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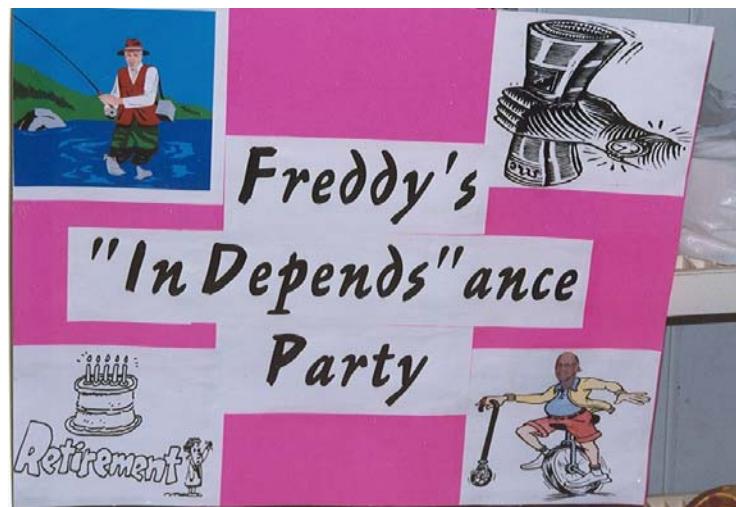
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### FROM THE CENTER SEAT

If you did not make the Fourth of July Cookout you missed one great party! It was also a party to celebrate my retirement from Civil Service after 33 years! Russell made up a great sign to commemorate the event. In addition he brought some items especially designed for "old" retired folks!



Russell's wonderful sign!

It was also one of the best-attended get together in DaVinci history with 32 DaVinci personnel and their guests in attendance! There was enough food to feed an army, which came in handy when Vanessa came with her six children! The usual hamburgers and hotdogs were cooked to perfection by our resident grill meister, Connie. In addition to the burgers and dogs there were macaroni and cheese, vegetable salad, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, fried chicken, a ton of baked beans, potato chips and various dips, and desserts galore – apple pie, cherry pie, cookies, ice cream, and chocolate-peanut butter pie. Whew! What a feast.



Grill Meister Connie doing what she does best.



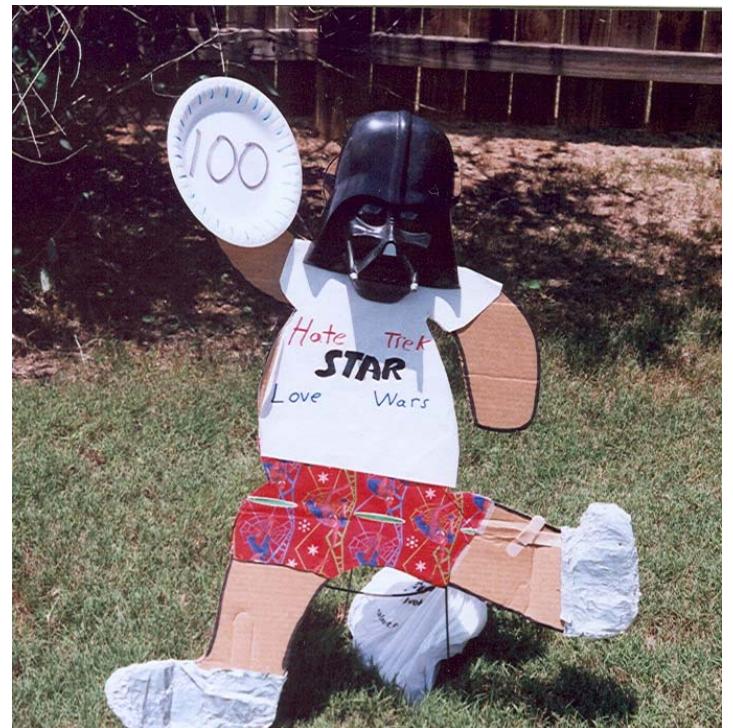
Some of the DaVinci crew digging in!



More of the crew filling their plates!

