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NEWS AND NOTES

The next Yamato movie has had it's release date changed to March of 1983. The name will be Final Yamato and will be the "last" movie in the series. This next movie will be shoot in 70mm. The movie will take place in the year 2203, and will deal with a planet called "Aquarius". While it is being billed as "the final Yamato movie" fans will remember that Arrivederchi Yamato had the same type of publicity. Perhaps this movie will be done along a "what if" story line, also known as "entropy".

The thrid season of Star Blazers will be out later than expected. In fact the chances of having the new season out for the Fall season is very dim at this point. Also the chances are good that a merchandising campaign won't be out until the thrid season is in the market. In Philadelphia Star Blazers is now in the same time slot as Star Trek, but it won't be till the rating results that we will know which is pulling in the largest audience, and if one show is hurting the other. One fan commented that this was the worst thing to happen since the competition between Star Trek and Space: 1999. We urge all local fans to write both stations to chauce the time slots. In New York WPIX-TV has announced that it will not pick up Star Blazers for the Fall season. Right now Star Blazers Long Island is starting a campaign.

The fandom surrounding Star Blazers (called Blazerdom in some circles) has been growing. Right now there are two "mini cons" in the works. Star Blazers Mini Con (also known unofficially as Star Blazers Conclave) will be held as a part of the Creation Summer Expo*N.Y. It will take place August 28-29th at the New York Statler, at 33rd & 7th Ave. in Manhattan. Admission for both days is \$12, for Saturday \$7 and Sunday \$6. Advance tickets cost less, \$10 for both days, and \$5.25 a day. Payments for tickets and all hotel info should be sent to Creation, For info on the full convention call

call for info on Star Blazers Mini Con and events

Events include video tapes, movies, a collation of sapa, and speakers.

Star Blazers/Space Cruiser Yamato Micro Con will be held as part of Babel Conference '82. It will be September 24-26th at the Holiday Inn East in Kentwood, Michigan. There will be episodes on tape with running translations. You must be a member of Babel Conference to attend. For more info send a S.A.S.E. to Jay Barron,

If you miss either con, look for coverage in future issues of Star Blazers Fandom Report.

On the fanzine scene, things are moving. Now Blazerdom has it's own a.p.a. called Starsha or sapa. For those who don't know apa stands for an amateur press association. It is a fanzine that is made up of smaller fanzines which range in size from one page to fifty. Each fanzine is written and reproduced by one person and sent to be collated by another person. The result is a huge fanzine, which is mailed to all the contributors. The copy count, or pages to be reproduced is 30 copies per sheet. For info or a sample write Fred Kopetz,

Or for fast info call Michael Pinto at

Also Kopetz's Space Cruiser Log continues to publish. Issue One was 21 pages, and had articles and fiction.

A new fanzine called Space Fanzine Yamato will be out in late Summer. This will be a series of three fanzines that information on Star Blazers. This fanzine is planning to have everything from designs to translations from the Japanese version. For more info send a S.A.S.E. to Space Fanzine Yamato,

the Final Yamato

by Ardith Carlton

The curtain of secrecy surrounding the final Space Cruiser Yamato movie has been lifted at last! The title, long rumored to be Yamato Towards Eternity is actually Space Cruiser Yamato - The Concluding Chapter. For those who don't relish the idea of trying to pick out the title in Japanese, don't worry - the movie's title in English is printed as Final Yamato:

Toei, the distributor, announces that the movie will be released in Japan during March of 1983, a full seven months later than the fans expected. Fortunately, part of the storyline has been revealed. It's vague, but it's a taste of the epic to come in 1983.

According to the legends of space, when the Earth was born 4 billion years ago, a huge planet of water called Aquarius passed by it. The interference of Aquarius' gravity caused huge amounts of water to rain down on Earth. The oceans it formed raised to life. But in the Paleozoic era Aquarius passed Earth again, this time removing some excess water and killing of the dinosaurs.

The year is 2203 A.D. Aquarius' orbit is bringing it toward our galaxy again. But the speed and power of the planet's passing affects a nebula, which undergoes a dimension dislocation and ends up covering parts of our galaxy. The Nucleus Fixed Star System ends up opposite Earth, and Earth Defence Command sends Yamato to investigate.

The core of Aquarius is made up of heavy water, and above it's surface of it's sea is a floating continent. Long ago there was a civilization, but now the Queen of Aquarius lives alone in ruins.

But instead of finding the planet, the Yamato gets lost on the way. They find a planet, Deingil, with all of its land covered with water from Aquarius. Dengil's leader, Lugar, wants to claim the new planet for his people, and Deingil science has developed the most powerful space fleet for Lugar to use.

