining it for a quicker and smoother turn around time and by going on-line, we hope to help make submissions cheaper and more practical for everyone concerned.**

**On-line submissions reduce the cost of copying and postage for you folks which with some chapters can and has cost a bundle from the size of the packets we were receiving. Also, with such submissions this reduces the size of the packet so we, the judges don't spend 6 months weeding through a mountain of stuff for judging.**

**We're aware that there are several chapters who put a whole new twist to the term "Active" chapter. While we understand you want to best represent your chapters work and efforts please try and see this from our perspective. While you have just your chapter to be concerned with, we, the judges have a large number of chapters we have to consider. Like you we too have families, jobs and such that take up our time as well as what we do here in this organization. To take this a step farther, Fleet has almost as many awards as we do in this region to issue Fleet wide but they have that**

**many awards times all the regions in Fleet to judge and in about the same amount of time as we have here in the region. This is one main reason they went to on-line submissions. To help reduce the volumes of material they had to consider from each region. This helps make judging quicker and easier on them as it does for us in Region 2.**

**I'd like to challenge you folks who have been complaining about how this program is set up and run. I challenge you to come up with a better program. A program that will be equal and fair for everyone concerned and still meet the Fleet's Awards criteria. Take into account the time of judging the awards, how they will be presented and don't forget to weigh in finances for the chapters too. Some of our chapters aren't very big and don't have a very large operating budget if one at all. Then take each award and figure out the criteria for each eliminating loopholes and blurred and shady areas where things aren't spelled out clearly and as such leaves a lot open for interpretation.**

**Instead of bitching and complaining about what's wrong with things, help us fix it. Bring your ideas to the table and we'll toss it around. Remember everything has two sides - a problem side and a solution side. If you find a problem, present a solution with it for our consideration.**

**This program was created for you, the members of this Region. As such you have a definite say in how it's structured, organized and run. If any of you can see a better way to accomplish this task we're all ears. Just don't come to us and say "You have a problem here" without having an idea of how to resolve it. We're just a couple of minds here compared to all the minds of the Regions membership. I'm sure there's someone out there who knows a better way to do this. We want to hear from you.**

**To conclude, as I mentioned above, we have a committee reviewing the program and corrections are being made as we speak. When we finish we'll post the new program for your review and consideration. I personally am very interested in hearing what you, the members think of it. I can't fix what I don't know is broke and the Awards Presentations are not the place to find out about such things. We should have the problems fixed before then.**

**Hailing Frequencies are open. Talk to me.**

**VAdm Barbara M. Paul  
Director - R2 Awards Program**



## REGION 2 AUCTION

The following items are for sale to benefit Region 2. Please email bids directly to Region 2 RC Pete Mohnney at [pdmohney@aol.com](mailto:pdmohney@aol.com). All bidding will end at midnight, May 31, 2000. Items with bids already given have the name of the bidder next to the current bid.

Please note that postage will be added to all bids, and insurance at the wish of the winner. All checks must clear before shipping; items paid for via money order will be shipped immediately.

(Photo at right is a scene at the Region 2 Summit Auction)



Gowron 'Playmates' figure, mint in box	5.00	current bid
Star Trek 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary CD computer game, with manual	9.00	Norm Ennis
Region 2 light switch cover, double switch, white background	6.00	Nancy O'Shields
Region 2 light switch cover, double switch, blue background	6.00	Nancy O'Shields
Captain Sisko card from Playmates	1.00	
Starship pot holder	5.00	
Star Wars Jar Jar foam flyer (like a floppy frisbee)	2.00	
Star Wars battle droid foam flyer	2.00	
Star Trek: The Next Generation fanny pack	5.00	
Captain Kirk porcelain mini plate	9.00	
Uhura porcelain mini plate	9.00	
Star Trek: Skybox Master Series card set	5.00	
Star Trek Hallmark ornament store display boards	1.00	
Books (hardback)		
Star Trek: TNG: Crossover	8.00	
Star Trek: TNG: Dark Mirror	5.00	
Books (large paperbacks)		
Star Trek Spaceflight Chronology	6.00	Nancy O'shields
Star Trek Compendium	11.00	Nancy O'Shields
Star Trek TNG Compendium	5.00	Nancy O'shields
Star Trek TNG Technical Manual	6.00	Nancy O'Shields
Star Trek Starfleet Technical Manual	6.00	
Encyclopedia of Trekkie Memorabilia 1988	8.00	
The Classic Trek Crew Book	5.00	Nancy O'Shields
Mr. Scott's Guide to the Enterprise	12.00	current bid – Nancy O'Shields
Star Trek Starfleet Technical Manual (hard covers)	10.00	Nancy O'Sheilds