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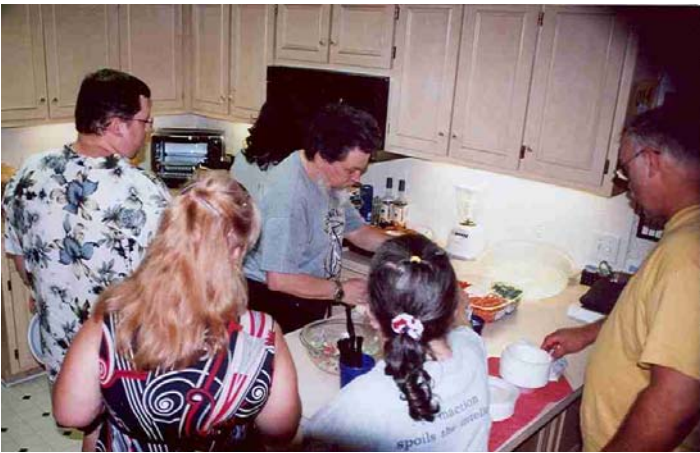
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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

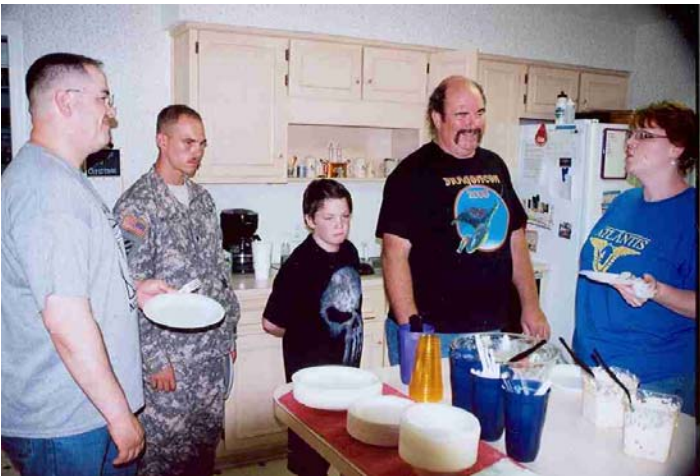
Greetings All! Our fifth annual "Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall" cookout was a huge success. Twenty-one DaVinci personnel and their guests feasted on a variety of food to include hamburgers and hotdogs, Randy's famous macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, macaroni salad, Margaret's wonderful green salad, hot wings, a vegetable tray, chips and dip, and the best baked beans you ever tasted courtesy of Todd. There were several desserts as well: Oreo cream pie (yum yum), apple pie, cherry pie, and of course ice cream.



Connie preparing the burgers and dogs!



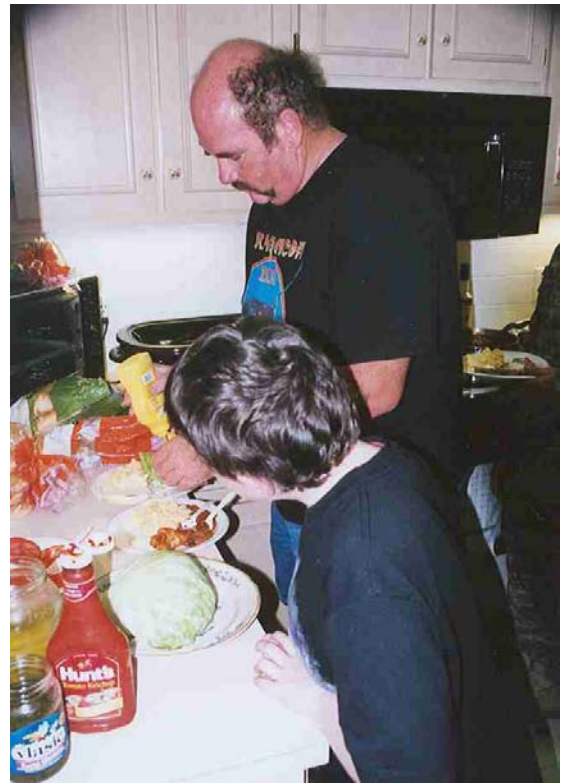
Joe, Dutch, Sandy, Margaret, and Russell dig in!



Shane, Brandon a guest of Shane's, Christopher, Randy chat with new DaVinci member Hollie!



Shane, Ariana, and Connie fill their plates.



Randy demonstrates to son Christopher the finer art of preparing a hamburger!

There were not as many door prizes given out as usual (in fact there was only one), but it was a nice one--a Deep Space Nine Space Station ornament from Hallmark. Ariana naturally wanted to draw the winning name. At first she drew my name but instead of keeping the ornament for the next time, I told her to draw another name. Congratulations to Brandon, a Soldier from Fort Benning brought to the cookout by Shane! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended the cookout.

