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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

ATTENTION! I have had several inquiries as to what the date on the address label of the Pilot means. This is the date when your membership expires. It is your responsibility to make sure you remain current. You are given a 2 month grace period before your Pilot stops and your membership officially ends. Please try to renew as close to this date as possible. Thanks.

The next big event for the DaVinci will be our annual Christmas Party. It is scheduled for the 12th of December beginning at 2:00 o'clock at the Reese Road Senior Center. This will be a covered dish affair so if you plan on attending please call ENS Randy Dunn and let him know what you plan to bring. The ship will supply the bird. Also, go through your closets and check the attic for that one item you are embarrassed to either give to Goodwill, put out at a garage sale, or let the trash men know you have! Wrap it, bring it to the party, and get ready for a lot of fun! We swapped gifts last year and what a fun time it was! If you were there last year, then beware, you just might get it back!

Our first annual Halloween party was a lot of fun. Although not attended very well by DaVinci personnel, we still had a good time. Much was said about the Dunn's "road kill" meat loaf and PO2 Patty Williams' cherry tomatoes (you ask her). A BIG BIG Bajoran thanks to ENSs Randy and Denise Dunn for all the hard work they did to ensure our first Halloween party was the success it was.

We also had our annual Thanksgiving dinner. The turn-out was pretty good, but some of the crew who said they were coming did not show up. Still the food was plentiful and delicious as usual. Glad to see that CPT Joe finally brought enough cream soda! Worthy of note were ENS Karen Baker's corn pudding and LTJG Michael Walker's salad (appropriately termed "Vulcan food" by our first

officer). We also picked up a new member, CRMN Paul Margraf, who joined us for the occasion.

Well, the last highway clean-up was again a disaster! Only three people showed up. Thanks to ENS Randy Dunn and LTJG Josh Ainsworth for coming. Although a disaster in one respect, it was successful in that we picked up a new member who joined at the Burger King! Anyway, I will schedule one more clean-up sometime in the near future. If I do not have enough crew personnel show up I have no other choice but to call up the DOT and cancel our contract. The last four scheduled clean-ups have been canceled due to lack of sufficient personnel. Please try and make it to the next.

Hey, accolades go out to CRMN Dennis Shaw who won a Silver Medal in basketball skills at the recent Special Olympics in Franklin, GA. Way to go Dennis!

FCPT Freddy Heller

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

As you know, the Vulkon 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 Vulkon at (954) 434-6060 or e-mail Joe at Joemotes@aol.com .for more information.

Also, Joe is planning a convention on the last weekend of January in Raleigh, NC. No word yet as to who the guest might be. Right now, I am planning on going and it would sure be great to have others join in.

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ALTERNATE UNIVERSE

Greetings from the AU. I've been checking out the online Sci-Fi magazines lately, and there must be millions of them. Anyone with a subscription to Starlog, a PC, and an opinion is putting one out. But lurking among some really horrible online "zines" are some real gems. One of the best is "The Sci-Fi Guys".

"The Sci-Fi Guys" is a biweekly free online newsletter that is easy to subscribe to and fun to read. Each newsletter is about eight pages long, with TV and Movie reviews, Sci-Fi news and rumors, and lots of feedback from its readers. In fact, a good portion of the newsletter is an ongoing conversation between the writers of the newsletter and its readers. They ask for your opinion on everything and if they do rant about the state of Sci-Fi, they at least let you have a rant too. It is a good read and I laughed all the way through my first newsletter and could not wait to go back and read issues that I had missed.

Not only is the newsletter worth a look but check out their web site. It is just as much fun. It has links to the coolest Sci-Fi sites, a Sci-Fi search machine, and all its back issues.

You can find the Sci-Fi Guys at www.scifiguys.com or at AOL Keyword: DWIO. Hurry. Join now because the next big discussion is 'The New Dax: - Love Her or Hate Her?'. You don't want to miss that one.

So Long From the AU,

ENS Karen Baker

**NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE
AT CAPTAIN TOM'S ON MACON RD
ON DECEMBER 7th AT 7:00 P.M.
Y'ALL COME!!**

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined or renewed their membership in the DaVinci!

CRMN Steve Brown
CRMN Paul Margraf

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

CRMN Larry Newman	2 nd
CRMN Paul Margraf	2 nd
Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)	3 rd
Star Trek VI Premieres (1991)	6 th
Star Trek: The Motion Picture Premieres(1979)	7 th
Michael Dorn (LTCMDR Worf)	9 th
John Colicos (Kor)	10 th
Star Trek Insurrection Premieres (1998)	11 th
Teri Garr (Roberta Lincoln)	11 th
VADM Kelly Hilliard	12 th
CRMN Kim Townsend	13 th
Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim)	15 th
ENS Zach Farley	15 th
CRMN Patty Williams	18 th
Rick Berman (Executive Producer)	25 th
Nichelle Nichols (LT Uhura)	28 th
CRMN Jean Walker	28 th
CRMN Robert Anthony	30 th
ENS Randy Dunn	31 st

TREK BUZZ

The "IDIC" pendant worn by Spock on several episodes of TOS was sold recently for \$2,050 at a Hollywood Memorabilia Auction.

