

# The SLA Monthly

## October Updates from the Council Moderator

*Happy Eighth Birthday, Starfleet Legacy Alliance!*

October 1, 2008 marked the anniversary of the founding of the SLA! Since 2000, we've seen a lot of changes. Starting out with three AIM *Star Trek* sims, things expanded pretty quickly. Our first PBeM sim, the USS *Concord*, joined in March of 2001. Two years later, in March of 2003, we received nearly 100 applicants in a single month, and we also launched our first MB sim and expanded into a new genre: *Stargate*. By the end of 2003 the SLA had grown from a small group of three sims to a thriving organization that was one of the Internet's largest -- over two dozen sims.

We've come a long way since 2003. The SLA continued to grow through 2005, when we were hit with a massive blow: the loss of Seth. I don't want to linger on this point, because we've expressed how hard that was for the SLA time and again. The SLA lived on, but



for a while it stumbled and wandered. It took years for us to truly find direction again.

Where are we now? In the SLA's eighth year, we've seen the largest expansion since the SLA's early days: the USS *Caduceus* returned to simming; *Torchwood Ten* brought us into another genre; the USS *Ark Royal* and *Firefly: Monarch* were relaunched with new premises; the USS *Pegasus* was launched under the SLA umbrella. The SLA Monthly was relaunched by Prax, several new hosts were elected to the Council and our sims (yet again) earned several honors in the Simming League's Tournament of Simulations.

It's been a good year for the SLA. To celebrate the group's eighth birthday, I'd like to announce the **Aught-Eight Log (and Post) Competition!** It's a contest for logs and posts from every sim in the SLA written in October, with a catch -- all entries need to be about a particular theme: "backstory." Contestants are invited to be creative in interpreting this intentionally vague theme description! (continued, page 2).



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The latest Fleet Status Report information and SLA sim statistics.

*Featured throughout are the masthead images of the SLA Web site from 2002 - 2003, 2003 - 2007 and 2007 - today.*

Visit the Monthly online at <http://monthly.slasims.com>.

## October Updates from the Moderator, continued

Each sim is limited to *one* log/post entry for this competition. Hosts can choose how their sim's entry is picked. (Hosts, I recommend getting your crews involved in the choosing!) Each post submitted will be read by a panel of judges -- to be named as we get closer to the deadline -- and winners will be announced in the following categories: **Most Epic**, **Most Creative Interpretation of "Backstory"** and **Best of Show (Judges' Favorite)**.

The deadline for submissions is Halloween Night, **October 31, 2008**, at **23:59:59 EDT** (03:59:59 GMT). Hosts will receive instructions for submitting logs soon. Good luck to all of the entrants!

Finally, two quick notes about what's on the SLA docket for the next month.

Our open Fleet Captain positions were filled in September (congratulations to Dane Goodyear and Foxy for their appointments as Manheim and SGC Fleet Captain respectively!), but special elections will be held between October 5 and October 11 for the Host Panel.



Also, November is the scheduled month for general Council elections! The following positions will be up for reelection:

- Personnel Chair
- Recruiting Chair
- Council Moderator

Instructions on announcing your candidacy for any of these positions will be sent out as the election draws near. If you have any questions, drop me a line at "warp" at the SLA's domain dot com!

Warp Out =\^=

### *BITS AND BOBS*

#### **Did you know that the SLA is on Facebook?**

If you're on this fast growing social network, be sure to stop by our [group page](#), join up and say "Hello," on our wall. It's a great way to get to know the people behind the characters.

We'll be glad to see you.

#### **Did you know that the SLA is on MySpace.com?**

The SLA is also on MySpace, the most popular social network. Be sure to drop by our page, located at <http://www.myspace.com/slasims>, and friend us!

We'll be sure to check your profile out and friend you back.

#### **Colophon**

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## SEPTEMBER FLEET STATUS REPORTS

**Asimov Fleet****Babylon 5: Trinidad Station**

CO: Dr. Angela Murchison &amp; Chief Dave Mitchell

XO: Ranger Zed McClair

**Total Players:** 7**Firefly: Monarch**

CO: Maverick

XO: Kynthia

**Total Players:** 9; 8 active, 1 LOA**Star Wars: Dragon Squadron**

CO: Colonel Luke Helios

XO: Lieutenant Colonel Andre Zazu

**Total Players:** 11; 10 active, 1 LOA**Torchwood Ten**

CO: Derowen MacFie

XO: Grace Forbes &amp; Nathan Scott

**Total Players:** 10**Cochrane Fleet*****USS Lionheart***

CO: Captain Erika Rheyman

Cohost: Lieutenant Commander Marcus Zheng-Darcy

XO: Lieutenant Commander Josuan Mystican

**Total Players:** 18; 10 active, 8 LOA,***USS Mercutio***

CO: Captain Stacey Templar

XO: Commander Henry Crow

**Total Players:** 9; 8 active, 1 LOA**Outpost Cousteau**

CO: Commander Roger K Clenner

XO: Lieutenant Commander Ethan Mason, MD

**Total Players:** 9; 8 active, 1 LOA***USS Potemkin***

CO: Fleet Captain James B. "Warp" Mitchell

XO: Captain Prax Jarvin

**Total Players:** 19; 11 active, 8 LOA**Starbase 27**

CO: Commodore Alex Rexan

XO: Lieutenant Commander C.G. LaLande

**Total Players:** 7; 6 active, 1 LOA**Manheim Fleet*****USS Ark Royal***

CO: Captain Michael Tucker

XO: Brevet Commander Jose Luis Trejo

**Total Players:** 15***USS Caduceus***

CO: Captain Korani Korisse

XO: Lieutenant Commander Dyl Hova Rhys

**Total Players:** 12; 11 active, 1 LOA***USS Pegasus***

CO: Captain Theo Dom

XO: Commander Kyle Sose

**Total Players:** 11; 9 active, 2 LOA**Star Trek: Into the Darkening Tide**

CO: Captain Jake Sjet

XO: Commander Star Tona Laurent

**Total Players:** 8; 7 active, 1 LOA***USS Zealous***

CO: Captain Azanialix Jaarda

XO: Lieutenant Commander Ti'ana Sullivan

**Total Players:** 18; 17 active, 1 LOA**Stargate Command****SG-6**

CO: Lieutenant Colonel Melinda Stone

XO: Captain Kurt Michaels

**SG-8****Total Players:** 30; 25 active, 5 LOA

For more information about these sims, feel free to visit their individual sites through the [SLA Web site](#). You can also check out their individual sections on [Ten Forward](#).

