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Women talk Sci Fi

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## GE What's in this Issue?

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# GE I did this because!



## Richard Miles Trekkie Central

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When I was asked to write an article by Gerri for GE News I thought to myself, where do I begin. As usual I have left this to the last minute, but that was because this time I have really struggled to think of what to write.

My name is Richard and I am the creator of a Star Trek site dedicated to fan films. What began as a hobby has grown beyond all my expectations into this huge part of my life that I am still very much enjoying.

It all started in June last year when my then girlfriend was on holiday in the US, with very little to do I took to surfing the net most evenings looking at the various Star Trek fan films that were available, when a thought came to me that I had spent a lot of time to find something I enjoy, clicking on link after link just to find out what each series was about. So I decided why not set up a site that included all these fan films and more.

I started out by asking my brother for some help on setting up the site and went from there. I decided very early on that I didn't want to upset anyone making these productions by using their pictures and various other pieces of information that I needed on my site so I contacted a number of these fan films to get permission, which I still do to this day. Starting out with Hidden Frontier and working my way through most of the main productions I added page after page until they were all done, all the while contacting more and more people related to more and more Star Trek shows. Over the next few months the website grew and grew, and so did the list of shows that I found. Over all (at last count) there were over 300 on my list most still needing to be added to the site, but the one thing that I did discover was how friendly everyone within the Star Trek community was, and now have some friends from the building of the website through to the working on the magazine.



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# Richard Miles

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Then in October last year my girlfriend finished with me, but rather than sit around and mope about it, I decided that I needed to focus my time and energies somewhere, thus Trekkie-Central Magazine was born. The first and second issues were a huge struggle to get done, working all on my own they took two months each to complete, but without the help of Rob Caves who answered all of my questions and queries without any complaints, then the magazine would not be here today, so my thanks to him for that.

The first magazine was released just after Christmas last year and was very successful and currently has had over 600 downloads and over 120 readers online. Issue two was then released in January 2008 and although it hasn't been as nearly as popular, still has had a lot of people downloading it over the following months. Whilst I was working on Issue three I was contacted via the Intrepid forums by Alex Matthews volunteering to help out with the magazine. With Alex's help the magazine went out on time this time with people commenting at how good it was. When we were working on Issue four I made a decision that would have

reaching changes for the magazine, I decided that it was time that the magazine had a proper staff, so via Trekspace I contacted people with skills that I thought would benefit the magazine and also people with skills that I could use to introduce new things in to the magazine. Through this I again have met many wonderful people, including Gerri and Eugenia (of GE News), and have managed to build up a team of 15 people all working towards the same goal, some of which have already contributed and some of which are yet, but I am grateful in each and everyone for whatever help they can give to the magazine and through that me.

Over the coming months I am planning a lot of things for the magazine including a special issue to be released at the end of may, and a couple of extra special interviews, but that is all I am going to say at this time.

One of the things that I have wanted to do since I created the site was to transfer it to its own domain and this is now becoming a reality, at some point within the next few weeks I am hoping that we will be able to launch Trekkie-Central.com thanks to all the hard work of someone a year ago I didn't even know, but through Star Trek and it's fan films I have built up a good friendship with, so thank you Thomas Reynolds for all your work on that and I hope that you all enjoy using the new site as much as I have watching it being built.

Trekkie-Central has now got to the point where it is bigger than I could have ever imagined, and we are now working on a couple of projects that we hope that you will like. That is all I can say on this at the moment but please keep your eyes peeled for news at the website and in the magazine of these projects.

All that remains to be said is that without everyone's help Trekkie Central would not be where it is today so thank you and I hope that the people visiting the site and downloading the magazine will enjoy it for many years to come

**Richard Miles ~ Trekkie Central**



# GE

## The World of Warcraft: A Woman's Perspective!

By Melissa  
McEgan

**FOR THE HORDE!!!!** The battle cry sends shivers down the spine of devoted gamers the world over, many of whom are female. While it is near impossible to tell which players in the online MMORPG game *World of Warcraft* are actually female, the battle cries of the game factions affect people in much the same way.

The MMORPG (Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game) *World of Warcraft* is one of the most popular online games available today. With players around the world in excess of 9 million,

the world of Azeroth is a popular place to escape the realities of life. The basic game has you as a member of one of two factions. The first is that of the Alliance. Races which comprised the Alliance are Humans, Night Elves, Dwarfs, Gnomes and the Draenei (only available to players who have also purchased the *Burning Crusade* expansion). The Horde (where my loyalties lie!) is comprised of Orcs, Trolls, Tauren, Undead and the Sin'dorei (or Blood Elves – also only available in the *Burning Crusade* expansion).