Randy brought several outdoor games including croquet, volleyball, and several homemade Frisbee targets that were, unfortunately, destroyed by a

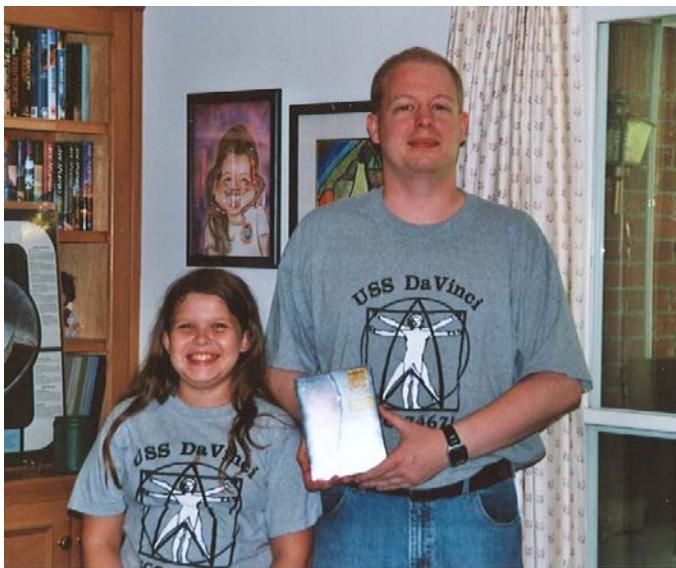
sudden rainstorm. Nonetheless, following the rain, several folks did take advantage of the break in the weather to play volleyball and croquet.



One of Randy's Frisbee targets.

Following the consumption of the food and a few minutes afterwards to let things settle, we had the drawing for the cookout door prizes and the yearly drawing from all the attendance tickets earned during the previous year. Our usual ticket drawer, Ariana, was eager for the task of picking out the winners. So with no further ado, here is a list of the winners: Derick (Star Trek 30 Years poster), Dutch (Original Series crew poster), Vanessa (Next Generation crew poster), Frazier (NCC 1701-D cut-away poster), and the yearly attendance winner of a Star Trek Time Travel DVD set was Todd! Congratulations to all the winners.

Oh, I almost forgot to mention that Randy also brought two items filled with an unknown number of M&M's. One item represented the vitamins I will need for my retirement and the other item the energy pills I will need. The object was to guess how many pills and vitamins were in each container. There were 375 in each container and the winners were Margaret (vitamins) and Diane (energy pills). Congratulations to Margaret and Diane.



The ticket picker, Ariana, and Todd with his Star Trek Time Travel DVD set.

Once all the prizes had been handed out the awards were presented. Martha was promoted to LTJG, Lech received a DaVinci Commendation for his participation in chapter activities, and a long overdue Officer of the Year was presented to Connie! Congratulations to all the winners!

A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended and made this year's Fourth of July cookout the best ever! The next cookout will be our annual "Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall" extravaganza that will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 PM. Look for a signup sheet at upcoming DaVinci events.

Do you like old time monster movies? You know the ones I mean, the black & white films from the 30's, 40's, and 50's – Frankenstein, Dracula, the Wolf Man, the Mummy, etc. Well if you do, then mark your calendars for Saturday night, August 16<sup>th</sup> because that will be the evening of the DaVinci's first Universal Monsters Movie Night! So come for a night of thrills and chills and, yes, popcorn too! Tentative start time will be 6:00 PM. Snacks will be provided but you must bring your own beverage. More news and film list to follow.

Okay, it is time to lay down the law. For many years now I have been handling the collection of the coupons and stamps. In most cases I have to clip, sort, and count the donations myself. Well, folks that is about to stop. I do not mind adding the amount of coupons donated but it is the responsibility of the donor to clip (please do not tear) and sort the coupons into food and non food

piles. If you cut and sort the coupons as you get them it makes the task not as time consuming. Please! Cut and sort the coupons from now on. Count them as well if you wish. Now some rules for the cancelled stamps. Please make sure you cut, not tear out, the stamps about ¼ of an inch around the stamp. Second, please do not send me any more "Flag" stamps. I found out from Starfleet that the folks they sell them to have no use for them. This goes for the "Forever" stamps as well. Thanks.

