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Status Report

Crew Manifest	
Total Assigned:	13
Officers:	4
Enlisted:	6
Cadets:	1
Citizens:	2

Welcome to our fifth month of operations as part of our shakedown cruise. This month was slower for the chapter, but is has not slowed our enthusiasm as we move towards our goal of being a full active chapter.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at Bell County Comicon this weekend for those of you who can attend. It will be a great chance to get together and have some fun together.

We are hoping to do another watch party at the CO's house this month. The last time was a tremendously successful event and it's something we would like to again. Be on the look out for the date to follow.

And lastly, for those of you who are unaware, The PDF files for Star Trek Adventures second edition have been released to those who preordered the physical copy. It's supposed to be significantly more streamlined and straight forward with the descriptions of the game mechanics than first edition. The CO was in fact one of the individuals who preordered and is looking over the rule changes in hopes to use the new system when we get a new game going in the future.

Until next month, keep knocking out classes in Starfleet Academy and submitting ideas for crew activities. That's the best way for us to grow!

ACHIEVEMENTS

Academic Achievement

This month three individuals completed classes in the academy. When a member of the crew achieves a score of 90 or better (Honors) or a perfect score of 100 (Distinction) in a course, they will be acknowledged here. As an example, here are the results from June.

Challenge Takers

– None –

Awards

– None –

Promotions

– CRA Christopher Mock –

CAPTAINS LOG

Welcome to the month of August! We are well on our way to completing shakedown and we are having some activity plans slowly coming together. While the date hasn't been set yet, I plan to host another Watch Party similar to First Contact Day. Just as with that one, you can attend in person, or watch on the discord server.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Chris Mock on his promotion to Crewman Apprentice (E-2). Chris has primarily earned promotion points by hosting and running Star Trek Adventures games at his house. He finally earned enough for promotion, and his wife Rachel is close on his heels and will likely be promoted this month or next.

As always, I have an open-door policy, so if you have a great idea for something we can do as a crew together, or a skill or project you would like to undertake that can benefit the ship, please reach out to me.

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FIRST OFFICERS LOG

XO was on shore leave and could not issue a report in time for this newsletter due to subspace interference

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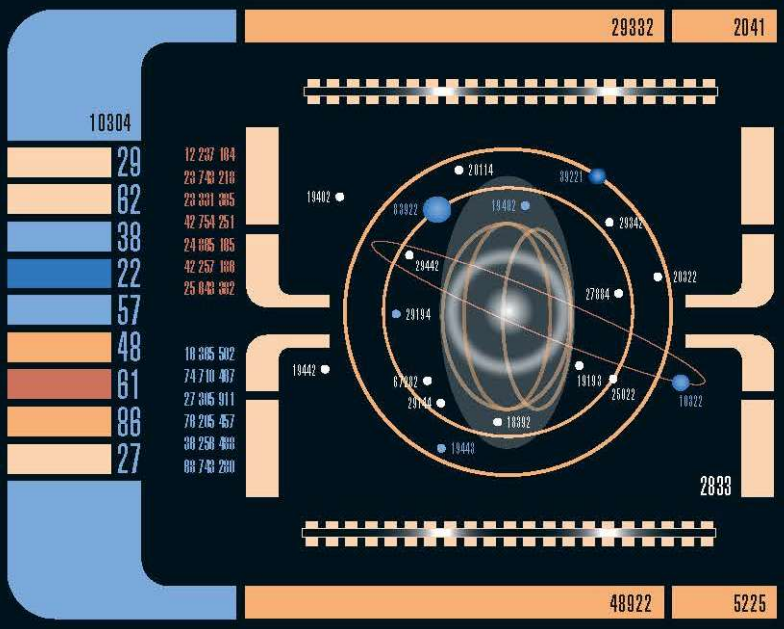
SCIENCE REPORT

Observing a Supermassive Black Hole Awakening

As with all Starfleet officer who had to sit through Astrometrics lessons in Starfleet Academy as a cadet, it is fascinating to witness events that deepen our understanding of cosmic phenomena. Recently, astronomers in Earth observed a supermassive black hole "turning on" in the galaxy designated SDSS1335+0728, 300 million light-years away. The sudden activation of this black hole, possibly triggered by the accretion of surrounding material, has caused a significant surge in ultraviolet and X-ray emissions. Such an occurrence offers valuable insights into the behavior of supermassive black holes, including the dynamics of their accretion processes. The black hole's increase in luminosity mirrors the controlled use of singularities by Romulan technology, where artificially created black holes provide an immense energy source for faster-than-light travel.

In Romulan starships, these artificial singularities are stabilized and harnessed to generate the necessary power for their advanced propulsion systems. This technique, while highly sophisticated, also poses significant risks, as the containment failure of a singularity could result in catastrophic consequences. The observation of the black hole in SDSS1335+0728 provides a real-world counterpart to the theoretical and practical applications seen in Romulan engineering, offering a glimpse into the potential and perils of manipulating such powerful cosmic forces.

As we continue to observe and analyze these phenomena, we gain a deeper understanding of the one of the universe's most enigmatic objects. The data collected from this awakening black hole will not only enhance our knowledge of galactic dynamics but also inform our theoretical frameworks regarding artificial singularities and their applications in spacefaring technologies. As Starfleet continues to explore these frontiers, we stand on the cusp of new discoveries that could reshape our technological and scientific landscape.



The activation of the supermassive black hole in SDSS1335+0728 serves as a natural laboratory for studying extreme astrophysical processes. By comparing these real-world observations with the advanced technologies employed by civilizations like the Romulans, we can expand our understanding of both natural and artificial singularities.

1. "Supermassive black hole roars to life before astronomers' eyes in world-1st observations," *Live Science*, June 20, 2024. Accessed June 29, 2024.

2. "Astronomers catch a supermassive black hole 'turning on' for the first time," *Astronomy Magazine*, June 26, 2024. Accessed June 29, 2024.

3. "How Astronomers Caught a Supermassive Black Hole 'Turning On' for the First Time," *ScienceAlert*, June 24, 2024. Accessed June 29, 2024.

-CMDR Dustin Freeman

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Upcoming Events

- ## Bell County Comicon

  August 3rd -4th 2024

  Not much explanation needed. We will meet up and have a good time at the local Comicon.

- ## Giganticon

  October 5th-6th 2024

  Giganticon is a celebration of HEROES, from ones that jump off the page of your favorite comic book to those everyday heroes that serve our Country and protect our Freedoms! Come Celebrate with us during the best weekend of the year and throw on your favorite costume, you won't want to miss out!

  https://www.giganticon.com/

- ## Trek Tour

  November 15th-17th 2024

  A major Star Trek Convention in our backyard!