

The Shuttle DaVinci Scuttlebutt

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From The Center Seat

Hello, and welcome to the shuttle DaVinci! My name is Freddy Heller and I am the commander of Region 2's newest chapter. What you are reading is the DaVinci's first newsletter. The question marks at the header are there because we still lack a name for the newsletter. So how about putting your thinking caps on and at the next meeting we will toss around a few promising names.

WE ARE OFFICIAL! The DaVinci officially launched at the Starfleet international convention, held in Atlanta last month. All the paperwork I had madly prepared the previous two months was signed, sealed, and delivered to the appropriate Starfleet personnel. Now the work begins (and the fun too)!

I have heard from several different people that the DaVinci is not the first Star Trek fan club to begin in Columbus and that for one reason or another all failed. Well, I hope this does not happen with the DaVinci! The best way to make sure that our shuttle keeps getting stronger and stronger is by making sure that the interest in the club is held high. How can we do this? That, fellow shipmates, is up to all of us. The senior staff and the rest of the officers can only do so much. We need the help of the rest of the crew to help plan, organize and run ship events. This goes from community service projects to help within the ship. When the flag is raised for volunteers, let all the hands be raised.

One of the more important functions of the DaVinci will be community service. Some of the ways in which we can help are the Adopt-A-Highway program, answering telephones at telethons, and helping other organizations in their fund raising efforts. If you have an idea for things

that the DaVinci can get involved in, please contact myself, the First officer, or any other member of the senior staff.

CDR Freddy Heller

First Officers Log

Thanks to the continued efforts of Freddy Heller, The shuttle DaVinci has successfully launched. Freddy has worked tirelessly to establish a Star Trek fan club in Columbus since his arrival this spring from Killeen, Texas.

It has been terrific to see the response from reserved Columbus Trekkies. (I had thought there were very few of us.) Since we are now organized, I am sure we will find many more Trekkies in our midst. Keep spreading the word!

Freddy told me about a great catalog for Trek fans! If you would like to get on their mailing list, just call 1-800-TREKKER and give them your name and address.

LTCMDR Rita Johnson

CONVENTION REPORT

For those of you unlucky enough to miss the events of the July 13-16 weekend, I will be glad to let you know what went on.

Freddy, Travis, and I arrived in Atlanta Thursday morning. After some complicated docking maneuvers, we settled in at the Ramada Inn, Starfleet events headquarters. (You will hear more from our commander on the importance of the Ramada Inn in the Trek world.)

We immediately set out on the first of many long hikes to the Hilton, DragonCon headquarters, where we pick up our registration packets and my husband took a lightning tour of the dealers' room. Once you get to know him better, you will instinctively look for him there at the convention we attend.

After that we beamed back (don't I wish!)

to our hotel, and the Commander piloted the shuttle to the airport to pick up some incoming VIP's. Captain Marcia Schoonver, Science Officer Ray Schoonover, and Counselor Beth Robinson of our mother ship, the U.S.S. Kepler of Killeen, Texas arrived for the festivities. We had already run into Senior CPO Kim Kerr at the hotel.

We had a great time seeing these old friends and introducing new crewmates LTCMDR Joe Perry and Ensign Dan Palmer to them.

There were a number of interesting meetings and seminars to attend. Not all were Star Trek related, and I especially enjoyed attending as many of the Pern meetings as possible, seeing that I'm a big, seeing that I'm a big McCaffrey fan. My sister in Texas (also a fan) wailed in anguish when I told her all that went on.

The guest at our Starfleet banquet was Tony Todd (Worf's brother, Kurn). The event was crashed by three hungry-looking Klingons, who eyed our sleeping son. Being too motionless to pass for gagh, he was spared.

Prying Freddy from the dealers' room (especially the Intergalactic Trading Company booth), we left Atlanta on Sunday, missing the last Starfleet activities. However we couldn't pass up the opportunity to see Robert Picardo, the nameless Doctor on Voyager, one of the Magnum Opus Con guests at Callaway Gardens. We also saw Yvonne Craig (Batgirl on Batman on Marta in "Whom Gods Destroy" on TOS). Her Description of the Orion makeup makes me glad I'm Bajoran.

There are other cons on the horizon, and I will try to have an updated list for you at the next meeting. Freddy especially wants to encourage you to start saving your nickels and dimes for the 1996 Starfleet International Convention. It will be in late August in Oklahoma City. It will be fan-run (much better) and the preliminary guest list includes Michael Ansara (Kang), William Campbell (Koloth), and John Colicos (Kor). These were the three Klingons from TOS who appeared together in DS9's "Blood Oath".

LTCMDR Connie Heller

The Shuttle DaVinci Organization

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LTCMDR *Rita Johnson*

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LT(JG) *Randy Kranepful*

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LTCMDR *Connie Heller*

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Ensign *Jeremy Wynn*

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LTCMDR *Joe Perry*

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LT(JG) *Keith Doughty*

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--Publications:

Ensign *Bryan Murphy*

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--Quartermaster: **VACANT!**

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LT(JG) *Linda Green*