



DaVinci Pilot

Newsletter of the U.S.S. DaVinci
Columbus, Georgia

Volume 6 Number 6

DECEMBER 2000

FROM THE CENTER SEAT

What a great Thanksgiving get together we had! There were so many folks in attendance that my great room was not so great! Members from both the DaVinci and Shadow Hawk mingled in peaceful co-existence without fights breaking out. Yes, the Klingons were quite passive for a change, although a few complained that the turkey and ham were overcooked to the point that they were nearly inedible! The food was plentiful and some of the more notable dishes had to be Rosemarie's sweet potato casserole, Steve's lumpy (a compliment) mashed potatoes, Lech's homemade bread, and naturally, Gisela's deviled eggs (which the Captain had to sample several times before he would let his crew have any)! Then there were the desserts: pumpkin pie, apple pie, cherry pie, pecan pie, strawberry cake, peanut butter cookies, and of course, ice cream!

In addition, we had a very special guest from the USS Croatia, Nermina "Nina" Grgas! Nina is a student at Columbus State University and is a big fan! In her own words, "Star Trek is my life." It was very interesting watching Nina eat because almost everything she tried was new to her. She compared the food to Star Trek because everything was so strange not only in looks but in taste as well. She always had people around her as she spoke of her country, her ship, and Star Trek. Gisela was also in heaven when Nina began conversing to her in German! Nina will also be at the Christmas party so if you did not make it to the Thanksgiving get together and wish to meet this very exciting and lovely ambassador. Ah! Now I know why the Klingons were so subdued!

Next up for the DaVinci will be our annual Christmas Party. Unlike previous years this one will be hosted by the crew of the Shadow Hawk and will be held on the 16th of December at Steve Gordon's apartment complex in Valley, AL. Directions to the party may be found at the end of the newsletter. As usual, there will be no membership meeting in December. If you wish to attend the Christmas Party you must call CMDR Josh Ainsworth at 448-1479 and let him know what you are planning on bringing. Also, start thinking of your favorite places to eat because we will be drawing locations for the 2001 Night Out list (sigh, still no Olive Garden in town).

FCPT Freddy Heller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)	3 rd
Star Trek VI Premiers (1991)	6 th
Star Trek: The Motion Picture Premiers (1979)	7 th
Michael Dorn (LTCMDR Worf)	9 th
John Colicos (Kor)	11 th
Terry Garr (Roberta Lincoln)	11 th
VADM Kelly Hilliard	12 th
CRMN Kim Townsend	13 th
Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim)	15 th
CRMN Patty Williams	18 th
Nicole deBoer (Ezri Dax)	20 th
Rick Berman (Executive Producer)	25 th
CRMN Richard Kristol	26 th
Nichelle Nichols (LT Uruhra)	28 th
CRMN Todd Kes	29 th
CRMN Randy Dunn	31 st

TREK BUZZ

The Movieworld Wax Museum in Lake George, New York is selling off its collection of waxed figures. Included in the bunch is the Original Star Trek crew!

Paramount is selling reruns of its three Star Trek series from the 1980s and 1990s to cable networks for a record license fee of \$364 million, Variety reported. The SCI FI Channel is reportedly one of the cable networks interested in bidding, the trade paper reported; SCI FI already runs the original Star Trek series. TNN, TNT, Fox Family and FX, and the Odyssey Channel are also reportedly keen on acquiring the Trek reruns. The three series are Star Trek: The Next Generation, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine and Star Trek: Voyager. Voyager is wrapping up its seventh and last season on UPN; the other two series ran for seven years each in syndication.

James Doohan is in failing health. If you wish to send him a get well card here is his address: James Doohan, P.O. Box 2800, Redmond, VA 98073. His illness has not been announced but he has been looking rather down at recent conventions.

Good news! Patrick Stewart is on board for the 10th Star Trek movie. Stewart's is a key signature: he is the first crew-member Paramount chose to lock in before going after the

other Next Generation cast members.

Robert Beltran extended an invitation to all Trek fans to attend his Third Annual Galaxy Ball in October in Los Angeles. Most of the cast members from Voyager and the other series were expected to attend.

Jeri Ryan hosted a Time Machine 40th anniversary screening at the Orpheum Theater in Los Angeles. Following the screening, the original cast members were introduced to the audience. The time machine prop was also on display.

Ricardo Montalban (Khan) was on hand to promote the release of Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan on DVD. He signed copies of the DVD and met with fans for over 2 hours.

