



DaVinci Pilot

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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

We had a great time at the Region 2 Summit, which was recently held in Tampa, FL. Along with myself, Russell Ruhland and Bill and Barbara Paul represented the DaVinci. I chaired two panels, "ShOC" (Shuttle Operations Command) and "The Future of Trek" and got to sit at the head table for the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the awards ceremony since I am the Vice Regional Coordinator. You sure do get a different perspective sitting up front than you do sitting with the rest of the attendees. I do not wish to spoil Russell's telling of the tale so I shall just say that if you were not there, you missed a really fun time. A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended.

What I can discuss is the wonderful Away Mission we had to the Museum of Aviation in Warner-Robbins, GA. Six hearty souls left my house at 8:00 AM and arrived in Warner-Robbins a little less than 2 hours later. Bill and Barbara Paul, who live in Warner-Robbins, were waiting for us when we arrived. What made the trip so special was that Bill acted as our tour guide. Bill works at the museum, as a museum specialist, so naturally he practically knew everything there was to know about the exhibits. We asked him all sorts of questions, which he flawlessly answered. The museum itself is wonderful with both inside and outside exhibits. They have everything from a reproduction of a 1896 Chanute Glider, to most of the more famous World War II fighter planes, to an SR-71 Blackbird (my favorite), to a B-52 bomber, and pretty much everything in between both fixed wing and rotary aircraft! The main building also houses the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame, which among its inductees are two Columbus natives, Eugene J. Bullard and Jacqueline Cochran. We

broke for lunch at the museum's Victory Café and had seen just about everything by 2:00 PM. After a group picture in front of the main building we made the trip back to Columbus arriving around 4:00 PM – just in time for dinner at the Olive Garden! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended our first (can you believe it?) Away Mission – Connie Heller, Ariana Heller, Lech Mazur, Joe Perry, Roger Wright, and of course, Bill and Barbara Paul, our wonderful hosts!

On May 13th, the series finale of Enterprise will be broadcasted! It is a shame the show was cancelled because the past two seasons were exceptionally good. Naturally, this calls for an Enterprise Mourning party! Tentatively, it would begin around 8:00 PM and end after the show ends. The only problem is, I may be out of town and so will be unable to host the party at my house. So, I need someone to volunteer his or her place for this event. The episode stars Jonathan Frakes and Marina Sirtis, reprising their TNG roles!

On Saturday the 2nd of April, the Space Science Center will be holding the 3rd Game and Hobby Expo. The DaVinci has been invited to set up a table and lend a hand at the event. Due to the fact that the Space Science Center is no longer open on Sundays, the hours for the Expo will be a little different. The doors will open at 10:00 AM and close at midnight! If you attended the last Expo and were disappointed at the hot dog vendor not being there, have no fear kiddies, he will be there this time! If you wish to lend a hand, please see Russell or myself at any of the DaVinci functions. We do not expect you to stay all day and night, but any amount of time would be appreciated. Uniforms are preferred but DaVinci shirts are okay as well.

RADML Freddy Heller

EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

Once upon a weekend merry, with all the baggage we could carry,
Off to Tampa went the duo, Freddy & Russell of DaVinci lore,
While I nodded, Freddy driving, suddenly with my reviving,
Came these words, "The drive may be boring, but you think we'll
Get there without your snoring, and so I stayed awake for evermore.

Finally with our arrival, checking in was like "Survival,"
Hiking to the hotel room and found no keys to open the door
After talking with the front desk, sadly still no end to the mess,
The keys we got still weren't the right ones, as they should have been before; we sat and waited for evermore.

Friday night, the Fleet Admiral's dinner, on Saturday then things
Got bigger, opening ceremony with flags so formal but started late
And that was normal, introduced new staff to see, Jennifer, our new RC and Starfleet members numbered roughly 80 to which we greeted "A'Hoy ye Maties!", a pirate theme down to the core for this Region 2 Summit, for evermore.

Now to the panels I was yearning, for some interesting subject learning,
An XO's meeting in a crunch, then to the Cafe for some lunch and more
Panels in the PM, just as like one's in the AM and I came away a winner,
At the auction with my wallet thinner, the money to a worthy cause,
I was happy with my purchases, for evermore.

In the evening came the banquet, and for me I truly thanked it was
Successful with a BBQ meal so tasty but it ended all too hasty,
There were smaller parties forming in the hotel rooms adjoining,
In the banquet room was music for the dance just as before,
With an atmosphere enhancing, there seemed to be no one dancing
For the banquet room was empty, no one dancing

on the floor.

Sunday morning finally dawning, some with bloodshot eyes and yawning,
Came the last of weekend panels and closing ceremony all adored,
Sad good-byes to all our friends, I wished the weekend wouldn't end,
But we departed with no fear, we get to see ya'll next year,
And leaving with that cheerful feeling, made it home on Sunday evening, so ends this article and nothing more!

CMDR Russell Ruhland

TREK AND SCIFI BUZZ

Although Enterprise has been cancelled, there is a rumor that Spike TV may pick up the syndication rights. The SciFi Channel is also interested in picking up Enterprise. Stay tuned for further news.

