

# DaVinci Pilot

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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT

I do not wish to take away from Russell's annual article on the Region 2 Summit but I do want to mention a few things. First and foremost, was the large attendance at the Summit by members of the DaVinci. Not only was it the largest DaVinci turnout at a Region 2 event but also the DaVinci had the largest attendance from any Region 2 chapter! Fifteen DaVinci personnel made the sojourn from Columbus to Montgomery, AL and several were first time Summit attendees! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended: Connie, Freddy, and Ariana; Russell and Diane; Randy, Sandy, and Christopher; Jeff and Martha; Lech, Margaret, Joe, and first timers Roger and Alexander!

The DaVinci took home one award, the Brenda Bullock Mothership of the Year award! Both our "babies" became full-fledged chapters at the Opening Ceremonies. Congratulations to the Captains and crew of the Atlanta and the Tiberius.

The local Columbus Science Fiction Fan Club (formally the Star Wars Fan Club) invited the crew of the DaVinci to a showing of the new Stargate movie "Stargate Ark of Truth" at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center. Five DaVinci personnel attended and were thoroughly entranced by the movie. All who attended thought it was great. I will not give away the ending but I will mention that an old adversary (well, not that old) makes it reappearance in the film. "Ark of Truth" wraps up the Ori storyline. Naturally, SG-1 kicks butt and saves the world for the umpteenth time! A BIG Bajoran thanks to the Columbus Science Fiction Fan Club for the hospitality and to the members of the DaVinci who attended. Besides myself there were Joe, Todd, Roger, and Alexander.

We had a real great turnout for the March Night

Out at Applebee's. About 15 crew personnel showed up and enjoyed the good food and each other's company. We only had one server and considering how many there were of us, she did a remarkable job (okay, so she messed up a few times). Naturally we gave her some ribbing and she took it all in stride and even managed a few putdowns herself. Of course when it was time for the free meal drawing and Ariana just happened to draw my name, grumblings of "fix" were heard coming from the table!

On April 19, the USS Hephaestus will have its annual Spring Cookout at Pete Mohney's home in Birmingham, AL. The day will start at 2:00 PM, and they will kick it off with games, movies, and lots of food and drink! Early in the afternoon, the grills will be fired up and what ever you bring will be prepared. They will have some pro cooks in the group if you're not barbecue-inclined. All you need to do is bring your main course; they will provide all sorts of sides, condiments, toppings, buns, and everything else needed. They will have some spare burgers and hot dogs if you forget your food or if you are really, really hungry and want more.

Following the vittles the infamous Spring Poker Game, open to all comers, will start. There will be a \$10.00 buy in, and all the money will go to the winners. Pete will also try to get the Hephaestus to spring for some prizes. In addition to the poker, there will be Dalmuti, Munchkin, DVD TV trivia, and course more food, until the last of the party goers calls it a night Mark your calendars for this one! It should be (and is, I hear) a lot of fun! Connie, Ariana, and I will be going and have room in the van for 4 additional people – first come, first serve!

VADM Freddy Heller

## EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

To Summit we shall go! To Summit we shall go! Hi; Ho; the DaVinci goes! To Summit we shall go! I believe that is best said as so many members of the DaVinci attended this year's Region 2 Summit in Montgomery, AL I cannot really remember them all. Sorry if I don't recall all your names but I'm sure Freddy mentioned everyone in his article this month. Overall, a great many Region 2 members and their guests attended the Summit as well. I do believe it was one of the highest in number as well. Our new Starfleet Commander, Sal Lizard, mentioned on several occasions how much he enjoyed both seeing how many attended and the warm family feeling that our Region is famous for.

The usual panel schedule was made available and I heard high praise on both Freddy's and Connie's panels. By the way, a big congratulation goes to Connie Heller for receiving promotion to the rank of Commodore. Look out, Freddy, she's catching up to you!

Saturday evening's banquet was excellent and there was enough food left for the hotel to provide a leftover luncheon on Sunday. I also heard through the grapevine that our own Ms. Margaret enjoyed herself greatly! You'll have to ask her about that! The USS DaVinci won honors as Mothership of the Year. Sunday brought the beginning of Daylight Savings Time into our midst but even so the non-denominational service that I preached that morning was the best attended at any Summit I've been too. Sorry to say it all ended so soon and we said our good-byes until next time. Live long and prosper!

