



Deep Space 2 Newsflash April 2024

Introduction

The DS2 Newsflash is meant to inform the crew about what happened last month, what is going to happen, and what is planned for the near future. The DS2 Newsflash in PDF Format for Acrobat Reader, often contains pictures, while the text version does not. You can read and download this DS2 Newsflash in PDF Format with this direct link:

http://arthurvanrhee.be/ds2archieff/flas4_24.pdf

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1. A word from the DS2 CO

Hi all,

Don't forget:

F.A.C.T.S.

April 6-7, 2024

Flanders Expo Gent, Belgium

<https://facts.be/en/>

Guests:

Christopher Judge, Mckenna Grace, Marina Sirtis, Teri Hatcher, Marc de Bel, Sana Takeda, Marjorie Liu, Takeshi Miyazawa, Stefano Martino, Gianluca Maconi, Daniel Henriques, Cam Smith, Chris Weston, Graham Bleathman, Batem, Hermann, Steven Dhondt, Lectrr, Art Grafunkel, Romano Molenaar, Shirow Di Rosso

Have fun.

Arthur

UFP News

UFP on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mikeferg1>

*****Star Trek Online Screenshots (Pictures PDF Version only)*****

Star Trek Online: Both Worlds

Latest episode: Scorpion's Abyss

Captains, we're excited to announce that our 14th Anniversary update, Star Trek Online: Both Worlds, is coming to PC on January 23! In this new adventure, players will encounter notable Star Trek stars, including Captain Ezri Dax (voiced by Nicole de Boer from Star Trek: Deep Space Nine), Captain Harry Kim (voiced by Garret Wang from Star Trek: Voyager) and Admiral Kuumaarke (voiced by Kipleigh Brown

from Star Trek: Enterprise).

Star Trek Online: Both Worlds continues last season's multiverse story following a misunderstanding with the Tholians and the tearing of the Reality Vortex. In this new update, you'll need to infiltrate the Mirror Borg Unicomplex, a technological labyrinth guarded by relentless Borg, to sever the vortex and save the multiverse. At the heart of this nightmare awaits the Borg King, the architect of this multiversal threat. Will you prevail against impossible odds and rewrite the fate of reality?

Read more:

<https://www.arcgames.com/en/games/star-trek-online/news/detail/11561313-star-trek-online-both-worlds-coming-january-23rd>

Watch more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGkdzec6-tY>



Star Trek Online:

The year is 2409. Over a century has passed since the events of Star Trek: Discovery and thirty years since the events of Star Trek: Nemesis. The Romulan Empire has fractured after the destruction of their homeworld; covert meddling by the Undine and Iconians has forced the Federation and Klingon Empire into war with each other once again; and remnants of the Cassian military and Alpha Strain Jem'Hadar disrupt the peace near Deep Space Nine. The galaxy is in turmoil and it's up to you and your crew to save it!

For more info on Star Trek Online (free to play):

<https://www.playstartrekonline.com/>

2. Announcements

There can be some changes to the guestlists and some guests only come on a particular day during the convention. Please visit the websites for the latest news.

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Fanexpo Cleveland

April 12-14, 2024

<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpocleveland/>

Huntington Convention Center Of Cleveland, OH, USA

Guests:

Elijah Wood, Charlie Cox, Sam Raimi, Sean Astin, Vincent D'Onofrio, Alan Tudyk, Danny Trejo, Rose McGowan, Matthew Lewis, Dominic Monaghan, Jason Lee, Jeff Ward, Billy Boyd, Eman Esfandi, Diana Lee Inosanto, Ethan Suplee, Butch Hartman

Fanexpo Philadelphia

May 3-5, 2024

Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA, USA

<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpophiladelphia/>

Guests:

Adam Savage, Cameron Monaghan, Danny Trejo, Alan Tudyk, Felicia Day, Mario Lopez, Ashley Eckstein, Emily Swallow, Joonas Suotamo, Holly Marie Combs, Ben McKenzie, Jason Lee, Michelle Hurd, Sofia Boutella, Sean Gunn, Jeff Ward, Diana Lee Inosanto, Brandon Rogers, Marisa Tomei

German Film & Comic Con Spring Edition

May 4-5, 2024

Messe Dortmund, Germany

<https://www.germanfilmcomiccon.com/Events/German-Film-Comic-Con-Spring/>

Guests:

Richard Dean Anderson, Jonathan Frakes, Peter Facinelli, Graham McTavish, Amy Acker, Eliza Taylor, Katherine McNamara, Emeraude Toubia, Luke Baines, David Castro, Doug Jones

FedCon 32

May 10-12, 2024

Maritim Hotel Bonn, Germany

<https://www.fedcon.de/de/>

Guests:

Celia Rose Gooding, André Dae Kim, Melissa Navia, Dan Jeannotte, Christina Chong, Liz Kloczkowski, Anson Mount, LeVar Burton, Terry Matalas, Mica Burton, Todd Stashwick

Comic Con Brussels

May 11-12, 2024

Tour & Taxis Brussels, Belgium

<https://comicconbrussels.com/>

Guests:

Karen Gillan, Elijah Wood, Dominic Monaghan, Antony Daniels, Noah Hathaway

Comic Con London

May 24-26 May, 2024

ExCel, London, UK

<https://www.mcmcomiccon.com/london/en-us/home.html>

Guests:

TBA

Fanexpo Dallas

June 7-9, 2024

Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center, Dallas, TX, USA

<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpodallas/>

Guests:

TBA

Fanexpo Boston

June 14-16, 2024

Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA, USA

<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpoboston/>

Guests:

TBA

Dutch Comic Con
June 21-23, 2024
Jaarbeurs Utrecht, The Netherlands
<https://www.dutchcomiccon.com/>
Guests:
TBA

Fanexpo Denver
July 4-7, 2024
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO, USA
<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpodenver/>
Guests:
TBA

The 16th North American Science Fiction Convention
July 18-21, 2024
Hyatt Regency Buffalo, NY, USA
<https://buffalonasfic2024.org/>
Guests:
Alan Dean Foster, Nilah Magruder, Kaja Foglio, Phil Foglio, Tony and Suford Lewis

International Discworld Convention
August 2-5, 2024
Birmingham Hilton Metropole Feegle Mound, UK
<https://www.dwcon.org/>
Guests:
Stephen Briggs, Marc burrows, Jan Harkin, Pat Harkin, Lego, Ankh-Morpork, Bernard & Isobel Pearson, Colin Smythe, Ian Stewart, Jodi Taylor,

Worldcon Glasgow
August 8-12, 2024
Scottish Events Campus Glasgow, Scotland
<https://glasgow2024.org/>
Guests:
Chris Baker, Claire Brialey, Mark Plummer, Ken MacLeod, Nnedi Okorafor, Terri Windling

Fanexpo Chicago
August 16-18, 2024
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL, USA
<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpochicago/>
Guests:
TBA

Fanexpo Canada
August 22-25, 2024
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, ON M5V 2W6, Canada
<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexpocanada/>
Guests:
TBA

Fanexpo San Francisco
November 29 - December 1, 2024
Moscone Center West, San Francisco, CA, USA
<https://fanexpohq.com/fanexposanfrancisco/>
Guests:
TBA

German Film & Comic Con Winter Edition
December 7-8, 2024
Messe Dortmund, Germany
<https://germancomiccon.com/>
Guests:
TBA

Seattle Worldcon 2025
August 13-17, 2025
Seattle Convention Center, Seattle, WA, USA
<https://seattlein2025.org/>
Guests:
Martha Wells, Donato Giancola, Bridget Landry, Alexander James Adams



Conventions organised by Creation Entertainment (Mostly US/CAN/UK)

<https://www.creationent.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CreationEntertainment>

Not all guests are appearing during the entire convention.
Check website for guest day of appearance.

Vampire Fan Weekend

April 12-14, 2024

Mariott Minneapolis City Center Hotel, 30 S. 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402

Guests:

Ian Somerhalder, Paul Wesley, Matthew Davis, Daniel Gillies, Karen David, Michael Malarkey, Michael Trevino, Riley Voelkel, Quincy Fouse, Micah Parker, Chase Coleman

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May 3-5, 2024

Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, TN

Guests:

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The Road So Far...

