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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Holy Cow! What an exciting time was had by all at the original Series mini-marathon! Two guests from Atlanta, four surprises, a cake way too big, ice cream and toppings everywhere, five TOS episodes, and about 25 people throughout the evening made for an exciting time. Now for the specifics.

The guests from Atlanta were VADMs Kelly Hilliard and Mike Henigan. Kelly is the Starfleet Region 2 Coordinator.

The first surprise was the promotion of Steve Gordon to LTJG. Steve has recently completed Starfleet OTS and is working on OCC. He has also taken the Red Cross CPR course, and is planning on taking Starfleet Medical when he completes OCC.

The second surprise actually began a month ago when Mike asked the Region for individuals worthy of promotion. I immediately thought of CMDR Joe Perry, but was not sure if it could be done in time. When a later message from Mike specifically mentioned Joe, I sent Mike the strongest recommendation I could. Joe has been in Starfleet a long time and has been with the DaVinci since the beginning. I could think of no one more deserved for promotion. When the actual promotion took place I really thought I saw that Vulcan stoic face crack a smile!

Surprise number three was also a promotion. After Kelly pinned the fourth pip on Joe's uniform, I was about to adjourn the meeting for the ice cream and episodes when Kelly said they had one more presentation. I knew he meant me and I stood there quite taken as he read the certificate promoting me to Fleet Captain! I was hoping to make FCPT but did not think it would come so soon. By the way, it seems as if Connie knew all along and never even hinted something was in the air. Well, revenge is a dish best served cold says an old Klingon proverb. How true, how true.....

Surprise four a birthday cake and a rendition of "Happy Birthday" for Connie! This took place after the second TOS episode was shown. A BIG

Bajoran thanks to LTJG Joey Allcorn, a co-conspirator, who ordered and picked up the cake. Speaking of the cake it was slightly smaller than the state of Texas and at the end of the evening was divided up and taken home by crew members (as an order from the Captain)!

Okay, I suppose you want to know the results of the voting for the DaVinci's favorite five TOS episodes. In the fifth spot was "City on the Edge of Forever". Coming in fourth was "Piece of the Action". The third spot was held by "Amok Time" and the second by "Mirror Mirror". And the winner of voting and far outdistancing the rest of the pack in the voting, was "Specter of the Gun!" Hooray!!! Okay, so it was "Trouble with Tribbles" and not "Specter", but I could only dream - right?

A BIG Bajoran thanks to Mike and Kelly for coming down for the show!

Stay tuned for the next mini-marathon which will be your favorite science fiction movie. Start thinking of your top five movies. The top three will be shown sometime in the near future. I gotta recover from this one first.

On to other important things. A BIG Bajoran thanks to the folks who showed up at our last highway clean-up. Too many to list here and besides, you know who you are! I do have to mention one thing. LTJG Steve Gordon won the prize (as yet undelivered) for the most unique thing found - a complete animal skull (we think a cat) which he was kind enough to give it to Cadet Travis Grisham. It now adorns his lizard cage!

FCPT Freddy Heller

**NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE
AT 7:00 P.M. ON MARCH 2ND AT THE
PHENIX CITY BONANZA ON THE 280
BYPASS Y'ALL COME!!!**

SICKBAY

Within the past few months, a lot of discussion has taken place about cloning, the process by which DNA molecules are duplicated, and used to reproduce an exact copy of a living organism. In my own experience, I have never encountered such a heated debate over any issue such as this one. The heart of the matter is not whether animal cloning should be permissible (for disease or genetic problem research) but whether it is or should be morally ethical to clone a human being. Briefly, here are the arguments for and against human cloning.

Those who believe in human cloning contend that humans are morally and ethically responsible enough that they can abstain from the traditional method of human reproduction. They believe that human cloning would rid mankind of diseases, such as AIDS, which if left unchecked could wipe out half the world's population in a few decades. In addition, by cloning humans, we could "perfect" the human race by eliminating genetic disorders such as Down's Syndrome.

Those who believe cloning is wrong, have a more compelling argument. They contend that we are trying to "play God" by cloning humans and that cloning is morally and ethically irresponsible.