On my server (Drenden-US) you will find me always as a Blood Elf. Whether I play Aveliandra (a hunter), Paksenarrion (a paladin) or Zsadist (a rogue), I consider myself to be a loyal soldier of the Horde! The split between factions on Drenden is somewhat unequal, with 80% of registered players allied with the Alliance. With such a small margin playing the Horde, the game can be quite challenging at times. It is safer to assume, when playing, that if you see a female character, that the player is not always female. Information on various MMORPG games on the internet say that female gamers will mostly play female characters, whereas male gamers will either play female or male characters. It can make for some interesting times in the much loved Shattrath City, neutral base in the war-torn Outlands, introduced as part of the *Burning Crusade* expansion.



As Guild-Master of a group of Horde enthusiasts, I collaborate with the other guild members, and organise raids on instance dungeons and alliance bases. Our guild, Azeroth Deathlords, whilst small (19 members – as opposed to some guilds which number over 200 members) will soon be embarking on a massive recruitment drive of players ranked level 55 and above to enable us to participate in the hardest dungeons which require parties of either 20 or 40 players to succeed.

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# The World of Warcraft



Some people consider MMORPG games to be a bad influence, especially on younger players. It is true that they can cause problems for people with addictive personalities. To me, it provides the same kind of escapism as a good Jennifer Fallon novel does. Some time ago, the comedy show *South Park* showed an episode based on the *World of Warcraft* game. Interestingly enough, my brothers showed me this hoping that I would never start playing the game. The day after being shown the episode, I bought the 2 week trial which is still available in stores for just \$2 and have never looked back. With one character already at maximum level (70 – Aveliandra) and another fast approaching that milestone (64 – Paksenarrion), the game becomes more exciting every time you connect and port into the world of Azeroth.

With the release of the second expansion, *Wrath of the Lich King*, rumoured for November of this year, more people across the world are starting to play every day. The game allows ordinary people to imagine what life would be like if they were, in real life, heroes of amazing stamina and strength, fighting the evil of the Burning Legion. What child doesn't imagine themselves to be a knight in shining armour? *World of Warcraft* offers every child, teenager and adult the opportunity to bring those dreams to life! I hope to see you all within the World of Warcraft in the future!

As the Sin'Dorei say 'WE WILL HAVE JUSTICE!!'

Melissa McEgan

## The Big Bang Theory Review

A comedy series about physicists!!! Very smart people and comedy. Is that an oxymoron? Not when you watch *The Big Bang Theory*. This is one of the best comedies that I have seen for a long time.

It appeals to the inner GEEK and if you enjoy Sci Fi (in any form), computer games, technology, space and even math then you will thoroughly enjoy it! Strange, weird but surprisingly nice people who enjoy the things that I do, does that make me weird and strange too? This is excellent entertainment and deserves to have a long and lengthy run on television. Next time it is on TV make sure you catch it! Cus, your inner GEEK will get mad at you if you miss it!

**GERRI (THE G)**

## The Big Bang Theory Review

I love it, I love it, I love it!! I have watched the first episode of *The Big Bang Theory* five times. Anyone who calls round I sit down and introduce them to the world of two geeks and their friends. If you love Sci Fi, if you enjoy superhero movies, if you have collected action figures or models then this is the show for you!

The comedy is clever, the characters fascinating and the "blond bimbo" adds to the entertainment of the show. Can you tell I enjoy it? I can't wait till it comes out on DVD as I will be adding it to my collection. I just wish the free to air stations in Australia would play more of the episodes.

**Eugenia (THE E)**

# GE look what we watched!



We were pointed to a fan fiction site [www.borgwarmovie.org](http://www.borgwarmovie.org) Download it, then watch it!

3 million downloads it says, that is pretty impressive and wow, look at that, so many ways to get the movie, high, low resolution, Quicktime or watch it on YouTube! So download we did.

The movie, developed from material from two well know Star Trek games, Elite Force II and Star Trek Command games animation sequences was edited to make a movie with new action sequences added. Dialogue was taken from the games and with new material edited to make a script for a new story. So we sat down, coffee in hand and watched!

Guess what, we started to enjoy it! Familiar races appeared, Romulans, Klingons etc. The Borg up to their old tricks, find a new species to assimilate! This species is a force to be reckoned, they assimilate the Borg, infecting them with their own DNA! A new Borg is born, with lotsa legs!

The alliance between the Federation and Klingons is shaky with the Klingons wanting to return to those old Klingon ways. The Federation are working with the Romulans ala DS9, on a new cloaking technology. The films maker Geoffrey James took over 1620 hours to work on this project and for the first hour the movie was fast paced and we really got into it! What gave the movie credence was the use of voices from real Star Trek actors Tim Russ and Patrick Stewart from the sound bytes in the games.

