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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

In case you have not heard the news, our much-loved ship member, Gisela, has undergone major surgery to remove cancerous material from her right lung. Twenty percent of her lung was removed. The doctor also found some spots on her lymph nodes and they too were removed to determine whether they are cancerous as well.

Well, by the time you read this newsletter the election for Captain of the USS DaVinci will be in the books. Will yours truly occupy the center seat for 2 more years or will my very capable Number One, Russell take the seat? Only one person, Lech Mazur, knows for sure and he will not be telling until the vote tally is announced at the June meeting. I hope you voted.

Of course, the news of the election for Captain of the DaVinci is overshadowed by the news of the marriage of Russell and Diane!! Connie will tell you all about the wedding later on. I hope you were there. Unfortunately I was out of town attending the Women of Sci-Fi convention in Orlando and was not able to attend. However, the happy couple decided to spend part of their honeymoon at the convention and so I was able to "kiss" the bride after all! They arrived on Sunday morning while I was about to order my eggs for breakfast. What timing. They sat with me while I ate and we chatted about the wedding. I filled them in on what had happened at the convention the previous day. Following breakfast, I escorted the happy couple over to the registration desk where they obtained their convention badges. Being the sneaky fellow I am, once they were out of earshot, I spoke to Terri Tripp who with her husband Gary is the new owner of Vulkan. Terri asked me if they had come to see Katee Sackoff (Starbuck on Battlestar Galatica). I

told her I am sure that was the case but I would discreetly find out and report back to her. Russell and Diane had wandered down the hall towards the dealer's room and as I quickly caught up to them asked Russell, as nonchalantly as I could, if the main reason he came to the convention was to see Katee. "Did you come here to see Katee?" I asked. He had. I made some excuse and made my way back to Terri to relay the answer to her. A short time later Terri handed Russell a free photo op ticket with Katee! The look on Russell's face and the fact that he was nearly 3-feet off the ground was a good indication that he was quite happy with the gift. The afternoon came and went. Russell had his photo op and just prior to Katee being on stage, a Vulkan staffer asked Russell and Diane to stand and let everyone in the audience know that Russell and Diane had been married the day before and had come to Vulkan for their honeymoon. The place erupted in thunderous applause! Following Katee's talk and autograph session, I took the happy couple to dinner. Following dinner we went to my room so that they could gather up their belongings and freshen up before driving into Orlando in search of a room. I walked them to their car and bid the happy couple adieu.

RADM Freddy Heller

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WEDDING BELLS

Saturday afternoon May 19, 2007 Russell and Diane were married in a simple and moving ceremony. I must say that it is the first wedding in which I heard the groom shout, “Yes!” as soon as he and his bride exited the sanctuary. The reception featured a buffet of goodies, not just “fried bologna and root beer”, as announced by the minister. Freddy surely moaned when he heard that meatballs were on the menu.

In attendance representing the DaVinci were the Dunn family, Sandy, Joe, Margaret, Ariana, and me. Randy Dunn also served as one of Russell’s attendants.

Audience members were encouraged to take photographs. While checking my camera’s memory I made an amusing discovery—on the same memory card were the pictures taken at Russell’s proposal to Diane, complete with the “onion” engagement ring!

Below are some photographs I took at the wedding.



The nervous bride coming down the aisle.



The moment of truth!



Russell with Diane’s attendants.



Diane with Russell’s attendants.

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Diane opts for comfort and sheds her shoes.



The happy couple taking sustenance after the ordeal.



“Let me!” “No, let me!”



The DaVinci crew in attendance.

TABULATIONS

The new contest is off and running! This one will be much tougher because we are starting the year with only 10 tabs whereas last year we started with 11,463 tabs and still did not reach our intended goal of 100,000 tabs. Will we reach that goal this year? That depends a lot on y'all. Since Russell and I wish to share the joy of being pied with the rest of the Senior Staff the following are the goals for this year: if we reach 80,000 tabs, the Operations Officer (currently Joe), the Science Officer (currently Lech), the Engineering Officer (currently acting in that capacity is Roger), 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 so far is:

Starting Balance	10
Connie Heller	9808
Russell Ruhland	6841
Freddy Heller	6562
Karen Pynenburg	5500
Leiko Koone	735
Rebecca Dunn	676
Benlee Huguley	235
Rebecca Dunn	113
Total	30480

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Star Trek III Premiers (1984)	1 st
Rene Auberjonois (Odo on DS9)	1 st
Anthony Montgomery (ENS Travis Mayweather on ENT)	2 nd
Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner on TOS)	2 nd
Surveyor I Lands on the Moon (1966)	2 nd
Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr on TNG)	3 rd
First American to Walk in Space (Ed White 1965)	3 rd
Star Trek II Premiers (1982)	4 th
Deep Space Nine Ends (1999)	6 th
James Darren (Vic Fontaine on DS9)	8 th
Star Trek V Premiers (1989)	9 th
CADET Ivy Walker	10 th
DeForest Kelley (Dr McCoy) Dies (1999)	11 th
Malcolm McDowell (Dr. Soran from Generations)	13 th
Probe Pioneer 10 Leaves the Solar System (1983)	13 th
Robin Curtis (Savik from Search for Spock)	15 th
First Woman in Space (Valentina Tereshkova 1963)	16 th
First US Woman in Space (Sally Ride 1983)	18 th
First Woman to Fly Across Atlantic (Amelia Erhart 1928)	18 th
Mariette Hartley (Zarabeth from TOS)	21 st
First Private Space Flight (SpaceShipOne 2004)	21 st
Tim Russ (LT Tuvok from VOY)	22 nd
CRMN Dutch Cummings	23 rd
ENS Margaret McGillicuddy	24 th
Alice Krige (Borg Queen from First Contact)	28 th
Jeri Taylor (Executive Producer)	30 th
Three Soyuz 11 Cosmonauts Die Upon Reentry (1971)	30 th