Yamato's crew learns that Aquarius is now heading right for Earth, so they leave Deingil and try to find their way back home. But suddenly, a strange fleet attacks ...

Desslok will be in Final Yamato too, as his Garuman-Gamilon Empire squares off against the Bolar Commonwealth - maybe in the Nucleus Fixed Star System? - to start the war that ends in the Yamato III/Star Blazers 3rd season. However the Final Yamato takes place in 2203 A.D. If it's the absolutely last chapter, then how does the Yamato III series of 2205 A.D. fit in? Maybe Yamato III is a "what if" series like Arrivederci Yamato. There are still scores of questions to be answered.

Final Yamato will require 20 months to complete. It's being filmed in 70mm, like the second half of Be Forever Yamato, yet there is no word as to whether it will have quadraphonic sound like it's predecessor. As usual Hiroshi Miyagawa will be writing the music. But to add something of a classical touch the music of Debussy will be used in scene of planet Aquarius, and Wagner for the planet Deingil. A music & narration album a prototype of the movie, has just been released by Nippon Columbia. Entitled Space Cruiser Yamato Prologue to the Final, and a just plain Yamato Final on the cover. A few record shops in the U.S. should have it by mid-August, and the price should be from \$14.95 and \$19.98, depending on who you order from. Two stores to write, (and send a S.A.S.E. to) are : Melody Records, 16127 S. Western Ave., Gardena, CA 90247 and Sound Track Album Retailers. P.O. Box 7, Quarryville, PA 17566.

If anyone has any speculation on what the next motion picture may hold, please feel free to write us with your ideas. Write the Star Blazers Fan Club,

Write us even if you want to comment, remember this is your club, take advantage of it.

The Art File

Upper Left; **JULIE FROELICH**

Lower Left; **ERIC GASPARICH**

Below; **LUKE MENICHELLI**





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ADS



Ads are free to all members as a club service. You can take an ad out for just anything you want, whether it is an ad for a fanzine or just a personal message to a friend or pen pal. Please send all ads to the club address.

LEDGENDS OF LIGHT-New first quality Star Wars fanzine, will contain 2 major stories, short stories galore, poetry, puzzles, lovely artwork, and more!!! Available in late August. Send \$3 to reserve your copy of loaded first issue. Inquires w/SASE to: POOZ PRESS,

Break out the "Spring Water"—SPACE FANZINE YAMATO IS COMING!! The first issue slated for a late summer release, will include translations from the original Japanese series, uniforms & designs, part 1 of 3 part Yamato disography with track & song translations, info on what's going on in Japan...and a special fold out of the Space Cruiser Yamato! For info, send a SASE to SPACE FANZINE YAMATO,

PLASTIC MODEL KITS: I buy sell and trade SF, comics, TV, movies, figure and other unusual kits including Star Blazers. Send SASE for FREE list. John F. Green

WANTED: Yamato film versions on video tape, (VHS) and especially ASTRO BOY, MARINE BOY and EIGHTH MAN. Has all 52 episodes on video to trade, and GIGANTOR episodes. SASE helpful. Will Valentino,

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*Star Blazers Rockville-Chris Bond,
projects-attending conventions, group went to Balticon 16 in Baltimore

+if you would like to form a chapter of the club, write or call Michael at
also if you have a chapter and it's not listed please write us & keep us updated

THE STAR BLAZERS FAN CLUB
c/o Michael Pinto

communications

editorial

IT'S YOUR CLUB MAKE THE DAMN BEST OF IT THAT YOU CAN! That is my message for this issue. What do I mean? I am saying that being a member of the Star Blazers Fan Club is not enough. The membership card doesn't make you a fan of Star Blazers, it just shows you are a member. To be a fan to means to exploit every possibility when it comes to Star Blazers. To be a fan you must be active. That means alot of things. It can mean writing a letter of comment to the club up to running a convention. Alot of you write in saying things like "I thought I was the only fan of Star Blazers in the world!" Well now that you have found this club of some 250, why not make the best of that money you gave in for membership? How? Easy, one thing you can do for starters is get your name on the pen pal list in the November issue. So far less than 10 people have written! To make the deal sweet, I'll give a color picture of the Argo to the 20th,30th,40th and 50th person that writes in to put his name on the list. All you have to do is put your name, address and interests on an index card and mail it here. From there I will put it in the November issue. Just think of being able to write someone about Desslok and Starsha, and being taken seriously. Second you can write a fanzine. A fanzine doesn't have to be pages long, it can be as short as one page! Any member of this club who can't write a page about Star Blazers is illiterate or lacks imagination. Upset that a local station doesn't show Star Blazers? Don't cry! Write that station, in fact that's how this club got started! There are a million things a fan can do, need ideas? Call me up at [REDACTED] Or write me, but send a self addressed stamped envelope. As encouragement if you do something I will go as far as to write up your accomplishment in this column, for the club to read.

