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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

We had one of the most well attended meetings in quite a while. It was nearly standing room only at the Ronald McDonald House during the February meeting. After the official part of the meeting was concluded, we spent nearly 40 minutes talking about the future of Trek and science fiction television in general. After that we played four games of SPACE: The Game. For the low-down on the gaming activities, be sure to read the XO's article. He will let you know the results of the games and who the winner was of the Game Master trophy for January! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended and to Russell and Randy who brought some nice goodies for the winners of the games.

If you had not heard already, Enterprise has been cancelled by UPN. There will be no fifth season and the final episode will air on the 13th of May. Go to startrek.com and click on the link on the Top Stories section to read the reason for this decision. I really do not believe this comes as a big surprise. Before the new season began we were not even sure if there would be a fourth season this year. I for one will miss it because I think that this year and last year have been some of the most exciting Trek since the last few seasons of Deep Space Nine. I was not too impressed with Enterprise during its first 2 years, but with the advent of the Xindi storyline and the change in the attitude of Captain Archer; Enterprise took off with a big bang. From what I had heard, Enterprise has been sold into syndication so start looking for those early reruns. In addition, all four seasons of Enterprise will be available on DVD by the end of this year. Naturally, the end of a Trek series means we need to have a series finale party. The only trouble is I may be out of town so

someone else may have to take over the reins and be the host this time.

The often-postponed away mission to the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robbins, GA has been scheduled for the 26th of February. We will meet at my house around 7:45 a.m., determine who is driving, and depart for the museum around 8:00 a.m. Remember, there is no fee to get inside the museum so bring enough cash for lunch and souvenirs. Also on hand for the away mission will be the DaVinci's newest members, Bill and Barbara Paul, who just happen to live in Warner Robbins. They promised to give us a guided tour of the facility. This promises to be an exciting first away mission, so try to make it if you can. Oh, do not forget to bring your camera!

During the January meeting, a highway clean up was scheduled for the following Saturday. Unfortunately, not enough people showed up and we had to cancel the effort. We will reschedule for a later date. A BIG Bajoran thanks to Tony Fleming and Ariana Heller (who really did volunteer) who came to work and to Joe Perry also came but could not stay because he had his volunteer work at the Space Science Center.

Our 9th anniversary party is just around the corner! Can you believe it? Nine years? Right now our anniversary party will take place on the 19th of March. As usual, the club will supply the main course (I am not sure at this time what that will be. It may be burgers and dogs or it may be pizza) and the rest will come from those who attend. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at all the DaVinci events. If you wish to come, please call Gisela (689-4266) and let her know what you plan on bringing.

May the Prophets be with you.

RADML Freddy Heller

EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

Here we go! The gamesters are entering the gate. SPACE is the chosen game of the month and with 13 contestants it's going to be a challenge to be reckoned with. OK, and...they're off! Five cards played and no one close yet; 10, 11, 12 cards and wait a minute, there's a couple in a close running! Now, 13, 14, 15; it's getting hot on the track and as the next card comes up and oh, not quite a winner yet but then we hear those famous words, "SPACE, the final frontier", and we have a winner. Vanessa, who was attending her very first DaVinci meeting, won the first round. Randy won the second round and Lisa the third. However, there still needs to be a final battle royale for the coveted "Game Master of the Month" trophy. These three really gave us a grand showing of Triscalian talent. As it came down to the wire, Lisa became our inaugural winner with the honor of choosing next month's game along with also earning her place in the semi-annual finals in July. Remember, the trophy moves from winner to winner every month and greater levels of recognition come to those winners until the finale at the Christmas gathering in December.

Now here's your top 10 list for this month:
Top 10 Signs the next Star Trek Movie will be a Muppet Movie Crossover:

10. Miss Piggy & Counselor Troi exchange makeup tips.
9. Beverly spends the entire movie in sickbay trapped in a "Veterinarian's Hospital" skit.
8. Kermit encounters an Orion Slave Girl played by Liza Minelli. They share a tender duet of "It's Not Easy Bein' Green."
7. Rolf the dog tutors Data how to play "Little Life-Forms" on his keyboard.
6. Barclay, Beaker; Beaker, Barclay.
5. In a surprise cameo, Neelix will reveal that he's been a Muppet all along.
4. Instead of a Bat'leth, Worf will be armed with Boomerang Fish.
3. Riker's beard will be played by Rizzo the Rat.
2. Sci-fi & Muppets? Hmmm, I thought that was Return of the Jedi!

And the number ONE sign the next Star Trek movie will be a Muppet Movie crossover.....

1. Two words, "Dancin' Tribbles!!!"

CMDR Russell Ruhland

STAR TREK 2005 ORNAMENTS

Hallmark has announced the new Star Trek ornaments for the 2005 Christmas season. They are, the Enterprise 1701-A (it is about dang time!), Khan, and Locutus of Borg. So, without further ado, here are the ornaments:



USS Enterprise 1701-A



Khan



Locutus of Borg and the Borg Queen

Thanks to Hallmark.com for the photographs.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

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| Opening Balance | 385.10 |
| Postage | 54.60 |
| Closing Balance | 330.50 |