Three DaVinci personnel went on an away mission to the home of Hal Doby to attend the First Annual Birthday Splash Party sponsored by the USS Atlanta and Stargate Atlanta. Connie, Ariana, and I had a fantastic time. The food was fantastic and the company was even better.

VADM Freddy Heller

## SCIENCE STATION

The schedules for the August astronomy night are as follows.

02 August, New, Providence Canyon; 9:00 PM

04 August, New, Callaway Gardens, 9:00 PM

If you are interested in attending any of these nights, please give me a call and perhaps we can schedule an away mission.

ENS Lech Mazur

## UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

Are you a Supernatural fan? Well EyeCon is presenting its second Supernatural convention on 26-28 September at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando, FL. Guests include Jared Padalecki (Sam Winchester), Jim Beaver (Bobby Singer), Chad Lindberg (Ash), Fredric Lehne (Yellow-Eyed Demon), and Nicki Aycox (Meg Masters). Musical guests include Steve Carlson (Rock, Folk Rock) and Jason Manns (Rock, Folk Rock). Tickets run from \$30.00 for a daily pass to \$325.00 for a Platinum ticket. Hotel runs \$119.00 per night.

The fall Vulkon show is scheduled from 31 October – 02 November. The guest list is pretty impressive and covers many shows from the sci-fi genre. Guests include: from "Battlestar Galactica" Nicki Clyne (Cally Tyrol), Tricia Helfer (Six), and Bodie Olmos (Brennan Constanza); from "Deep Space Nine" Michael Dorn (Worf) and Terry Farrell

(Jadiza Dax); and from “Babylon 5” Peter Jurasik (Londo Mollari), Stephen Furst (Vir Cotto), Billy Mumy (Lennier), and Julie Caitlin Brown (Na’Toth). Billy Mumy also played Will Robinson of Lost in Space. Cartoonist David Reddick (“Trek Life”) is also appearing. Tickets range in price from \$429 for a VIP pass to \$30 for a 1-day general admission pass.

Then, of course, there is DragonCon, 29 August – 01 September in Atlanta. Check out their web site ([dragoncon.org](http://dragoncon.org)) for more information.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Neil Armstrong (Astronaut)	5 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Okuda (Art Supervisor)	6 <sup>th</sup>
Catherine Hicks (Dr. Gillian Taylor)	6 <sup>th</sup>
Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko on DS9)	7 <sup>th</sup>
Matt Jeffries (Set Designer)	12 <sup>th</sup>
Jane Wyatt (Amanda on TOS)	12 <sup>th</sup>
First Balloon Satellite (Echo One) Launched (1960)	12 <sup>th</sup>
Brannon Braga (Executive Producer Enterprise)	14 <sup>th</sup>
Julie Newmar (Eleen on TOS)	16 <sup>th</sup>
First Trans-Atlantic Balloon Flight (1978)	17 <sup>th</sup>
Harve Bennett (Producer)	17 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Roddenberry (Star Trek Creator)	19 <sup>th</sup>
Jonathan Frakes (CMDR William Riker on TNG)	19 <sup>th</sup>
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Kathrine Pulaski on TNG)	19 <sup>th</sup>
Voyager II is Launched (1977)	20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CADET Hannah Walker</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>
Kim Catrall (Valeris from The Undiscovered Country)	21 <sup>st</sup>
Jennifer Lien (Kes on VOY)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Pluto Demoted from Planet Status (2006)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Mariner II is Launched to Venus (1962)	27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>LT Frazier Smith</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>
Gates McFadden (Dr Beverly Crusher on TNG)	28 <sup>th</sup>
Last Crew Leaves Mir Space Station (1999)	28 <sup>th</sup>
First Black American in Space (Guion Bluford 1983)	30 <sup>th</sup>

## ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

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

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

Karen, Jeff, and Russell for their donation of cans.

