



# DaVinci Pilot

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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, the election is over and the ballots have been counted. No Florida controversy to report. I have been elected for a fifth consecutive term and I have selected Russell Ruhland as my "Number One" for his second consecutive term. I wish to thank all of those crew personnel who voted for me and I will try to live up to the confidence you have bestowed on me. To be quite honest, it was not until the last day or so before the nominations at the May meeting that I decided to seek another term. Many times I felt like I was burned out and wanted to give someone else that prestigious "center seat." Other times I felt like I could lead the DaVinci until I was 6 feet under (not that you would want me that long). Anyway, I will do my very best to make your membership in the DaVinci a fun one. One of my first goals is to be come more involved with some of the other chapters in the area and some of the other non-Starfleet clubs as well. For example, there is the USS Shadow Hawk in Opelika and the USS New Hope in Montgomery. Also, there is the local Star Wars fan club in Columbus. I have already spoken to Cathy Bowden of the Star Wars club and have invited them to our 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout.

Speaking of the Fourth of July cookout, it is just around the corner! This is usually the DaVinci's biggest celebration of the year. This year's cookout will be later than usual because the Starfleet International Conference is being held in San Antonio, TX that same weekend and several crewmembers will be in attendance to include myself, Connie Heller the resident burger flipper, Joe Perry, and Russell Ruhland. So, this year, the festivities will take place on Saturday, 9 July beginning at the usual time of 2 PM. A sign up sheet will be circulating at the various DaVinci

events. As always the DaVinci will buy the burgers and dogs and the rest of fixing and side dishes will come from the crew. So, if you wish to come, please sign-up at one of our events or call Gisela Stephens to let her know what you are bringing. Because they are only 2 days apart, there will be no membership meeting in July. Are you listening Roger? NO membership meeting in July! All the usual membership meeting activities will take place at the cookout. There will be some fabulous door prizes, gaming activities (to include the crowning of the DaVinci Game Master of the Year), Great Dalmuti, as well as some other great surprises cooked up by your Captain. Remember all those tickets you earned by attending the various DaVinci events? Well, the drawing for the autographed poster of Alice Krige as the Borg Queen will take place at the festivities! So if you have not decided whether to come or not, I hope you make the best decision and join us for a day and a night of great times!

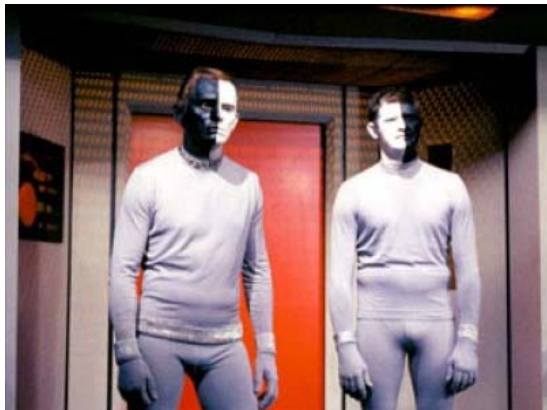
Connie has been working pretty hard on the next version of the "History of the DaVinci" VCD/CD and they will be ready for purchase at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. The new one contains photographs from the July 2004 through June 2005 DaVinci events. Will your smiling face be on the disk? Buy one and find out! The \$3.00 apiece price did not change from last year. There will be a few from the last two editions avail for purchase as well.

RADML Freddy Heller

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SATURDAY 9 JULY AT 2:00 PM**

## PASSAGES

Frank Gorshin died on 18 May following a battle with lung cancer, emphysema and pneumonia. Although he was best known to Star Trek fans as Bele, the vengeful half-white, half-black Cheron, in the TOS episode "Let That Be Your Last Battlefield", he is probably best known for his role as the Riddler in the 60s television show Batman. His performance as Bele earned an Emmy nomination.



Frank Gorshin (L) as Bele and Lou Antonio as Lokai from "Let That Be Your Last Battlefield"

Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, he began his acting career while in high school. When he was 19, he joined the U.S. Army as a performer in the Special Services. After serving 2 years in the Korean War, Gorshin returned to the US to continue his acting career. His career would ultimately span over 70 movie roles, numerous stage roles, and dozens of television appearances. Gorshin's last filmed role was a recent episode of C.S.I.: Crime Scene Investigation. His wife of 48 years, Christina, was at his side when he died.

