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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Our annual "Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall" cookout is just a few days away! If you have not already signed up to bring something, it is not too late. Call Gisela and let her know what you are bringing (her telephone number is listed later in the newsletter). Remember, the club will supply the burgers and hotdogs and the rest of the munchies will come from the crew. Please come if you can.

The annual Help-the-Hooch River clean-up campaign is scheduled for 15 October. Naturally, the DaVinci will be part of this annual event. Tony Fleming, our Community Service Officer, has been in contact with Gloria Weston-Smart and secured for us our usual spot, the Rigdon Park portion of the River Walk. We will meet at the park at 9:00 AM. Following the clean-up we will adjourn to Golden Park for the Watershed festival for all the volunteers. There will be T-shirts for all the volunteers, games, rides, and displays for the kids, as well as hotdogs, chips, pop, and hopefully Twinkies! This will be the DaVinci's 9th year of participation and I would love to see a big turnout for this worthwhile event.

Also coming up in October is next iteration of the Columbus Game and Hobby Expo. It will take place at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center on Front Avenue in downtown Columbus on 28-30 October. This time around it will be on Friday (6pm-12am), Saturday (10am-2am), and Sunday (12pm-6pm). We will have our usual membership drive table again. What I need are volunteers to man the table and lend a hand to the Expo staff each of the 3 days. Staying until closing time is not a requirement. I would like folks with uniforms but if you do not have one a DaVinci shirt will suffice. This is a good opportunity to pick up some new members.

Busy October will end with our annual Halloween passing out of the goodies on Monday, 31 October. As always we will be handing out treats to the kids and hot cider and cookies to the adults. We will also have a tub filled with cold water and tasty apples so anyone who wishes can experience the fun in bobbing for apples (this was a great hit last year). We will start at 6pm and wrap things up around 9pm or until the kids stop coming.

RADM Freddy Heller

EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

Well, my friends, it appears as if another Labor Day weekend has come and gone and along with it, the annual trek to DragonCon in Atlanta, GA. This year the USS DaVinci was well represented with Joe, Roger, Todd, Leiko, and me attending the entire weekend along with Randy, Sandy and Lisa who graced us with their presence on Saturday. Former members Stacey & Stephanie Harris were also there and mentioned that they miss everyone and are doing fine. Unfortunately no one was able to get together in one group to take a picture but I do understand that Roger was actually seen by everyone at least once during his usually busy convention schedule. The actors from various Star Trek movies and television were in abundance and put together quite a show for us during their panel which filled the room to capacity. I got the awesome opportunity to attend the 2005 Miss Klingon Beauty Pageant this year and just couldn't keep my eyes off the gorgeous babes in this year's extravaganza but somehow managed to beam myself away in order to attend the many other wondrous activities that come with being one of the 50,000 attendees at DragonCon. Costuming of

course is the biggest attraction for all and I even got to premiere a couple of outfits which seemed to work well because no one recognized me (thank goodness!). Randy videotaped the parade on Saturday along with the Star Trek actor panel. Lisa was thrilled to be in the presence of Muppet Science and Sandy seemed to be very enthusiastic about the size of Darth Vader's Light Saber. Overall it was the best DragonCon ever and seems to get better and more exciting every year. Mmmmm, do I hear the words "Lifetime Membership" being whispered? Only time will tell. See ya'll next month!

CPT Russell Ruhland

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We had a very good turn out for the highway cleanup last month. In a relative short time we were able to collect and bag the trash. My appreciation is extended to all who were able to attend. It is always a good opportunity to see everyone.

As mentioned above, the Help the Hooch River clean-up will take place Saturday, 15 October. We will be working on cleaning up the Rigdon Park section of the Riverwalk. For 9 years the DaVinci has helped to make a difference by participating in this clean up. Last year in the in the total project over 12,073 participants gathered over 143,000 pounds of trash and refuse. The Watershed Festival will be held at 12 noon to 2pm. All participants are invited to come and enjoy the food, fun and games. Hope to see you there!

LTCMDR Tony Fleming

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PASSAGES

Four Star Trek individuals have passed on over the last month.

Brock Peters passed away from pancreatic cancer. He was 78. Peters gained fame as Tom Robinson, the man accused of rape in the classic 1962 film "To Kill a Mockingbird." His other early films include "The L-Shaped Room," "Carmen Jones" and "Porgy and Bess."



