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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Hey! Do not forget our annual Halloween get together! Wear your uniform, costume, or DaVinci apparel and be at my house around 6:00 PM on Friday 31 October! As always we will be handing out candy to the trick-or-treater's and will be offering hot apple cider and cookies to the adults. There will also be a bobbing for apples tub for the kids. The folks in my neighborhood really look forward to this every year. In fact, I was at a garage sale a month ago or so and the owner of the house asked me if I was the guy who had the table set up in his garage! He went on to tell me how much his kids enjoyed it and if I was planning on doing it again this year. Even if you cannot stay, drop by for a cookie, cider, and some good conversation!

Well, our 12th year of participation in the Help-the-Hooch River cleanup was not as well attended as in past years but the amount of trash we collected was amazing! There was not too much trash on the River Walk but when we arrived at the large open area on the banks of the Chattahoochee the bags began to fill up! We collected three large bags and a wheelbarrow full of recyclables and at least three large bags of miscellaneous trash. At one point while I was picking up trash I noticed a set of beady eyes staring at me from the mud. It was the head of some kind of stuffed animal. Once I pulled it out I realized it was a small teddy bear. Connie called it the "teddy bear from the black lagoon" as she wrote the find down on the trash found list. Following the cleanup we adjourned to the volunteer party at Golden Park where we feasted on hot dogs, chips, and pop. Alas! No Twinkies again this year! I would like to thank the following for helping out this year: Connie and Ariana, Todd, Randy and Christopher, and Roger and Alexander.

NEWS FLASH!! Connie announced to the folks at the Help-the-Hooch River cleanup that she has decided to auction off her right to pie your Captain! Yes, if you wish to smack me with a pie of your own design bring your checkbook to the pie party! Bidding begins at \$10.00 and all proceeds go into the DaVinci's treasury.

VADM Freddy Heller

SCIENCE STATION

The schedules for the October astronomy night are as follows.

01 November, Space Science Center, 7:00 PM

22 November, FDR State Park, 6:00 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

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” Nicki Clyne (Cally Tyrol), and Bodie Olmos (Brenan Constanza); from “Deep Space Nine” Terry Farrell (Jadzia Dax); from Next Generation Dwight Schultz (Reginald Barclay), 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.

NerdaCon will be held at Columbus State University on 21-22 November. NerdaCon is an annual event hosted by CSU's Campus-Nerds organization. It is geared towards people of all fandoms, it continues to be among the largest events held on the school's campus. Over its short history, NerdaCon has grown to host over 1,500 attendees and the upcoming event promises to be larger yet. I am working on getting a membership drive table during the event and need volunteers to help man it over the weekend. I will out of town. If you can help and have a uniform or DaVinci apparel please let me know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

First Hydrogen Bomb is Exploded (1952)	1 st
Sputnik II Carrying Laika the Dog is Launched (1957)	3 rd
Armin Shimerman (Quark on DS9)	5 th
Eric Menyuk (The Traveler on TNG)	5 th
First Transcontinental Airplane Trip (1911)	5 th
Alfre Woodard (Lily from First Contact)	8 th
Robert Duncan McNeill (LT Tom Paris on VOY)	9 th
CADET Maxwell Walker	11 th
CRMN Linda Wright	11 th
Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek on DS9)	12 th
Max Grodenchik (Rom on DS9)	12 th
Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan on TNG)	13 th
Mariner 9 Orbits Mars (1971)	13 th
Skylab III Launches for 84-Day Mission (1973)	16 th
Lunokhod I Lands on Moon (1970)	17 th
Star Trek Generations Premiers (1994)	18 th
Terry Farrell (LTCMDR Jadzia Dax on DS9)	19 th
Robert Beltran (CMDR Chakotay on VOY)	19 th
PO3 Benlee Huguley	20 th
Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir on DS9)	21 st
ENS Sandy Holt	21 st
Star Trek: First Contact Premiers (1996)	22 nd
Dwight Schultz (LT Barclay on TNG)	24 th
Denise Crosby (LT Natasha Yar on TNG)	24 th
Ricardo Montalban (Khan Noonian Singh on TOS)	25 th
Jeffrey Hunter (CPT Pike on TOS)	25 th
ENS Diane Ruhland	25 th
France Launches First Satellite (1965)	26 th
Star Trek IV Premiers (1986)	26 th
Mariner 4 is Launched to Mars (1964)	28 th
Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman on VOY)	28 th
Enos the Chimp Blasts into Orbit (1961)	29 th
First Airplane Flight Over South Pole (Byrd 1929)	29 th

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

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

Jeff and Martha for their donation of cans and stamps.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT
HOOTER'S!!
ON MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER AT 7:00 PM
COME FOR THE FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP!**

TABULATIONS

Whoa! In a little less than one month Connie donated nearly 25,000 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! Not only that but during the October Night Out Jeff dropped off 2700 tabs to surge into third place!

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	37111
Freddy Heller	11192
Jeff Kirkland	6770
Russell Ruhland	5480
Karen Pynenburg	5306
Joe Perry	1123
Randy Dunn	960
Roger Wright	800
Lech Mazur	231
Todd Kes	124
Shane Russell	61
Total	69179

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	263.99
Halloween cookies	10.00
Closing Balance	253.99

COMM Connie Heller

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

Attention! In just a little while we will be selecting the 2009 Night Out locations! If you have a favorite restaurant that may not be on our list, drop me an email or give me a call and I will make sure it is on the list.

Congratulations to first time winner Connie, the winner of the free dinner at Panera Bread Company during the October Night Out.

November	Hooter's
December	Carrabba's Italian Grill

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for November:

- "Reaper, Season One (4th)
- "Firefly, Complete Series (Blu-ray) (11th)
- "Supernatural, Season Three (Blu-ray) (11th)
- "Charmed, Complete Series" (18th)
- "Doctor Who, Season Four" (18th)
- "Night Gallery, Season Two" (18th)
- "Star Trek, Season Three (Remastered) (18th)

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 09
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 09
Shane Russell	Mar 09	
Park Scully	Jul 09	Sep 09
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

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.



Joe and Gisela at Gisela's 70th birthday surprise party! (15 May 2004)



Gisela about to give Randy a thank-you kiss for the flowers!



Gisela and some of her presents – Trek of course.

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The birthday girl cutting her cake!



The DaVinci clan!

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.



Gisela's clan!

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!