Next on the calendar, besides the October Night Out, is our annual Halloween get together. This fun event is something many folks in my neighborhood look forward to every year. For those of you who have never attended our Halloween affair, what we have is hot cider and cookies for the adults and candy and bobbing-for-apples for the kids. My garage is "decorated", eerie Halloween music comes from the background, and those from the DaVinci usually come dressed in their Starfleet uniform, other type costume, or DaVinci shirt. It is a lot of fun especially watching kids who have never bobbed for apples before try to do so. Hope you can come.

VADM Freddy Heller

THE NEXT DAVINCI NIGHT OUT AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT PANERA BREAD COMPANY ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER AT 7:00 PM COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!

EXECUTIVELY SPEAKING

Calling all DaVinci members! Calling all DaVinci members! Be on the lookout for this article in the newsletter. It's been described as the first one written by your XO in 5 months and could cause extreme shock for anyone that comes in contact with it. Armed with information and considered dangerously humorous. Be advised to approach with caution. You just might like what you read. That is NOT all!

This year's trek to DragonCon in Atlanta during the Labor Day weekend was as always a unique and memorable experience. Other DaVinci members that I met at the Con included Randy, Sandy, Shane, Lisa, and Leiko (no photo op retrieved). Of course I'm sure that Todd was attending in true form but none of us recognized him (he blends in well). The weekend was a bit lonely for me as my beautiful wife, Diane, stayed home to attend her niece's wedding but I did take lots of pictures to fill her in on what she missed.

The Trek Trak was moved to the Sheraton Hotel which I thought was much better with more room for attendees and guests were many but my favorites this year were Robert Picardo and Michael Dorn. The surprising note of interest was the great number of attendees indicating that this year was their first time at DragonCon - the most I've ever seen identified in any year I been. The panel interviews were set in a talk show atmosphere and I really don't believe a lot of folks had positive feelings for that type of panel, but they were informative. The Miss Klingon Pageant was as always a true success (Qapla!), however; there were only four contestants this year.

I felt that the Walk of Fame for autographs from the actors was good in that it was placed in a Hotel separate from the dealer's rooms this year. It did seem like there were not as many stars and actors available for autographs this year but that might be because the room was much larger and lines moved faster than previous years.

The weekend wrapped up on Monday morning and I always look forward to attending again next year. See ya'll next month (or will he!)

FCPT Russell Ruhland

SCIENCE STATION

The schedules for the October astronomy night are as follows.

04 October, Space Science Center, 8:00 PM

25 October, Providence Canyon, 7:30 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

The fall Vulkan 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” Nicky Clyne (Cally Tyrol), Tricia Helfer (Six), and Bodie Olmos (Brenan Constanza); from “Deep Space Nine” Michael Dorn (Worf) and Terry Farrell (Jadzia 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. See flyer at end of newsletter

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 st
Avery Brooks (CPT Benjamin Sisko on DS9)	2 nd
Persis Khambatta (Lt. Ilia from The Motion Picture)	2 nd
Wally Schirra Orbits Earth in Sigma Seven (1962)	3 rd
CRMN Angenita Smith	3 rd
First Non-Stop Flight Across Pacific Ocean (1931)	5 th
CADET Ivy Walker	6 th
Todd Bryant (Klaa from The Final Frontier)	8 th
First Woman to Fly Across US (Laura Ingalls 1930)	9 th
Scott Bakula (CPT Jonathan Archer on ENT)	9 th
CRMN Maritza Fleming	10 th
First Apollo Mission (Schirra, Eisele, & Cunningham 1968)	11 th
First Multiple Crew (3) in Space (Voskhod 1964)	11 th
First US Woman Space Walker (Kathy Sullivan 1984)	11 th
Man Breaks Sound Barrier (Chuck Yeager 1947)	14 th
First Live Telecast from US Craft (Apollo 7, 1968)	14 th
Mark Lenard (Ambassador Sarek on TOS)	15 th

CADET Christopher Dunn	18 th
Ira Steven Behr (Executive Producer, DS9)	23 rd
John Winston (LT Kyle on TOS)	24 th
Gene Roddenberry Dies (1991)	24 th
Space Shuttle Enterprise Lands (1977)	27 th
John Glenn Returns to Space On Discovery (1997)	29 th
William Campbell (Koloth & Trelaine on TOS)	30 th

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Roger for his donation of coupons and stamps.

