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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Wow! What a month May turned out to be! Joe turned yellow, Gisela turned 70, the Firefly marathon was a blast, and we actually managed to pick up trash along our highway! And so, without further ado, here are the details.

If you did not already know, Joe Perry was recently hospitalized. He had jaundice, as well as an inflamed pancreas and liver. It seemed as if something had blocked his bile duct sending the bile into his pancreas and liver. The doctor's were not sure what was causing the blockage but the conclusion was that it was a piece of a kidney stone that had become dislodged when Joe recently fell at a rest stop while driving back from the Region 2 summit. Joe spent nearly a week in the hospital and is his wonderful self once again. I would like to thank all the folks from the DaVinci who visited Joe while he was in the hospital. I am sure he appreciates it as well.

The Firefly marathon was a hit with both fans of the show and those who had never seen the short-lived series by Buffy creator Josh Wheaton. Although not as many folks showed up as I had hoped and it ended way too early, those who came still had a good time. It all began on Friday, May 14 at 5 PM when folks began arriving. The first episode began playing at approximately 6 PM. During the first hour of the 2-hour pilot, there was only myself, Joe, and Russell. Stacy and Stephanie arrived later followed by Lech and Margaret. Most of those assembled had never seen Firefly or had only seen bits and pieces of the show. By the end of the Pilot episode, they were big fans of the show. Everyone began wondering why the show was cancelled. Pizza and fried chicken were devoured by the hungry crew and although there was ice

cream available only Lech helped himself (not only did Lech become a fan of the show but he also became a fan of double chocolate chunk ice cream and your Captain's personal favorite as well). On a side note, during one of the episode, Stacy showed me what he had done on the future DaVinci web site. Wow, are y'all going to be really impressed! Russell was the first to leave around 9 PM because he had to be at work at 3 AM. Joe was the next to say good night followed by Stacy and Stephanie (who really wanted to stay). Lech and Margaret stayed for one more episode and left around 1115 PM. So who won the marathon? Who was the last to stay up? Well, technically I won because after all had left I stayed up and watched another episode going to bed about 1215 AM. But, actually no one won because all of the 15 plus episodes were not shown. So, the prizes go back into the DaVinci vault until the next time. Too bad, because I was sure someone would have like to have won that signed Voyager cast photo (yeah, right)!

The matriarch of the DaVinci, Gisela Stephens, turned 70 on May 15th and there were plenty of folks at Golden Corral to help her celebrate this milestone. The surprise birthday party was arranged by Rose Hutson, Gisela's daughter, and was attended by members of Gisela's family including children, grand children, and great grand children, who came from Virginia, Minnesota, and elsewhere, as well as 15 members from her DaVinci family. Most of those in attendance arrived around the noon hour. Gisela was supposed to be there at 12:15 but did not arrive until 20 minutes later. Although you might have thought that she would have suspected something was up, you sure could not tell from the surprised look on her face when she entered the party room. Tears were very apparent on her face. She personally went around

the room thanking each and everyone for coming. When most of the folks had eaten their fill, Gisela opened the numerous cards and presents. She was quite moved by the card from the DaVinci and greatly appreciated the gift certificate from Wal-Mart that the club bought her. She held up the DaVinci card, looked our way, and said that she was going to frame it! Following this, she cut the large cake which was hungrily eaten by a few of those that had not stuffed themselves too badly at the buffet and some who did! Shortly after this the party began breaking up. Happy birthday Gisela and may you have many more!

Just to let y'all know that beginning in June and going until July 1st, I will be on a night test. What this means is that I will be working every night, all night, and will not make the June meeting or Night Out. If you are thinking that this would be a good time for a mutiny, forget it, because I have my spies and I will be informed as to what is going on!

Next, I have a couple of new staff positions to announce. A couple of our newest members, Stacy and Stephanie Harris, have graciously accepted the positions of Computer Science Officer and Publications officer, respectively. Stacy is currently working on the new DaVinci web site and is doing a first rate job! Soon, I hope to get together with Stephanie to lay out the new look to the Pilot.

