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This month's roundup:

- Star Trek vs. Star Trek vs. Star Trek – Part IV
- About TR-3B (the advanced plane that does not exist)

Our usual tidbits from the Web.

– Your editor, Leybl Botwinik



TR-3B – Triangle in the Tropics (*) – by Jose Sanchez [*see next page about the TR-3B]

Feedback from Fans:

Dear Leybl,

Not only Yiddish SF news and anthology reviews in the April and May clubzines, but a serialized SF story in the April issue, no less. Good show, Leybl! I appreciate your lists of links to interesting science and SF content. (My plan is to list some less time-sensitive links on my revised website. Just have to get a Round Tuit.)

I was actually unaware that Israel had a space research program. It interests me to read any news about practical space development, i.e., actual energy and manufacturing industries in space. Keep me posted if you run across anything of the sort.

Yours,

Garth Spencer, Vancouver, Canada

LB: Thanks Garth. Always great to hear from you. Sure – Israeli hi-tech is doing some great things in space research and such, and I'll keep you (and our readers) updated. Send me the link to your website and I'll publish it. Take care.

From Gary Roth:

Captain Picard frequently calls Riker "number one", so I would reckon that he is the first officer.

About TR-3B from <https://veteranlife.com/lifestyle/tr3b/>:

From Black Triangles to Black Projects, the TR3B Is a Fun Conspiracy

Would the government lie to us? Doubtful. Sure, there have been a few slip-ups in the past, but overall, the U.S. government enjoys keeping its citizens well-informed however possible. Which is why before we dive into the idea of the TR3B, **it's important to note that this aircraft does not exist.**

Sometimes called the TR3B Black Manta or TR3B Astra, the idea is that the U.S. military is working with aliens to develop some sort of advanced aircraft. A silly notion, but nevertheless, let's dive deeper into this cool concept aircraft.



What Is a TR3B?

The TR3B is a myth, a rumor, and an idea of an aircraft that's in possession of the United States Air Force. Now, this is where things get interesting because if the rumors were true, there are several different theories surrounding the TR3B aircraft:

- The TR3B airplane is a part of the USAF's secret aerospace program, known as black projects.
- This top-secret military aircraft exists but is classified. The reason it's classified is that the technology that was used to create it was provided in part by America's allies.
- Those allies are extraterrestrial beings, and the U.S. has alliances with aliens.

It makes for an interesting movie plot and a fun conspiracy, but c'mon, y'all. Despite the [Pentagon now reporting about 400 UFO encounters](#), there is absolutely no evidence that the U.S. receives assistance from aliens of any kind. In fact, the U.S. government doesn't even recognize the name TR-3B, nor has it ever confirmed the existence of a TR3B military aircraft.

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Read on at: <https://veteranlife.com/lifestyle/tr3b/>

TV REVIEW: Star Trek vs. Star Trek vs. Star Trek – Part IV

Reviewed by: Leybl Botwinik

The 60's vs. the 80-90's

There are a few things that need to be first considered when comparing Star Trek, The Original Series (TOS), to its offshoot Star Trek, The Next Generation (TNG):

- TOS aired between September 1966 through June 1969 (mid to late Sixties)
- TNG aired between September 28, 1987, to May 23, 1994 (mid to late Eighties to early Nineties)
- That's almost 20^(*) years later – So, the on-screen effects are ultimately (at least technologically) better (*) – See my note below, that in previous issues I mistakenly wrote '8' years between the two series, whereas the correct number should be 18...
- TOS takes place in the years, circa, 2266–2269
- TNG takes place in the years, circa, 2364-2370
- That's approximately 100 years later – So, space technology has, supposedly, advanced,

The first factor: 1966 vs 1987 means that the storylines would be focused differently, having a different audience to deal with, and having different technological camera and FX abilities. In addition, TNG wasn't something new that needed to 'break the ice' – TOS had already done that (and in the interim – between the two series, produced 4 well-attended movies played by the original TOS cast).

The second factor: 100 years between the two enterprises. Strangely enough, after having watched 3 episodes of TNG, I haven't felt that there was any major advancement in Federation technology between the 2 series. As a side note, the new offshoot "Star Trek Discovery" series that actually takes place (if I'm not mistaken) about a decade before TOS seems to have a much more sophisticated technology – future-looking stuff that was not yet fully developed at the time, and 'lost' to Kirk's generation because the experimental *Discovery* spaceship took it all with them when they leapt forward in time and got 'stuck in the future'.

The only 'tech' I felt that was new, and significant, was the holodeck.

Here is a discussion of the technology in the various Star Trek series. The only one I noticed that was significantly 'upgraded' was the warp speed https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technology_in_Star_Trek.

