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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, we were finally able to clean up our new Adopt-A-Highway site and boy did it need cleaning! The day began at my house where I explained to those present the layout of the new site, the best place to park, and how long I thought it would take. The weather was nearly perfect as Roger and I took one side and Randy, Rebecca, and Lech took the other side of the Schomburg Road - Blackmon Road interchange off the J.R. Allen Parkway (North Bypass). It took over 2 hours to pick up all the cans, bottles, plastic, golf balls, tires, and miscellaneous trash along the roadway. Although we were not responsible for the road that connects the two entrance and exit ramps we cleaned up this section as well. After everyone had finished we filled five bags of trash, four bags of cans, bottles, and plastic, several spare tires, and some miscellaneous items too large for the trash bags. I thought Roger was the winner of the most interesting find when he found a syringe and needle with liquid still inside but when I found a 5 dollar bill and 10 feet away from that a couple of ones, I figured my find bested Rogers find. The next time it should not be as bad nor take as long since lessons as to where to park were learned this first time. There might even be breakfast at our house prior to the clean up! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who lent a hand!

We also had a good turnout for the January Night Out at Stevi B's pizza although we all wondered where Lisa was since we know she loves pizza. Anyway, 10 DaVinci personnel and a guest of Connie, David Proctor, joined in on the feast. Guess who won the free meal drawing? You guessed - our guest David! Hummph! I am going to have to talk to Ariana about her not picking her daddy's name!

Hey! Do not forget the Pie Party is a few days away! We will start the day's activities by meeting for breakfast at 8:00 AM at Golden Corral. Wear your uniform or DaVinci shirt. Following breakfast we will meet Susan Yaksh, house manager of the Ronald McDonald house at 9:30 AM for the official turn-in of the 91,000 tabs collected. At 2:00 PM, the Pie Party kicks off. Food will be supplied but you will have to bring your own drinks. The actual pieing will take place later in the afternoon. Something special will also be set up so bring your money, as the Captain's Table will contain lots of new Star Trek goodies. Read on!

About a month ago I received a telephone call from a woman I do not know. She and her husband were in the process of moving and wanted to know if I would be interested in some Star Trek items she had been collecting for years and that were currently stored in her storage shed. She did not want to take the stuff with her. At first I was not sure if I wanted more stuff or not but when she said that she was not going to sell me the items but was just going to let me have them, I quickly changed my mind! I was not really expecting a lot but what she had not only filled my car trunk to capacity but my back seat as well! To get you drooling some of the items are: paperback books, comics, magazines, cups, trading cards, action figures, models, badges, and some miscellaneous stuff. I kept a few things for my collection (a Phaser remote control, some books, a magazine, and a glass decanter) but the rest is being donated to the DaVinci. The first time these items will be on the table will be at the Pie Party so bring your money and shop until you drop! Oh, the woman was a big Deep Space Nine fan so most of the items reflect that show.

Five DaVinci crew personnel participated in the DaVinci's second away mission. This time we made

the trek to Warner-Robins, GA to attend a meeting of the USS Robins. We were invited to attend since the DaVinci is the Robins mothership during their period before becoming a full-fledged chapter. The Robins laid out a spread for the meeting consisting of pizza, baked beans, deviled eggs, and hot wings. There was plenty of pop to wash down the wonderful food. The meeting primarily concerned what the Robins had done and what they still needed to do before they could be commissioned a chapter of Starfleet (by the way, if you did not already know, the term Shuttle is no longer being used. They are now called chapters in training.). Following the meeting there was a brief ceremony as the Robin's CO was promoted to Commander. I would like to thank Mike Sleeth the CO, Barbara Paul the XO, and the rest of the crew of the Robins for showing us a real good time.

That same evening 11 crew personnel got together at Carrabba's Italian Grill to celebrate Vanessa's 36th (oops, I mean 29th) birthday. Vanessa was surprised because she did not think so many folks would turn-out for her birthday celebration. Well Vanessa we would not have missed it for the world!

