

# The DaVinci Pilot

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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

My normal Saturday morning does not consist of wading nearly knee deep in the Chattahoochee River picking up someone else's trash. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October that is exactly what 10 members of the DaVinci did in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Help the Hooch" river clean-up. We gathered at 9:00 am at the docks behind the Trade and Convention Center. Our area of responsibility was the same as last year. It was much warmer this year than last and not as well attended by ship's personnel as well. I was hoping for a better turnout. One thing that was quite apparent from the beginning was that the amount of trash collected was much less than last year; at least along our stretch of the Riverwalk.

Once our task had been completed, we joined the other hundreds of volunteers at the South Commons area for food, music, and entertainment for the kids. We had a grand time! Hopefully, next year will be better attended! Much thanks to the following DaVinci personnel for their time and effort: CMDR Connie Heller, ENS Karen Baker, ENS Gisela Stevens, ENS Randy Dunn, and Cadets Travis Grisham, Ariana Heller, Chantel Billingsley, Malik Coles, and Matthew Dunn.

It does not look good for the First Annual Region 2 Paresis Squares Tournament that the DaVinci is planning to host. It has been several weeks since I sent out invitations on the Region 2 list serve and as of press time I have had not a single response! If by the end of the month I do not have a decent response I shall be forced to cancel the event. Cancel it only for the Region, the tournament will go on as scheduled for members of the USS DaVinci and our sister ship, the IKV Muscogee Phenix. We may not have the turn-out I was hoping for but we sure will have a good time nonetheless! So, mark your calendars for the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

Our section of highway needs cleaning! I am planning a clean-up for the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. Meet at 8:00 am at the Burger King on Veteran's

Parkway. This will be the last time the DaVinci will participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program unless participation by the crew improves. Three to five people can do the job but it is a long and tiring task. Our very first clean-up was well attended but has fallen ever since. Only one person showed up for our last scheduled clean-up! The last three had a total of only 10 volunteers. In fact, two of the last three have been canceled because of lack of attendance. Please come.

The November and December meetings will be cancelled, as they are each year, so that the club can celebrate the holidays together. Yes, it is almost time for our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas get togethers! This will be the third year we have gotten together and each year seems to be better than the previous. The Christmas celebration last year was especially noteworthy! Naturally, both events will be a covered dish affair (Patty, you best bring your potatoes!).

The Thanksgiving affair will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November at 2 PM and the Christmas celebration on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December at 2 PM. Both will be held at the senior center on Reese Road. More on the Christmas party next month. If you plan to come to the Thanksgiving dinner please call ENS Randy Dunn so that he may put your name and what you are bringing on the list. I spoke with the manager of the center and told her that we would like to "adopt" some of the seniors for both events. I was especially interested in individuals without family ties. She was very excited about our offer and would be getting back with me soon. I will keep you informed.

FCPT Freddy Heller

**NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE  
AT THE NEW SUPER WAL-MART IN  
PHENIX CITY ON NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>  
AT 7:00 P.M. Y'ALL COME!!**

## SICKBAY

“If I Only Had a Brain (that worked half the time)”

I know that the title is misleading because this month's article is intended to be serious.

Although the human brain is one of the most important parts of the body, it absolutely is the most complex and fascinating organ in the human body. The brain controls all of the body's functions, even while we are asleep. Just like a torn muscle or a scratched finger, the brain is subject to illness too.

Ashley, my daughter, has a slight case of epilepsy. She is on the most common medication for seizures, Phenobarbital. This past July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we drove to St. Francis Hospital to allow her to be scanned for any abnormal brain functions. This process is known more commonly as an electroencephalogram, or EEG. The brain and heart are connected to a machine (in this case a computer) and the EEG measures and records the brain activities and heart function. The doctor takes these readings and analyzes them for abnormalities. When Ashley suffered her first seizure in 1997, the doctor took these EEG readings and decided to put her on the medication as a precaution. We are still awaiting the results of the most recent EEG so we will know if she can discontinue the Phenobarbital. I will let you know the results the next time.

