



# DaVinci Pilot

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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

We had one of the best-attended DaVinci events than we have had in quite a while for our 2006 Thanksgiving dinner celebration. Twenty-three DaVinci personnel and guests feasted on a spread worthy of a king! There was turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, enough corn and green beans to sink the Enterprise, sweet potato soufflé, Randy's macaroni and cheese, Margaret's vegetable salad, coleslaw, bread, rolls, cranberry sauce and for dessert there was apple pie, pumpkin pie, ice cream, and some of Leiko's home-made chocolate fudge pie. We had some special folks in attendance as well. Karen Pynenburg attended her first DaVinci event in quite a while. She finally had a break from all her school work and was able to join the celebration. Patty Williams was there as well! We all missed Patty and were so happy to see her again after nearly 2 years! She even renewed her membership! Another special guest and former member of the DaVinci joining the fun was Stephanie Harris! Now if we can only get Stephanie to renew! Once everyone had their fill of the food, it was time for the door prize drawings. Ariana, our name puller, was eager as always to pull out the winning name and announce it to the assembled. Winners of the mini advanced Star Trek XI movie poster were Diane, Joe, Lisa, Patty, Park, Karen, Margaret, Jeff, James, and Randy. Winners of the Star Trek 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mini poster were Lech and Gisela. Russell won the Klingon video game, and Todd the Star Wars figure. Once all the names had been drawn, they were put back into the hat for the grand prize drawings. Congratulations to Gisela who won an autographed picture of Robert O'Reilly as Gowron and Joe who won an autographed picture of Chase Masterson as Leeta the Dabo Girl! The

only folks who did not win anything were Leiko, Stephanie, and believe it or not Roger! So that they would not feel bad, they were allowed to take something from the Captain's Table (Leiko and Stephanie both felt they got the better end of the deal). Speaking of the Captain's Table, a total of \$66.00 worth of items was sold to benefit the Latinum Vault of the DaVinci. The rest of the afternoon and early evening were spent relaxing and making conversation. It was definitively one of the best "parties" we have had in quite a while. A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended and may our Christmas party be just as fun!

Since we are on that subject, our annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday 16 December beginning at 2 PM. As always, the club will supply the turkey and ham and the rest will come from those in attendance. So mark you calendars and let me know what you wish to bring. Most important, remember to search your home from top to bottom for that one item that you are even embarrassed to put out in the trash for fear that the trash collectors will get a good laugh when they see it! Wrap it up and bring it to the party for our annual gift swap. Also, we will have the selection for the 2007 Night Out locations. Of course we will have prizes to give away.

ATTENTION! There will be a New Year's Eve party at our house on 31 December beginning at 9 PM. Food and snacks will be supplied but you have to bring your own drinks. For those who choose to stay, sometime after 2007 has arrived, we will show "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." So get your voice in tune to sing and act along with the music! It should be a lot of fun so make sure you let me know if you are coming.

RADM Freddy Heller

## HALLOWEEN FUN!

Wahoo! Did we ever have a blast at our annual Halloween “party.” Not as many crew personnel showed up as usual, but those who did had a great time. It started out a little slow with only Connie, Joe, Russell, Diane, and myself ready to pass out candy to the kids and cookies and hot apple cider to the adults. Later on Leiko, Lech and Margaret arrived. The fun was that most of the crew was in costume instead of the usual uniform or DaVinci apparel. Russell came dressed as an evil wizard, Diane a very convincing witch, Connie was a clown and made animal balloons for all who wanted one, and I was Buffy the Vampire Slayer complete with cross and “Mr. Pointy” (vampire stake).



Buffy with Mr. Pointy and an unsuspecting vampire!

Although not in full costume, Leiko did sport a pair of pointy ears, sort of a cross between an elf and Spock. Lech and Joe were in uniform. Margaret was the lone civilian. Russell was a big hit with the kids and adults alike, scaring the crap out of a few unsuspecting and suspecting trick-or-treaters! He stood as still as possible and when the time seemed right he would lunge forward. He did not have to utter a sound! One unsuspecting teenager screamed and ran down the driveway, dropping her bag of candy along the way. The laughter from those assembled did not die down until long after her screams. Even Russell broke down in laughter.

My Buffy costume was also a hit with those present. Perhaps it was my smooth pantyhose covered legs, my flowing blonde hair, or my small but shapely chest that turned a few heads! Dressing

up like Buffy did teach me one thing and that is I would never make a very good transvestite. Whereas the pantyhose were fairly comfortable and kept my legs warm the bra was another matter entirely! The snaps dug into my back and I had to keep adjusting the thing so that my “boobs” did not sag. Then there was Margaret who decided it would be funny to snap my bra and my ex-son, Travis, who copped a quick “feel” before rushing into the house! Sigh.



