



# DaVinci Pilot

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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

ATTENTION!! Coming up on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March is the USS DaVinci's third anniversary! Sounds like a good reason to have a festive celebration. So, mark your calendars for the 20<sup>th</sup> of March (Saturday). ***This will take the place of our regular meeting!*** Right now it will be at my house beginning at 7 PM and lasting until the house Captain kicks us out! If you have any suggestions for fun things to do, please feel free to call me. Plan on a covered dish affair! If you plan on attending, please call ENS Randy Dunn and let him know what you are bringing.

I was hoping for a larger turn-out at the highway clean-up, but enough showed up that the job was done. We sure could have used the extra hands; the road was much more littered than it appeared to be as you drive by. A BIG Bajoran thanks to CPT Joe Perry, LTJG Michael Walker, LTJG Steve Gordon, ENS Randy Dunn, and ENS Marilyn Gordon (Cadet Ashley too). The next clean-up will be in April. The exact date will be announced at a later time.

With the soon to be birth of the Shuttle Shadow Hawk, the DaVinci will be losing some great personnel. One of these will be our Community Services Officer, LTJG Josh Ainsworth, who will command the new shuttle. In addition, we will lose our Chief Medical Officer, LTJG Steve Gordon, who will become Executive Officer of the Shadow Hawk. Finally, the Cadet Corps will lose both of its co-commanders with the departure of ENS Dana Ainsworth and ENS Marilyn Gordon. What this all means is that we need HELP! None of the positions require that you be a member of Starfleet, but it sure would be nice if you were! If you are interested in any of these positions and feel you have the qualifications, please let me or CPT Perry know.

We are still collecting food coupons and cancelled stamps. Remember, the coupons must be sorted between food and non-food item and the amount summed. The summed amount should not exceed \$500. Please, when you give me stamps, carefully cut around the stamp about ¼ inch. DO NOT tear the stamp off the envelope. Thanks. Oh, for your information, the DaVinci donated over \$21,000 in coupons last year! Plan on surpassing that this year.

At our last meeting, the "Night Out" list for the rest of the year was made up by everyone putting their favorite place to eat in a hat and then drawing names for each month. The result is as follows:

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| March     | Golden Corral                     |
| April     | Hickory House (Phenix City)       |
| May       | Deorio's                          |
| June      | Captain Tom's                     |
| August    | Hunan's                           |
| September | Pizza Hut (Manchester Expressway) |
| October   | Area 51                           |
| November  | Café Amici                        |
| December  | Pizza Pie                         |

The reason there is not a Night Out in July is because we will be having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic on Sunday.

Well, to finish off this lengthy article, please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. In conjunction with the festivities planned for the Earthweek Celebration, we will be cleaning up our adopt-a-highway interchange. As usual, we will meet at the Burger King on Veteran's parkway. Following the cleanup, we will go to Oxbow Meadows for an Earthweek get together for all the volunteers. If you plan on pitching in please call ENS Karen Baker and let her know. More later.

FCPT Freddy Heller

## SHADOW HAWK RISING

First of all, I am very excited about starting a shuttle and I must say the experience is "fascinating". I have sent off all the paperwork (and I mean PAPERWORK!), and am awaiting notification from ShOC (Shuttle Operations Command) on our approval and official launch date via email.

To tell you some definite things about the new ship, let me start by saying that everyone is welcome to our meetings whether you belong to the Shuttle or the DaVinci. We have set meetings for the second Saturday of each month at 3:00 .p.m. A permanent meeting place has not yet been obtained but is being looked into, and as soon as we find a "station" to dock regularly I will make sure it is announced in the Pilot.

Our name has been approved as the USS Shadow Hawk and we are a Defiant class escort vessel. As some of you probably know, Steve "The Doc" Gordon is going to be my Executive Officer and hopefully together we can get some events planned and set the ship out on its first tour of duty. I will be publishing a newsletter, but as I am limited by the price of stamps you may have to come to the meetings to get the newsletter. Also, I think one of our first orders of business will be to have a membership drive and I will be looking for uniformed members to help out as I am the only one at present that has a Starfleet uniform. So, if you can help out let me know.

