

# The DaVinci Pilot

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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Our second meeting was a great success. Four interested individuals filled out applications. We are slowly growing. Including cadets, the DaVinci population stands at 48! It will take a lot of hard work by everyone to really get the DaVinci out of Space Dock and into the galaxy. If you get a telephone call asking for your help, please try your best to help as little or as much as you are able. Several other ships have tried and failed in the Columbus area. I find this hard to believe considering the large population in the area and the amount of excitement I have encountered over the formation of the DaVinci. I do not know why the other ships failed. Maybe it was lack of effective leadership. Maybe it was the lack of sincerity and dedication within the club. Whatever the reason, I am sure the DaVinci will succeed where the others did not. I believe this because of the people I have met since forming the DaVinci several months ago. These would be the officers who comprise the greatest proportion of membership within the DaVinci. Their enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer ensures the DaVinci's success. As we grow we will need more and more volunteers to help with all the activities the DaVinci is planning. The officers can only do so much. It will be the rest of the DaVinci membership that will ensure smooth sailing from launch to growth to commissioning and beyond. If you have not yet selected a division to fall under, do so as soon as possible. Many of our section leaders need help planning and carrying out activities. At our last meeting we discussed the things that need to be done to get the DaVinci

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## FIRST OFFICER'S LOG

I hope that by now you have seen the Voyager season premier, "The 37's". I thought the initial episode for this season showed great improvement over last season. The characters, now familiar, seem much richer and more fully developed and the story line for this episode more creative. It seems that the crew of the Voyager has settled into their "lost-in-space" roles with some actual grasp of their dilemma which has freed them to pursue interesting sidelines without their single minded, frantic quest for familiar quadrants. However, it was a little hard for me to believe in this episode that Amelia Earhardt would not have jumped at the chance to travel on (pilot) the Voyager for a few light years. Those of us lucky enough to be American Cable subscribers have already seen the second episode, "Initiations" (UPN Channel 6 from Boston airs Voyager on Monday nights at 8:00 P.M. Channel 54 in (FOX) Columbus airs Voyager at 10:00 P.M. on Mondays). It too was very good, especially since it centered on Chakotay as he encountered a bellicose alien species with rituals not unlike those of his own Native American heritage. Personally, I find any screen time devoted to Chakotay very worthwhile. I hope that this new season will continue as strongly as it has started. I would like to remind you to save those coupons from the Sunday paper for the Overseas Coupon Project. Remember, the expiration date of the coupon is extended for six months. Please clip the coupons, total the ones you have, and bring them to the next meeting. Thanks.

*LTCMDR Rita Johnson*  
*Executive Officer*

## GREETINGS FROM THE OPS SHOP

It is my sincere pleasure to greet you fellow travelers or as my paternal Klingon grandfather might say.."nuk Nekh"! Seriously, welcome to the Shuttle DaVinci. I am the current Operations Officer, LT(JG) Randy Kranephul. I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little about the Shuttle, communicate to you a little about me, give you my idea as to what I see as the OPS function, and encourage you to think and express yourselves about the DaVinci's vision for the future. First, the future will be what we make it. There is no "I" in "we". While we may be somewhat organized as a military type organization due to the fact that we are all in Starfleet, we are living on a Federation Shuttle, soon (we hope) to be a ship. We may be one of the few democracies left on the planet. That means your thoughts and ideas are highly valued. Remember, although we have a counselor, none of us are Betazoids. Tell us what your thoughts and wishes are. We are a group of folks who grew up or have grown to appreciate what Star Trek represents--a hope for a bright and adventurous future. To we Baby Boomers who may have stopped our lives to watch Star Trek while growing up, it was a pretty bleak world. Remember the nuclear attack drills? Get under your desk and put your hands over your head to protect from flying glass? The world's clock of destruction was probably less than a minute from the end of all life on the planet. Star Trek offered us hope for a future we were not sure would come. Now, Star Trek has become something else to us. It still offers us the future. It also offers us a sense of what it will be like in the future when racism is a word used by Romulans. It offers us an honorable system where no race is

conquered for exploitation by others, where all (or most) live in some kind of greater harmony than we see in New York City or Bosnia. What about me? I grew up in the northeast. You could always find me a couple of nights a week in front of the television set using coat hangers and aluminum foil desperately trying to beam in the weekly Star Trek. It was more than entertainment then as now. What do I bring to the Shuttle? I bring my promise to do my best to make sure that what we want for the Shuttle/Ship is what we get. I will do my best to translate the Shuttle/Ship's community service and its recreation from concept to hard reality. That's what I pledge to us all. Even though I am a Klingon at heart, I think I might be able to operate within Federation limits! And that is what I see as the mission of OPS. When the Shuttle/Ship decides it wants to participate in the adopt-a-mile program, it will be OPS that plans the when, where, how, and who. It will be OPS that then coordinates all the other details such as transportation, the da POL (chocolate) for refreshment, the garbage bags, etc. It will be OPS that coordinates for the place and the movie screen and the tape and the VCR when the Shuttle/Ship wants to have a dinner while watching its favorite Star Trek. And it will be OPS that does the planning when the crew wants to beam to Florida to watch a real Space Shuttle launch. Maybe, someday it will be OPS which will coordinate for our offspring to attend a real Starfleet Academy. So, what is our vision for the organization? What do we want to do for community service? What do we want to do for fun? What do we want to do to pass on the Star Trek ideal of future of hope and exploration to our young? I most heartily encourage all of us to bring our ideas to the next meeting. Meetings just for the sake of having meetings is not Klingon. We must bring and express the ideas of all of us and we must begin to put substance to the ideas. Without something to grab onto, we will just be beaming our atoms into space in a