All-new card set featuring shots from the eagerly anticipated new Star Trek feature movie. All of your favorite characters from The Next Generation are featured in this 72-card oversized base set. While there will be a number of sought after chase sets, none will be hotter than the now standard "Authentic Autograph" insert set, which features a good portion of the stars from the movie.

The Sci-Fi channel's new "Sci-Fi Entertainment News" show, featuring Chase Masterson (DS9's Leeta), is currently in "renewal limbo." Any fans wishing to support Chase and her show can e-mail "Sci-Fi Entertainment" at SFE@scifi.com and request that the show would be renewed and placed at a better viewing time.

Speaking of Chase, she will begin a monthly column about charities and other topics to be published in the Opinion Section of EON Magazine.

Jonathan Frakes will be executive-producer of a new "Roswell High" pilot for FOX. The series surrounds six teenagers who grow up in Roswell, New Mexico and according to a FOX spokesperson, "some are aliens."

In addition, Jonathan Frakes will also host the series "Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction" when it returns to the FOX Network later this season.

Did you catch the list of the 100 best works of science fiction in a recent copy of "Entertainment Weekly"? If not, George Lucas' "Star Wars" tops the list. Number 2 on the list is "Star Trek," followed by "The Twilight Zone," the book "Frankenstein," "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Metropolis," the 1938 movie version of "War of the Worlds," the 1956 and 1978 versions of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," the first two "Alien" movies and the comic book debut of Superman in 1938. The magazine says its rankings are based on a work's quality, influence on pop culture and impact on the collective imagination.

The town of Vulcan recently launched a Star Trek inspired tourist center. The Alberta, Canada town of 1531 has a welcome sign in English, Vulcan, and Klingon! They also have a replica of the Enterprise and a place to buy those pointy ears.

Thanks to Transwarp for the information!

AUTOGRAPH COLLECTING

I love getting autographs from the stars. I still get a thrill having a photograph or other object signed. Over the years I have amassed quite a collection, primarily through the dozens of conventions I have attended. So what does one do if you just cannot seem to make it to conventions? How do you get an autograph without having to buy one? Well, it is easier than you think. You ask them to autograph a picture or card through the mail. If you are patient, you will be surprised at the response you can get.

Okay, here is what you need to do. There are certain "rules" you must follow or chances are you will not receive anything back. The number one rule is SASE!! Do not expect a star to pay for the item to be mailed back to you. The number two rule is send no more than two items (there are exceptions). Three, make sure you pack it well; especially if it is a photograph. Finally, you must be patient! It may take three to six months before anything is sent back to you.

Okay, so you have your two photographs packed well inside a mailer with another mailer stamped and addressed to you. So where do you send it? Say you are sending something to Robert Picardo. The envelope should be addressed thus:

Paramount Studios
Star Trek Voyager
ATTN: Robert Picardo
5555 Melrose Avenue
Los Angeles, CA

Certain stars will not sign even through the mail. Many are contractually obligated. Some of these are the "biggies" – Patrick Stewart, William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and Kate Mulgrew. There may be others, but most will sign.

Next month I will give you information that might get you autographs most fans would "die" for. Until then send those pictures and trading cards in and watch your mail!

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FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	60.00
Deposit	40.00
Closing Balance	100.00

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Donations jar at the Halloween party. We collected enough to pay for the room rent!

CMDR Connie Heller

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DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

Executive Officer Joe Perry 327-5888
Finance Connie Heller 562-8735
Community Service Josh Ainsworth 448-1479
Publications Freddy Heller 562-8735

Science Officer Michael Walker 214-5179
Counselor JoAnne Vazquez 563-9185
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Quartermaster Randy Dunn 291-0150
Security Zach Farley 682-6911

Co-Cadet Corps Cmdr Dana Ainsworth 448-1479
Co-Cadet Corps Cmdr Marilyn Gordon

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!."

FINALLY

We still have DaVinci T-shirts and polo shirts available. Prices range from \$6 for a T-shirt to \$22 for the Polo. Let me know if you are interested.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Okay, I could use some fillers. Articles, puzzles, reviews, anything! If you have something you would like to see in the Pilot, just make sure to submit it to me before the 20th of each month.