

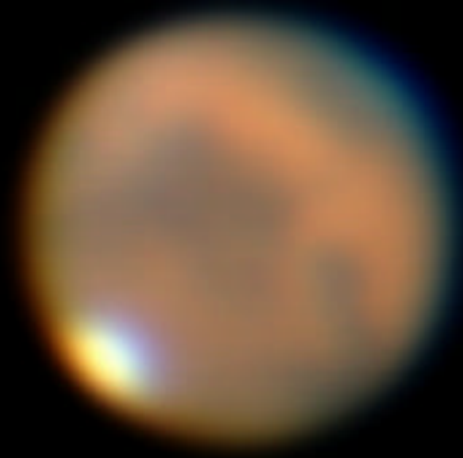
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Jeff Cohn took this image of Mars from his home in Durham on the evening of its closest approach to Earth, August 27, 2003.



A View From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher



Welcome back to duty on board the *U.S.S. Kitty Hawk*. We wish more of you could have made it to the September meeting and cookout; try to make the next meeting which is October 4th.

Our fall schedule is starting to come together and we hope everyone can make at least one of the events. Meg Hale is going to set up a list of times to go to the State Fair in October. Check your calendars to see what day or evening would work best for you or your family. We usually try to pick a weekend (since there are two) time so if the first one gets rained out, we have a fall back date. Bring your choices to the October meeting.

Region I fall conference is in Charleston, September 26 - 28.

October is a good month to go and to do things. A visit to the winery off I-40 has been suggested. We went last year and enjoyed the

tour and tasting. They have enlarged their facilities and have a greater selection of wines for tasting.

A trip to Kinston seems to be in the offering with a visit to the Confederate ram "Neuse". Both the original ship (in sad shape) and a full size replica are there for those of us with a love of history. A return to the *U.S.S. North Carolina* in Wilmington might be a good idea.

With the events in Kitty Hawk in December putting so much pressure on everyone at an already busy time of year, we moved our anniversary dinner to January 17th at the Kanki at Crabtree. This also helped them as far as their scheduling goes as well. We can handle up to 36 people and already have commitments from 18 members and family. So let us know soon.

For those of you wondering what happened to the Duke radio-thon: they seem to have lost our request for our time slot and when contacted by Amy, said that the only time slots available were during the week and 6 a.m. Sunday. We passed on the

offer. If you are interested in doing telethons, make some inquiries as to others on T.V. and let us know if any of them need our help.

Enterprise is back! I'll say! Sex, language and violence; not your parents' *Star Trek*! Seriously folks, not a bad beginning. A lot of new races and a new story arc that will probably last at least one year, if not more.

The Pischke's have volunteered to host our Halloween party / November meeting on Saturday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m. As usual, there will be food, so contact Elaine to see what you can bring for the event.

As we write this, we are looking for hurricane Isabel to make landfall on our coast. Hopefully none of us or our families will be harmed. If circumstances merit, Jane and I will go down to take care of our mothers. Otherwise, we hope to see everyone on October 4.

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Medical Report

By Amy DeJongh

With Hurricane Isabel leaving our midst and a few weeks of hurricane season left, now is the perfect time to create, update, or restock your personal first aid kit. Basic contents should be –

- first-aid manual
- sterile gauze
- adhesive tape
- adhesive bandages in several sizes
- elastic bandage
- antiseptic wipes
- soap
- antibiotic cream (triple-antibiotic ointment)
- antiseptic solution (like hydrogen peroxide)
- hydrocortisone cream (1%)
- acetaminophen and aspirin (aspirin is

not recommended for children under age 12)

- extra prescription medications (if the family is going on vacation or if a disaster is imminent.)
- tweezers
- sharp scissors
- safety pins
- disposable instant cold packs
- calamine lotion
- alcohol wipes or ethyl alcohol
- thermometer
- plastic gloves (at least 2 pairs)
- flashlight and extra batteries
- mouthpiece for administering CPR (can be obtained from your local Red Cross)

- your list of emergency phone numbers
- blanket (stored nearby)

Choose containers for your kits that are roomy, durable, easy to carry, and simple to open. Plastic tackle boxes or containers for storing art supplies are ideal, since they are lightweight, have handles, and offer a lot of space.

After you have stocked your first aid kits, be certain to read the entire first aid manual so you'll understand how to use the contents of your kits. (If your children are old enough to understand, review with them as well.) Store first-aid kits in places that are out of children's reach but easily accessible for adults. And lastly, check the kits regularly. Replace missing items or those that may have become outdated.

Comp Ops Report

By John Troan

To keep this issue to an even number of pages, my column will be a little shorter than normal, especially with the *Enterprise* episode information included at the bottom.

A special note on this month's feature photo. In previous months, I've scavenged through NASA's photo archives to find the target of choice for the front cover. This month, Jeff Cohn -- one of our members -- sent a photo that he took. After some minor editing to remove the excess black from around the edges, Mars filled up the front very nicely.