wide pattern. Help us focus the pattern. Help us make a vision. Help us realize the vision. Together we can take the first steps in Columbus to "Go where no one has gone before"! **QAPLA' FELLOW CREW MATES!!**

*LT(JG) Randy Kranephul  
Operations Officer*

## From the Center Seat

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known in the community and beyond. Plans for club activities are slowly beginning to take shape and by the next meeting we will have something to report. Speaking of the next meeting, I was unable to reserve the room for the third Thursday (21st) and had to settle for the last Thursday in September.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DaVINCI WILL BE ON THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 7 P.M., NORTH BRANCH LIBRARY.**

We are still searching for a new place to hold our meetings. The requirements are for a place large enough to hold events other than meetings (dances, parties, etc.), being able to use it with little or no advance notice, and using it whenever we need to (weekdays, weekends, day and evening). Most importantly, it must not cost the DaVinci anything. I know this sounds nearly impossible but places such as this do exist, we just need to make the right contact. If you have any ideas please contact any of the Senior Staff. Our officer corps is just about filled; only one position still remain vacant - Quartermaster. The requirements for the position are: willing to join Starfleet, attend Officers Training School (OTS), and have a flair for planning good times and fun. The position of Quartermaster is one of those "where-are-my-volunteers" position. The Quartermaster has the job of planning, organizing, and carrying

out ship functions outside the monthly meetings. This would include activities such as a Halloween party, Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinners/parties, the monthly DaVinci night out, and any other such social functions, but does not include fund raising events such as bake sales and car washes. Right now, the Quartermaster will have help in planning and carrying out events, but as the DaVinci grows and more members become able volunteers, the Quartermaster will shoulder more and more of the responsibility. I need to clarify something that may be misunderstood. Although all of the officer positions are about to be filled, this does not mean any qualified member of the crew cannot be an officer in the DaVinci. The only requirements are you must join Starfleet, be 18 years old, and attend OTS. The reason for the age requirement is because Starfleet requires OTS applicants to be at least 18 years. Once you have attended OTS, you will be promoted to the rank of Ensign. If you are nearing your 18th birthday, have joined Starfleet, and have plans to take OTS when you turn 18, you will be made an acting Ensign until such time when all requirements are completed. Must you join Starfleet if you have no desire to become an officer? The answer is no. The DaVinci does not require its members to join Starfleet, but we hope that you will. Applications for Starfleet membership will be available at every DaVinci function and from your Division head. A list of the Senior staff is located on the last page of the newsletter. What about promotions? Promotions will be based primarily on how much you contribute to the ship through your volunteer work, attendance at meetings, etc. I realize that some members may not be able to attend all functions or be able to volunteer as much as they would like because of school, work, or family. In cases such as this, taking courses from Starfleet

Academy will be a good path to promotion. Promotions will not be automatic. You must be recommended for promotion by your Division head. The final authority for officer promotions within the DaVinci is myself. This authority for the Commander of a vessel to promote is granted by Starfleet. I have the authority to promote up to the rank of Commander. Captain and above are promoted by Starfleet. Enlisted promotions will be at the discretion of your Division Head and subject to my approval. We have not yet worked out all of the intricacies of an enlisted rank structure, but it will probably go from Petty Officer 3 (PO3) through Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO) to the highest enlisted rank, Master Chief Petty Officer (MCPO). Once we have selected a MCPO, this person will then become part of the Senior Staff and represent the concerns of all enlisted crew personnel. I had a few crew members come up to me after the first two meetings to inquire about uniforms and personas. Uniforms are only required for the Senior Staff and they must be Next Generation-era uniforms (Next Generation, Deep Space Nine, or Voyager). Everyone else can wear whatever uniform they desire (Original Series to Next Generation to alien to something you made up). I would like as many DaVinci personnel as possible to have uniforms, especially during events such as membership drives, the DaVinci night out, or volunteer work. It gets us noticed. I would recommend you call 1-800-TREKKER and ask to be sent one of their catalogues. As for personas, you can be anything you want to be in the DaVinci from Klingon to Andorian to Romulan. The important thing to remember is that no matter what persona you choose have fun with it, but do not go to the extreme and let it spoil your relationship with other DaVinci personnel. See y'all on the 28th!

