



# DaVinci Pilot

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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well, we had two disappointing turnouts in September. First, the monthly meeting was a bust. Just Joe and myself sat in the meeting room wondering where everyone else was. Once I felt no one else was going to show up we left. Just as we walked out the door we bumped into Roger who was about to ring himself in. After a brief exchange of pleasantries Joe and I headed to Ryan's.

I should have known that bad things usually happen in two or threes. I also had to cancel the "Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall" cookout because of lack of interest. I had three confirmed and two "not sure if I will make it or not." I sent out several emails requesting that folks call or email me if they wished to come. I only heard from one person.

Okay, the next big event will be our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Help-the-Hooch River cleanup. It will take place on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM. The place is not yet been confirmed although I have requested our usual Rigdon Park location. Following the cleanup is the annual Watershed Festival at Golden Park where the volunteers can get free hotdogs, pop, chips, and hopefully TWINKIES! A nice t-shirt will also be given to all the volunteers. We usually have a real good turnout for this worthwhile event so try to make it if you can.

Connie, Ariana, and Lech went to the 2007 Gratitude Festival at the Alabama Special Camp for Children and Adults on Lake Martin. Although it was not as well attended as last year, all had a good time. Look for an article with photos in next months' newsletter. As a teaser, Ariana was declared a Klingon by winning the Boffer battles!

VADM Freddy Heller

## PASSAGES

Percy Rodriguez who played Commodore Stone in Star Trek: The Original Series' first season episode "Court Martial" has died due to kidney failure. He was 89. He was the first black actor to play a flag officer on Star Trek. Several years after his appearance on Star Trek, Rodriguez worked on another Gene Roddenberry project, the failed TV pilot Genesis II. Among his co-stars on Genesis II project were fellow Trek veterans Majel Barrett, Ted Cassidy, and Mariette Hartley.



Percy Rodriguez as Commodore Stone in TOS episode "Court Martial"

Rodriguez is also recognized for breaking the stereotypical barriers faced by black actors during the 1960s and 1970s by portraying characters of authority like Commodore Stone. He played the regular role of Dr. Harry Miles on the TV drama Peyton Place during that show's final season (1968-1969). It was a rarity for black actors to portray those types of roles at the time.

In 1979, he was part of the cast of the acclaimed mini-series Roots: The Next Generations, along

with fellow Trek actors Brock Peters, Paul Winfield, and Bernie Casey. In 1980, he played the recurring role of Winston on the short-lived Sanford and Son spin-off Sanford. His other television roles include several appearances on Mission: Impossible, which, like the original Star Trek, was originally produced by Desilu Studios. Rodriquez also appeared in an episode of Marcus Welby, M.D. with James Doohan, at least one episode of T.J. Hooker with William Shatner, and at least five episodes of Benson, starring Deep Space Nine's Rene Auberjonois and Voyager's Ethan Phillips.

Thanks to Memory Alpha for the information and photograph.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Stephen Collins (Cpt Decker from The Motion Picture)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Avery Brooks (CPT Benjamin Sisko on DS9)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Persis Khambatta (Lt. Ilia from The Motion Picture)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wally Schirra Orbits Earth in Sigma Seven (1962)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
First Non-Stop Flight Across Pacific Ocean (1931)	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CADET Ivy Walker</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Todd Bryant (Klaa from The Final Frontier)	8 <sup>th</sup>
First Woman to Fly Across US (Laura Ingalls 1930)	9 <sup>th</sup>
Scott Bakula (CPT Jonathan Archer on ENT)	9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CRMN Maritza Fleming</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>
First Apollo Mission (Schirra, Eisele, & Cunningham 1968)	11 <sup>th</sup>
First Multiple Crew (3) in Space (Voskhod 1964)	11 <sup>th</sup>
First US Woman to Walk in Space (Kathy Sullivan 1984)	11 <sup>th</sup>
Man Breaks Sound Barrier (Chuck Yeager 1947)	14 <sup>th</sup>
First Live Telecast from US Spacecraft (Apollo 7, 1968)	14 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Lenard (Ambassador Sarek on TOS)	15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CADET Christopher Dunn</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>
Ira Steven Behr (Executive Producer, DS9)	23 <sup>rd</sup>
John Winston (LT Kyle on TOS)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Roddenberry Dies (1991)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Space Shuttle Enterprise Lands (1977)	27 <sup>th</sup>
John Glenn Returns to Space Aboard Discovery (1997)	29 <sup>th</sup>
William Campbell (Koloth & Trelaine on TOS)	30 <sup>th</sup>