## DVD NEWS

Titles available in July are Earth 2 (19<sup>th</sup>), Cleopatra 2525 (19<sup>th</sup>), Andromeda Season Four (19<sup>th</sup>), Sliders Season Three (19<sup>th</sup>), and Enterprise Season Two (26<sup>th</sup>). Whew! It is going to be an expensive month!

Wahoo! The wait is finally over! Space: Above and Beyond is finally coming to DVD this summer as a Best Buy exclusive! Best Buy will have the rights for some period of time before it is released to other retailers.

Tru Calling Season 2 is also to be released on 2

August as a Best Buy exclusive. Do not bother trying to find it on their web site. For some reason it has been removed.

The third season of Enterprise will be released on 20 September.

Also coming out is the second season of Charmed and the third season of Millennium, both on 6 September.

Best Buy is having a great sale on the X-Files. Each Season is \$49.99 and they are selling out quickly. The store in Columbus has some in stock.

Check out tvshowsondvd.com for all the news.

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	373.56
Postage	7.70
Pips	15.00
Office Depot	16.03
Closing Balance	324.83

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 July!

Dominic Keating (LT Malcolm Reed)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Alan Ruck (CPT Harriman)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko on DS9)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
First Solo Around the World Balloon Flight (2002)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
CADET Christopher Wood	3 <sup>rd</sup>
First Balloon to Cross the Atlantic (1987)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Pathfinder Spacecraft Lands on Mars (1997)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Rick Sternbach (Senior Illustrator)	6 <sup>th</sup>
William Schallert (Nilz Baris on TOS)	6 <sup>th</sup>
Kim Darby (Miri on TOS)	7 <sup>th</sup>
CADET Gracie Walker	9 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Park (ENS Hoshi Sato on ENT)	9 <sup>th</sup>
Telstar Communications Satellite Launched (1962)	10 <sup>th</sup>
Skylab Burns Up in Atmosphere on Return to Earth (1977)	11 <sup>th</sup>
Patrick Stewart (CPT Jean Luc Picard on TNG)	13 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Justman (Producer)	13 <sup>th</sup>
First Atomic Bomb Explosion (1945)	16 <sup>th</sup>
First Link-Up of Apollo-Soyuz (1975)	17 <sup>th</sup>
First Man on the Moon (Neil Armstrong 1969)	20 <sup>th</sup>
ENS Craig Harrison	20 <sup>th</sup>
Second American in Space (Gus Grissom 1961)	21 <sup>st</sup>
Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn on DS9)	22 <sup>nd</sup>
First Solo Flight Around Word (Wiley Post 1933)	22 <sup>nd</sup>

Ronnie Cox (CPT Jellico on TNG)	23 <sup>rd</sup>
First Woman to Walk in Space (Svetlana Savitskaya 1984)	25 <sup>th</sup>
FCPT Joe Perry	25 <sup>th</sup>
Nana Visitor (COL Kira Nerys on DS9)	26 <sup>th</sup>
NASA Created (1958)	29 <sup>th</sup>
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher on TNG)	29 <sup>th</sup>
David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon from Unexplored Country)	29 <sup>th</sup>
Carel Struycken (Mr. Homm on TNG)	30 <sup>th</sup>

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go out to:

Karen Pynenburg for the large donation of cans and tabs.

## WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Frazier Smith (D (S)  
 Vanessa Winfield (D) (S)  
 Karen Pynenburg (S)  
 Tony Fleming (S)  
 Randy Dunn (S)  
 Mathew Dunn (S)  
 Rebecca Dunn (S)  
 Christopher Dunn (S)  
 Sandy Holt (S)

## 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!

July	Country's on Broad
August	Olive Garden
September	El Vaquero (Phenix City)
October	Deorio's
November	Lieutenant's
December	Jason's Deli

Congratulations to ???????, the winner of the free dinner at the June Night Out!

