



# DaVinci Pilot

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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

The fourth Game and Hobby Expo at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center was very successful, at least for Dutch Cummings and his intrepid crew. The DaVinci had a membership drive table set up right by the main entrance and Cathy Bowden and her brave band of Star Wars fans had a table set up right across from ours. Neither of us had many folks interested in what we had to offer; although I believe they did better than we did. Nonetheless, it was still loads of fun. I did manage to win a nice Buffy the Vampire Slayer card game t-shirt in one of the door prize drawings held throughout the day. Cathy held a trivia contest on Sunday that was a lot of fun. There were three areas from which questions could come – Star Trek, Star Wars, and Harry Potter. Which quest you got was determined on the roll of a die. Naturally, every time I rolled the dang thing it came up a Harry Potter question. Of course I did not get one right! But, the person next in line who is a big Harry Potter fan kept getting Star Trek questions! Begin the person I am, I “coughed” the answer to all the Trek questions. Near the end of the first round I finally had the chance to answer a couple Star Trek questions and it just had to be on Enterprise, my least knowledgeable show. Of course I missed both questions. Hey! Thanks to Russell and Joe who helped out on Saturday and Joe and Roger who minded the store on Sunday!

We had the biggest turnout of trick-or-treater’s than we have ever had before at our annual Halloween get together. Naturally, it was a resounding success! Inside our decorated garage, nine DaVinci personnel dressed in costume, uniform, or DaVinci wear spent a little over 2 hours passing out candy to the kids, hot cider and cookies to the adults (although most were eaten by the kids),

and laughing with glee as they watched many a kid bob for apples. Russell brought over a pumpkin expertly carved by Randy. Both side had a delta shield carved out. Inside one shield it read USS DaVinci. Inside the pumpkin was a light that made the carvings stand out even further. Joe was at his usual position, that of dipper of the cider. Russell and Roger were in costume dressed as an evil wizard and grim reaper, respectively. Russell stayed outside the garage casting his evil looks and spells at all who approached the table. He scared quite a few of them. Roger was at the end of the goodies table and remained as motionless as he could. When the unsuspecting trick or treater approached the table, he would lean forward and give out an unearthly laugh. I sometimes donned a demon mask and hid behind my car, jumping out when someone walked up the driveway. Because of the three of us, I am sure many a pants had to be changed that evening!

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was also a resounding success although it did not look like it was going to be. Eighteen crew personnel and their guest feasted on a variety of great Thanksgiving fare. We had turkey and ham, two kinds of dressing, Connie’s wonderful carrot soufflé, potato salad, Randy’s famous macaroni and cheese, potato logs, sourdough bread, and chocolate ice cream with two kinds of topping to finish off the meal. About half the folks showed up a little late. Well, you know the old saying better late than never. Speaking of never, if you sign up to come to an event and then realize you cannot make it PLEASE call Gisela, Russell, or myself to let us know. If you signed up to bring something, we need to make sure someone else can bring the item. It may be a critical item such as deviled eggs (no need to upset the Captain) or ice cream (no need to upset everyone). There were door

prizes galore, enough that everyone won at least one item. One of the nicest door prizes, an autographed photo of Roxanne Dawson (B'Elanna Torres from Voyager in case you have already forgotten) was won by Park Scully, one of our newer members! The grand prize drawing, a sixth season Deep Space Nine press kit was won by Margaret. Humm, looks as if Roger has been dethroned as the door prize king because this is the second time in a row that Margaret has walked away with the top prize. The Captain's Table also did fairly well, raising \$40.50 for the DaVinci coffers.

Hey! Do not forget our annual Christmas party that will take place on Saturday, 17 December beginning at 2 PM. The club will supply the turkey and ham. A sign up sheet is being passed around at the various DaVinci events so be sure to sign up to bring a covered dish. If you cannot be there in person to sign up for something, just call Gisela (689-4266) and she will tell you what we still need. You may call or email me if you cannot get a hold of Gisela. Do not forget to search your closets and attic for that one special piece of sentimental junk that you are too embarrassed to even throw out in the trash! Wrap it up and bring it to the Christmas party for a truly hilarious gift exchange. One new rule this year! You cannot give back what you received in past years. No one wants his or her own item back! We will also draw for the Night Out locations for next year. Remember, if you want to make sure your special restaurant makes the list you will be able to purchase extra chances for \$2.00 each. Also, since the month of May is the Captain's birth month, he will be able to select the Night Out location for May. Please try to come for this special celebration.