That is all that I have to report for now, so if you have any questions feel free to give me a call. I would ask that if you call me, please call me before 8:00 p.m. as we have some Cadets that have to return to quarters by that time.

Qapla'!

LTJG Joshua Ainsworth

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
ON SATURDAY THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF MARCH  
AT 7 P.M. AT THE CAPTAIN'S  
HOUSE.COME HELP US CELEBRATE  
OUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY!**

## TREK BUZZ

Jordan's new King, King Abdullah is an avid Star Trek fan. In 1995, the then Prince Abdullah was to do a cameo on Voyager and arranged for actors Ethan Phillips and Robert Picardo to visit him in Jordan. In addition to hosting the two and showing them the culture and history of his country, the King held a mini-convention for fans of the show.

A recent poll on the Star Trek Continuum site had some interesting results. Would you believe that "Star Trek: First Contact" was selected as the favorite Star Trek movie (55 percent), with "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" in second at 18 percent. Or, more esoterically, that 60 percent picked Data's cat Spot as their favorite Star Trek pet? Tribbles drew 15 percent, while the "palm pet" of the Bak'u just seen in "Star Trek: Insurrection" drew 14 percent.

Check out Star Trek Mail.com -- a great new service providing free and premium email access at a Star Trek domain name of your choice. Log onto the site at [www.startrek.com](http://www.startrek.com) and take the MAIL icon directly to the information.

After a two-year struggle with Xena: Warrior Princess and Hercules: The Legendary Journeys, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine has reclaimed its position as the top-rated syndicated drama. However, all three shows have experienced a drop in their overall viewing audiences. Because it leads in the male 18-49 demographic, DS9 will be considered a triumph as it winds down its last season even if it has not topped predecessor Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Nicole deBoer opened up about life as the new Dax, getting used to the Star Trek microscope of scrutiny, and having to follow in some popular footsteps. Asked whose idea it was to have a younger Dax on DS9's final season, she quipped: "I believe it was Terry Farrell's."

Unless you've been living in a polar ice cave lately, totally cut off from contact with civilization, you probably know this is the seventh and final season of Deep Space Nine. As the series wraps up and approaches the final two-hour presentation, look to Star Trek Continuum for a constant barrage of new features and exclusive coverage celebrating the end of this galaxy-spanning series.

Thanks to Star Trek: Continuum for the information.

## CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

As you know, the Vulkan convention scheduled for mid November in Atlanta was canceled. The good news is that Joe Motes now has rescheduled the convention for 19-21 March at the Marietta Holiday Inn (Atlanta area). The scheduled guests are: Tim Russ (Tuvok), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Lolita Fatjo (Producer), Joshua Cox, and Inge Heyer (Hubble Telescope).

I plan on going so if you need a ride, please let me know. Or if you plan on driving and would like to follow me there, be at my house no later than 7 AM. As always you can contact Vulkan at (954) 434-6060 or e-mail Joe at Joemotes@aol.com.

## COMEDY ZONE - PART I

Starfleet Captains might be considered Rednecks if...

- 1) Their shuttlecraft has been up on blocks for over a month.
- 2) They paint flames and a NRA sticker on the warp nacelles.
- 3) They have a shuttle called "Billy Joe Bob".
- 4) They refer to any intelligent alien race as "critters".
- 5) They refer to Photon Torpedoes as "Popguns".
- 6) They have the sensor array repaired with a bent coat hanger and aluminum foil.
- 7) They install a set of bullhorns on the front of the saucer section.
- 8) They say, "Got your ears on, good buddy" instead of "open hailing frequencies"
- 9) They hang fuzzy dice over the view screen.
- 10) They rewire their communicator into their belt buckle.
- 11) They keep a six-pack under their command chair and a gun rack above it.

Next month more laughs!

