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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

The DaVinci held its 11th annual Halloween get together on a chilly and spooky night. I was really disappointed at the turnout as only two DaVinci personnel joined Connie, Ariana, and me at passing out candy to the kids and hot cider and cookies to the adults. The garage was nicely decorated this year with enough lights to give the setting an eerie feeling. There was even a string of lights on both sides of the driveway. We received quite a few compliments from those who stopped by for treats.

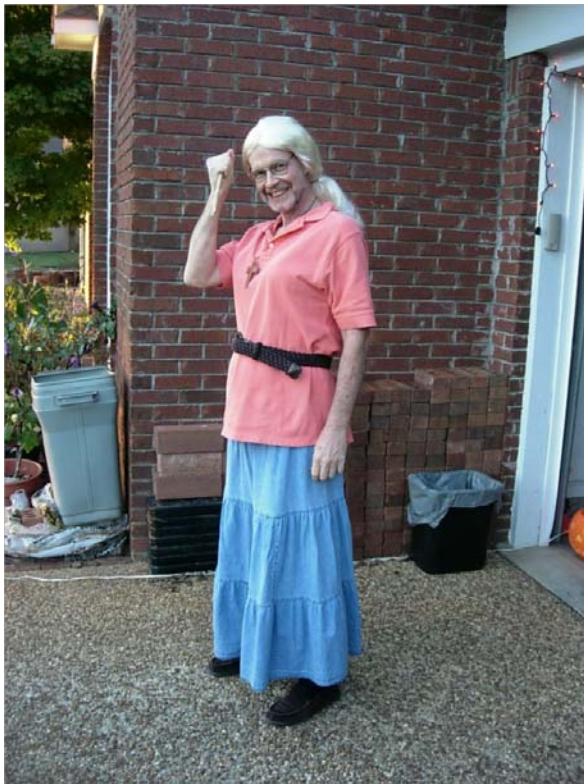
We sure could have used a few more folks because it was one of the busiest Halloweens in quite a while. We had the usual group of 2-4 kids drop by but we also had 3-4 large groups of at least a dozen or more pay us a visit. With Connie out trick or treating with Ariana it was almost more than the three of us could handle.



Joe, Ariana, Connie, and Margaret at the Halloween get together (Freddy "AKA" Buffy the Vampire Slayer took the photograph)



Ariana as a Banshee from Charmed



Look! It is Buffy with Mr. Pointy!

Our bobbing for apples station was set up again this year and we had our usual first time “bobbers” as well as those “experienced” ones.



One of the numerous crowds that stopped by for treats, cookies, hot cider, and bobbing for apples.



Joe at his usual station, server of the Witch's Brew (hot apple cider)

Even though it was not as well attended as in the past, we did have a great time. A BIG Bajoran thanks to Joe and Margaret for stopping by to lend a hand.

We had a great turnout for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration. Twenty-two DaVinci personnel feasted on turkey, ham, macaroni and cheese, stuffing, green beans, potato logs, deviled eggs, green salad, vegetable salad, and fresh bread. For dessert there was chocolate-peanut butter pie, lemon pie, homemade apple pie, sweet potato pie, and ice cream! For snacks we had chips and dip and Connie's famous Chex Mix. Everyone had their fill and then some. Later in the day we had our door prize drawing for Star Trek PEZ limited edition collector's series set. Just before Ariana

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reached in to draw the name of the winner, Margaret yelled out: "Pick Margaret!" A second later, Ariana drew Margaret's name! Congratulations to Margaret and a BIG Bajoran thanks to all who attended our Thanksgiving celebration.

Up next is our annual Christmas party, which will be held on Saturday, 20 December, beginning at 2:00 PM. A "what are you bringing" sign up sheet will be passed around if you plan on attending. Remember our gag gift exchange! So start searching your attic for that one item you were too embarrassed to throw away, fearing you would be the laughing stock of the garbage men. Wrap it up, bring it to the party, and prepare for some laughs! Remember the cow clock?

Our November Night Out at Hooters was not well attended. It was not our worst showing but it was not the best either. Only Four DaVinci personnel along with the Heller clan joined in on the fun. Say, where was Roger? It was HOOTERS! Even if you do not like a place, come anyway. You do not have to eat. Order a pop and join in on the conversation.

VADM Freddy Heller

SCIENCE STATION

The schedules for the December astronomy night are as follows.

06 December, Space Science Center, 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

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, and 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 be 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 December!

Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko on TNG)	3 rd
LTCMDR Tony Fleming	3 rd
Gemini VII Launched (Borman & Lovall 1965)	4 th
Hubble Repaired by Crew of Endeavor (1993)	4 th
Building of International Space Station Begins (1998)	4 th
Star Trek VI Premiers (1991)	6 th
First US Attempt to Orbit Satellite Fails (1957)	7 th
Star Trek: The Motion Picture Premiers (1979)	7 th
Michael Dorn (LTCMDR Worf on TNG)	9 th
John Colicos (Kor on TOS)	11 th
Terry Garr (Roberta Lincoln on TOS)	11 th
Mariner II Transmits Pictures of Venus (1962)	14 th
Garrett Wang (ENS Harry Kim on VOY)	15 th
Gemini 6/7 Fly Within 10 Feet of Each Other (1965)	15 th
First Heavier-than-Air Flight (Wright Brothers 1903)	17 th
CRMN Cesario Turner	18 th
CRMN Patty Williams	18 th
Nicole deBoer (Ezri Dax on DS9)	20 th
Apollo 8 Lifts off for the Moon (1968)	21 st
First Non-Stop, Non-Refueled Flight Around the World (1986)	23 rd
Rick Berman (Executive Producer)	25 th
Hubble Repaired by Crew of Discovery (1999)	25 th
ENS Jean Walker	28 th
Nichelle Nichols (LT Uruhra on TOS)	28 th
CRMN Todd Kes	29 th
ENS Park Scully	30 th
LTJG Randy Dunn	31 st

ACCOLADES

A BIG Bajoran thanks or congratulations go to:

Joe for his donation of cans.

Roger for his donation of coupons and stamps.

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

Our neighbors, John and Jacque, for their donation of cans.

WELCOME ABOARD!

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

Leiko Koone (D)

Margaret McGillicuddy (S)

Gisela Stephens (S)

TABULATIONS

At the end of the month, it all ends! Thanks to Connie and the folks at her school, we have reached the goal of 80,000 tabs for the pie ceremony but it would be great if more folks reached the 9,000-tab minimum needed to pie the Captain. So far the only two people who get to pie "someone" are Connie and Freddy. Jeff is not too far behind but has to make a last minute effort to reach the 9,000-tab goal. Here are the totals as of press time:

Starting Balance	21
Connie Heller	49795
Freddy Heller	11762
Jeff Kirkland	6770
Russell Ruhland	5480
Karen Pynenburg	5306
Tony Fleming	2717
Roger Wright	1600
Joe Perry	1145
Randy Dunn	960
Lech Mazur	413
Todd Kes	124
Shane Russell	61
Total	86154

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	253.99
Halloween & Thanksgiving	86.96
Deposit	13.75
Postage	17.65
Night Out	10.00
Closing Balance	167.13

COMM Connie Heller

NIGHT OUT LOCATIONS

Attention! In just a few short days we will select the 2009 Night Out locations at our Christmas party! 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 Joe Perry, the winner of the free dinner at Hooter's during the November Night Out.

TV SHOWS ON DVD

Here are some scheduled DVD releases for December:

"Lost, Expanded Season Four" (9th)
 "Kyle XY, Season Two" (30th)

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 09	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.

If you have any photographs that you would like to see published in the Pilot, feel free to send them to me with a brief explanations as to who is in the photo and when and where it was taken.



Our resident chief, Connie, prepares the burgers and hot dogs at the DaVinci’s sixth annual 4th of July celebration (03 July 2004)



Todd, Gisela, Karen Pynenburg’s father, Roger, and the barely visible Yifen Liu relax after a filling meal.



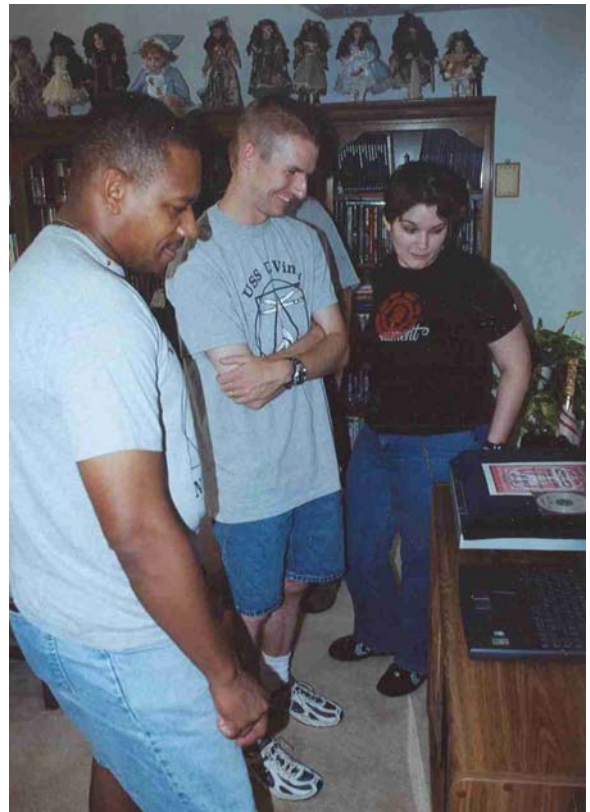
Rose (on her fourth helping), Johnny, and Deborah enjoy the good food.