Buffy showing “her” smooth legs to a laughing Margaret as Lech and Diane look on.

Our bobbing for apples section was another hit with the kids. At least 6 kids tried to grab an apple, several getting extremely wet in the process! Three were successful and managed to snag an apple with their teeth. Those who failed still walked away with an apple and a little wet for their effort!

The comment from the trick-or-treaters and their parents made the whole evening well worth it. This was especially true when one parent came up to me and said, “We were hoping you would be here again this year.” You bet it was worth it! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended the best Halloween ever!

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL  
BE ON 07 DECEMBER AT 7:00 PM  
AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN AND GAMES!**

**THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT  
WILL BE AT ZAXBY'S  
ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER AT 7:00 PM  
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!**

## EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

You better watch out. You better look twice. He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice. Well, at least one of the two will do for the crewmembers of the DaVinci who bravely attended the Thanksgiving gathering at Freddy's home on the 18th of November. But wait a minute! I started talking about a Christmas jingle, didn't I? Here's the catch. I decided to write this month's article with member participation to help bring out that holiday cheer. Oh I'm sorry, that's the Klingon Blood wine, isn't it? Anyway, I asked everyone to complete the statement, "If Santa Claus was a Trekkie..." Responses varied greatly and nobody has any idea whose replies follow except for their own so here goes:

If Santa Claus was a Trekkie:

1. His sleigh would have quantum phase torpedoes and blade armor.
  2. I'd pity him. He wears a red shirt!
  3. He'd bless Freddy with another room to display his Trek collectibles.
  4. He would fatly go where no Santa has gone before.
  5. All his elves would be green Orion slave girls and his voice would sound like Kirk.
  6. Then he would have a really long list from Freddy.
  7. Christy's Auction would be out of business!
  8. This statement doesn't bode well in a logical mode.
  9. He'd be sailing thru the stars!
  10. The world would be a much better place; more helpful, open minded and willing to think of others.
  11. He'd bring me all the Original Series!
  12. I'd be in Heaven!
  13. His reindeer would pull a shuttlecraft!
  14. People wouldn't think we Trekkies were so weird.
  15. He would give out Trek collectibles for gifts.
  16. He wouldn't need reindeer.
- And my final response to, "If Santa Claus was a Trekkie...."
17. I'd have more trek props than I'd know what to do with!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL  
A GOOD NIGHT!!!

CPT Russell Ruhland

## SICK BAY

Hello Crew! Let me introduce myself. I am COMM Jeff Kirkland, a new member of the USS DaVinci. I have been a member of Starfleet for many years and aboard the USS Republic. Recently, I have transferred to the DaVinci along with my mother ENS Martha Kirkland. Some of you may know me while others may not. I hope to meet each and every one of you over the next few years. I am taking over as Chief Medical Officer and I am requesting help from all of you. I hope that you all will be willing to help with my ideas to make this a safer and healthier ship. Thanks for your warm welcome.

COMM. Jeff Kirkland

## REGION 2 NEWS

Well, the big news of the month is that the 2007 Region 2 Summit will be held right here in Columbus! Yes, from 09-11 March at the Holiday Inn North on the Manchester Expressway, about 100 folks from across the Region will get together for three days of fun and good times. The theme for the Summit is "Columbus' Second Voyage" since this will be the second time the Summit has been in Columbus. The Summit is a time to see old friends and perhaps meet new ones. It is being put together by the Region 2 staff and hosted by the DaVinci. So mark your calendars and be sure to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Rates are a very reasonable \$70.00 plus tax per night. The banquet is \$25.00 and the rest of the cost (attending panels, t-shirts, etc.) to be determined. A web site is being developed and will soon be available with all the information you will need to register.

Okay, I will need some help from members of the DaVinci because there is a lot of work that goes on putting a Summit together. Connie has volunteered to do the program book and James has already sent me numerous Summit logos for consideration. So far, printing of the program book, ordering Summit t-shirts, and security is being handled by folks from other chapters. Still, there is much more that needs to be done. For instance, I need help finding out what other things are happening in Columbus that weekend, places to visit (direction from hotel and hours), and things that folks can do outside Summit activities (such as Hollywood Connection). I need someone to volunteer to be the Transportation Chair

and not only be responsible to make sure that anyone who is flying in is met at the airport but develop detailed directions to the hotel from all compass directions. I need a list of places to eat and how far they are from the hotel. I need welcome bags put together for the Summit attendees. As you can see there is much more to putting together a Summit than just getting the hotel so lend a hand if you can.

I would also love for as many DaVinci crew personnel to attend the Summit as possible. Even though the Summit is a Starfleet activity, I see no reason why a non-Starfleet member cannot attend (it might even get you to join fleet). I would also appreciate for everyone to stay at the hotel. If you cannot afford to stay by yourself, hooking you up with a roommate to help share the expenses will not be a problem.