The last 30 mins or so of the movie was a little on the slow side and we got a bit distracted by the size of certain characters physical attributes, causing a lot of laughter! It takes the Romulan Admiral Arai and Dr Sevenofnine (yes check the bios out on the web) longer to walk into a room because there is such a lot of them to get through! Admiral Arai was a well fleshed out character and very believable throughout, Dr Sevenofnine, otherwise known as Kleeya, oh why was she there? Aged 19 (??? So if Voyager returned 17 years ago?? Again check the bios) and a PHD already, such a clever girl and that uniform, whilst I say a great piece of animation manipulation, she was just Trek candy!! The big baddy bug was hard to understand with most of the other characters adequate for their roles within the movie.

In all, we enjoyed watching this movie. It felt like Trek and in general the movie plot could be straight from one of the shows. Full credit must go to Geoffrey James for even embarking on something of this nature. It does give Star Trek and its fans another avenue for enjoying an episode of Star Trek while the franchise is in recession. We have seen many Sci Fi movies between us and believe it when we say that there are a lot worse ones than this to watch. Would we recommend it? Yes we would!

**Go to the web, download it!**

# GE do you know what peeves me?



So how many different variations of the same thing do you own on your DVD shelf?? Isn't it getting ridiculous? All I can say is 'Thank God for Ebay'! What has started my rant off you say!

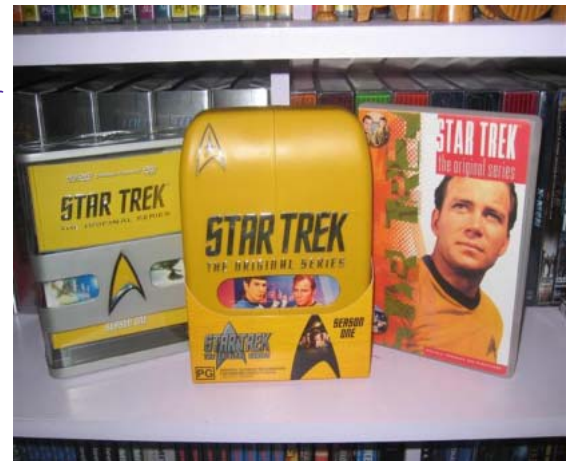
The other week I was looking down the Ezydvd list of releases. I do this every now and again to make sure that I don't miss out on that special DVD that I have been waiting for. The DVDs I like to buy are usually shows that have been on TV and the occasional movie that I have seen and enjoyed. To my delight I saw that the Davros (DR Who) Box Set had been released, but as I read down the list of the stories that are in the Box Set I find that I already own four of the five stories on DVD that are in the Box Set. 'That is OK', I thought. 'Thank goodness they are issuing the story I don't own as a single release as well'. I could live with the fact that I would not have the Davros audios.

And then it happened!! I kept reading and I my blood started to boil. In this Box Set is a special two disc release of 'Remembrance of the Daleks' with all new special features. This is where I threw my arms up into the air. I would have sworn but I am too much of a lady for that.

You know at one stage I owned 'Star Trek: Wrath of Khan' on video, also the movie on DVD and the special two disc version all at the same time. Then along came the monster 10 disc Star Trek movie Box

Set with wait for it, a Director's Cut of the 'Wrath of Khan'!! As much as I love this movie you just have to draw the line somewhere.

The list goes on... I own Star Trek the original series mega DVD release from America (at that stage no Star Trek episodes were being released in Australia) I have the Original Series Box Set that came out with the disc of special features, and yes you guessed it I also own the new HD Re-mastered Original Star Trek Series. I am so glad I was never a big 'Lord of the Rings' fan!!



But you know what is occasionally even worse than having umpteen numerous releases of the same thing? Packaging changing half way through a series release! I am sure one of you have a TV show that you started collecting one way and have ended up with an odd assortment of DVD cases on your shelf. Smallville is a good example of this. Seasons 1-3 are in wide cases and Seasons 4-5 are in the thin cases. Buffy is even worse. I have seen that show released three different ways. And what they did to the Stargate Box Sets is just criminal. I am so glad I am not too hung up (*Yeah I believe that do you? Gerri*) on things matching but if you were, staring at the Stargate boxes would drive you to drink. For 8 seasons they managed to keep to the same packaging and design and then I don't know what they were thinking but out came Season 9, not only was it a totally different design but it was also shorter by a few millimetres. And then they release Season 10 and it is different again, almost matching Seasons 1-8 but instead of the box being predominately brown and orange, it is blue! And if you managed to not find the Season 10 Box Set then you have an thin case right at the end.

And it just goes on and on...

So now we have the Blu ray take over and eventually I will again be buying my shows with all new formats and all new packaging.

**Boy, this really peeves me off!!**

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