The point is, although the brain is protected by the hard shell known as the skull, it is still prone to injury. The best way to protect your brain is to always wear a helmet when riding in any vehicle not covered with a sturdy metal roof, such as a bike or motorcycle. Also, when swimming, do not dive into unfamiliar water headfirst. This will save you a lifetime of misery. Follow these tips and I assure you will....."Live long and prosper!"

LTJG Steve Gordon

Note: This article was to be in the September Pilot but was lost in the clutter. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE OUR  
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER  
& GET TOGETHER ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF  
NOVEMBER AT 2:00 P.M.  
PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN.**

## CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

As you know, the Vulkan convention scheduled for mid November in Atlanta has been canceled. The good news is that Joe now has rescheduled the convention for 19-21 March. The guest will still be Tim Russ. As always contact Vulkan at (954) 434-6060 or e-mail Joe at Joemotes@aol.com .for more information.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

CADET Malik Coles	1 <sup>st</sup>
LTJG Joey Allcorn	3 <sup>rd</sup>
CRMN Karen Baker	5 <sup>th</sup>
Armin Shimerman (Quark)	5 <sup>th</sup>
Eric Menyuk (The Traveler)	5 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Duncan McNeill (LT Tom Paris)	9 <sup>th</sup>
CADET Maxwell Walker	11 <sup>th</sup>
CRMN Marilyn Gordon	12 <sup>th</sup>
Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)	13 <sup>th</sup>
CRMN James Green	15 <sup>th</sup>
Star Trek Generations Premieres (1994)	18 <sup>th</sup>
Terry Farrell (LTCMDR Jadzia Dax)	19 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Beltran (CMDR Chakotay)	19 <sup>th</sup>
Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)	21 <sup>st</sup>
ENS JoAnne Vazquez	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Star Trek: First Contact Premieres (1996)	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Denise Crosby (LT Natasha Yar)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Ricardo Montalban (Khan Noonian Singh)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Star Trek IV Premieres (1986)	26 <sup>th</sup>

## TREK BUZZ

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, a stage light exploded and started a fire on the Voyager Bridge set. No one was injured and damage was minor. Roxann Dawson noted during a chat at TV Guide Online that the carpeting needed replacing afterward.

The official web site for the movie has opened up at <http://insurrection.startrek.com>

In their list of the 100 best works of science fiction, Entertainment Weekly ranked the Star Trek franchise at number two, behind the Star Wars universe and ahead of The Twilight Zone series.

Leonard (Spock) Nimoy's and John (Q) de Lancie's Alien Voices troupe will be back on the

Sci-Fi Channel on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. The 1-hour special will feature three "supernatural classics" in keeping with the Halloween season. Among those joining Nimoy and de Lancie will be Dwight Schultz (Barclay), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun and Brunt), Kurtwood Smith (Federation President STVI), and Jean Simmons (Admiral Satie). The show airs at 9pm ET.

Having started canceling series, CBS has now scheduled Becker, starring Ted Danson and Terry Farrell (Jadzia), to premiere on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

NASA has scheduled October 25th for the launch of Deep Space 1, a "self-navigating probe" with ion engines that will be flying out to an asteroid. Wonder what they will call number nine?

"This is the first Star Trek-y thing that NASA has done." [Curt Clevin, deputy spacecraft systems manager for Deep Space 1, commenting on the upcoming probe mission]

Thanks to Dateline: Starfleet for the information!

## PASSAGES

Adrian Spies, writer of the TOS episode "Miri," died during heart surgery on October 2nd. He was 78.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULES

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

### Deep Space Nine:

01 November	Treachery, Faith, & the Great River
08 November	Once More Into the Breach
15 November	The Siege of AR-558
22 November	Covenant
29 November	Wrongs Darker than Death or Night

### Voyager:

01 November	In the Flesh
08 November	Once Upon a Time
15 November	Timeless (directed by and guest-starring LeVar Burton as Geordi)

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	94.38
Deposit	24.00
Postage	48.00
Safety vests	10.38
Closing Balance	60.00

CMDR Connie Heller

## DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

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Science Officer	Michael Walker	214-5179
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Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Zach Farley	682-6911

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Co-Cadet Corps Cmdr	Marilyn Gordon
	(334) 864-2607

## CARGO BAY 1 - 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!"