CPT Connie Heller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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| Barbara Luna (LT Marlene Moreau on TOS) | 2 nd |
| James Doohan (LTCMDR Montgomery Scott on TOS) | 3 rd |
| Apollo 9 Blasts off to Test Lunar Module (1969) | 3 rd |
| Jolene Blalock (T'Pol on ENT) | 5 th |
| CADET Ariana Heller | 12 th |
| Astronaut Wally Schirra | 12 th |
| Uranus Discovered by Sir William Herschel (1781) | 13 th |
| J.G. Hertzler (Martok on DS9) | 18 th |
| First Human to Walk in Space (Alexi Leonov 1965) | 18 th |
| Conner Trineer (CMDR Charles "Trip" Tucker on ENT) | 19 th |
| John DeLancie ("Q" on TNG) | 20 th |
| CRMN Billy McConnell | 20 th |
| ENS Travis Heller | 22 nd |
| William Shatner (CPT James T. Kirk on TOS) | 22 nd |
| Michael Westmore (Makeup Designer) | 22 nd |
| First US 2 Person Craft (Gemini III) is Launched (1965) | 23 rd |
| Russia's Mir Space Station Falls to Earth (2001) | 23 rd |
| D. C. Fontana (Story Editor) | 25 th |
| Leonard Nimoy (Spock on TOS) | 26 th |
| Cadet Brayden Pimental | 27 th |
| Yuri A. Gagarin Dies (1968) | 27 th |
| Marina Sirtis (CMDR Deanna Troi on TNG) | 29 th |
| ENS Lesh Mazur | 30 th |

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran congratulation to Mr. Starfleet Academy, Tony Fleming, for receiving a grade of "Distinction" for Romulan from the College of Alien History and Culture.

A BIG Bajoran thanks to Maureen Byrd from Central High School in Phenix City for the large donation of tabs.

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TREK AND SCI-FI BUZZ

Great news for Earth 2 fans. News comes from TVShowsOnDVD.com that Earth 2 may be coming to DVD!! Industry sources have given the site the heads-up on a few titles soon to be announced by their respective studios. Rumor has it that Earth 2 is one of the selections and will be available later this year. As soon as they hear anything it will be posted to their site so visit it often. Now if we can only get Space Above and Beyond and Sea Quest on DVD.

All new episodes of The 4400 will be returning to the small screen this summer. Season One is already available on DVD.

SciFi.com has confirmed that Battlestar Galactica has been renewed for a second season. If you have not been watching this excellent show you are missing something.

Have you ever dreamt of going into space? Sure you have, we all have wondered what it would be like. Well, now you can. Go to boldlygo.com to enter for a chance to win a sub-orbital flight on Virgin's future commercial passenger-carrying spacecraft. You have to answer a bunch of questions but it may be worth it.

Release dates for Enterprise on DVD are as follows. Season One – 3 May; Season Two – 12 July; Season Three – 6 September; and Season Four – 1 November. The episodes will be presented in widescreen.

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

At the December Christmas party, the 2005 Night Out locations were selected. We had some familiar locations and some new spots as well. So without further ado, here are the 2005 locations. Bon appetite! Sorry no Hooter's again this year!

| | |
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| March | O'Charley's |
| April | Hunan's |
| May | Zaxby's |
| June | CiCi's Pizza |
| July | Country's on Broad |
| August | Olive Garden |
| September | El Vaquero (Phenix City) |
| October | Deorio's |
| November | Lieutenant's |
| December | Jason's Deli |

DaVINCI T-SHIRTS & POLOS

Although they are selling like hotcakes, we still plenty of DaVinci shirts available for purchase. If you do not have one, get yours before your size is gone. The shirts run from \$9.00 for S-XL and \$11.00 for XX and up. See Freddy if you want a shirt.

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> |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Karen Ferris | Sep 05 | |
| Tony Fleming | Jul 05 | Jun 05 |
| Stacy Harris | Apl 05 | Apl 05 |
| Craig Harrison | Aug 05 | Aug 05 |
| Todd Kes | Sep 05 | |
| Leiko Koone | Oct 05 | Oct 05 |
| Lech Mazur | Jul 05 | Mar 05 |
| Carl Olsen | Feb 05 | |
| Barbara Paul | Jan 06 | Aug 05 |
| Joe Perry | Jul 05 | Nov 05 |
| George Pimentel | Jul 05 | Jun 05 |
| Karen Pynenburg | Jul 05 | May 05 |
| Russell Ruhland | Aug 05 | Aug 05 |
| Frazier Smith | Feb 05 | Apl 05 |
| Joanne Vazquez | Apl 05 | |
| Michael Walker | Mar 05 | Mar 05 |
| Shannon Wells | Apl 05 | |
| Roger Wright | Jul 06 | May 05 |

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.



A happy Steve Gordon gets promoted to LTJG at the TOS mini marathon and surprise birthday party (14 February 1998)



ADML Kelly Hilliard congratulates Joe on his promotion to Captain.



ADMLs Mike Henigan and Kelly Hilliard congratulate a very surprised Freddy on his promotion to Fleet Captain!



The tables are turned! Freddy and Joe surprise Mike and Kelly with honorary DaVinci memberships!



The newest Ensign on the crew discusses his promotion with Gisela.



Promotions were not the only surprise! Connie blows out the candles on her birthday cake!



Connie, holding 4 day old Ariana Nerys, and Joe pose for the camera.



Zach Farley gets promoted to Ensign at the March general membership meeting (16 March 1998)!



Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Karen Barker and Randy discuss the world of Trek.

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Commanding Officer | Freddy Heller | 562-8735 |
| Executive Officer | Russell Ruhland | 298-3998 |
| Operations Officer | Joe Perry | 327-5888 |
| Finance | Connie Heller | 562-8735 |
| Community Service | Tony Fleming | 568-6529 |
| Publications | Stephanie Harris | 682-5615 |
| Science Officer | Lech Mazur | 596-9542 |
| Computer Science | Stacy Harris | 682-5615 |
| Counselor | VACANT | |
| Medical | Barbara Paul (478) | 929-3210 |
| Morale | VACANT | |
| Engineering Officer | VACANT | |
| 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 | |

Interested in a position within the ship? See Freddy or Russell at any of the DaVinci events or give them a call.

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