Some minor notes here. First of all I owe several of you back issues, you will have every issue from 1-6 by Summers end, even if you didn't ask for every back issue. For those others who have asked for back issues, I'll have some ready for November. Also I have been a bit behind in my mail, I'll write you all as soon as possible. I should explane the reason why I have been busy is because of involvement in the Long Island Science Fiction Society. Also sorry about the short issue, the November issue will be bigger.

letters

Letters to the editor are not only accepted, but encouraged. Please keep all letters under two paragraphs. I've had some great letters, but they are too long. Send letters to the: Star Blazers Fan Club, [REDACTED]

Editor,

Your "Write Now" editorial in the May 1982 issue, was an amusing piece of propaganda by an ignorant fanatic. In the first part of your editorial, you stated that in issue 57 the answer Starlog gave ment "NO MORE STAR BLAZERS IN STARLOG". Well I don't see much difference between Starlog & Comics Scene except the latter is about comics & animation. Is not Star Blazers animation?

Howard the Duck was an unfortunate choice in your part to call a "sick creation". It is one of the most adult comics on the current comics scene. Have you read any Howard the Duck? The best ones are offer every bit of intelligence as Star Blazers ever did, and some are superior, (the new X-Men for instance).

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I think you owe the many comic fans a sincere apology for your prejudice, and I think if you would try em' you would like em'. Star Blazers detail of charactorizations was something like Marvel Comics under Stan Lee pioneered back in the early 60's, so why are you biting the hand that feeds you?

Harry Silva, [REDACTED]

-First off the Write Now section gave concerned members information. Yes Star Blazers is animation, but it's alot more than a cartoon. That something more is a damn good story, that something is SCIENCE FICTION. Star Blazers is more than a cartoon, it is SCIENCE FICTION. I say we have Star Blazers in both magazines, not just one. Also I am a student of art, the reason I hate comics is because they are blandless garbage. Sure there are a few exceptions, like the undergrounds and Trudeau's Doonesbury, but they are few. Also this is the 80's not the 60's. Also have you ever given science fiction a chance? How could you tell me how great X-Men is if you haven't read science fiction? Have you ever read Shatterday by Harlan Ellison? Foundation by Asimov? Moon is a Harsh Mistress by Heinlein? ect. How about the rest of you comic fans? Also I will continue to put my opinion in these pages, that tradition goes to the greatest editor that lived, John W. Campbell. I have read comics and they are NOTHING in the face of science fiction.

Michael,

I would like to define Star Blazers fandom (Blazerdom) for all those comic fans. First of all Star Blazer fans are by no stretch of the imagination "comic fans". We do not sit around waiting for the next X-Men so we can update our collection. In fact most Star Blazer fans are sctifans. In fact I think of comic book fandom as more of a business than a fandom because fandom needs involvement. Besides what is so hot about finding Capt. Marvel and putting him in a acid free plastic bag? It is an insult to think of Star Blazers in the same frame of mind as mere comic books. Star Blazers has charactorization & a good storyline. X-Men will never have that, or come close. All told I consider it a slur to be labled a comic fan.

Fred Kopetz, Editor Space Cruiser Log, [REDACTED]

-I tend to agree. By the way at Star Blazers Mini Con there will be a debate on the subject. There were other letters on the subject. But they were a bit long, I could put out a fanzine on the subject if I put them all in. Although I favor one side, I still respect the other.

Sir:

Enclosed is my check for supporting membership in the SBFC. Some info: I am 37, an electrician in N.Y.C. Married father of two (one named Derek). A graduate of the Empire State College, S.U.N.Y. Former Editor of my college paper & current Editor of a community news-sheet in my cooperative.

Michael P. Higgins, [REDACTED]

-The letter was a bit longer, (alot longer). The reason why I printed this is to show you all something. Star Blazers is not a show for kids! In a questionnaire I sent out not too long ago, most of you said you were between 12-20, and the second highest was 20-40. In fact most people that give their age are in High School, College or are working. The message that Star Blazers is an adult show, and not "kid-vid" should be noticed by the powers that be in television, and at the offices of program directors.

I would like to thank the others that sent me letters. In the future please keep them short and to the point. Also the falt here is mine too for the long answers. But the reason why I am doing this is because I think fan ideas are an important part of this club. Also I want letters on any aspects of Star Blazers and it's fandom. Also I print the addresses so that fans can contact each other. Also try to get those pen pal cards in before the end of August.