Finally, I need to make a public apology. During the May membership meeting I handed our certificate of appreciations to the crew members who helped out during the Columbus Game and Hobby Expo. In addition, I mentioned their names in the May issue of the Pilot. In my haste to get everything together, I forgot to include Frazier Smith in that list of personnel. I wish to apologize to Frazier and I promise to be more careful in the future.

RADML Freddy Heller

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SCIENCE STATION

This month we have an article by Margaret McGillicuddy on the life of Marie Curie. I hope you enjoy it.

Part 1: The Early Years

Marie and Pierre Curie's bodies were moved from their burial place in Sceaux, France, to the Pantheon in April, 2003. Marie was the first woman to receive this honor. F. Mitterrand did this "in order to finally respect the equality of women and men before the law and in reality." It meant a great deal, for Marie was a woman, an immigrant, and bolstered the position of France in the scientific world.

There were three discoveries that preceded Marie's research. The first, around 1886, was the demonstration experimentally of the existence of radio waves by Hertz. In November, 1895, Rontgen discovered X-rays, which were the short-wave, high frequency version of Hertz waves. The third discovery, by Becquerel, was in physics. Becquerel wanted to use uranium salts with the new radiation and sunlight to see if there was a connection with sunlight. He set up the experiment and then the weather became cloudy. He found that a new type of radiation was being emitted without having to lighten up the salts. This radiation "could pass through metal foil and darken a photographic plate." Marie and Pierre Curie were to study this new form of radiation.

Marie Sklodowska was born on November 7, 1867, in Warsaw, Poland. Her parents were teachers and they believed deeply in education. Her family didn't have the resources to send her to college so she came to an agreement with her sister. She agreed to work after finishing high school as a governess and pay her sister's way through medical studies. When her sister finished her medical studies, her sister would pay Marie's way through the Sorbonne. Marie couldn't pursue her education beyond high school in Poland because there was no advanced study for women there.

When she was 24, she left for Paris and the Sorbonne to study physics and math. In 1893 she took her degree in physics and in the following year, a degree in math. She was first in her class in Physics and second in her class in Math.

She met Pierre, an internationally known scientist, "who earned a living as the head of a laboratory at

the School of Industrial Physics and Chemistry where engineers were trained and he lived for his research into crystals and the magnetic properties of bodies at different temperatures.”

They discovered that they had an intellectual togetherness that soon included romantic feelings for each other and in 1895 they married in Sceaux, France.

In 1896 Marie received her teacher's diploma. In 1897 they had a daughter, Irene. Pierre arranged for Marie to work in the school's laboratory doing some research. She decided to keep doing research and began to look for a subject for her doctoral thesis.

In the meantime, Becquerel had to leave the field, and Marie decided to study Becquerel's "uranium rays" using an electrometer, which measured weak electrical currents. Shortly after starting the research, Marie discovered that thorium gives off the same rays as uranium. She studied other chemical compounds. She found "that the strength of the radiation did not depend on the compound that was being studied. It depended only on the amount of uranium or thorium. Chemical compounds of the same element generally have very different chemical and, physical properties: One uranium compound is a dark powder, another is a yellow crystal, but what was decisive for the radiation they gave off was only the amount of uranium they contained. Marie drew the conclusion that the ability to radiate did not depend on the arrangement of the atoms in a molecule; it must be linked to the interior of the atom itself.

[Thanks to Nancy Forman of the Nobel Foundation]

ENS Margaret McGillicuddy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

For a change, we had a successful clean up of our Adopt-a-Highway section. Five hearty souls showed up for breakfast at McDonald's. Besides myself, there was Freddy Heller, Joe Perry, Lech Mazur, and Stephanie Harris (a clean up rookie). After feasting on the usual McDonald's breakfast fare, all of us but Joe hit the highway. We did not expect nor would we have allowed Joe to lend a hand since he had been recently hospitalized. We collected about 3 bags of miscellaneous trash and one bag of cans, bottles, and plastic. During the clean up, Frazier

Smith drove by to say hello. He dropped his father off at Lowe's and was unable to lend a hand but his moral support was appreciated. Following the clean up Stephanie and I drove to Freddy's house for some well deserved water and rest. Some of the unique items found were a pair of designer sunglasses still in its case (Tony) and 45 cents in a neat little pile, a 1992 Georgia license plate, a hubcap, and an expired American Express card (Freddy). No condoms this time around.