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## TABULATIONS

Well, there are only 3 more months left in the year and a little more than half the 100,000 tabs have been collected! Looks as if the Senior Staff may get "creamed" this year and Russell and myself may be off the hook. Or will we? That is up to y'all. So if you wish to see Russell and myself get pied for the third year in a row, then keep those tabs coming! As a reminder, 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 recipient of the pies. 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:

<b>Starting Balance</b>	10
Russell Ruhland	17583
Freddy Heller	10862
Connie Heller	10330
Tony Fleming	7200
Karen Pynenburg	5500
Rebecca Dunn	2531
Leiko Koone	735
Roger Wright	344
Benlee Huguley	235
Lech Mazur	230
<b>Total</b>	55560

## WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Martha Kirkland (S)

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:  
John and Jackie our neighbors for their weekly donation of cans.

Roger for his donation of coupons and stamps.

Karen for her donation of coupons.

## JAMES' TOP TEN LIST

Top Ten Things I wish I could forget...

10. Trying to talk my ex-girlfriend into wearing a Horta costume last Friday night.
9. Changing my license plate number to "NCC-1 DRINK".
8. Having to explain to that cop why I didn't need a permit for the Phaser Rifle in my car.
7. Going to the Emergency Room after using my Bat'Leth as a can opener.
6. Showing up at the Halloween Party dressed as Princess Leia.
5. Trying to pay for my third round of drinks with my StarFleet membership card.
4. Trying to explain to that Hooters Girl I got a date with what a Horta is.
3. Seeing my dog on the Christmas Day float after the crew dyed him green and orange.
2. Throwing out my "Orion Slave Girl" issue of Playboy so my girlfriend wouldn't find it.

And the number one thing I which I couldn't remember doing is.

1. Waking up with a tattoo of Yoda on my chest the morning after the last night out.

PO3 James Carey

## MEMORY ALPHA

The 2006-2007 version of the DaVinci slideshow is now available! The cost is \$5.00 and is available on DVD. Please contact me to place your order.

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 Randy Dunn, the winner of the free dinner at the Speak Easy Pub during the September Night Out!

November	Panera Bread Company
December	McAllisters

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## TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are the scheduled DVD October releases:

- “Jericho, Season 1” (02 Oct)
- Star Trek: The Next Generation, The Complete Series” (02 Oct)
- “Stargate, SG-1, The Complete Series” (09 Oct)
- “Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea, Season 3, Vol. 2” (23 Oct)
- “Young Indiana Jones Chronicles, Vol. 1” (23 Oct)
- “Outer Limits, Vol. 3” (30 Oct)

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	400.74
Nights Out	23.51
Deposit	10.50
Website	45.24
Gratitude Festival Table	25.37
Gratitude Festival Breakfast (Heller's part)*	33.27
Closing Balance	283.85

I have yet to reimburse Lech Mazur for his portion of Gratitude Festival Breakfast expenses.

FCPT Connie Heller

## 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	<b>Jul 07</b>	
Randy Dunn	Jan 08	May 08
Bubba Dutton	Sep 08	<b>Sep 07</b>
Tony Fleming	<b>Jul 07</b>	Jun 08
Freddy Heller	Jul 08	Sep 08
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 07
Benlee Huguley	Feb 08	
Roderick Jennings	Nov 07	Oct 07
Todd Kes	Oct 07	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 08	<b>Jul 07</b>
Leiko Koone	Oct 07	Oct 07
Lech Mazur	Jul 08	<b>Jul 07</b>
Margaret McGillicuddy	Mar 08	<b>Sep 07</b>
Lisa Neal	Jul 08	