I believe that cloning has its place in science and medicine, but only for the purpose of creating new vaccines for the diseases that plague mankind. I do not believe that we should allow others to play the "mad scientist" and create such extraordinary scenarios. President Clinton is right to ask Congress to ban such activities and put science to work on useful and peaceful innovations, and to stop others from trying to play God. If God wanted us to be like Him, He would have given us such powers.

Live Long and Prosper!

LTJG Steve Gordon

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE ON MARCH 19TH AT 7:00 P.M. COME FOR GOOD TIMES AND COMRADESHIP. MEET THE SHIP'S NEWEST MEMBER!!!

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

The next convention will be on the 23rd of May in Atlanta! Tentative guests include Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (General Martok), and Mark Allen Shepard (Morn). Tickets are \$30 for the weekend or \$20 for Saturday or Sunday only. Reserved seating is an additional \$10 and well worth the price. Write your check payable to Vulkan and be sure to write "Atlanta-May" on the check! Send to: Vulkan; c/o Joe Motes; 1223 SW 50th Street; Cooper City, FL 3330-5406. As usual, we will have a car pool from my house to the convention on Saturday. Hope to see you there!

TREK BUZZ

There are new babies in the Trek family! Emma Rose Dawson, daughter of Roxann Dawson, was born on 16 January at 7:52 A.M. She was 17 ½ inches, weighed nearly 6 pounds, and was delivered by C-section. Carter Jay McNeill, the third child of Robert Duncan McNeill, was born on 21 January.

Colm Meany has joined the cast of "Mystery Alaska", a Disney production which begins filming on 26 January in Canada. It concerns a young Alaskan hockey team that gets a chance to play the visiting New York Rangers.

Producer Ron Moore has confirmed on AOL that Deep Space Nine WILL be back for another season! A BIG Bajoran thanks to the Prophets!!

Colm Meany will be in the forthcoming IMAX Star Trek film.

The next TNG film is scheduled to begin filming at the end of March. The title of the movie is rumored to be "Pathfinder".

Jonathan Frakes, who is directing the next TNG film, has signed to produce and direct the sequel to "Total Recall".

Viacom has announced that it will be launching its first Star Trek restaurant this year, in what they plan to be a chain! Hey, maybe we can get one in Columbus!!

Leonard Nimoy will be voicing a role in a new animated film, "Sinbad: Beyond the Veil of Mists." Also in the film is John Rhys-Davies (Leonardo DaVinci on Voyager).

Much thanks to Dateline: Starfleet and Transwarp for the information.!

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

There is a lot of exciting news from Toy Fair which took place last several weeks ago in New York City. It looks as though an exciting year is ahead for the Star Trek line.

Along the line of 6" figures, Playmates is releasing two sets of "Transporter Figures" These will be half transparent figures that come with a light up display base to make them appear as though they're transporting away. The first wave includes TOS characters only, Kirk, Spock, McCoy, Uhura, and Scotty. The second wave includes TNG characters, Picard, Riker, Worf, Data, and LaForge.. These will be available in November.

Also coming out under the 6 inch line is a complete bridge crew from TOS. Each one comes with their respective part of the bridge that can all be assembled to create the entire Enterprise Bridge.

A new concept from playmates, which Kenner has been doing in their Star Wars line, is the introduction of multi-packs. The first ones, which will be out in July, include Picard as Dixon Hill with Gloria and Kirk with the Keeper. In November, Sheriff Worf, Alexander and Data from "A Fistfull of Data's" along with the Scorpion Alien and Harry Kim will be released.

Collectors of the 9 inch line also have a lot to look forward to. Playmates will release the following at various times throughout the year. Sisko and Dax from "Trials & Tribble-ations", Seven of Nine, Talosian, Garak, Bele, Kirk in Environmental Suit, and Edith Keeler.

The Masterpiece lines will also see several additions this year. Captains Pike, Sisko, and Janeway will finish out the Captains line and the Gorn, Mugatu, Andorian, and the Salt Creature will start the "Classic Alien Series" These are all 12" and highly detailed.