## 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>
Faye Cole	Mar 06	
Dutch Cummings	Apr 06	
Karen Ferris	Sep 05	
Tony Fleming	Jul 05	Jun 06
<b>Stacy Harris</b>	<b>Apl 05</b>	<b>Apl 05</b>
Craig Harrison	Aug 05	Aug 05
Todd Kes	Sep 05	
Leiko Koone	Oct 05	Oct 05
Lech Mazur	Jul 05	May 06
Barbara Paul	Jan 06	Aug 05
Joe Perry	Jul 06	Nov 05
George Pimentel	Jul 05	<b>Jun 05</b>
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 05	May 06
Russell Ruhland	Aug 05	Aug 05
Frazier Smith	Jun 06	Jun 06
<b>Joanne Vazquez</b>	<b>Apl 05</b>	
Michael Walker	Mar 06	Mar 06
<b>Shannon Wells</b>	<b>Apl 05</b>	
Vanessa Winfield	Jun 06	Jun 06
Susan Wood	Apr 06	
Roger Wright	Jul 06	<b>May 05</b>

## 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.

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## 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.



Joe Perry, Frazier Smith and JoAnne Vazquez manning a table at the Insurrection premier (11-12 December 1998)



Gisela Stephens, Joe Perry, and Lisa Neal man the table.



Gisela Stephens and Joe Perry explain the finer points of Star Trek to some potential young recruits



Is that Josh Ainsworth behind that Klingon costume? It sure is! Qapla!



Freddy Heller and Joe Perry admire the cake at the DaVinci's third anniversary party (13 March 1999)



Josh Ainsworth presents the USS Shadow Hawk's "Hull Breach Award" to Steve Gordon.



Freddy Heller presents a bottle of Romulan Ale with a "No Steve" symbol to Steve Gordon (too much at the R2 Summit).



A very young Randy Dunn brings his famous macaroni and cheese to the celebration.



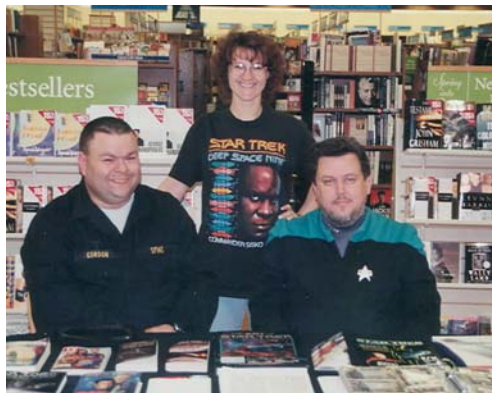
The crew playing the Great Dalmuti! L-R from couch: Malik Coles, Chantel Billingsley, Rob Anthony, Travis Heller, Frazier Smith, Frazier's Towel, Joe Perry, Josh Ainsworth, and Steve Gordon enjoying the game!



Karen Baker and Patty Williams chatting



Klinton Josh Ainsworth and Joe Perry at a Walden Book's membership drive (10 April 1999)



Steve Gordon in his Starfleet Marine uniform and JoAnne Vazquez join Joe Perry at the drive.

Okay, last month I misidentified a couple of individuals in a photograph (below). That is Roger Stephens and not Johnny Hutson and he is holding Zachary and not Nicholas. Sorry for the confusion but even the great ones screw up once in a while!



## DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

<b>Commanding Officer</b>	Freddy Heller	562-8735
<b>Executive Officer</b>	Russell Ruhland	298-3998
<b>Operations Officer</b>	Joe Perry	327-5888
Finance	Connie Heller	562-8735
Community Service	Tony Fleming	568-6529
Publications	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Science Officer</b>	Lech Mazur	596-9542
Computer Science	<b>VACANT</b>	
Counselor	<b>VACANT</b>	
Medical	Barbara Paul (478)	929-3210
Morale	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Engineering Officer</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
Communications	Gisela Stephens	689-4266
Quartermaster	Randy Dunn	291-0150
Security	Roger Wright	687-8052
<b>Marine OIC</b>	Frazier Smith	298-5047
<b>Cadet Corps Commander</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Master Chief Petty Officer</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	

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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