Joe Perry	Jul 08	Nov 07
George Pimentel	<b>Jul 07</b>	<b>Jun 07</b>
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 08	May 08
Russell Ruhland	Sep 08	Aug 08
Park Scully	Jul 08	Jul 08
Dennis Shaw	Jul 08	Jul 08
Frazier Smith	<b>Sep 07</b>	Oct 07
Tonya Spanks	Nov 07	Oct 07
Gisela Stephens	Jan 08	Oct 07
Michael Walker	Apr 08	Mar 08
Patty Williams	Nov 07	
Vanessa Winfield	<b>Sep 07</b>	Oct 07
Roger Wright	<b>Jul 07</b>	<b>Sep 07</b>

## 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 NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
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"Mmmm, pizza!" Rebecca, Matthew, and Travis enjoying pizza from Papa John's at our third pool party (07 August 2003)



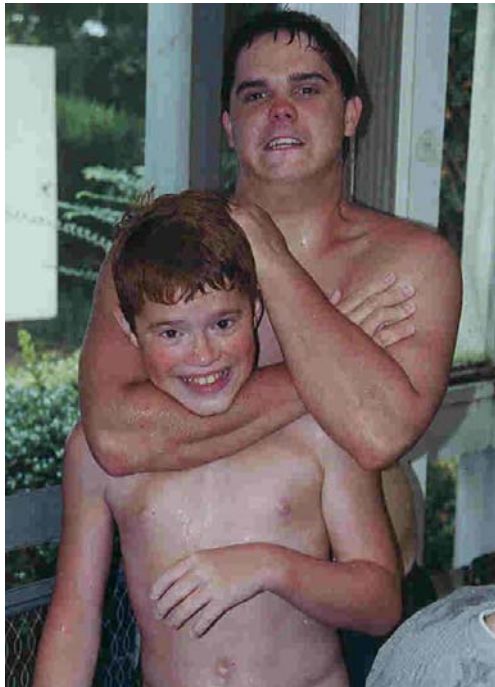
Looks as if it not only the kids who enjoy a good pizza. Roger, Randy, and Rusty dig in!



"Hey! I like pizza too." Christopher eats away.



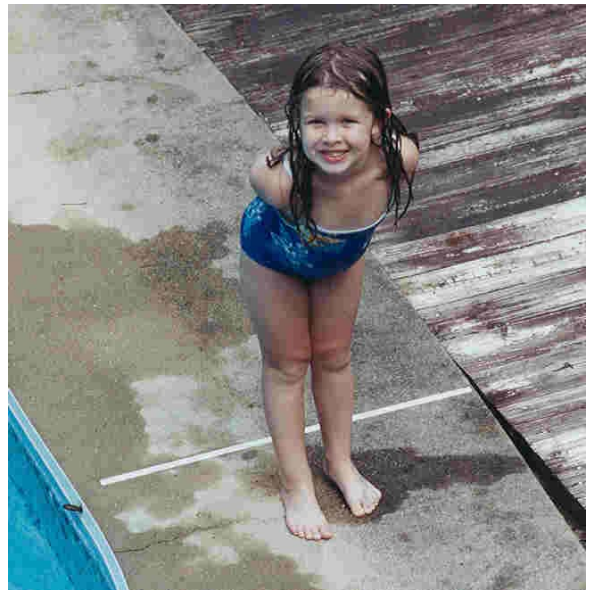
Roger and Connie pose for the camera.



Matthew demonstrates the modified Vulcan Death Grip to an unsuspecting Travis.



Trust Connie to bring her computer to the pool party!



Boy, someone knows how to pose for the camera.  
Ariana enjoying the water.



Obviously, too much excitement for Roger!

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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:** The new DaVinci slideshow is now available. It has been burned onto DVD+R discs, which play in nearly all DVD players. The price is \$5.00 apiece. There are also historical discs (old leftovers) available for only \$1.00 apiece, in varying formats. 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.

## FINALLY!

The new USS DaVinci web site is up and running! Leiko, our computer science officer, worked long and hard putting it together. Check out the site at <http://www.usdavinci.org> and let her know what you think. Comments are always welcomed.

Go back and check when your membership on the DaVinci and or Starfleet expires. **Several memberships have expired!!!** Please renew as soon as possible. Thanks!

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