FCPT Russell Ruhland

## SCIENCE STATION

While watching Star Trek episodes have you ever wondered what the heck a tachyon is. So, this month we are going to tackle the tachyon. The tachyon is the supposed particle that is often mentioned in Trek episodes and other science fiction programs. It is often referred to as a "tachyon burst" or "a tachyon field or cloud". The term was often used by Star Fleet science officers to explain complex technical phenomenon that occurs within the context of the Enterprise's myriad of unexplainable events. The most interesting future real life aspect of the tachyon particle is that the

tachyon may be used as a source for faster than light interstellar travel. We will mention more about that later in the article.

Albert Einstein in his special theory of relativity suggested that there was a possibility of the existence of a subatomic particle such as the tachyon. However, during his reign as the supreme physicist of the twentieth century, the term tachyon had never been used. In 1967, the Columbia University professor Gerald Feinberg coined the word tachyon in his paper, "On the possibility of faster than light particles." A tachyon is theorized to be a mass-less particle that can travel faster than light and perhaps even infinite velocity. For the time being scientists consider the tachyon to be a hypothetical particle that has not been discovered yet. This is similar to the ongoing search for the graviton particle and other particles that are presumed to exist but are as yet undiscovered. The discovery of a tachyon particle hinges on its detection by a nuclear particle accelerator.

A nuclear particle accelerator is similar to a gun that fires a projectile at a high velocity. Let's say for example that you are an alien that has just landed on the earth from the planet Munimula (which is aluminum spelled backwards). The first thing you discover upon your arrival is a baseball. Upon discovery of this immensely fascinating object you are then confronted with what this object is composed of. So you place the baseball in a cannon like device and fire it against another stationary mounted baseball that is several miles away. When the fired baseball hits the other stationary baseball, the hit ball explodes into its component elements and is ready for your elemental examination. You get the picture. The difference is that in a nuclear particle accelerator one proton is fired against another proton tearing it apart to smaller subatomic particles that can then be detected by instruments. Over time as more advanced particle accelerators are built perhaps the elusive tachyon will be detected.

The word Tachyon is derived from the Greek word, "tachyos" which means speedy. A peculiar characteristic of the tachyon particle is that it increases speed (faster than light or FTL) when it loses energy and then it slows down if energy increases. It's as if an increase of energy to the tachyon serves as a braking mechanism. To slow down a tachyon may take an infinite amount of

energy. It has been theorized that tachyons appeared during the big bang creation of the universe and served as the driving force that expanded the universe. Evidence suggests that during the universe's initial expansion or inflation phase, the material universe expanded at faster than light speed. Tachyons are considered to be spinless particles meaning that they don't rotate on their axis as do planets, protons and other atomic particles. Tachyons would not normally be visible in a natural state and supposedly would be come visible through the actions of a nuclear particle accelerator.

The problem with the utilization of tachyons is that the measured faster than light speed of a tachyon would violate the causality principle. This principle or law states that causes must precede effects. What this means is that if one were to travel faster than light on a tachyon drive space vehicle, one would then be capable of traveling back in time. By traveling back in time one would violate what physicists have termed the grandfather paradox. This means that a faster than light time traveler can return to the time of his grandfather's existence and then murder him. Hence the time traveler would cease to exist. Paradoxically, if you were never born, how could you go back in time and kill your grandfather?

Robert Ehrlich, a George Mason University professor of physics (a fact that would without a doubt please GMU graduate ENS Margaret McGillicuddy) believes that if tachyons do exist, "nature would have found some way to eliminate such absurd possibilities and all the associated paradoxes." Professor Ehrlich conjectures that perhaps tachyons are composed of the presently undetected electron neutrinos which are thought to be produced by the sun and other complex stellar phenomenon. It could be that the invisible dark matter that composes most of the universe is a form of tachyon particles.

It has been clearly established that a conventional spaceship will never be able to travel faster than light. Einstein's theory of relativity in principle says that that such a space ship would require an infinite amount of energy to achieve such speed. Since supposedly a tachyon has no mass, as we know it, it can therefore travel at supposedly infinite velocity. It has been proposed that perhaps if a spaceship and all its constituents and inhabitants could be transformed into a kind of virtual tachyon cloud or

field. Humans could then finally be capable of interstellar travel at reasonable amounts of time as opposed to thousands of years at sublight speed with tacky chemical or nuclear rockets. Perhaps someday we can quickly and cheaply go where no one has gone before and discover wondrous things on Munimula.