Paramount Home Entertainment has announced the release of the first season of Star Trek: Enterprise. The set will arrive on May 2nd and include a widescreen transfer, Dolby Digital 5.1 audio, and many extras to include, a profile of Scott Bakula, cast impressions on season one, inside a shuttle, Star Trek time travel, outtakes and deleted scenes, and text and audio commentaries.

Speaking of Enterprise, Save Enterprise.com has so far raised over 3 million dollars in their attempt to resurrect the show. Who knows?

So you do not believe that Vulcans are on Earth right now? Check this out!



**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE ON APRIL 7th AT 7:00 PM
AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
PLEASE COME.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand on TOS)	1 st
First Weather Satellite, TRIOS-1, Launched (1960)	1 st
Maiden Voyage of Shuttle Challenger (1983)	4 th
CRMN Sky Cameron	6 th
CRMN Rose Hutson	9 th
NASA Announces First Seven Astronauts (1959)	9 th
Apollo 13 Begins its Ill-Fated Mission to the Moon (1970)	11 th
First Man in Space (Yuri Gagarin 1961)	12 th
Charles Napier (Adam on TOS)	12 th
ENS Leiko Koone	13 th
First Test Flight of Shuttle Columbia Ends (1981)	14 th
Michael Ansara (Kang on TOS)	15 th
First Woman to Solo Around the World (Jerrie Mock 1964)	17 th
Apollo 13 Returns Safely to Earth after Near Disaster (1970)	17 th
CADET Mariaelena Fleming	18 th
Herman Zimmerman (Set Designer)	19 th
Elinor Donahue (Asst Commissioner Nancy Hedford on TOS)	19 th
Ashley Judd (ENS Robin Lefler on TNG)	19 th
Apollo 16 Lands on the Moon (1972)	20 th
Clint Howard (Balok (on TOS); Grady (on DS9))	20 th
George Takei (CPT Hikaru Sulu)	20 th
CRMN Jenie Arrington	23 rd
China Launches Its First Satellite (1970)	24 th
First Satellite Relay of a Television Signal (1962)	24 th
Pioneer Ten Crosses Pluto's Orbit (1983)	25 th
Hubble Space Telescope is Deployed (1990)	25 th
Spice Williams (Vixis from Search for Spock)	26 th
Kate Mulgrew (CPT Kathryn Janeway on VOY)	29 th

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Mike Walker (S)
Jean Walker (S)
Hannah Walker (S)
Maxwell Walker (S)
Gracie Walker (S)
Ivy Walker (S)

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks to Roger Wright for the donation of tabs, stamps, and coupons!

Congratulations to Russell "Mr. SFA" Ruhland for receiving a grade of Distinction for "Captains of the Enterprise" from the School of College of Federation Studies. Well, not really – ask him!

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!

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

APRIL TOP TEN LIST

This month's Top Ten List is courtesy of James Carey.

The Top Ten Ways to know your SciFi Club membership check bounced:

10. The check is returned by your bank stamped "Please Report to Disintegration Station Number 26 for processing."

9. When you boot your computer, instead of the default Windows start-up sound, a voice comes from your computer saying "It's too late, there's no place to hide runner!"

8. Your car alarm keeps going off and sounds like the "Red Alert" sound from Star Trek.

7. You keep getting calls from Miles Bennet Tyson at Cyberdyne Systems Collection Agency.

6. Your new "web friendly" television keeps changing from the SciFi channel to the Home and Garden Channel five minutes after every show starts.

5. You start noticing debit card overdrafts for purchases in the amount of one cent made from "Emanuel Goldstein Enterprises Inc."

4. The chest X-Ray from your annual check-up shows you have a "chest buster" growing in you.

3. You start noticing you are being followed by a guy muttering "there can be only one" under his breath.

2. The chip in your membership card beings saying "I am a thirty-second bomb; I am a thirty-second bomb, twenty-nine, twenty-eight..."

And the number one way you know your SciFi club membership check bounced is...

1. You are handed a "Red Shirt" to put on when you arrive at the next club meeting.

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.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	385.10
Postage	54.60
Closing Balance	330.50

CPT Connie Heller

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

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
Swiffer Wet Sheets	Gladware Containers

Household Items

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

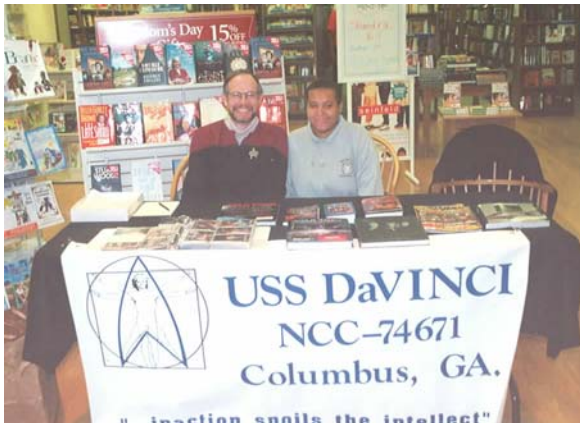
Miscellaneous Items

Mailing/Scotch Tape	Sewing Kit/Scissors
Copy Paper	Clasp Envelopes (9x12)
Disposable Cameras	Phone Cards (15 min)
White-Out Pens	Sam's Gift Certificates
Card Stock Paper	Clear Storage Containers
	Computer Labels (Avery 5160)
	AA, C, D, and 9 Volt Batteries