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:
 ENS Roger Wright for his donation of coupons and stamps
 PO3 James Carey for his donation of cans.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	157.48
Closing Balance	157.48

FCPT Connie Heller

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

At the Christmas party in December, the 2007 Night Out locations were selected. The list of the 2007 locations is below. I hope your favorite spot made the list.

Congratulations to Margaret, the winner of the free dinner at the Olive Garden during the February Night Out!

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	
Dutch Cummings	Jul 07	
Randy Dunn	Jan 08	May 08
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	LTM	Nov 07
Benlee Huguley	Feb 08	
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 08	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	Apr 08	Mar 08
Patty Williams	Nov 07	
Vanessa Winfield	Sep 07	Oct 07
Roger Wright	Jul 07	Sep 07

DaVINCI T-SHIRTS & POLO'S

The t-shirts and polo shirts have arrived!! If you placed an order you can pick them up at my house or at any of the DaVinci events. Extra shirts were ordered so if you did not place an order this time we will have extra in case you change your mind.

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.



Well, there is no doubt about where this Night Out took place! (17 February 2003)



Roger, Rusty, and Matthew pose with a couple of the Hooter's girls.



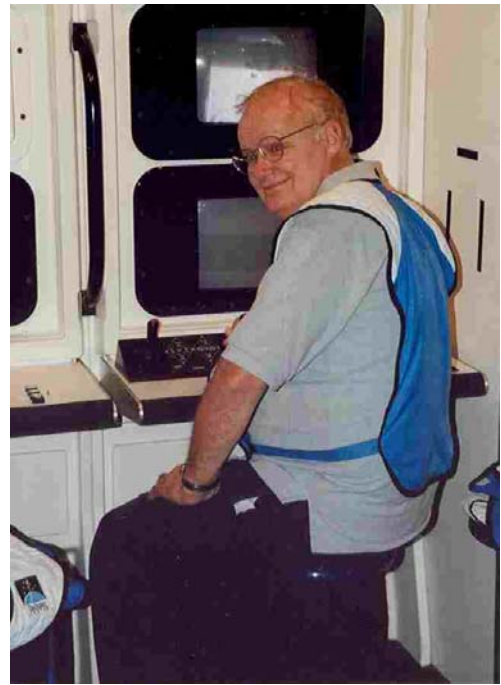
Rusty gets up close and personal with a Hooter's girl as Roger (background) and Todd (foreground) look on.



The DaVinci crew enjoying the evening.



“Now, make sure you do not crash the ship like Freddy did”. Randy explains the finer points of navigation to Karen at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center in conjunction with our seventh anniversary party (22 March 2007)



And Lech seated at his.



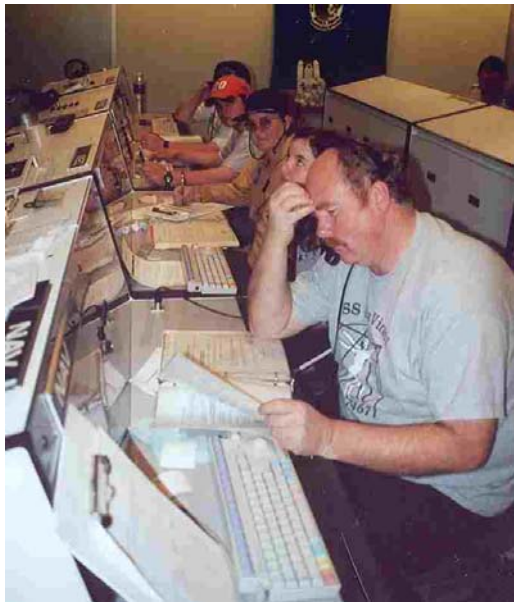
Russell seated at his console.



And let us not forget our beloved Rusty!

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“Why did they stick me with a navigator who could not find his rear end with two hands and a flashlight?” Randy wonders how much longer Freddy insists on navigating the spacecraft.



The “Peptide” cake made by Connie for the party following the space mission! Travis’ birthday was the day of the party.



The folks from the DaVinci and Region 2 at the end of the “Mission to Mars.”



Connie and Ariel from the USS Pleiades share a laugh at the anniversary party.



The crew of the DaVinci and the folks from Region 2 pose for the camera following the space mission.



Connie cuts into the anniversary cake.



Joe talking with folks from the USS Republic and USS Pleiades.



Randy, Frazier, Rusty, and Russell discussing the finer points of trek.

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...

More on this next month but the 4th of July party will be held in conjunction with the USS Robins commissioning party in Warner-Robins, GA. There will be lots of food, games, fun, and friendship. Car-pooling will take place.

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.

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