LT Tony Fleming

NEW PENNY JAR CONTEST!

It has been a while since we did the penny jar fund raiser and so a new contest is about to begin! This time around we will do "your favorite captain." Yes, start saving your change and vote for your favorite captain. Will it be the man who started it all, James T. Kirk? How about Jean-Luc Picard of the 1701-D? Or maybe you prefer Benjamin L. Sisko of Deep Space Nine? There is always the first female captain, Kathryn Janeway. Or, how about the new kid on the block, Jonathan Archer?

For those of you who have never played the game, this is how it works. If you wish to vote for a particular captain, you would put pennies into his or her jar. If you wish to vote against another captain, you would put silver in his or her jar. Pennies add to the total and silver subtracts from the total. For example if jar "A" had 100 pennies and an additional 75 cents in silver, the total for that jar is 25 cents even though \$1.75 is in the jar. After a period of time, the winner will be determined by the total number of pennies (minus the silver) in the jar. Paper money is always accepted but does not count in the final total. The jars will be available at each of the DaVinci functions. So, make sure you bring lots of change!

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DaVINCI T-SHIRTS & POLOS

Since I sold the last two DaVinci t-shirts at the game and hobby expo, I thought it would be a good time to place another order. So, if you are interested in replacing your old worn-out shirt let me know. I will be passing out a sign-up sheet at the various upcoming events. If you cannot make it to any of the events, feel free to call me (but please, before 9:00 PM). I am not sure on what the cost will be but as an estimate I would say \$8.00 for small to extra large on the t-shirts and \$20 for the same sizes on the polo shirts. Larger sizes XX to XXX will cost a bit more, but no shirt should be over \$12 and \$25 for the t-shirt and polo shirt, respectively. Children's sizes are available and remember that I will need all money before I place the order.

STARFLEET CONFERENCE

This is another reminder that if you wish to go to the Starfleet International Conference (IC) in Birmingham, AL on 30 July – 01 August and you have not yet sent in your registration form or registered on line at sfi.org, the price goes up \$5.00 on 1 May. In addition, if you have not yet made your hotel reservations do so as soon as possible as they may sell out of the conference rate. If you have never been to an IC they are quite exciting. This year is no exception as Vaughn Armstrong, who plays Admiral Forrest on Enterprise, will be in attendance to meet the fans and sign autographs for a nominal charge! This year is shaping to be one of the best ICs so do not delay and register right away.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Star Trek III Premiers (1984)	1 st
Rene Auberjonois (Odo)	1 st
Anthony Montgomery (ENS Travis Mayweather)	2 nd
Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner)	2 nd
Surveyor I Lands on the Moon (1966)	2 nd
Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr)	3 rd
First American to Walk in Space (Ed White 1965)	3 rd
Star Trek II Premiers (1982)	4 th
Deep Space Nine Ends (1999)	6 th
James Darren (Vic Fontaine)	8 th

Star Trek V Premiers (1989)	9 th
CADET Ivy Walker	10 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr McCoy) Dies (1999)	11 th
Malcolm McDowell (Dr. Soran)	13 th
Pioneer 10 Leaves the Solar System (1983)	13 th
Robin Curtis (Savik)	15 th
First US Woman in Space (Sally Ride 1983)	18 th
First Woman to Fly Across Atlantic (Amelia Erhart 1928)	18 th
Mariette Hartley (Zarabeth)	21 st
CRMN George Ferris	21 st
Tim Russ (LT Tuvok)	22 nd
CRMN Stephanie Harris	22 nd
ENS Margaret McGillicuddy	24 th
Alice Krige (Borg Queen)	28 th
Jeri Taylor (Executive Producer)	30 th

TREK AND SCI-FI BUZZ

Paramount is sticking to its previously announced plans to have all of Voyager on the shelves by the end of this year, as well as all three boxed sets of the original Star Trek series! The first season of the original series is set for release on 31 August.

The huge James Doohan tribute convention has been moved to a new date and a new venue. The new hotel will be on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. This allows the convention to coincide with Doohan unveiling his star and Paramount launching TOS on DVD all at the same location.