And finally, the biggest news from Toy Fair was not even mentioned, figures from Star Trek IX. Playmates says it is too early for them to begin planning any figures for the next trek movie but you will see them around late November or early December after the movie is released.

LTJG Joey Allcorn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel and Star Trek celebrities and events who are celebrating birthdays in March!

James Doohan (LTCMDR Montgomery Scott)	3 rd
John DeLancie ("Q")	20 th
CADET Travis Grisham	22 nd
William Shatner (CPT James T. Kirk)	22 nd
Michael Westmore (Makeup Designer)	22 nd
D. C. Fontana (Story Editor)	25 th
Leonard Nimoy (Spock)	26 th
CRMN Rooster Lewis	26 th
Marina Sirtis (CMDR Deanna Troi)	29 th
CRMN Rock Haynes	29 th
CRMN Mattie Drake	29 th

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	115.32
Printing	17.98
Party (TOS Mini-Marathon)	39.33
Deposit	82.00
Closing Balance	140.01

CMDR Connie Heller

PROGRAM SCHEDULES

All listings are tentative and based on the Paramount schedule. Check local listing.

Deep Space Nine:

07 March	The Sacrifice of Angels - R
14 March	You Are Cordially Invited - R
21 March	Change of Heart
28 March	Wrongs Darker than Death or Night

Voyager:

04 March	The Killing Game, Part 1 & 2
11 March	Random Thoughts - R
18 March	Vis...Vis
25 March	The Year of Hell. Part 1 - R

Babylon 5:

04 March	Secrets of the Soul
11 March	In the Kingdom of the Blind
18 March	Cat and Mouse
25 March	Phoenix Rising (100 th Show!)

ACCOLADES TO:

CRMN Dennis Shaw for winning a Gold medal in bowling during the Special Olympics!

FINALLY...

We have extra T-shirts and polo shirts for anyone interested in getting extras or their first. You may reserve one by calling FCPT Heller between 6 P.M. and 9 P.M. DO NOT call after 9 P.M. - PLEASE or you risk the wrath of Connie!

Also, if you have an article for the newsletter it must be in my hands by the 20th of each month. It is important that the Pilot goes out in the mail early enough for crew members to know where the Night Out will be. By the way, ANYONE can write an article. If you have something you would like to report send it my way. I would prefer you send it to my e-mail address (DaVinciCO@earthlink.net), but will accept double spaced type written articles,

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

Executive Officer	Joe Perry	327-5888
Finance	Connie Heller	562-8735
Community Service	Josh Ainsworth	448-3457
Publications	Freddy Heller	562-8735

Science Officer	VACANT	
Counselor	JoAnne Vazquez	563-9185
Holodeck	VACANT	
Medical	Steve Gordon	864-2607

Engineering Officer	Deniece Dunn	291-0150
Communications	Karen Baker	323-4217
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Zach Farley	682-6911

Cadet Corps CMDR VACANT

SR Chief Petty Off VACANT

Positions are going fast! If you are interested and are willing to join or are already a member of Starfleet, please let me know.

CARGO BAY 1 - BUSINESS

The following businesses will give DaVinci crew personnel a 10 percent discount on purchases. Make sure you let them know who you are.

GALAXY CCG
2901 University Avenue, Suite 42 569-5939

CCG EXTREME
4214 Hamilton Road 322-5449

COLLINS CARDS & COLLECTIBLES
4728-A Warm Springs Road 569-5353

COLUMBUS BOOK EXCHANGE
2334 Wynnton Road 324-2559

DUGOUT
1033 Broadway 653-9060

PREFERRED COMPUTERS
4405 Armour Road, Suite C322-3225

CARGO BAY 2 - THE CREW

WANTED: Star Trek fan material. In need of trading cards that came in pre-recorded videos of original series episodes. Call Freddy at 562-TREK.

FOR SALE: Cards, action figures, and a whole lot more! Both Star Trek and Star Wars! Call Freddy at 562-TREK.

FOR SALE: Star Trek toys and memorabilia. See Patty at the meeting. "I have what you need!"