The Road Ahead

May 17-19, 2024

Medowlands Expo Center, Secaucus, NJ

Guests:

Jensen Ackles, Jared Padalecki, Misha Collins, Mark Sheppard, Ruth Connel, Rob Benedict, Richard Speight JR, Matt Cohen, Samantha Smith, Briana Buckmaster, Kim Rhodes, DJ Qualls, Kisa Berry, Adam Rose, Jason Manns

Vampire Fan Weekend

May 31-June 2, 2024

Embassy Suites, Charlotte-Concord, NC

Guests:

Ian Somerhalder, Paul Wesley, Matthew Davis, Daniel Gillies, Karen David, Michael Trevino, Riley Voelkel, David Alpay, Quincy Fouse, Micah Parker, Chase Coleman

3. Community Service

The Charity Link on the DS2 Blog will change every first of every month. The April 2024 Charity Link on the DS2 Blog is: : Make-A-Wish

<http://worldwish.org/en/>

From <http://www.wwf.org>

(World Wildlife Fund)

The Indian school teaching water conservation

In providing water to 40% of India's population, the significance of the River Ganges goes beyond spirituality.

A school programme helps children like Prashant and Gaura learn how to protect the Ganges while helping their families become more resourceful with their water usage.

Read more:

https://wwf.panda.org/age_of_change/the_indian_school_teaching_water_conservation/

Watch more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvkY9xmw5oc>

4. DS2 Monthly Chapter Report

Deep Space 2 Monthly Chapter Report March 2024

UNITED FEDERATED PLANETS

CHAPTER REPORTING FORM

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF:
March 2024

CHAPTER NAME:

Deep Space 2

UFP Chapter Charter: September 1997

CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

Arthur van Rhee

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT:

Jan Theys

TYPE OF CHAPTER (ENTER BELOW):

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STARFLEET COMMAND

IF ALIEN FLEET, WHICH RACE:

N/A

NEWSLETTER NAME:

Deep Space 2 Newsflash (produced monthly)

CHAPTER MAILING ADDRESS:

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WEB SITE:

Deep Space 2

<http://www.ds2.be>

Deep Space 2 Marines

<http://marines.ds2.be>

NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER:

Curently 27 members

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

* DEEP SPACE 2 BLOG

<http://ds2blog.ds2.be>

* DS2 CHARITY

Regular charity is done by donations, writing letters, going to the people and asking to sign petitions. The main DS2 charity projects are World Wildlife Fund (WWF), The Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders.

Every month there is a new "charity link" posted on the DS2 Website.

* DS2 SETI PROJECT

Since March 1, 1999

http://setiweb.ssl.berkeley.edu/team_display.php?teamid=41642

SETI BOINC Credits:

These are last month's results:

Total credit: 17,505,526

Recent average credit: N/A

SETI@home: SETI@home hibernation

On March 31 2020, the volunteer computing part of SETI@home has stopped distributing work and has gone into hibernation.

* DS2 RPG

The Deep Space 2 RPG has entered it's 308th chapter.

* DS2 NEWSLETTER

* The Deep Space 2 Monthly Newsflash has been distributed among the DS2 crew.

*DS2 STORY

* The Deep Space 2 Story : Will continue in April 2024 (Page 325)

<http://ds2story.ds2.be>

* DS2 Trivia

DS2 has set up a trivia about Star Trek.

<http://ds2quiz.ds2.be>

Every month there is a new Trivia competition.

Every day there are new questions. Daily scores are cumulated.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

Promotion:

ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS:

ANY SUGGESTIONS:

ANY UFP AWARDS REQUESTED FOR SPECIFIC CHAPTER MEMBERS:

SIGNATURE OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

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April 1, 2024

SETI@home News

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5. Birthdays

Jim Styles: April 8

Caroline Keuleers: April 12

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7. DS2 Story and RPG Monthly Status Report

DS2 Story

Current Episode: New Technology

The Continuing Story of Deep Space 2: Page 325

After careful consideration and weighing the potential risks and rewards, Admiral Arthur made the decision to send an exploratory starship, the USS Lima, to investigate the anomalies detected in the distant sector of the galaxy. The crew of the Lima, handpicked for their expertise and courage, received their orders with a mix of excitement and trepidation.

The starship was equipped with the latest sensor technology and a highly skilled crew, including astrophysicists, engineers, and security personnel. Their mission was clear: to venture into the uncharted territory where the anomalies had been detected and uncover the source and nature of these enigmatic distortions in space-time.

As the USS Lima prepared for departure, a sense of anticipation and anxiety enveloped Deep Space 2. The crew members bid their loved ones farewell, understanding the risks involved in this perilous journey. Admiral Arthur addressed the crew with words of encouragement and support, reminding them of the station's legacy of exploration and the human spirit's innate curiosity.

