

The DaVinci Pilot

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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, the verdict is in. That great Captain, one of Starfleet's finest, has been handily defeated. The new kid on the block, CPT Janeway, is victorious. The results of the penny jar are as follows: Janeway had a negative \$1.14 (pennies \$4.11, silver \$5.25). In second place, CPT "Rug" himself, James Tiberius Kirk with a negative \$5.59 (pennies \$.21, silver \$5.80). In third, CPT Jean-Luc Picard of the Enterprise-D with a negative \$6.05 (pennies \$6.15, silver \$12.20). And last, but not least, even though your Commander tried his best, CPT Benjamin Sisko followed this esteemed group with a negative \$9.87 (pennies \$3.18, silver [thanks to my traitorous crew] \$13.85) The penny jar raised a total of \$50.95 for the DaVinci coffers. The next contest will be for favorite First Officer. I have NO DOUBT that Major Kira Nerys (sigh!) will win. Bring your pennies and dimes to the next meeting.

This brings up a subject we need to talk about. As we begin to have fundraisers, more and more money will go into our account. Some of it will be used for crew activities. Some of it will be used to finance the newsletter. And some of it should go to worthy causes. Starfleet is in the process of raising money through a program entitled "Challenge of the Heart." This will be an ongoing effort with only the particular charity changing every six months. Currently, the fight is against AIDS. I am going to recommend that a portion of the proceeds from the penny jar go to the Challenge of the Heart. Any individual contributions are more than welcome. LTCMDR Connie Heller is donating \$10.00 received for services rendered to a particular Klingon. (Bah! What was this about human females being too fragile?) She challenges all other

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FIRST OFFICER'S LOG

Start saving your pennies! "Star Trek: The Experience" is scheduled to open late 1996 in the North Tower of the Las Vegas Hilton. This joint venture between Hilton Hotels and Paramount Parks promises a state-of-the-art, totally interactive Star Trek environment which will forever change our concept of theme parks.

"Star Trek: The Voyage" (a part of "Star Trek: The Experience") will give Trekkers the opportunity to become a crew member on a Starfleet or an alien vessel. The voyages will never be routine and participants will soon find themselves challenged to successfully complete their mission against intergalactic odds. Part of the Voyage will find participants boarding a 12-man shuttlecraft "which whisks them off on the ultimate ride through the galaxies" (Madsen, Star Trek Communicator, May/June 1995). Sounds like a good time to me!

Advance reports reveal that at the termination of the Voyage, participants will find themselves on the Deep Space Nine promenade which will feature Virtual Reality stations, interactive video, and the latest in computer games. Those with more prurient interests may enjoy the Cardassian restaurant, which will offer an "upscale, casual, 24th century dining experience" (Madsen, 1995), or the Starfleet Lounge.

After hearing rumors for a year, I was glad to have some hard data concerning when, where, and what this endeavor would be. I can hardly wait to be a part of "Star Trek: The Experience." I was quite serious about starting a penny jar to send the First Officer to Las Vegas. Don't you think that a little reconnaissance by an Away Team composed of intrepid crew members would be in order? We would be able to secure the area and ensure the safety of our captain and crew in fine Starfleet tradition. The more I think about it, the more I am sure that it is a necessity! As your First Officer, I would be willing to disregard my own personal safety for the

greater good of our shuttle. Let's talk to Freddy about that penny jar!

How fortunate we are that the Hilton/Paramount powers-that-be have noticed the Star Trek phenomenon. The grand opening of "Star Trek: The Experience" is scheduled to coincide with the 30th anniversary of Star Trek. The Hilton/Paramount team has certainly earned my admiration for boldly going where no one has gone before...

*LTCMDR Rita Johnson
Executive Officer*

FROM THE OPS DESK

NookNeKH! If you were at the last meeting, you probably heard me emphasize three things for the club. I talked briefly about fun, vision, and community service. First, we ought to be there to have fun. We can do community service on our own if er just want a way to do good deeds. We can dress up on Halloween if we just want to wear costumes. But, I see the DaVinci as all of those things and more.

First to the issue of fun. **WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?** I challenge you to come to the next meeting on 19 OCT with ideas of what you would like to do. Once the Captain and the staff hear your ideas, I suggest we prioritize them. What things do we want to do first? Next we should decide when we want to do them. What will this do for us? By the end of the October meeting, we should have enough information to begin planning our first outing.

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Bajorans or wannabe Bajorans to donate the same.

Our new quartermaster, ENS Bill Washington, may have found us a new place to meet. St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus has a large (2,000 square feet) outbuilding on their property. One of the rectors is a Star Trek fan and has agreed to speak for us at the next meeting of the elders. Hopefully, we will be able to use this wonderful facility. We should have an answer by the next meeting. In addition, Crewman Randy Dunn has given us the name of another place which we should consider, this being the Roy Martin Center in Phenix City. He and I plan to visit the center soon.

If you were not able to make it to my house for the Deep Space Nine premiere, you missed a fun time. My home was packed with crewmembers and cadets, running around, eating, and having a fun time. Both Connie and myself did not get to watch the season premiere because we were acting as host by keeping an eye on the cadets and making sure everyone had what they needed. Ah, not to worry though, I taped the show and we watched it latter that evening. The door prize was won by our ship's counselor, ENS Victoria Washington. Congratulations Counselor!

One last thing. I noticed that some of the Starfleet memberships are getting near to expiring. It is important that you renew as soon as possible. Thanks.

Our first DaVinci Night Out was a resounding success. Eighteen people showed up for fun, food, and friendly conversation at the Bonanza Restaurant. Much thanks to all who attended. I hope next month's Night Out will be even more successful. Place and time will be announced later.