RADM Freddy Heller

EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

OK, folks, for lack of other beneficial trek-talk (in other words, I've got writer's block for the second month in a row), here's a quick top ten list for FEB:

Top 10 Bumper Sticker for the USS Enterprise:

10. "Our other starship separates into 3 pieces!"
9. "One photon torpedo can ruin your whole day....think about it!"
8. "HONK if you've slept with Commander Riker!"
7. "Guns don't kill people. Class 2 Phasers do!"
6. "Zero to Warp 9.7 in 13 seconds!"
5. "CAUTION: We have a trigger happy Klingon at tactical!"
4. "If you can read this...don't you think you're a wee bit too close?"
3. "Have you hugged a Ferengi today?"
2. "We brake for cubes!"

And the number one bumper sticker for the USS Enterprise:

1. "Wesley on board!"

CPT Russell Ruhland

REGION 2 NEWS

Well, the 2007 Region 2 Summit is just around the corner! It will be held in Columbus from 09-11 March at the Holiday Inn North on the Manchester Expressway. The theme for the Summit is "Columbus' Second Voyage" since this will be the second time the Summit has been in Columbus. It is being put together by the Region 2 staff and hosted by the DaVinci. You can go on line at <http://www.treknoid.com/summit2007/> to purchase your Summit package. Hotel reservations are also available on line. I would love to see a great turnout from the crew of the DaVinci. Even if you are not a fleet member, try to make it to this fun-filled weekend. You might even join Fleet in the process!

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.

So try to attend if you can! It is sure to be a great weekend and will be a chance to see old friend and meet new ones.

TABULATIONS

Well, a new contest is beginning. This one will be much tougher than the last because we are starting the year with only 10 tabs whereas we started the last year's with 11,463 tabs and we still did not reach our intended goal of 100,000 tabs. Will we reach that goal this year? This year I want to share the joy of being pied with the rest of the Senior Staff and so if we reach 80,000 tabs, the Operations Officer (currently Joe), the Science Officer (currently Lech), the Engineering Officer (currently vacant), and the Starfleet Marine OIC (currently Frazier) will get pied. If we reach 90,000 tabs Russell and I will be the pie recipients. But, if we reach the magic number of 100,000 tabs we all get pied! As usual, the top "tabbers" get to do the pieing. So start saving those tabs now! As of press time the total tabs collected is:

Starting Balance	10
Freddy Heller	5186
Russell Ruhland	2000
Connie Heller	430
Rebecca Dunn	113
Total	7739

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Shuttle Columbia is Lost (2003)	1 st
Brent Spiner (Data on TNG)	2 nd
First Female Pilot of Shuttle (LTC Eileen Collins 1995)	3 rd
First Russian Aboard US Spacecraft (Sergei Krikalev 1994)	3 rd
First Untethered Space Walk (McCandless & Stewart 1986)	7 th
Ethan Phillips (Neelix on VOY)	8 th
Jerry Goldsmith (Composer)	10 th
Philip Anglim (Vedek Beareil)	11 th
Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (Test Pilot)	13 th
FCPT Connie Heller	14 th
Andrew Robinson (Elim Garak on DS9)	14 th
ENS Roger Wright	15 th
LeVar Burton (LTCMDR Geordi LaForge on TNG)	16 th
Maiden Flight of the Shuttle "Enterprise" (1977)	18 th
Pluto is Discovered (1930)	18 th
First American to Orbit the Earth (John Glenn 1962)	20 th
Ranger 8 Crashes on Moon (1965)	20 th
Shuttle Columbia Test Fires Its Main Engines (1981)	20 th
Gary Lockwood (LT Gary Mitchell on TOS)	21 st
Martha Hackett (Seska on VOY)	21 st
Jeri Ryan (Seven on Nine on VOY)	22 nd
Majel Barrett Roddenberry (Lwaxana Troi on TNG)	23 rd
Chase Masterson (Leeta the Dabo Girl on DS9)	27 th
Barbara Babcock (Voice of Loskene, Trelane's Mother, Isis the Cat, and others on TOS)	27 th

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Cathy Bowden for her large donation of tabs.