ENS Lech Mazur

## **ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

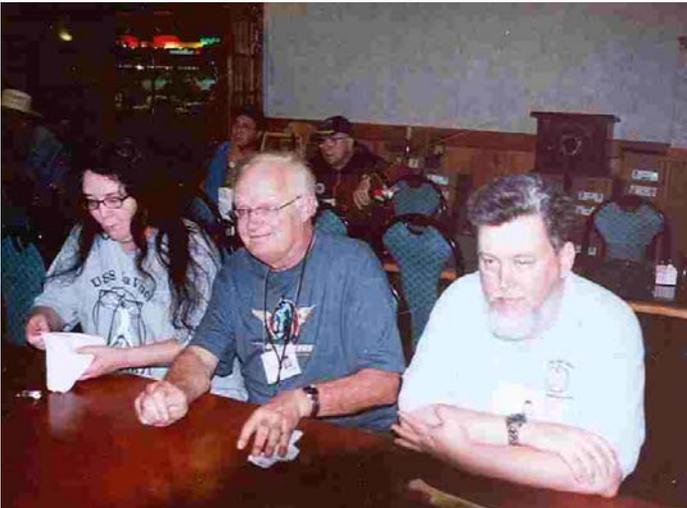
We had a great turnout for our 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. Twenty-five DaVinci personnel and their guest plus four additional guests from the USS Atlanta – 29 in all! There was plenty of pizza and chips and dip to go around. Connie also made some of her famous Hasperat in two different varieties – traditional and sweet! Naturally they did not last too long. Russell also brought a box of 50 hot wings to the celebration and proceeded to challenge the group to eat all 50 whereupon he would donate \$1.00 for each wing consumed to the DaVinci charity Caring for Babies with AIDS. Thanks to a last minute eating fest by Travis, Russell is \$50.00 lighter in the wallet. Once the pizza was just about gone, we held a surprise birthday party for Travis who turned 18 on 22 March. A very large and decorated cake was brought out and I made some excuse for Travis to come to the kitchen. When he did, the crowd yelled "Happy Birthday" and proceeded to sing the same. Travis proceeded to cut the cake and it quickly dwindled down to a much smaller size. Soon thereafter it was time to draw for the much-coveted DaVinci door prizes. The winners were: Shane (Spawn comic books); Margaret (Serenity mini-poster); Roger (Serenity mini-poster); Amanda (Seven of Nine Chronicles book); and Russell (Q Chronicles book). After the door prizes were given out it was time for some long overdue promotions. James was promoted to Acting Ensign and Diane was promoted to Lieutenant JG. Two additional promotions were to be given out but they were not at the festivities and so will have to wait for another occasion. Congratulations to the door prize winners and those who were promoted! After the ceremonies a game of Great Damulti was played and five of the seven participants were first-time players. In the shortened game, Freddy was the Great Dalmuti and Shane the Greater Peon. A BIG Bajorian thanks to all who attended

## SUMMIT PHOTOS

Here are some DaVinci moments at the 2008 Region 2 Summit in Montgomery, AL



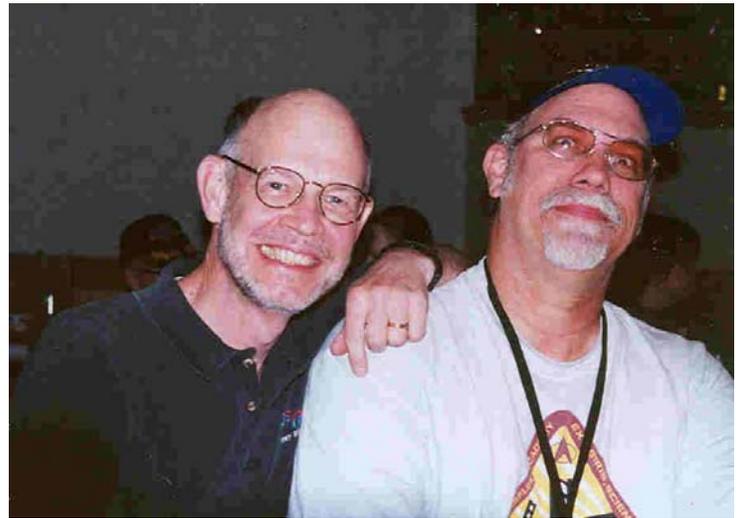
Ariana gets a chocolate treat from Sunnie Planthold at the Friday night Fleet Admiral's dinner.