The Lima's departure marked the beginning of a daunting interstellar odyssey. As the starship entered the sector where the anomalies had been detected, the crew's senses were on high alert. The sensors onboard flickered and hummed with activity as they scanned the area for any signs of irregularities.

It wasn't long before the Lima's crew encountered the first anomaly. The ship's systems began to flicker and waver as they entered its influence. The starship's sensors went haywire, providing data that was impossible to interpret. Communication with Deep Space 2 became sporadic, and the crew felt the unsettling sensation of time and space itself warping around them.

As they navigated further into the anomaly's depths, the crew of the Lima faced challenges they had never imagined. The laws of physics seemed to shift and bend unpredictably, making navigation and communication increasingly difficult. The starship's advanced shields were put to the test, as they struggled to protect the crew from the anomaly's effects.

Admiral Arthur, monitoring the mission from Deep Space 2, watched with bated breath as the Lima ventured deeper into the anomaly. The situation was growing more precarious with each passing moment. The crew faced not only the physical dangers of the anomaly but also the psychological strain of confronting the unknown.

The USS Lima was on a journey to uncover the mysteries of the anomalies, but as they delved further into the uncharted territory, they were also discovering the limitations of their knowledge and technology. The fate of the starship and its crew was uncertain, and Admiral Arthur knew that their success or failure could shape the future of Deep Space 2.

DS2 RPG General Status Report March 2024

USS Earth/Starbase 44

As they set course for the heart of the conflict, a sense of anticipation filled the air, mingled with a tinge of apprehension. The USS Giant and USS Sun were poised at the precipice of destiny, ready to confront the unknown and face whatever challenges awaited them.

And as they plunged into the depths of uncertainty, the crew of both starships braced themselves for the trials that lay ahead, knowing that their decisions would shape the course of their journey and determine the ultimate fate of their quest.

Yet, as the crew disembarked from the Horizon, a lingering sense of uncertainty remained. The artifact on the planet may have been dormant for now, but its mysteries still beckoned, whispering secrets of untold potential and peril.

As the Horizon's crew returned to their quarters, they knew that their journey was far from over. The stars above held countless wonders and dangers, and the USS Horizon stood ready to face whatever challenges the cosmos had in store.

The weight of the decision rested heavily on Admiral Steichen's shoulders. War and violence were serious matters, and every action had far-reaching consequences. She knew that whatever she decided would shape the future of relations between the Federation and the Arbiters, and potentially influence the stability of the entire sector.

Players: CS

Starbase 88

Admiral Van Nieuwenhove carefully perused the logs of Captain Dora Jenkins, meticulously detailing the exploration of the uninhabited planet discovered by the USS Celestial Voyager. The vivid descriptions painted a picture of a world teeming with natural wonders, ripe for scientific inquiry and discovery.

However, as he continued to read, the ethical dilemma at hand weighed heavily on his mind.

The Admiral understood the delicate balance between exploration and preservation, recognizing the need to tread lightly on this pristine planet. Yet, he also acknowledged the potential for invaluable scientific insights that could be gained from further exploration.

After much deliberation, Admiral Van Nieuwenhove made a decision. He ordered the USS Celestial Voyager to continue its exploration of the planet, tasking Captain Jenkins and her crew with conducting thorough scans and analyses of the planet's ecosystem. It was imperative to gather as much data as possible to assess the planet's suitability for further study and potential colonization.

As the USS Celestial Voyager resumed its mission, excitement buzzed among the crew. They eagerly set out to uncover the secrets hidden within the planet's vast wilderness, eager to unlock its mysteries and expand humanity's understanding of the cosmos.

However, as they delved deeper into their exploration efforts, they encountered something unexpected. Hidden within the dense foliage of the planet's jungles lurked a previously unknown life form – intelligent, sentient beings unlike any encountered before.

The crew faced a new dilemma. Their discovery had the potential to reshape interstellar relations and advance our understanding of alien life. Yet, the presence of sentient beings raised complex ethical questions about their rights and the impact of human interference on their way of life.

As the crew grappled with this moral quandary, they realized that the decisions they made in the days ahead would not only shape the course of their mission but could also have far-reaching implications for the future of the exploration of the cosmos.

With the fate of an entire civilization hanging in the balance, the crew of the USS Celestial Voyager prepared to navigate uncharted territory both scientifically and ethically, guided by the principles of curiosity, compassion, and respect for all forms of life.

Players: GVN

USS Thunderbolt/The Borg Collective

Spoiler alert!