As noted on the back page, the final three seasons of *Deep Space Nine* will be released the first Tuesday of the next three months. The Star Trek V special edition DVD is also due out in October. (All dates are from Amazon.com.)

Upcoming *Enterprise* episodes, as listed on StarTrek.com:

Air Date **Episode**

Sep 24 **Extinction**

Their ongoing quest for the Xindi leads the *Enterprise* crew to a tropical alien world where Archer, Reed and Hoshi are exposed to a highly contagious virus that transforms their bodies and minds into those of the long extinct alien inhabitants of the planet.

Oct 01 **Rajiin**

The NX-01 gets closer to a showdown with the Xindi when Captain Archer takes on an enigmatic passenger: a beautiful slave named Rajiin.

Oct 08 **Impulse**

When *Enterprise* responds to a distress call from a Vulcan ship stranded in the Delphic Expanse, Archer and his boarding team are attacked by insane zombie-like Vulcans.

Oct 15 **Exile**

A powerful telepath makes contact with Hoshi and offers to help *Enterprise* find the Xindi ... for a price.

Oct 22 **The Shipment**

Archer, Reed and Major Hayes infiltrate a Xindi-Sloth industrial colony to learn more about the weapon of mass destruction that will be used against Earth.

Engineering Report

By Brad McDonald

Hello! This month has been a real roller coaster ride, and adding to this feeling is the approach of Isabel as I finish this report. It's a perfect ending to a wild month, hope Isabel spares you and yours any major trouble.

My nine-to-five work aside, the home front jobs continue. So far it's been minor repairs and paint jobs, but next is the upstairs bathroom. I gave it a facelift about 15 years ago, now it's time for a major makeover. Should be lots of fun, not as bad as a kitchen, but a challenge, none the less.

Speaking of fun, I'm currently recovering from surgery. Nothing serious, mind you, just correcting an ongoing problem that's been bothering me for the last 20 years or so. (No, not my face, that's a 50 year problem!) Any way, by next meeting I should be 100%.

On the technology front, the big news concerns the current round of lawsuits over song sharing via the Internet. Since revenues in CD sales continue their downward slide, corporate bigwigs feel everyone must be stealing the music instead of buying it. While there is a certain amount of borrowing and sharing going on, I think the real problem is elsewhere. In a recent poll, 70% of all age groups stated that CD's were overpriced. Also, there seems to be a real lack of anything worth buying and, overlooked by the record companies is a large secondary market. Sure you can pay full price for a CD, but just wait until someone gets tire of it and buy it at a second hand store. CD's are nearly immortal and a used one sounds just as good as a new one. There were a few test cases last year, just to test the system, now, with those successes behind them, the music industry is going all out. So beware. Best advice is to get rid of all music file sharing software and all copies and put the whole thing behind you.

On DVD, the second installment of the *Ring* trilogy is available in both standard two-disc format and a deluxe four disc set. *Sleeping Beauty*, Disney's classic from 1959 has been released in a deluxe edition with lots of behind the scenes extras. A personal favorite of mine is the 1953 *Titanic*. Yes it's black and white, but this is where Cameron got his rich girl meets poor boy on a doomed liner story. It's more faithful to what really happened and holds up well. The DVD

had lots of extras, including three documentaries on production and the sinking of the *Titanic*.