See ya'll at the October meeting!

CMDR Freddy Heller

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What will the staff do? Basically, we will plan and coordinate the activities of the group. There is more work in that than there seems. The staff has to take the "what" of the what we want and put it into the "how" we will do it. That includes things like when will we go, how will we get there, who will drive, who will ride, who will be responsible for making sure all riders have transportation, who will be responsible for reconing the place we are going, and who will coordinate at our destination. As you can see, there is more work in this than there seems.

The bottom line is we want to do fun things without going bankrupt. We need your ideas and help. But whether you come with ideas or not, rest assured at the next meeting the staff will have some ideas to propose to the group. Also, remember the DaVinci night out. In addition, be thinking about that quaint Terrain holiday of Hallo-ween. What do we want to do? Any suggestions? Hey, if it were up to me, we would spend the week on Riza! Unfortunately, a Bird of Prey is too small for us all to fit! CHA-BLAK, fellow crew members!

LT(JG) Randy Kranepuhl *Operations Officer*

PERSONAL LOG

Stardate 9510.30. While taking shoreleave in the Columbus, Georgia area of planet Earth, LTCMDR Rita Johnson and I decided to take a hike on the trails of Pine Mountain. We chose the Wolf Den Loop trail, packed our packs, and set out on the 6.7 mile hike. I really enjoyed the trail. The air was clean, the water seemed clear, and the scenery was breathtaking. I was particularly impressed with the

cleanliness of the trail and thought it was well marked.

However, the trip was not without incident. About half way onto the trail, we were attacked by what we believe were a band of Klingon renegades! Although I remained unhurt, LTCMDR Johnson sustained blunt trauma to her upper extremity while she was trying to avoid phaser fire. We believe this may have been a planned attack to ensure that an unnamed Klingon would assume the place of Executive Officer aboard an unnamed shuttle.

After returning fire, and warding off the aggressors, I began to evaluate our situation. A brief examination of the Exec' revealed that she was in need of a sling to prevent further injury. I removed an article of my clothing to provide such a sling.

This experience had taught me two lessons. First, I should go no where without a well equipped Med-Kit and communicator. Second, I should consider attending Starfleet Medical at my next opportunity.

Crewman Dan Palmer *Shuttle DaVinci*

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

The weekend of September 28-October 1 started off with a late-night flight to sunny (HA!) Fort Lauderdale, Florida. However, it was worth it, for at the other end of the flight was none other than Robert Beltran (yes, hunky CMDR Chakotay) at his very first convention. Naturally, we were the first in line at the dealers' room, and several trips were made to our room to off-load the booty. CMDR Hot Lips--excuse me, Mr. Beltran--did not speak until late in the afternoon. An earlier speaker was Penny Juday, assistant to Herman Zimmerman, who does all the shopping for set decoration. Her tales of finding common objects and having them

"Okuda-ized" into futuristic props were riveting.

Finally, the main course arrived. He walked in to thunderous applause from the SRO crowd and appeared nonplussed at the enthusiasm and love that poured from the audience. He kept us amused with his answers and tantalized us with hints of things to come. Yes, we may see Seska again (that nasty Cardy!), although he would

not comment on any other romantic entanglements ahead for his character (people asked about both B'Elanna Torres and CPT Janeway). He did refuse to answer one question which was voiced by a young female: "Boxers or briefs?" Darn! And yes, ladies, HE IS SINGLE.

Once we got through the autograph line (he smiled and winked at me) the convention was pretty much over.

However, since it was VulKon, we got these really neat tee-shirts with HIS picture on them. No, they're not for sale. Can't wait to see him in Pasadena next spring.

LTCMDR Connie Heller
Finance Officer

OCTOBER CREW BIRTHDAYS

Cadet Brett Backman	2nd
Crewman Connie Fisher	13th
Cadet David Geyer Jr.	27th
Cadet Bryan Murphy	29th
Crewman Deniece Dunn	30th

And happy birthday to Karen Mutton who was inadvertently left out of last month's newsletter (30 SEP).

WELCOME to the DaVinci!

The following new crewmembers joined at the last meeting or by mail. Welcome to the DaVinci, the finest ship in the fleet! With the addition of these crewmen the population of the DaVinci stands at sixty!

Brett Backman
Connie Fisher
Jim Johnson
Lisa Johnson
Dennis Shaw

THE CARGO BAY

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.
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<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Commanding Officer:	CMDR Freddy Heller	562-8735
Executive Officer:	LTCMDR Rita Johnson	322-8876
Operations Officer (2nd Officer)	LT(JG) Randy Kranephul	327-0985
Science Officer:	LT(JG) Keith Doughty	324-3429
Engineering Officer:	LT(JG) Steve Holt	569-6873
Cadet Corps Commander	LT(JG) Linda Green	297-9672
Master Chief Petty Officer	Vacant	

Star Trek The Original Series

AWARENESS QUIZ

The following quiz is to test your knowledge of Star Trek phrases used in the Original Series. Each letter is the first letter of a word used in a phrase. For example, C K T E = Captain Kirk to Enterprise. Each correct answer is worth 1 point. Limit one answer sheer per address. Answers must be received no later than **13 November 1995**. Mail answer sheet to: **Shuttle DaVinci P.O. Box 9862 Columbus, GA 31908-9862 before 13 November 1995.**

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F A P _____

E M L (this one is hard!) _____

NOTE: The answers as determined by the judges are final! Some may have more than one answer, but it is the answer on the judge's sheet that counts.