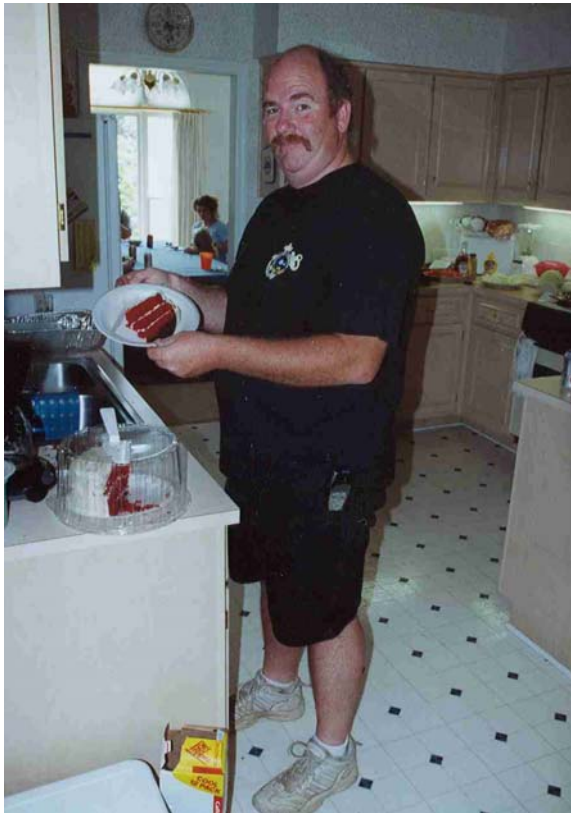
Margaret, Lech, Joe, Rusty, Stacy, and Stephanie talk trek and eat.



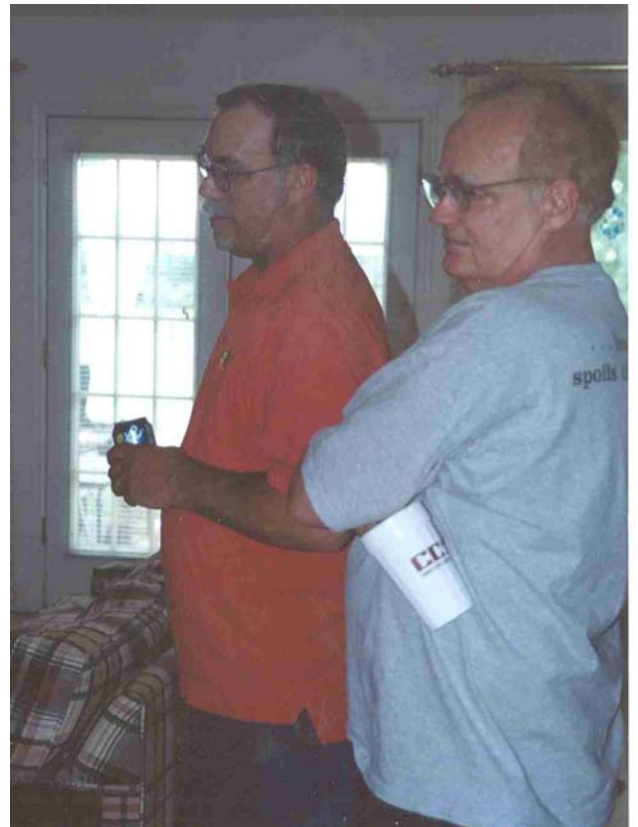
Freddy and Connie's nieces, Claire (L) and Lillian (R) and grouchy Ariana watch television



Roger, Stacy, and Stephanie watch the 2003-2004 DaVinci slideshow



Randy helps himself to a big piece of Red Velvet cake!



Russell and Lech watch the slideshow.

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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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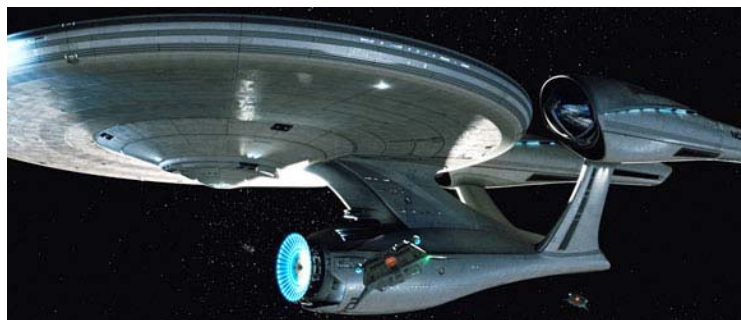
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Want to put an ad in the Pilot? Just send it to me and it will go in. Does not matter what it says – wanted, for sale, or something more personal! Deadline is the 20th of each month.

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!



As a special treat, here is a look of the USS Enterprise from the new film scheduled to open in theaters in June

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