ENS Karen Baker

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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|--|------------------|
| James Doohan (LTCMDR Montgomery Scott) | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| CADET Ariana Heller                    | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| CRMN Dan Palmer                        | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| John DeLancie ("Q")                    | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| CRMN Christel Sitton                   | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| CADET Travis Grisham                   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| William Shatner (CPT James T. Kirk)    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Michael Westmore (Makeup Designer)     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| D. C. Fontana (Story Editor)           | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Leonard Nimoy (Spock)                  | 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Marina Sirtis (CMDR Deanna Troi)       | 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cadet Aimee Green                      | 30 <sup>th</sup> |

## MOVIE REVIEW

Call me Siskel or call me Ebert, but I think I will attempt to give a short review on the new Star Trek movie, "Insurrection".

Of course, I am as jittery as a Ferengi at a flea market when it comes to anything about Star Trek, but I must say that this movie was pretty good. It had a lot of really cool effects and some really good humor. I thought that it was more like an episode or season premiere than a feature film.

It was a really good movie over all and I must say Marina Sirtis still looks good whether she's in a Starfleet uniform or in a bubble bath. One thing I did not understand though (maybe I missed it). Everyone that came to the planet had something regenerated on themselves; Worf even got a zit. What I do not understand is that something regenerated on everyone, but Picard still did not grow any hair!...Go figure!

All in all, and with my feelings aside just because I am partial to Star Trek, I will have to give Insurrection 4 stars!

If you haven't seen it by now, then what are you waiting for? Go see it before it is too late and enjoy.

Qapla'!

LTJG Joshua Ainsworth

## ACCOLADES TO:

Congratulations to ENS Dennis Shaw who came in first place in the 1999 Masters Bowling Tournament. His scores of 121 and 152 rose above the rest! Well done Dennis!!

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

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|-----------------|--------|
| Opening Balance | 106.92 |
| Closing Balance | 106.92 |

CMDR Connie Heller

## SPACE: THE GAME

This should teach me not to take vacation from work. I had entirely too much time to think while on Christmas holiday when I came up with the idea for SPACE.

It is based on the old classic BINGO, with the letters standing for Ships, Personnel, Aliens, Captains, and Equipment. What with designing the playing card and committing all kinds of plagiarism with the scanner (many thanks to the Okudas' books!), it turned out to be a whole lot more work than I had imagined. But all was worth it if everyone enjoys the game.

Okay, here are the rules.

1. Each membership (individual or family) will be issued one SPACE card, except for the Captain's family, who will not play.
2. Two game images will be announced in each newsletter. One image will be announced at each meeting and Night Out. Attendance at other special events (such as membership drives, highway pickups, etc.) will receive two game images. Yes, this is a shameless attempt to increase club member participation. However, the randomness and the laws of chance do not guarantee that a more active member will win, so those of you who are "long-distance" members still have a chance.
3. Announcement of images will include both a word description and a copy of the picture.
4. Whenever a matching image is found on the card, the player should cover it. Post-It Notes would be ideal so the card could be used in a later game.
5. Winning is done the same as in BINGO, by completing a row across, up and down, or diagonally. Upon realizing that they've won, the

winner should recite the "Space...the final frontier" monologue, either in the meeting or by calling the Captain's home. Verification will be made at the next scheduled meeting or Night Out.

6. Extenuating circumstances which cause a member not to be able to attend a meeting and thus miss a game image should be referred to fellow members, to see if they will share the images. The Captain will not make judgment calls so as not to be thought "playing favorites."

7. New members who join while a game is in progress will be given only those game pieces which were announced in the newsletter.

8. Prizes are still to be decided upon, but I'm sure you'll like them.

Some people may notice strange juxtapositions of characters on their SPACE cards. I assigned each image a number and worked directly from the BINGO cards in my son's game. Believe me, any coincidences are purely, well, coincidental.

The first two images are ALIENS: Kazon and SHIPS: Botany Bay.



Now, let the game begin!

CMDR Connie Heller

**NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE  
AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL ON  
MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> AT 7:00 PM  
Y'ALL COME!!**

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