

Movie review

by Terry Dupuis

Numerous television series down through the years have had their adherents, faithful fans who watch every episode.

But very few, if any, of the hundreds of popular television series, have ever attracted the cult following which the science fiction series "Star Trek" was able to maintain. This series premiered in September 1966, and ran for a number of seasons.

However, old episodes are constantly being rerun on television, much to the delight of Trekkies, the avid Star Trek fans. After the show was cancelled years back, the fans lobbied for years to try to have the show revived.

Star Trek II: old familiar friends

But they had to settle for reruns, until three years ago when the next best thing happened. Star Trek was moving to the big screen. *Star Trek The Motion Picture* was a 30 million dollar epic which brought back the old crew in a brand new big screen adventure.

The movie had a built-in audience, and not surprisingly became a box-office success. Now we have *Star Trek II*, which is subtitled *The Wrath of Khan*. The budget for this sequel was reportedly only \$12 million, but for my money it's at least twice as good as the first one.

The first Star Trek motion picture struck me as being an elephantine bore, a lavish production full of good-looking science-fiction hardware which just sat there for

135 minutes.

It didn't seem to have the pacing of the hour-long television series. It took over two hours to tell a story which the television series would have done in 50 minutes.

Star Trek II is shorter at around 110 minutes, and it seems to move along much faster. It has good special effects, some imaginative moments, and most important suspense and action, much more than its' predecessor had.

William Shatner is back again as James T. Kirk, former Captain of the U.S.S. Enterprise. He is now an Admiral. Spock is now the commander of the spacecraft, but through an emergency situation which develops Kirk ends up getting his old

command back.

Star Trek II marks a reunion of the other series regulars: everyone's favourite Vulcan, Mr. Spock, played as only Leonard Nimoy can play him; DeForest Kelley as Dr. McCoy; James Doohan as Scotty, the chief engineer; George Takei as Sulu; and Walter Koenig as Chekov.

The *Star Trek* cast works so well together, and seeing them together again creates a familiar reassuring feeling.

They really seem like one big family. It seems to me that no matter how talented any of these actors are, and no matter how many other roles they may play throughout their careers, they will always be fondly remembered as crew members of the Starship Enterprise.



A grand occasion

On Wednesday, May 26, the Midland Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star welcomed members from many Chapters to honour Bruce Holt, Grand Representative of the State of Colorado in Ontario, (and a long time resident of Midland, and now of Barrie.) Mrs. Vivian Hunter and Mrs. Marjorie Morgan, Past Grand Matrons and Mr. Howard Noble, Past Grand Patron, all of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, along with three Grand Representatives and many Past Grand Representatives, also came to help honour Mr. Holt. A report on the proceedings at the Grand Chapter of Colorado was read by Mr. Holt and Grand and Past Grand Representatives told a little about their jurisdictions. Entertainment, by way of a hilarious skit, on the Midland Chapter's version of Mr. Holt's visit to Colorado with his

wife, Erma, was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Holt was presented with a bouquet of flowers and the evening was concluded with a beautiful lunch convened by Mrs. Edith James, Mrs. Anne Adamson, and Mrs. Lorna Tooker, when visitors and members had a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones - one of the most enjoyable aspects of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Grand Representatives, Past and Present are from left to right, front row, Mary Dunlop, Stayner - Bertha Cody, Collingwood - Helen Hunt, Newmarket - Bruce Holt, Barrie. Back row, left to right, Ilda Holder, Caledon East - Margaret McGowan, Barrie - Isabel Walker, Midland - Gerald Holder, Caledon East - Vivian Noble, Creemore - Edith Watson, Caledon East.

Magnan-ificent swimming

Lise Magnan earned three gold medals, one silver and two bronze medals to help the Midland Y Keegos Swim Club to a second-place finish at the Richmond Hill Invitational Swim Meet last weekend in Richmond Hill.

Magnan came home with the meet's overall high point trophy and the high-point trophy in the Girls' 13-14 age group in the 10-club event.

She took top honors in the 200 metre individual medley (2:56), the 100 metre breaststroke (1:32.1) and the 200 metre breaststroke (3:12). Her silver medal came in the 100 metre freestyle event (1:13.5), and she picked up bronze medals in the 200 metre freestyle (2:36) and the 100 metre flystroke (1:26.4).

Joel Magnan was also in top form at the event, winning the high point trophy in the Boys' 10-and-under division.

The younger Magnan won gold medals in the 50 metre freestyle (35.8) and the 200 metre individual medley (3:05.5), snagged the silver in the 100 metre freestyle (1:17.8), the 50 metre flystroke (41.9), and the 100 metre backstroke (1:33.2), and scored a bronze-medal finish in the 50 metre backstroke (43.5).