Attention! This part of the DS2 RPG contains spoilers for those who have not seen Star Trek Picard Season 1-2-3!

As the galaxy witnessed the assimilation of Romulan territories and the Dominion's uncertain dance with the Borg, the fate of entire civilizations hung in the balance. The Borg, driven by a relentless pursuit of perfection, continued their quest to assimilate and adapt, reshaping the destiny of the galaxy in ways that even the most advanced civilizations could not foresee. The dilemma of loyalty, espionage, and the inexorable march of the Borg across the stars cast a shadow that would linger for generations to come.

Captain Elyra and her assimilated crew are already making plans.

As the crew prepared for the next leg of their journey, they looked to the stars with a sense of purpose,

knowing that their mission would shape the destiny of civilizations across the cosmos. The slow, deliberate spread of the Borg way continued, as Captain Elyra and her crew ventured forth into the unknown, ready to guide more worlds toward a future of unity and prosperity.

Players: FK

USS Vertigo / USS Gdonsk

Day 417 21.31

The battle that ensued was fierce and unrelenting. The alien invaders had adapted their tactics, revealing new technologies that strained the Federation's defenses. As the USS Vertigo and the USS Gdonsk fought valiantly in space, ground forces engaged in intense skirmishes on planets along the border.

Day 420 13.54

The alliance with the ancient race proved crucial. Their advanced weaponry and strategic insights enabled the Federation to hold the invaders at bay. Days turned into nights, and the battle stretched on, testing the resolve of both sides.

Day 420 14.03

In the midst of the conflict, a distress signal from a distant Federation colony reached the USS Vertigo. The invaders had launched a surprise attack on a vulnerable outpost, and the defenders were struggling to hold their ground.

Players: NP

USS Atlantis/Starbase 99

In the vast expanse of the galaxy, nestled between swirling nebulae and distant stars, lay Starbase 99 – a hub of interstellar trade and commerce. It was a bustling metropolis, teeming with traders, smugglers, and explorers from every corner of the universe. Among the countless inhabitants of this cosmic marketplace was a civilian trader named Selene Voss.

Selene wasn't your typical trader. She didn't seek the dangerous thrills of smuggling contraband or engaging in shady deals. Instead, she focused on legal and legitimate trade, navigating the intricate web of interstellar commerce with finesse. Her ship, the Stardust Voyager, was a modest vessel, but its cargo hold was often brimming with a diverse array of goods acquired from various corners of the galaxy.

One day, Selene stumbled upon a rare and highly sought-after resource on the remote planet of Exolara. The planet's surface was covered in shimmering crystals known as Lumarian Gems, known for their unique energy properties. Selene recognized the potential value of these gems and quickly secured a trade agreement with the planet's inhabitants.

Word of Selene's discovery spread across Starbase 99 like wildfire. Traders and collectors alike were eager to get their hands on Lumarian Gems. The demand was so high that Selene found herself in the enviable position of being the sole supplier on the entire starbase.

As Selene's sales soared, so did her profits. She reinvested wisely, expanding her trading network and establishing lucrative partnerships with other traders. The Stardust Voyager became a familiar sight on Starbase 99, its sleek silhouette synonymous with success in the eyes of the traders and merchants.

Selene's ethical approach to business earned her respect and admiration. She became known as the "Starlight Merchant," a nod to both her success and the radiant glow of the Lumarian Gems she traded. The legality of her dealings further endeared her to the authorities, who saw her as a beacon of lawful enterprise in a galaxy often tainted by illicit activities.

With each successful trade, Selene not only accumulated wealth but also a reputation for honesty and integrity. Her story became a legend on Starbase 99, inspiring aspiring traders to follow in her footsteps. Selene Voss, the civilian trader who made a serious legal profit, had not only secured her place in the annals of Starbase 99 but had also become a symbol of success in the vast expanse of the cosmos.

Players: JM & CP

Ovion (Hirogen/Ori/Replicator Vessel)

A Fateful Decision

As the rift's anomalies intensified, it became clear that the very fabric of the Hirogen ships was breaking down, and their destruction was imminent. The crew had to make a choice: continue pursuing the Ascension Hunt or flee the rift to save their lives.

Voras, realizing the futility of Horkan's obsession, led a group of Hirogen in mutiny and forced their way out of the rift, abandoning the Alpha Hirogen. They narrowly escaped the clutches of the rift, leaving Horkan and his loyalists behind.

Players: TvR