In today's world of 2023, compared to 10 years ago, 20, 30, 50, 100 years ago – and particularly in the last 50 years, technology has moved forward at probably an exponential rate. You would expect to see significant upgrades in 100 years (i.e. between TOS and TNG): Personal transporters instead of the elevators in the ship; Personal force fields; Personal cloaking devices, etc. and these are just upgrades in things that already existed in TOS. What about more robots (not just one android, "Data")...? I would expect writers to be more creative.

(This may be of interest too: <https://www.space.com/star-trek-movies-in-order> - Includes TOS and TNG movies)

There is an ongoing discussion about which of the two series is better. Here is a comparison of the two series that I found on the Internet, covering 5 talking points for each series – of what was better in those key areas.

Star Trek The Original Series vs TNG: Which One Is Better?

<https://screenrant.com/star-trek-original-series-tng-vs/#tng-captain-picard-and-co>

Note, that if you keep scrolling down after the end of the article, you will encounter more Star Trek related articles, such as about the various captains, or the various ships in the many series and offshoots in the Star Trek Universe.

Although I lean towards TOS being the better and more memorable series, I am prejudiced, because I haven't completed viewing all 7 seasons of TNG yet. This is still a work in progress: – I completed season 3 and it's much better than the first 2 seasons. I am looking forward to the next seasons' episodes 😊 but it will take a while to weigh in on them. So, I'll probably present a final opinion some time in the future 😊.

One thing I'm sure everyone will agree with, is that the original series (TOS) was the groundbreaking one. Whether or not you agree that TNG was an improvement or advancement of the first series, will often – and probably continue for many – to be a matter of contention (something similar: which actor was the best 'James Bond, 007').

NOTE:

Fix to Part I (CyberCozen, December 2022, p2):

• It said - "In our next installments, I plan to compare the original series with its next-up version "The Next Generation" that appeared 8 years after the original series was cancelled".

& similarly, for Part II (CyberCozen, February 2023, p3):

• It said - "...overview of "Star Trek: The Next Generation", that appeared 8 years after the original series was cancelled"

In both parts, that should be:

"... that appeared 18 years after the original series was cancelled".

In our next installments, I will first present a quick overview of "Strange New Worlds".

Here's a bonus:

My good friend Yosi was wearing this t-shirt, and I just had to get him to 'model' for us 😊

In case you find it difficult to read #7:

"7. If Kirk finds a strange spinning probe, he blows it up"



Fun from the Web

- **Metal Asteroid Could Be Worth \$10,000 Quadrillion**
<https://weather.com/science/space/video/nasa-plans-to-fly-to-mysterious-metal-asteroid-later-this-year>
- **How did Earth's continents form? Leading theory may now be in doubt**
<https://www.space.com/earth-continents-formation-theory>
- **SpaceX veterans create startup to power spacecraft with moon water**
<https://www.space.com/spacex-veterans-water-power-spacecraft-argo-space>

TV&MOVIES

- **The Force is strong with new trailer for 'Star Wars: Tales of the Jedi' animated anthology**
<https://www.space.com/star-wars-tales-of-the-jedi-trailer-d23>
- **Everything you need to know about 'Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures'**
<https://www.space.com/everything-we-know-about-star-wars-young-jedi-adventures>
- **'Star Wars: Visions Vol. 2' trailer expands the Jedi galaxy with new animated anthology**
<https://www.space.com/star-wars-visions-vol-2-trailer-anthology>
- **'Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3:' Fly away into the forever with Marvel Studios' new featurette**
<https://www.space.com/guardians-of-the-galaxy-volume-3-featurette>
- **'Stargate' and 'RoboCop' reboots in the works at Amazon: report**
<https://www.space.com/stargate-robocop-reboot-series-amazon>
- **Dune (Part 2): Ride a giant sandworm in thrilling trailer**
<https://www.space.com/dune-part-2-trailer-sandworm>
- **'Star Trek: Section 31' spin-off finally set to warp onto our screens, but as a movie**
<https://www.space.com/star-trek-section-31-to-go-ahead-as-a-movie>
- **Star Trek: Discovery is coming to an end: Here are 5 things season 5 needs to fix**
<https://www.space.com/5-things-star-trek-discovery-season-5-needs-to-fix>
- **'Hello Tomorrow!' creators share their inspiration for Apple TV+'s hit sci-fi series (exclusive)**
<https://www.space.com/hello-tomorrow-creators-inspiration-exclusive>

COMICS

- **'Alien' Day 2023: Marvel Comics hatches haunting new 'Alien' comic book reboot**
<https://www.space.com/alien-day-2023-marvel-comics-reboot>
- **'The Expanse: Dragon Tooth' creators - How new comic series delivers the juice (exclusive)**
<https://www.space.com/the-expanse-dragon-tooth-comic-series-creators>

GAMES

- **Funko Games unveils new cranium-busting 'Star Trek Cryptic' tabletop game**
<https://www.space.com/funko-games-unveils-new-cranium-busting-star-trek-cryptic-tabletop-game>

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