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

A BIG Bajoran congratulations goes out to Russell who finally ended his boycott of Starfleet Academy by taking the following courses:

College of Security: TOS Rank Recognition with Distinction; TNG Early Rank Recognition with Distinction; Early Law Enforcement History with Distinction; and Intermediate Security Officer Convention Security Officer with Honors

School of Leadership: Cmdr Starfleet Course with Honors; Vice Cmdr Starfleet Course with Honors; and Regional Coordinator Course with Honors!

TABULATIONS

Whoa! In a little less than one week Connie donated nearly 15,000 tabs! She went from second place to so far in front that I do not know if anyone can catch her! Of course had I known that she was going to donate so many so quickly I would have never dropped the goal from 80,000 to 70,000 tabs!

You still need to donate 9,000 tabs to pie your Captain and that goes only if the total is reached. 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 totals as of press time:

Starting Balance	21
Connie Heller	24957
Freddy Heller	10781
Karen Pynenburg	5306
Russell Ruhland	4580
Jeff Kirkland	4000
Joe Perry	1123
Randy Dunn	960
Lech Mazur	231
Todd Kes	63
Shane Russell	61
Total	52083

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	219.39
Deposit	109.50
Night Out	15.00
Postage	29.75
Party	20.15
Closing Balance	263.99

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!

Congratulations to Lech, the winner of the free dinner at Red Lobster during the September Night Out.

November	Hooter's
December	Carrabba's Italian Grill

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for October:

- "Incredible Hulk, Season Five" (21st)
- "Incredible Hulk, Complete Series" (21st)
- "Knight Rider, Complete Series" (21st)
- "Outer Limits, Complete Original Series (21st)
- "4400, Complete Series" (28th)
- "Millennium, Complete Series" (28th)

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	
Hollie Bundy	Sep 09	
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	Sep 07
Tony Fleming	Jul 09	Jun 09
Freddy Heller	Jul 09	Sep 09

Mike Henigan	LTM	Nov 08
Benlee Huguley	Feb 09	
Todd Kes	Oct 09	
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	Jul 09	
Joe Perry	Jul 09	Nov 08
Karen Pynenburg	Jul 09	May 09
Russell Ruhland	Aug 09	Aug 08
Shane Russell	Mar 09	
Park Scully	Jul 09	Sep 09
Dennis Shaw	Jul 08	Aug 08
Frazier Smith	Jan 09	Oct 07
Gisela Stephens	LTM	Nov 08
Michael Walker	Jul 08	Mar 08
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).

Lisa Neal (D)
 Park Scully (D) (S)
 Hollie Bundy (D*)
 Todd Kes (D)

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.

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.



The cake for Gisela's 70th birthday surprise party!
 (15 May 2004)



Some of the DaVinci crew at the party: Roger, Charlotte, Margaret, Joe, and Travis (hand on head)



More of the crew: Mathew, Travis, Joe, and Christopher.



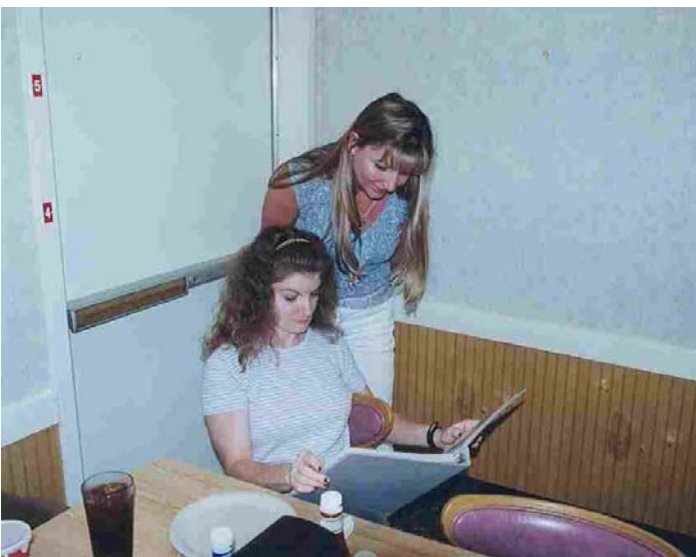
Todd with his friend Yifen Liu.



"Mmmmm, I love chicken legs," says Ariana!



The birthday girl!



Rose looking at Gisela's memory book.

Part II of Gisela's 70th birthday surprise party in next month's Pilot!

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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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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.

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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ORLANDO FALL SCI-FI EXPO
Oct 31-Nov 2 2008

With Special Guests:



Nicki Clyne

Michael Dorn

Terry Farrell

Tricia Helfer

David Reddick



Bodie Olmos

Peter Jurasik

Stephen Furst

Bill Mumy

<http://vulkon.com/site/fall-orlando-show/>
FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION !

PLUS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST



HALLOWEEN BASH

Costume Contest

Prizes

Giveaways

Celebrity Guests

Exclusive goodies for registered
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...and more!

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