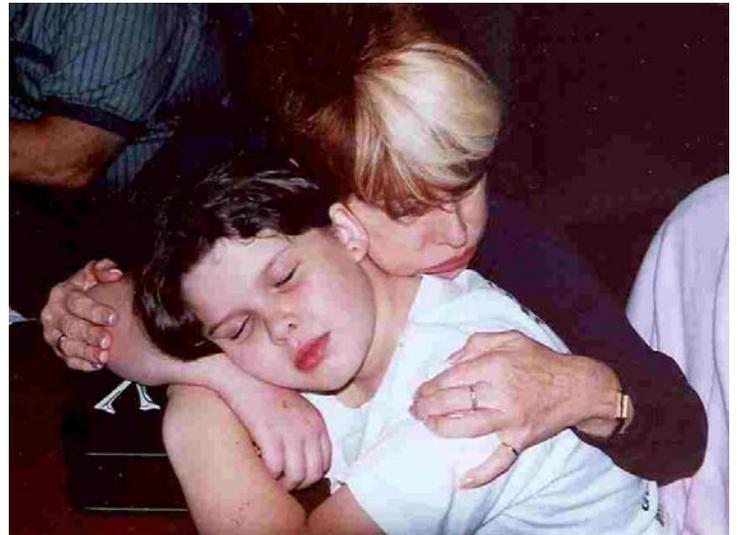
Margaret, Lech, and Joe wait for their drinks at the Fleet Admiral's dinner.



Russell and Diane at the Fleet Admiral's dinner.



Freddy and Russell the Zombie at the Fleet Admiral's dinner.



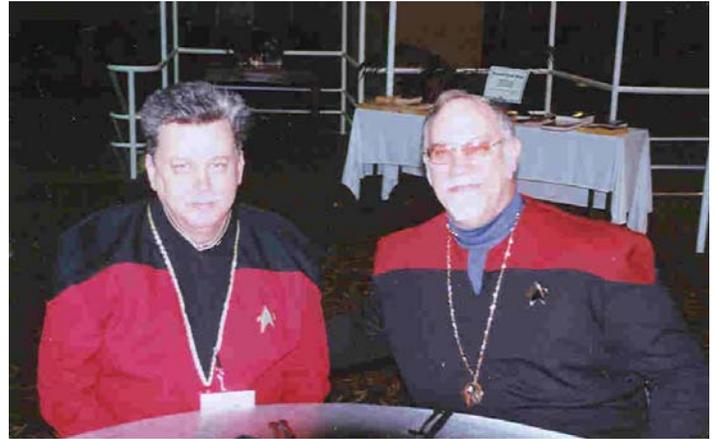
"Can we go home now?" Sunnie comforts a very tired Ariana.



But not too tired to enjoy the hotel's indoor pool after the Fleet Admiral's dinner!



A sharp-dressed Alexander and dad, Roger, on Saturday morning.



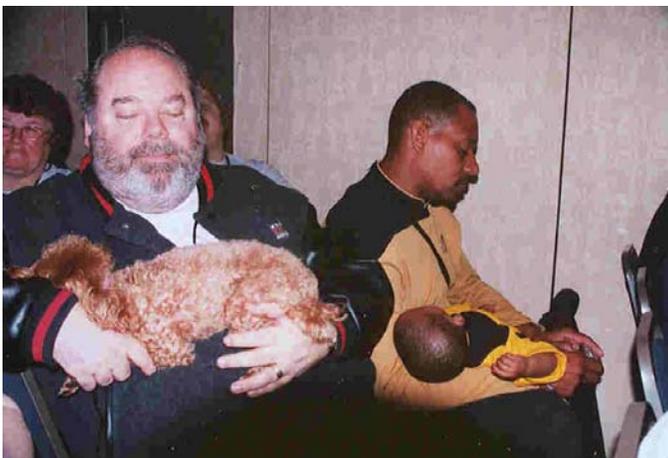
A couple of sharp-dressed men. Joe and Russell at the Saturday night banquet.