Bill Kraft, head of the committee to get a Star Trek Stamp, is now appealing to fans who want the chance to buy the stamp in quantity instead of on a sheet with others to link on to the site <www.startrekstamp.com> and spread the word.

Thanks to Star Trek Communicator and others for the information

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined or renewed their membership in the DaVinci (D) or Starfleet (S):

CRMN Roger Wright (D)

CPT Joe Perry (S)

CONVENTIONS, ETC.

Found out about another convention source. Make It So Productions, out of Ohio, is putting on some really awesome conventions. They put on the "V" convention in LA in mid September and are planning two conventions for 2001 that look to be really spectacular! The first will be on the 28th and 29th of April in Jacksonville, FL. It is called "Klingon Kon 2001" and is scheduled to have a great Klingon guest list. Included is Michael Dorn (Worf), Tony Todd (Kurn), Rosana Desoto (Azetbur), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Gwyneth Walsh (B'Etor), Barbara March (Lursa), Spice Williams (Vixis), Todd Bryant (Klaa), and Mary Kay Adams (Grilka)! What a show that will be! The second convention is on the 25th and 26th of May in Cleveland, OH. The convention is entitled the "Women of Star Trek Voyager". Invited guests include Kate Mulgrew (Janeway), Jennifer Lien (Kes), Roxanna Dawson (Torres), Nancy Hower (Ensign Wildman), and Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	190.13	
Postage	36.20	
Ham (Party)		10.09
Closing Balance	143.84	

CMDR Connie Heller

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!!
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL
BE AT 2 PM ON THE 16TH IN
VALLEY, ALABAMA
COME ONE COME ALL!!**

TV REVIEW

Okay, ladies, be honest. Haven't you checked out Gene Roddenberry's Andromeda, even if for no other reason than to watch Kevin Sorbo (Hercules)? But, is it any good? I haven't lost interest in the show yet, which is a point in its favor.

If you haven't seen it yet, it is set in a much distant, extremely chaotic future. Sorbo plays a time-displaced member of the System's now-defunct Commonwealth High Guard, trying to bring order back into the universe. His motley crew consists of the ragtag salvage team that pulled his ship out of a black hole, a genetically superior mercenary (who oozes attitude and is the series' hunk, not Sorbo), and a physical embodiment of his ship in the form of an attractive young woman.

So far there is still tension among the crew (a la Voyager's Starfleet/Maquis as opposed to Next Gen's homogeneity). We'll see how long it takes them to "gel."

Check it out. After all, this is Voyager's last season and who knows when the next Trek series will air.

CMDR Connie Heller

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer Freddy Heller 562-TREK

Executive Officer	Joe Perry	327-5888
Finance	Connie Heller	562-8735
Community Service	VACANT	
Publications	Freddy Heller	562-8735

Science Officer **VACANT**

Counselor	JoAnne Vazquez	563-9185
Morale	VACANT	
Medical	Emma Certo	582-3442

Engineering Officer **VACANT**

Communications	Gisela Stephens	689-4266
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	VACANT	

Cadet Corps Commander **VACANT**

Master Chief Petty Officer **VACANT**

DIRECTIONS TO VALLEY

1. Get on Highway 280 and head toward Opelika.
2. Go about 6 or 7 miles until you get to the Lee County Flea Market.

3. Turn right on Highway 379.
4. Turn right at the first stop light about 20 miles up the road.
5. Go about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.
6. On right is apartment complex (on left is High School and gas station).
7. If you cannot follow directions very well (or just do not wish to drive alone) we will have a car pool from my house. If you wish to participate be at my house no later than 1:00 PM.

NOTE: We will be exchanging gag gifts again this year! So, find that one item you are even embarrassed to donate to Goodwill and wrap it up! Do not put anyone's name on it or yours either! Bring it to the party and watch the fun begin!

FINALLY

Look at all this blank space!! Okay devoted readers I need some help in the way of articles for the newsletter. It does not necessarily have to be Trek oriented. It can be on anything you have an interest in. I would prefer something in the science fiction genre but I will take anything about now. So, get your writer's cap on and send your words of wisdom my way! You can email me at trekfans@knology.net. Please note that this is a new e-mail address.

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!!
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL
BE AT 2 PM ON THE 16TH IN
VALLEY, ALABAMA
COME ONE COME ALL!!**

**THE NEXT NIGHT OUT WILL BE AT
THE BURGER KING TRAIN DEPOT
ON 4 DECEMBER AT 7 PM!
Y'ALL COME!**