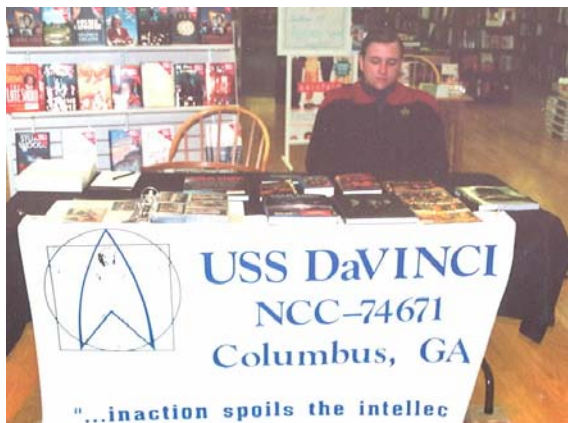
NOTE: They currently have a need for canned soups, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods.

THE USS DAVINCI IN PHOTOS

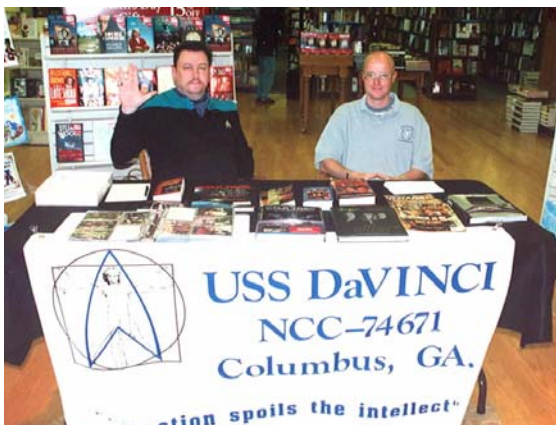
I thought y'all would enjoy a look down memory lane. Each month I will show a series of pictures from our very beginning up until the present time. Many of you will remember these faces. To others they will be complete strangers. But, they made what the USS DaVinci is today. Enjoy! Reminiscence.



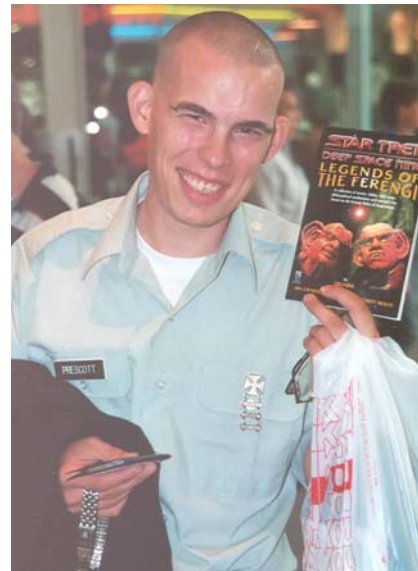
Freddy Heller and Karen Baker at the Walden Books membership drive (18 April 1998)



Joey Alcorn at the membership drive.



Joe Perry giving the Vulcan hand salute and Mike Walker at the membership drive.



Is this guy related to Quark? A soldier poses for the camera at the membership drive.



JoAnne Vazquez reads the promotion certificate as Freddy Heller prepares to promote Josh Ainsworth at a membership meeting (15 October 1998)



Josh getting his Ensign pips!



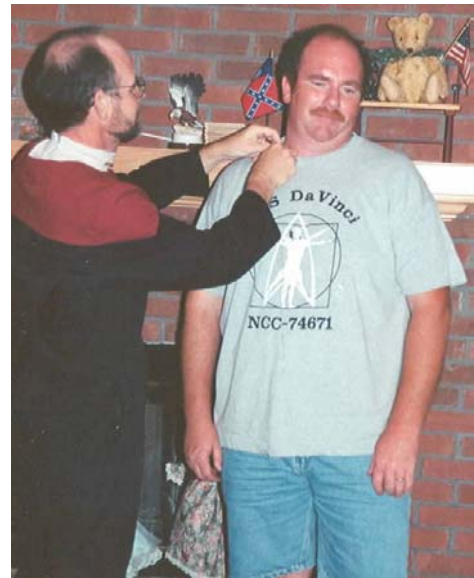
JoAnne wants to read Karen Baker's promotion certificate but Freddy is looking at Karen's feet?



Finally getting those Ensign pips!



Frazier Smith getting his Ensign pips!



Randy Dunn is also promoted to Ensign.

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.

**THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT
WILL BE AT HUNAN'S ON
MONDAY APRIL 18th AT 7:00 PM COME
FOR THE GREAT FOOD!
COME FOR THE FRIENDSHIP!**