Lauren Gray, a friend in CA, for her donation of coupons

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	269.76
Nights Out	12.00
Deposit	54.50
Print cartridges	35.85
Closing Balance	276.41

FCPT Connie Heller

**THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT
WILL BE AT THE OLIVE GARDEN
ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 7:00 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!**

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

At the Christmas party last month, the 2007 Night Out locations will be selected. The list of the 2007 locations is below. I hope your favorite spot made the list.

Congratulations to David Proctor, the winner of the free dinner at Stevi B's during the January Night Out!

February	Olive Garden
March	Bavarian House
April	Hooter's
May	O'Charley's
June	Country's on Broad
July	Hooter's
August	Johnny Carino's
September	Speakeasy Pub
October	Mi Casa
November	Panera Bread Company
December	McAllisters

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.

	<u>DaVinci</u>	<u>Starfleet</u>
James Carey	Oct 07	
Robert Crosby	Jan 07	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 07	
Randy Dunn	Jan 07	May 07
Bubba Dutton	Sep 08	Sep 07
Tony Fleming	Jul 07	Jun 07
Diane Franklin	Dec 07	Dec 07
Freddy Heller	Jul 07	Sep 07
Mike Henigan	Nov 07	Nov 07
Eldred Hightower	Dec 06	
Benlee Huguley	Dec 06	
Roderick Jennings	Nov 07	Oct 07
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	Sep 07	Aug 07
Park Scully	Jul 08	Jul 07
Dennis Shaw	Jul 07	Jul 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

The t-shirt order has been placed! Hopefully, they will be ready in time for the pieing party on the 27th. If you ordered a t-shirt or polo, I will let you know when they are ready to be picked up and how much you owe the DaVinci. Extra shirts were ordered so if you missed out this time more will be on hand.

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.



The crew cleaning up trash along the banks of the River Walk during our 6th Annual Help-the-Hooch River cleanup (12 October 2002)



"Humm, I am not sure I want to do this any more!" says Fonzie as grandpa Russell looks on.



Ariana is hard at work with an arm load of trash.



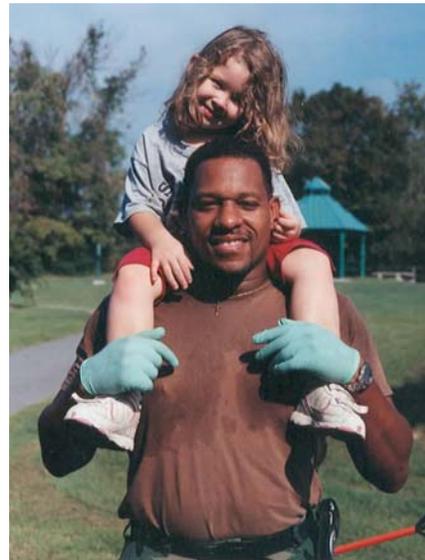
The family that picks up trash together stays together. Mariaelena, Maritza, and Tony along the River Walk. Oops! Where is Vincenzo?



Alicia, Christopher, Roger, Fonzie, and Russell looking for trash.



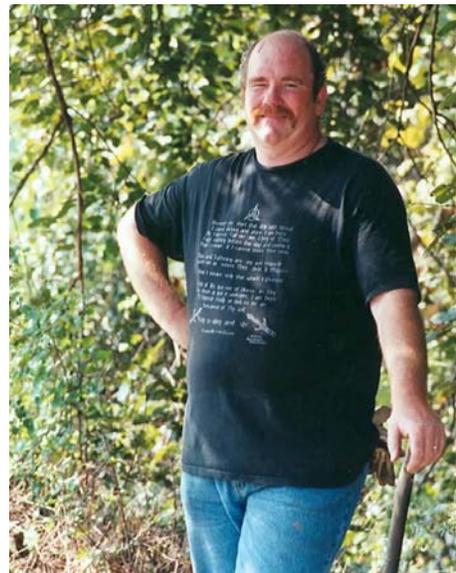
Mariaelena and her trash pose for the camera.