Lovely ladies indeed! Diane, Sandy, and Martha at the banquet.



Connie gets promoted to Commodore by Regional Coordinator Jack Eaton (L) and Fleet Admiral Sal Lizard (C) at the Opening Ceremonies!



"Is it over yet?" Kelly and Rosie and Roger and Alexander are asleep at the Opening Ceremonies.



Jeff and his mom Martha at the banquet.

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Still newlyweds Russell and Diane at the banquet.



Roger and Alexander at the banquet.



Lech and Margaret at the banquet.



Freddy accepts the Brenda Bullock Mothership of the Year award for the DaVinci from Region 2 Vice Regional Coordinator Lucy Ferron



More lovely ladies! Connie and Ariana at the banquet.



What a turn-out! The crew of the DaVinci at the Summit.



The oldest and youngest Starfleet members at the 2008 Region 2 summit!



Diane holding Alexander on Sunday morning.



Russell conducts the Sunday morning non-denominational service. And a nice job he did!



The crew of the DaVinci (except for Rebecca Self in the front) pose for the camera just before the closing ceremonies.



Russell, Sandy, and Diane on Sunday morning.

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Joe receives a certificate from Anne Zecca for donating blood during the summit.



Hurray! Guess who finally took and passed Officers Training School (OTS). Roger received his certificate from Jill Rayburn. Okay Lech and Margaret, it is your turn!



That is it for this year! See y'all in Mississippi!



Ariana is being comforted because she is crying and does not want to go home! The helping ladies are Rebecca Self (standing), Jan Sleigh (center), Sandy Dolan (right), and DJ Allen (rear)



Alexander gets a surprise gift from Regional Coordinator Jack Eaton as Lech, proud papa Roger, Jeff, and Joe look on.

## SUMMIT THOUGHTS

Here is what some of the DaVinci personnel had to say about the Region 2 Summit.

Freddy: Although the hotel was a little cold, the warmth of the Summit and the Region 2 family made up for the chill. I had a great time. A BIG Bajoran thanks to the crew of the New Hope!

Ariana: It was very fun. The cadet activities were super and I especially liked the pool! I want to go again next year.

Diane: I enjoyed the Summit and especially how nicely everyone treated me.

Lech: The summit was very enjoyable. I liked the holodome setting and the swimming pool that gave a nice warm airy effect to the conference. The panels were very good, especially the one about

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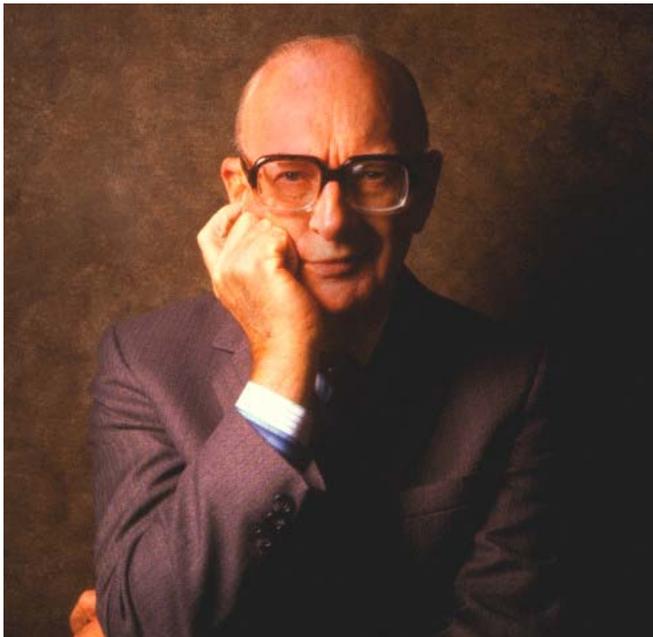
Shakespeare and Star Trek. The food was decent and of course the sense of family among all of us Trekkers was well enhanced. I look forward to next year's conference.

## PASSAGES

Arthur C. Clarke, a visionary science fiction writer who won worldwide acclaim with more than 100 books on space, science and the future, died Wednesday in his adopted home of Sri Lanka, an aide said. He was 90.