RADM Freddy Heller

## SCIENCE STATION

Vera Rubin was born in Pennsylvania July 23, 1928. She went to undergraduate school at Vassar and graduated in 1948. She received her Master's Degree from Cornell University in 1951, and her Doctorate from Georgetown University in 1954. She is an astronomer.

She presented her Master's thesis to the American Astronomical Society. "She suggested that galaxies might be rotating around an unknown center, not

just expanding out, as described in the big bang theory."

"Her doctorate work showed that galaxies were not evenly distributed in the universe, but that in some areas there are more; and in some there are less."

She taught at Georgetown University for several years and then in 1965 she took a job with the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism which is part of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

In the 1970's she discovered "that stars orbiting the outside of a spiral galaxy travel just as fast as those orbiting closer to the center." She is also known for the discovery of dark matter in the universe.

Neutrinos are subatomic particles that make up dark matter. "Neutrinos with mass have been theorized being the substance that dark matter is made of along with other theories that suggest that dark matter also consists of undetected brown dwarf stars, black holes, white dwarf stars and other forms of subatomic particles..."

ENS Lech Mazur

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

We had a pretty good showing at the highway clean up. I would like to thank Lech, Russell, Todd, and Randy for their participation. I did not realize how bad it was but our efforts did make a tremendous impact for the better. Thanks and keep the tabs coming in.

LTCMDR Tony Fleming

## PASSAGES

Michael Piller, best known to television viewers around the world as the executive producer/co-creator of more than 500 hours of Star Trek, lost his long battle with cancer at his home in Los Angeles. He was 57.

Piller served as creative consultant for Star Trek: Voyager, which he co-created, until the series concluded in May 2001. He also co-created Star Trek: Deep Space Nine and served as executive producer on Star Trek: The Next Generation (1989-1994), Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (1992-1995) and Star Trek: Voyager(1994-1996). During the 1994-1995-television season, Piller also co-created and

executive produced the UPN network series Legend.

In 1998, he wrote and co-produced Star Trek: Insurrection, the ninth installment in the enormously successful Star Trek feature film franchise for Paramount Pictures.



Michael Piller

In 1999, Piller partnered with his son Shawn Piller to form Piller2, Inc., a Hollywood-based production company where they developed and produced new television and motion picture properties. The father/son duo is also the co-creators of USA Network's top-rated cable drama series "The Dead Zone", and the ABC Family Channel's "Wildfire."

Piller is survived by his wife Sandra, daughter Brent, and son Shawn.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko on TNG)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
LTCMDR Tony Fleming	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Gemini VII Launched (Borman & Lovall 1965)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Hubble Repaired by Crew of Endeavor (1993)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Construction of International Space Station Begins (1998)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Star Trek VI Premiers (1991)	6 <sup>th</sup>
First US Attempt to Orbit Satellite Fails (1957)	7 <sup>th</sup>
Star Trek: The Motion Picture Premiers (1979)	7 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Dorn (LTCMDR Worf on TNG)	9 <sup>th</sup>
John Colicos (Kor on TOS)	11 <sup>th</sup>
Terry Garr (Roberta Lincoln on TOS)	11 <sup>th</sup>
Mariner II Transmits Pictures of Venus (1962)	14 <sup>th</sup>
Gemini 6 and 7 Fly Within 10 Feet of Each Other (1965)	15 <sup>th</sup>
Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim on VOY)	15 <sup>th</sup>