Michelle Magnan earned golds in the Girls' 13-14 age group in the 200 metre backstroke (2:57.3), and

the 200 metre freestyle (2:35.1), finished right behind Lise in the 200 metre individual medley (3:01.1) to pick up a silver, and also grabbed the silver in the 100 metre backstroke (1:23.3).

Anne Leavens won a gold medal in the 100 metre flystroke (1:21.6), and bronze medals in the 100 metre backstroke (1:26) and 100 metre freestyle (1:13.3) in the Girls' 11-12 age category.

In the Girls' 10-and-under group, Becky Whittam earned a bronze in the 100 metre breaststroke (1:49.1) and Danny Whittam nailed down a bronze in the Boys' 11-12 division 100 metre breaststroke.

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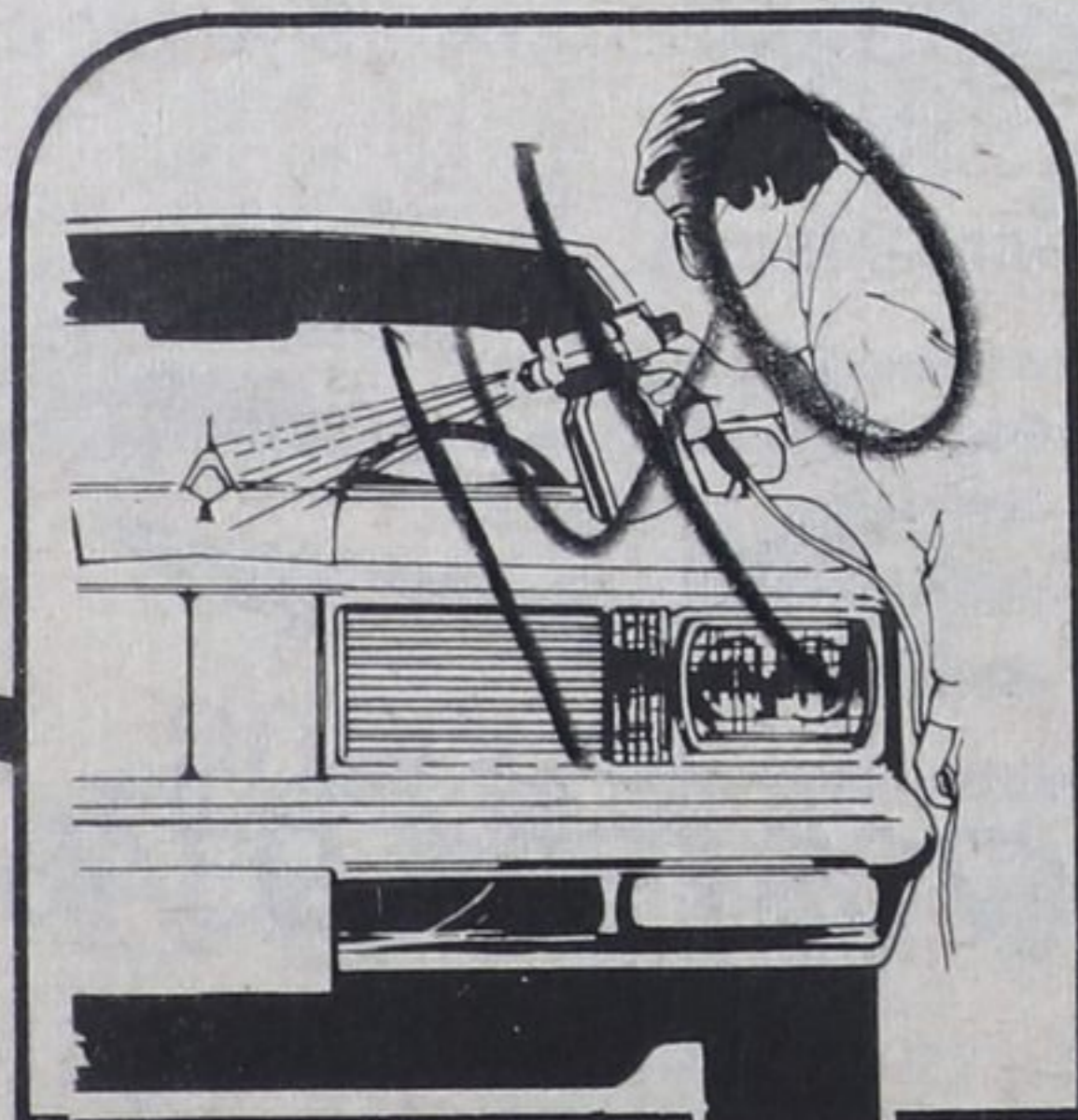
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