Come meet the new Regional Coordinator! Jack "Towaway" Eaton has been elected as the new RC for Region 2 and will be in attendance. Hear what devious things Jack has in store for the Region!

Sandy Dolan (Region 2 Chief of Summit) and I want to make the 2007 panels more interesting and fun, dumping some of the ones that we normally have year after year after year and are poorly attended. Some suggestions for panels are "Alien Bartending" and "Welcome to Your First Summit – What to Do and What to Avoid." Panels such as "Ask the Brass", "Costuming", and "Collectables" may still take place but other like "ShOC" and "Newsletters" may go the way of the dinosaurs. If you have an idea for a panel or are willing to host one, let me know.

Oh, there is even going to be a Star Trek wedding! Yes, Russell and Diane have decided to let your Captain "marry" them in a ceremony to be determined. I tried to convince them to have a traditional Betazoid wedding but they politely declined! Klingon perhaps? Pain sticks anyone?

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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>

Building 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>
Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim on VOY)	15 <sup>th</sup>
Gemini 6/7 Fly Within 10 Feet of Each Other (1965)	15 <sup>th</sup>
First Heavier-than-Air Flight (Wright Brothers 1903)	17 <sup>th</sup>
CRMN Patty Williams	18 <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>
ENS Park Scully	30 <sup>th</sup>
ENS Randy Dunn	31 <sup>st</sup>

## TABULATIONS

We had so much fun at the January pie party that we are going to do it again! So if you missed out getting to pie Russell or me here is your chance to win that honor this year. But wait! Not only will you be able to pie one of the two of us, you might even get to pie one of the Senior Staff! If we can collect 100,000 by 31 December of this year, the entire Senior Staff (consisting of the Captain, First Officer, Operations Officer, Science Officer, Engineering Officer (or their representatives), and the Marine Office in Charge) will be pied. This will not be an easy task because it took us nearly 2 years to reach 100,000 tabs. Then again, once the contest was announced last year, over 30,500 tabs were collected in only 3 months! So start saving those tabs and you too may get to "SPLAT" your favorite officer. Here are the numbers as of press time:

<b>Starting Balance</b>	11463
Roger Wright	18300
Connie Heller	17775
Tony Fleming	12091
Russell Ruhland	6637
Freddy Heller	4679
Rebecca Dunn	3927
Karen Pynenburg	2500

Park Scully	2500
Gisela Stephens	1845
Benlee Huguley	322
Karen Pynenburg	183
Lech Mazur	95
Jeff Kirkland	45
Joe Perry	36

**Total** 82398

Oh no! With an unexpected addition of nearly 4,300 tabs by Park, Rebecca, Tony, and Lech at the Thanksgiving dinner things are not looking as rosy for the Senior Staff as they once did! Sweat is definitely pouring from my forehead! Still, there are only 4 weeks left and 17,602 tabs needed to reach the magic goal! Are there stashes of tabs in Roger's, Tony's, and Connie's closets? Groan, I hope not! Oh, if you are interested in knowing who gets pied it would be Freddy (CO), Russell (XO), Joe (Operations), Lech (Science), Roger (as acting Engineering Officer), and Frazier (Marine OIC).

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Jeff Kirkland who volunteered to be Chief Medical Officer and Martha Kirkland who volunteered to be assistant CMO.

Roger Wright for his donation of coupons and stamps.

Karen Pynenburg and Jeff Kirkland for their donation of cans.

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	218.04
Postage	7.20
Purchases (Thanksgiving/Halloween)	63.08
Night Out	9.00
Sales	66.00
Dues	48.00
Cans	17.00
Closing Balance	269.76

FCPT Connie Heller

## NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

At the December Christmas party next month, the 2007 Night Out locations will be selected. The list of the 2007 locations will then be published in the January 2007 Pilot! Hope your favorite spot makes

the list.

To help you out in selecting the locations, a list of available restaurants is attached to this newsletter. Pick the restaurant you want to see selected and bring the list with you to the Christmas Party.

Congratulations to Todd the winner (for the second month in a row!) of the free dinner at Mo's Southwest Grill during the November Night Out!

## 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 (S)  
 Vanessa Winfield (S)  
 Mike Walker (D)  
 Jean Walker (D)  
 Hannah Walker (D)  
 Maxwell Walker (D)  
 Gracie Walker (D)  
 Ivy Walker (D)  
 Patty Williams (D)

## MEMBERSHIPS

Many of you do not know when your membership in the DaVinci or Starfleet is due for renewal. So to help you remember, the following lists your expiration dates. Pay special attention to those marked in **red** they mean expired or nearing expiration in your (or your family's) membership. Please renew as soon as possible.