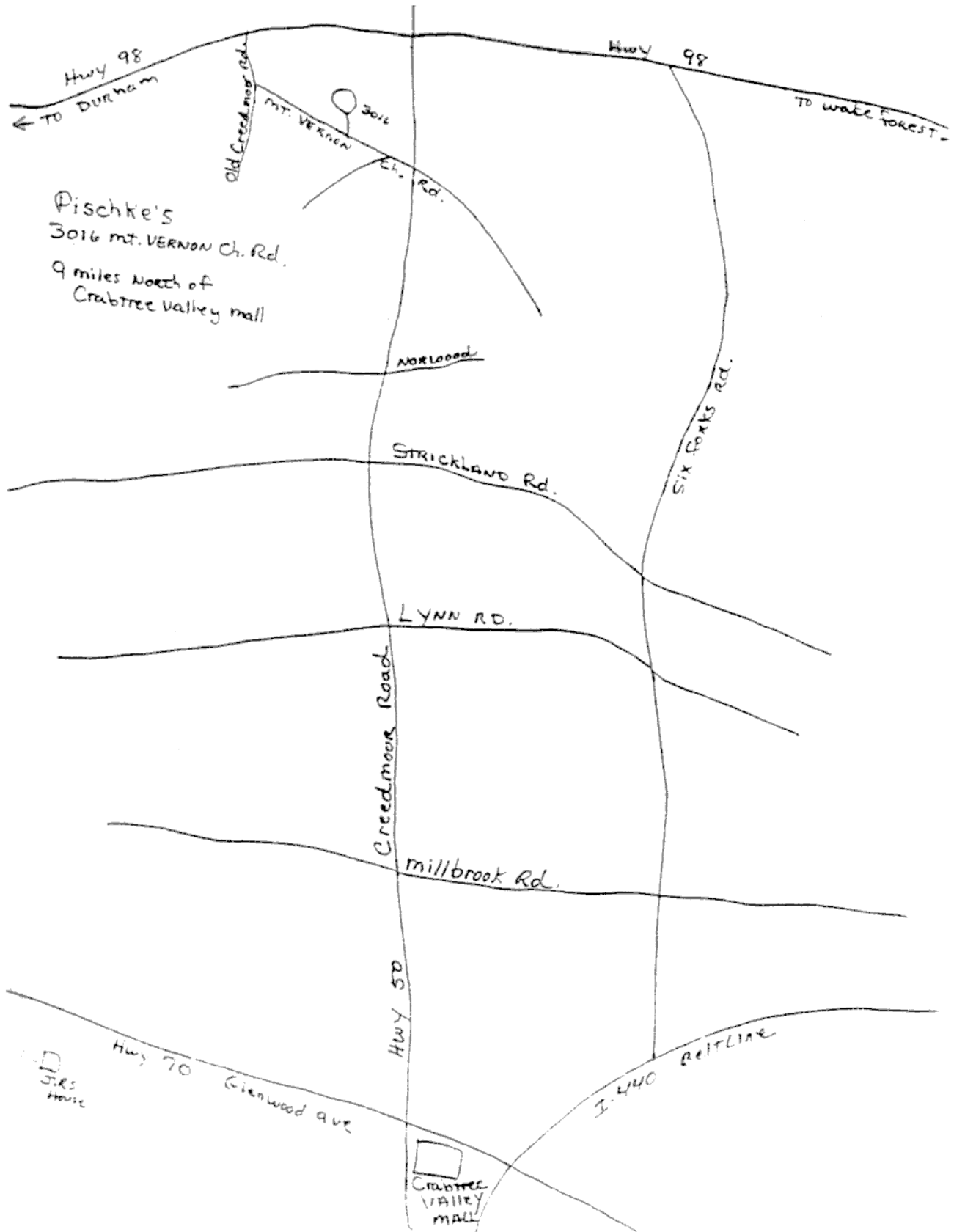
Of major concern, is the recent power failure throughout the northeast. According to the engineering associations and professional organizations in our country, it's just a symptom of many things that need working on. For instance, the overall investment in energy transmission was \$2 billion in 2000, down from \$5 billion in 1975, yet demand has increased steadily. More important though, this just a tip of the iceberg. Nearly every facet of our infrastructure needs attention, even more so since this alarm was sounded over ten years ago. The great interstate highway system was started when I was just a kid, now it needs repair and some serious work. It's estimated that \$1.6 trillion is needed over a 5 year period to get the job done. A 6-cent a gallon national tax has been proposed to help pay for the work which includes water treatment and transport, sewage treatment and transport, bridges, dams, tunnels, roads and other structures. Boy talk about job security, construction projects for the next ten years!

Ford now offers a PZEV (Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle). It's a special version of their Focus model, but at now additional charge. Ford execs are eating the additional costs in hopes the car will catch on. It's not a fancy hybrid, just good old Yankee ingenuity. It's an honest effort by U.S. auto makers to show the "other guys" they still know how to get things done. It's on a par with foreign PZEV's, costs \$13,385 to \$14,915 and it's made in the USA. (For all the foreign car snobs in our midst, J.D. Power himself drives a Ford, so there!)

NASA update, it now looks like it's going to be way into next year before shuttle flights can resume. Originally, NASA was hoping for action this winter, now spring or summer launches look doubtful. It seems there is a lot more involved than just in-flight repair kits and prevention of falling foam. Word is, a major overhaul of the way NASA operates is being looked at, by the people that hold the purse strings, namely Congress.

That's all for now. J.R. and I have our fingers crossed, hoping Isabel will leave the many plans for First Flight Centennial alone. See you later, long live and prosper.

Map to Pischkes'



Upcoming Events

Sep.	26 - 28	SFI Region 1 Conference (Charleston, SC)
Oct.	4	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home
	7	<i>Deep Space Nine</i> (Season 5) DVDs Released
	14	<i>Star Trek V: The Final Frontier</i> (Special Edition) DVD Released
Nov.	1	4 p.m. Ship Meeting and Halloween Party, Pischke Home
	4	<i>Deep Space Nine</i> (Season 6) DVDs Released
	22 - 23	November <i>Wright Stuff</i> to be published
Dec.	2	<i>Deep Space Nine</i> (Season 7) DVDs Released
	6	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home

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