The two-DVD edition of "Star Trek Generations" is set for release on 07 September.

Star Trek: Enterprise, UPN's series has gone where no Star Trek series has ever gone before, namely to last place in the season rankings out of almost 200 other shows. This plummet into oblivion may sound the death knell for the Star Trek franchise, which can trace its lineage to the original 1966 series. It suffered sudden ratings death after three seasons. Star Trek lived on as a cult show in reruns and was revived in a long string of theater movies and four spinoff TV series. But Enterprise, starring Scott Bakula, was a poor progeny that never lived up to the series name. Still, die-hard Trekkers are besieging the network to give it just one more flight. By the time you read this, UPN will have announced its fall schedule and the fate of Enterprise will be known. STOP THE PRESSES!! Enterprise has been renewed for a fourth season! However, it has been placed in a terrible time slot –

Fridays at 9:00 PM and opposite Stargate SG-1!
Talk about killing a show before it has a chance.

The Cassini probe is sending back stunning new views of Saturn. Here's the home page for the Cassina imaging team. More pictures will be posted there soon, one hopes. "Prepare to be amazed," posts the Carolyn Porco, the imaging team leader: <http://ciclops.lpl.arizona.edu/>. Cassini officially enters the Saturn system on May 18. Cassini will fire its engine placing it into permanent orbit around Saturn on 1 July.

Star Trek producer Rick Berman has confirmed that work has begun on developing a new theatrical Star Trek feature, which he has described, without elaboration, as a "prequel." "I am involved in the very early stages of what could be the next Star Trek movie," Berman told the British magazine Dreamwatch. "It's something I will be producing with two other producers."

Thanks to the folks at PlayTrek for the news.

ATTENTION ON BOARD!

Starfleet Marine unit has been activated on board the USS DaVinci! All crew personnel are encouraged to join. My name is LT Frazier L. Smith, and I have been appointed as Officer in Charge (OIC) of the unit. The Marine unit is the 678th Special Operations Marine Strike Group (MSG). If anyone has a question about the Marines you can contact me at murock44@yahoo.com or you can see me at DaVinci meeting. The Marines will hold a meeting on the same night as the DaVinci. Hope to see you there!

LT Frazier Smith

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

At the December meeting, the 2003 Night Out locations were selected. We have some familiar locations and some new spots as well. And so, without further ado, here are the 2004 Night Out locations: (sigh....no pizza; no Hooter's)

July:	Philly Connection
August:	Longhorn Steakhouse
September:	El Vaquero (Phenix City)
October:	Houlihan's (Inside Wyndham Hotel)
November:	Olive Garden
December:	Hunan's

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks goes out to:

Patsy Carey and Maureen Byrd, teachers at Central High School in Phenix City, for a large donation of tabs and,

Karen Pynenburg for a large donation of cans and coupons.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	500.56
Firefly Party	52.83
Stephens Party	50.00
Deposit	70.00
Closing Balance	467.73

CPT Connie Heller

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Karen Pynenburg (S)
Randy Dunn (S)
Mathew Dunn (S)
Rebecca Dunn (S)
Christopher Dunn (S)
Sandy Holt (S)
Rusty Touchton (D)
JoAnne Vazquez (D)

FINALLY...

Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci is due for renewal because most of the newsletters now go out via email. If you get your newsletter the old fashioned way, your expiration date is on the address label. Those going via email have no address label. So, to help those folks out, here are your expiration dates for the DaVinci and Starfleet:

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Josh Ainsworth	Jul 04	Mar 04
Karen Baker	Jul 04	
Robert Crosby	Dec-04	
Karen Ferris	Sep 04	
Tony Fleming	May 04	Jun 04
Stacy Harris	Apl 05	Apl 05

Rose Hutson	Sep 04	
Fred Kemp	Mar 04	Mar 05
Todd Kes	Sep 04	
Lesh Mazur	Jul 04	Mar 05
Carl Olsen	Feb 05	
Joe Perry	Jul 04	Nov 04
George Pimentel	Jul 04	Jun 04
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 04	May 04
Russell Ruhland	Aug 04	Aug 04
Frazier Smith	Feb 05	Apl 05
Joanne Vazquez	Apl 05	May 04
Michael Walker	Mar 05	Mar 05
Shannon Wells	Apl 05	
Patty Williams	Jul 04	
Roger Wright	Mar 04	May 05

RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are listed below. Pick something from the list and bring it with you to each meeting. This is strictly voluntary. Thanks!