Ariana gets a lift on the shoulders of her “boyfriend” Roger.



“Hey! Wait for me!” cried Ariana as the rest of the group is far ahead.



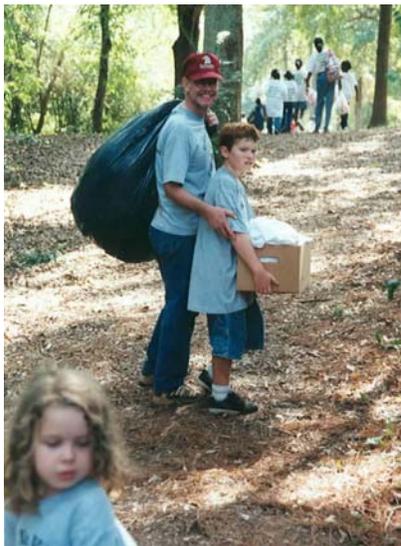
Randy posing for the camera during a short break.



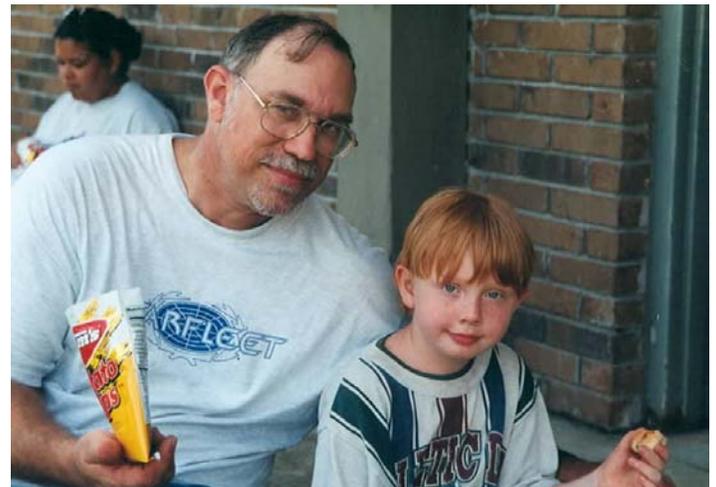
The crew heading back after a hard morning of picking up trash. (Back Row L-R) Mariaelena, Vincenzo, Ariana, and Freddy. Second Row: Randy, Alicia, Freddy, Roger, Fonzie, Russell. Front Row: Maritza and Tony



Ariana with her Twinkie cream nose! enjoying the volunteer celebration.



Freddy with Travis and Ariana at the bottom heading to the volunteer party on the campus of Columbus State University.



Russell and Fonzie enjoying the hotdogs, chips, Twinkies, and pop all the volunteers received.



Vincenzo, Tony, and Maritza relaxing at CSU.

DaVINCI STAFF ROSTER

Commanding Officer

Freddy Heller (706) 562-8735

Executive Officer

Russell Ruhland (334) 298-3998

Operations

Joe Perry – Operations Officer (706) 327-5888

Finance - Connie Heller (706) 562-8735

Community Service - Tony Fleming (706) 568-6529

Publications - Freddy Heller (706) 562-8735

Science

Lech Mazur - Science Officer (706) 596-9542

Computer Science - Leiko Koone (706) 663-2763

Counselor – Diane Franklin (334) 298-1475

Medical - Jeff Kirkland	(770) 253-6474
Morale	VACANT
Engineering	
Engineering Officer	VACANT
Communications Chief	VACANT
Quartermaster - Randy Dunn	(334) 291-0150
Security - Roger Wright	(706) 221-6072
Starfleet Marines	
Frazier Smith – Marine OIC	(334) 298-5047
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...

Check this out:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3vxDeBLGaU>
 And this too:
<http://trekmovie.com/2006/12/13/cbs-considering-new-animated-trek-series>
 And let us not forget this as well:
<http://trekmovie.com/2007/01/04/shatner-says-abrams-wants-him-and-nimoy-in-star-trek-xi/>

THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY 01 FEBRUARY AT 7:00 PM AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN AND GAMES!

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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 20th of each month.