Clarke, who had battled debilitating post-polio syndrome since the 1960s and sometimes used a wheelchair, died at 1:30 a.m. local time after suffering breathing problems, aide Rohan De Silva told the Associated Press.

Clarke was regarded as a technological seer as well as a science-fiction writer, and was known as "the godfather of the telecommunications satellite." His most famous novel, "2001: A Space Odyssey," was the basis of the 1968 film of the same name, co-written and directed by Stanley Kubrick. The film and the book elevated the plot's mentally unbalanced computer, HAL 9000, into the pantheon of great fictional characters. Three "2001" book sequels followed, and one of them — "2010" — was made into a movie as well.



Sir Arthur C. Clarke in 1989.

In addition to the "2001" series, some of Clarke's best-known works are "Childhood's End" (1953), "The City and the Stars" (1956), "The Nine Billion

Names of God" (1967), "Imperial Earth" (1975) and "The Songs of Distant Earth" (1986). His 1973 novel "Rendezvous With Rama" is reportedly being adapted for film, with actor Morgan Freeman as producer and star.

Clarke won the Nebula Award of the Science Fiction Writers of America in 1972, 1974 and 1979; the Hugo Award of the World Science Fiction Convention in 1974 and 1980, and in 1986 became Grand Master of the Science Fiction Writers of America. He became an honorary fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1976, and was awarded British knighthood in 1989.

Clarke proposed the idea of using geostationary satellites as relays for wireless communication. It took decades for the idea to bear fruit, but it eventually earned him a claim to fame almost as great as his science-fiction stories. Geosynchronous orbits, which keep satellites in a fixed position relative to the ground, are today called Clarke orbits.

Disabled by post-polio syndrome, the lingering effects of a disease that had paralyzed him for two months in 1959, Clarke rarely left his adopted home in the Indian Ocean island of Sri Lanka. He moved there in 1956, lured by his interest in marine diving which, he said, was as close as he could get to the weightless feeling of space. "I'm perfectly operational underwater," he once said.

Clarke was married in 1953 and was divorced in 1964. He had no children, but kept in touch with friends and fans around the world via computer. He spent each morning answering e-mails and browsing the Internet.

This report includes information from Reuters, the Associated Press, and msnbc.com.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand on TOS)	1 <sup>st</sup>
First Weather Satellite, TRIOS-One, Launched (1960)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Maiden Voyage of Shuttle Challenger (1983)	4 <sup>th</sup>
Frank Gorshin (Bele on TOS)	5 <sup>th</sup>
NASA Announces its First Seven Astronauts (1959)	9 <sup>th</sup>
Apollo 13 Begins Failed Mission to the Moon (1970)	11 <sup>th</sup>
First Man in Space (Yuri Gagarin 1961)	12 <sup>th</sup>

Charles Napier (Adam on TOS)	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ENS Leiko Koone</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>
First Test Flight of Shuttle Columbia Ends (1981)	14 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Ansara (Kang on TOS)	15 <sup>th</sup>
First Woman to Solo the World (Jerrie Mock 1964)	17 <sup>th</sup>
Apollo 13 Returns Safely to Earth (1970)	17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CADET Mariaelena Fleming</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>
Herman Zimmerman (Set Designer)	19 <sup>th</sup>
Elinor Donahue (Asst Commissioner Nancy Hedford on TOS)	19 <sup>th</sup>
Ashley Judd (ENS Robin Lefler on TNG)	19 <sup>th</sup>
Apollo 16 Lands on the Moon (1972)	20 <sup>th</sup>
Clint Howard (Balok on TOS; Grady on DS9)	20 <sup>th</sup>
George Takei (CPT Hikaru Sulu)	20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CADET Joshua Turner</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>
China Launches Its First Satellite (1970)	24 <sup>th</sup>
First Satellite Relay of a Television Signal (1962)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Pioneer Ten Crosses Pluto's Orbit (1983)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Hubble Space Telescope is Deployed (1990)	25 <sup>th</sup>
Spice Williams (Vixis from Search for Spock)	26 <sup>th</sup>
Kate Mulgrew (CPT Kathryn Janeway on VOY)	29 <sup>th</sup>

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Connie for her promotion to Commodore!

Diane for her promotion to LTJG.