Most Needed Items

Grocery Gift Certificates	Solid Queen Sheets
Styrofoam Cups (20oz)	Sugar
Spray Air Freshener	Trash Bags (35 gal)
Twin/Queen Mattress Pads	Heavy Paper Plates
Storage/Freezer Bags	Interior Flood Lights

Household Items

Tide Detergent	Ready to Make Desserts
Fabric Softener	Bags of Hard Candy
Bathroom Cleaner	Vegetable/Olive Oil
Pine Scented Cleaner	Cake Icing
Swiffer Wet Sheets	Cake/Brownie Mixes
Dryer Sheets	Lemonade
Sting Mops	Salad Dressing
Carpet Cleaner	Soups
Bathroom Cups	Box Dinners
Spray Starch	Brooms
Windex	409 Cleaner

Miscellaneous Items

Mailing/Scotch Tape	Sewing Kit/Scissors
Copy Paper	Clasp Envelopes (9x12)
Disposable Cameras	Phone Cards
White-Out Pens	Sam's Gift Certificates
Computer Lables (Avery 5160)	
AA, C, D, and 9 Volt Batteries	

NOTE: They currently have a need for canned soups, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods.

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer	Freddy Heller	562-8735
Executive Officer	Russell Ruhland	855-4146
Operations Officer	Joe Perry.....	327-5888
Finance	Connie Heller	562-8735
Community Service	Tony Fleming	568-6529
Publications	Stephanie Harris	221-3425
Science Officer	Lech Mazur	596-9542
Computer Science	Stacy Harris	221-3425
Counselor	Russell Ruhland	855-4146
Medical	VACANT	
Morale	VACANT	
Engineering Officer	Josh Ainsworth	989-0853
Communications	Gisela Stephens	689-4266
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Roger Wright	687-8052
Marine OIC	Frazier Smith	298-5047

Cadet Corps Commander VACANT

Master Chief Petty Officer VACANT

At the Edge of the Federation

For those of you who came in late, the following is a novella written by our very own CRMN Todd Kes. Hope you enjoy reading it.

Part XXII

The games at the base were played with a quiet desperation. The players seldom cheered, and when the games were over, and both teams shook hands and hugged, it seemed that they were doing it out of fear, rather than sportsmanship. Everyone there knew their friends had been taken away, and were likely dead. The personnel on the Starbase did their jobs, but there were very few smiles. The only group there that even seemed to be smiling was the weapons development personnel, and their smiles were not those of friendship. Those smiles were the smiles seen on those about to inflict pain on others, and it was a sign of the mood on the base that nobody seemed to care.

Captain Morgan knew about the smiles though,

and kept on projecting the confidence his personnel needed. He kept his senior staff busy with projects, and they passed the workload down to their personnel as well. Several people complained about the workload, but their peers told them to be quiet, as the work was necessary. Missile loads were assigned to the Excellon and the Axlor, and the Potenton was fuelled up for the trip.

The few days they had stayed in port had brought the missile loads of the Excellon and Axlor up to eighty missiles each, and it was decided that was enough time, plus the fact that the next missiles were only starting on the assembly line, while these had been finishing up their production run. The standard method of Starfleet construction was to build as many as were needed, but Commander Wilson was already having the missile factory retooled to be more of an assembly line operation, for continuous operations, rather than the burst mode currently used.

The burst mode was useful when you needed several items at once, as it allowed the factory to rapidly construct items, and allowed custom work on them as well. Retooling a burst line was fairly easy, as the line was designed to be retooled for each stage of production. An assembly line though, required a longer start-up time, and more extensive retooling in order to change production. But once the assembly line got going, it would be over twice as fast as a burst production line, for the same usage of materials. Commander Wilson figured that the silent war with the slavers would require lots of missiles, and he wanted to have a large stockpile ready.