CRMN Melanie Cummings	16 <sup>th</sup>
First Heavier-than-Air Flight (Wright Brothers 1903)	17 <sup>th</sup>
Nicole deBoer (Ezri Dax on DS9)	20 <sup>th</sup>
Apollo 8 Lifts off for the Moon (1968)	21 <sup>st</sup>
First Non-Stop, Non-Refueled Flight Around the World (1986)	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Rick Berman (Executive Producer)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Hubble Repaired by Crew of Discovery (1999)	25 <sup>th</sup>
ENS Jean Walker	28 <sup>th</sup>
Nichelle Nichols (LT Uruhra on TOS)	28 <sup>th</sup>
CRMN Todd Kes	29 <sup>th</sup>
CRMN Park Scully	30 <sup>th</sup>
ENS Randy Dunn	31 <sup>st</sup>

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go out to:

Roger for his donation of tabs and stamps.

Lisa for her large donation of stamps.

Randy for his donation of coupons and the wonderful carved pumpkin!

Russell for his donation of tabs.

Patsy Carey from Central High School for her donation of tabs.

Our Marine contingent for their donation of Halloween candy.

## TABULATIONS

The crew is beginning to act! Tabs are being delivered at a pace that makes the Captain and First Officer very nervous. Here are the total tabs for that 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:

Roger Wright	5300
Connie Heller	3791
Russell Ruhland	3000
Tony Fleming	2084
Vanessa Winfield	1708
Randy Dunn	1345
Karen Pynenburg	1174
Skye Cameron	431
Joe Perry	60

**Total Tabs 99925**

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	322.33
Goodbye Summer party	10.26
DaVinci Night Out	10.65
Postage	17.40
Halloween, printer ink	71.39
Thanksgiving, Christmas parties	43.16
Deposits	242.75
Closing Balance	412.22

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 remaining 2005 locations. Bon appetite! Do not forget, new locations will be held at the Christmas party. It is going to be a little different next year. Come to the party to find out!

December Jason's Deli

Congratulations to Russell Ruhland the winner of the free dinner at the October Night Out at Deorio's.

## 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). If you want extra printing on the shirt, such as your name or position, that too will run you 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.

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL  
BE ON 01 DECEMBER AT 7:00 PM  
AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE  
PLEASE JOIN IN ON THE FUN!**

## WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Margaret McGillicuddy (D)  
Eldred Hightower (D)  
Lisa Hightower (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>
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
Eldred Hightower	Oct 06	
Todd Kes	Oct 06	
Leiko Koone	Oct 06	<b>Oct 05</b>
Lech Mazur	Jul 06	May 06
Barbara Paul	Jan 06	Aug 06
Joe Perry	Jul 06	Nov 06
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

**THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT  
WILL BE AT JASON'S DELI  
ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER AT 7:00 PM  
COME FOR THE GREAT FOOD!  
COME FOR THE FRIENDSHIP!**

## 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 everyone would enjoy a look down memory lane. Each month I will show a series of photographs from our very beginning, as the Shuttle DaVinci, 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.



JoAnne Vazquez, Kalan Vasquez, and Joe Perry man a table at a Walden Books membership drive (29 July 2000)



Joe Perry, Freddy Heller, and Connie Heller talking to some interested fans.



Look who joined the club! Lech Mazur filling out his application.



Future member Karen Pynenburg looks at DaVinci photos while Joe and Freddy discuss the benefits of joining the club. Ariana Heller is more interested in the photographer as mom Connie looks on.



Gisela Stephens receives a DaVinci Certificate of Commendation at a membership meeting.  
(21 September 2000)



And so does Randy Dunn!



Randy Dunn and Connie Heller on the Riverwalk during our fourth Help the Hooch campaign.  
(14 October 2000)



Travis Heller tells his dad to “go long” after finding a football.



“Hello daddy”, says Ariana Heller as she walks with her brother Travis.



Ariana Heller and her daddy Freddy smile for the camera.

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There is nothing like hot dogs, chips, Twinkies, and pop after a hard day of picking up trash. Connie Heller, Randy Dunn, Travis Heller, and Ariana Heller relaxing.



“Mmmm, good” says Ariana Heller as she munches on a Twinkie.

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## 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	Freddy Heller	562-8735
<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.