Brock Peters as Joseph Sisko and ADM Cartwright

Star Trek fans will remember Peters for two roles; as Admiral Cartwright in "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" and "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" and as Joseph Sisko, Benjamin Sisko's New Orleans-based father who ran his own Creole restaurant. The New York-born Peters, who gave the eulogy at his "Mockingbird" co-star Gregory Peck's funeral in 2003, had a deep, resonant voice that was well suited for voiceover and animation work. Peters' original name was George Fisher, but he dropped it in 1953 once he began his acting career.

Noted actress and local theater founder Herta Ware died Monday at her home in Topanga, California of natural causes. She was 88. She was known to Star Trek: The Next Generation fans as "Yvette Gessard Picard," mother of Captain Jean-Luc Picard from her performance in the episode "Where No One Has Gone Before." She appears to the Captain in a vision as he enters a hallway of the Enterprise. In disbelief at what he sees, Jean-Luc calls to her, "Maman?"

Ware began her acting career on Broadway in the 1930s, and in 1934 married actor Will Geer. Together they created the Will Geer Theatrum Botanicum in Topanga Canyon, a prominent cultural center in the Los Angeles artistic community.



Herta Ware as Yvette Gessard Picard in "Where No Man Has Gone Before"

In her distinguished career she appeared in numerous films including "Cocoon" and "2010" plus many television series including ER, Amazing Stories, and The Golden Girls.

Herbert J. Wright the writer/producer who helped launch Star Trek: The Next Generation in 1987 and came to be known as the "Father of the Ferengi" has died at 58. Wright passed away in his sleep on Wednesday, August 24, of natural causes.



Herb Wright greets fans at a convention

Besides his involvement with TNG, Wright also made news in recent years when he gained the rights to revive Questor, a TV series about an android in contemporary times which Gene Roddenberry developed but abandoned in the mid-1970s. Wright is survived by his wife, Elaine Giftos Wright, as well as a brother, two sisters, a daughter from a previous marriage and three grandchildren.

Robert Wise, the legendary film director who first brought Star Trek to the silver screen, died Wednesday of heart failure in Los Angeles. He had just celebrated his 91st birthday on Saturday. Wise was director of "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," which revived the Star Trek franchise in 1979 after a 10-year absence, and set the stage for five more big-screen outings featuring the Original Series

crew, and further spin-offs. Wise also personally supervised the 2001 "Director's Edition" of "ST:TMP". He considered that version of the film his completed work.

In an interview held in early 2004, Wise said that, despite problems with initial production on the movie, "I think we still ended up with quite a good film," adding, "But when the opportunity came 20 years later to finally finish the picture, I immediately said, 'Yes, let's do this, and finally get 'Star Trek' finished.'" It was the only film he returned to and revised.



Robert Wise at the "Director's Edition" of ST:TMP premiere in November 2001

Wise boasted one of the most distinguished and prolific careers in Hollywood, with credits in a broad range of genres. Before Star Trek, he had already established himself as a classic science fiction director with "The Day the Earth Stood Still" and "The Andromeda Strain." He was also adept at horror ("The Haunting," "The Body Snatcher"), mystery ("The House on Telegraph Hill"), war dramas ("Run Silent Run Deep," "The Sand Pebbles"), crime dramas ("Born to Kill," "I Want to Live!") and musicals ("West Side Story" and "The Sound of Music").

Wise is survived by his wife, Millicent, plus a son, a stepdaughter and a granddaughter. His first wife, Patricia, died in 1975.

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TABULATIONS

Only three crew personnel so far have turned in tabs for a chance to “pie” the First Officer (90,000 tabs needed), the Captain (95,000 tabs needed) or both (100,000 tabs needed). Remember, the one with the highest total gets all the fun! If you have any stashed away, please drop them off at the Captain’s house or any of the DaVinci events. Here are the statistics so far:

Randy Dunn	1100
Karen Pynenburg	762
Connie Heller	736 (Noooooooooo!)
Freddy Heller	186
Total Tabs	83,774

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go out to:

Karen Pynenburg for her donation of coupons and cans!

Randy Dunn for his large donation of coupons.