Roger and Jeff for their donation of coupons and stamps.

## 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 the 100,000 total 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:

Starting Balance	21
Freddy Heller	8910
Connie Heller	5851
Karen Pynenburg	5306
Russell Ruhland	4580
Jeff Kirkland	4000
Joe Perry	1092
Randy Dunn	534
Todd	63
Shane	61
<b>Total</b>	30416

Right now it does not look too good at meeting the 100,000-tab goal. So, here is what I will do, the amount needed will be dropped to 80,000 tabs! That is right! The total will drop 20,000 tabs. Instead of needed a little less than 70,000 tabs all you need is a little less than 50,000 tabs! The 9,000 tab level is still needed for a chance to pie your Captain so keep saving those tabs!

## FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	205.49
Deposits	183.50
Nights Out	22.00
Postage	17.50
July 4 Party	47.62
Closing Balance	301.87

COMM Connie Heller

## 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 Steve, the winner of the free dinner at New China during the July Night Out.

September	Red Lobster
October	Panera Bread Company
November	Hooter's
December	Carrabba 's Italian Grill

## MEMORY ALPHA

The 2007-2008 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.

## TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for August:

- “Beast Master, Complete Collection” (5<sup>th</sup>)
- “Masters of Science Fiction, Complete Series” (5<sup>th</sup>)
- “Star Trek, Season Two (Remastered)” (5<sup>th</sup>)
- “Tru Calling, The Complete Series” (12<sup>th</sup>)
- “Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles, Season One: (19<sup>th</sup>)
- “Heroes, Season Two” (26<sup>th</sup>)
- “Heroes, Season One and Two (Blu-ray)” (26<sup>th</sup>)

## 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
Steve Brown	Dec 08	
James Carey	Nov 08	Jan 09
Adam Chryst	Jul 09	May 09
Dutch Cummings	Oct 08	
Randy Dunn	Feb 09	Jun 09
Bubba Dutton	Sep 08	<b>Sep 07</b>
Tony Fleming	<b>Jul 08</b>	Jun 09
Freddy Heller	Jul 10	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 09	Jan 09
Margaret McGillicuddy	Jul 09	Oct 08
Joshua Nazario	Jan 09	
Lisa Neal	<b>Jul 08</b>	
Joe Perry	Jul 09	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 09	May 09
Russell Ruhland	Aug 09	Aug 08
Park Scully	<b>Jul 08</b>	<b>Jul 08</b>
Dennis Shaw	<b>Jul 08</b>	Aug 08
Frazier Smith	Jan 09	<b>Oct 07</b>
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 08
Michael Walker	<b>Jul 08</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>
Patty Williams	Apr 09	
Vanessa Winfield	Jan 09	Jan 09
Roger Wright	Jul 09	Jan 09

## WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Lech Mazur (D)
Margaret McGillicuddy (D)
Joe Perry (D)
Karen Pynenburg (D)
Russell Ruhland (D)
Diane Ruhland (D)
Roger Wright (D)
Linda Wright (D)
Alexander Wright (D)
Angenita Smith (D)

## 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 The DaVinci 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

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.

Part II of the First Annual Columbus Game and Hobby Expo.



Tony stamps the wrist of an Expo attendee

**THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT  
CHEF LEE'S  
ON MONDAY 217 AUGUST AT 7:00 PM  
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!**



Margaret daydreams at her rear door guard position



Now it is Margaret's time to stamp the wrist of Expo attendees.



"Ah, excuse me, but could I get my wrist stamped?"



Joe chatting with a Expo vendor



Two new members joining the DaVinci – Stacy (seated) and Stephanie!



Roger and his then significant other Charlotte at the Expo.



Randy, Sandy, and Joe at the Expo

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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!



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## 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!

Also, you will note that I added the Staff Roster to the beginning of the newsletter. There you will find the telephone numbers of all the Senior Staff and department heads. It will also show you which departments are vacant and need volunteers to take over.



"Hey! When is my picture going to be in the Pilot?"