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
Skye Cameron	<b>Jul 06</b>	
James Carey	<b>Oct 06</b>	
Robert Crosby	Jan 07	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 07	
Randy Dunn	Jan 07	May 07
Bubba Dutton	Sep 08	Sep 07
Karen Ferris	<b>Sep 06</b>	
Tony Fleming	Jul 07	Jun 07
Diane Franklin	<b>Dec 06</b>	
Freddy Heller	Jul 07	Sep 07
Mike Henigan	Nov 07	Nov 07
Eldred Hightower	<b>Dec 06</b>	
Benlee Huguley	<b>Dec 06</b>	
Todd Kes	Oct 07	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 08	Jul 07
Leiko Koone	Oct 07	Oct 07

Lech Mazur	Jul 07	Jul 07
Margaret McGillicuddy	Mar 07	Sep 07
Lisa Neal	Jul 07	
Joe Perry	Jul 07	Nov 07
George Pimentel	Jul 07	Jun 07
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 07	May 07
Russell Ruhland	Aug 07	Sep 07
Park Scully	Jul 08	Jul 07
Dennis Shaw	Jul 07	May 07
Frazier Smith	Sep 07	Oct 07
Tonya Spanks	Nov 07	Oct 07
Gisela Stephens	Jan 07	Oct 07
Michael Walker	Nov 07	Mar 07
Patty Williams	Nov 07	
Vanessa Winfield	Sep 07	Oct 07
Roger Wright	Jul 07	Sep 07

## DaVINCI T-SHIRTS & POLO'S

I was going to place an order for t-shirts and polo shirts but since we have a large influx of new members I will hold off until they have a chance to place their order(s). If you want one please let me know as soon as possible the size you require and if you want the polo, whether you want red (operations), blue (science), or yellow (engineering) trim on the DaVinci logo. Remember, they do run slightly large. The cost should be around \$8.00 - \$12.00 for the shirts and \$22.00-\$27.00 for the polo's depending on the size (XX and up are slightly higher). If you want extra printing on the polo, such as your name or position, that will run you a few extra strips of latinum.

## RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

The Ronald McDonald House is always in need for a variety of items. Try to bring something each time we have our meeting. Bringing something with you is a nice way to say "thank-you" for letting us use their meeting room free of charge.

Although The Ronald McDonald House needs quite a variety of items, the items needed most are trash bags (35 gal), laundry detergent, dryer sheets, air freshener spray, AA batteries, copier paper, labels, Styrofoam cups, and food items such as hard candy, cake icing, lemonade, salad dressing, soup, box dinners, vegetable oil, and perishable items such as bread, meats, cheese slices, fresh fruits, and snack foods. Thanks!

## 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.



Susan Yaksh, manager of the Ronald McDonald House, giving members of the DaVinci a guided tour of the facility at our first turn-in of tabs.  
(13 July 2002)



Susan showing the crew the large conference room. "Hmmm", thinks Freddy, "this may be a good place to hold the meetings!"



One of the many nicely decorated bedrooms.



Presenting 54,000 tabs to the Ronald McDonald House (L-R Susan Yaksh, Gisela, Rose, Roger, Freddy, Ariana, Connie, and Joe)



The crew enjoying a good breakfast at Golden Corral following the presentation of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

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### Executive Officer

Russell Ruhland (334) 298-3998

### Operations

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Morale

**VACANT**

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**Cadet Corps Commander VACANT**

**Master Chief Petty Officer VACANT**

Interested in a position within the ship? See Joe or Freddy at any of the DaVinci events or give them a call. All numbers are in the 706 area code unless otherwise noted.

## FINALLY...

Say, I just received a message from Dutch at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center. The next Game and Hobby Expo will be on Saturday 3 March from 10AM to 11 PM. Naturally, I will need some help manning the DaVinci table. Stay tuned for more information.

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## CARGO BAY

**For Sale:** Hundreds of Star Trek, Star Wars, and other miscellaneous female action figures. Low prices! The more you buy the more you save. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

**For Sale:** Miscellaneous Star Trek items. Comics, magazines, commercial items, toys, you name it I probably have it! Low prices. Call or email Freddy for a complete list!

**For Sale:** If you have been to Freddy and Connie's house you probably noticed the large collection of Liberty Falls houses. Well, they are for sale! Check with Connie for your needs.

**Autographs:** Looking for that certain autographed photograph of your favorite Star Trek or other sci-fi personality? Check with Freddy. He just may have what you need.

**Plates:** I have several Hamilton Collector Plates for sale: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country, Yesterday's Enterprise, Worf, and Captain's Tribute. Call Tony at (706) 568-6529 and leave a message.

**DaVinci Slideshow:** We still have plenty of the new DaVinci slideshow. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. Remember the tribute to Roger is also included on the DVD and it is something not to be missed! There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece. See or call Connie for more info!

Want to put an ad in the Pilot? Just send it to me and it will go in. Does not matter what it says – wanted, for sale, or something more personal! Deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.