The shipyard had also managed to allocate part of its space to autonomous launchers as well. The launchers could hold ten missiles, around a central core. The central core was designed to receive targeting data, and align itself to the region of space. From there, it would launch its missiles, and the missiles would either use the station's guidance for targeting, or their on-board targeting. The station's targeting was far superior to the onboard capability, but it also took resources from the station's computers and comm channels to do so. Essentially, it was a trade-off between accuracy and firepower.

Commander Wilson figured an engagement range of ten thousand kilometers would provide plenty of time for the missiles, so he had ordered forty

autolaunchers built. That would allow the station enough time to launch four salvos of missiles from the pods, with half the missiles receiving station guidance. As each missile locked on a target, the station would cut it loose, and try to help another missile achieve lock. Of course, there was always the danger that these slavers would send in their shuttles first, to clear the missile pods, but they could easily use a missile to dispose of a shuttle as well. Shuttles were more maneuverable than a starship, but not maneuverable enough.

The close-in lasers on the Starbase could be used to deal with shuttles as well, and several tactical crews were running simulations, using various types of assaults. Captain Morgan had downloaded all the data on the slaver raids, and they were being used in the various scenarios. The tactical teams were slowly learning the tactics of the slavers, and their confidence was slowly spreading to the rest of the base.

On the third day, Captain Morgan set out, with the Axlor guarding the Gervon, and the Excellon setting out to survey the eight systems. He had transferred his senior staff to the Axlor, to provide the senior leadership necessary for Commander Keleros to get his crew ready to fight the slavers, when they next struck. Of his five hundred fifty personnel crew, there were only four hundred sixty were actually there, and there were eighty-two of the rescued slaves on board making up part of that number. Essentially, he was 90 people short, and the remaining crew was being worked hard to make up for the shortfall. Some of that number had come from the Starbase, and the original crew had to train them in the new tasks a combat warship required, from what they were used to on board a transshipping Starbase.

Captain Morgan was also 90 people under strength, and he had the rescued slaves onboard also, but they made up over a hundred of his crew. Several of the rescued slaves had believed that his ship was blessed, and had a destiny to fulfill, to rid the galaxy of these slavers. As a result, they wanted to be there, to say that they took part in the final battle. Of course, they knew that it would take a while to accomplish that goal, but all good stories require the history to be told first. With embellishments, of course.

The convoy of the Axlor and the Gervon were proceeding around to the various worlds, when

another distress call came in. Captain Morgan and Commanders Wilson and Keleros had set up orders in case that happened. The Excellon would go there at full speed, while the Axlor and Gervon would go there at the Gervon's top speed, to avoid losing any more freighters. The colony sending the distress was Tatarin five, which produced electronics components. All the Captains knew the significance immediately, as without Tatarin five's electronics industry, the special sensors that they were being equipped with would be stolen by the slavers, and exploited. Even worse, the sensors would be unavailable for Starfleet usage, and they would have a much harder time spotting the slavers and their activity.

The Excellon was two days out fortunately, and the slavers there took their time, loading up all the electronic equipment. Even better, Tatarin five was next in line for the Axlor, so they were only five days out. As a result, when the Excellon arrived, the slavers began to move out to meet him. They had a Pirate class starship, a Raider class, and a captured freighter with them as well. The freighter was identified as the Valraish, the second freighter that was stolen by these aliens. The Pirate class was still being scanned by the computers, but the three power-up signals detected indicated that it had the large ion weapons, and was getting ready to use them.

To Be Continued in Part XXIII Next Month*

THE USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

I thought y'all would enjoy a look down memory lane. Each month I will show a series of pictures from our very beginning up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! Reminisce.



XO Rita Johnson talking to prospective new members during the First Contact Premier at the Peachtree theaters (22 November 1996)



Wow! A new member is signing up while Joey Alcorn completely ignores him!



A lot of folks showing interest in the DaVinci!



Rita is explaining to Joe Perry how she let the new member get away!



Best friends Cadets Travis Heller and Malik Coles demonstrating the Vulcan hand salute.



Here are a few of the crew members who lent a hand during the First Contact premier. (Seated: Joe Perry, Clarence Young, Rita Johnson; Standing: Grant Kersey, Freddy Heller, Joey Alcorn)

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