**CMDR Freddy Heller**  
**Commanding Officer**

## FROM BELOW THE DECKS

Greetings from below the decks, where the rubber meets the road, the hub and power of the Shuttle (at least for the time being). My name is LT(JG) Steve Holt, and I am currently serving as the Chief Engineering Officer. I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself and invite any aspiring engineers to join our division. We are still sorting out the duties and responsibilities of each of the divisions, and we are open to suggestions for aligning functions. Logistics, fund raisers and promotions, transportation, and maintaining catalogues of star trek paraphernalia (take heed all you mad collectors!) are some of the areas that are being considered for inclusion in engineering. As in one of the Next Generation episodes, "we are looking for things that make us go." I am looking forward to meeting each of you and enjoying our trip together on the Shuttle DaVinci!

**LT(JG) Steve Holt**  
**Chief Engineering Officer**

## SECURITY TIPS

HEY! HEY! HEY! It's back to that time of the year again when we as parents are happy as feasting Klingons that summer is over and we get to send our little "tribbles" back to school. However, it's our responsibility to do what we can to keep them out of trouble. I can only hope that this year will be a safe school year for everyone. Each year it seems like more and more kids are involved in accidents or are abducted when they leave the comfort of home and head for the classroom. Hopefully the following safety tips will be useful in protecting your children during this school year.

\*Coach your children on the importance of not talking to or accepting rides from strangers.

\*Always wait for the crossing guard to escort them across the street. Never cross without one. If one is not in your area, always look both ways before you cross the street.

\*If children have to leave for school before daylight, have them wear brightly colored clothing so that passing cars can see them.

\*Always remain in your seat while on the bus. Last year an unfortunate accident occurred on Highway 80 in which several children were injured.

\*Vehicles in both directions must always stop when the school bus red lights are flashing.

\*Please watch your speed when passing through a school zone. You might just save a child's life and save yourself a little money from the ticket issued by your local police officer.

I hope all your children will have a very safe and happy school year and may they "live long and prosper" If you are interested in getting into the Security section (and it has its advantages) see me at the next meeting.

**ENS David Geyer**  
**Security Chief**

## CONVENTION REPORT

For those of you who were not at the John DeLancie convention on Saturday the 9th, you missed a fun time. The DaVinci worked security and was able to set up a membership table. The table, which attracted interested people during the entire convention, was manned by LTCMDR Connie Heller. She held down that spot all day long and signed up four new members! Connie also passed out at least 50 applications to excited individuals. A BIG Bajoran

thanks to Connie! We may have a big crowd ON THURSDAY THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER AT 7:00 P.M., so come early to get a good seat and help welcome new faces. I would like to thank the rest of the security team for their fine and tiring work. My thanks go to LTCMDR Rita Johnson, LT(JG) Linda Green, ENS Barbara Bush, and ENS Jeremy Wynn. The TREK-ORAMA folks also appreciated our help and presented the DaVinci with a nice

certificate signed by Rick Starnes (TOR) and John DeLancie! I cannot tell you much about what "Q" told the fans; I was in and out of the auditorium all afternoon. One thing I did catch was that "Q" will appear on Voyager sometime in October! The crowd was estimated at 400 to 450 and appeared to be having a good time. John DeLancie did sign autographs and let a few fans have their picture taken with him. His famous "JD" or "John D" signature

made quick work of the autograph line. The convention closed around 7:00 P.M. and after getting a group picture with John DeLancie, most of the security team and other DaVinci crew members went to Country's on Broadway to satisfy our post convention hunger. A good time was had by all.

***CMDR Freddy Heller***  
***Commanding Officer***

## THE CARGO BAY

Beginning this month, "The Cargo Bay" will be the DaVinci Pilot's classified section. Ads are free to members. Businesses receive free space in exchange for giving club members 10 percent discount on their purchases.

**WANTED:** Star Trek fan material and memorabilia. Especially in need of Trading Cards that came in Star Trek pre-recorded video collection and Playmate figure of LTCMDR Data in Redemption uniform. Call Freddy at 562- TREK before 9 P.M.

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Coming Soon! Newsletter trivia! Win prizes and recognition as the DaVinci's trivia master. As long as your name is not Randy you can enter! Watch for it next month.

## WELCOME TO THE DaVinciII!

The following crew members joined at the John DeLancie convention:

Lynn Childers  
Desiree Jo Childers  
John A. Miller  
Patty Williams  
Brett Backman

## SEPTEMBER CREW BIRTHDAYS

1. LTCMDR Rita Johnson 4th
2. LT(JG) Linda Green 10th
3. Cadet Heather Green 15th
4. Crewman P.J. Armour 22nd
5. Crewman Rusty Touchton 25th
6. Cadet Chris Washington 28th
7. ENS Barbara Bush 26th

## SHUTTLE DAVINCI SENIOR STAFF

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<b>Operations Officer (2nd Officer)</b>	<b>LT(JG) Randy Kranephul</b>	<b>327-0985</b>
<b>Science Officer:</b>	<b>LT(JG) Keith Doughty</b>	<b>324-3429</b>
<b>Engineering Officer:</b>	<b>LT(JG) Steve Holt</b>	<b>569-6873</b>
<b>Cadet Corps Commander</b>	<b>LT(JG) Linda Green</b>	<b>297-9672</b>
<b>Master Chief Petty Officer</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	