James for his promotion to Acting Ensign.

Dennis for taking home a trophy for first place in a recent Special Olympics bowling tournament!

Karen for her usual large donation of cans!

Roger for his donation of coupons.

Lucy Ferron of the USS Haise and Jan Sleigh of the USS New Hope for their donation of tabs.

John and Jacque Pollock, our neighbors, for their weekly donation of cans.

Dr. Stewart, our Chiropractor, for his weekly donation of cans.

## TABULATIONS

Well, a new year brings forth the third tab challenge! We failed to meet our minimum goal of 80,000 tabs last year and I really hope we can do better than that this year. To make it more appealing to those who save and hunt down those little hunks of aluminum, I will make you an offer that you cannot refuse. If and only if we reach 100,000 tabs, all those crew personnel who donated at least 9,000 tabs will get to pie the Captain! Hallelujah! Can it get any better than that? Now, of course, I think it only fair that if 100,000 tabs is reached and if I also donate 9,000 tabs, then I get to pie the person of my

choice! So, if you wish to be one of the lucky ones who get to smack me with a pie, start saving those tabs today! Here are the current totals:

<b>Starting Balance</b>	21
Freddy Heller	3132
Connie Heller	2773
Russell Ruhland	2680
Randy Dunn	200
Joe	32
Todd	32
<b>Total</b>	8870

## WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Benlee Hughley (D)

Jim Adams\* (D) (S)

## NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

The restaurants for the 2008 Night Outs were selected at the Christmas party. The list is below. I hope your favorite restaurant made the list! Check out the four new locations!

Congratulations to Freddy, the winner of the free dinner at the Applebee's during the March Night Out.

May	Hooter's
June	Country's on Broad
July	New China
August	Chef Lee's
September	Red Lobster
October	Panera Bread Company
November	Hooter's
December	Carrabba's Italian Grill

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	246.79
Deposit	58.50
Nights Out (January, February, March)	27.00
Anniversary Party Pizza	48.15
Closing Balance	216.44

COMM Connie Heller

## TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled April DVD releases:  
“Alien Nation: The Ultimate Movie Collection (15<sup>th</sup>)  
“Roswell, Seasons 1-3 [Repackaged] (29<sup>th</sup>)  
“Young Indiana Jones Chronicles: Volume 3, The Years of Change” (29<sup>th</sup>)

## 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 Connie to place your order.

## 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>
Jim Adams	Mar 09	Mar 09
James Carey	Nov 08	Jan 09
Dutch Cummings	Jul 08	
Randy Dunn	Feb 09	May 08
Bubba Dutton	Sep 08	<b>Sep 07</b>
Tony Fleming	Jul 08	Jun 08
Freddy Heller	Jul 08	Sep 08
Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 08
Benlee Huguley	Feb 09	
Todd Kes	Oct 08	
Jeff Kirkland	Oct 08	Jul 09
Leiko Koone	Nov 08	Oct 08
Lech Mazur	Jul 08	Jan 09
Margaret McGillicuddy	Mar 08	Sep 08
Joshua Nazario	Jan 09	
Lisa Neal	Jul 08	
Joe Perry	Jul 08	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 08	<b>May 08</b>
Russell Ruhland	Sep 08	Aug 08
Park Scully	Jul 08	Jul 08
Dennis Shaw	Jul 08	Jul 08
Frazier Smith	Jan 09	<b>Oct 07</b>
Gisela Stephens	<b>Jan 08</b>	Nov 08
Michael Walker	<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>
Patty Williams	<b>Nov 07</b>	
Vanessa Winfield	Jan 08	Jan 09
Roger Wright	Jul 08	Jan 09

## RM HOUSE NEEDED ITEMS

Even though we will no longer be meeting at the Ronald McDonald house they still are in need for a variety of items. If you wish to donate an item, bring it by my house and I will make sure it gets there. It is a good way to say “thank-you” for letting us use their meeting room free of charge these past few years.

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

Due to number of photos already enclosed in this month's Pilot, making this month's issue the longest ever, there will be no reminiscing in the past this month. Look for new photos from 2003 in the May issue.

## 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!



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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!

Go back and check when your membership on the DaVinci and or Starfleet expires. **Several memberships have expired!!!** Please renew as soon as possible or you might not get a newsletter. Thanks!

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