Tony Fleming for his grade of Distinction for the SFA course “Vulcan” from the School of College of Alien History and Culture.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Stephen Collins (Cpt Decker from The Motion Picture)	1 st
Avery Brooks (CPT Benjamin Sisko on DS9)	2 nd
Persis Khambatta (Lt. Ilia from The Motion Picture)	2 nd
Wally Schirra Orbits Earth in Sigma Seven (1962)	3 rd
First Non-Stop Flight Across Pacific Ocean (1931)	5 th
CADET Ivy Walker	6 th
Todd Bryant (Klaa from The Final Frontier)	8 th
First Woman to Fly Across US (Laura Ingalls 1930)	9 th
Scott Bakula (CPT Jonathan Archer on ENT)	9 th
CRMN Maritza Fleming	10 th
First Apollo Mission (Schirra, Eisele, & Cunningham 1968)	11 th
First Multiple Crew (3) in Space (Voskhod 1964)	11 th
First US Woman to Walk in Space (Kathy Sullivan 1984)	11 th
Man Breaks Sound Barrier (Chuck Yeager 1947)	14 th
First Live Telecast from US Spacecraft (Apollo 7, 1968)	14 th
Mark Lenard (Ambassador Sarek on TOS)	15 th

CADET Christopher Dunn	18 th
Ira Steven Behr (Executive Producer, DS9)	23 rd
John Winston (LT Kyle on TOS)	24 th
Gene Roddenberry Dies (1991)	24 th
Space Shuttle Enterprise Lands (1977)	27 th
John Glenn Returns to Space Aboard Discovery (1997)	29 th
William Campbell (Koloth & Trelaine on TOS)	30 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).

Tony Fleming (S)
 Margaret McGillicuddy (S)
 Gisela Stephens (S)
 Roger Wright (S)
 Karen Ferris (D)
 Skye Cameron (D)

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	398.51
DaVinci Night Out	11.98
Flowers	64.20
Closing Balance	322.33

CPT Connie Heller

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! Do not forget, new drawings will be at the Christmas party.

November Lieutenant’s
 December Jason’s Deli

Congratulations to Joe Perry the winner of the free dinner at the September Night Out at El Vaquero in Phenix City.

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DaVINCI T-SHIRTS & POLOS

Several of you have approached me about obtaining a DaVinci polo shirt. I will be happy to place another order but need more than just one or two. So, if you want a new DaVinci polo shirt, let me know the size you want and whether you want a red (operations), blue (science), or yellow (engineering) trim on the DaVinci logo. Remember, they do run slightly large. The cost should be around \$22-\$27 depending on the size (XX and up are slightly higher). Also, if you want extra printing on the shirt, such as your name or position, that too will run a few extra credits.

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>
Skye Cameron	Jul 06	
James Carey	Oct 06	
Faye Cole	Mar 06	
Dutch Cummings	Apr 06	
Karen Ferris	Sep 06	
Tony Fleming	Jul 06	Jun 06
Craig Harrison	Aug 05	Aug 05
Todd Kes	Sep 05	
Leiko Koone	Oct 05	Oct 05
Lech Mazur	Jul 07	May 06
Barbara Paul	Jan 06	Aug 06
Joe Perry	Jul 06	Nov 05
George Pimentel	Jul 05	Jun 05
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 06	May 06
Russell Ruhland	Aug 06	Aug 06
Park Scully	Apr 06	
Dennis Shaw	Jun 06	
Frazier Smith	Jun 06	Jun 06
Michael Walker	Mar 06	Mar 06

Vanessa Winfield	Jun 06	Jun 06
Susan Wood	Apr 06	
Roger Wright	Jul 06	Sep 06

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 ya'll 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.



The garage at the Captain's house set up for trick or treat at our second Halloween get together (30 October 1999).



Patty Williams watches Connie Heller dip hot cider.



"Resistance is futile", says Ariana Heller dressed up as Point Seven of Nine



The crew at the party. L-R: Patty Williams, Rob Anthony, Josh Ainsworth, Ariana and Connie Heller; Emma Certo, Joe Perry, and Alan Certo.



Connie Heller, Patty Williams, and Gisela Stephens chat during our Fourth Thanksgiving dinner (20 November 1999)



Ariana Heller shows "momma" Karen Baker her picture book

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“Hummmm, I could have sworn that this piece goes here”, mulls Alan Certo.



Joe Perry and Emma Certo watching the young cadets at play.



What else would the crew be playing after a good meal but the Great Dalmuti!



“Oh boy, look what I got!” Josh Ainsworth is excited over his Christmas gift!



The crew enjoying the fellowship at our Fourth Christmas Dinner (18 December 1999).



Ariana Heller and her big “sister” Chantel Billingsley at play.



Chantel Billingsley, Karen Baker, and Rob Anthony play Chinese checkers.



And, there is always the Great Dalmuti!

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	Freddy Heller	562-8735
Science Officer	Lech Mazur	596-9542
Computer Science	VACANT	
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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