

Cruising the Kernel with Andrew, Ted and the Gang

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The ship may not win any interior design awards, but the latest Geek Cruise made up for that with smart minds giving great talks--both on the schedule and off.

There have been 29 Geek Cruises so far, and I've been on five of them, including four Linux Lunacy cruises. The latest was the the one completed just a few days ago, Linux Lunacy V. I missed Linux Lunacy IV last year in the Mediterranean. So it had been two years since I'd been on a Geek Cruise. I hadn't realized how much I missed them. You can think of Geek Cruises as conferences at a hotel with a hull. You'd be right, mostly. In fact, they're more like intensive lectures in a subject, given by Masters at a small Caribbean or Alaskan or Mediterranean or Hawaiian university that features bars, night clubs, pools, music, a casino and unlimited quantities of food.

What I missed, I realized, was the coursework, even though much of it is intended for real hackers, which I am not. In case you don't know, my beat is Linux in Business, including the Large Issues surrounding that topic. The only code I know is Morse.

A sampling of the talks, which were more like seminars:

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